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## 行列式 (Determinant)

從排列的概念說起：

Definition A permutation of a set  $S$  is a 1-1 onto mapping from  $S$  onto  $S$ .

(\*) 廣義而言,  $S$  不一定要是有限集合。

(\*\*) 以下考慮的  $S$  都是有限集合。

For convenience, we let  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$   
 $= [1, n]$

Then we have

Proposition 1 There are  $n!$  permutations from  $[1, n]$  onto  $[1, n]$ .

### Notations

① A permutation  $\alpha$  can be expressed as two arrays:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n \\ \alpha(1) & \alpha(2) & \alpha(3) & \dots & \alpha(n) \end{pmatrix}.$$

② A permutation  $\alpha$  can be written as the product of disjoint "cycles".

e.g. 1.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  is a permutation from  $[1, 6]$  onto  $[1, 6]$ . ②

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = (1234)(56).$$

Note here that  $(1234)$  and  $(56)$  are also permutations  $\rightarrow$  (of  $[1, 6]$ )

$$(1234) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$(56) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Definition (Transposition)

A transposition is a 2-cycle.

e.g. 2.  $(56)$  is a transposition of  $[1, 6]$ .

Proposition 2 Any cycle can be written as a product of transpositions and the number of transpositions is either even or odd but not both.

e.g. 3  $(1\ 2\ 3\ 4) = (1\ 4)(1\ 3)(1\ 2)$  ←

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(想成一个函数是由三个函数所合成!)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

More precisely, an even cycle contains an odd number of transpositions.

Theorem 3 A permutation can be expressed as a product of transpositions. If the number of transpositions is even, then it is an even permutation.

e.g. 4  $(1\ 2\ 3\ 4)$  is an odd permutation of  $[1, 4]$ .  
 $(1\ 2)(3\ 4)$  is an even permutation of  $[1, 4]$ .

Theorem 4 Let  $S = [1, n]$ . Then there are  $n!$  permutations of  $S$ , half of them are even (odd respectively).

e.g. 5  $S = [1, 3]$ .

Odd permutations :  $(1\ 2), (1\ 3), (2\ 3)$ .

Even permutations :  $(1\ 2\ 3), (1\ 3\ 2), e$  (identity)

e.g. 6  $S = [1, 4]$

Odd permutations :  $(12), (13), (14), (23), (24), (34),$   
 $(1234), (1324), (1423), (1243)$   
 $(1342), (1432).$

Even permutations :  $(12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23),$   
 $(123), (132), (134), (143), (234), (243),$   
 $(124), (142), e.$

Notation

$(O_n, E_n)$

(Odd, Even)

We use  $S_n$  to denote the set of all permutations in  $[1, n]$ . Then  $|S_n| = n!, |O_n| = n!/2, |E_n| = n!/2.$

Definition (Determinant)

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix,  $A = [a_{ij}]$ .

Then  $\det A = \sum_{\alpha \in S_n} \delta_{\alpha} a_{1\alpha(1)} a_{2\alpha(2)} \dots a_{n\alpha(n)}$  where

$$\delta_{\alpha} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \alpha \text{ is even;} \\ -1, & \text{if } \alpha \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

e.g. 7.  $n = 2. \alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = e$  or  $(12)$


det A =  $a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}.$

$$n=3$$

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$$\alpha : \frac{(12), (13), (23)}{\text{odd}}, \frac{(123), (132)}{\text{even}}, e$$

$$\det A = a_{12} a_{33} a_{31} + a_{13} a_{32} a_{21} + a_{11} a_{22} a_{33} \\ - a_{12} a_{21} a_{33} - a_{13} a_{31} a_{22} - a_{11} a_{23} a_{32}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$


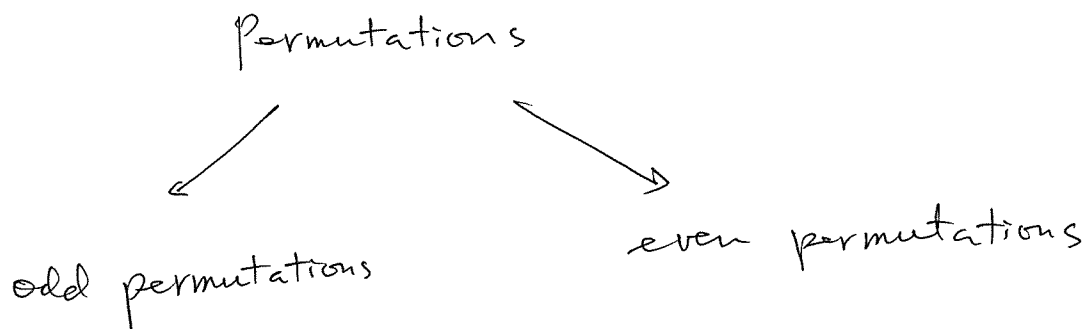
How about  $n=4$ ?

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## Permutations (Continued)

### Definition (Review)



(Fact 1) There are  $n!$  permutations from  $[1, n]$  onto  $[1, n]$ .  
(of  $[1, n]$ )

(Fact 2) There are  $\frac{n!}{2}$  odd permutations and  $\frac{n!}{2}$  even permutations.

It suffices to prove that  $|O_n| = |E_n|$ .

Proof. Let  $O_n$  be the set of odd permutations of  $[1, n]$ .  
( $E_n$ ) (even)

Define  $\varphi: O_n \rightarrow E_n$  by  $\varphi(\pi) = \pi \circ (12)$ .

Then  $\varphi$  is 1-1 and onto.

$$\begin{aligned} (1-1) \quad \varphi(\pi_1) = \varphi(\pi_2) &\Rightarrow \pi_1 \circ (12) = \pi_2 \circ (12) \\ &\Rightarrow (\pi_1 \circ (12)) \circ (12) = (\pi_2 \circ (12)) \circ (12) \\ &\Rightarrow \pi_1 = \pi_2. \end{aligned}$$

(onto)  $\forall \pi \in E_n, \pi \circ (12) \in O_n$ , and  $\varphi(\pi \circ (12)) = \pi$ . ▀

How to determine the parity of a permutation?

(Method 1)

A permutation can be written as the composition of disjoint cycles and a cycle of (odd length is an even permutation, (even)

Therefore, if a permutation is written as the composition which has an odd number of even cycles, then it is an odd permutation.

e.g. 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 4 & 7 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{(12)} \circ \underbrace{(3)} \circ \underbrace{(45)} \circ \underbrace{(67)}$$
 is odd.

(Method 2)

A permutation  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n \\ j_1 & j_2 & j_3 & \dots & j_n \end{pmatrix}$  is even (odd resp.) if  $\sum_{i=1}^n$  (number of larger integers precedes  $j_i$ ) is even (odd resp.).

e.g. even  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} : 0+1+1+1+1+4=8,$

odd  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} : 0+1+2+1+1+4=9.$

Theorem 1  $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$ .

Proof. It suffices to prove that the inverse permutation of an even permutation is also an even permutation.  
(odd) (odd)

Since  $\alpha \circ \alpha^{-1} = \text{id}$  (identity) which is even,  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha^{-1}$  have the same parity. !

The following facts can be checked directly.

(1) Row operations  $E_1, E_2, E_3$   
    → use  $\alpha \vec{r}_i + \vec{r}_j$  for  $\vec{r}_j$   
    → change two rows  
    → multiply a constant to a row

(2)  $\det(A) = 0$  if

- (i) one row is  $\vec{0}$ .
- (ii) one column is  $\vec{0}$ ,
- (iii) one row is a multiple of the other, i.e.,  $\vec{r}_i = c \vec{r}_j$ .
- (iv) one column is a multiple of the other, i.e.,  $\vec{c}_i = \alpha \vec{c}_j$ .
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# 详细证明 (Week 16 Continued)

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Thm.  $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$  for each  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ .

Proof. Let  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  and  $A^T = [b_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ . Then

$b_{ij} = a_{ji}$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ . By definition

$$\det(A^T) = \sum_{\alpha \in S_n} \delta_\alpha \cdot b_{1\alpha(1)} \cdot b_{2\alpha(2)} \cdots b_{n\alpha(n)} \text{ where}$$

$$\delta_\alpha = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \alpha \text{ is an even permutation; and} \\ -1 & \text{if } \alpha \text{ is an odd permutation.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Since } b_{ij} = a_{ji}, \det(A^T) = \sum_{\alpha \in S_n} \delta_\alpha \cdot a_{\alpha(1)1} \cdot a_{\alpha(2)2} \cdots a_{\alpha(n)n}$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha \in S_n} \delta_\alpha \cdot a_{1\alpha^{-1}(1)} \cdot a_{2\alpha^{-1}(2)} \cdots a_{n\alpha^{-1}(n)}$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha \in S_n} \delta_{\alpha^{-1}} \cdot a_{1\alpha^{-1}(1)} \cdot a_{2\alpha^{-1}(2)} \cdots a_{n\alpha^{-1}(n)} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \alpha \circ \alpha^{-1} = e \Rightarrow \\ \delta_\alpha = \delta_{\alpha^{-1}}. \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha^{-1} \in S_n} \delta_{\alpha^{-1}} \cdot a_{1\alpha^{-1}(1)} \cdot a_{2\alpha^{-1}(2)} \cdots a_{n\alpha^{-1}(n)}$$

$$= \det(A). \quad \blacksquare$$

$(\alpha, \alpha^{-1})$  有 1-1 对应的关系而且  $\{\alpha \mid \alpha \in S_n\} = \{\alpha^{-1} \mid \alpha \in S_n\}$ .

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Apply  $E_3 = k\vec{n}_i + \vec{n}_j \rightarrow \vec{n}_j$  (不会改变行列式值)

$$A \xrightarrow{(i,j)} \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \vec{n}_i \\ \vdots \\ k\vec{n}_i + \vec{n}_j \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

把第j列  
改成  $k\vec{n}_i + \vec{n}_j$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \dots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ ka_{i1} + a_{j1} & ka_{i2} + a_{j2} & \dots & ka_{in} + a_{jn} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{A}$$

$$\det(\tilde{A}) = \sum_{\alpha \in S_n} \delta_{\alpha} \frac{k a_{i\alpha(j)} + a_{j\alpha(j)}}{1}$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha \in S_n} \delta_{\alpha} a_{1\alpha(1)} a_{2\alpha(2)} \dots a_{(j-1)\alpha(j-1)} \boxed{a_{j\alpha(j)}} a_{(j+1)\alpha(j+1)} \dots a_{n\alpha(n)}$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha \in S_n} \delta_{\alpha} a_{1\alpha(1)} \dots a_{n\alpha(n)} + k \sum_{\alpha \in S_n} \delta_{\alpha} a_{1\alpha(1)} a_{2\alpha(2)} \dots \boxed{a_{i\alpha(i)}} \dots \boxed{a_{i\alpha(j)}} \dots a_{n\alpha(n)}$$

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来自同一列

$$= \det(A) + k \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} \vec{n}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{n}_i \\ \vdots \\ \vec{n}_i \\ \vdots \\ \vec{n}_j \\ \vdots \\ \vec{n}_n \end{bmatrix} \right) = \det(A)$$

$= 0$



Review

(\*) 有  $\equiv$  5 Row operations  $E_1, E_2, E_3$ , 它们的对 determinant 的影响分别为

$$A \xrightarrow{E_1} \tilde{A}, \quad \det(\tilde{A}) = k \det(A).$$

(在某一行乘上  $k$ )

$$A \xrightarrow{E_2} \tilde{\tilde{A}}, \quad \det(\tilde{\tilde{A}}) = -\det(A).$$

(交换两列)

$$A \xrightarrow{E_3} \tilde{\tilde{\tilde{A}}}, \quad \det(\tilde{\tilde{\tilde{A}}}) = \det(A).$$

(\*) 有  $\equiv$  5 Column Operations  $F_1, F_2, F_3$ , 它们的影响对应为  $\det(A') = k \det(A)$ ,  $\det(A'') = -\det(A)$  及  $\det(A''') = \det(A)$ .

(备注) 行列运算的结果可以直接用定义来证明, 而行运算则可以利用  $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$  来协助说明。

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Lemma  $\det \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ -I_n & B \end{pmatrix}_{2n \times 2n} = \det(A) \det(B).$

Proof. By definition of determinant.

Theorem  $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B).$

Proof. By using column operations, we can transform

$\begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ -I_n & B \end{pmatrix}$  to  $\begin{pmatrix} A & AB \\ -I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . (why?) (行列式值不变)

Now,  $\det \begin{pmatrix} A & AB \\ -I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix} = (-1)^n \det \begin{pmatrix} A & AB \\ I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$= (-1)^n \cdot (-1)^n \det \begin{pmatrix} AB & A \\ 0 & I_n \end{pmatrix}$

$= \det(AB) \det(I_n) = \det(AB).$

By Lemma (above),  $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B).$



Corollary  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \det(A^n) = (\det(A))^n$ .

Example

$$(1) \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{pmatrix} = (c-a)(c-b)(b-a).$$

$$(2) \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \cdots & a_n \\ a_1^2 & a_2^2 & a_3^2 & \cdots & a_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_1^{n-1} & a_2^{n-1} & a_3^{n-1} & \cdots & a_n^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \prod_{n \geq j > i \geq 1} (a_j - a_i).$$

Proof. 令  $\det(A) = f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ , 则此多项式的次数为  $1+2+\dots+(n-1) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ . 由于, 当  $a_i = a_j$  时,

$f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = 0$ ,  $(a_j - a_i) \mid f(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ , 因此,

$$\prod_{n \geq j > i \geq 1} (a_j - a_i) \mid f(a_1, \dots, a_n).$$

因为左右两式次数相等, 而且领导系数相同, 所以只差  $\pm$  号。因为  $a_2 a_3 \cdots a_n^{n-1}$  这一项是正号, 而  $\prod_{n \geq j > i \geq 1} (a_j - a_i)$  的这一项也是正号, 所以相同。(?)

Theorem If  $\det(A) = 0$ , then  $A^{-1}$  does not exist. <sup>(9)</sup>

Proof. Suppose not. Let  $B = A^{-1}$ , i.e.,  $AB = I_n$ .

Then  $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B) = 0$ . But,  $\det(I_n) = 1$ .  $\rightarrow \leftarrow$

观察：

$$(1) \det(A) = 0 \iff \text{rank}(A) < n.$$

$$(2) \det(A) \neq 0 \iff A \text{ is invertible. } (A^{-1} \text{ 存在}).$$

结论 Let  $A$  be a  $n \times n$  matrix. Then  $A^{-1}$  exists if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .