

MA54. 3.5. Fri. #1.

Formal definition of determinant.

Permutations. Relations with combinatorics.

1. determinant was not well defined.

2. getting formal det

$\det A$, $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots$: columns of A
 $M(n \times n)$

$$\vec{a}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ji} \vec{e}_j$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= D(\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_n) \\ &= D(\sum_{j=1}^n a_{j1} \vec{e}_j, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_n) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n a_{j1} D(\vec{e}_j, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i_2=1}^n \dots \sum_{i_n=1}^n a_{j1} a_{i_2 2} \dots a_{i_n n} \underline{D(\vec{e}_j, \vec{e}_{i_2}, \dots, \vec{e}_{i_n})}$$

$$\text{If } \exists j, k \text{ s.t. } \vec{e}_{ij} = \vec{e}_{ik}, D(\vec{e}_{i1}, \vec{e}_{i2}, \dots, \vec{e}_{in}) = 0.$$

$$\textcircled{1} \longrightarrow = \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Perm}(n)} a_{\sigma(1)1} a_{\sigma(2)2} \dots a_{\sigma(n)n} D(\vec{e}_{\sigma(1)}, \vec{e}_{\sigma(2)}, \dots, \vec{e}_{\sigma(n)})$$

$D(\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n)$ after N
interchanges.

$$\textcircled{2} \longrightarrow = \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Perm}(n)} a_{\sigma(1)1} a_{\sigma(2)2} \dots a_{\sigma(n)n} \text{sign}(\sigma)$$

$\rightarrow$ formal definition of Determinant.

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① Permutation: rearrangement of $(1, 2, 3, \dots, n)$

math description: $\sigma: \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \mapsto \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

s.t. σ assumes all values &
assumes each value once.

σ -bijections. $\text{Perm}(n)$

② Def if $\sigma \in \text{Perm}$, $\text{sign}(\sigma) = (-1)^N$

where N is # of interchanges to get from $\sigma(1), \sigma(2), \dots, \sigma(n)$
to $1, 2, \dots, n$ (to get from $1, 2, \dots, n$ to $\sigma(1), \sigma(2), \dots, \sigma(n)$)

sign is well defined.

Def if $\sigma \in \text{Perm}$, $\text{signum}(\sigma) = (-1)^K$

K = number of pairs in "wrong order".

= # of (j, k) s.t. $j < k$ but $\sigma(j) > \sigma(k)$

a. If we change two neighbors, we change signum.

b. Any interchange can be represented as an odd # of elementary interchanges.

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Two ways of representing Perm as functions.

1. $\sigma(1), \sigma(2), \dots, \sigma(m)$ - new order of $1, 2, \dots, m$

e.g. $1, 2, 3, 4 \rightarrow 2, 3, 4, 1$

$$\sigma(1)=2, \sigma(2)=3, \sigma(4)=1, \sigma(3)=4$$

2. $\tau(k)$ - new position of element # k .

e.g. $1, 2, 3, 4 \rightarrow 2, 3, 4, 1$

$$\tau(1)=4, \tau(2)=1, \tau(3)=2, \tau(4)=3$$

$\tau \circ \sigma$: Identity

$$\tau = \sigma^{-1}$$