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A : an $n \times n$ matrix.

Entry (i, j) is a_{ij} .

\tilde{A}_{ij} : an $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrix, obtained from A by deleting row i and column j .

Determinant.

$$n = 1: \quad \det([a_{00}]) = a_{00}$$

$n \geq 2$:

$$\det(A) = a_{00} \det(\tilde{A}_{00}) - a_{01} \det(\tilde{A}_{01}) + \\ a_{02} \det(\tilde{A}_{02}) - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} a_{0,n-1} \det(\tilde{A}_{0,n-1})$$

Expansion along row i :

$$\det(A) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_{ij} (-1)^{i+j} \det(\tilde{A}_{ij}).$$

Expansion along column j :

$$\det(A) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_{ij} (-1)^{i+j} \det(\tilde{A}_{ij}).$$

Properties of determinants:

$$\det(A^T) = \det(A), \quad \det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B).$$

Elementary row operations on determinants.

Matrix B obtained from A by an elementary row operation:

1. multiply one of the rows by a scalar $k \neq 0$

$$\det(B) = k \det(A) \text{ i.e., } \det(A) = \frac{1}{k} \det(B).$$

2. replace row i by $(\text{row } i) + k \cdot (\text{row } j)$, $i \neq j$

$$\text{the determinant is not changed: } \det(B) = \det(A).$$

3. swap two rows.

$$\text{the determinant changes sign: } \det(B) = -\det(A).$$

Inverse matrix.

An $n \times n$ matrix A has inverse matrix A^{-1} if

$$AA^{-1} = I, \quad A^{-1}A = I.$$

(If one of these equations is satisfied then they both are.)

A has an inverse if and only if $\det(A) \neq 0$.

If application of row operations on $[A \ I]$ can lead to $[I \ B]$ then $A^{-1} = B$.

If $[I \ B]$ can not be obtained from $[A \ I]$ by using row operations then A does not have an inverse.

If A and B are $n \times n$ matrices and both of them have an inverse then AB has an inverse:

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}.$$

Inverse of matrices of special type.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & x \\ 0 & 1 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -x \\ 0 & 1 & -y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

If a , b and c are non-zero then

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} a^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c^{-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Inverse of 2×2 matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix},$$

if $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc \neq 0$.

An $n \times n$ matrix is said to be an orthogonal matrix if its column vectors are orthogonal and have length 1.

If A is an orthogonal matrix then $A^{-1} = A^T$.

Conversely, if $A^{-1} = A^T$ then A is an orthogonal matrix.