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# 1 Matrices and Linear Algebra in C

## 1.1 The Determinant of a Matrix in C

The determinant of a matrix is a special number that combines important information about the matrix into a single real number. It is defined only for square matrices, i.e., matrices with the same number of rows and columns.

The determinant is used in many places:

- To solve systems of linear equations
- To record how a linear transformation changes area or volume
- To find the inverse of a matrix

### 1.1.1 Determinant of a $2 \times 2$ Matrix

The determinant of the  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  is denoted by  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$  and is defined as:

$$\det(A) = |A| = ad - bc$$

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int A[2][2], i, j;
4     long det_A;
5     printf("Enter the 4 elements of the matrix A:\n");
6     for(i = 0; i < 2; i++)
7         for(j = 0; j < 2; j++)
8             scanf("%d", &A[i][j]);
9     printf("The entered matrix is: \n");
10    for(i = 0; i < 2; i++) {
11        for(j = 0; j < 2; j++) {
12            printf("%d\t", A[i][j]);
13        }
14        printf("\n");
15    }
16    // finding the determinant of a 2x2 matrix
17    det_A = A[0][0] * A[1][1] - A[1][0] * A[0][1];
18
19    printf("The Determinant of the matrix A is : %ld\n", det_A);
20    return 0;}
```

Listing 1: Determinant of a  $2 \times 2$  Matrix

```

Enter the 4 elements of the matrix A:
1 2 3 4
The entered matrix is:
1 2
3 4
The Determinant of the matrix A is : -2

```

### 1.1.2 Determinant of a $3 \times 3$ Matrix

For a  $3 \times 3$  matrix:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$$

The determinant is given by:

$$\det(A) = a(ei - fh) - b(di - fg) + c(dh - eg)$$

```

1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i;
4     int det_A;
5
6     printf("Enter the elements of the 3x3 matrix:\n");
7     scanf("%d%d%d%d%d%d%d%d", &a, &b, &c, &d, &e, &f, &g, &h,
8         &i);
9
10    det_A = (a * (e * i - f * h)) - (b * (d * i - f * g)) + (c
11        * (d * h - e * g));
12
13    printf("Determinant of the matrix is: %d\n", det_A);
14    return 0;
15 }

```

Listing 2: Determinant of a  $3 \times 3$  Matrix - Method 1

```

Enter the elements of the 3x3 matrix:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Determinant of the matrix is: 0

```

```

1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int i, j, det_A = 0, A[3][3];
4
5     printf("Input elements in the matrix A :\n");
6     for (i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
7         for (j = 0; j < 3; j++) {
8             printf("A[%d][%d]: ", i, j);
9             scanf("%d", &A[i][j]);

```

```

10     }
11 }
12 // Display the matrix A
13 printf("The matrix A is :\n");
14 for (i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
15     for (j = 0; j < 3; j++) {
16         printf("%d ", A[i][j]);
17     }
18     printf("\n");
19 }
20 // Calculate the determinant of the matrix A
21 for (j = 0; j < 3; j++) {
22     det_A = det_A + (A[0][j]*(A[1][((j+1)%3] * A[2][((j+2)%3]
23                 - A[1][((j + 2) % 3] * A[2][((j + 1) % 3)]));
24 }
25 printf("The Determinant of A is: %d\n", det_A);
26 return 0;
27 }

```

Listing 3: Determinant of a 3×3 Matrix - Method 2 (Using Array)

Input elements in the matrix A :

A[0][0]: 1

A[0][1]: 2

A[0][2]: 3

A[1][0]: 4

A[1][1]: 5

A[1][2]: 6

A[2][0]: 7

A[2][1]: 8

A[2][2]: 9

The matrix A is :

1 2 3

4 5 6

7 8 9

The Determinant of A is: 0

## 1.2 Trace of a Matrix

In linear algebra, the trace of a matrix is defined as the sum of the principal diagonal elements of a square matrix. It is usually represented as  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$ , where  $\mathbf{A}$  is any square matrix of order  $n \times n$ .

For a  $3 \times 3$  matrix:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$$

The trace is:

$$\text{tr}(A) = a + e + i$$

Algorithm to find Trace:

1. Initialize trace = 0
2. For i = 0 to n-1
3. For j = 0 to n-1
4. If i == j, then trace += A[i][j]
5. Print the result

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int A[10][10], n, i, j, trace;
4     printf("Enter order of the square matrix : ");
5     scanf("%d", &n);
6     printf("\nEnter the elements of the matrix A: \n");
7     for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
8         for (j = 0; j < n; j++) {
9             scanf("%d", &A[i][j]);
10        }
11    }
12    // Display the matrix A
13    printf("The matrix A is :\n");
14    for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
15        for (j = 0; j < n; j++) {
16            printf("%d ", A[i][j]);
17        }
18        printf("\n");
19    }
20    // find trace of the matrix
21    trace = 0;
22    for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
23        for (j = 0; j < n; j++) {
24            if (i == j) {
25                trace = trace + A[i][j];
26            }
27        }
28    }
29    printf("Trace of the matrix A = %d \n", trace);
30    return 0; }
```

Listing 4: Program to Find the Trace of a Matrix

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Enter order of the square matrix : 3

Enter the elements of the matrix A:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
The matrix A is :
1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
Trace of the matrix A = 15

```

### 1.3 Transpose of a Matrix

The transpose of a matrix is a new matrix that is obtained by exchanging its rows and columns. If we have a matrix  $A$  of size  $m \times n$ , then its transpose  $A^T$  will have size  $n \times m$ .

For a matrix:

$$A_{3 \times 2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

its transpose is:

$$A_{2 \times 3}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

In C programming, the transpose of a matrix  $A[n][m]$  of size  $n \times m$  is obtained by changing  $A[i][j]$  to  $A[j][i]$ .

```

1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int A[10][10], tr_A[10][10], m, n, i, j;
4
5     printf("Enter number of rows and columns:\n");
6     scanf("%d %d", &m, &n);
7
8     // assigning elements to the matrix A
9     printf("\nEnter matrix elements:\n");
10    for (i = 0; i < m; i++) {
11        for (j = 0; j < n; j++) {
12            printf("Enter element A[%d][%d] = ", i, j);
13            scanf("%d", &A[i][j]);
14        }
15    }
16
17    // printing the matrix A
18    printf("\nThe entered matrix is: \n");
19    for (i = 0; i < m; i++) {
20        for (j = 0; j < n; j++) {
21            printf("%d ", A[i][j]);
22        }

```

```
23     printf("\n");
24 }
25
26 // computing the transpose of A
27 for (i = 0; i < m; i++) {
28     for (j = 0; j < n; j++) {
29         tr_A[j][i] = A[i][j];
30     }
31 }
32
33 // printing the transpose matrix
34 printf("\nThe transpose of the matrix A is: \n");
35 for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
36     for (j = 0; j < m; j++) {
37         printf("%d ", tr_A[i][j]);
38     }
39     printf("\n");
40 }
41
42 return 0;
43 }
```

Listing 5: Program to Find the Transpose of a Matrix

Enter number of rows and columns:

3 2

Enter matrix elements:

Enter element A[0][0] = 1

Enter element A[0][1] = 2

Enter element A[1][0] = 3

Enter element A[1][1] = 4

Enter element A[2][0] = 5

Enter element A[2][1] = 6

The entered matrix is:

1 2

3 4

5 6

The transpose of the matrix A is:

1 3 5

2 4 6

## Summary of Matrix Operations

Operation	Description	Formula/Example
Det (2×2)	Special number for square matrices	$\det = ad - bc$
Det (3×3)	Special number for square matrices	$\det = a(ei - fh) - b(di - fg) + c(dh - eg)$
Trace	Sum of diagonal elements	$\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n A[i][i]$
Transpose	Exchange rows and columns	$A^T[i][j] = A[j][i]$

Table 1: Summary of Matrix Operations in C

### Key Takeaways:

- Multi-dimensional arrays allow storage of tabular data
- 2D arrays are stored in row-major order in memory
- Matrix operations are fundamental in scientific computing
- Understanding these concepts is essential for numerical methods and linear algebra applications