

多項式の判別式 (平成26年)

定義 多項式 $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_0$ ($a_n \neq 0$) の判別式 $\Delta(f)$ は次のように定義される。

$$\Delta(f) = (-1)^{n(n-1)/2} \frac{1}{a_n} R(f, f')$$

ただし, $R(f, f')$ は f, f' の終結式である。

$$\Delta(f) = 0 \Leftrightarrow f(x) = 0 \text{ は重複解を持つ。}$$

1. $f(x) = a x^2 + b x + c$ のとき $\Delta(f) = b^2 - 4ac$
2. $f(x) = 4x^3 - p x - q$ (橜円関数) のとき $\Delta(f) = 16(p^3 - 27q^2)$

1.の解 $f(x) = a x^2 + b x + c$

$$f'(x) = 2a x + b$$

$f(x) = 0, f'(x) = 0$ の共通解を α とする。

$$f(\alpha) = a \alpha^2 + b \alpha + c = 0$$

$$f'(\alpha) = 2a \alpha + b = 0$$

$$R(f, f') = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ 2a & b & 0 \\ 0 & 2a & b \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -a & 0 & c \\ 2a & b & 0 \\ 0 & 2a & b \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -a b^2 + 4 a^2 c$$

$$\therefore \Delta(f) = (-1) \frac{1}{a} (4 a^2 c - a b^2)$$

$$= b^2 - 4 a c$$

2.の解 $f(x) = 4x^3 - p x - q$

$$f'(x) = 12x^2 - p$$

$f(x) = 0, f'(x) = 0$ の共通解 α をとする。

$$f(\alpha) = 4 \alpha^3 - p \alpha - q = 0$$

$$f'(\alpha) = 12 \alpha^2 - p = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R(f, f') &= \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 & -p & -q & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & -p & -q \\ 12 & 0 & -p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & 0 & -p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 & 0 & -p \end{vmatrix} \\
&= \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 & -p & -q & 0 \\ 0 & -8 & 0 & 0 & -q \\ 12 & 0 & -p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & 0 & -p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 & 0 & -p \end{vmatrix} \\
&= \begin{vmatrix} -8 & 0 & 0 & -q & 0 \\ 0 & -8 & 0 & 0 & -q \\ 12 & 0 & -p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & 0 & -p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 & 0 & -p \end{vmatrix} \\
&= -8 \begin{vmatrix} -8 & 0 & 0 & -q \\ 0 & -p & 0 & 0 \\ 12 & 0 & -p & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & 0 & -p \end{vmatrix} + q \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -8 & 0 & -q \\ 12 & 0 & -p & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 & -p \end{vmatrix} \\
&= -8(-8 \begin{vmatrix} -p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -p & 0 \\ 12 & 0 & -p \end{vmatrix} + q \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -p & 0 \\ 12 & 0 & -p \\ 0 & 12 & 0 \end{vmatrix}) + q(8 \begin{vmatrix} 12 & -p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & -p \end{vmatrix} + q \begin{vmatrix} 12 & 0 & -p \\ 0 & 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 \end{vmatrix}) \\
&= -8(-8p^3) + q(12^3q) \\
&= -8^2 p^3 + 12^3 q^2 \\
\therefore \Delta(f) &= (-1)^3 \frac{1}{4} (-8^2 p^3 + 12^3 q^2) = 16(p^3 - 27q^2)
\end{aligned}$$

別解 $f(x) = 4x^2 - px - q = 0$ の根を $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ とする.

$$4x^2 - px - q = 4(x - \alpha_1)(x - \alpha_2)(x - \alpha_3)$$

係数を比較すると,

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 0 \quad \dots \quad ①$$

$$\alpha_1 \alpha_2 + \alpha_2 \alpha_3 + \alpha_3 \alpha_1 = -\frac{1}{4}p \quad \dots \quad ②$$

$$\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 = \frac{1}{4}q \quad \dots \quad ③$$

$$\Delta = 16(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)^2(\alpha_2 - \alpha_3)^2(\alpha_3 - \alpha_1)^2 \quad \dots \quad ④ \quad \text{とおく.}$$

$$①②③④ \text{より, } \Delta = p^3 - 27q^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \because (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)^2 = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)^2 - 4\alpha_1\alpha_2 = \alpha_3^2 - 4\alpha_1\alpha_2 \\
& (\alpha_2 - \alpha_3)^2 = (\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)^2 - 4\alpha_2\alpha_3 = \alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_2\alpha_3 \\
& (\alpha_3 - \alpha_1)^2 = (\alpha_3 + \alpha_1)^2 - 4\alpha_3\alpha_1 = \alpha_2^2 - 4\alpha_3\alpha_1 \\
& \therefore (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)^2(\alpha_2 - \alpha_3)^2(\alpha_3 - \alpha_1)^2 = (\alpha_3^2 - 4\alpha_1\alpha_2)(\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_2\alpha_3)(\alpha_2^2 - 4\alpha_3\alpha_1) \\
& = (\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3)^2 + 4^2\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3^2\alpha_3^2 + 4^2\alpha_1^2\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_1^2 + 4^2\alpha_2^2\alpha_1\alpha_2^2\alpha_3 \\
& \quad - 4\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_1^2\alpha_2^2 - 4\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_2^2\alpha_3^2 - 4\alpha_3\alpha_1\alpha_3^2\alpha_1^2 \\
& \quad - 4^3(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3)^2 \\
& = (\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3)^2 - 4^3(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3)^2 \\
& \quad + 4^2(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3)(\alpha_1^3 + \alpha_2^3 + \alpha_3^3) \\
& \quad - 4(\alpha_1^3\alpha_2^3 + \alpha_2^3\alpha_3^3 + \alpha_3^3\alpha_1^3) \\
& = -64(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3)^2 \\
& \quad + 16(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3)(\alpha_1^3 + \alpha_2^3 + \alpha_3^3) \\
& \quad - 4(\alpha_1^3\alpha_2^3 + \alpha_2^3\alpha_3^3 + \alpha_3^3\alpha_1^3) \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad (5)
\end{aligned}$$

高校生がよく使う等式：

$$\begin{aligned}
& \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 0 \text{ のとき} \quad \alpha_1^3 + \alpha_2^3 + \alpha_3^3 = 3\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3 \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad (6) \\
& \alpha_1^3\alpha_2^3 + \alpha_2^3\alpha_3^3 + \alpha_3^3\alpha_1^3 - 3(\alpha_1\alpha_2)(\alpha_2\alpha_3)(\alpha_3\alpha_1) \\
& = (\alpha_1\alpha_2 + \alpha_2\alpha_3 + \alpha_3\alpha_1)\{(\alpha_1\alpha_2 + \alpha_2\alpha_3 + \alpha_3\alpha_1)^2 - 3(\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)\} \\
& \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad (7)
\end{aligned}$$

①②③④⑦より

$$\begin{aligned}
& \alpha_1^3\alpha_2^3 + \alpha_2^3\alpha_3^3 + \alpha_3^3\alpha_1^3 = (-\frac{p}{4})\left[(-\frac{p}{4})^2 - 3(\frac{q}{4}) \times 0\right] + 3(\frac{q}{4})^2 \\
& = (-\frac{p}{4})^3 + 3(\frac{q}{4})^2 \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad (8)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{④⑤⑥⑧より} \quad \therefore \frac{\Delta}{16} = -63(\frac{q}{4})^2 + 16(\frac{q}{4}) \times 3(\frac{q}{4}) - 4\left[(-\frac{p}{4})^3 + 3(\frac{q}{4})^2\right] \\
& = \frac{p^3}{16} - (\frac{q}{4})^2 \\
& = \frac{p^3 - 27q^2}{16} \\
& \therefore \Delta = p^3 - 27q^2
\end{aligned}$$

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