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#### Abstract

As we know，let alone to find the determinant of infinite matrix，it is difficult to find the determinant of some nx n matrixes by the usual methods like，the cofactor method and Crammer＇s rule．But now we will show how to find the determinant of some nx n matrices and how to find the determinant of some infinite matrix by using Generating Functions． In this paper we will consider matrices having 1＇s on the supper diagonal， 0 ＇s on the upper and identical entries on each diagonal below the supper diagonal．Here we will try how to obtain the determinant of $\mathrm{n} x \mathrm{n}$ upper left corner sub matrix of a given infinite matrix by introducing Generating functions of some sequences and how to get a sequence by calculating the determinant of $\mathrm{n} \times \mathrm{n}$ upper left corner sub matrix of infinite matrix．We will also check the correctness of the determinant by using Numerical method


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## 1．INTRODUCTION

To understand the whole work，it is better to know about a matrix，determinants，Generating functions and some sequences．So we will discuss these terms before the actual work．

## What are Generating Functions？

One of the main tasks in combinatorics is to develop tools for counting．Perhaps，one of the most powerful tools frequently used in counting is the notion of Generating functions．Generating functions are used to represent sequences efficiently by coding the terms of a sequence as coefficients of powers of a variable x in a formal power series．Generating functions can be used to solve many types of counting problems，such as the number of ways to select or distribute objects of different kinds，subject to a variety of constraints，and the number of ways to make change for a dollar using coins of different denominations（Discrete Mathematics and Its Applications，Seventh Edition，Kenneth H．Rosen Monmouth University（and formerly AT\＆T Laboratories page 537）．In mathematics a Generating function is a formal power series whose coefficients encode information about a sequence $\left\{a_{n}\right\}$ that is indexed by the natural number $n$ ．Generating functions can be used to solve determinants of some nxn and then an infinite matrix by relating the terms of the sequence for which we get a generating function to the determinant of an upper left corner nxn matrix of an infinite matrix．．Even though there are various types of Generating functions，in this paper，we introduce the idea of ordinary generating functions（OGF）and look at some ways to manipulate them．Even though we only consider the ordinary Generating functions we will also define Exponential Generating functions（EGF）in this paper．

We begin with the definition of the generating function for a sequence．

## Definition

Ordinary generating function (OGF) supposes we are given a sequence $a_{0}, a_{1}$, the ordinary generating function (also called OGF) associated with this sequence is the function whose value at x is $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_{i} x^{i}$. The sequence $\mathrm{a} 0, \mathrm{a}_{1}$, is called the coefficients of the generating function. People often drop "ordinary" and call this the generating function for the sequence. This is also called a "power series" because it is the sum of a series whose terms involve powers of $x$ (CHAPTER 10 Ordinary Generating Functions)
I.e Let $\left(a_{n}\right)=\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{r}, \ldots\right)$ is a sequence of numbers. The Generating function for the sequence $\left(a_{n}\right)$ is defined to be the power series:-
i) $A(x)=\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_{r} x^{r}=a_{0}+a_{1} x+a_{2} x^{2}+a_{3} x^{3}+\ldots$ for Ordinary generating function (OGF)
ii) $\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{X})=\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_{r} \frac{x^{r}}{r!}=a_{0}+a_{1} \frac{x}{1!}+a_{2} \frac{x^{2}}{2!}+a_{3} \frac{x^{3}}{3!}+\ldots . \quad a_{r} \frac{x^{r}}{r!} \ldots$. for Exponential Generating function (EGF).

## Some Examples of Generating Functions of Some Sequences

i) $\langle 1,1,1, \ldots\rangle \leftrightarrow 1+x+x^{2}+x^{3}+\ldots=\sum_{n-0}^{\infty} x^{n}=\frac{1}{1-x}$ is the ordinary Generating function
ii) $\left\langle 1,1, \frac{1}{2!}, \frac{1}{3!}, \frac{1}{4!}, \ldots\right\rangle \leftrightarrow \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{r}}{r!}=e^{x}=1+x+\frac{x^{2}}{2!}+\frac{x^{3}}{3!}+\ldots$. is its exponential Generating function.
iii) $\langle 1,2,3,4, \ldots\rangle \leftrightarrow 1+2 \mathrm{x}+3 \mathrm{x}^{2}+4 \mathrm{x}^{3}+\ldots=\frac{1}{(1-x)^{2}}$ is the generating function for counting numbers .
iv) The generating function for the sequence $\left(1, \mathrm{k}, \mathrm{k}^{2}, \mathrm{k}^{3}, \ldots\right)$, where k is an ordinary constant is
$1+\mathrm{kx}+\mathrm{k}^{2} \mathrm{x}^{2}+\mathrm{k}^{3} \mathrm{x}^{3}+\ldots=\frac{1}{1-k x}$
v) $\langle 1,-1,1,-1, \ldots\rangle \leftrightarrow 1-x+x^{2}-x^{3}+\ldots=\frac{1}{1-(-x)}=\frac{1}{1+x}$
vi) $\left\langle 1, a, a^{2}, a^{3}, \ldots\right\rangle \leftrightarrow \quad 1+a x+a^{2} x^{2}+\ldots=\frac{1}{1-a x}$
vii) $\langle 1,0,1,0,1, \ldots\rangle \leftrightarrow 1+\mathrm{x}^{2}+\mathrm{x}^{4}+\mathrm{x}^{6}+\ldots=\frac{1}{1-x^{2}}$

Two Generating functions $\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x})$ and $\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{x})$ for the sequence $\left(\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{r}}\right)$ and $\left(\mathrm{b}_{\mathrm{r}}\right)$, respectively are considered equal (written $\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{x})) \Leftrightarrow \mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{i}}=\mathrm{b}_{\mathrm{i}} \forall_{i} \in N$. In considering the summation in a Generating function, we may assume that x
has been chosen such that the series converges. In fact, we do not have to concern ourselves so much with the questions of convergence of the series, since we are only interested in the coefficients. Ivan Niven [N] gave an excellent account of the theory of formal power series that allow us to ignore questions of convergence, so that we can add and multiply formal power series term by term like polynomials.

The technique of generating function is useful in the study of at least one sequence, that is, the binomial coefficients.

### 1.2 OPERATIONS ON GENERATING FUNCTIONS

Let $A(x)=a_{0}+a_{1} x+a_{2} x^{2}+a_{3} x^{3}+\ldots$ and $B(x)=b_{0}+b_{1} x+b_{2} x^{2}+b_{3} x^{3}+\ldots$ be the generating functions for the sequences $\left(a_{r}\right)$ and $\left(b_{r}\right)$ respectively, then

### 1.2.1 Constant/Scaling/ Rule

$\left\langle\mathrm{ca}_{0}, \mathrm{ca}_{1}, \mathrm{ca}_{2}, \mathrm{ca}_{3 . \ldots} \mathrm{ca}_{\mathrm{n} \ldots .}\right\rangle \leftrightarrow \mathrm{cA}(\mathrm{x})$.

## Proof

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left\langle\mathrm{ca}_{0}, \mathrm{ca}_{1}, \mathrm{ca}_{2}, \mathrm{ca}_{3} \ldots\right\rangle \leftrightarrow \mathrm{ca}_{0+} \mathrm{ca}_{1} \mathrm{x}+\mathrm{ca}_{2} \mathrm{x}^{2}+\mathrm{ca}_{3} \mathrm{x}^{3}+\ldots \\
& =\mathrm{c}\left(\mathrm{a}_{0}+\mathrm{a}_{1} \mathrm{x}+\mathrm{a}_{2} \mathrm{x}^{2}+\mathrm{a}_{3} \mathrm{x}^{3}+\ldots\right\rangle=\mathrm{cA}(\mathrm{x})
\end{aligned}
$$

- E.g. If $\langle 1,2,3,4, \ldots\rangle \leftrightarrow 1+2 \mathrm{x}+3 \mathrm{x}^{2}+4 \mathrm{x}^{3}+\ldots=\frac{1}{(1-x)^{2}}$ and $c=2$, we have
$\frac{2}{(1-x)^{2}}=2+4 x+6 x^{2}+8 x^{3}+\ldots \leftrightarrow(2,4,6,8,10, \ldots)$


### 1.2.2 Addition Rule

$A(x)+B(x)$ is the generating function for the sequence $\left(c_{r}\right)$ where $c_{r}=a_{r}+b_{r}$, $r=0,1,2,3 \ldots$

## Proof

$A(x)+B(x)=\left(a_{0}+a_{1} x+a_{2} x^{2}+a_{3} x^{3}+\ldots\right)+\left(b_{0}+b_{1} x+b_{2} x^{2}+b_{3} x^{3}+\ldots\right)$
$=\left(a_{0}+b_{0}\right)+\left(a_{1}+b_{1}\right) x+\left(a_{2}+b_{2}\right) x^{2}+\left(a_{3}+b_{3}.\right) x^{3}+\ldots$
$=c_{0}+c_{1} x+c_{2} x^{2}+c_{3} x^{3}+\ldots$
Where $c_{r}=a_{r}+b_{r}, r=0,1,2,3 \ldots$
eg. if $A(x)=\frac{1}{1-2 x}=1+2 x+4 x^{2}+8 x^{3}+\cdots \leftrightarrow\langle 1,2,4,8, \ldots\rangle$
$B(x)=\frac{3}{1-3 x}=3\left(\frac{3}{1-3 x}\right)=3\left(1+3 x+9 x^{2}+27 x^{3}+\cdots\right)=3+9 x+27 x^{2}+81 x^{3}+\cdots \leftrightarrow\langle 3,9,27, \ldots\rangle$
Then $A(x)+B(x)=\frac{1}{1-2 x}+\frac{3}{1-3 x}=\frac{4-9 x}{1-5 x+6 x^{2}} \leftrightarrow\langle 4,11,31 \ldots\rangle$

### 1.2.3. Product Rule

$A(x) \times B(x)=a_{0} b_{0}+\left(a_{0} b_{1}+a_{1} b_{0}\right) x+\left(a_{0} b_{2}+a_{1} b_{1}+a_{2} b_{0}\right) x^{2} \ldots$ is the generating function for the sequence $\left(c_{r}\right)$, where $c_{r}=a_{0} b_{0}+a_{1} b_{r-1}+\ldots . a_{r-1} b_{1}+a_{r} b_{0}, r=0,1,2,3, \ldots$

## Proof

To evaluate the product $\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x}) \times \mathrm{B}(\mathrm{x})$ let us use the following table.
Table 1 Product Table


If we follow the arrow, we get the required product
E.g. If $\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x}) \leftrightarrow\langle 1,2,2,2,\rangle \leftrightarrow \frac{1+x}{1-x}$ and $\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{x}) \leftrightarrow\langle 1,1,1, \ldots\rangle \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{1-x}$ then
$\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x}) . \mathrm{B}(\mathrm{x})=\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)=\frac{1+x}{(1-x)^{2}} \leftrightarrow\langle 1,3,5,7,9 \ldots\rangle$
Using the product rule we have the following:
(1-x) $A(x)$ is the generating function for the sequence $\left(c_{r}\right)$ where
$c_{0}=a_{0}$ and $c_{r}=a_{r}-a_{r-1}$ for all $r \geq 1$ and
$\frac{A(x)}{1-x}$ Is the generating function for the sequence $\left(\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{r}}\right)$ where?
$c_{r}=a_{0}+a_{1}+a_{2}+\ldots+a_{r}$ for all $r$.

## Remark

since $e^{x}=1+x+\frac{x^{2}}{2!}+\frac{x^{3}}{3!}+\ldots+\frac{x^{n}}{n!}+\ldots .$. and

$$
e^{-x}=1-x+\frac{x^{2}}{2!}-\frac{x^{3}}{3!}+\ldots+(-1)^{n} \frac{x^{n}}{n!}+\ldots .
$$

Then we have $\frac{e^{x}+e^{-x}}{2}=1+\frac{x^{2}}{2!}+\frac{x^{4}}{4!}+\ldots=\cos x$ and

$$
\frac{e^{x}-e^{-x}}{2}=x+\frac{x^{3}}{3!}+\frac{x^{5}}{5!}+\ldots=\sin x
$$

### 1.3.4. SHIFT RIGHT RULE

> Suppose $\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x}) \leftrightarrow\left\langle\mathrm{a}_{0}, \mathrm{a}_{1}, \mathrm{a}_{2 . .}\right\rangle$
> $=>\mathrm{xA}(\mathrm{x}) \leftrightarrow\left\langle 0, \mathrm{a}_{0}, \mathrm{a}_{1}, \mathrm{a}_{2}, \ldots ..\right\rangle$
> $=>\mathrm{x}^{2} \mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{x}) \leftrightarrow\left\langle 0,0, \mathrm{a}_{0}, \mathrm{a}_{1}, \mathrm{a}_{2}, \ldots ..\right\rangle$
> $\mathrm{x}^{\mathrm{m}} \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x}) \leftrightarrow\langle\underbrace{\left.0,0, \ldots .0, a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots . .\right\rangle}_{\text {m-zero }}$

### 1.2.5. THE DERIVATIVE RULE

If $\left\langle a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2 \ldots}.\right\rangle \leftrightarrow A(x)$, then $\left\langle a_{1}, 2 a_{2}, 3 a_{3}, \ldots\right\rangle \leftrightarrow A^{\prime}(x)$

## Proof

$\left\langle a_{0}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots\right\rangle \leftrightarrow A(x)=a_{0}+a_{1} x+a_{2} x^{2}+a_{3} x^{3}+\ldots$
$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{d x} A(x)=\mathrm{a}_{1}+2 \mathrm{a}_{2} \mathrm{x}+3 \mathrm{a}_{3} \mathrm{x}^{2}+\ldots=\mathrm{A}^{\prime}(\mathrm{x}) \leftrightarrow\left\langle\mathrm{a}_{1}, 2 \mathrm{a}_{2}, 3 \mathrm{a}_{3}{ }^{2,} \ldots\right\rangle$

- E.g. $\langle 1,1,1, \ldots\rangle \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{1-x}=1+x+x^{2}+x^{3}+\ldots=\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x})$
$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{d x}\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)=\frac{1}{(1-x)^{2}}=1+2 \mathrm{x}+3 \mathrm{x}^{2}+\ldots \leftrightarrow\langle 1,2,3,4 \ldots\rangle=\mathrm{A}^{\prime}(\mathrm{x})$

And $\mathrm{xA}^{\prime}(\mathrm{x}) \leftrightarrow\langle 0,1,2,3 \ldots\rangle \leftrightarrow \frac{x}{(1-x)^{2}}$

Hence $\left[\mathrm{xA}^{\wedge}(\mathrm{x})\right]^{`}=\left(\frac{x}{(1-x)^{2}}\right)^{\prime}=\frac{(1+x)}{(1+x)^{3}} \leftrightarrow\langle 1,4,9,16, \ldots\rangle$ (square number Sequence)
Note: $\left\lfloor x^{n}\right\rfloor$ Given a generating function $A(x)$ we use $\left\lfloor x^{n}\right\rfloor A(x)$ to denote $a_{n}$, the coefficient of $x^{n}$ ( 270 Chapter 10 Ordinary Generating Functions)

## MATRIX AND DETERMINANTS

## Definition

A matrix is a rectangular array of mn quanties $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{ij}}\binom{i=1,2,3, \ldots, m \&}{j=1,2,3, \ldots, n}$ in m - rows and n - columns. It is called an m
$\times \mathrm{n}$ matrix or a matrix of order $\mathrm{m} \times \mathrm{n}$ and read as $m$ by $n$ matrix. The numbers $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{ij}}$ are called the elements (constituents or coordinates or entries) of the matrix and we will denote the matrix by $\left\{\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{ij}}\right\}$ or A . The suffix ij of an element $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{ij}}$ indicates that it occurs in the $\mathrm{i}^{\text {th }}$ row and $\mathrm{j}^{\text {th }}$ column. when $\mathrm{n}=\mathrm{m}$ we call this a square matrix. For a square matrix $n x n$, if $\mathrm{n} \rightarrow \infty$ then the matrix is called an infinite matrix.

In Explicit form $A=\left(\begin{array}{cccccc}a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdot & . & a_{1 n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdot & . & a_{2 n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \cdot & . & a_{3 n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{n 1} & a_{n 2} & a_{n 3} & \cdot & . & a_{n n}\end{array}\right)$
Columns

## NOTE

1) If $A=\left\{a_{i j}\right\}_{m \times n}$ and $B=\left\{b_{i j}\right\}_{n \times p}$, and $A B=C$, then $C=\left\{c_{i j}\right\}_{m \times p}$

Where $\mathrm{cij}=\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{i j} b_{k j}$
2) For any matrix


## MATRIX MUITIPLLCATION

Two matrixes $A$ and $B$ are conformable for the product $A B$ when the number of columns in $A$ is equal to the number of rows in $B$. If $A$ is an $m x n$ matrix and $B$ is an $n \times p$ matrix then their product $A B$ is defined as $m x p$ matrix whose (ij) ${ }^{\text {th }}$ element is obtained by multiplying the element of the $\mathrm{i}^{\text {th }}$ row of A in the corresponding elements of the $\mathrm{j}^{\text {th }}$ column of $B$ and summing the products so obtained. So the (ij) ${ }^{\text {th }}$ element of the product AB is the inner product of the ith
row of $A$ and the $\mathrm{j}^{\text {th }}$ column of $B$.

## DETERMINANTS

## Definition

Determinant of a matrix A is a specific real number assigned to A It is denoted by $\operatorname{det}(\mathrm{A})$ or $|A|$ Or for $\mathrm{n} \geq 1$ the determinant of an $n \times n$ matrix $A=\left(a_{i j}\right)$ along the first row is the sum of $n$-terms of the form $\pm a_{i j}$ det $A_{i j}$ with plus and minus signs alternating where the entries $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13} \ldots a_{1 n}$ are from the first row of $A$.

In symbols, $\operatorname{det} A=a_{11} \operatorname{det} A_{11}-a_{12} \operatorname{det} A_{12}+\ldots+(-1)^{n+1} a_{1 n} \operatorname{det} A_{1 n}=\sum_{j=1}^{n}(-1)^{1+j} a_{1 j} A_{1 j}$ and $\operatorname{det} A_{1 j}$ is the determinant of the sub matrix which is obtained by removing the $1^{\text {st }}$ row and the $\mathrm{j}^{\text {th }}$ column.

Actually det $\mathrm{A}_{1 \mathrm{j}}$ is called the minor of $\mathrm{a}_{1 \mathrm{j}}$ and (-1) ${ }^{1+\mathrm{j}} \mathrm{a}_{1 \mathrm{j}}$ det $\mathrm{A}_{1 \mathrm{j}}$ is called the cofactor of $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{ij}}$.

## CRAMER'S RULE

Let $A$ be an invertible $n x n$ matrix. For any $b$ in $R^{n}$ the unique solution $x$ of
$\mathrm{Ax}=\mathrm{b}$ has entries given by $\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{i}}=\frac{\operatorname{det} A_{i}(b)}{\operatorname{det} A}$ where $\mathrm{i}=1,2,3, \ldots \mathrm{n}$ and $\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{i}}(\mathrm{b})$ is the matrix obtained from A by replacing column i by the vector b .

## Proof

Denote the column of $A$ by $a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}, \ldots a_{n}$ and the column of the $n x n$ identity matrix I by $e_{1}, e_{2}, e_{3}, \ldots e_{n}$.
If $A x=b$ then the definition of matrix multiplication shows that
$A I_{i}(x)=A\left[e_{1}, e_{2}, e_{3}, \ldots x \ldots e_{n}\right]=\left[A e_{1}, A e_{2} \ldots A x \ldots A e_{n}\right]$
$=\left[a_{1}, a_{2} \ldots, \ldots a_{n}\right]=A_{i}(b)$
by the multiplicative property of determinants
$(\operatorname{det} A) \operatorname{det} \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{i}}(\mathrm{x})=\operatorname{det} \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{i}}(\mathrm{b})$
$\Rightarrow(\operatorname{det} A) X_{i}=\operatorname{det} A_{i}(b)$
$\Rightarrow \mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{i}}=\frac{\operatorname{det} A_{i}(b)}{\operatorname{det} A}$
Determinant of a matrix can be obtained by the cofactor method or by using the Cramer's rule. But now we are Interested to show how to find the determinant of several matrices by using Generating functions.

The matrices whose determinants we will be evaluating have all 1's on the super diagonal, 0 's above the supper diagonal ; and identical entries on each diagonal below the supper diagonal, perhaps with the exception of the first column,

## 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE METHOD

In this topic we will see how to get a sequence from the given matrix by calculating the determinant of each upper left nxn square matrices of the given matrix. All matrices in this section will have 1 's on the supper, 0 `s above and
identical entries on each diagonal below, perhaps with the exception of the first column. Hence we will equate the $\mathrm{n}^{\text {th }}$ term of the sequence with determinant of each upper left nxn square matrices of the given matrix. We begin with a typical example as follows

Example 1: Suppose $A=\left(\begin{array}{cccccccccc}2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & . & . & . \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & . & . & . \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & . & . & . \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & .\end{array}\right)$
be the given matrix with upper left square sub matrices (2), $\left(\begin{array}{cc}2 & 1 \\ -2 & 2\end{array}\right),\left(\begin{array}{ccc}2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2\end{array}\right), \ldots$
Now we want to evaluate the upper left corner determinants as follows

$$
|2|=2,\left|\begin{array}{cc}
2 & 1 \\
-2 & 2
\end{array}\right|=6,\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
2 & 1 & 0 \\
-2 & 2 & 1 \\
2 & 0 & 2
\end{array}\right|=14,\left|\begin{array}{cccc}
2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
-2 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\
2 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\
-2 & 0 & 0 & 2
\end{array}\right|=30, \ldots \ldots \ldots
$$

where the $\mathrm{n}^{\text {th }}$ such determinant will be denoted by $\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{n}} \geq 1$
One way to determine say $D_{5}$ is as follows, consider the system

$$
\left(\begin{array}{lllll}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0  \tag{2}\\
2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1
\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \\
a_{2} \\
a_{3} \\
a_{4} \\
a_{5}
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}
2 \\
-2 \\
2 \\
-2 \\
2
\end{array}\right)
$$

where the right hand side is the first column from the original matrix of (1) for $\mathrm{n}=5$
By crammer's rule and properties of determinants, we have
$a_{5}=\frac{\left|\begin{array}{ccccc}1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2\end{array}\right|}{\left|\begin{array}{lllll}1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1\end{array}\right|}=62$ In general by induction we have $a_{n}=(-1)^{n-1} D_{n}$.
Now let us introduce the generating functions for the columns of (1) and rewrite it as (2) we get the system

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & .  \tag{4}\\
2 x & x & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\
0 & 2 x^{2} & x^{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\
0 & 0 & 2 x^{3} & x^{3} & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 2 x^{4} & x^{4} & 0 & . & . & . \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 x^{5} & x^{5} & . & . & . \\
. & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\
a_{1} \\
a_{2} \\
a_{3} \\
. & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\
a_{4} \\
a_{5} \\
a_{6} \\
. & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & .
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}
2 \\
-2 x \\
2 x^{2} \\
-2 x^{3} \\
2 x^{4} \\
-2 x^{5} \\
. \\
. \\
. \\
.
\end{array}\right)
$$

Then the right hand side has a generating function

$$
2-2 x+2 x^{2}-2 x^{3}+\ldots=\frac{2}{1+x}
$$

and except the elements on the main diagonal of the first matrix of left side of (4),
The first column has a generating function $C(x)=2 x$
The $2^{\text {nd }}$ column has a generating function $\mathrm{xC}(\mathrm{x})=2 \mathrm{x}^{2}$
The $3^{\text {rd }}$ column has a generating function $x^{2} C(x)=2 x^{3}$
Letting $A(x)=a_{1}+a_{2} x+a_{3} x^{2} \ldots$ as the generating function for the sequence $\left\langle a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3} \ldots\right\rangle$ and summing on both sides of (4) we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x})+a_{1} \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{x})+\mathrm{a}_{2} \mathrm{xC}(\mathrm{x})+\mathrm{a}_{3} \mathrm{x}^{2} \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{x})+\ldots=2\left(\frac{2}{1+x}\right) \\
& \Rightarrow \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x})+\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{x})\left(\mathrm{a}_{1}+\mathrm{a}_{2} \mathrm{x}+\mathrm{a}_{3} \mathrm{x}^{2+} \ldots\right)=\frac{2}{1+x} \\
& \Rightarrow \mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{x})+\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x}) \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{x})=-\frac{2}{-1+x} \\
& \Rightarrow \mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{x})=\frac{2}{1+x}(1+\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{x}))=\left(\frac{1}{1+x}\right)\left(\frac{1}{1+2 x}\right)=\frac{A}{1+2 x}+\frac{B}{1+x}=\frac{4}{1+2 x}-\frac{2}{1+x}
\end{aligned}
$$

$\Rightarrow\left[x^{n}\right] A(x)=4(-2)^{n}-2(-1)^{n}=(-1)^{n}\left(4 \times 2^{n}-2\right)=(-1)^{n}\left(2^{n+2}-2\right)$
$\Rightarrow a_{n+1}=(-1)^{n}\left(2^{n+2}-2\right)$
$\Rightarrow a_{n}=(-1)^{n-1}\left(2^{n+1}-2\right)$.
Equating equation (5) and (3) we have
$\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{n}}=\mathbf{2}^{\mathbf{n + 1}} \mathbf{- 2} \mathbf{= 2}\left(\mathbf{2}^{\mathbf{n}} \mathbf{- 1}\right)=\langle 2,6,14,30,62,126, \ldots.\rangle \forall n \geq 1$
Example 2: $A=\left(\begin{array}{cccccccccc}1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & . & . & . \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & . & . & . \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & . & . & . \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & .\end{array}\right)$
(1) is a given matrix with upper left square matrix $[1],\left[\begin{array}{cc}1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1\end{array}\right],\left[\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1\end{array}\right], \ldots$

Now we want to evaluate the determinant of the upper left corner matrix as follows
$|1|=1=D_{1},\left|\begin{array}{cc}1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1\end{array}\right|=2=D_{2},\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1\end{array}\right|=3=D_{3},\left|\begin{array}{cccc}1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1\end{array}\right|=5=D_{4}, \ldots \ldots \ldots$
The $n^{\text {th }}$ such determinant is denoted by $D_{n}$. One way to determine one of these say, $D_{5}$ is as follows. Consider the system

$$
\left(\begin{array}{lllll}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0  \tag{2}\\
1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1
\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \\
a_{2} \\
a_{3} \\
a_{4} \\
a_{5}
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
-1 \\
1 \\
-1 \\
1
\end{array}\right)
$$

Where the right hand side is the first column from the original matrix of (1) for $\mathrm{n}=5$
By Cramer's rule and the properties of determinants, we have
$a_{5}=\frac{\left|\begin{array}{ccccc}1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|}{\left|\begin{array}{llllc}1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|}=8=D_{5}$ In general by induction we have $a_{n}=(-1)^{n-1} D_{n}(3)$
Now let us introduce a generating function for the column of (1) and rewrite it as (2). Then we get the system

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cccccccccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & .  \tag{4}\\
x & x & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\
0 & x^{2} & x^{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\
x^{3} & 0 & x^{3} & x^{3} & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\
0 & x^{4} & 0 & x^{4} & x^{4} & 0 & . & . & . \\
x^{5} & 0 & x^{5} & 0 & x^{5} & x^{5} & . & . & . \\
. & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\
. & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\
a_{2} \\
a_{3} \\
a_{4} \\
a_{5} \\
a_{6} \\
. & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & .
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
-x \\
x^{2} \\
-x^{3} \\
x^{4} \\
-x^{5} \\
. \\
. \\
.
\end{array}\right)
$$

Then the right hand side of (4) has a generating function
$x+x^{2}-x^{3}+x^{4}-x^{5}+\ldots=\frac{1}{1+x}$
And, except the elements on the main diagonal of the first matrix of left side of (4),
The first column has a generating function $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{x}+\mathrm{x}^{3}+\mathrm{x}^{5}+\mathrm{x}^{7}+\ldots=\frac{x}{1-x^{2}}$
The $2^{\text {nd }}$ column of has a generating function $x C(x)=x^{2}+x^{4}+x^{6}+\ldots$
The $3^{\text {rd }}$ column has a generating function $x^{2} C(x)=x^{3}+x^{5}+x^{7}+\ldots$.
Letting $A(x)=a_{1}+a_{2} x+a_{3} x^{2}+\ldots$ as the generating function for the sequence $\left\langle a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3} \ldots\right\rangle$ and summing on both sides of (4) we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A(x)+a_{1}\left(x+x^{3}+x^{5}+\ldots\right)+a_{2} x\left(x+x^{3}+x^{5}+x^{7} \ldots\right)+a_{3} x^{2}\left(x+x^{3}+x^{5}+x^{7}+\ldots\right)=\frac{1}{1+x} \\
& \text { i.e. } A(x)+a_{1} \frac{1}{1-x^{2}}+a_{2} x \frac{x}{1-x^{2}}+a_{3} x^{2} \frac{1}{1-x^{2}}+\ldots=\frac{1}{1+x}
\end{aligned}
$$

$\Rightarrow \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x})+\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x}) \frac{1}{1-x^{2}}=\frac{1}{1+x}$
$\Rightarrow \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x})=\frac{1-x^{2}}{(1+x)\left(1+x-x^{2}\right)}=\frac{1-x}{1+x-x^{2}}=1-2 \mathrm{x}+3 \mathrm{x}^{2}-5 \mathrm{x}^{3}+8 \mathrm{x}^{4}+\ldots$
For $\mathrm{n} \geq 1,\left\lfloor x^{n}\right\rfloor A(x) \mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{n}}=(-1)^{\mathrm{n}-1} \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{n}-1}$
Where $F_{n}$ is the $\mathrm{n}^{\text {th }}$ Fibonacci number. $\Rightarrow$ Equating (5) and (3) we get

$$
D_{n}=F_{n}, \forall n>1
$$

Note: $\left\lfloor x^{n}\right\rfloor$ Given a generating function $A(x)$ we use $\left\lfloor x^{n}\right\rfloor A(x)$ to denote $a_{n}$, the coefficient of $x^{n}$.()

## Proposition

If we consider the following infinite matrix with 1 's in the supper diagonal
$A=\left(\begin{array}{cccccccccc}u_{0} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ u_{1} & v_{1} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ u_{2} & v_{2} & v_{1} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ u_{3} & v_{3} & v_{2} & v_{1} & 1 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ u_{4} & v_{4} & v_{3} & v_{2} & v_{1} & 1 & 0 & . & . & . \\ u_{5} & v_{5} & v_{4} & v_{3} & v_{2} & v_{1} & 1 & . & . & . \\ u_{6} & v_{6} & v_{5} & v_{4} & v_{3} & v_{2} & v_{1} & . & . & . \\ u_{7} & v_{7} & v_{6} & v_{5} & v_{4} & v_{3} & v_{2} & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & .\end{array}\right)$
Let $\mathrm{U}(\mathrm{x})=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_{n} x^{n}$ and $\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{x})=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_{n} x^{n}$ be the generating functions for the sequence
$\mathrm{u}_{0}, \mathrm{u}_{1}, \mathrm{u}_{2} \ldots$. And $\mathrm{v} 1, \mathrm{v}_{2} \ldots$ respectively
If $\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x})=\frac{U(x)}{1+V(x)}=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+1} x^{n}$ then $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{n}}=(-1)^{\mathrm{n}-1} \mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{n}}$ and $1+\mathrm{xA}(-\mathrm{x})$ is the generation function of $\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{n}}$.

## Proof

As we have seen in the above examples consider the system

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & .  \tag{*}\\
v_{1} x & x & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\
v_{2} x^{2} & c_{1} x^{2} & x^{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\
v_{3} x^{3} & c_{2} x^{3} & c_{1} x^{3} & x^{3} & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\
v_{4} x^{4} & c_{3} x^{4} & c_{2} x^{4} & c_{1} x^{4} & x^{4} & 0 & . & . & . \\
v_{5} x^{5} & c_{4} x^{5} & c_{3} x^{5} & c_{2} x^{5} & c_{1} x^{5} & x^{5} & . & . & . \\
. & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\
. & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\
. & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & .
\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{c}
a_{1} \\
a_{2} \\
a_{3} \\
a_{4} \\
a_{5} \\
a_{6} \\
. \\
. \\
.
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}
u_{0} \\
u_{1} x \\
u_{2} x^{2} \\
u_{3} x^{3} \\
u_{4} x^{4} \\
u_{5} x^{5} \\
. \\
. \\
.
\end{array}\right)
$$

Summing on both sides of $\left({ }^{*}\right)$ we get $A(x)+a_{1} V(x)+a_{2} x V(x)+a_{3} x^{2} V(x)+\ldots=U(x)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \Rightarrow \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x})+\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x}) \mathrm{V}(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{U}(\mathrm{x}) \\
& \Rightarrow \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x})(1+\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{x}))=\mathrm{U}(\mathrm{x}) \Rightarrow \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x})=\frac{U(x)}{1+V(x)}
\end{aligned}
$$

Now from (6) we have $D_{1}=u_{0}, D_{2}=u_{0} v_{1}-u_{1} \Rightarrow u_{1}=u_{0} v_{1}-D_{1}$ and from (*) $v_{1} a_{1}+a_{2}=u_{1} \& a_{1}=u_{0} \Rightarrow v_{1} u_{0}+a_{2}=u_{0} v_{1}$ $-D_{2} \Rightarrow a_{2}=-D_{2}$ similarly $a_{3}=D_{3}$ and continuing inductively and if $x=1$ in $(*)$ for the nxn case we have by Cramer's rule as we have seen above $a_{n}=(-1)^{n-1} D_{n}$ where $D_{n}$ is the determinant of the nxn upper left corner sub matrix of (6).
i.e. $D_{1}=a_{1}, D_{2}=-a_{2}, D_{3}=a_{3}, D_{4}=-a_{4} \ldots$

Let $A(x)=a_{1}+a_{2} x+a_{3} x^{2}+a_{4} x^{3}+\ldots$
$\Rightarrow A(-x)=a_{1}-a_{2} x+a_{3} x^{2}-a_{4} x^{3}+\ldots$
$\Rightarrow \mathrm{xA}(-\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{a}_{1} \mathrm{x}-\mathrm{a}_{2} \mathrm{x}^{2}+\mathrm{a}_{3} \mathrm{x}^{3}-\mathrm{a}_{4} \mathrm{x}^{4}+\ldots$
$\Rightarrow 1+x A(-x)=1+a_{1} x-a_{2} x^{2}+a_{3} x^{3}-a_{4} x^{4}+a_{5} x^{5}+\ldots=1+D_{1} x+D_{2} x^{2}+D_{3} x^{3}+D_{4} x^{4}+\ldots$
$\Rightarrow 1+x A(-x)$ is the generating function for $D_{n}$, where $a_{0}=D_{0}=1$
Example: If $A=\left(\begin{array}{cccccccccc}1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & . & . & . \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 & . & . & . \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & . & . & . \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & .\end{array}\right)$
Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
& |1|=1=D_{1},\left|\begin{array}{cc}
1 & 1 \\
-1 & 2
\end{array}\right|=3=D_{2},\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 1 & 0 \\
-1 & 2 & 1 \\
1 & 0 & 2
\end{array}\right|=7=D_{3},\left|\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
-1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\
-1 & 2 & 0 & 2
\end{array}\right|=15=D_{4}, \ldots \ldots \ldots \\
& D_{\mathrm{n}+1}=2 \mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{n}}+1
\end{aligned}
$$

Are the determinant of some nxn upper left corner sub matrices one way to determine say $D_{5}$, is as follows. Consider the system

$$
\left(\begin{array}{lllll}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
2 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 1
\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \\
a_{2} \\
a_{3} \\
a_{4} \\
a_{5}
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
-1 \\
1 \\
-1 \\
1
\end{array}\right)
$$

Where the right hand side is the first column from the original matrix of (1) for $\mathrm{n}=5$
By Cramer's rule and if two columns are interchanged the determinant changes only sign. Then, we have
$a_{5}=\frac{\left|\begin{array}{ccccc}1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 1\end{array}\right|}{\left|\begin{array}{llllc}1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 1\end{array}\right|}=31=D_{5}$ in general by induction we have $a_{n}=(-1)^{n-1} D_{n}$
Now let us introduce the generating functions for the columns of (1) and rewrite it as (2) we get the system

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & .  \tag{4}\\
2 x & x & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\
0 & 2 x^{2} & x^{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\
2 x^{3} & 0 & 2 x^{3} & x^{3} & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\
0 & 2 x^{4} & 0 & 2 x^{4} & x^{4} & 0 & . & . & . \\
2 x^{5} & 0 & 2 x^{5} & 0 & 2 x^{5} & x^{5} & . & . & . \\
. & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\
. & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\
a_{2} \\
a_{3} \\
a_{4} \\
. & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & .
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
a_{5} \\
a_{6} \\
-x \\
x^{2} \\
-x^{3} \\
x^{4} \\
-x^{5} \\
. \\
. \\
.
\end{array}\right)
$$

Then the right hand side of (4) has a generating function $\mathrm{U}(\mathrm{x})=1-\mathrm{x}+\mathrm{x}^{2}-\mathrm{x}^{3}+\ldots=\frac{1}{1+x}$
And except the elements on the main diagonal of the first matrix of left of (4),
i.e excluding the1`s on the main diagonal of (4), the $1^{\text {st }}$ column has a generating function
$V(x)=2 x+2 x^{3}+2 x^{5}+\ldots=\frac{2 x}{1-x^{2}}$
The $2^{\text {nd }}$ column has a generating function $\mathrm{xV}(\mathrm{x})$
The $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ column has a generating function $x^{2} V(x)$
letting $A(x)=a_{1}+a_{2} x+a_{3} x^{2}+$ as the generating function for the sequence $\left\langle a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3} \ldots\right\rangle$ and summing on both sides of (4) we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x})+\mathrm{a}_{1} \frac{2 x}{1-x^{2}}+\mathrm{a}_{2} \mathrm{x} \frac{2 x}{1-x^{2}}+\mathrm{a}_{3} \mathrm{x}^{3} \frac{2 x}{1-x^{2}}+\ldots=\frac{1}{1+x} \\
& \Rightarrow \mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{x})=\frac{1-x}{1+2 x-x^{2}}=\frac{1-x^{2}}{1+2 x-x^{2}}\left(\frac{1}{1+x}\right)=\frac{\frac{1}{1+x}}{1+\frac{2 x}{1-x^{2}}}=\frac{U(x)}{1+V(x)}
\end{aligned}
$$

* here $A(x)=a_{1}+a_{2} x+a_{3} x^{2}+a_{4} x^{3}+\ldots$
$\Rightarrow \mathrm{A}(-\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{a}_{1}-\mathrm{a}_{2} \mathrm{x}+\mathrm{a}_{3} \mathrm{x}^{2}-\mathrm{a}_{4} \mathrm{x}^{3}+\ldots$
$\Rightarrow x A(-x)=a_{1} x-a_{2} x^{2}+a_{3} x^{3}-a_{4} x^{4}+\ldots$
$\Rightarrow \mathrm{A}(-\mathrm{x})=\frac{1+x}{1-2 x-x^{2}}$
$\Rightarrow \mathrm{xA}(-\mathrm{x})=\frac{x+x^{2}}{1-2 x-x^{2}}$
$\Rightarrow 1+\mathrm{xA}(-\mathrm{x})=\frac{x+x^{2}+1-2 x-x^{2}}{1-2 x-x^{2}}$
$\Rightarrow 1+x \mathrm{~A}(-\mathrm{x})=\frac{1-x}{1-2 x-x^{2}}$
$\Rightarrow 1+x \quad A(-x)=1+a_{1} x-a_{2} x^{2}+a_{3} x^{3}-a_{4} x^{4}+\ldots=\frac{1-x}{1-2 x-x^{2}}$
$=1+D_{1} x+D_{2} x^{2}+D_{3} x^{3}+D_{4} x^{4}+\ldots=\frac{1-x}{1-2 x-x^{2}}$
$\Rightarrow \frac{1-x}{1-2 x-x^{2}}$ is the generating function for $D_{n}$ where $\mathrm{a}_{0}=1=D_{0}$
Here $U(X)=\frac{1}{1+x}$ and $V(x)=\frac{2 x}{1-x^{2}}$ in closed form.

Example: If $\quad A=\left(\begin{array}{cccccccccc}1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ 4 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ 9 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ 16 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . \\ 25 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & . & . & . \\ 36 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & . & . & . \\ 49 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & . & . & . \\ 81 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & .\end{array}\right)$

Then
$|1|=1=D_{1},\left|\begin{array}{ll}1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1\end{array}\right|=-3=D_{2},\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 9 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|=5=D_{3},\left|\begin{array}{cccc}1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 9 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 16 & 1 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|=-7=D_{4}, \ldots \ldots \ldots$
$D_{n+1}=-D_{n}+2(-1)^{n+2}$
Are the determinant of some nxn upper left corner sub matrices one way to determine say $\mathrm{D}_{5}$, is as follows. Consider the system

$$
\left(\begin{array}{lllll}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\
1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1
\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \\
a_{2} \\
a_{3} \\
a_{4} \\
a_{5}
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
4 \\
9 \\
16 \\
25
\end{array}\right)
$$

Where the right hand side is the first column from the original matrix of (1) for $\mathrm{n}=5$
By Cramer's rule and if two columns are interchanged the determinant changes only sign. Then, we have
$a_{5}=\frac{\left|\begin{array}{lllcc}1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 9 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 16 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 25\end{array}\right|}{\left|\begin{array}{lllll}1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|}=9=D_{5}$ in general by induction we have $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{n}}=(-1)^{\mathrm{n}-1} \mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{n}}$

Now let us introduce the generating functions for the columns of (1) and rewrite it as (2) we get the system

$$
\left(\begin{array} { c c c c c c c c c } 
{ 1 } & { 0 } & { 0 } & { 0 } & { 0 } & { 0 } & { . } & { . } & { . }  \tag{4}\\
{ x } & { x } & { 0 } & { 0 } & { 0 } & { 0 } & { . } & { . } & { . } \\
{ x ^ { 2 } } & { x ^ { 2 } } & { x ^ { 2 } } & { 0 } & { 0 } & { 0 } & { . } & { . } & { . } \\
{ x ^ { 3 } } & { x ^ { 3 } } & { x ^ { 3 } } & { x ^ { 3 } } & { 0 } & { 0 } & { . } & { . } & { . } \\
{ x ^ { 4 } } & { x ^ { 4 } } & { x ^ { 4 } } & { x ^ { 4 } } & { x ^ { 4 } } & { 0 } & { . } & { . } & { . } \\
{ x ^ { 5 } } & { x ^ { 5 } } & { x ^ { 5 } } & { x ^ { 5 } } & { x ^ { 5 } } & { x ^ { 5 } } & { . } & { . } & { . } \\
{ . } & { . } & { . } & { . } & { . } & { . } & { . } & { . } & { . }
\end{array} \left(\begin{array}{c}
a_{1} \\
a_{2} \\
a_{3} \\
a_{4} \\
a_{5} \\
. \\
.
\end{array} .\right.\right.
$$

Then the right hand side of (4) has a generating function $U(x)=1+4 x+9 x^{2}+16 x^{3}+\ldots=\frac{1+x}{(1-x)^{3}}$

And except the elements on the main diagonal of the first matrix of left of (4),
i.e excluding the 1`s on the main diagonal of the first matrix of left of (4), the $1^{\text {st }}$ column has a generating function
$\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{x}+\mathrm{x}^{2}+\mathrm{x}^{3}+\ldots=\frac{x}{1-x}$
The $2^{\text {nd }}$ column has a generating function $x V(x)=x^{2}+x^{3}+\ldots$
The $3^{\text {rd }}$ column has a generating function $\mathrm{x}^{2} \mathrm{~V}(\mathrm{x})$
letting $A(x)=a_{1}+a_{2} x+a_{3} x^{2}+$ as the generating function for the sequence $\left\langle a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3} \ldots\right\rangle$ and summing on both sides of (4) we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x})+\mathrm{a}_{1} \frac{x}{1-x}+\mathrm{a}_{2} \mathrm{x} \frac{x}{1-x}+\mathrm{a}_{3} \mathrm{x}^{3} \frac{x}{1-x}+\ldots=\frac{1+x}{(1-x)^{3}} \\
& \Rightarrow A(x)+\left(a_{1}+a_{2} x+a_{3} x^{2}+\cdots\right) \frac{x}{1-x}=\frac{1+x}{(1-x)^{3}}
\end{aligned}
$$

$\Rightarrow A(x)\left[1+\frac{x}{1-x}\right]=\frac{1+x}{(1-x)^{3}}$
$\Rightarrow A(x)[1+\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{x})]=\mathrm{U}(\mathrm{x})$
$\Rightarrow A(x)=\frac{U(x)}{1+V(x)}$
*here $\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{a}_{1}+\mathrm{a}_{2} \mathrm{x}+\mathrm{a}_{3} \mathrm{x}^{2}+\mathrm{a}_{4} \mathrm{x}^{3}+\ldots=\frac{1+x}{(1-x)^{2}}=\frac{1+x}{1-2 x+x^{2}}$
$\Rightarrow \mathrm{A}(-\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{a}_{1}-\mathrm{a}_{2} \mathrm{x}+\mathrm{a}_{3} \mathrm{x}^{2}-\mathrm{a}_{4} \mathrm{x}^{3}+\ldots=\frac{1-x}{1+2 x+x^{2}}$
$\Rightarrow \mathrm{xA}(-\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{a}_{1} \mathrm{x}-\mathrm{a}_{2} \mathrm{x}^{2}+\mathrm{a}_{3} \mathrm{x}^{3}-\mathrm{a}_{4} \mathrm{x}^{4}+\ldots=\mathrm{x}\left(\frac{1-x}{1+2 x+x^{2}}\right)=\frac{x-x^{2}}{1+2 x+x^{2}}$
$\Rightarrow 1+\mathrm{xA}(-\mathrm{x})=1+\mathrm{a}_{1} \mathrm{x}-\mathrm{a}_{2} \mathrm{x}^{2}+\mathrm{a}_{3} \mathrm{x}^{3}-\mathrm{a}_{4} \mathrm{x}^{4}+\ldots=\frac{1+2 x+x^{2}+x-x^{2}}{(1+x)^{2}}$
$=1+\mathrm{D}_{1} \mathrm{x}+\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{x}^{2}+\mathrm{D}_{3} \mathrm{x}^{3}+\mathrm{D}_{4} \mathrm{x}^{4}+\ldots=\frac{1+2 x+x^{2}+x-x^{2}}{(1+x)^{2}}=\frac{1+3 x}{(1+x)^{2}}$
$\Rightarrow 1+x A(-x)=1+a_{1} x-a_{2} x^{2}+a_{3} x^{3}-a_{4} x^{4}+\ldots=\frac{1+3 x}{(1+x)^{2}}$ is the generating function for
$D_{n}$ where $\mathrm{a}_{0}=1=\mathrm{D}_{0}$
Here $\mathrm{U}(\mathrm{X})=\frac{1+x}{(1-x)^{3}}$ and $\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{x})=\frac{x}{1-x}$ in closed form.

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\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1+3 x}{(1+x)^{2}}=\frac{1}{(1+x)^{2}}+\frac{3 x}{(1+x)^{2}}=1+\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}(-1)^{n+1}(3 n) x^{n}+\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}(-1)^{n+1}(-n-1) x^{n} \\
& =1+\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}(-1)^{n+1}(2 n-1) x^{n} \\
& \Rightarrow D_{n}=(-1)^{n+1}(2 n-1) \forall n \geq 1 \text { And } \mathrm{D}_{0}=1
\end{aligned}
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