

# Pre-class Warm-up!!!

Which of the following statements is logically equivalent to the statement that the square matrix  $A$  is invertible?

- a. The equation  $Ax = 0$  is consistent  
 $Ax = 0$  is always consistent,
- b. The reduced echelon form of  $A$  is the identity  
 $\Updownarrow$
- c. The echelon form of  $A$  has a leading entry in every column
- d. None of the above
- e. More than one of the above.

$\Rightarrow$  We can compute  $A^{-1}$  by Gauss-Jordan elimination, so  $A$  is invertible.

If  $A$  is invertible then every equation  $Ax = b$  has a solution:  $x = A^{-1}b$   
 $\Rightarrow$  the echelon form has a leading entry in every row, hence a leading entry in every column:  $C$ .

## 3.6 Determinants

Laplace expansion

We learn:

- the definition in terms of cofactor expansions
- row and column properties, the effect under elementary operations
- computation using Gaussian elimination

New vocabulary:

- minors, cofactors, adjoint matrix, transpose matrix, upper triangular matrix

Some theorems:

- the formula for the inverse matrix using the adjoint matrix
- the determinant of the product is the product of the determinants
- Cramer's rule

## Cofactors expansions of the determinant

$$\text{Let } A = (a_{ij}) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \vdots \\ a_{31} & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The  $i, j$  minor of  $A$  is  $M_{ij} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & a_{ij} & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$   
where row  $i$  and column  $j$  are deleted.

We use  $\det[a] = a$      $\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = ad - bc$

The  $i, j$  cofactor of  $A$  is  $A_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$

e.g.  $A_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} M_{11} = M_{11}$

$$A_{32} = (-1)^{3+2} M_{32} = -M_{32} = 10$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} + & - & + & - & + & - \\ - & + & - & + & - & + \\ + & - & + & - & + & - \\ \vdots & & & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

Cofactor (or Laplace) expansion along row  $i$ :

$$\det A = |A| = a_{i1} A_{i1} + a_{i2} A_{i2} + \dots + a_{in} A_{in}$$

Along column  $j$ :  $a_{1j} A_{1j} + \dots + a_{nj} A_{nj}$

Example: along row 3    The  $(3, 2)$  minor

is  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 4 - 14 = -10$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \cdot 10 - 1(-10) + 0(-10) = 10$$

## Row and column properties of the determinant

- cofactor expansions along any row or along any column are equal

## The effect of elementary row operations on det:

- adding a multiple of a row to another row leaves the determinant unchanged
- switching two rows multiplies the determinant by  $-1$
- multiplying a row by a number  $t$  multiplies the determinant by  $t$ .

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Evaluate the determinant after simplifying by adding a multiple of some row or column to another.

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 & 5 \\ 2 & -4 & 6 \\ 1 & -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution. The det is unchanged by adding  $2 \cdot \text{column 1}$  to column 2. We get  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

Calculate det using the col 2 expansion.

$$-0 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 7 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 5 \\ 1 & 7 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \\ = 28$$

- cofactor expansions along any row or along any column are equal

### The effect of row operations:

- adding a multiple of a row to another row leaves the determinant unchanged
- switching two rows multiplies the determinant by -1
- multiplying a row by a number  $t$  multiplies the determinant by  $t$ .

### Consequences

- If a matrix has a zero row or column then  $\det = 0$  from the Laplace expansion.
- If a matrix has two rows the same or two columns the same then  $\det = 0$
- The  $\det$  of a triangular matrix is the product of the diagonal elements.

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & ? & ? \\ 0 & \vdots & \vdots & h \end{bmatrix} = a \cdot b \cdot c \cdot h$$

Using 1<sup>st</sup> column expansion

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & \dots \\ 0 & \vdots & \vdots & h \end{bmatrix} = a \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} b & c & \dots \\ 0 & \vdots & h \end{bmatrix} = a \cdot b \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} c & \dots \\ 0 & \vdots & h \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{v} \\ \boxed{j} \end{bmatrix} = -\det \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{j} \\ \boxed{v} \end{bmatrix}$$

so  $\det A = -\det A, \det A = 0$ .

Like questions 13-16:

Use the method of elimination to evaluate the determinant.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 9 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:  $\textcircled{2} \rightarrow \textcircled{2} - 5\textcircled{1}$   
 $\textcircled{3} \rightarrow \textcircled{3} - 2\textcircled{1}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & -20 \\ 0 & -1 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\textcircled{3} \rightarrow \textcircled{3} - \textcircled{2}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & -20 \\ 0 & 0 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

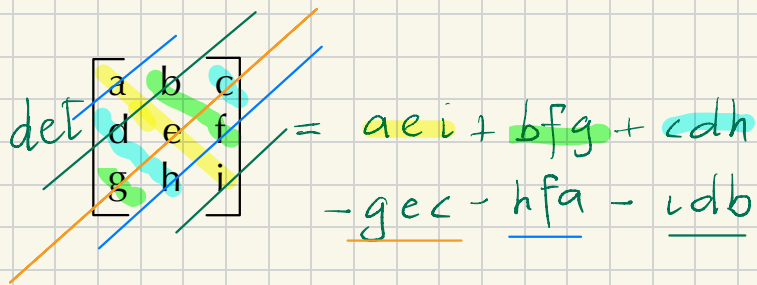
The determinant is unchanged and equals  $1 \cdot (-1) \cdot 13 = -13$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 9 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution start with  $\textcircled{1} \leftrightarrow \textcircled{3}$ , multiplies the det. by  $-1$ , so the answer is  $+13$

Check  $1 \cdot 9 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 0 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 3$   
 $- 2 \cdot 9 \cdot 4 - 3 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 5 \cdot 2$   
 $= -13$

Practical way to compute the determinant of a 3 x 3 matrix.



The diagram shows a 3x3 matrix with elements  $a, b, c$  in the first row,  $d, e, f$  in the second row, and  $g, h, i$  in the third row. A green diagonal path goes from  $a$  to  $e$  to  $i$ . A blue diagonal path goes from  $b$  to  $f$  to  $h$ . A red diagonal path goes from  $c$  to  $h$  to  $d$ . A yellow diagonal path goes from  $d$  to  $e$  to  $i$ . The word "det" is written to the left of the matrix. To the right of the matrix, the determinant formula is written as  $= aei + bfg + cdh - gec - hfa - idb$ . The terms  $aei$ ,  $bfg$ , and  $cdh$  are highlighted in green. The terms  $gec$ ,  $hfa$ , and  $idb$  are underlined in yellow.

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} = aei + bfg + cdh - gec - hfa - idb$$

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Question.

What are the determinants of the three elementary matrices

1. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det = 1$$

2. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det = -1$$

3. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det = 3$$

a. -1

b. 0

c. 1

d. 2

e. 3



## More properties of the determinant

Defining properties:

$\det A$  is the unique function on square matrices for which

- it is linear on each row
- If we switch two rows,  $\det A$  is multiplied by  $-1$
- $\det(\text{identity matrix}) = 1$

It has the same defining properties on columns

- If  $A, B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices then  $\det AB = \det A \det B$
- The transpose matrix:  $\det A^T = \det A$

Example  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

If we multiply a row by  $r$ , the det is multiplied by  $r$ .

$$\text{if } A = \begin{bmatrix} \dots \\ a_i \\ \dots \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} \dots \\ b_i \\ \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{then } \det \begin{bmatrix} \dots \\ a_i + b_i \\ \dots \end{bmatrix} = \det A + \det B.$$

This relates to writing invertible matrices as products of elementary matrices.

## More properties of the determinant

Theorem 5

If  $\det A \neq 0$  then  $A$  is invertible and its inverse is

$$A^{-1} = \frac{[A_{ij}]^T}{\det A}$$

where  $A_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$  is the  $i, j$  cofactor

$[A_{ij}]^T$  is called the adjoint matrix.

Consequences: A square matrix  $A$  is invertible  $\Leftrightarrow \det A \neq 0$

" $\Rightarrow$ "

If  $AB = BA = I$  then

$$\det(AB) = \det A \cdot \det B = \det I = 1$$

so  $\det A$  is invertible. " $\Leftarrow$ " from Theorem 5.

Question 34

Find  $A^{-1}$  when  $A =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 \\ -5 & -4 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:  $\det A = 35$

$$[M_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 9 & 13 \\ 3 & -4 & -2 \\ 12 & 19 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$12 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$[A_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 9 & 13 \\ -3 & -4 & 2 \\ 12 & -19 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{35} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 9 & 13 \\ -3 & -4 & 2 \\ 12 & -19 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Cramer's rule

To solve  $Ax = b$  where  
 $A = [c_1 \mid c_2 \mid \dots \mid c_n]$

$$x_i = \frac{\det [c_1 \mid \dots \mid b \mid \dots \mid c_n]}{\det A}$$

eg  $c_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$   $c_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

column  $c$

Question: Solve

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y &= 1 \\ 4x + 3y &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-1}{-5} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-2}{-5} = \frac{2}{5}$$