

Note: In ch. 3 all matrices are  $n \times n$  SQUARE.

3.1 Defn:  $\det A = \sum \pm a_{1j_1} a_{2j_2} \dots a_{nj_n}$

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2 × 2 short-cut:  $\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12}$

3 × 3 short-cut:  $\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{matrix} \}$  optional

Note there is no short-cut for  $n \times n$  matrices when  $n > 3$ .

Definition of Determinant using cofactor expansion

Defn:  $A_{ij}$  is the matrix obtained from  $A$  by deleting the  $i$ th row and the  $j$ th column.

Defn: Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  by an  $n \times n$  square matrix. The determinant of  $A$  is

1.) If  $n = 1$ ,  $\det A = a_{11}$ .

2.) If  $n > 1$ ,  $\det A = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{1+k} a_{1k} \det A_{1k}$   
 $= a_{11} \det A_{11} - a_{12} \det A_{12} + \dots + (-1)^{1+n} a_{1n} \det A_{1n}$

Note the above definition is an inductive or recursive definition.

$$\begin{vmatrix}
 a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\
 a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\
 a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33}
 \end{vmatrix}
 =
 \begin{vmatrix}
 a_{11} & a_{12} \\
 a_{21} & a_{22} \\
 a_{31} & a_{32}
 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a_{11} a_{22} a_{33} + a_{12} a_{23} a_{31} + a_{13} a_{21} a_{32} \\
 - a_{31} a_{22} a_{13} - a_{32} a_{23} a_{11} - a_{33} a_{21} a_{12}$$

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$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \cancel{1} & \cancel{2} & \cancel{3} \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 0 & 8 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$(1) \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 8 \end{vmatrix} - (2) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + (3) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$(-1)^{1+1} (1) \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{1+2} (2) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{1+3} (3) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \cdot (5 \cdot 8 - 0 \cdot 6) - 2 \cdot \begin{matrix} (4 \cdot 8 - 7 \cdot 6) \\ 32 - 42 \end{matrix} + (3) \cdot (4 \cdot 0 - 7 \cdot 7)$$

$$= 40 + 2(-10) + 3(-35)$$

$$= 40 - 20 - 105 = -45$$

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|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 0 | 8 |

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| + | - | + |
| - | + | - |
| + | - | + |

$$(-1)^{3+1} 7 \quad | \quad + (-1)^{3+2} 0 \quad | \quad + (-1)^{3+3} 8$$

$$+ 7 \quad | \quad \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 5 \times 6 \end{array} \quad | \quad - \quad 0 \quad | \quad \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 4 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 6 \end{array} \quad | \quad + \quad 8 \quad | \quad \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 4 \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 5 \end{array}$$

$$= 7(12 - 15) - 0 + 8(5 - 8)$$

$$= -21 + -24 = -45$$

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$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 0 & 8 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$-2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + 5 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + 0$$

$$= -2(32 - 42) + 5(8 - 21)$$

$$= 20 + 5(-13)$$

$$= 20 - 65 = -45$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \hline 3 & 0 & 5 & 8 \\ \hline 2 & 0 & 6 & 9 \\ \hline 5 & 9 & 7 & 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \textcircled{+} \\ - \\ + \\ - \\ + \end{array}$$

$$-2 \quad | \quad +0 \quad | \quad | -0 \quad | \quad | +9 \quad | \quad |$$

$$= -2 \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 3 & 5 & 8 \\ \hline 2 & 6 & 9 \\ \hline 5 & 7 & 8 \\ \hline \end{array} + 0 - 0 + 9 \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 3 & 4 \\ \hline 3 & 5 & 8 \\ \hline 2 & 6 & 9 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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$$-2 \left[ 3 \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 9 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + 5 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix} \right]$$

$$+ 9 \left[ 1 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 8 \end{vmatrix} \right]$$

$$= -2 \left[ 3(48-63) - 2(-16) + 5(45-48) \right]$$

$$+ 9 \left[ (45-48) - 3(27-24) + 2(24-20) \right]$$

$$= -2 \left[ 3(-15) + 32 - 15 \right]$$

$$+ 9 \left[ -3 - 9 + 8 \right]$$

$$= -2 \left[ -28 \right] - 36 = 56 - 36 = \boxed{20}$$

|   |   |    |    |    |
|---|---|----|----|----|
| 1 | 2 | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 0 | 6 | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 0 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 0 | 0 | 0  | 2  | 3  |
| 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 5  |

$$= 1 \cdot 6 \cdot 10 \cdot 2 \cdot 5$$

$$= \textcircled{600}$$

$$1 \left| \begin{array}{c} 6 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{c} \sim \\ \sim \\ \sim \\ \sim \end{array} \Bigg| -0 + 0 - 0 + 0$$

$$= 1 \cdot 6 \left[ \begin{array}{c|cc} 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{array} \Bigg| -0 + 0 - 0 \right]$$

$$1 \cdot 6 \left[ \begin{array}{c|cc} 10 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{array} \Bigg| -0 + 0 \right]$$

$$1 \cdot 6 \cdot 10 \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 2 \cdot 5 & -0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$= 1 \cdot 6 \cdot 10 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 = 600$$



Some Shortcuts:

Thm: If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix which is either lower triangular or upper triangular, then  $\det A = a_{11}a_{22}\dots a_{nn}$ , the product of the entries along the main diagonal.

✓ Cor:  $\det(I_n) = 1$ .  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1$

Thm: If a square matrix has a row or column containing all zeros, its determinant is zero.

Thm: If some row (column) of a square matrix  $A$  is a scalar multiple of another row (column), then  $\det A = 0$ .

Thm: A square matrix is invertible if and only if  $\det A \neq 0$ .

Thm: Let  $A$  be a square matrix. Then the linear system  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution for every  $b$  if and only if  $\det A \neq 0$ .

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Thm:  $\det AB = (\det A)(\det B)$ .

Cor:  $\det A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A}$ .

$\det(A + B) \neq \det A + \det B$ .

Thm:  $\det A^T = \det A$ .

Thm: Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be an  $n \times n$  square matrix,  $n > 1$ .  
Then expanding along row  $i$ ,

$$\det A = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{i+k} a_{ik} \det A_{ik}.$$

Or expanding along column  $j$ ,

$$\det A = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+j} a_{kj} \det A_{kj}.$$

Choose  
row or  
column  
w/ most  
0's

Defn:  $\det A_{ij}$  is the  $i, j$ -minor of  $A$ .

$(-1)^{i+j} \det A_{ij}$  is the  $i, j$ -cofactor of  $A$ .

OR

### 3.2: Properties of Determinants

Thm: If  $A \xrightarrow{R_i \rightarrow cR_i} B$ , then  $\det B = c(\det A)$ .

Warning note:  $\det(cA) = c^n \det A$ .

Thm: If  $A \xrightarrow{R_i \leftrightarrow R_j} B$ , then  $\det B = -(\det A)$ .

Thm: If  $A \xrightarrow{R_i + cR_j \rightarrow R_i} B$ , then  $\det B = \det A$ .

CREATE  
ZEROS

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 - 4R_1 \\ R_3 - 7R_1}} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & -6 & -12 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -3 & -6 \\ -6 & -12 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(36 - 36) = 0$$