

# ① Continue about Determinants

Recall Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$  matrix

$A_{ij}$  - matrix  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  we obtain from  $A$  by removing  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column.

$C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{ij})$ . Let  $C = (C_{ij})$  - matrix with  $(i,j)$ -entry being  $C_{ij}$

Then,  $\det(A) \stackrel{\text{cofactor expansion along the } i\text{-th row}}{=} a_{i1}C_{i1} + a_{i2}C_{i2} + \dots + a_{in}C_{in}$

Example Compute determinant of

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

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &\stackrel{\text{use 2nd row}}{=} a_{21}C_{21} + a_{22}C_{22} + a_{23}C_{23} = \\ &= 0 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \cdot (-1)^{2+2} \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} + \\ &+ (-4) \cdot (-1)^{2+3} \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= 3 \cdot (1 \cdot (-2) - 0 \cdot 2) + (-4) \cdot (-1) \cdot (1 \cdot 1 - 0 \cdot 2) = \\ &= -6 + 4 = \boxed{-2} \end{aligned}$$

Can we use column for cofactor expansion?

Yes.  $\det(A) \stackrel{\text{cofactor expansion along } j\text{-th column}}{=} a_{1j}C_{1j} + a_{2j}C_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj}C_{nj}$

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along 1st column

$$\det(A) \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} a_{11}c_{11} + a_{21}c_{21} + a_{31}c_{31} =$$

$$= 1 \cdot (-1)^{1+1} \cdot \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}\right) + \overbrace{0 \cdot (-1)^{2+1} \cdot \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}\right)}^{=0} +$$

$$+ \underbrace{0 \cdot (-1)^{3+1} \cdot \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}\right)}_{=0} =$$

$$= 1 \cdot (3 \cdot (-2) - 1 \cdot (-4)) = -6 + 4 = \boxed{-2}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow C = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ -(-6) & -2 & -1 \\ -14 & -(-4) & 3 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & -2 & -1 \\ -14 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

! Formula for the inverse!

Suppose  $A$  is invertible  $n \times n$  matrix.

Then  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \cdot C^T$

(Recall:  $\det(A) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow A$  is invertible)

For our example:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

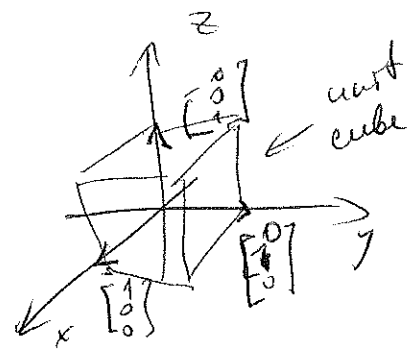
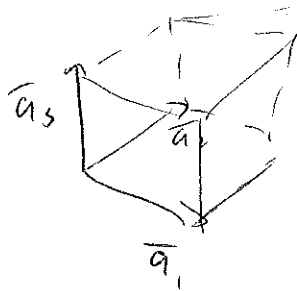
We obtain  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & -2 & -1 \\ -14 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 1/2 \\ 7 & -2 & -3/2 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1/2 & -3/2 \end{bmatrix}$

### ③ Geometric interpretation

$|\det(A)| =$  Volume of parallelepiped constructed on  $n$ -vectors

$\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n$  if

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} - & \vec{a}_1 & - \\ - & \vec{a}_2 & - \\ - & \vec{a}_n & - \end{bmatrix}$$



$$I_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(I_n) = 1 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot (1 \cdot 1 - 0) = 1$$

Alternative notation for det of matrix A:

$$\det(A) = |A| \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{means} \\ \text{determinant, too} \end{array}$$

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matrix

(4) Behavior under row operations of  $\det(A)$

Row operation	$\det(A)$
R1. Add a multiple of a row to another row	unchanged
R2. Switch rows	$\det \rightsquigarrow -\det$ (change sign)
R3. Scale a row by a non-zero number $\lambda \neq 0$	$\det \rightsquigarrow \lambda \cdot \det$ (determinant is multiplied by $\lambda$ )

(Upper triangular)

Thus let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & * & * & * \\ 0 & a_{22} & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & * \\ \vdots & \dots & 0 & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$  or  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & a_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & \dots & 0 \\ * & * & * & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$  (lower triangular)

$a$  - any number

Then  $\det(A) = a_{11} \cdot a_{22} \cdot \dots \cdot a_{nn}$

Example  $\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 1 \cdot \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot (-3) = -6$

Corollary: If  $A$  is  $n \times n$  matrix and has less than  $n$  pivots, then  $\det(A) = 0$ .

Example  $\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot (0) = 0$

8) Find the determinant using row operations

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & -3 \\ 3 & 4 & -4 \\ 2 & -3 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution:

1. Bring A to REF by keeping track of operations

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & -3 \\ 3 & 4 & -4 \\ 2 & -3 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow \frac{R_1}{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 5R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

~~$\det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & -3 \\ 3 & 4 & -4 \\ 2 & -3 & -5 \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$~~

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot (-8) = -8$$

by row operations  $\rightarrow$   $\frac{\det(A)}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\det(A)}{3} = -8 \Rightarrow \det(A) = -8 \cdot 3 = -24$$

Answer:  $-24 = \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & -3 \\ 3 & 4 & -4 \\ 2 & -3 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$

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Thm

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices,

then  $\boxed{\det(A \cdot B) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)}$

Example Verify that  $\det(A \cdot B) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$

for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution:

$$\det(A) = 3 \cdot (-2) - (-1) \cdot 6 = -6 + 6 = 0$$

$$\det(B) = 4 \cdot (-3) - (-1) \cdot 3 = -12 + 3 = -9$$

$$\det(A) \cdot \det(B) = 0 \cdot (-9) = 0$$

$$A \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -9 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A \cdot B) = 6 \cdot 3 - (-2) \cdot (-9) = 18 - 18 = 0$$

$$\det(A \cdot B) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$$

Notice!

$$\boxed{\det(A+B) \neq \det(A) + \det(B)}$$

see for the same  $A, B$ :  $\det(A) + \det(B) = 0 + (-9) = -9$

$$A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 9 \\ -2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A+B) = 7 \cdot (-5) - (-2) \cdot 9 = -35 + 18 = -17 \neq -9$$

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

Notice!

$$\boxed{\det(A^T) = \det(A)}$$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A^T) = 3 \cdot (-2) - 6 \cdot (-1) = -6 + 6 = 0 = \det(A)$$