

- Elementary matrices are matrices which differs from the identity matrix by one single elementary row operation.

Type I = Row switching,  $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$

Type II = Row multiplication,  $kR_i \rightarrow R_i$

Type III = Row addition,

$$R_i + kR_j \rightarrow R_i$$

- If  $E$  is an elementary matrix, the  $E$  is invertible and  $E^{-1}$  is an elementary matrix of the same type. (Theorem 7.6.6)

- Invertible Matrix Theorem  $\rightarrow$  inverting matrices a simple method (Theorem 7.6.9)

- $A$  is invertible
- $AX=0$  has ~~the~~ only the trivial solution
- $A$  is row equivalent to  $I$
- $A$  is a product of elementary matrices

Thus,

$A$  is invertible

$$E_k \cdot E_{k-1} \dots E_1 \cdot A = I$$

$$E_k \cdot E_{k-1} \dots E_1 \cdot A \cdot A^{-1} = I \cdot A^{-1},$$

$$E_k \cdot E_{k-1} \dots E_1 = A^{-1}$$

Week 10. Continue with definition 8.1.3.

If  $A = (a_{ij})$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, its determinant

$\det(A)$  is defined by

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = \underbrace{a_{11}}_w \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \underbrace{- a_{21}}_w \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \underbrace{a_{31}}_w \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{22} & a_{23} \end{vmatrix}$$

Note the determinant of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  is given in terms of determinants of certain  $2 \times 2$  submatrices of  $A$ .

8.2. General definition of determinants.

For any square matrix  $A$ , let  $A_{ij}$  denote the submatrix formed by deleting the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column of  $A$

Example 8.2.1

$$\text{If } A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 5 & -1 \\ 2 & 9 & 0 & 6 \\ 7 & -2 & -3 & 1 \\ 4 & -5 & 8 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{23} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 7 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & -5 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

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**Definition 8.2.2.** Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then  $\det(A)$  is defined as

- If  $n=1$ , then  $\det(A) = a_{11}$
- if  $n > 1$ , then

$$\det(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+1} a_{i1} \det(A_{i1})$$

$$= a_{11} \det(A_{11}) - a_{21} \det(A_{21})$$

$$+ a_{31} \det(A_{31}) - \dots + (-1)^{n+1} a_{n1} \det(A_{n1})$$

Using the first column of  $A$ .  $a_{i1}, i \in [1, n]$

**Example 8.2.3.** Compute the determinant of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 7 & -5 \\ -2 & 9 & 6 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Sol:

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 7 & -5 \\ -2 & 9 & 6 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -(-2) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 7 & -5 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \cdot 3 \begin{vmatrix} 7 & -5 \\ -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \cdot 3 (7 \cdot 2 - (-3) \cdot (-5))$$

$$= 2 \cdot 3 \cdot (-1) = -6$$

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**Definition 8.2.4.** Given a square matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  the  $(i, j)$ -cofactor of  $A$  is denoted as  $C_{ij}$

number  $\leftarrow$

$$C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{ij})$$

**Theorem 8.2.5.** (Cofactor Expansion Theorem).

The determinant of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  can be computed by a cofactor expansion across any column or row of  $A$ .

The expansion down the  $j$ -th column is

Fix  $j$ , vary the index of rows

$$\det(A) = a_{1j} C_{1j} + a_{2j} C_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj} C_{nj}$$

and the expansion across the  $i$ -th row is

Fix  $i$ , vary the index of column

$$\det(A) = a_{i1} C_{i1} + a_{i2} C_{i2} + \dots + a_{in} C_{in}$$

Thus, our previous definition in 8.2.2, is the cofactor expansion down the 1-th column

$$\det(A) = a_{11} C_{11} + a_{21} C_{21} + \dots + a_{n1} C_{n1}$$

The factor  $(-1)^{i+j}$  has the pattern of sign

$$\begin{pmatrix} + & - & + & \dots \\ - & + & - & \dots \\ \vdots & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$



Example 8.2.6. Use a cofactor expansion across a given row or column to compute  $\det A$ . Where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution: (We can use the column or row which has the most number of 0s)

Here, we can use the 2nd row or column using a cofactor expansion across the second row. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= a_{21}C_{21} + a_{22}C_{22} + a_{23}C_{23} \\ &= (-1)^{2+1} \underline{a_{21}} \det(A_{21}) + (-1)^{2+2} \underline{a_{22}} \det(A_{22}) \\ &\quad + (-1)^{2+3} a_{23} \det(A_{23}) \\ &= -2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -2(4 \cdot 0 - (-1) \cdot 1) \\ &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

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Example 8.2.7. Compute  $\det(A)$ . Where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & -64 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 8 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution: ( We can see the cofactor expansion across the 1st row or the 4th column will be most efficient in computing the determinant )

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= 3 \begin{vmatrix} \cancel{5} & \cancel{0} & \cancel{0} & \cancel{0} \\ -6 & 4 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 7 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -1 & 3 \\ \cancel{0} & \cancel{0} & \cancel{2} \\ 1 & 0 & 7 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 2 \cdot (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -30 (4 \cdot 0 - (-1) \cdot 1) \\ &= -30 \end{aligned}$$

( now we do the cofactor expansion across the 2nd row of the submatrix )

Theorem 8.2.8 If  $A$  is either an upper or a lower triangular matrix, then  $\det(A)$  is the product of the diagonal entries of  $A$

### 8.3. Properties of determinants

Theorem 8.3.1. Let  $A$  be a square matrix.

- If two rows of  $A$  are interchanged to produce  $B$ , then  $\det(B) = -\det(A)$
- If one row of  $A$  is multiplied by  $\alpha$  (scalar) to produce  $B$ , then  $\det(B) = \alpha \cdot \det(A)$
- If a multiple of one row of  $A$  is added to another row to reproduce a matrix  $B$ , then  $\det(B) = \det(A)$

Example 8.3.2

$$a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$b) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 12 & 9 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$B$   $A$

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$$c) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 9 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 7 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

A                      B

Homework:

- ① compute the determinants of LHS, RHS and check whether it is true
- ② Find out which row operations are done to get B from A

Show how to use the cofactor expansion and the Theorem 8.3.1 to compute the ~~the~~ determinants of the following matrices.

Example 8.3.3. Compute  $\det(A)$ , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 5 & -3 & -6 \\ -6 & 7 & -7 & 4 \\ -5 & -8 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

Sol:

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 5 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & 5 & -3 & 6 \\ -5 & -8 & 0 & 9 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{matrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 5 & -3 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -5 & -8 & 0 & 9 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{matrix}$$

$= 0$

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Example 8.3.4. Compute  $\det(A)$ .

where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & -7 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 2 \\ -2 & -5 & 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & -7 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &\stackrel{\substack{R_2+R_4 \\ \rightarrow R_4}}{=} 2 \cdot (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &\stackrel{\substack{R_2-3R_1 \\ \rightarrow R_2}}{=} -2 \cdot 5 \cdot (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 10 (1 \cdot (-3) - 0 \cdot 2) \\ &= -30 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 8.3.1 c)

Cofactor expansion across the 2nd row of the matrix in the last step

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Cofactor expansion across the 2nd row again!

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