

Week 11 Fri

Theorem 8.3.5, a matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .

Proof: Bring  $A$  to row echelon form  $U$  (which is necessarily upper triangular) using elementary row operations. In the process we only ever multiply a row by a non-zero scalar, according to theorem 8.3.1 we have

$$\det(A) = r \det(U) \text{ for some } r \neq 0. \text{ If}$$

- $A$  is invertible, then  $\det(U) = 1$  by theorem 8.2.8 as the entries in the row echelon form  $U$  are 1s (the leading 1s).

$$\text{Thus } \det(A) = r \det(U) = r \neq 0.$$

- if  $A$  is not invertible, then at least one diagonal entry of  $U$  is zero. Thus  $\det(U) = 0$ .  
 $\det(A) = r \cdot \det(U) = 0$ .

Definition 8.3.6 A square matrix  $A$  is called ~~sig~~ singular if  $\det(A) = 0$ . Otherwise it is called to be nonsingular.

Corollary 8.3.7. A matrix is invertible if and only if it is nonsingular.

**Theorem 8.3.8.** If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix,  
 the  $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$

• First, check the example for any  $3 \times 3$  matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \quad A^T = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{13} & a_{23} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

check  $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$  by

doing the cofactor expansion of  $\det(A)$   
 across the first row and of  $\det(A^T)$   
 across the first column.

$$\det(A) = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^3 a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\det(A^T) = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{23} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{2+1} a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{23} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\det(B) = a_{22} \cdot a_{33} - a_{32} \cdot a_{23}$$

$$\det(B^T) = a_{22} a_{33} - a_{23} a_{32}$$

We can see for a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ ,  $\det(A)$   
 $= \det(A^T)$

proof. The proof is by induction on  $n$ , which is the size of the square matrix  $A$ .

When  $n=1$ .  $A = (a_{11})$   $A^T = (a_{11})$   
 $\det(A) = a_{11} = \det(A^T)$

$n=2$   $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$   $A^T = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\det(A) = \det(A^T)$$

$\vdots$

• Suppose now it has been proved for  $k \times k$  matrices for some integer  $k$ . now we want to show the theorem is true for  $(k+1) \times (k+1)$  matrix

• Let  $A$  be a  $(k+1) \times (k+1)$  matrix. the  $(i, j)$  cofactor of  $A$  equals the  $(i, j)$  cofactor of  $A^T$ , because the cofactor involves  $k \times k$  determinants only.

Thus, the theorem holds for a  $(k+1) \times (k+1)$  matrix if it holds for  $k \times k$  matrices.

Hence, Cofactor expansion of  $\det(A)$  across first row = cofactor expansion of  $\det(A^T)$  across the first column.

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Theorem 8.3.9. Let  $A$  be a square matrix.

a) If two columns of  $A$  are interchanged to produce  $B$ . then  $\det(B) = -\det(A)$

b) If one column of  $A$  is multiplied by  $\alpha$  to produce  $B$ . then  $\det(B) = \alpha \cdot \det(A)$

c) If a multiple of one column of  $A$  is added to another column to produce matrix  $B$ . then  $\det(B) = \det(A)$

Example 8.3.10.

Find

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

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

$C_1 + C_2 \rightarrow C_2$

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

$C_2 - C_3 \rightarrow C_2$

If we have two columns / two rows equal in a matrix. its determinant is 0.