

## Chapter 3

# Determinants and Diagonalization

# OBJECTIVES

- Determinants of  $n \times n$  matrices
- Properties:
- Determinants and inverse of a matrix
  - An  $n \times n$  matrix has an inverse if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$
  - $A^{-1} = \text{adj}(A)/\det A$
- Diagonalization
  - Characteristic polynomial
  - Eigenvalues
  - Eigenvectors

# Determinant of a square matrix

- Determinant of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  are denoted by  $\det(A)$  or  $|A|$ .
- For  $2 \times 2$  matrices:

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = ad - bc$$

Or

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$

- 3 x 3 matrices:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$$

The diagram shows a 3x3 matrix A. Above each element is a red sign: '+' above 'a', '-', 'b', and '+', and '+', '-', and '-' below the first row. A blue vertical line connects the elements 'a', 'd', and 'g'. A red rectangle highlights the 2x2 minor formed by elements 'e', 'f', 'h', and 'i'.

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

$$\det(A) =$$

$$+a \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{pmatrix} - b \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{pmatrix} + c \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{pmatrix}$$

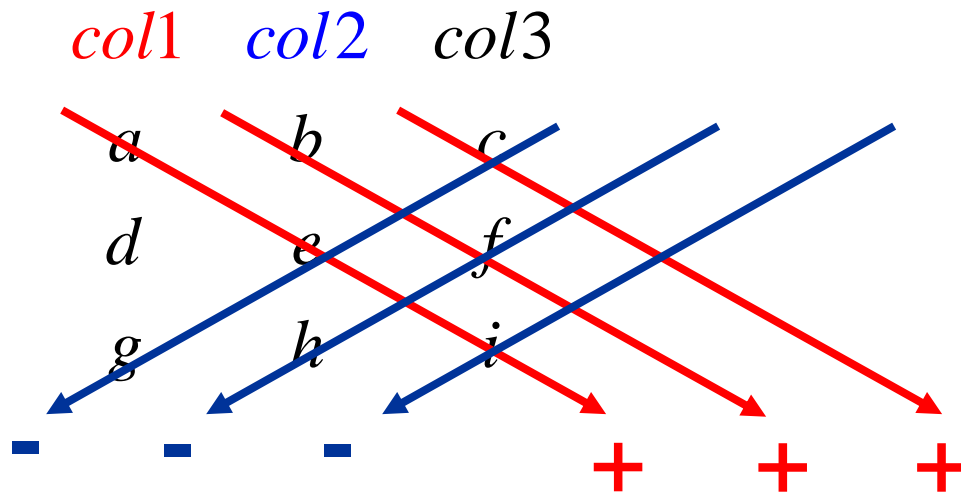
$$= aei - afh - (bdi - bgf) + cdh - cge$$

## Example

- Find the determinant of the matrix

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

# The determinant of 3x3 matrix (only)



Find  $\det(A)$ ,

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

$$\det A = aei + bfg + cdh - ceg - afh - bdi$$



# Definition

$$\det A = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = \underbrace{a \cdot (+) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix}}_{(1,1)\text{-cofactor}} + \underbrace{b \cdot (-) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{vmatrix}}_{(1,2)\text{-cofactor}} + \underbrace{c \cdot (+) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{vmatrix}}_{(1,3)\text{-cofactor}}$$

If A is an mxm matrix then the **determinant** of A is defined by

- **detA** =  $a_{i1}c_{i1}(A) + a_{i2}c_{i2}(A) + \dots + a_{im}c_{im}(A)$
- or **detA** =  $a_{1j}c_{1j}(A) + a_{2j}c_{2j}(A) + \dots + a_{mj}c_{mj}(A)$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 4 & 0 \\ 7 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 8 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -68$$



# The determinant of triangular matrices

*Upper Triangular Matrix*

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

*Lower Triangular Matrix*

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Determinant =  $a_{11} \cdot a_{22} \cdots a_{nn}$

# Examples

- Find the determinants

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \cdot 3 \cdot (-2) = 6,$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -6 \quad // \text{ from A, interchange row 1 and row 2}$$

$$\text{and } \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -4 & -6 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -12 \quad // \text{ from A, } -2 \cdot (\text{row 1})$$

# Examples

- Find the determinants

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -5$$

And

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -5$$

The second matrix is obtained from the first matrix by  $(2 \cdot \text{row1} + \text{row3})$ , they have the same determinants.

# Properties

## Example

$$\text{If } \det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ p & q & r \\ x & y & z \end{bmatrix} = 5, \text{ find } \det \begin{bmatrix} a + 2x & b + 2y & c + 2z \\ x + p & y + q & z + r \\ 3p & 3q & 3r \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Examples

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 & 9 \\ 2 & 2 & -4 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 & -2 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 & -4 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 9 \\ 3 & 2 & -2 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 9 \\ 3 & 2 & -2 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-3r_1+r_3 \\ -3r_1+r_4}} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 9 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & -8 \\ 0 & 7 & -4 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 9 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & -8 \\ 0 & 7 & -4 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{r_2 \leftrightarrow r_3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & -8 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 9 \\ 0 & 7 & -4 & 9 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{2r_2+r_3 \\ 7r_2+r_4}} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 24 & -47 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 24 & -47 \end{vmatrix} = 2.7 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 24 & -47 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{-24r_3+r_4} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -23 \end{vmatrix} = 2.7.1.(-1).1.(-23)$$

Do yourself: Find

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







# Diagonal matrices

- An  $n \times n$  matrix is called diagonal matrix if all its entries off the main diagonal are zeros

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

- For example

$$\text{diag}(3, -2, 1, 4) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Diagonalization

- Diagonalizing a matrix  $A$  is to find an invertible matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix  $P^{-1}AP = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$

For example,

- Given a matrix  $A$ ,
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
- Find a matrix  $P$ ,
$$P = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
- Compute  $P^{-1}AP$ ,

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# How to find P?

- Find  $c_A(x) = \det(xI - A)$ :  $\begin{vmatrix} x-2 & 4 \\ 1 & x+1 \end{vmatrix} = (x-2)(x+1) - 4 = x^2 - x - 6$  Đa thức đặc trưng (characteristic polynomial)

- $c_A(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 3 \vee x = -2$  Các giá trị riêng (eigenvalues) của A

- $x=3$  solve the system  $(3I - A)X = 0 \sim \begin{cases} x + 4y = 0 \\ x + 4y = 0 \end{cases}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y = t \\ x = -4t \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Nếu  $t \neq 0$  thì  $X = (-4t, t)$  được gọi là véc tơ riêng (eigenvectors) ứng với giá trị riêng  $x=3$

- $x=-2$  solve the system  $(-2I - A)X = 0 \sim \begin{cases} -4x + 4y = 0 \\ x - y = 0 \end{cases}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y = t \\ x = t \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Nếu  $t \neq 0$  thì  $X = (t, t)$  được gọi là véc tơ riêng ứng với  $x=-2$

Choose  $P = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Relationship between eigenvalues and eigenvectors

$\lambda$ : eigenvalue (a number)

$X$ :  $\lambda$ -eigenvector (remember: vector  $X \neq 0$ )

$$(\lambda I - A)X = 0 \Rightarrow AX = \lambda X$$

$P = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, P = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \dots$  are allowed. In case  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

## Example

Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors and then *diagonalize* the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The characteristic polynomial of A is

$$c_A(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x-1 & -1 \\ -2 & x-2 \end{vmatrix} = (x-1)(x-2) - 2 = x(x-3) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x=0 \vee x=3$$

$x=0, 3$  are **eigenvalues**

$x=0$ : Solve the system  $(0I-A)X=0$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow X = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$x=3$ : Solve the system  $(3I-A)X=0$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow X = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# When is A diagonalizable?

## Theorem

A is diagonalizable iff every eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of multiplicity  $m$  yields exactly  $m$  basic eigenvectors, that is, iff the general solution of the system  $(\lambda I - A)X = 0$  has exactly  $m$  parameters.

For example,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is not diagonalizable.}$$

$$\text{In fact, } c_A(x) = \det(xI - A) = \begin{vmatrix} x & -1 \\ 1 & x-2 \end{vmatrix} = x(x-2) + 1 = x^2 - 2x + 1 = (x-1)^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 1$$

$$x = 1 \text{ (multiplicity 2): solve the system } (1I - A)X = 0 \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{one parameter} \Rightarrow \text{not diagonalizable}$$

# When is A diagonalizable?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is not diagonalizable.}$$

$$\text{In fact, } c_A(x) = \det(xI - A) = \begin{vmatrix} x & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & x & -1 \\ -2 & 0 & x \end{vmatrix} = x^3 - 3x - 2 = (x+1)^2(x-2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = -1 \vee x = 2$$

$$x = -1 \text{ (multiplicity 2): solve the system } (-1I - A)X = 0 \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$\Rightarrow$  one parameter  $\Rightarrow$  not diagonalizable

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$\Rightarrow$  one parameter  $\Rightarrow$  not diagonalizable

# (i,j)-cofactor

- **(i,j)-cofactor** of a matrix  $[a_{ij}]$

is defined by

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

where  $A_{ij}$  is the matrix obtained from  $A$  by deleting row  $i^{\text{th}}$  and column  $j^{\text{th}}$

For example, given  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  row 2

Then,  $c_{23} = (-1)^{2+3} \det \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  column 3

$$= -1 \cdot (-1) = 1$$

Do yourself. Find all cofactors  $c_{ij}$  of the matrix  $A$



# How to find $A^{-1}$ ?

- An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is **invertible** if and only if  **$\det(A) \neq 0$**

Furthermore,

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj}(A),$$

where the adjugate matrix  $\text{adj}(A)$  is defined as

$$\text{adj}(A) = [(i, j) - \text{cofactors}]^{\text{Transpose}}$$

# Adjugate matrix

- The **adjugate** matrix of A is the matrix

$$\text{adj}A = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{21} & \dots & c_{n1} \\ c_{12} & c_{22} & \dots & c_{n2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ c_{1n} & c_{2n} & \dots & c_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- For example,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ We have } c_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3, \quad c_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -3,$$

$$c_{11} = 3, \quad c_{12} = -3, \quad c_{13} = -6$$

$$c_{21} = 2, \quad c_{22} = 1, \quad c_{23} = -4,$$

$$c_{31} = 2, \quad c_{32} = 1, \quad c_{33} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{adj}A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \\ -6 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Theorem of Adjugate Formula

If A is any square matrix, then

- $A(\text{adj}A) = (\det A)I$
- In particular, if  $\det A \neq 0$  then A is **invertible** and

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \text{adj}A$$

- For example,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det A = 2 \text{ and } \text{adj}A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/2 & -3/2 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## SUMMARY

- Determinants of nxn matrices
- Properties:
  - $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$
  - $\det(cA) = c^n \det(A)$
  - $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$
  - $\det(A^{-1}) = 1/\det(A)$
  - Determinants and elementary operators
- Determinants and inverse of a matrix
  - An nxn matrix has an inverse if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$
  - $A^{-1} = \text{adj}(A)/\det A$
- Diagonalization
  - Characteristic polynomial
  - Eigenvalues
  - Eigenvectors

**THANKS**