$$A = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{array}\right)$$

$$Det(A) = \left| \begin{array}{ccc} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{array} \right|$$

# Terminology: Minor of a Matrix

- ▶ Each element of a matrix has a 'minor matrix'.
- This is the square matrix formed by deleting the row and the column of the element from the matrix.
- The Minor is the determinant of this 'minor matrix'.
- ▶ For each element, there is a minor.

Minor matrix of element a

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{a} & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \mathbf{e} & \mathbf{f} \\ \dots & \mathbf{h} & \mathbf{i} \end{array}\right)$$

Minor of element a is computed as:

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc} e & f \\ h & i \end{array} \right| = ei - hf$$

Minor matrix of element b

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
\dots & b & \dots \\
d & \dots & f \\
g & \dots & i
\end{array}\right)$$

Minor of element b is computed as:

$$\left|\begin{array}{cc} d & f \\ g & i \end{array}\right| = di - gf$$

Minor matrix of element c

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
\ldots & \ldots & c \\
d & e & \ldots \\
g & h & \ldots
\right)$$

Minor of element c is computed as:

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc} d & e \\ g & h \end{array} \right| = dh - ge$$

Minor matrix of element e

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
a & \dots & c \\
\dots & e & \dots \\
g & \dots & i
\end{array}\right)$$

Minor of element e is computed as:

$$\left|\begin{array}{cc} a & c \\ g & i \end{array}\right| = ai - gc$$

# Sign Array

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