

# 3

## Determinants

### 3.1 - Introduction to Determinants

**Notes:** Some exercises in this section provide practice in computing determinants, while others allow the student to discover the properties of determinants which will be studied in the next section. Determinants are developed through the cofactor expansion, which is given in Theorem 1. Exercises 33–36 in this section provide the first step in the inductive proof of Theorem 3 in the next section.

1. Expanding along the first row: 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + 4 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 3(-13) + 4(10) = 1$$

Expanding along the second column:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^{1+2} \cdot 0 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{2+2} \cdot 3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{3+2} \cdot 5 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 3(-3) - 5(-2) = 1$$

2. Expanding along the first row:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 5 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 4 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -4(5) + 1(20 + 6) = 6$$

Expanding along the second column:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 5 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^{1+2} \cdot 4 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{2+2} \cdot (-3) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{3+2} \cdot 4 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -4(5) - 3(-2) - 4(-5) = 6$$

3. Expanding along the first row:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-7) + 2(-5) + (3)(8) = 0$$

Expanding along the second column:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^{1+2} \cdot (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{2+2} \cdot 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{3+2} \cdot 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-5) + 1(-5) - 3(-5) = 0$$

4. Expanding along the first row:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 4 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 1(-2) - 2(4) + 4(10) = 30$$

Expanding along the second column:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^{1+2} \cdot 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{2+2} \cdot 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{3+2} \cdot 4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -2(4) + 1(-6) - 4(-11) = 30$$

5. Expanding along the first row:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & -3 \\ 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 6 & 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 6 & 5 \end{vmatrix} + (-3) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-3) - 3(2) - 3(4) = -24$$

6. Expanding along the first row:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 5 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 2 & -4 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = 5 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ -4 & 7 \end{vmatrix} - (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 2 & 7 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = 5(9) + 2(6) + 3(-6) = 39$$

7. Expanding along the first row:

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

8. Expanding along the first row:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 4 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 4(6) - 1(11) + 2(-8) = -3$$

9. First expand along the third row, then expand along the first row of the remaining matrix:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 7 & 2 & -5 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 3 & 1 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^{3+1} \cdot 3 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 7 & 2 & -5 \\ 3 & 1 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \cdot (-1)^{1+3} \cdot 5 \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 15(1) = 15$$

10. First expand along the second row, then expand along either the third row or the second column of the remaining matrix.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 & -3 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^{2+3} \cdot 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ = (-3) \left( (-1)^{3+1} \cdot 2 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{3+3} \cdot 5 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \right) = (-3)(2(-2) + 5(0)) = 12$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 & -3 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} &= (-1)^{2+3} \cdot 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (-3) \left( (-1)^{1+2} \cdot (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{2+2} \cdot (-4) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \right) = (-3)(-4)(1) = 12 \end{aligned}$$

11. There are many ways to do this determinant efficiently. One strategy is to always expand along the first column of each matrix:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 & -6 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^{1+1} \cdot 3 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \cdot (-1)^{1+1} \cdot (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 3(-2)(3) = -18$$

12. There are many ways to do this determinant efficiently. One strategy is to always expand along the first row of each matrix:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & -8 & 4 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^{1+1} \cdot 3 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 \\ -8 & 4 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \cdot (-1)^{1+1} \cdot (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 3(-2)(-9) = 54$$

13. First expand along either the second row or the second column. Using the second row,

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

Now expand along the second column to find:

$$(-1)^{2+3} \cdot 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 & 3 & -5 \\ 7 & 3 & 4 & -8 \\ 5 & 0 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \left( (-1)^{2+2} \cdot 3 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 & -5 \\ 5 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \right)$$

Now expand along either the first column or third row. The first column is used below.

$$-2 \left( (-1)^{2+2} \cdot 3 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 & -5 \\ 5 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \right) = -6 \left( (-1)^{1+1} \cdot 4 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{2+1} \cdot 5 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \right) = (-6)(4(1) - 5(1)) = 6$$

14. First expand along either the fourth row or the fifth column. Using the fifth column,

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

Now expand along the third row to find:

$$(-1)^{3+5} \cdot 1 \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 9 & 0 & -4 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \left( (-1)^{3+1} \cdot 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \right)$$

Now expand along the first column

$$1 \left( (-1)^{3+1} \cdot 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \right) = 2 \left( (-1)^{3+1} \cdot 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right) = 4(18) = 72$$

$$15. \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(3)(-2) + (0)(2)(0) + (4)(2)(5) - (0)(3)(4) - (5)(2)(1) - (-2)(2)(0)$$

$$= -6 + 0 + 40 - 0 - 10 + 0 = 24$$

$$16. \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & -5 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (0)(-5)(1) + (3)(0)(3) + (1)(4)(4) - (3)(-5)(1) - (4)(0)(0) - (1)(4)(3)$$

$$= 0 + 0 + 16 + 15 - 0 - 12 = 19$$

$$17. \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (2)(2)(-1) + (-3)(2)(1) + (3)(3)(3) - (1)(2)(3) - (3)(2)(2) - (-1)(3)(-3)$$

$$= -4 - 6 + 27 - 6 - 12 - 9 = -10$$

$$18. \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(3)(2) + (3)(2)(3) + (4)(2)(3) - (3)(3)(4) - (3)(2)(1) - (2)(2)(3)$$

$$= 6 + 18 + 24 - 36 - 6 - 12 = -6$$

$$19. \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc, \begin{vmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{vmatrix} = cb - da = -(ad - bc)$$

The row operation swaps rows 1 and 2 of the matrix, and the sign of the determinant is reversed.

$$20. \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc, \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ kc & kd \end{vmatrix} = a(kd) - (kc)b = kad - kbc = k(ad - bc)$$

The row operation scales row 2 by  $k$ , and the determinant is multiplied by  $k$ .

$$21. \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 12 - 10 = 2, \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5+3k & 4+2k \end{vmatrix} = 3(4+2k) - (5+3k)2 = 12 + 6k - 10 - 6k = 2$$

The row operation replaces row 2 by  $k$  times row 1 plus row 2, and the determinant is unchanged.

$$22. \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc, \begin{vmatrix} a+kc & b+kd \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = (a+kc)d - c(b+kd) = ad + kcd - bc - kcd = ad - bc$$

The row operation replaces row 1 with  $k$  times row 2 plus row 1, and the determinant is unchanged.

$$23. \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = a(7) - b(14) + c(7), \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 3(6b - 5c) - 2(6a - 4c) + 1(5a - 4b) = -7a + 14b - 7c$$

The row operation swaps rows 1 and 2 of the matrix, and the sign of the determinant is reversed.

$$24. \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 & -4 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1(-8) + 1(1) = -7, \begin{vmatrix} k & 0 & k \\ -3 & 4 & -4 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = k(-8) + k(1) = -7k$$

The row operation multiplies the first row by  $k$ , and the determinant is multiplied by  $k$ .

25. Since the matrix is triangular, by Theorem 2 the determinant is the product of the diagonal entries:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & k & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(1)(1) = 1$$

26. A cofactor expansion along row 1 gives:

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

27. Since the matrix is triangular, by Theorem 2 the determinant is the product of the diagonal entries:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ k & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(1)(1) = 1$$

28. Cofactor expansion along row 1 gives:

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

29. Since the matrix is triangular, by Theorem 2 the determinant is the product of the diagonal entries:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(k)(1) = k$$

30. Since the matrix is triangular, by Theorem 2, the determinant is the product of the diagonal entries.

$$\begin{vmatrix} k & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (k)(1)(1) = k$$

31. A  $3 \times 3$  elementary row replacement matrix looks like one of the six matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ k & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ k & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & k & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & k \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & k \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & k & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In each of these cases, the matrix is triangular and its determinant is the product of its diagonal entries, which is 1. Thus the determinant of a  $3 \times 3$  elementary row replacement matrix is 1.

32. A  $3 \times 3$  elementary scaling matrix with  $k$  on the diagonal looks like one of the three matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} k & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k \end{bmatrix}$$

In each of these cases, the matrix is triangular and its determinant is the product of its diagonal entries, which is  $k$ . Thus the determinant of a  $3 \times 3$  elementary scaling matrix with  $k$  on the diagonal is  $k$ .

$$33. E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, EA = \begin{bmatrix} a + kc & b + kd \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det E = 1, \det A = ad - bc,$$

$$\det EA = (a + kc)d - c(b + kd) = ad + kcd - bc - kcd = 1(ad - bc) = (\det E)(\det A)$$

$$34. E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k & 1 \end{bmatrix}, A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, EA = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ ka + c & kb + d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det E = 1, \det A = ad - bc,$$

$$\det EA = a(kb + d) - (ka + c)b = kab + ad - kab - bc = 1(ad - bc) = (\det E)(\det A)$$

$$35. E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, EA = \begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det E = -1, \det A = ad - bc,$$

$$\det EA = cb - da = -1(ad - bc) = (\det E)(\det A)$$

$$36. E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{bmatrix}, A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, EA = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ kc & kd \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det E = k, \det A = ad - bc,$$

$$\det EA = a(kd) - (kc)b = k(ad - bc) = (\det E)(\det A)$$

37.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $5A = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 5 \\ 20 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\det A = 2$ ,  $\det 5A = 50 \neq 5\det A$

38.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $kA = \begin{bmatrix} ka & kb \\ kc & kd \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\det A = ad - bc$ ,  
 $\det kA = (ka)(kd) - (kb)(kc) = k^2(ad - bc) = k^2 \det A$

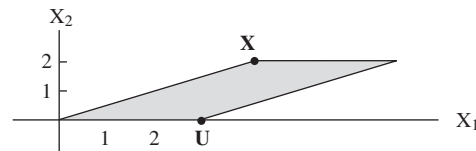
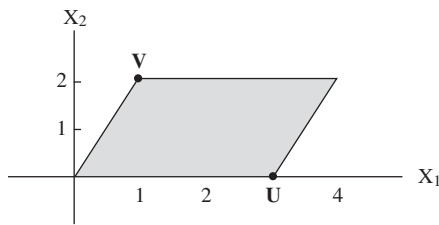
39. True. See the paragraph preceding the definition of the determinant.

40. False. See the definition of cofactor, which precedes Theorem 1.

41. True. See Theorem 1.

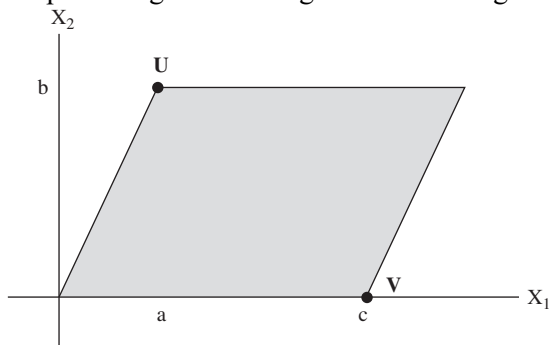
42. False. See Theorem 2.

43. The area of the parallelogram determined by  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{0}$  is 6, since the base of the parallelogram has length 3 and the height of the parallelogram is 2. By the same reasoning, the area of the parallelogram determined by  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{x}$ , and  $\mathbf{0}$  is also 6.



Also note that  $\det \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} & \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 6$ , and  $\det \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u} & \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & x \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 6$ . The determinant of the matrix whose columns are those vectors which define the sides of the parallelogram adjacent to  $\mathbf{0}$  is equal to the area of the parallelogram

44. The area of the parallelogram determined by  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{0}$  is  $cb$ , since the base of the parallelogram has length  $c$  and the height of the parallelogram is  $b$ .



Also note that  $\det[\mathbf{u} \quad \mathbf{v}] = \det \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -cb$ , and  $\det[\mathbf{v} \quad \mathbf{u}] = \det \begin{bmatrix} c & a \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} = cb$ . The determinant of the matrix whose columns are those vectors which define the sides of the parallelogram adjacent to  $\mathbf{0}$  either is equal to the area of the parallelogram or is equal to the negative of the area of the parallelogram.

45. The determinant should be between  $-2(10)(10)$  and  $2(10)(10)$ .
  - a. Reasonable.
  - b. Too large.
  - c. Reasonable.
  - d. Too large.
46. The determinant should be between  $-3(5^3)$  and  $3(5^3)$ .
  - a. Reasonable.
  - b. Reasonable.
  - c. Too large.
  - d. Reasonable.
47. Answers will vary. The conclusion should be that it appears  $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det A}$ .
48. Answers will vary. The conclusion should be that it appears  $\det(AB) = (\det A)(\det B)$ .
49. Answers will vary. The conclusion should be that  $\det(A+B) \neq \det A + \det B$ , most of the time.
50. Answers will vary. For  $4 \times 4$  matrices, the conclusions should be that  $\det A^T = \det A$ ,  $\det(-A) = \det A$ ,  $\det(2A) = 16\det A$ , and  $\det(10A) = 10^4 \det A$ . For  $5 \times 5$  matrices, the conclusions should be that  $\det A^T = \det A$ ,  $\det(-A) = -\det A$ ,  $\det(2A) = 32 \det A$ , and  $\det(10A) = 10^5 \det A$ . For  $6 \times 6$  matrices, the conclusions should be that  $\det A^T = \det A$ ,  $\det(-A) = \det A$ ,  $\det(2A) = 64 \det A$ , and  $\det(10A) = 10^6 \det A$ .
51. The determinants of  $D^T D$  are as follows: a) 64 b) 256 and c) 0. The matrix given in b) corresponds to the most accurate weighing. For the first weighing, place all the objects in the left tray. For the second weighing, place the objects  $s_1$  and  $s_4$  in the right tray, with  $s_2$  and  $s_3$  in the left tray. For the third weighing, place the objects  $s_2$  and  $s_4$  in the right tray, with  $s_1$  and  $s_3$  in the left tray. For the fourth weighing, place the objects  $s_3$  and  $s_4$  in the right tray, with  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  in the left tray.
52. The determinants of  $D^T D$  are as follows: a) 128 b) 256 and c) 512. The matrix given in c) corresponds to the most accurate weighing. For the first weighing, place the objects  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  in the right tray, with  $s_3$  and  $s_4$  in the left tray. For the second weighing, place the objects  $s_1$  and  $s_4$  in the right tray, with  $s_2$  and  $s_3$  in the left tray. For the third weighing, place the objects  $s_2$  and  $s_3$  in the right tray, with  $s_1$  and  $s_4$  in the left tray. For the fourth weighing, place the objects  $s_1$  and  $s_3$  in the right tray, with  $s_2$  and  $s_4$  in the left tray. For the last weighing, put all the objects in the left tray.

## 3.2 - Properties of Determinants

**Notes:** This section presents the main properties of the determinant, including the effects of row operations on the determinant of a matrix. These properties are first studied by examples in Exercises 1–



20. The properties are treated in a more theoretical manner in later exercises. An efficient method for computing the determinant using row reduction and selective cofactor expansion is presented in this section and used in Exercises 11–14. Theorems 4 and 6 are used extensively in Chapter 5. The linearity property of the determinant studied in the text is optional, but is used in more advanced courses.

1. Rows 1 and 2 are interchanged, so the determinant changes sign (Theorem 3b.)
2. The constant 3 may be factored out of row 1 (Theorem 3c.)
3. The row replacement operation does not change the determinant (Theorem 3a.)
4. The row replacement operation does not change the determinant (Theorem 3a.)

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

$$6. \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 & -2 \\ 3 & 4 & -4 \\ 2 & -3 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 & -4 \\ 2 & -3 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -5 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-8) = -16$$

$$7. \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ -2 & -5 & 7 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 & 8 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 30 & 27 \\ 0 & 0 & 30 & 27 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 30 & 27 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$8. \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 2 & 7 & 6 & -3 \\ -3 & -10 & -7 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -10 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -15 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -15 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 10 \end{vmatrix} = -10$$

$$9. \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 3 & -3 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = 7(-4) = -28$$

$$10. \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & -3 \\ -2 & -6 & 2 & 3 & 10 \\ 1 & 5 & -6 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & 5 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & 5 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 & 15 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 & 15 \end{vmatrix} = -3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 & 15 \end{vmatrix} = -3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (-3)(-1) = 3$$

11. First use a row replacement to create zeros in the second column, and then expand down the second column:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 & -3 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ -6 & 0 & -4 & 3 \\ 6 & 8 & -4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 & -3 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ -6 & 0 & -4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -4 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & -3 \\ -6 & -4 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Now use a row replacement to create zeros in the first column, and then expand down the first column:

$$-4 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & -3 \\ -6 & -4 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -4 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (-4)(3) \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (-4)(3)(4) = -48$$

12. First use a row replacement to create zeros in the fourth column, and then expand down the fourth column:

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 11 & 4 & 6 & 6 \\ 4 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Now use a row replacement to create zeros in the second column, and then expand down the second column:

$$\text{column: } 3 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 0 & -3 \\ 3 & 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 3(-2) \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 3(-2)(-1) = 6$$

13. First use a row replacement to create zeros in the fourth column, and then expand down the fourth column:

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

Now use a row replacement to create zeros in the first column, and then expand down the first column:

$$\text{column: } -1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -3 & -2 \\ 6 & -2 & -4 \\ -6 & 7 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -3 & -2 \\ 6 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)(-6) \begin{vmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)(-6)(1) = 6$$

14. First use a row replacement to create zeros in the fourth column, and then expand down the fourth

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

Now expand along the second row:

$$-1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -3 & -6 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -6 & 5 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -1(-2) \begin{vmatrix} -3 & -6 \\ 5 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -1(-2)(15) = 30$$

$$15. \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 3g & 3h & 3i \end{vmatrix} = 3 \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = 3(7) = 21$$

$$16. \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d+3g & e+3h & f+3i \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = 7$$

$$17. \begin{vmatrix} a+d & b+e & c+f \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = 7$$

$$18. \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ 5d & 5e & 5f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = 5 \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = 5(7) = 35$$

$$19. \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ 2d+a & 2e+b & 2f+c \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ 2d & 2e & 2f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = 2(7) = 14$$

$$20. \begin{vmatrix} d & e & f \\ a & b & c \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = -7$$

$$21. \text{ Since } \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 9 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-12) - 6(-4) = 0, \text{ the matrix is not invertible.}$$

$$22. \text{ Since } \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 5(1) - (1)(8) = -3 \neq 0, \text{ the matrix is invertible.}$$

23. Since  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 1 & -7 & -5 & 0 \\ 3 & 8 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 5 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 2(4)(-2) - 6(1)(-2) = -4 \neq 0$ , the matrix is invertible.

24. Since  $\begin{vmatrix} 4 & -6 & -3 \\ 6 & 0 & -5 \\ 2 & 6 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -6 & -3 \\ 6 & 0 & -5 \\ 6 & 0 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = -(-6)(0) = 0$ , the columns of the matrix form a linearly dependent set.

25. Since  $\begin{vmatrix} 7 & -8 & 7 \\ -4 & 5 & 0 \\ -6 & 7 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \neq 0$ , the columns of the matrix form a linearly independent set.

26. Since  $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 5 & -6 & -1 & 0 \\ -6 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 7 & 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & -2 \\ 5 & -6 & -1 \\ -6 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -2(-6(-14) + 3(-28)) = 0$ , the columns of the matrix form a linearly dependent set.

27. True. See Theorem 3.

28. False. See Example 3.

29. True. See the paragraph following Theorem 4.

30. False. See the paragraphs following Example 2.

31. False. See Theorem 3.

32. False. Reduction to an echelon form may also include scaling a row by a nonzero constant, which can change the value of the determinant.

33. False. See the warning following Example 5.

34. False. See Theorem 6.

35. By Theorem 6,  $\det B^4 = (\det B)^4 = (-2)^4 = 16$ .

36. Suppose the two rows of a square matrix  $A$  are equal. By swapping these two rows, the matrix  $A$  is not changed so its determinant should not change. But since swapping rows changes the sign of the determinant,  $\det A = -\det A$ . This is only possible if  $\det A = 0$ . The same may be proven true for columns by applying the above result to  $A^T$  and using Theorem 5.

37. By Theorem 6,  $(\det A)(\det A^{-1}) = \det(AA^{-1}) = \det I = 1$ , so  $\det A^{-1} = 1/\det A$ .

38. By Theorem 6  $\det A^3 = (\det A)^3$ . Since  $\det A^3 = 0$ , then  $(\det A)^3 = 0$ . Thus  $\det A = 0$ , and  $A$  is not invertible by Theorem 4.

39. By Theorem 6,  $\det AB = (\det A)(\det B) = (\det B)(\det A) = \det BA$ .

40. By Theorem 6 and Exercise 31,

$$\begin{aligned}\det(PAP^{-1}) &= (\det P)(\det A)(\det P^{-1}) = (\det P)(\det P^{-1})(\det A) \\ &= (\det P)\left(\frac{1}{\det P}\right)(\det A) = 1 \det A \\ &= \det A\end{aligned}$$

41. By Theorem 6 and Theorem 5,  $\det U^T U = (\det U^T)(\det U) = (\det U)^2$ . Since  $U^T U = I$ ,  $\det U^T U = \det I = 1$ , so  $(\det U)^2 = 1$ . Thus  $\det U = \pm 1$ .

42. By factoring an  $r$  out of each of the  $n$  rows,  $\det(rA) = r^n \det A$ .

43. One may compute using Theorem 2 that  $\det A = 3$  and  $\det B = 8$ , while  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 17 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Thus  $\det AB = 24 = 3(8) = (\det A)(\det B)$ .

44. One may compute that  $\det A = 0$  and  $\det B = -9$ , while  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -9 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Thus  $\det AB = 0 = 0(-9) = (\det A)(\det B)$ .

45. a. By Theorem 6,  $\det AB = (\det A)(\det B) = -2(3) = -6$ .

b. By Exercise 42,  $\det 5A = 5^3 \det A = 125(-2) = -250$ .

c. By Theorem 5,  $\det B^T = \det B = 3$ .

d. By Exercise 37,  $\det A^{-1} = 1 / \det A = -1 / 2$ .

e. By Theorem 6,  $\det A^3 = (\det A)^3 = (-2)^3 = -8$ .

46. a. By Theorem 6,  $\det AB = (\det A)(\det B) = 4(-3) = -12$ .

b. By Theorem 6,  $\det B^5 = (\det B)^5 = (-3)^5 = -243$ .

c. By Exercise 42,  $\det 2A = 2^4 \det A = 16(4) = 64$ .

d. By Theorems 5 and 6,  $\det A^T BA = (\det A^T)(\det B)(\det A) = (\det A)(\det B)(\det A) = 4(-3)(4) = -48$ .

e. By Theorem 6 and Exercise 37,

$$\det B^{-1}AB = (\det B^{-1})(\det A)(\det B) = (1 / \det B)(\det A)(\det B) = \det A = 4.$$

47.  $\det A = (a + e)d - c(b + f) = ad + ed - bc - cf = (ad - bc) + (ed - cf) = \det B + \det C$ .

48.  $\det(A + B) = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a & b \\ c & 1+d \end{vmatrix} = (1+a)(1+d) - cb = 1 + a + d + ad - cb = \det A + a + d + \det B$ , so  $\det(A + B) = \det A + \det B$  if and only if  $a + d = 0$ .

49. Compute  $\det A$  by using a cofactor expansion down the third column:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \det A &= (u_1 + v_1)\det A_{13} - (u_2 + v_2)\det A_{23} + (u_3 + v_3)\det A_{33} \\
 &= u_1\det A_{13} - u_2\det A_{23} + u_3\det A_{33} + v_1\det A_{13} - v_2\det A_{23} + v_3\det A_{33} \\
 &= \det B + \det C
 \end{aligned}$$

50. By Theorem 5,  $\det AE = \det(AE)^T$ . Since  $(AE)^T = E^T A^T$ ,  $\det AE = \det(E^T A^T)$ . Now  $E^T$  is itself an elementary matrix, so by the proof of Theorem 3,  $\det(E^T A^T) = (\det E^T)(\det A^T)$ . Thus it is true that  $\det AE = (\det E^T)(\det A^T)$ , and by applying Theorem 5,  $\det AE = (\det E)(\det A)$ .
51. Since  $\det A \det A^{-1} = \det AA^{-1} = \det I = 1$ , there is something wrong when  $\det A \det A^{-1} = (1)(5) = 5$ .
52. Since  $\det A \det B = \det AB$ , there is something wrong when  $\det A \det B = 5(2) = 10$ , but  $\det AB = 7$ .
53. Answers will vary, but will show that  $\det A^T A$  always equals 0 while  $\det AA^T$  should seldom be zero. To see why  $A^T A$  should not be invertible (and thus  $\det A^T A = 0$ ), let  $A$  be a matrix with more columns than rows. Then the columns of  $A$  must be linearly dependent, so the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  must have a non-trivial solution  $\mathbf{x}$ . Thus  $(A^T A)\mathbf{x} = A^T(A\mathbf{x}) = A^T\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ , and the equation  $(A^T A)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a non-trivial solution. Since  $A^T A$  is a square matrix, the Invertible Matrix Theorem now says that  $A^T A$  is not invertible. Notice that the same argument will not work in general for  $AA^T$ , since  $A^T$  has more rows than columns, so its columns are not automatically linearly dependent.
54. One may compute for this matrix that  $\det A = 1$  and  $\text{cond } A \approx 23683$ . Note that this is the  $\ell_2$  condition number, which is used in Section 2.3. Since  $\det A \neq 0$ , it is invertible and

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -19 & -14 & 0 & 7 \\ -549 & -401 & -2 & 196 \\ 267 & 195 & 1 & -95 \\ -278 & -203 & -1 & 99 \end{bmatrix}$$

The determinant is very sensitive to scaling, as  $\det 10A = 10^4 \det A = 10^4$  and  $\det 0.1A = (0.1)^4 \det A = 10^{-4}$ . The condition number is not changed at all by scaling:  $\text{cond}(10A) = \text{cond}(0.1A) = \text{cond } A$ . When  $A = I_4$ ,  $\det A = 1$  and  $\text{cond } A = 1$ . As before the determinant is sensitive to scaling:  $\det 10A = 10^4 \det A = 10,000$  and  $\det 0.1A = (0.1)^4 \det A = 10^{-4}$ . Yet the condition number is not changed by scaling:  $\text{cond}(10A) = \text{cond}(0.1A) = \text{cond } A = 1$ .

### 3.3 - Cramer's Rule, Volume, And Linear Transformations

---

**Notes:** This section features several independent topics from which to choose. The geometric interpretation of the determinant (Theorem 10) provides the key to changes of variables in multiple integrals. Students of economics and engineering are likely to need Cramer's Rule in later courses. Exercises 1–10 concern Cramer's Rule, exercises 11–18 deal with the adjugate, and exercises 19–32 cover the geometric interpretation of the determinant. In particular, Exercise 25 examines students'

understanding of linear independence and requires a careful explanation, which is discussed in the *Study Guide*. The *Study Guide* also contains a heuristic proof of Theorem 9 for  $2 \times 2$  matrices.

1. The system is equivalent to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . We compute

$$A_1(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, A_2(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \det A = 6, \det A_1(\mathbf{b}) = 5, \det A_2(\mathbf{b}) = -1,$$

$$x_1 = \frac{\det A_1(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{5}{6}, x_2 = \frac{\det A_2(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = -\frac{1}{6}.$$

2. The system is equivalent to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . We compute

$$A_1(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, A_2(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \det A = 5, \det A_1(\mathbf{b}) = 7, \det A_2(\mathbf{b}) = 2,$$

$$x_1 = \frac{\det A_1(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{7}{5}, x_2 = \frac{\det A_2(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{2}{5}.$$

3. The system is equivalent to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ . We compute

$$A_1(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, A_2(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ -4 & -5 \end{bmatrix}, \det A = 10, \det A_1(\mathbf{b}) = 8, \det A_2(\mathbf{b}) = -3,$$

$$x_1 = \frac{\det A_1(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{8}{10} = \frac{4}{5}, x_2 = \frac{\det A_2(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{-3}{10}.$$

4. The system is equivalent to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$ . We compute

$$A_1(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 2 \\ -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, A_2(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 9 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, \det A = -1, \det A_1(\mathbf{b}) = -1, \det A_2(\mathbf{b}) = -7,$$

$$x_1 = \frac{\det A_1(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{-1}{-1} = 1, x_2 = \frac{\det A_2(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{-7}{-1} = 7.$$

5. The system is equivalent to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . We compute

$$A_1(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, A_2(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, A_3(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\det A = -8, \det A_1(\mathbf{b}) = -2, \det A_2(\mathbf{b}) = -22, \det A_3(\mathbf{b}) = -3,$$

$$x_1 = \frac{\det A_1(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{-2}{-8} = \frac{1}{4}, x_2 = \frac{\det A_2(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{-22}{-8} = \frac{11}{4}, x_3 = \frac{\det A_3(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{-3}{-8} = \frac{3}{8}.$$

6. The system is equivalent to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . We compute

$$A_1(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_2(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 8 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_3(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 8 \\ -1 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\det A = 15, \det A_1(\mathbf{b}) = 12, \det A_2(\mathbf{b}) = 24, \det A_3(\mathbf{b}) = 36,$$

$$x_1 = \frac{\det A_1(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{12}{15} = \frac{4}{5}, x_2 = \frac{\det A_2(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{24}{15} = \frac{8}{5}, x_3 = \frac{\det A_3(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{36}{15} = \frac{12}{5}.$$

7. The system is equivalent to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6s & 4 \\ 9 & 2s \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ . We compute

$$A_1(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ -2 & 2s \end{bmatrix}, A_2(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 6s & 5 \\ 9 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \det A_1(\mathbf{b}) = 10s + 8, \det A_2(\mathbf{b}) = -12s - 45.$$

Since  $\det A = 12s^2 - 36 = 12(s^2 - 3) \neq 0$  for  $s \neq \pm\sqrt{3}$ , the system will have a unique solution when  $s \neq \pm\sqrt{3}$ . For such a system, the solution will be

$$x_1 = \frac{\det A_1(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{10s + 8}{12(s^2 - 3)} = \frac{5s + 4}{6(s^2 - 3)}, x_2 = \frac{\det A_2(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{-12s - 45}{12(s^2 - 3)} = \frac{-4s - 15}{4(s^2 - 3)}.$$

8. The system is equivalent to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3s & 5 \\ 12 & 5s \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . We compute

$$A_1(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 5s \end{bmatrix}, A_2(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3s & 3 \\ 12 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \det A_1(\mathbf{b}) = 15s - 10, \det A_2(\mathbf{b}) = 6s - 36.$$

Since  $\det A = 15s^2 - 60 = 15(s^2 - 4) = 0$  for  $s = \pm 2$ , the system will have a unique solution for all values of  $s \neq \pm 2$ . For such a system, the solution will be

$$x_1 = \frac{\det A_1(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{15s - 10}{15(s^2 - 4)} = \frac{3s - 2}{3(s^2 - 4)}, x_2 = \frac{\det A_2(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{6s - 36}{15(s^2 - 4)} = \frac{2s - 12}{5(s^2 - 4)}.$$

9. The system is equivalent to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} s & 2s \\ 3 & 6s \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . We compute

$$A_1(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2s \\ 4 & 6s \end{bmatrix}, A_2(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} s & -1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \det A_1(\mathbf{b}) = -14s, \det A_2(\mathbf{b}) = 4s + 3.$$

Since  $\det A = 6s^2 - 6s = 6s(s - 1) = 0$  for  $s = 0, 1$ , the system will have a unique solution when  $s \neq 0, 1$ . For such a system, the solution will be

$$x_1 = \frac{\det A_1(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{-14s}{6s(s - 1)} = -\frac{7}{3(s - 1)}, x_2 = \frac{\det A_2(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{4s + 3}{6s(s - 1)}.$$



10. The system is equivalent to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} s & -2 \\ 4s & 4s \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . We compute

$$A_1(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 4s \end{bmatrix}, A_2(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{bmatrix} s & 1 \\ 4s & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \det A_1(\mathbf{b}) = 4s + 4, \det A_2(\mathbf{b}) = -2s.$$

Since  $\det A = 4s^2 + 8s = 4s(s + 2) = 0$  for  $s = 0, -2$ , the system will have a unique solution when  $s \neq 0, -2$ . For such a system, the solution will be

$$x_1 = \frac{\det A_1(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{4s + 4}{4s(s + 2)} = \frac{s + 1}{s(s + 2)}, x_2 = \frac{\det A_2(\mathbf{b})}{\det A} = \frac{-2s}{4s(s + 2)} = -\frac{1}{2(s + 2)}.$$

11. Since  $\det A = 5$  and the cofactors of the given matrix are

$$\begin{aligned} C_{11} &= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0, & C_{12} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -5, & C_{13} &= \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 5, \\ C_{21} &= -\begin{vmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1, & C_{22} &= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1, & C_{23} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2, \\ C_{31} &= \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0, & C_{32} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 5 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -5, & C_{33} &= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 5 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 10, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & -1 & -5 \\ 5 & 2 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/5 & 0 \\ -1 & -1/5 & -1 \\ 1 & 2/5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

12. Since  $\det A = -3$  and the cofactors of the given matrix are

$$\begin{aligned} C_{11} &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1, & C_{12} &= -\begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2, & C_{13} &= \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -2, \\ C_{21} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2, & C_{22} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1, & C_{23} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1, \\ C_{31} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -5, & C_{32} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -7, & C_{33} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 4, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 2 & 1 & -7 \\ -2 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 & -2/3 & 5/3 \\ -2/3 & -1/3 & 7/3 \\ 2/3 & 1/3 & -4/3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

13. Since  $\det A = 6$  and the cofactors of the given matrix are

$$\begin{aligned} C_{11} &= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1, & C_{12} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1, & C_{13} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1, \\ C_{21} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1, & C_{22} &= \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -5, & C_{23} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 7, \\ C_{31} &= \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 5, & C_{32} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1, & C_{33} &= \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -5, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 5 \\ 1 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} -1/6 & -1/6 & 5/6 \\ 1/6 & -5/6 & 1/6 \\ 1/6 & 7/6 & -5/6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

14. Since  $\det A = -3$  and the cofactors of the given matrix are

$$\begin{aligned} C_{11} &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 12, & C_{12} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 3, & C_{13} &= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -6, \\ C_{21} &= -\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 6, & C_{22} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 0, & C_{23} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -3, \\ C_{31} &= \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -5, & C_{32} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1, & C_{33} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 6 & -5 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \\ -6 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 & 5/3 \\ -1 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 2 & 1 & -2/3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

15. Since  $\det A = -5$  and the cofactors of the given matrix are

$$\begin{aligned} C_{11} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -1, & C_{12} &= -\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -1, & C_{13} &= \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -1, \\ C_{21} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0, & C_{22} &= \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -5, & C_{23} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -15, \\ C_{31} &= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0, & C_{32} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0, & C_{33} &= \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 5, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -5 & 0 \\ -1 & -15 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/5 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/5 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/5 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

16. Since  $\det A = 6$  and the cofactors of the given matrix are

$$\begin{aligned} C_{11} &= \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 6, & C_{12} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 0, & C_{13} &= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0, \\ C_{21} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 4, & C_{22} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -2, & C_{23} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0, \\ C_{31} &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 14, & C_{32} &= -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1, & C_{33} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -3, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & 14 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2/3 & 7/3 \\ 0 & -1/3 & -1/6 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

17. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ . Then the cofactors of  $A$  are  $C_{11} = |d| = d$ ,  $C_{12} = -|c| = -c$ ,  $C_{21} = -|b| = -b$ , and

$C_{22} = |a| = a$ . Thus  $\text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$ . Since  $\det A = ad - bc$ , Theorem 8 gives that

$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \text{adj } A = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$ . This result is identical to that of Theorem 4 in Section 2.2.

18. Each cofactor of  $A$  is an integer since it is a sum of products of entries in  $A$ . Hence all entries in  $\text{adj } A$  will be integers. Since  $\det A = 1$ , the inverse formula in Theorem 8 shows that all the entries in  $A^{-1}$  will be integers.

19. The parallelogram is determined by the columns of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , so the area of the parallelogram is  $|\det A| = |8| = 8$ .

20. The parallelogram is determined by the columns of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 6 \\ 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$ , so the area of the parallelogram is  $|\det A| = |-14| = 14$ .

21. First translate one vertex to the origin. For example, subtract  $(-2, 0)$  from each vertex to get a new parallelogram with vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(2, 3)$ ,  $(3, 3)$ , and  $(1, 0)$ . This parallelogram has the same area as the original, and is determined by the columns of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , so the area of the parallelogram is  $|\det A| = |-3| = 3$ .

22. First translate one vertex to the origin. For example, subtract  $(0, -2)$  from each vertex to get a new parallelogram with vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(5, 0)$ ,  $(-3, 3)$ , and  $(2, 3)$ . This parallelogram has the same area as the original, and is determined by the columns of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , so the area of the parallelogram is  $|\det A| = |15| = 15$ .

23. The parallelepiped is determined by the columns of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , so the volume of the parallelepiped is  $|\det A| = |23| = 23$ .

24. The parallelepiped is determined by the columns of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , so the volume of the parallelepiped is  $|\det A| = |-18| = 18$ .

25. The Invertible Matrix Theorem says that a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  is not invertible if and only if its columns are linearly dependent. This will happen if and only if one of the columns is a linear combination of the others; that is, if one of the vectors is in the plane spanned by the other two vectors. This is

equivalent to the condition that the parallelepiped determined by the three vectors has zero volume, which is in turn equivalent to the condition that  $\det A = 0$ .

26. By definition,  $\mathbf{p} + S$  is the set of all vectors of the form  $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{v}$ , where  $\mathbf{v}$  is in  $S$ . Applying  $T$  to a typical vector in  $\mathbf{p} + S$ , we have  $T(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{p}) + T(\mathbf{v})$ . This vector is in the set denoted by  $T(\mathbf{p}) + T(S)$ . This proves that  $T$  maps the set  $\mathbf{p} + S$  into the set  $T(\mathbf{p}) + T(S)$ . Conversely, any vector in  $T(\mathbf{p}) + T(S)$  has the form  $T(\mathbf{p}) + T(\mathbf{v})$  for some  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $S$ . This vector may be written as  $T(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{v})$ . This shows that every vector in  $T(\mathbf{p}) + T(S)$  is the image under  $T$  of some point  $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbf{p} + S$ .

27. Since the parallelogram  $S$  is determined by the columns of  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , the area of  $S$  is

$$\left| \det \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right| = |-4| = 4. \text{ The matrix } A \text{ has } \det A = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 3. \text{ By Theorem 10, the area of } T(S)$$

is  $|\det A| \{\text{area of } S\} = 3 \cdot 4 = 12$ . Alternatively, one may compute the vectors that determine the

$$\text{image, namely, the columns of } A[\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -21 & -27 \\ 12 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

The determinant of this matrix is  $-12$ , so the area of the image is  $12$ .

28. Since the parallelogram  $S$  is determined by the columns of  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , the area of  $S$  is

$$\left| \det \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right| = |4| = 4. \text{ The matrix } A \text{ has } \det A = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3. \text{ By Theorem 10, the area of } T(S) \text{ is}$$

$|\det A| \{\text{area of } S\} = 3 \cdot 4 = 12$ . Alternatively, one may compute the vectors that determine the image,

$$\text{namely, the columns of } A[\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ The determinant of this matrix}$$

is  $12$ , so the area of the image is  $12$ .

29. The area of the triangle will be one half of the area of the parallelogram determined by  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$ . By Theorem 9, the area of the triangle will be  $(1/2)|\det A|$ , where  $A = [\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2]$ .

30. Translate  $R$  to a new triangle of equal area by subtracting  $(x_3, y_3)$  from each vertex. The new triangle has vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(x_1 - x_3, y_1 - y_3)$ , and  $(x_2 - x_3, y_2 - y_3)$ . By Exercise 29, the area of the triangle

$$\text{will be } \frac{1}{2} \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_3 & x_2 - x_3 \\ y_1 - y_3 & y_2 - y_3 \end{bmatrix} \right|.$$

Now consider using row operations and a cofactor expansion to compute the determinant in the

$$\text{formula: } \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_3 & y_1 - y_3 & 0 \\ x_2 - x_3 & y_2 - y_3 & 0 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_3 & y_1 - y_3 \\ x_2 - x_3 & y_2 - y_3 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ By Theorem 5,}$$

$\det \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_3 & y_1 - y_3 \\ x_2 - x_3 & y_2 - y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_3 & x_2 - x_3 \\ y_1 - y_3 & y_2 - y_3 \end{bmatrix}$ . So the above observation allows us to state that the

area of the triangle will be  $\frac{1}{2} \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_3 & x_2 - x_3 \\ y_1 - y_3 & y_2 - y_3 \end{bmatrix} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right|$ .

31. a. To show that  $T(S)$  is bounded by the ellipsoid with equation  $\frac{x_1^2}{a^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{b^2} + \frac{x_3^2}{c^2} = 1$ , let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$  and

let  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = A\mathbf{u}$ . Then  $u_1 = x_1/a$ ,  $u_2 = x_2/b$ , and  $u_3 = x_3/c$ , and  $\mathbf{u}$  lies inside  $S$  (or

$u_1^2 + u_2^2 + u_3^2 \leq 1$ ) if and only if  $\mathbf{x}$  lies inside  $T(S)$  (or  $\frac{x_1^2}{a^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{b^2} + \frac{x_3^2}{c^2} \leq 1$ ).

- b. By the generalization of Theorem 10,

$$\{\text{volume of ellipsoid}\} = \{\text{volume of } T(S)\}$$

$$= |\det A| \cdot \{\text{volume of } S\} = abc \frac{4\pi}{3} = \frac{4\pi abc}{3}$$

32. a. A linear transformation  $T$  that maps  $S$  onto  $S'$  will map  $\mathbf{e}_1$  to  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_2$  to  $\mathbf{v}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{e}_3$  to  $\mathbf{v}_3$ ; that is,  $T(\mathbf{e}_1) = \mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $T(\mathbf{e}_2) = \mathbf{v}_2$ , and  $T(\mathbf{e}_3) = \mathbf{v}_3$ . The standard matrix for this transformation will be  $A = [T(\mathbf{e}_1) \ T(\mathbf{e}_2) \ T(\mathbf{e}_3)] = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3]$ .

- b. The area of the base of  $S$  is  $(1/2)(1)(1) = 1/2$ , so the volume of  $S$  is  $(1/3)(1/2)(1) = 1/6$ . By part a.  $T(S) = S'$ , so the generalization of Theorem 10 gives that the volume of  $S'$  is  $|\det A| \{\text{volume of } S\} = (1/6)|\det A|$ .

33. The product of  $A$  with  $A^{-1}$  should result in the identity matrix.

34. A circle with radius 1 has area  $\pi r^2 = \pi \approx 3.14$ , so it is reasonable to expect a parallelogram with area 2 to fit inside the circle.

35. True. The area of a parallelogram equals base  $\times$  height.

36. False. See Theorem 10.

37. False. See Theorem 8.

38. True. See Theorem 7.

39. Answers will vary. In MATLAB, entries in  $B = \text{inv}(A)$  are approximately  $10^{-15}$  or smaller.

40. Answers will vary, as will the commands which produce the second entry of  $\mathbf{x}$ . For example, the MATLAB command is `x2 = det([A(:,1) b A(:,3:4)]) / det(A)` while the Mathematica

command is `x2 = Det [{Transpose[A] [ [1] ] , b, Transpose[A] [ [3] ] ,  
Transpose[A] [ [4] ] }]/Det[A]`.

41. MATLAB Student Version 4.0 uses 57,771 flops for `inv A` and 14,269,045 flops for the inverse formula. The `inv(A)` command requires only about 0.4% of the operations for the inverse formula.

## Chapter 3 - Supplementary Exercises

---

1. True. The columns of  $A$  are linearly dependent.
2. True. See Exercise 36 in Section 3.2.
3. False. See Theorem 3(c); in this case  $\det 5A = 5^3 \det A$ .
4. False. Consider  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .
5. False. By Theorem 6,  $\det A^3 = 2^3$ .
6. False. See Theorem 3(b).
7. True. See Theorem 3(c).
8. True. See Theorem 3(a).
9. False. See Theorem 5.
10. False. See Theorem 3(c); this statement is false for  $n \times n$  invertible matrices with  $n$  an even integer.
11. True. See Theorems 6 and 5;  $\det A^T A = (\det A)^2$ .
12. False. The coefficient matrix must be invertible.
13. False. The area of the **triangle** is 5.
14. True. See Theorem 6;  $\det A^3 = (\det A)^3$ .
15. False. See Exercise 37 in Section 3.2.

$$16. \begin{vmatrix} 12 & 13 & 14 \\ 15 & 16 & 17 \\ 18 & 19 & 20 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 12 & 13 & 14 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 6 & 6 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$17. \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b+c \\ 1 & b & a+c \\ 1 & c & a+b \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b+c \\ 0 & b-a & a-b \\ 0 & c-a & a-c \end{vmatrix} = (b-a)(c-a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b+c \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$18. \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ a+x & b+x & c+x \\ a+y & b+y & c+y \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ x & x & x \\ y & y & y \end{vmatrix} = xy \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$19. \begin{vmatrix} 9 & 1 & 9 & 9 & 9 \\ 9 & 0 & 9 & 9 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 9 & 0 & 3 & 9 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 & 0 & 7 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 9 & 9 & 9 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 9 & 3 & 9 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 & 7 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)(-2) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 & 5 \\ 9 & 3 & 9 \\ 6 & 0 & 7 \end{vmatrix} \\ = (-1)(-2)(3) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)(-2)(3)(-2) = -12$$

$$20. \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 8 & 8 & 8 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 8 & 8 & 8 & 7 \\ 0 & 8 & 8 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (1) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 8 & 8 & 5 \\ 6 & 8 & 8 & 7 \\ 0 & 8 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(2) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 8 & 5 \\ 6 & 8 & 7 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(2)(-3) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(2)(-3)(-2) = 12$$

21. Expand along the first row to obtain

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 1 & x_1 & y_1 \\ 1 & x_2 & y_2 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 \end{vmatrix} - x \begin{vmatrix} 1 & y_1 \\ 1 & y_2 \end{vmatrix} + y \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

This is an equation of the form  $ax + by + c = 0$ , and since the points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  are distinct, at least one of  $a$  and  $b$  is not zero. Thus the equation is the equation of a line. The points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  are on the line, because when the coordinates of one of the points are substituted for  $x$  and  $y$ , two rows of the matrix are equal and so the determinant is zero.

22. Expand along the first row to obtain

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 1 & x_1 & y_1 \\ 0 & 1 & m \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 \\ 1 & m \end{vmatrix} - x \begin{vmatrix} 1 & y_1 \\ 0 & m \end{vmatrix} + y \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1(mx_1 - y_1) - x(m) + y(1) = 0. \text{ This equation may}$$

be rewritten as  $mx_1 - y_1 - mx + y = 0$ , or  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$ .

$$23. \det T = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 0 & b-a & b^2-a^2 \\ 0 & c-a & c^2-a^2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 0 & b-a & (b-a)(b+a) \\ 0 & c-a & (c-a)(c+a) \end{vmatrix} \\ = (b-a)(c-a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 0 & 1 & b+a \\ 0 & 1 & c+a \end{vmatrix} = (b-a)(c-a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 0 & 1 & b+a \\ 0 & 0 & c-b \end{vmatrix} = (b-a)(c-a)(c-b)$$

24. Expanding along the first row will show that  $f(t) = \det V = c_0 + c_1t + c_2t^2 + c_3t^3$ . By Exercise 9,

$$c_3 = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 \\ 1 & x_3 & x_3^2 \end{vmatrix} = (x_2 - x_1)(x_3 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2) \neq 0$$

since  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$  are distinct. Thus  $f(t)$  is a cubic polynomial. The points  $(x_1, 0)$ ,  $(x_2, 0)$ , and  $(x_3, 0)$  are on the graph of  $f$ , since when any of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  or  $x_3$  are substituted for  $t$ , the matrix has two equal rows and thus its determinant (which is  $f(t)$ ) is zero. Thus  $f(x_i) = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

25. To tell if a quadrilateral determined by four points is a parallelogram, first translate one of the vertices to the origin. If we label the vertices of this new quadrilateral as  $\mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ , then they will be the vertices of a parallelogram if one of  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2$ , or  $\mathbf{v}_3$  is the sum of the other two. In this example, subtract  $(1, 4)$  from each vertex to get a new parallelogram with vertices  $\mathbf{0} = (0, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (-2, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (2, 5)$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = (4, 4)$ . Since  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_3 + \mathbf{v}_1$ , the quadrilateral is a parallelogram as stated. The translated parallelogram has the same area as the original, and is determined by the columns of  $A = [\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_3] = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , so the area of the parallelogram is  $|\det A| = |-12| = 12$ .

26. A  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if the parallelogram determined by the columns of  $A$  has nonzero area.

27. By Theorem 8,  $(\operatorname{adj} A) \cdot \frac{1}{\det A} A = A^{-1} A = I$ . By the Invertible Matrix Theorem,  $\operatorname{adj} A$  is invertible and  $(\operatorname{adj} A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} A$ .

28. a. Consider the matrix  $A_k = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & I_k \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $1 \leq k \leq n$  and  $0$  is an appropriately sized zero matrix.

We will show that  $\det A_k = \det A$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq n$  by mathematical induction.

First let  $k = 1$ . Expand along the last row to obtain

$$\det A_1 = \det \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = (-1)^{(n+1)+(n+1)} \cdot 1 \cdot \det A = \det A.$$

Now let  $1 < k \leq n$  and assume that  $\det A_{k-1} = \det A$ . Expand along the last row of  $A_k$  to obtain

$$\det A_k = \det \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & I_k \end{bmatrix} = (-1)^{(n+k)+(n+k)} \cdot 1 \cdot \det A_{k-1} = \det A_{k-1} = \det A. \text{ Thus we have proven the result, and the determinant of the matrix in question is } \det A.$$

- b. Consider the matrix  $A_k = \begin{bmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ C_k & D \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $1 \leq k \leq n$ ,  $C_k$  is an  $n \times k$  matrix and  $O$  is an appropriately sized zero matrix. We will show that  $\det A_k = \det D$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq n$  by mathematical induction.



First let  $k = 1$ . Expand along the first row to obtain

$$\det A_1 = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ C_1 & D \end{bmatrix} = (-1)^{1+1} \cdot 1 \cdot \det D = \det D.$$

Now let  $1 < k \leq n$  and assume that  $\det A_{k-1} = \det D$ . Expand along the first row of  $A_k$  to obtain

$$\det A_k = \det \begin{bmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ C_k & D \end{bmatrix} = (-1)^{1+1} \cdot 1 \cdot \det A_{k-1} = \det A_{k-1} = \det D. \text{ Thus we have proven the result, and}$$

the determinant of the matrix in question is  $\det D$ .

c. By combining parts a. and b., we have shown that

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \left( \det \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \right) \left( \det \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \right) = (\det A)(\det D).$$

From this result and Theorem 5, we have

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{bmatrix}^T = \det \begin{bmatrix} A^T & 0 \\ B^T & D^T \end{bmatrix} = (\det A^T)(\det D^T) = (\det A)(\det D).$$

29. a. Compute the right side of the equation:  $\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ X & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & Y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ XA & XB + Y \end{bmatrix}$

Set this equal to the left side of the equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ XA & XB + Y \end{bmatrix} \text{ so that } XA = C \quad XB + Y = D$$

Since  $XA = C$  and  $A$  is invertible,  $X = CA^{-1}$ . Since  $XB + Y = D$ ,  $Y = D - XB = D - CA^{-1}B$ . Thus by Exercise 14(c),

$$\begin{aligned} \det \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} &= \det \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ CA^{-1} & I \end{bmatrix} \det \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D - CA^{-1}B \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (\det A)(\det(D - CA^{-1}B)) \end{aligned}$$

b. From part a.,

$$\begin{aligned} \det \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} &= (\det A)(\det(D - CA^{-1}B)) = \det[A(D - CA^{-1}B)] \\ &= \det[AD - ACA^{-1}B] = \det[AD - CAA^{-1}B] \\ &= \det[AD - CB] \end{aligned}$$

30. a. Doing the given operations does not change the determinant of  $A$  since the given operations are all row replacement operations. The resulting matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} a-b & -a+b & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a-b & -a+b & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a-b & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b & b & b & \dots & a \end{bmatrix}$$

b. Since column replacement operations are equivalent to row operations on  $A^T$  and  $\det A^T = \det A$ , the given operations do not change the determinant of the matrix. The resulting matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} a-b & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a-b & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a-b & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b & 2b & 3b & \dots & a+(n-1)b \end{bmatrix}$$

c. Since the preceding matrix is a triangular matrix with the same determinant as  $A$ ,  
 $\det A = (a-b)^{n-1}(a+(n-1)b)$ .

31. First consider the case  $n = 2$ . In this case  $\det B = \begin{vmatrix} a-b & b \\ 0 & a \end{vmatrix} = a(a-b)$ ,  $\det C = \begin{vmatrix} b & b \\ b & a \end{vmatrix} = ab - b^2$ ,

so  $\det A = \det B + \det C = a(a-b) + ab - b^2 = a^2 - b^2 = (a-b)(a+b) = (a-b)^{2-1}(a+(2-1)b)$ , and the formula holds for  $n = 2$ .

Now assume that the formula holds for all  $(k-1) \times (k-1)$  matrices, and let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be  $k \times k$  matrices. By a cofactor expansion along the first column,

$$\det B = (a-b) \begin{vmatrix} a & b & \dots & b \\ b & a & \dots & b \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b & b & \dots & a \end{vmatrix} = (a-b)(a-b)^{k-2}(a+(k-2)b) = (a-b)^{k-1}(a+(k-2)b)$$

since the matrix in the above formula is a  $(k-1) \times (k-1)$  matrix. We can perform a series of row operations on  $C$  to “zero out” below the first pivot, and produce the following matrix whose

$$\text{determinant is } \det C: \begin{bmatrix} b & b & \dots & b \\ 0 & a-b & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & a-b \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Since this is a triangular matrix, we have found that}$$

$\det C = b(a-b)^{k-1}$ . Thus

$$\det A = \det B + \det C = (a-b)^{k-1}(a+(k-2)b) + b(a-b)^{k-1} = (a-b)^{k-1}(a+(k-1)b),$$

which is what was to be shown. Thus the formula has been proven by mathematical induction.

32. Since the first matrix has  $a = 3$ ,  $b = 8$ , and  $n = 4$ , its determinant is

$$(3-8)^{4-1}(3+(4-1)8) = (-5)^3(3+24) = (-125)(27) = -3375. \text{ Since the second matrix has } a = 8, b = 3, \text{ and } n = 5, \text{ its determinant is } (8-3)^{5-1}(8+(5-1)3) = (5)^4(8+12) = (625)(20) = 12,500.$$

$$33. \text{ We find that } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 1, \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 1, \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 1.$$

Our conjecture then is that  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & \dots & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & 3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n \end{vmatrix} = 1$ . To show this, consider using row replacement

operations to “zero out” below the first pivot. The resulting matrix is

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & \dots & 2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & \dots & n-1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Now use row replacement operations to “zero out” below the second pivot,

and so on. The final matrix which results from this process is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , which is an

upper triangular matrix with determinant 1.

34. We find that  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 6$ ,  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 18$ ,  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 6 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 9 & 9 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 9 & 12 \end{vmatrix} = 54$ .

Our conjecture then is that  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & \dots & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & \dots & 6 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & \dots & 3(n-1) \end{vmatrix} = 2 \cdot 3^{n-2}$ . To show this, consider using row

replacement operations to “zero out” below the first pivot. The resulting matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & \dots & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & \dots & 5 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & \dots & 3(n-1)-1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now use row replacement operations to “zero out” below the second

pivot. The matrix which results from this process is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \dots & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & \dots & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 6 & 6 & 6 & \dots & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 6 & 9 & 9 & \dots & 9 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 6 & 9 & 12 & \dots & 3(n-2) \end{bmatrix}.$$

This matrix has the same determinant as the original matrix, and is recognizable as a block matrix of

the form  $\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & \dots & 3 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 & 6 & \dots & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 & 9 & \dots & 9 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 3 & 6 & 9 & 12 & \dots & 3(n-2) \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \dots & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & \dots & 3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & \dots & n-2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

As in Exercise 14(c),

the determinant of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{bmatrix}$  is  $(\det A)(\det D) = 2 \det D$ . Since  $D$  is an  $(n-2) \times (n-2)$

$$\text{matrix, } \det D = 3^{n-2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \dots & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & \dots & 3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & \dots & n-2 \end{vmatrix} = 3^{n-2}(1) = 3^{n-2}, \text{ by Exercise 19. Thus the}$$

determinant of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{bmatrix}$  is  $2 \det D = 2 \cdot 3^{n-2}$ .