



# Linear Algebra Workbook

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Determinants

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MATH

## DETERMINANTS

- 1. Use the determinant to say whether the matrix  $A$  is invertible.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 2. Use the determinant to say whether the matrix  $A$  is invertible.

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

- 3. Use the determinant to say whether the matrix  $A$  is invertible.

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

- 4. Use the determinant to say whether matrix  $A$  is invertible.

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

- 5. Use the Rule of Sarrus to find the determinant.



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

■ 6. Use the Rule of Sarrus to find the determinant.

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



## CRAMER'S RULE FOR SOLVING SYSTEMS

- 1. Use Cramer's rule to find the expression that would give the value of  $x$ .  
You do not need to solve the system.

$$2x - y = 5$$

$$x + 3y = 15$$

- 2. Use Cramer's rule to find the expression that would give the value of  $x$ .  
You do not need to solve the system.

$$ax + by = e$$

$$cx + dy = f$$

- 3. Use Cramer's rule to find the expression that would give the value of  $y$ .  
You do not need to solve the system.

$$3x + 4y = 11$$

$$2x - 3y = -4$$

- 4. Use Cramer's rule to solve for  $x$ .

$$3x + 2y = 1$$



$$6x + 5y = 4$$

■ 5. Use Cramer's rule to solve for  $y$ .

$$3x + 2y = 1$$

$$6x + 5y = 4$$

■ 6. Use Cramer's rule to solve for  $x$ .

$$3x + 5y = 6$$

$$9x + 10y = 14$$



## MODIFYING DETERMINANTS

- 1. Find the determinant of  $A$  if the first row of  $A$  gets multiplied by 3.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 2. Find the determinant of  $A$  if both rows of  $A$  are multiplied by 2.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 3. Find the determinant of  $C$ , using only the determinants of  $A$  and  $B$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 4. Find the determinant of the new matrix if the rows in matrix  $A$  are swapped.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



- 5. Find the determinant of the new matrix after the second and third rows of matrix  $A$  are swapped.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 6. Verify that the row operation  $R_2 + 2R_1 \rightarrow R_2$  doesn't change the value of  $|A|$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



## UPPER AND LOWER TRIANGULAR MATRICES

- 1. Find the determinant of the upper-triangular matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 2. Find the determinant of the upper-triangular matrix.

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

- 3. Find the determinant of the lower-triangular matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 4. Find the determinant of the lower-triangular matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$





- 5. Put  $A$  into upper or lower triangular form to find the determinant.

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

- 6. Put  $A$  into upper or lower triangular form to find the determinant.

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



## USING DETERMINANTS TO FIND AREA

- 1. Find the area of the parallelogram formed by  $\vec{v}_1 = (1,4)$  and  $\vec{v}_2 = (-2,1)$ , if the two vectors form adjacent edges of the parallelogram.
- 2. Find the area of a parallelogram formed by  $\vec{v}_1 = (-3, -3)$  and  $\vec{v}_2 = (4, -2)$ , if the two vectors form adjacent edges of the parallelogram.
- 3. Find the area of the parallelogram formed by  $\vec{v}_1 = (4,2)$  and  $\vec{v}_2 = (1,5)$ , if the two vectors form adjacent edges of the parallelogram.
- 4. The square  $S$  is defined by the vertices  $(0,3)$ ,  $(0,0)$ ,  $(3,0)$ , and  $(3,3)$ . If the transformation of  $S$  by  $T$  creates a transformed figure  $F$ , find the area of  $F$ .

$$T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

- 5. A rectangle  $R$  is defined by the vertices  $(-2,2)$ ,  $(2,2)$ ,  $(-2, -3)$ , and  $(2, -3)$ . If the transformation of  $S$  by  $T$  creates a transformed figure  $F$ , find the area of  $F$ .

$$T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$



- 6. The rectangle  $R$  is defined by the vertices  $(2, -6)$ ,  $(2, -1)$ ,  $(8, -1)$ , and  $(8, -6)$ . If the transformation of  $R$  by  $T$  creates a transformed figure  $L$ , find the area of  $L$ .

$$T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$



