

## Exercise 3.3 Cheatsheet: Matrices & Determinants

**Q.1: Evaluate 3x3 Determinants** Use co-factor expansion along row/column with most

zeros or simple numbers. For  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix}$ , expand along  $R_1$ :

$$= a(ei - fh) - b(di - fg) + c(dh - eg)$$

**Results:**

- (i)  $\begin{vmatrix} 5 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & -1 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1$  ( $R_1$  expansion)
- (ii)  $\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 10$  ( $R_1$  expansion)
- (iii)  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = -9$  ( $R_1$  expansion)
- (iv)  $\begin{vmatrix} a+l & a-l & a \\ a & a+l & a-l \\ a-l & a & a+l \end{vmatrix} = 9al^2$  ( $R_1$  or  $C_1 + C_2 + C_3$ , factor  $3a$ )
- (v)  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 9$  ( $R_1$  expansion)
- (vi)  $\begin{vmatrix} 2a & a & a \\ b & 2b & b \\ c & c & 2c \end{vmatrix} = 4abc$  ( $R_1$  expansion)

**Q.2: Show Det = 0 (No Expansion)** Use row/column operations to create identical or proportional rows/columns ( $\det = 0$ ).

- (i)  $\begin{vmatrix} 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  ( $C_2 - C_1, C_3 - C_1 \rightarrow C_2 = C_3$ )
- (ii)  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  ( $C_2 + C_3 \rightarrow C_1 = C_2$ )
- (iii)  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  ( $C_2 - C_1, C_3 - C_1 \rightarrow C_2 = C_3$ )

**Q.3: Prove Determinant Identities** Use properties (e.g.,  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$ ), row/column operations, or expansion.

- (i)  $\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} + \alpha_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} + \alpha_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} + \alpha_{33} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \alpha_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \alpha_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \alpha_{33} \end{vmatrix}$  ( $R_1$  expansion)

- (ii)  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 9 & 6 \\ 2 & 15 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 9 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  (Factor 3 from  $C_2$ ,  $R_2$ )

- (iii)  $\begin{vmatrix} a+l & a & a \\ a & a+l & a \\ a & a & a+l \end{vmatrix} = l^2(3a+l)$  ( $R_1 + R_2 + R_3$ , factor  $3a+l$ )

- (iv)  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x & y & z \\ yz & zx & xy \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x & y & z \\ x^2 & y^2 & z^2 \end{vmatrix}$  ( $C_1 \cdot x, C_2 \cdot y, C_3 \cdot z$ , adjust  $R_3$ )

- (v)  $\begin{vmatrix} b+c & a & a \\ b & c+a & b \\ c & c & a+b \end{vmatrix} = 4abc$  ( $C_2 - C_3, R_1$  expansion)

- (vi)  $\begin{vmatrix} b & -1 & a \\ a & b & 0 \\ 1 & a & b \end{vmatrix} = a^3 + b^3$  ( $R_1$  expansion)

- (vii)  $\begin{vmatrix} r \cos \phi & 1 & -\sin \phi \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ r \sin \phi & 0 & \cos \phi \end{vmatrix} = r$  ( $R_1$  expansion,  $\cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi = 1$ )

- (viii)  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b+c & a+b \\ b & c+a & b+c \\ c & a+b & c+a \end{vmatrix} = a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc$  ( $C_1 + C_2$ , factor  $a+b+c$ )

- (ix)  $\begin{vmatrix} a+\lambda & b & c \\ a & b+\lambda & c \\ a & b & c+\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2(a+b+c+\lambda)$  ( $C_1 + (C_2 + C_3)$ , factor  $a+b+c+\lambda$ )

- (x)  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$  ( $C_2 - C_1, C_3 - C_1, R_1$  expansion)

- (xi)  $\begin{vmatrix} b+c & a & a^2 \\ c+a & b & b^2 \\ a+b & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = (a+b+c)(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$  ( $C_1 + C_2$ , factor  $a+b+c$ )

**Q.4-Q.17: Advanced Matrix Problems**

- **Q.9:** For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $|AA^t| = 0$  ( $R_1 = R_4$  after operations),  $|A^t A| = 45$  ( $2 \times 2$  det).
- **Q.10:**  $|kA| = k^3|A|$  for  $3 \times 3$  matrix (factor  $k$  from each row).
- **Q.11:** Singular if  $|A| = 0$ . (i)  $\lambda = 3$ , (ii)  $\lambda = 4$  (expand, solve for  $\lambda$ ).
- **Q.12:** Non-singular if  $|A| \neq 0$ . (i)  $|A| = 24$ , non-singular; (ii)  $|A| = 0$ , singular; (iii)  $|A| = 90$ , non-singular.
- **Q.13:** Inverse:  $A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj } A}{|A|}$ . For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $|A| = 5$ ,  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & \frac{8}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}$ , verify  $A^{-1}A = I_3$ .
- **Q.14–Q.17:** Matrix identities:

- $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$  (verify by computing inverses).
- $(AB)^t = B^t A^t$ ,  $(A^{-1})^t = (A^t)^{-1}$  (transpose properties).
- $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$  (inverse of inverse).

### Key Strategies

- **Cofactor Expansion:** Choose row/column with most zeros to simplify.
- **Row/Column Operations:** Add/subtract multiples (no det change); scale row by  $k$  (det scales by  $k$ ).
- **Common Factors:** Factor scalars from rows/columns;  $\det(kA) = k^n \det(A)$  for  $n \times n$  matrix.
- **Identical Rows/Columns:** If two rows/columns are identical,  $\det = 0$ .
- **Singular Matrix:**  $|A| = 0 \Rightarrow$  singular;  $|A| \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  non-singular.
- **Inverse:**  $A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj } A}{|A|}$ ,  $\text{adj } A$  is transpose of cofactor matrix.