

## Chapter 2

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## 2.1 Determinant

**Definition 2.1.** *Determinant is a real association with a square matrix.*

**Note:**

1. If  $\det A = 0$   $A$  is singular.
2. The system of eqs. from  $A$  has no soln.

For a 2x2 matrix

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

For 3x3 or above, use expansion method.

$$3 \times 3 \rightarrow 2 \times 2 (3) \rightarrow \text{Use the } 2 \times 2 \text{ formula}$$

**Definition 2.2.** *Given the matrix:*

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{31} & \dots & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Minor:**  $M_{22}$  is obtained by deleting the determinant. Corresponding row 2 and column 2.

$$M_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11}a_{33} - a_{13}a_{31}$$

**Definition 2.3. Cofactor:**  $C_{22} = M_{22}$  e.g.  $C_{23} = (2 + 3 = 5 \text{ odd}) = (-)M_{23}$

**Example 2.4. 1**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 6 & 7 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$M_{22} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 4 - (-9) = 13$$
$$C_{22} = 13$$
$$M_{21} = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -8 - 3 = -11$$
$$C_{21} = 11$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 8 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 8 - 8 = 0 \quad \text{Not invertible.}$$

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

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

**Definition 2.5.** Property of  $n \times n$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c & \dots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22}\dots a_{nn} \quad \text{Multiplication of diagonal (major)}$$

## 2.2 Determinant Properties

**Definition 2.6.**

1.  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix} = 0$
2.  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} b & a \\ d & c \end{vmatrix}$
3.  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{vmatrix}$   
 $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$
4.  $\begin{vmatrix} ka & kb \\ kc & kd \end{vmatrix} = k^2 \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$   
 $\begin{vmatrix} ka & b \\ kc & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} ka & kb \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = k \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$   
 $|k(n \times n)| = k^n |n \times n|$

$$5. \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ ka+c & kb+d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} ka+b & b \\ kd+d & d \end{vmatrix}$$

$$6. \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ ka & kb \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} ka & b \\ kc & kd \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

**Example 2.7. 10**

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 & \rightarrow - \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 6 & -9 \\ -2 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 \end{vmatrix} \\ R_1 \text{ factor } 3 & \rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\ & \dots \end{aligned}$$

### 2.3 Properties of derterminet.

First lets start with the matrix

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

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \det A &= \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\
 R_1(-2) &\rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\
 R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 &\rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\
 R_1(-2) + R_2 \quad R_1(-3) + R_3 &\rightarrow 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\
 R_2(-1) + R_3 &\rightarrow 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= 2(-1)(-1) = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Column operation (+ expansion if needed).