

Find the determinants of!

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 101 & 201 & 301 \\ 102 & 202 & 302 \\ 103 & 203 & 303 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ called Vandermonde matrix.}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} [1 \ -4 \ 5]$$

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

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 101 & 201 & 301 \\ 102 & 202 & 302 \\ 103 & 203 & 303 \end{bmatrix}$$

→ let's do elimination.

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 101 & 201 & 301 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \} = \text{equal rows}$$

$$\underline{\underline{= 0}}$$

$$|B| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 0 & \underline{b-a} & b^2 - a^2 = \underline{(b-a)(b+a)} \\ 0 & \underline{c-a} & c^2 - a^2 = \underline{(c-a)(c+a)} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot a \cdot a^2 \cdot 1$$

$$-(b-a)(c-a) \left| \begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 1 & b+a \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & c+a \end{array} \right|$$

can see that it's  
almost upper triangular

⇒ Do another elimination

$$= (b-a)(c-a) \left| \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 0 & 1 & b+a \\ 0 & 0 & c-b \end{array} \right|$$

$$= \underline{(b-a)(c-a)(c-b)}$$

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rank 1

$$C = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} & [1 \ -4 \ 5] \end{array} \right] \text{ matrix}$$

$$|C| = 0$$

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$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 \\ -3 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \left. \vphantom{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 \\ -3 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{skew symmetric} \\ \text{matrix.} \end{array}$$

$$|D| = |D^T| = |-D| \stackrel{?}{=} \neq -|D|$$

factor out  
each row

$$= (-1)^3 |D|$$

$$= \underline{\underline{-|D|}}$$

$$\therefore |D| = 0$$

Note:

Is it true that all skew symmetric matrices have a  $\det = 0$ ?

↳ No, In our case we had  
a  $(-1)^{\textcircled{3}} |D|$

④ even number

$$1 \times |D| =$$

$\therefore$

we have  $|D| = |D|$

can be any number & not!  
necessarily  $\emptyset$