

# Determinants

columns in square matrix  $A$  determine a parallelepiped  $P$

$$\det(A) = \text{volume of } P$$

## Find Determinants (property)

- If a row is  $k \cdot$  another row  $\det A = 0$
- If a row is  $\vec{0}$ ,  $\det A = 0$
- If  $A$  is triangular,  $\det A = \text{product of elements in diagonal}$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= a_{11} a_{22} \dots a_{nn} \det(I_n) \\ &= a_{11} a_{22} \dots a_{nn} \end{aligned}$$

- $\det(A \cdot B) = \det(A) \det(B)$
- If  $A$  is invertible, then  $\det(A) \neq 0$  vice versa
- $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$

prove: case 1 ( $\det(A) = 0$ ): reduction of  $A^T$  has column of 0  $\Rightarrow \det(A^T) = 0$   
case 2 ( $\det(A) \neq 0$ ):

$$A \text{ is invertible, } PA = LU$$

$$A^T P^T = U^T L^T$$

$$|A^T| |P^T| = |U^T| |L^T|$$

$$|A^T| (\pm 1) = |L| |U|$$

$$|A^T| = |LU|$$

$$|A^T| = |A|$$

- If two row or column exchanges, determinant  $\cdot (-1)$