

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$$

Determinants.

If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, then $\det(A)$ is a number. What does it tell us?

$$\boxed{\det(A) \neq 0} \Leftrightarrow \boxed{A \text{ is invertible}}$$

Determinants

Chapter 3

Invertible Matrix Theorem Revisited

If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, then the following statements are equivalent

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

- A is invertible
- $\text{RREF}(A) = I_n$
- A has a pivot in every row
- A has a pivot in every column
- $T(x) = Ax$ is one-to-one
- $T(x) = Ax$ is onto
- The columns of A span \mathbb{R}^n
- The columns of A are linearly independent
- $Ax = b$ has exactly one solution for all $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- $Ax = 0$ has only the 0 solution
- The columns of A are a basis of \mathbb{R}^n
- $\text{Col}(A) = \mathbb{R}^n$
- $\dim(\text{Col}(A)) = \mathbb{R}^n$
- $\text{rank}(A) = n$
- $\text{Nul}(A) = \{0\}$
- $\text{nullity}(A) = 0$
- $\det(A) \neq 0$

Determinant of a 4x4 Matrix

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} & a_{1,4} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} & a_{2,4} \\ a_{3,1} & a_{3,2} & a_{3,3} & a_{3,4} \\ a_{4,1} & a_{4,2} & a_{4,3} & a_{4,4} \end{pmatrix} =$$

each summand has exactly one entry from each row and each column

$$\begin{aligned} & a_{1,4} a_{2,3} a_{3,2} a_{4,1} - a_{1,3} a_{2,4} a_{3,2} a_{4,1} - a_{1,4} a_{2,2} a_{3,3} a_{4,1} + a_{1,2} a_{2,4} a_{3,3} a_{4,1} + \\ & a_{1,3} a_{2,2} a_{3,4} a_{4,1} - a_{1,2} a_{2,3} a_{3,4} a_{4,1} - a_{1,4} a_{2,3} a_{3,1} a_{4,2} + a_{1,3} a_{2,4} a_{3,1} a_{4,2} + \\ & a_{1,4} a_{2,1} a_{3,3} a_{4,2} - a_{1,1} a_{2,4} a_{3,3} a_{4,2} - a_{1,3} a_{2,1} a_{3,4} a_{4,2} + a_{1,1} a_{2,3} a_{3,4} a_{4,2} + \\ & a_{1,4} a_{2,2} a_{3,1} a_{4,3} - a_{1,2} a_{2,4} a_{3,1} a_{4,3} - a_{1,4} a_{2,1} a_{3,2} a_{4,3} + a_{1,1} a_{2,4} a_{3,2} a_{4,3} + \\ & a_{1,2} a_{2,1} a_{3,4} a_{4,3} - a_{1,1} a_{2,2} a_{3,4} a_{4,3} - a_{1,3} a_{2,2} a_{3,1} a_{4,4} + a_{1,2} a_{2,3} a_{3,1} a_{4,4} + \\ & a_{1,3} a_{2,1} a_{3,2} a_{4,4} - a_{1,1} a_{2,3} a_{3,2} a_{4,4} - a_{1,2} a_{2,1} a_{3,3} a_{4,4} + a_{1,1} a_{2,2} a_{3,3} a_{4,4} \end{aligned}$$

$$4! = 24 \text{ summands}$$

$$n \times n \quad n!$$

Determinant Computations:

1. 2×2 determinants are easy to compute:

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

2. Compute the following determinant using diagonals, row reduction, and cofactor expansion $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$.

(a) Diagonals

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (1 \cdot 2 \cdot 2) + (2 \cdot 8 \cdot 3) + (4 \cdot 0 \cdot 1) - (3 \cdot 2 \cdot 4) - (1 \cdot 8 \cdot 1) - (2 \cdot 0 \cdot 2)$$

$$= 4 + 48 + 0 - 24 - 8 - 0$$

$$= 52 - 32$$

$$= 20$$

important: this does not work for matrices larger than 3×3

(b) Row Reduction

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{replacement doesn't change determinant}} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & -5 & -10 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Factor scalar out of a row}} 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -5 & -10 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{replacement: no change}} 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 10 = 20$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 & - \\ 0 & 0 & 8 & - \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 8 \cdot 2$$

determinant of a triangular matrix is product of diagonal

Notes:

- swapping rows (not shown here) multiplies the determinant by (-1) .
- for larger matrices this is the computationally "easiest" way to compute the determinant
- same amount of work as row reducing to see if it is invertible.

(c) Cofactor Expansion

cofactor expansion

3 ways

$$\begin{vmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{vmatrix}$$

row 1:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = + (1) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - (2) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 8 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + (4) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= + (4 - 8) - 2(0 - 24) + 4(0 - 6)$$

$$= -4 + 48 - 24 = 20$$

col 1:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = + (1) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - (0) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + (3) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 8 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= + (4 - 8) - 0 + 3(16 - 8)$$

$$= -4 + 24 = 20$$

row 2:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = - (0) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + (2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - (8) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

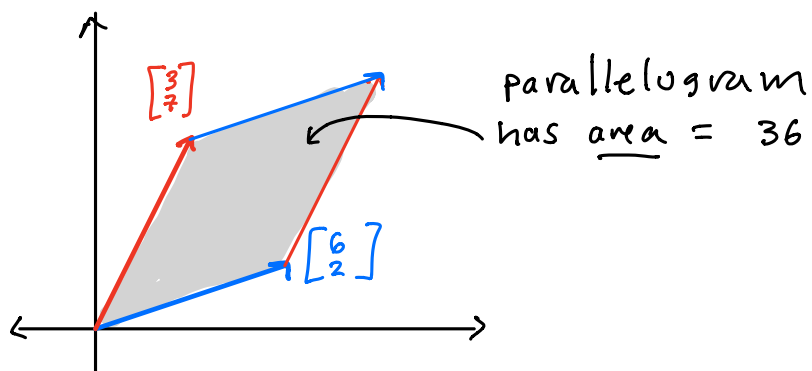
$$= -0 + 2(2 - 12) - 8(1 - 6)$$

$$= -20 + 40 = 20$$

3. But what does the value of the determinant mean?

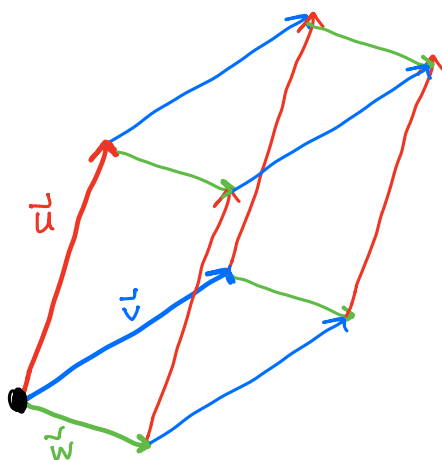
(a) 2×2 :

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 7 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \cdot 2 - 6 \cdot 7 = 6 - 42 = -36$$



(b) 3×3 :

$$\begin{vmatrix} \vec{u} & \vec{v} & \vec{w} \end{vmatrix} = (\text{signed}) \text{ volume of the parallelepiped}$$



Determinants

1. Here is a row reduction of a matrix.

(a) Find its determinant by the row reduction method.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 5 & -10 \\ -4 & 0 & 65 \end{vmatrix} &\rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & -10 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ -4 & 0 & 65 \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & -10 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 20 & 25 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{-5} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & -10 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{-5} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & -10 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= -5(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 7) \\
 &= -70
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Find the same determinant using cofactor expansion along the first row.

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -10 \\ 0 & 65 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -10 \\ -4 & 65 \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\
 = 0 - 2(65 - 40) - (1 \cdot 0 + 20) = -70
 \end{aligned}$$

2. What is this determinant?

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 & 7 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 \cdot 5 \cdot 3 = 720$$

3. Use row operations to find this determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^3$$

4. Compute this determinant. Hint look at columns 6 and 7.

$$\begin{vmatrix} -4 & -1 & -3 & -5 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 & 2 & -2 & -5 & 1 & 2 & 5 & -3 & 5 \\ -5 & 6 & -2 & 2 & 5 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 3 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 & -1 & -4 & 3 & -2 & -4 & -6 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & 2 & -6 & -5 & 3 & 6 & 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 5 & 5 & -4 & -5 & 4 & 1 & 2 & -6 & 4 & -4 \\ -6 & -5 & 4 & -3 & -6 & -4 & -8 & 5 & -2 & -6 \\ 2 & -5 & 2 & 1 & 5 & -6 & -12 & 2 & -2 & 3 \\ -5 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -6 & 3 & 6 & -6 & 3 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 & -2 & -4 & 1 & 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$v_6 \quad v_7$
 $v_7 = 2v_6$

Eigenvalues: time permitting, we will discuss eigenvalues together. Then try these problems.

1. Find the characteristic polynomial and eigenvalues of the following matrices.

(a) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A - \lambda I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5-\lambda & 4 \\ 2 & -2-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 5-\lambda & 4 \\ 2 & -2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) &= (5-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) - 8 \\ &= -10 + 2\lambda - 5\lambda + \lambda^2 - 8 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 18 \quad \leftarrow \text{quadratic formula} \\ &= (\lambda - 6)(\lambda + 3) \\ &\quad \boxed{\lambda = 6} \quad \boxed{\lambda = -3} \text{ only possible eigenvalues} \end{aligned}$$

(b) $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

2. Show that these are eigenvectors of the matrices above by multiplying

(a) $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$

(b) $\vec{w}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ -8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{w}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{w}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$