

- System of linear equations is a collection of linear equations involving the same variables (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n).
A solⁿ to the system is a list (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) that satisfies each eqⁿ.

- N-Tuple or Row vector:

The list of numbers (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) .

- Two systems are **equivalent** if they have the same solⁿ set.

- . Classification of Linear Systems:

- Consistent: If it has 1 or infinitely many solutions.
- Inconsistent: If it has no solution.

- . MATRICES:

- We can find if a system is consistent/inconsistent, has a unique solⁿ without solving the system by setting up the eqⁿ using a matrix and analysing its properties.

. $m \times 1$: **column vector** $1 \times n$: **row vector**

↗ P.T.O.

→ Augmented Matrix:

For a system of eqⁿ:

$$\begin{array}{lll} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 \dots & \dots & a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 \dots & \dots & a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 \dots & \dots & a_{mn}x_n = b_m \end{array}$$

We define an Augmented matrix.

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array} \right] \quad \text{Augmented column.}$$

→ The system of eqⁿ can be represented $Ax = b$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

. Elementary Row Operations:

- i) Replacement, i.e., $R_i \leftrightarrow R_i + kR_j$.
- ii) Interchange
- iii) Scaling.

. Row Echelon Form:

- A matrix is in Row echelon form if
 - leading non-zero entries of any row are to the right of the pivots in the row above it.
- leading non-zero entries of a row in a Matrix that's in row echelon form are called Pivots.
- If an augmented matrix has a pivot in the augmented column, it is inconsistent. (when reduced to row echelon form).
- If every other column other than the augmented column has a pivot then the system has a unique solⁿ

. Why Elementary Row Operations make Sense?

- Applying elementary row operations on a matrix is the same as pre-multiplying the matrix by an elementary matrix.
(differing from elementary matrix by 1st row operation).

i) Replacement:



ii) Interchange:



iii) Scaling:



$$R_i \longrightarrow R_i + CR_j$$

$$\leftarrow m \rightarrow$$

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & \dots & C_{(i,j)} \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$(j > i)$.

$$R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$$

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 0 & & I_{(i,j)} \\ & | & 0 & | \\ & | & | & | \\ & (j,i) & & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_i \rightarrow k R_i$$

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \dots & k_{(i,i)} & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & -C_{(i,j)} \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E^{-1} = E$$

$$E^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \dots & \frac{1}{k_{(i,i)}} & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

→ The inverse of a matrix is

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj}(A)}{|A|} \quad \text{CTM}$$

where $\text{adj}(A)$ is the transpose matrix obtained by replacing every element with its co-factor.

⊗ → All elementary matrices are invertible.

→ For triangular matrices, det. is product of diagonal elements.

. Reduced Row Echelon Form:

If a matrix in row echelon form satisfies the following conditions,

- i) Pivot = 1,
- ii) Pivot column should have 1 as its only non-zero entry,
then it is said to be in RREF form.



- Each matrix is equivalent to one & only one RREF.
- Since RREF is unique, pivot columns are fixed for a matrix, and are same for any echelon form.
- The variables corresponding to pivot columns of RREF : **basic variables**
other : **free variables**

- The existence of free variables \Rightarrow infinitely many solⁿ.
The solⁿ is expressed in parametric form, with free variable as the parameter.

. VECTORS:

- Abstract definition of a vector is described later, currently, they will be assumed as n-tuples or ordered list of numbers.

- n-tuples are $n \times 1$ column vectors or $1 \times n$ row vectors.
- Set of all n-tuples is \mathbb{R}^n .

→ Multiplication of 2 vectors is not always possible.

beyond scope

→ \mathbb{R}^n is not closed under dot product, closed under cross product.

$$y = C_1 \vec{v}_1 + C_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + C_p \vec{v}_p$$

weights

→ $Ax = b$, can be written using vectors,

$$A = [\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{a}_n], \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ax = x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n.$$

$$A = [\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{a}_n] \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ax = b$$



$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x_n \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

. The above eqⁿ has the same solution set as given by the augmented matrix. $[\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{b}]$

We can also say that $Ax = b$ has a solⁿ only when \vec{b} can be expressed as a linear combination of $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3, \dots, \vec{a}_n$.

Homogeneous linear system:

A homogeneous system of linear eqⁿ is of the form $Ax=0$.

It always has a trivial solⁿ; existence of free variable $\Rightarrow \infty$ solⁿ.

Parametric Vector Form:

If the solⁿ set is described explicitly in terms of linear combination of vectors, with free variables or constants as weights.

$$\text{eg; } \begin{aligned} 2x_1 + 3x_2 - 4x_3 + x_4 &= 0 \\ x_2 - 3x_3 + 2x_4 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -5/2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 5/2 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} b_1 - 3b_2 \\ 2 \\ b_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- To represent in parametric vector form, express basic variables in terms of free variables after reducing to row echelon form.
- Write them in the form as shown in eq. (on previous page).

- Imp. Theorem:

If 'p' satisfies $Ax=b$, then the general solⁿ of $Ax=b$ is

$$w = p + V_h \quad \text{CIM}$$

→ Solⁿ of $Ax=0$.

Proof: $\begin{array}{l} Ap = b \\ Aw = b. \end{array}$ Suppose 'w' is a solⁿ,

$$A(w-p) = 0. \Rightarrow w-p = V_h \rightarrow \text{where } V_h \text{ is any solⁿ of } Ax=0.$$

$$\therefore w = p + V_h.$$

(conversely, if V_h is any solⁿ of $Ax=0$.

$$AV_h = 0$$

$$A(w-p) = 0.$$

$$Aw - Ap = 0.$$

$$Aw = b.$$

$\rightarrow AB$ can also be thought of as $[Ab_1 \ Ab_2 \ \dots \ Ab_p]$.

or as $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_p \end{bmatrix} B$

Invertible Matrices:

\rightarrow Inverse of a matrix is unique.

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \therefore AB = AC = I \\ \therefore B = C \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow (A^{-1})^T = (AT)^{-1}$$

$$\rightarrow (AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

Theorem: An $n \times n$ matrix is invertible iff A is row reducible to I .

The sequence of row operations that reduces $A \rightarrow I$

also reduces $I \rightarrow A^{-1}$. $\left[\because (\epsilon_q - \epsilon_1)A = I, \quad (\epsilon_q - \epsilon_1) = A^{-1} \right]$

Proof: i) A is invertible if RREF is invertible.

ii) RREF is invertible only when $\text{RREF} = I$.

i) $\text{RREF} = \epsilon_q \epsilon_{q-1} \dots \epsilon_1 A$.

$$A = (\epsilon_1^{-1} \dots \epsilon_q^{-1}) \text{RREF}$$

(Product of invertible matrices is
an invertible matrix.)

ii). Assume $Rf \neq I$. & Rf is invertible

Then there is a free variable

$\Rightarrow (Rf)x = 0$ has non-trivial solⁿ.

$$(Rf)b = 0$$

$$b = 0$$

(here b)

Invertibility of Elementary Matrices:

Proof: A matrix is invertible if $EF = FE = I$

ρ_{ij} denotes $n \times n$ matrix with $(i,j)^{th} = 1$ and rest all 0.

If E is elementary matrix that corresponds to $R_i \rightarrow R_i + cR_j$

$$E = I + c\rho_{ij}$$

$$F = I - c\rho_{ij}$$

$$EF = I - c^2 \rho_{ij}^2 = FE. \quad (i \neq j).$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho_{ij}^2)_{kp} &= \sum_{m=1}^n (\rho_{ij})_{km} \cdot (\rho_{ij})_{mp} \\ &= 0 \quad (\text{when } i \neq j). \end{aligned}$$

→ Similarly for $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$ and $R_i \rightarrow cR_i$

Invertible Matrix Theorem:

If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, then following are all true or all false.

- i) A is an invertible matrix.
- ii) A is now equivalent to identity matrix.
- iii) A has n pivot positions.
- iv) The eqⁿ $Ax=0$ has only trivial solⁿ.
- v) The eqⁿ $Ax=b$ has at least one solⁿ.
- vi) $\exists C_{n \times n}$ s.t. $AC = I$ and $D_{n \times n}$ s.t. $DA = I$.
- vii) A^T is a invertible matrix.

. linear Span:

If $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then set of linear combinations is denoted by $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and is called the subset of \mathbb{R}^n generated by v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n .

. Linear Independence:

A set of vectors v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p is linearly independent if

$$\chi_1 v_1 + \chi_2 v_2 + \dots + \chi_p v_p = 0$$

has only trivial solⁿ. If $\exists c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p$ s.t.

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_p v_p = 0.$$

then v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p are called linearly dependent.

. Scalar Multiples:

A set of vectors $\{v_1, v_2\}$ is linearly dependent if at least one of the vectors is a multiple of the other. The set is linearly independent iff neither of the vectors is a multiple of the other.

Proof: i) let $v_1 = cv_2$
 $\Rightarrow v_1 - cv_2 = 0$.

ii) a) If linearly independent;

By contradiction, if vectors are multiples of each other, then they're dependent.

b) If vectors are not multiples, then they're not dependent.

→ An indexed set of vectors is linearly dependent if one of the vectors can be expressed as a linear combination.

Proof: → If $v_j = c_1v_1 + \dots + c_pv_p$.
then $c_1v_1 + \dots - v_j + c_pv_p = 0 \Rightarrow$ dependent.
→ If dependent, $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_pv_p = 0$
 $\therefore v_j = \frac{-c_1v_1 - \dots}{c_j}$

→ If a set contains more vectors than there are entries in each vector, then the set is linearly dependent.
 $\because Ax=0$ has free variables, \therefore non-trivial solⁿ.

→ If any vector is a zero vector in a set, then the set is linearly dependent.
 $\because v_j=0 \quad \therefore c_j=1 \text{ and rest}=0 \text{ is a sol}^n$.

LU Factorisation:

If A is an $m \times n$ matrix, it can be expressed as;

$$A = LU.$$

where, L: lower triangular square matrix. $(m \times m)$
U: echelon form. $(m \times n)$.

Assumption: It is assumed that A can be reduced to echelon form by scaling or row replacements of the type
 $R_i \leftrightarrow R_i + CR_j$ ($i > j$). \because lower triangular matrix).

$$\epsilon_p \epsilon_{p-1} \cdots \epsilon_1 A = U$$

$$A = \epsilon_1^{-1} \epsilon_2^{-1} \cdots \epsilon_p^{-1} U$$

\otimes (inverse of lower triangular matrix is lower Δ)
 $A = LU.$
 (product of lower Δ is lower)

→ find L s.t. $(\epsilon_p \dots \epsilon_1) L = I$.

• VECTOR SPACES:

→ A vector space is a non-empty set of V of vectors, on which 2 operations; addition and multiplication by a scalar are defined, subject to axioms.

- i) $u+v$ is in V . , $c u$ in V .
- ii) $\exists 0$ s.t. $0+u=u$. , $1.u=u$
- iii) $u+v=v+u$
- iv) $(u+v)+w=u+(v+w)$
- v) $c(u+v)=cu+cv.$
 $(c+d)u=cu+du.$
 $(cd)u=c(du)$
- vi) $\exists -u$ s.t. $u+(-u)=0.$

• Subspace: A subspace of a vector space is a subset H that:

- i) is closed under addition.
- ii) is closed under scalar multiplication.

e.g. lines through origin $\subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

- Span: let S be a subset of a vector space V . The set of all elements of V that can be expressed as a linear combination of elements of S is called $\text{span } S$.

$\rightarrow \text{Span } S$ is a subspace of V .

Proof:

i) S is finite.

$$S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$$

let $v, w \in \text{Span } S$.

$$\Rightarrow \exists c_1, \dots, c_n, d_1, \dots, d_n$$

$$\text{s.t. } v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$$

$$w = d_1 v_1 + \dots + d_n v_n$$

ii) S is infinite,

let $v, w \in \text{Span } S$.

$$\Rightarrow \exists v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in S$$

$$\& w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m \in S.$$

$$v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$$

$$w = d_1 w_1 + \dots + d_m w_m$$

$v+w \in \text{Span } S$.

$kv, kw \in \text{Span } S$.

$$S_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$$

$$S_2 = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m\}.$$

$$\text{Span } S_i \subset \text{Span}(S_1 \cup S_2) \quad (i=1 \& 2)$$

$$v, w \in \text{Span}(S_1 \cup S_2).$$

$\text{Span}(S_1 \cup S_2)$ is subspace of V .

$v+w \in \text{Span}(S_1 \cup S_2)$.

$v+w \in \text{Span}(S)$.

$\rightarrow v \in \text{Span}(S).$

$$v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n.$$

$$\lambda v = \lambda (c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n)$$

$\rightarrow 0$ in a vector space is unique.

Proof: Let $0, z$; $0+z=0$, $z+0=z$.
 $\therefore 0=z$.

$\rightarrow -u$ for u is unique.

Proof: Let $-u, z$; $u+(-u)=0$, $u+z=0$.
 $-u=z$.

$$\text{Alt.}, -u = -u + (u+z)$$

$$-u=z.$$

$\rightarrow 0u=0$, $-u=(-1)u$, $c0=0$.

Proof: $v = 0u$. $u + (-1)u$ $w = c0$.
 $= (0+0)u$. $(1+(-1))u$ $c(0) = c(0+0)$
 $= 0u + 0u$. $0(u) = 0$. $w = w+w$
 $v = v+v$. $\therefore w=0$.

$$0 = v + (-v)$$

$$= v + v - v$$

$$0 = v.$$

$$\therefore 0u=v=0.$$

→ If V is a vector space ; $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$ is a linearly independent system if

$$c_1v_1 + \dots + c_pv_p = 0 \text{ has only trivial soln}.$$

Linear Transformation:

let V, W be vector spaces. A func. $T: V \rightarrow W$ is said to be a linear transformation if:

- i) $T(v_1 + v_2) = T(v_1) + T(v_2).$ $(v_1, v_2 \in V)$
- ii) $T(cv) = cT(v).$ $(c \in \mathbb{R}).$

e.g. $V = \mathbb{R}^n, W = \mathbb{R}^m$

$$A = m \times n.$$

$$T: V \rightarrow W; \quad T(v) = Av.$$

Null Space:

- The null space of a $m \times n$ matrix, written as $\text{Nul } A$ is set of all soln to $Ax = 0$
- $\text{Nul } A$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

Proof: i) $x, y \in \text{Nul } A.$

$$Ax = 0, Ay = 0.$$

$$A(x+y) = 0.$$

ii) $Ax = 0$

$$A(kx) = 0.$$

. Column Space:

- The column space of $m \times n$ matrix A , $(\text{Col } A)$ is set of all linear combinations of columns $[a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$ of A .

$$\text{Col } A = \text{Span} \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$$

- Column A is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

Proof: Span of set is a subspace.

. Row Space:

- The Row space of $m \times n$ matrix A called Row A , is set of all linear combinations of rows of A

$$\text{Row } A = \text{Col } A^T$$

- $\text{Nul } A$, $\text{Row } A$, $\text{Col } A$ are **fundamental** subspaces associated with A .

. Kernel T:

- V, W : vector space. $T: V \rightarrow W$.

$$\text{ker } T = \{x \in V : T(x) = 0\}.$$

- $\text{ker } T$ is a subspace of V .

Proof: $x, y \in V$.

$$T(x) + T(y) = 0.$$

ii) $T(kx) = kT(x) = 0.$

. Range T:

. V, W : vector spaces T : linear transformation.

$$\text{Range } T = \{x \in W : x = T(v), v \in V\}.$$

. Range T is a subspace of W .
 $(R(T))$

Proof: x, y and v_1, v_2 .

$$x = T(v_1)$$

$$x = T(v_1)$$

$$y = T(v_2).$$

$$kx = T(kv_1).$$

$$x+y = T(v_1+v_2).$$

. Basis:

. If S is an infinite subset of V , S is linearly independent if every finite subset is linearly independent.

. $\beta \subset V$ is basis of V if $(V: \text{vector space})$

i) β is linearly independent.

ii) β spans V .

→ Pivot columns of A form a basis for Col A.

Proof: . The columns e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n of an $n \times n$ identity matrix form a basis for \mathbb{R}^n .

. Any subset of linearly independent set is linearly independent.

. $A' = EA$

l : no. of non-zero rows of A' .

Pivot columns of A' are e_1, \dots, e_l

since all columns have 0's from $l+1$ to m .

$$\text{Col } A' = \text{span}\{e_1, \dots, e_l\}.$$

$E^{-1}e_1, \dots, E^{-1}e_l$ are pivot columns of A.

let $b \in \text{Col } A \Rightarrow \exists c_1, \dots, c_n$

$$b = c_1 a_1 + \dots + c_n a_n.$$

$$Eb = c_1 E a_1 + \dots + c_n E a_n$$

$$= c_1 e_1 + \dots + c_n e_l$$

$$\therefore Eb \in \text{Col}(A').$$

$$b = c_1 E^{-1}e_1 + \dots + c_n E^{-1}e_l.$$

$b \in \text{Span}$ of pivot columns of A' .

→ If $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be a linearly independent set in V .
 If $w \notin \text{Span } \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$, then the set $\{v_1, \dots, v_n, w\}$
 is a linearly independent set.

Proof: If $c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n + c_{n+1}w = 0$
 $c_{n+1} \neq 0$.

$$\therefore w = -\frac{c_1}{c_{n+1}}v_1 + \dots + -\frac{c_n}{c_{n+1}}v_n$$

→ Contradiction

• Spanning Set Theorem:

→ $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_p\} \subset V$.

$H = \text{Span } S$.

• If one of the vectors, say v_k , is a linear combination of the remaining vectors in S , the set formed by removing v_k still spans H .

• If $H \neq \{0\}$, some subset of S is basis of H .

Proof: i) $v_k = d_1v_1 + \dots + d_{k-1}v_{k-1} + d_{k+1}v_{k+1} + \dots + d_pv_p$.

$$\begin{aligned} w &= c_1v_1 + \dots + c_kv_k + \dots + c_pv_p \\ &= c_1v_1 + \dots + c_k(d_1v_1 + \dots + d_pv_p) + c_pv_p. \end{aligned}$$

ii) let B is linearly independent subset of S having maximum cardinality.

If possible, $w \in S \notin \text{Span } B$.

$\Rightarrow B \cup \{w\}$ is li., but B is of max. cardinality

$\therefore S \subset \text{Span } B$.

$H = \text{Span } S \subset \text{Span } B$.

$\therefore B$ is basis of H .

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$\rightarrow T: V \rightarrow W, T(0) = 0$.

Proof: $T(0) + T(0) = T(0+0)$

~~$T(0) + T(0) = T(0)$~~

$T(0) = 0$.

\rightarrow If $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ is a linearly dependent subset of V ; $T: V \rightarrow W$ then $\{T(v_1), \dots, T(v_p)\}$ is linearly dependent subset of W .

Proof: $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_p v_p = 0$. (l.d.).

$c_1 T(v_1) + \dots + c_p T(v_p) = T(0)$.

. This may not necessarily hold true for linear independence.

{images may not be linearly independent}.

only when T is 1-1 function.

- $T: V \rightarrow W$ is 1-1 iff $\ker T = 0$.

Proof: If T is 1-1, $v \in V$ s.t. $T(v) = 0$.
 $\Rightarrow T(0) = 0$
 $v = 0$.

If $\ker(T) = 0$. \Rightarrow only $T = 0$
 $\Rightarrow T(v) = T(w)$ $v, w \in V$
 $T(v - w) = 0$
 $v - w = 0$.
 $v = w$

- If $T: V \rightarrow W$ is 1-1, then:

If $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ is linearly independent then $\{T(v_1), \dots, T(v_p)\}$ is linearly independent.

Proof: $T(c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n) = 0$.
 $\ker T = \{0\}$
 $\Rightarrow c_1v_1 + \dots + c_nv_n = 0$.
 $\Rightarrow c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n = 0$ $\because v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ are l.i.

• DETERMINANTS:

→ For $n \times n$ matrix $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$,

$$\det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} M_{ij} \quad i = \text{const.}$$

→ If A is triangular matrix, $\det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$
(prove by induction).