

Determinant by cofactors

$$A \in \mathbb{F}^{3 \times 3}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & & \\ & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} & a_{12} & \\ a_{21} & & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} & & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \end{vmatrix}$$

The entries a_{ij} (row i in this) will create $(-1)^{i+j}$ multiple submatrix M_{ij} .

$$\text{The signs pattern: } \begin{bmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} \neq$$

$$\text{Cofactor formula: } \det A = a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + \dots + a_{1n}C_{1n}$$

$$\text{Cofactor} = C_{ij} = \cancel{(-1)^{i+j} \det(M_{ij})} \\ (-1)^{i+j} \cdot \det(M_{ij})$$