

Let $A \in M_{n \times n} F$ and let B be the matrix obtained from A by adding a scalar multiple of one row to the other, then $\det(A) = \det(B)$. Proof:

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_j \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ ca_i + a_j \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Therefore}$$

$$\det(B) = \det \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ ca_i + a_j \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_j \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} + c \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Since a determinant of a matrix with identical rows is 0, then we have that

$$\det(B) = \det \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_j \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \det(A)$$