

Chapter 2

Determinants

2.1 The Determinant of a Matrix

- The determinant of an $n \times n$ matrix A , $\det(A)$, will tell us whether the matrix is nonsingular (its multiplicative inverse exists or not).

Case 1. 1×1 matrix

- If $A = [a]$ is a 1×1 matrix then A will have a multiplicative inverse iff $a \neq 0$ (i.e., $\det(A) \neq 0$)
- Define $\det(A) = a$
- A is nonsingular iff $\det(A) \neq 0$

Case 2. 2×2 matrix

- Let
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

By Theorem 1.5.2, A will be nonsingular iff it is row equivalent to I

(1) If $a_{11} \neq 0$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{11}a_{21} & a_{11}a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ 0 & a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

A is row equivalent to I iff $a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12} \neq 0$

(2) If $a_{11} = 0$

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ 0 & a_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

Switching the two rows of A , we get A' is row equivalent to I iff $a_{21}a_{12} \neq 0$ ($a_{21} \neq 0$ and $a_{12} \neq 0$)

- Define $\det(A) = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12}$

Notation

- We will refer to the determinant of a specific matrix by enclosing the array between vertical lines.
- For example, if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, then $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ represents the determinant of A .

Case 3. 3×3 matrix

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

- If $a_{11} \neq 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & \frac{a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12}}{a_{11}} & \frac{a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12}}{a_{11}} \\ 0 & \frac{a_{11}a_{32} - a_{31}a_{12}}{a_{11}} & \frac{a_{11}a_{33} - a_{31}a_{13}}{a_{11}} \end{bmatrix}$$

- The matrix will be row equivalent to I if and only if

$$a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12}}{a_{11}} & \frac{a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12}}{a_{11}} \\ \frac{a_{11}a_{32} - a_{31}a_{12}}{a_{11}} & \frac{a_{11}a_{33} - a_{31}a_{13}}{a_{11}} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

- $a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} +$
 $a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} \neq 0$

If $a_{11}=0$

- Three cases should be considered:
 - (1) $a_{11}=0, a_{21} \neq 0$
 - (2) $a_{11}=a_{21}=0, a_{31} \neq 0$
 - (3) $a_{11}=a_{21}=a_{31}=0,$
- *In case (1): $a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} \neq 0$*
- $\Rightarrow -a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} \neq 0$

In case (2)

(2) $a_{11}=a_{21}=0, a_{31} \neq 0$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

Is row equivalent to I if and only if

$$\Rightarrow -a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31} \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{31}(a_{12}a_{23} - a_{13}a_{22}) \neq 0$$

In case (3)

- Clearly, in case (iii) the matrix A cannot be row equivalent to I and hence must be **singular**.
- In this case, if we set a_{11} , a_{21} , and a_{31} equal to 0 in formula (3), the result will be $\det(A) = 0$.
- In general, then, formula (2) gives a necessary and sufficient condition for a 3×3 matrix A to be nonsingular (regardless of the value of a_{11}).

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

$$\det(A)$$

$$= a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} -$$

$$a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31}$$

$$= a_{11}(a_{22}a_{33} - a_{32}a_{23}) - a_{12}(a_{21}a_{33} - a_{31}a_{23}) + a_{13}$$

$$(a_{21}a_{32} - a_{31}a_{22})$$

$$= a_{11}\det(M_{11}) - a_{12}\det(M_{12}) + a_{13}\det(M_{13})$$

$$\text{where } M_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}, M_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}, M_{13} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition

Let $A = (a_{ij})$ be an $n \times n$ matrix. Let M_{ij} be the $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrix obtained from A by deleting the row and column containing a_{ij} .

The determinant of M_{ij} is called the **minor** of a_{ij} .

We define the **cofactor** A_{ij} of a_{ij} by

$$A_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(M_{ij})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= a_{11} \det(M_{11}) - a_{12} \det(M_{12}) + a_{13} \det(M_{13}) \\ &= -a_{21} \det(M_{21}) + a_{22} \det(M_{22}) - a_{23} \det(M_{23}) \end{aligned}$$

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\det(A) = a_{11}(a_{22}) - a_{12}(a_{21}) = a_{11}A_{11} + a_{12}A_{12} \quad (n = 2)$
- The equation is called the *cofactor expansion* of $\det(A)$ along the first row of A .

Note

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A)$$

$$= a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12} = a_{21}(-a_{12}) + a_{22}(a_{11})$$

$$= a_{21}A_{21} + a_{22}A_{22} \quad \text{(2nd row)}$$

$$= a_{11}(a_{22}) + a_{21}(-a_{12}) = a_{11}A_{11} + a_{21}A_{21} \quad \text{(1st column)}$$

$$= a_{12}(-a_{21}) + a_{22}(a_{11}) = a_{12}A_{12} + a_{22}A_{22} \quad \text{(2nd column)}$$

Example 1

- If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det(A) = a_{11}A_{11} + a_{12}A_{12} + a_{13}A_{13}$$

$$= 2 \times \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{vmatrix} - 5 \times \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} + 4 \times \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = (-4) - 5(8) + 4(7) = -16$$

$$= a_{11}A_{11} + a_{21}A_{21} + a_{31}A_{31}$$

$$= 2 \times \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \times \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \end{vmatrix} + 5 \times \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (-4) - 3(14) + 5(6) = -16$$

$$= \dots$$

Example 2

- The cofactor expansion of $\det(A)$ along the second column is given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= -5 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} - 4 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -5(18 - 10) + 1(12 - 20) - 4(4 - 12) = -16 \end{aligned}$$

Definition

The **determinant** of an $n \times n$ matrix A , denoted $\det(A)$, is a scalar associated with the matrix A that is defined inductively as follows:

$$\det(A) = \begin{cases} a_{11} & \text{if } n = 1 \\ a_{11}A_{11} + a_{12}A_{12} + \cdots + a_{1n}A_{1n} & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

where

$$A_{1j} = (-1)^{1+j} \det(M_{1j}), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

are the **cofactors** associated with the entries in the first row of A .

Theorem 2.1.1

If A is an $n \times n$ matrix with $n \geq 2$, then $\det(A)$ can be expressed as a cofactor expansion using any row or column of A

$$\begin{aligned}\det(A) &= a_{i1}A_{i1} + a_{i2}A_{i2} + \dots + a_{in}A_{in} \\ &= a_{1j}A_{1j} + a_{2j}A_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj}A_{nj}\end{aligned}$$

for $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$

- The cofactor expansion can be performed along the row or column that contains the most zeros to save work. For example,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (-2) \cdot 3 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-2) \cdot 3 \cdot (-2) = 12$$

Theorem 2.1.2

If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, then $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$

Proof

Think:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{n1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{1n} & a_{2n} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

(Hint: prove by induction!)

Proof by Induction

The proof is by induction on n . Clearly, the result holds if $n = 1$, since a 1×1 matrix is necessarily symmetric. Assume that the result holds for all $k \times k$ matrices and that A is a $(k + 1) \times (k + 1)$ matrix. Expanding $\det(A)$ along the first row of A , we get

$$\det(A) = a_{11} \det(M_{11}) - a_{12} \det(M_{12}) + \cdots \pm a_{1,k+1} \det(M_{1,k+1})$$

Since the M_{ij} 's are all $k \times k$ matrices, it follows from the induction hypothesis that

$$\det(A) = a_{11} \det(M_{11}^T) - a_{12} \det(M_{12}^T) + \cdots \pm a_{1,k+1} \det(M_{1,k+1}^T) \quad (9)$$

The right-hand side of (9) is just the expansion by minors of $\det(A^T)$ using the first column of A^T . Therefore,

$$\det(A^T) = \det(A)$$



Example $\det(\mathbf{A})=\det(\mathbf{A}^T)$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem 2.1.3

If A is an $n \times n$ triangular matrix, then $\det(A)$ = the product of the diagonal elements of A .

proof

Think:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem 2.1.4

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix.

- (i) If A has a row or column consisting entirely of zeros,
then $\det(A) = 0$
- (ii) If A has two identical rows or two identical columns,
then $\det(A) = 0$

Theorem 2.1.4 *proof*

- Think:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & & 0 & & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & & 0 & & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ & \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & & a_{1n} \\ & \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

(Hint: prove by induction)

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det (A) = 4 \times \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 5 \times \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 6 \times \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

2.2 Properties of Determinants

Lemma 2.2.1

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. If A_{jk} denotes the cofactor of a_{jk} for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then

$$a_{i1}A_{j1} + a_{i2}A_{j2} + \dots + a_{in}A_{jn} = \begin{cases} \det(A) & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

proof

- (i) If $i = j$, it is just a cofactor expansion along the i -th row of A .

$$a_{i1}A_{j1} + a_{i2}A_{j2} + \cdots + a_{in}A_{jn} = 0 \quad \text{if } i \neq j$$

- (i) If $i \neq j$, Let A^* be the matrix obtained by replacing the j -th row of A by the i -th row of A :

$$A^* = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad j - \text{th row : replaced by } i - \text{th row}$$

- Since A^* has two rows are of the same, $\det(A^*) = 0$. If we expand A^* along the j -th row:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 = \det(A^*) &= a_{i1}A_{j1}^* + a_{i2}A_{j2}^* + \dots + a_{in}A_{jn}^* \\
 &= a_{i1}A_{j1} + a_{i2}A_{j2} + \dots + a_{in}A_{jn}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$A^* = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{j}^{\text{th}} \text{ row}$$

$$A_{j1}^* = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{j}^{\text{th}} \text{ row}$$

$$A_{j1} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{j1} & a_{j2} & \cdots & a_{jn} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{j}^{\text{th}} \text{ row}$$

Row Operation I

- *Two rows of A are interchanged.*
- *If A is 2×2 matrix and*

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$EA = \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{11} & a_{12} \end{bmatrix} \quad AE = \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{11} \\ a_{22} & a_{21} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(EA) = -\det(A) = \det(E) \det(A)$$

- Let E_{ij} is formed from I by interchanging the i -th row and j -th row of I , then
$$\det(E_{ij}) = \det(E_{ij}I) = -\det(I) = -1$$
$$\det(E_{ij}A) = -\det(A) = \det(E) \det(A)$$

3×3 Example

$$\begin{aligned}\det(E_{13}A) &= \begin{vmatrix} a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -a_{21} \begin{vmatrix} a_{32} & a_{33} \\ a_{12} & a_{13} \end{vmatrix} + a_{22} \begin{vmatrix} a_{31} & a_{33} \\ a_{11} & a_{13} \end{vmatrix} - a_{23} \begin{vmatrix} a_{31} & a_{31} \\ a_{11} & a_{12} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= a_{21} \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{22} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{23} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -\det(A)\end{aligned}$$

Row Operation II

- *A row of A_2 is multiplied by a nonzero constant.*

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha a_{i1} & \alpha a_{i2} & \alpha a_{i3} & \cdots & \alpha a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- If $\det(EA)$ is expanded by cofactors along the i -th row:
- $\det(A_2)$
 $= \det(EA) = \alpha a_{i1}A_{i1} + \alpha a_{i2}A_{i2} + \cdots + \alpha a_{in}A_{in}$
 $= \alpha (a_{i1}A_{i1} + a_{i2}A_{i2} + \cdots + a_{in}A_{in})$
 $= \alpha \det(A)$
- $\det(EA) = \alpha \det(A) = \det(E)\det(A)$

Row Operation II

- Let E denote the elementary matrix formed from I by multiplying the i -th row by the nonzero constant α
- $\det(E) = \det(EI) = \alpha \det(I) = \alpha$
- $\det(EA) = \alpha \det(A) = \det(E)\det(A)$

Row Operation III

- *A multiple of one row is added to another row.*
- Let E is formed from I by adding c times the i -th row to the j -th row, $\det(E) = 1$.
- If $\det(EA)$ is expanded by cofactors along the j -th row:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(EA) &= (a_{j1} + c a_{i1})A_{j1} + (a_{j2} + c a_{i2})A_{j2} + \dots + (a_{jn} + c a_{in})A_{jn} \\ &= (a_{j1}A_{j1} + a_{j2}A_{j2} + \dots + a_{jn}A_{jn}) + c (a_{i1}A_{j1} + a_{i2}A_{j2} + \dots + a_{in}A_{jn}) \\ &= \det(A) + c \times 0 \\ &= \det(A) \end{aligned}$$
- $\det(EA) = \det(A) = \det(E)\det(A)$

Summary

Let E denote the elementary matrix of a row operation, then

$$\det(EA) = \det(E) \det(A)$$

where

$$\det(E) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } E \text{ is of type I} \\ \alpha \neq 0 & \text{if } E \text{ is of type II} \\ 1 & \text{if } E \text{ is of type III} \end{cases}$$

Similar results hold for column operations. Indeed, if E is an elementary matrix, then E^T is also an elementary matrix (see Exercise 8 at the end of the section) and $\det(AE) = \det((AE)^T) = \det(E^T A^T)$

$$= \det(E^T) \det(A^T) = \det(E) \det(A)$$


Summary

- I. Interchanging two rows of a matrix changes the sign of the determinant.
- II. Multiplying a single row of a matrix by a scalar has the effect of multiplying the value of the determinant by that scalar.
- III. Adding a multiple of one row to another does not change the value of the determinant.

Row Operation I implemented by Row operations III and II

- *Two rows of A are interchanged can be proved by using row operations III and II.*

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

2nd row is subtracted from 3rd row
 

$$A^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} - a_{31} & a_{22} - a_{32} & a_{23} - a_{33} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{add 2nd row to 3rd row}} A^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} - a_{31} & a_{22} - a_{32} & a_{23} - a_{33} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{2nd row is subtracted from 3rd row}} A^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ -a_{31} & -a_{32} & -a_{33} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{2nd row is multiplied by } (-1)} A^{(4)} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\det(A)=\det(A^{(1)})=\det(A^{(2)})=\det(A^{(3)})$ row operation III

$$\det(A^{(4)}) = (-1) \det(A^{(3)}) = -\det(A) \text{ row operation II}$$

- Let E_{ij} is formed from I by interchanging the i -th row and j -th row of I , then

$$\det(E_{ij}) = \det(E_{ij}I) = -\det(I) = -1$$

$$\det(E_{ij}A) = -\det(A) = \det(E) \det(A)$$

Theorem 2.2.2

An $n \times n$ matrix A is singular iff $\det(A) = 0$

proof

- Let $U = E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_1 A$ is in reduced echelon form, then
$$\det(U) = \det(E_k) \det(E_{k-1}) \dots \det(E_1) \det(A)$$
- Since $\det(E_i) \neq 0$, then $\det(U) = 0$ iff $\det(A) = 0$

Theorem 2.2.2 *proof*

- If A is singular, then U has at least one row consisting entirely of zeros and hence $\det(U) = 0$
- If A is nonsingular, then U is triangular with 1's along the diagonal and hence $\det(U) = 1$

- Another way to compute $\det(A)$
 - reduce A to row echelon form:
- $$U = E_k E_{k-1} \cdots E_1 A$$
- If the last row of U consists entirely of zeros, A is singular and $\det(A) = 0$
 - Otherwise, A is nonsingular and

$$\det(A) = [\det(E_k) \det(E_{k-1}) \cdots \det(E_1)]^{-1}$$

- If A is nonsingular, it is simpler to reduce A to triangular form using only row operation I and III:

$$T = E_m E_{m-1} \cdots E_1 A$$

and hence

$$\det(A) = \pm \det(T) = \pm t_{11} t_{22} \cdots t_{nn}$$

where t_{ii} 's are the diagonal entries of T .

Example 1

$$\begin{array}{ccc|l}
 2 & 1 & 3 & \\
 4 & 2 & 1 & (-2) \times \text{1st row and then added to 2nd row} \\
 6 & -3 & 4 & \underline{\underline{(-3) \times \text{1st row and then added to 3rd row}}}
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc|l}
 2 & 1 & 3 & \\
 0 & 0 & -5 & \\
 0 & -6 & -5 &
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \underline{\underline{\text{interchange 2nd and 3rd row}}} \quad (-1) \begin{array}{ccc|l}
 2 & 1 & 3 & \\
 0 & -6 & -5 & \\
 0 & 0 & -5 &
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

$$= (-1)(2)(-6)(-5) = -60$$

Time complexity for computing $|A|$

Table I Operation Counts

n	Cofactors		Elimination	
	Additions	Multiplications	Additions	Multiplications and Divisions
2	1	2	1	3
3	5	9	5	10
4	23	40	14	23
5	119	205	30	44
10	3,628,799	6,235,300	285	339

$$\det(AE) = \det(A) \det(E),$$

for type I, II, III column operations

$$\det(A^T) = \det(A)$$

Theorem 2.2.3

If A and B are $n \times n$ matrices, then $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$

- Case 1: **If B is singular** $\det(B)=0 \Rightarrow AB$ is singular,
 - $0 = \det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B) = \det(A) * 0 = 0$
- Case 2: **If B is nonsingular**, B can be written as a product of elementary matrices.
- Note $\det(AE) = \det(A)\det(E)$

$$\begin{aligned}\det(AB) &= \det(AE_k E_{k-1} \cdots E_1) \\ &= \det(A) \det(E_k) \det(E_{k-1}) \cdots \det(E_1) \\ &= \det(A) \det(E_k E_{k-1} \cdots E_1) \\ &= \det(A) \det(B)\end{aligned}$$

2.3 Additional Topics and Applications

- Cramer's rule:
- Computing the inverse of a nonsingular matrix using determinants.
- Solving $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ using determinants

The Adjoint of a Matrix

- Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix, define the *adjoint* of A by

$$\text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & \cdots & A_{n1} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & \cdots & A_{n2} \\ \vdots & & & \\ A_{1n} & A_{2n} & \cdots & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- By Lemma 2.2.1

$$a_{i1}A_{j1} + a_{i2}A_{j2} + \cdots + a_{in}A_{jn} = \begin{cases} \det(A) & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
A(\text{adj } A) &= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & \cdots & A_{n1} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & \cdots & A_{n2} \\ \vdots & & & \\ A_{1n} & A_{2n} & \cdots & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}A_{11} + \cdots + a_{1n}A_{1n} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{21}A_{21} + \cdots + a_{2n}A_{2n} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{n1}A_{n1} + \cdots + a_{nn}A_{nn} \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \begin{bmatrix} \det(A) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \det(A) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \det(A) \end{bmatrix} = \det(A) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \det(A) I
\end{aligned}$$

- From the above derivation, we get

$$A (\text{adj } A) = \det(A) I$$

$$A \left(\frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj } A \right) = I$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj } A \quad \text{when } \det(A) \neq 0$$

Example 1

- For a 2×2 matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & -a_{12} \\ -a_{21} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1} &= \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj } A = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & -a_{12} \\ -a_{21} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}} \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & -a_{12} \\ -a_{21} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Example 2

- Compute $\text{adj } A$ and A^{-1} , $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & A_{31} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & A_{32} \\ A_{13} & A_{23} & A_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & -\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -7 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & -3 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -2 \\ -7 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \operatorname{adj} A = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -2 \\ -7 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Cramer's Rule Example 3

- Use Cramer's rule to solve

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 5$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 6$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 9$$

- *Sol*

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -4$$

$$\det(A_1) = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 2 & 1 \\ 9 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -4, \quad \det(A_2) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 9 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -4,$$

$$\det(A_3) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = -8$$

$$\therefore x_1 = \frac{\det(A_1)}{\det(A)} = \frac{-4}{-4} = 1, \quad x_2 = \frac{\det(A_2)}{\det(A)} = \frac{-4}{-4} = 1,$$

$$x_3 = \frac{\det(A_3)}{\det(A)} = \frac{-8}{-4} = 2$$

Theorem 2.3.1 (Cramer's Rule)

Let A be an $n \times n$ nonsingular matrix and let $\mathbf{b} \in R^n$, and let A_i be the matrix obtained by replacing the i -th column of A by \mathbf{b} . If \mathbf{x} is the unique solution to $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, then

$$x_i = \frac{\det(A_i)}{\det(A)} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Theorem 2.3.1 *proof*

- Since $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} (\text{adj } A) \mathbf{b}$

$$= \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & \cdots & A_{n1} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & \cdots & A_{n2} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ A_{1n} & A_{2n} & \cdots & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

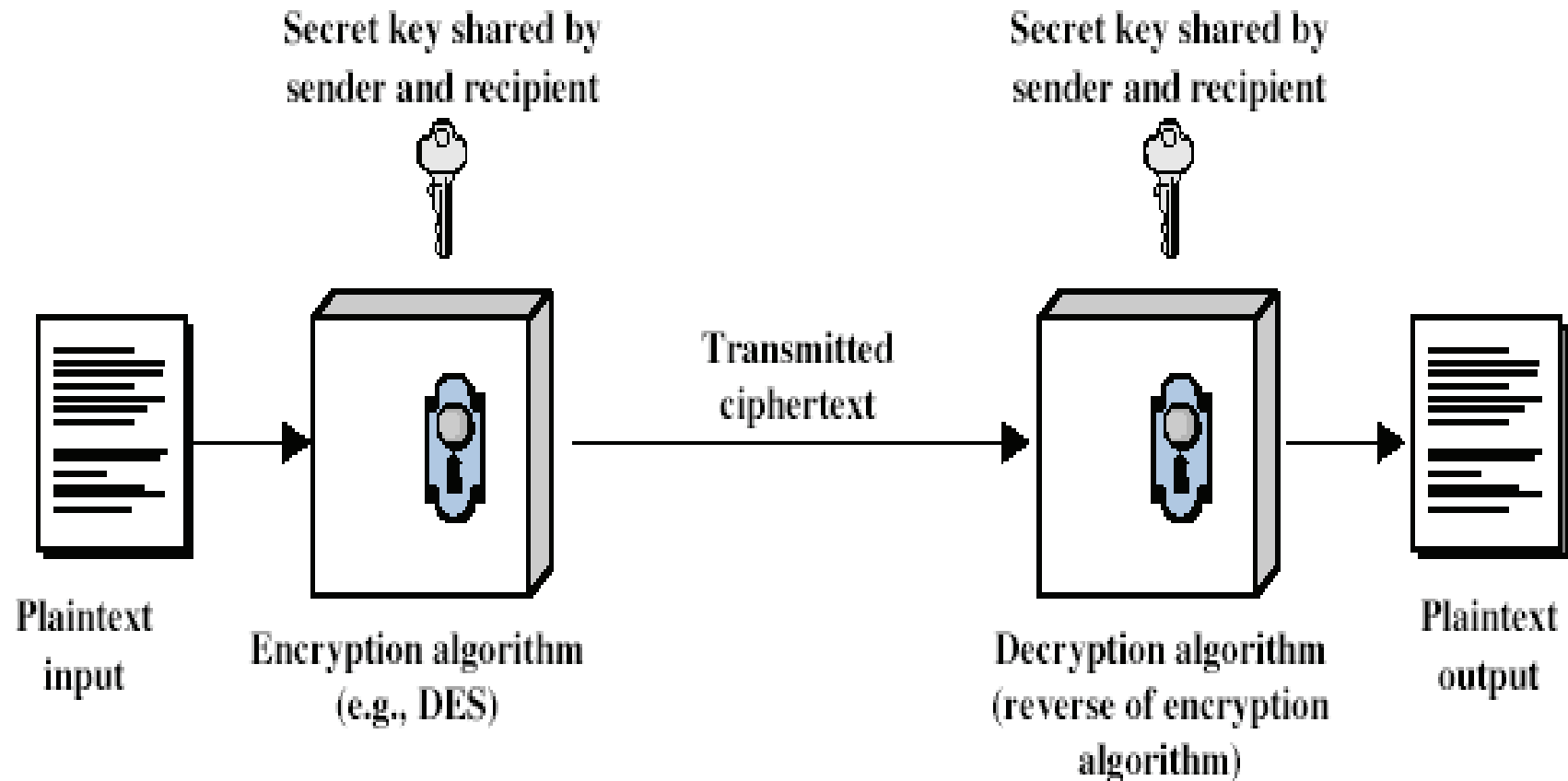
$$x_i = \frac{1}{\det(A)} (b_1 A_{1i} + b_2 A_{2i} + \cdots + b_n A_{ni}) = \frac{\det(A_i)}{\det(A)}$$

Note

$$A_i = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & b_1 & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & & b_2 & & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & b_n & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1i} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & & a_{2i} & & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{ni} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Application: Symmetric Cipher Model



Basic Terminology

- **Plaintext**
 - The original message
- **Ciphertext**
 - The coded message
- **Enciphering or encryption**
 - Process of converting from plaintext to ciphertext
- **Deciphering or decryption**
 - Restoring the plaintext from the ciphertext
- **Cryptography**
 - Study of encryption
- **Cryptographic system or cipher**
 - Schemes used for encryption
- **Cryptanalysis**
 - Techniques used for deciphering a message without any knowledge of the enciphering details
- **Cryptology**
 - Areas of cryptography and cryptanalysis together

Caesar Cipher Algorithm

- Can define transformation as:

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C

- Mathematically give each letter a number

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

- Algorithm can be expressed as:

$$c = E(3, p) = (p + 3) \bmod 26$$

- A shift may be of any amount, so that the general Caesar algorithm is:

$$C = E(k, p) = (p + k) \bmod 26$$

- Where k takes on a value in the range 1 to 25; the decryption algorithm is simply:

$$p = D(k, C) = (C - k) \bmod 26$$

Application: Coded Messages

- Assign an integer value to each letter of the alphabet and to send the message as a string of integers, for example

SEND MONEY \Rightarrow 5, 8, 10, 21, 7, 2, 10, 8, 3

such message is easy to break.

How to disguise the message?

Hill Cipher

$$\bullet \quad K = \begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} & k_{13} \\ k_{21} & k_{22} & k_{23} \\ k_{31} & k_{32} & k_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Encryption

$$C = KP \bmod 26$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} & k_{13} \\ k_{21} & k_{22} & k_{23} \\ k_{31} & k_{32} & k_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} (k_{11} \times p_1 + k_{12} \times p_2 + k_{13} \times p_3) \bmod 26 \\ (k_{21} \times p_1 + k_{22} \times p_2 + k_{23} \times p_3) \bmod 26 \\ (k_{31} \times p_1 + k_{32} \times p_2 + k_{33} \times p_3) \bmod 26 \end{bmatrix}$$

Decryption

$$P = K^{-1}C \bmod 26 \\ = K^{-1}KP \bmod 26$$

How to find invertible matrix

- Let A be a matrix whose entries are **all integers** and **$\det(A) = \pm 1$** , since

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \operatorname{adj} A = \pm \operatorname{adj} A$$

- then the entries of A^{-1} will be integers.

- Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -4 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- The coded message is put into the matrix B :
- SEND MONEY $\Rightarrow \underline{5, 8, 10, 21, 7, 2, 10, 8, 3}$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 21 & 10 \\ 8 & 7 & 8 \\ 10 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The product of AB gives the sent message:

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 21 & 10 \\ 8 & 7 & 8 \\ 10 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 31 & 37 & 29 \\ 80 & 83 & 69 \\ 54 & 67 & 50 \end{bmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow The sent message is 31, 80, 54, 37, 83, 67, 29, 69, 50

- The receiver can decode the message by multiplying by A^{-1}

$$B = A^{-1}(AB) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -4 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 31 & 37 & 29 \\ 80 & 83 & 69 \\ 54 & 67 & 50 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 21 & 10 \\ 8 & 7 & 8 \\ 10 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- To construct a coding matrix A , we can begin with the identity I and successively apply **row operation III**, being careful to add integer multiples of one row to another.
- Row operation **I** can also be used. The resulting matrix A will have integer entries, and since $\det(A) = \pm \det(I) = \pm 1$, **A^{-1} will also have integer entries.**

The Cross Product

Given two vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} in \mathbb{R}^3 , one can define a third vector, the *cross product*, denoted $\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y}$, by

$$\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2y_3 - y_2x_3 \\ y_1x_3 - x_1y_3 \\ x_1y_2 - y_1x_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

If C is any matrix of the form

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

then

$$\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y} = C_{11}\mathbf{e}_1 + C_{12}\mathbf{e}_2 + C_{13}\mathbf{e}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} \\ C_{12} \\ C_{13} \end{pmatrix}$$

Expanding $\det(C)$ by cofactors along the first row, we see that

$$\det(C) = w_1 C_{11} + w_2 C_{12} + w_3 C_{13} = \mathbf{w}^T (\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y})$$

In particular, if we choose $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{x}$ or $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{y}$, then the matrix C will have two identical rows, and hence its determinant will be 0. We then have

$$\mathbf{x}^T (\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{y}^T (\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y}) = 0 \quad (2)$$

In calculus books, it is standard to use row vectors

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$$

and to define the cross product to be the row vector

$$\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y} = (x_2 y_3 - y_2 x_3) \mathbf{i} - (x_1 y_3 - y_1 x_3) \mathbf{j} + (x_1 y_2 - y_1 x_2) \mathbf{k}$$

where \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} , and \mathbf{k} are the row vectors of the 3×3 identity matrix. If one uses \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} , and \mathbf{k} in place of w_1 , w_2 , and w_3 , respectively, in the first row of the matrix M , then the cross product can be written as a determinant:

$$\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

where \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} , and \mathbf{k} are the row vectors of the 3×3 identity matrix. If one uses \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} , and \mathbf{k} in place of w_1 , w_2 , and w_3 , respectively, in the first row of the matrix M , then the cross product can be written as a determinant:

$$\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

In linear algebra courses, it is generally more standard to view \mathbf{x} , \mathbf{y} , and $\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y}$ as column vectors. In this case, we can represent the cross product in terms of the determinant of a matrix whose entries in the first row are \mathbf{e}_1 , \mathbf{e}_2 , and \mathbf{e}_3 , the column vectors of the 3×3 identity matrix:

$$\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 & \mathbf{e}_2 & \mathbf{e}_3 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

The relation given in equation (2) has applications in Newtonian mechanics. In particular, the cross product can be used to define a *binormal* direction, which Newton used to derive the laws of motion for a particle in 3-space.