

A couple Lemmas about determinants

$$- M \xrightarrow{\text{row swap}} \tilde{M} \rightarrow \det(\tilde{M}) = -\det(M)$$

$$- M \xrightarrow{\text{row } i \cdot \alpha} \tilde{M} \rightarrow \det(\tilde{M}) = \alpha \det(M)$$

- Elementary row op rep j by $j + 3j$
Does not change Det.

Review: Det (2x2 matrix)

$$- ad - bc \quad \text{ex: } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \boxed{6 - 15}$$

Using ERO's and ECO's to make determinant calculation more simple

$$- \text{ex } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 9 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{ERO+ECO's}} \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

↳ note it does not have to be this format, any row or col with the most 0's makes it easiest

Specific Matrix Determinant

$$- \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^{n-1} \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \prod_{j>i} (x_j - x_i)$$

$$- \text{ex } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & x_1^3 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & x_2^3 \\ 1 & x_3 & x_3^2 & x_3^3 \\ 1 & x_4 & x_4^2 & x_4^3 \end{pmatrix} = (x_4 - x_1)(x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1) \cdot (x_4 - x_2)(x_3 - x_2) \cdot (x_4 - x_3)$$

Invertability

- A matrix is only invertible when $\det(M) \neq 0$.

Theorem 6

- If A and B are nxn matrices then $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$.

Inverse

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

Cramer's Rule

- linear system $Ax = b$

A = nxn matrix

$b \in \mathbb{R}^n$

- If $\det(A) \neq 0$, then

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = A^{-1}b$$

- further $x_i = \frac{\det A_i}{\det A}$

where A_i is obtained by replacing the i th row of A with b