

# Mathematics II

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## 1 Highlights of Lesson 14

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- Determinant:  $\det(\mathbf{A}) \equiv |\mathbf{A}|$   $[\det : \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}]$ 
  - Volume vs determinant
  - Properties: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#)
- We will deduce properties: **4 – 9**

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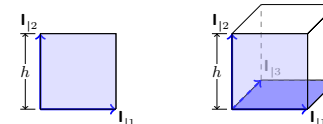
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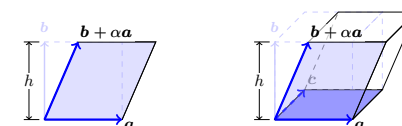
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## 2 Area or volume

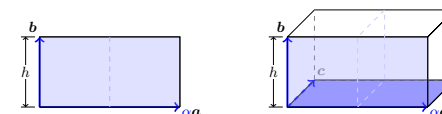
$$1. \text{Vol} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ n \times n \end{smallmatrix} \right) = 1.$$



$$2. \text{Vol}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{Vol} \left( \mathbf{A}_{[(\alpha)\tau_{k+j}]} \right) \text{ for } j \neq k.$$



$$3. |\alpha| \cdot \text{Vol}(\mathbf{A}) = |\alpha| \cdot \text{Vol}[\dots; \mathbf{A}_{|k}; \dots] = \text{Vol}[\dots; \alpha \mathbf{A}_{|k}; \dots]$$



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### 3 Determinant: 3 properties that define the function

**P-1**

**Determinant of identity matrices:**

$$\det \mathbf{I}_{n \times n} = 1$$

**P-2**

**Type I elemen. transf. do not change the determinant:**

$$\det \mathbf{A} = \det \left( \mathbf{A}_{[(\alpha)\tau, k+j]} \right)$$

**P-3**

**Multiplying a column by an scalar multiplies the det.**

$$\alpha \cdot \det \mathbf{A} = \det [\dots; \alpha \mathbf{A}_{|k}; \dots] \text{ for any } k \in \{1 : n\} \text{ and } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

Absolute value of  $\det \mathbf{A} = \text{Vol } \mathbf{A}$

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### Example

Then, we know that in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & (b_1 + \alpha c_1) & c_1 \\ a_2 & (b_2 + \alpha c_2) & c_2 \\ a_3 & (b_3 + \alpha c_3) & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix};$$

$$\det [\mathbf{a}; (\mathbf{b} + \alpha \mathbf{c}); \mathbf{c}] = \det [\mathbf{a}; \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{c}];$$

and also

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & \alpha b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & \alpha b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & \alpha b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = \alpha \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix};$$

$$\det [\mathbf{a}; \alpha \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{c}] = \alpha \det [\mathbf{a}; \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{c}];$$

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### 4 Determinant of a matrix with a zero column

**P-4**

**Det. of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  with a zero column**

If  $\mathbf{A}$  has a zero column  $\mathbf{0}$ , then

$\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$

prove **P-4**

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### 5 Elementary matrices

We already know

$$\det \left( \mathbf{A}_{[(\alpha)\tau, k+j]} \right) = |\mathbf{A}|; \quad \det \left( \mathbf{A}_{[(\alpha)\tau, k]} \right) = \alpha |\mathbf{A}|.$$

### Determinant of elementary matrices

$$\det \left( \mathbf{I}_{[(\alpha)\tau, k+j]} \right) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \det \left( \mathbf{I}_{[(\alpha)\tau, j]} \right) = \alpha.$$

Hence, since  $\mathbf{A}_{\tau} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{I}_{\tau})$ , then

$$|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{I}_{\tau})| = |\mathbf{A}| \cdot |\mathbf{I}_{\tau}| \tag{1}$$

where  $\mathbf{I}_{\tau}$  is an elementary matrix

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### EXERCISE 1. Prove the following propositions

- (a)  $\det(\mathbf{A}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k}) = |\mathbf{A}| \cdot |\mathbf{I}_{\tau_1}| \cdots |\mathbf{I}_{\tau_k}|$ .
- (b) If  $\mathbf{B}$  is a full rank matrix, i.e., if  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k}$ , then  $|\mathbf{B}| = |\mathbf{I}_{\tau_1}| \cdots |\mathbf{I}_{\tau_k}|$ , and therefore  $|\mathbf{B}| \neq 0$ .
- (c) If  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  have order  $n$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  is full rank, then

$$\det(\mathbf{AB}) = |\mathbf{A}| \cdot |\mathbf{B}| \quad (2)$$

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### 6 Determinant after a sequence of elementary transformations

#### Example

a sequence  $\tau_1 \cdots \tau_k$  of *Type I* elementary transformations does not change the determinant.

$$|\mathbf{A}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k}| = |\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{I}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k})| = |\mathbf{A}| \cdot |\mathbf{I}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k}| = |\mathbf{A}| \cdot 1 = |\mathbf{A}|$$

#### Example

but a sequence of *Type II* can.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2a & 3c \\ 2b & 3d \end{vmatrix} = ? \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{vmatrix}$$

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### 7 Antisymmetric property

#### P-5 [Antisymmetric property]

Column exchange changes the sign of the determinant.

**Proof.**

Column exchange is a sequence of *Type I* transformation and just only one *Type II* transformation that multiplies a column by  $-1$   $\square$

Therefore:

$$\begin{vmatrix} c_1 & b_1 & a_1 \\ c_2 & b_2 & a_2 \\ c_3 & b_3 & a_3 \end{vmatrix} = (-1) \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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### 8 Singular matrices. Inverse of a matrix

**P-6** If  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular then  $|\mathbf{A}| = 0$ .

**P-7**  $\det(\mathbf{A}^{-1}) = (\det \mathbf{A})^{-1}$ .

**Proof.**

Let  $\mathbf{A}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k} = \mathbf{R}_{n \times n}$  be a reduced equelon form (and  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{I}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k}$ ).

Since  $\mathbf{AE} = \mathbf{R}$ , then:  $|\mathbf{A}| \cdot |\mathbf{E}| = |\mathbf{R}|$ ; with only two cases:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{A} \text{ singular } (\mathbf{R}_{|n} = \mathbf{0}) : & |\mathbf{A}| \cdot |\mathbf{E}| = 0 \Rightarrow |\mathbf{A}| = 0 \\ \mathbf{A} \text{ not singular } (\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}) : & |\mathbf{A}| \cdot |\mathbf{E}| = 1 \Rightarrow |\mathbf{E}| = |\mathbf{A}^{-1}| = (|\mathbf{A}|)^{-1} \end{cases}$$

$\square$

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**Example**

For  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Type I}]{[(-2)\tau_1+2]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Type II}]{[(-1/2)\tau_2]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Type I}]{[(-2)\tau_2+1]} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

So

$$|\mathbf{A}^{-1}| = \left| \mathbf{I}_{[(-2)\tau_1+2]} \right| \cdot \left| \mathbf{I}_{[(-1/2)\tau_2]} \right| \cdot \left| \mathbf{I}_{[(-2)\tau_2+1]} \right| = 1 \cdot \frac{-1}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{-1}{2};$$

that is

$$|\mathbf{A}| = -2.$$

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**EXERCISE 2. [Transposed matrices]**

(a) What is the relation between the determinant of an elementary matrix  $\mathbf{I}_\tau$  and the determinant of its transpose  ${}_\tau\mathbf{I}$ ?

(b) Consider  $\mathbf{B}$ , a full rank matrix, proof that  $|\mathbf{B}| = |\mathbf{B}^\top|$ .

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**9 Determinant of a product****P-8 [Determinant of a product of matrices]**

$$\det(\mathbf{AB}) = \det(\mathbf{A}) \cdot \det(\mathbf{B}). \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{B} \text{ singular, then so it is } \mathbf{AB} \Rightarrow \det(\mathbf{AB}) = 0 = \det(\mathbf{A}) \cdot \det(\mathbf{B}) \\ \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k} \Rightarrow \det(\mathbf{AB}) = \det(\mathbf{A}) \cdot \det(\mathbf{B}) \end{cases}$$

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**10 Determinant of a transpose****P-9 Determinant of a transpose**

$$|\mathbf{A}| = |\mathbf{A}^\top|.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{cases} \text{if } \mathbf{A} \text{ singular:} & \mathbf{A}^\top \text{ singular} \Rightarrow \det \mathbf{A}^\top = \det \mathbf{A} = 0 \\ \text{if } \mathbf{A} \text{ NO singular:} & \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k} \Rightarrow \det \mathbf{A}^\top = \det \mathbf{A} \end{cases}.$$

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## Questions of the Lecture 14

(L-14) QUESTION 1. Complete the proofs of this lecture.

(L-14) QUESTION 2. Knowing that  $|\mathbf{BC}| = |\mathbf{B}||\mathbf{C}|$ ; prove that for any invertible matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  (so  $\det \mathbf{A} \neq 0$ )

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

(L-14) QUESTION 3. Consider  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  such that  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 2$  and  $\det(\mathbf{B}) = -2$

$3 \times 3$   $3 \times 3$

(a) (0.5pts) Compute the determinants of  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B})^2$  and  $(\mathbf{AB})^{-1}$

(b) (0.5pts) Is it possible to compute the rank of  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$ ? and the rank of  $\mathbf{AB}$ ?

(L-14) QUESTION 4. Use the Gauss-Jordan method to compute the determinant

(a)  $\mathbf{A}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $\mathbf{A}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(c)  $\mathbf{A}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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(L-14) QUESTION 5. The 3 by 3 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  reduces to the identity matrix  $\mathbf{I}$  by the following three column operations (in order):

$[(\tau_{-4})1+2]$  : Subtract 4 times column 1 from column 2.

$[(\tau_{-3})1+3]$  : Subtract 3 times column 1 from column 3.

$[(-1)3+2]$  : Subtract column 3 from column 2.

Find the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

(L-14) QUESTION 6.

(a) Find the determinant of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) Find the determinant of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a & b & c & d \end{bmatrix}$  using Gauss-Jordan.

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## 1 Highlights of Lesson 15

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- Computing  $|\mathbf{A}|$  by gaussian elimination
- P-10 — Multilinear property
- Expansion of  $\det \mathbf{A}$  in Cofactors (Laplace expansion).
- Application of determinants
  - Cramer's rule for solving linear equations
  - Computing the inverse of  $\mathbf{A}$

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## 2 Extended matrix

Extended matrix of  $\mathbf{B}$  :  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

1. Given  $\tau$  :  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}_\tau \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_\tau$ .

2. Since  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_\tau$  and  $\mathbf{I}_\tau$  same type Elem. Mat.  $\Rightarrow$  same det.

Applying 1.  $k$  times, and then 2.

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right| &= \left| \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k} \right| = \left| \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{\tau_1} \dots \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{\tau_k} \right| \\ &= |\mathbf{I}_{\tau_1}| \dots |\mathbf{I}_{\tau_k}| = |\mathbf{I}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_k}|. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\mathbf{A}$  is the extended matrix of  $\mathbf{B}$   $\begin{cases} \text{If } \mathbf{B} \text{ singular} & |\mathbf{B}| = 0 = |\mathbf{A}| \\ \text{If } \mathbf{B} \text{ invertible} & |\mathbf{B}| = |\mathbf{A}| \end{cases}$

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## EXERCISE 7. [Triangular matrices]

- (a) Find the determinant of a full rank lower triangular matrix **L**  
 (b) Find the determinant of a triangular matrix with a zero entry in the main diagonal  
 (c) Find the determinant of an upper triangular matrix **U**

In addition 
$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{B} \end{vmatrix}_{\begin{smallmatrix} m \times n \\ n \times m \end{smallmatrix}} = |\mathbf{A}| \cdot |\mathbf{B}|.$$

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Matrices of order 1,  $\mathbf{A} = [a]$  :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow |\mathbf{A}| = a.$$

Matrices of order 2:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & 0 \\ c & d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(\frac{b}{a})^T 1+2]} \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ c & d - \frac{bc}{a} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$|\mathbf{A}| = ad - bc = a \det[d] - b \det[c].$$

Matrices of order 3:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c & 0 \\ d & e & f & 0 \\ g & h & i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(-\frac{b}{a})^T 1+2] \\ [(-\frac{c}{a})^T 1+3] \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d & e - \frac{bd}{a} & f - \frac{cd}{a} & 0 \\ g & h - \frac{bg}{a} & i - \frac{cg}{a} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{[(\frac{-af+cd}{ae-bd})^T 2+3]} \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d & e - \frac{bd}{a} & f - \frac{cd}{a} & 0 \\ g & h - \frac{bg}{a} & i - \frac{cg}{a} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d & e - \frac{bd}{a} & f - \frac{cd}{a} & 0 \\ g & h - \frac{bg}{a} & i - \frac{cg}{a} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d & e - \frac{bd}{a} & f - \frac{cd}{a} & 0 \\ g & h - \frac{bg}{a} & i - \frac{cg}{a} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \underbrace{aei - afh - bdi + bfg + cdh - ceg}_{\text{(Rule of Sarrus)}} = a \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{vmatrix}.$$

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## 3 Computing by Gaussian elimination

## Example

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} : \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{[(-5)^T 1+2]} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -7 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad |\mathbf{A}| = -7$$

## Example

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 9 & 6 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(2)^T 3] \\ [(-1)^T 2+3] \\ [(\frac{1}{2})^T 4] \end{smallmatrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [1 \rightleftharpoons 2] \\ [(-1)^T 4] \end{smallmatrix}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 9 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -9,$$

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Matrices of order 4:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ m & n & o & p \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} [(-\frac{b}{a})^T 1+2] \\ [(-\frac{c}{a})^T 1+3] \\ [(-\frac{d}{a})^T 1+4] \\ [(\frac{-ag+ce}{af-be})^T 2+3] \\ [(\frac{-ah+de}{af-be})^T 2+4] \\ [(\frac{-afl+ahj+bel-bhi-dej+dfi}{afk-agj-bek+bgi+cej-cfi})^T 3+4] \end{smallmatrix}} \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ e & f - \frac{be}{a} & g - \frac{ce}{a} & h - \frac{de}{a} \\ i & j - \frac{bi}{a} & k - \frac{ci}{a} & l - \frac{di}{a} \\ m & n - \frac{bm}{a} & o - \frac{cm}{a} & p - \frac{dm}{a} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$|\mathbf{A}| = afkp - aflo - agjp + agln + ahjo - ahkn - bekp + belo + bgip - bgln - bhio + bhkm + cejp - celn - cfip + cflm + chin - chjm - dejo + dekn + dfio - dfkm - dgin + dgjm$$

$$= a \begin{vmatrix} f & g & h \\ j & k & l \\ n & o & p \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} e & g & h \\ i & k & l \\ m & o & p \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} e & f & h \\ i & j & l \\ m & n & p \end{vmatrix} - d \begin{vmatrix} e & f & g \\ i & j & k \\ m & n & o \end{vmatrix}$$

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#### 4 Multilinear property

##### P-10 Multilinear property

$$\det [\dots; (\beta \mathbf{b} + \psi \mathbf{c}); \dots] = \beta \det [\dots; \mathbf{b}; \dots] + \psi \det [\dots; \mathbf{c}; \dots]$$

##### Example

Then, in the 2 dimensional case  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a + \alpha & c \\ b + \beta & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \alpha & c \\ \beta & d \end{vmatrix};$$

therefore

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \alpha & c \\ \beta & d \end{vmatrix}.$$

##### Example

For  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ , we have

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

hence

$$\text{cof}_{12}(\mathbf{A}) = (-1)^{1+2} \det({}^1\mathbf{A}^2) = (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 9 \end{vmatrix}.$$

and

$$\text{cof}_{33}(\mathbf{A}) = (-1)^{3+3} \det({}^3\mathbf{A}^3) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix}.$$

#### 5 minors and cofactors

##### Definition minors and cofactors

We denote a submatrix of  $\mathbf{A}$  obtained by deleting row  $i$  and column  $j$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  by

$${}^i\mathbf{A}^j;$$

Its determinant is called the minor of  $a_{ij}$ . And

$$\text{cof}_{ij}(\mathbf{A}) = (-1)^{i+j} \det({}^i\mathbf{A}^j)$$

is called the cofactor of  $a_{ij}$ .

#### 6 Expansion by cofactors

##### Theorem [Laplace expansion]

For  $\mathbf{A}$   $n$  by  $n$ ,  $\det(\mathbf{A})$  may be computed as the sum of the products of the elements of any column (row) of  $\mathbf{A}$  by their cofactors:

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} \text{cof}_{ij}(\mathbf{A}), \quad \text{the expansion by the } j\text{th column}$$

or

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \text{cof}_{ij}(\mathbf{A}), \quad \text{the expansion by the } i\text{th row}$$

EXERCISE 8. Compute  $\det \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

## 7 Cramer's Rule

$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}; \quad |\mathbf{A}| \neq 0 \quad \text{then}$

$$\mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{A}_{|1})x_1 + \cdots + (\mathbf{A}_{|j})x_j + \cdots + (\mathbf{A}_{|n})x_n.$$

$$\det[\mathbf{A}_{|1}; \dots; \overbrace{\mathbf{b}}^{\text{pos. } j}; \dots; \mathbf{A}_{|n}] = x_j \cdot \det(\mathbf{A}).$$

$$x_j = \frac{\det[\mathbf{A}_{|1}; \dots; \overbrace{\mathbf{b}}^{\text{pos. } j}; \dots; \mathbf{A}_{|n}]}{\det(\mathbf{A})}.$$

Computational issues when  $\det \mathbf{A} \simeq 0$  (tiny angle between vectors)

## 8 The inverse of a matrix

$$[\text{Adj}(\mathbf{A})] \cdot \mathbf{A} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{cof}_{11}(\mathbf{A}) & \text{cof}_{21}(\mathbf{A}) & \cdots & \text{cof}_{n1}(\mathbf{A}) \\ \text{cof}_{12}(\mathbf{A}) & \text{cof}_{22}(\mathbf{A}) & \cdots & \text{cof}_{n2}(\mathbf{A}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{cof}_{1n}(\mathbf{A}) & \text{cof}_{2n}(\mathbf{A}) & \cdots & \text{cof}_{nn}(\mathbf{A}) \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}}$$

## Questions of the Lecture 15

(L-15) QUESTION 1. Complete the proofs of the exercises of this lecture.

(L-15) QUESTION 2. Consider  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{A}_{|1}; \mathbf{A}_{|2}; \mathbf{A}_{|3}]$  with  $\det \mathbf{A} = 2$ .

(a) What are  $\det(2\mathbf{A})$  and  $\det \mathbf{A}^{-1}$ ?

(b) What is  $\det[(3\mathbf{A}_{|1} + 2\mathbf{A}_{|2}); \mathbf{A}_{|3}; \mathbf{A}_{|2}]$ ?

(L-15) QUESTION 3. The determinant of the 1000 by 1000 matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is 12. What is the determinant of  $-\mathbf{A}^T$ ? (Careful: No credit for the wrong sign.)  
(MIT Course 18.06 Quiz 2, Fall, 2008)

(L-15) QUESTION 4. Consider the squared matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . True or false? (to receive full credit you must explain your answer in a clear and concise way)  
 $|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T| = |\mathbf{A}|^2$ .

(L-15) QUESTION 5. We have a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 2 \\ b & 3 & 4 \\ c & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $\det \mathbf{A} = 3$ .

Compute the determinant of the following matrices:

(a) (0.5 pts)  $\begin{bmatrix} a-2 & 1 & 2 \\ b-4 & 3 & 4 \\ c-6 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$



- (b) (0.5 pts)  $\begin{bmatrix} 7a & 7 & 14 \\ b & 3 & 4 \\ c & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$
- (c) (1 pts)  $(2\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T$
- (d) (0.5 pts)  $\begin{bmatrix} a-2 & 1 & 2 \\ b & 3 & 4 \\ c & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

(L-15) QUESTION 6.

- (a) Escalone la matriz  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- (b) ¿Es  $\mathbf{A}$  invertible?
- (c) En caso afirmativo calcule  $|\mathbf{A}^{-1}|$ ; en caso contrario calcule  $|\mathbf{A}|$
- (d) La matriz  $\mathbf{C}$  es igual al producto de  $\mathbf{A}$  con la *traspuesta* de la matriz  $\mathbf{B}$ , es decir

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^T \quad \text{donde} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

¿Cuánto vale el determinante de  $\mathbf{C}$ ? ¿Es  $\mathbf{C}$  invertible?

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(L-15) QUESTION 7. What is the determinant of the following matrices using Laplace expansions.

- (a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$
- (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$
- (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

(L-15) QUESTION 8. Compute the following determinant using Laplace expansions:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 & 0 & -7 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 6 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

(L-15) QUESTION 9. Compute  $\det \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

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(L-15) QUESTION 10. Compute the value of  $\det \mathbf{A}$  using Laplace expansion

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & \cdots & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & \cdots & 3 \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & n \end{bmatrix}$$

(L-15) QUESTION 11. Consider a  $n$  by  $n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}_n$  full of 3s in its diagonal, and twos just below the diagonal, and another 2 at the position  $(1, n)$ ; for example, for  $n = 4$ :

$$\mathbf{A}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find, using the cofactors of the first row, the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}_4$ .
- (b) Find the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}_n$  for  $n > 4$ .

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(L-15) QUESTION 12. Consider the following block matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C} \end{bmatrix}$$

Prove  $|\mathbf{A}| = |\mathbf{B}||\mathbf{C}|$ .

*Hint*

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C} \end{bmatrix}$$

(L-15) QUESTION 13. Solve the following linear systems using Cramer's Rule

- (a)  $\begin{cases} 2x + 5y = 1 \\ x + 4y = 2 \end{cases}$
- (b)  $\begin{cases} 2x + y = 1 \\ x + 2y + z = 0 \\ y + 2z = 0 \end{cases}$

(exercise 13 from section 4.4 of Strang (2006))

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(L-15) QUESTION 14. Find the inverse of the following matrices using the *adjoint matrix*

(a)  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(exercise 18 from section 4.4 of Strang (2006))

(L-15) QUESTION 15. Consider the matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \text{and the vector } \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) (0.5pts) For which values of  $a$  the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible?
- (b) (1pts) Consider  $a = 5$ . Using the Cramer's rule, compute the fourth coordinate  $x_4$  of  $\mathbf{x}$  for linear system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .
- (c) (1pts) Compute  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}$ . Use the matrix  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}$  to solve  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

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