

# The Determinant of a Matrix $\rightarrow \in \mathbb{R}$

for square matrices only

$$\det(M) = d$$

$M \rightarrow$  matrix  $d \rightarrow$  number

$M \rightarrow 1 \times 1$  matrix  $\rightarrow$  consisting only a number  $\rightarrow \det(M) = M_{11}$

ex/  $[3] \rightarrow \det([3]) = 3 //$

$M \rightarrow 2 \times 2$  matrix  $\rightarrow M = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$

ex/  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \det(M) = 1 \cdot 4 - 2 \cdot 3 = -2 //$

$A \rightarrow n \times n$  matrix ( $n \geq 3$ )

ex/  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

minor :  $|M_{ij}| \rightarrow$  determinant of the  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  submatrix obtained from deleting the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column of the matrix  $A$ .

ex/  $|M_{21}| = \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 2 \cdot 9 - 3 \cdot 8 = -6 //$   
delete the 2nd row 1st column of  $A$ .

cofactor :  $A_{ij} \rightarrow (-1)^{i+j} |M_{ij}|$  ex/  $A_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} |M_{21}| = -1 \cdot -6 = 6 //$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} n \times n$

cofactor expansion :

$$\det(A) = a_{11}A_{11} + a_{12}A_{12} + \dots + a_{1n}A_{1n} \rightarrow \text{1st row cofactor expansion}$$

$$= a_{21}A_{21} + a_{22}A_{22} + \dots + a_{2n}A_{2n} \rightarrow \text{2nd row cofactor expansion}$$

$$= a_{n1}A_{n1} + a_{n2}A_{n2} + \dots + a_{nn}A_{nn} \rightarrow \text{nth column cofactor expansion}$$

i th row cofactor expansion :

$$a_{i1}A_{i1} + a_{i2}A_{i2} + \dots + a_{in}A_{in} (= \det(A))$$

j th column cofactor expansion :

$$a_{1j}A_{1j} + a_{2j}A_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj}A_{nj} (= \det(A))$$

determinant of A :

1) Choose any row or column

2) Find the cofactor expansion.  $= \det(A)$

wrong cofactor

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{11}A_{21} + a_{12}A_{22} & \dots & 0 \\ \text{1st row} & \text{cofactors from 2nd row} & \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

ex/  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

I choose the 1st row cofactor expansion :

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

$a_{11} \rightarrow (-1)^{1+1} |M_{11}|$   $a_{12} \rightarrow (-1)^{1+2} |M_{12}|$   $a_{13} \rightarrow (-1)^{1+3} |M_{13}|$

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$$A_{12} = \frac{(-1)^{1+2}}{-} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 6$$

$$A_{13} = \underbrace{(-1)^{1+3}}_{+} \begin{vmatrix} 32 & -35 \\ 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = -3$$

$$= 1 \cdot \underset{-3}{A_{11}} + 2 \cdot \underset{6}{A_{12}} + 3 \cdot \underset{-3}{A_{13}}$$

Break Hw: Try choosing another row / column and see it will give the same result.

[illegible]

$$A_{41} = \frac{(-1)^{4+1}}{-} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow \det(A) = a_{11}A_{11} + a_{21}A_{21} + a_{31}A_{31} + a_{41}A_{41} = 12$$

$$A_{41} = -(-6) = 6$$

\* If  $A$  is a diagonal matrix ;

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & d_n \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det(A) = d_1 d_2 \dots d_n$$

$E^*$   
 $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\det(A) = 2 \cdot (-1) \cdot 3 \cdot 6 = -72$   
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\* If  $A$  is an upper/lower triangular matrix;  $\det(A) = d_1 d_2 \dots d_n$

Ex/

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 & -6 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$\det(A) = 0 + 0 + 0 + (4) \cdot (-1)^{4+4}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$0 + 0 + 3 \cdot (-1)^{3+3}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$2 \cdot 1 = 0$

Ex/

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ -2 & -3 & -12 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = 2 \cdot (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ -3 & -12 & 6 \end{vmatrix} + 0 + 0 + 0$$

$$= 2 \cdot (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 6 \end{vmatrix} + 0 + 0$$

$$= 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 6$$

## The Properties of Determinants

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

→ \* If  $A$  has an all zero row/column.  $\rightarrow \det(A) = 0$   
 $0 + 0 + \dots + 0$

→ \*  $\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$

→ \*  $E_1$ : Type-I elementary matrix ( $r_i \leftrightarrow r_j$ )  $\det(E_1) = -1$   
 $E_2$ : Type-II " ( $k r_i \rightarrow r_i$ )  $\det(E_2) = k$   
 $E_3$ : Type-III " ( $k r_j + r_i \rightarrow r_i$ )  $\det(E_3) = 1$

diagonal  
upper/lower triangular

Let  $A$  be any matrix.

→ If you apply a 1<sup>st</sup> type of row operation to  $A$ ;  $E_1 A$

$$\det(E_1 A) = \underbrace{\det(E_1)}_{-1} \det(A) = \underline{-\det(A)}$$

→ If you apply a 2<sup>nd</sup> type row operation to  $A$ ;  $E_2 A$

$$\det(E_2 A) = \underbrace{\det(E_2)}_k \det(A) = \underline{k \det(A)}$$

→ If you apply a 3<sup>rd</sup> type row operation to  $A = E_3 A$

$$\det(E_3 A) = \underbrace{\det(E_3)}_1 \det(A) = \underline{\det(A)}$$

HW

Get a random square matrix  $A$ .

Find its determinant.

Apply one row operation to  $A$ . See what happens to the determinant.

Apply another " " " " " " " " " "