

## 3.1 + 3.2 Determinants

"HW 13" + "HW 14" due together

$$\text{if } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad \det(A) = ad - bc$$

what about  $3 \times 3$  and beyond?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \sim \dots \sim \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} & a_{11}a_{23} - a_{13}a_{21} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{11}\Delta \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\Delta$

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

if  $\Delta \neq 0$ , then  $A^{-1}$  exists, just like  $2 \times 2$  case when  $\det(A) \neq 0$

$\Delta$  is the determinant of  $3 \times 3$   $A$ .

rewrite  $\Delta$

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

determinant of

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

A w/ first row  
and first col  
both covered

det of

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

A w/ 2nd  
col and 1st  
row covered

det of

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{bmatrix}$$

A w/ 3rd col  
and 1st row  
covered

example

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

$$\det(A) = ? \quad (\det A)$$

$$\text{Ex (1)} \quad \det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

sign change at  
every even col  
or even row

$$= (2) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix} - (0) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} + (4) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (2)(-8-8) - (0)(-6-0) + (4)(12-0) = 16$$

"cofactor  
expansion"

we can do cofactor expansion along any row or column.

last example: along first row

try along 2nd column

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2^+ & 0^- & 4^+ \\ 3^- & 4^+ & 2^- \\ 0^+ & 4^- & -2^+ \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$= (4)(-4) - (4)(-8) = 16$$

another way for 3x3: Rule of Sarrus

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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copies of 1st and 2nd cols

$$\det(A) = (2)(4)(2) + (0)(2)(0) + (4)(3)(4)$$

$$- (0)(4)(4) - (4)(2)(2) - (-2)(3)(0) = 16$$

4x4 and beyond are just series of 3x3's

example

$$\begin{vmatrix} 5^+ & 0^- & 0^+ & 4^- \\ 2^+ & 7^+ & 3^- & -8^+ \\ 2^+ & 0^- & 0^+ & 0^- \\ 8^- & 3^+ & 1^- & 9^+ \end{vmatrix}$$

cofactor expansion along ANY column or row, but  
row/col with lots of zeros are best

$$= (2) \begin{vmatrix} 0^+ & 0^- & 4^+ \\ 7 & 3 & -8 \\ 3 & 1 & 9 \end{vmatrix} + (0) \begin{vmatrix} \text{I don't} \\ \text{care} \end{vmatrix} + (0) \begin{vmatrix} \text{IDC} \end{vmatrix} + (0) \begin{vmatrix} \text{IDC} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (2) \left\{ (0) \begin{vmatrix} \text{IDC} \end{vmatrix} - (0) \begin{vmatrix} \text{IDC} \end{vmatrix} + (4) \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= (2)(4)(7-9) = -16$$

If  $A$  is triangular then  $\det(A)$  is product of main diagonal elements

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = (1) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(4)(6) = 24$$

How row operations affect determinants

- (1) each time two rows are interchanged, the determinant changes sign
- (2) if one row of  $A$  is multiplied by  $k$  to produce  $B$ , then  $\det(B) = k \det(A)$
- (3) if multiples of one row is added to another, the determinant does not change

example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det(A) = 3$$

interchange rows:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det = -3$

example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{5} \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det(A) = -\frac{1}{5}$$

factor out  $\frac{1}{10}$  out of first row:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -2$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)(-2) = -\frac{1}{5}$$

Just as in  $2 \times 2$ , any square matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$

## Properties of determinants

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

this means we can do  
elementary column ops

$$\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$$

but  $\det(A+B) \neq \det(A) + \det(B)$  in general

$$\rightarrow \det(A^n) = a [\det(A)]^n$$

linearity property: if one col of  $A$  is multiplied by some  $C$ , then determinant is also multiplied by  $C$

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

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det(B) = -4$$

↑  
col 1 of  $A$   
times 2

if one col  $A$  is linear combo of column vectors, then determinant is the linear combo of determinants of matrices w/ those vectors

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

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det(B) = 0$$



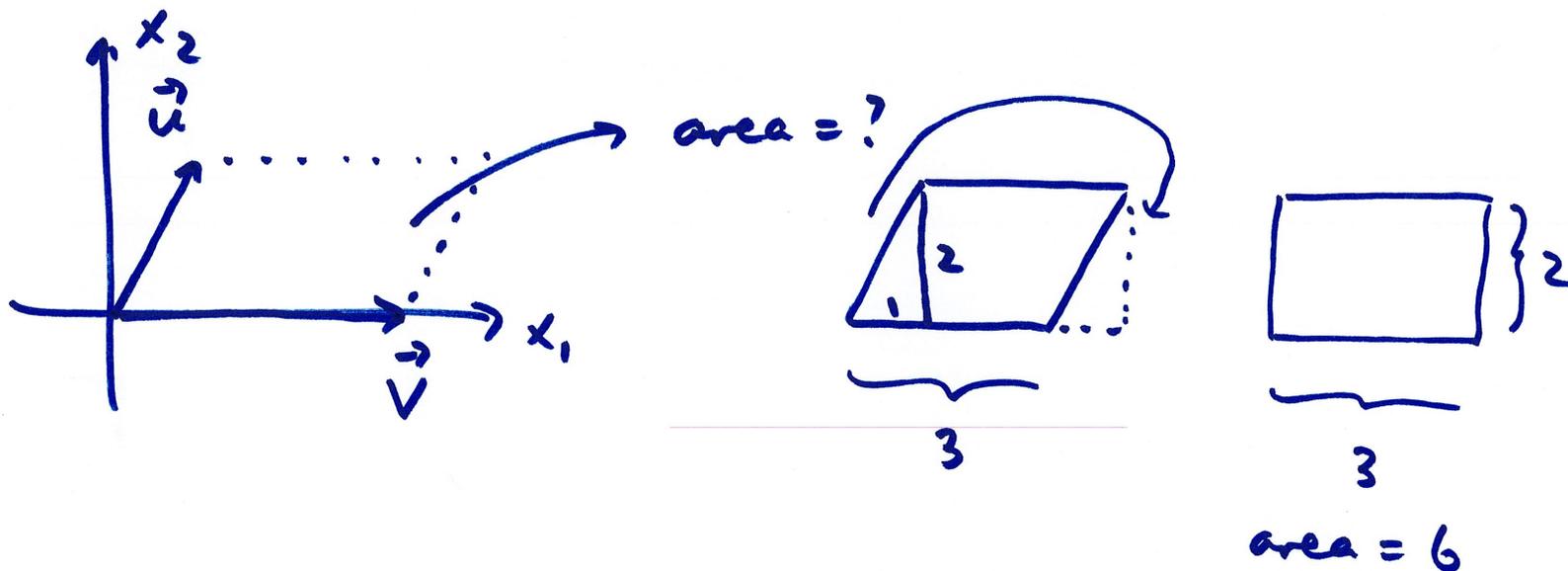
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}\right) + \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$= -2 + 2 = 0$$

What is the determinant?

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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

$$|\det(A)| = |0 - 6| = 6$$