

Welcome to Lecture 6! D-Day is here!

aka Deferminant Day!

This week: Wed HW due  
off hrs, 12-2pm,  
891 Evans

Fri Quiz through §3.1

"And what a plan! This vast operation is undoubtedly the most complicated and difficult that has ever occurred." Churchill

# Motivation For $A$ invertible $n \times n$ matrix

we have algorithm for finding  $A^{-1}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & \vdots & I_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{row ops}}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_n & \vdots & A^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

REF of  $A$

Can we find a formula for  $A^{-1}$ ?

Observe If  $A$  invertible then  
unique  $A^{-1}$  so that

$$AA^{-1} = I_n = A^{-1}A \quad (*)$$

Why? Suppose  $A_1^{-1}, A_2^{-1}$  both satisfy

$$\text{Then } \underbrace{A_1^{-1}}_{I_n} = A_1^{-1}(AA_2^{-1}) = \underbrace{(A_1^{-1}A)}_{I_n} A_2^{-1} = \underbrace{A_2^{-1}}_{I_n}$$

Voilà!

Quest for formula for inverse

$n=1$   $A = [a]$   $A^{-1} = [a^{-1}]$

$n=2$   $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$   $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$

Check  $AA^{-1} = I_2 = A^{-1}A$

Ex  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$   $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

2] Caution  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{(-2) - (-2)} \dots$$

← WTF???

Check  $A$   $2 \times 2$  is invertible  
matrix

det(A)!

↗  $ad - bc \neq 0$ .

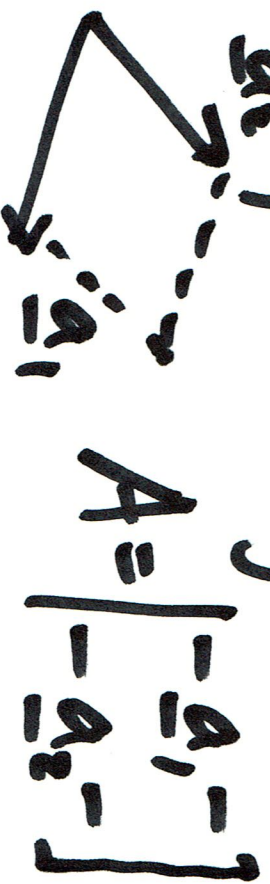
What properties are if  $\det(A) = ad - bc$   
are important?  
 $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

1)  $A$  invertible  $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$ .

2) Geometric interpretation

Thm  $|\det(A)| = \text{Area of}$

$\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2$  Parallelogram

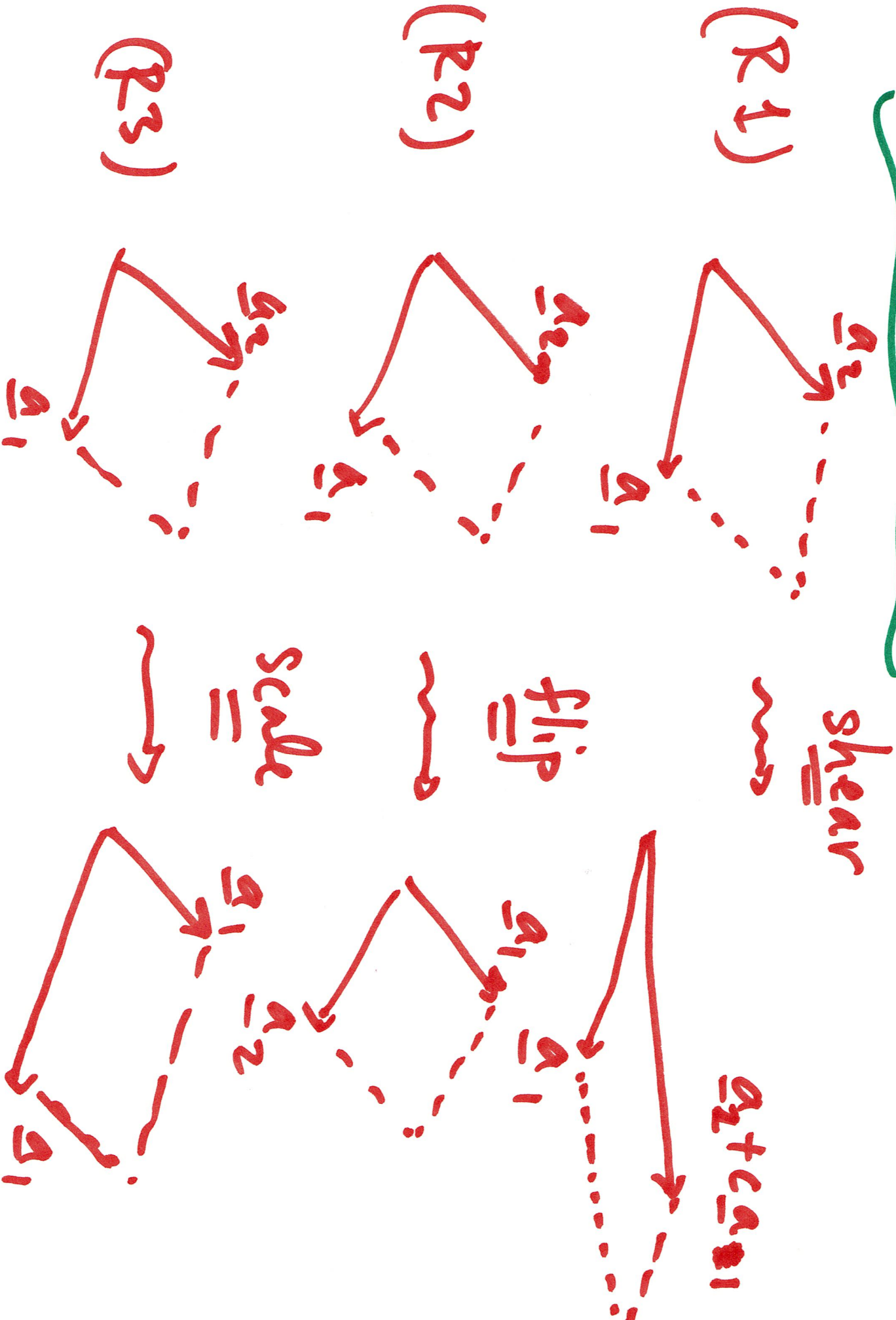


Why is  $\text{Thm true}$ ? Let's see how

both sides change under row ops.

	$\det(A)$	Area
(R1) scale row, add to another	unchanged	unchanged
(R2) swap rows	$\det \rightsquigarrow -\det$	unchanged
(R3) scale row by $\lambda \neq 0$	$\det \rightsquigarrow \lambda \det$	Area $\rightsquigarrow  \lambda  \text{Area}$

# Picture of row ops





After applying row ops, it now suffices to check  $|\det(A)| = \text{Area}$  for  $A$  in RREF.

Possible

$2 \times 2$  RREFs:

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

	$\det(A)$	Area
$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	0	0
$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	0	0
$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	1	1

We're done!

Inductive Def of  $\det(A)$  for  $n \times n$  matrices

Suppose we already know  $\det$  for  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  or smaller matrices

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

Fix ith row, jth col cross them out!

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1j} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & & \\ a_{ni} & & & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

Define  $A_{ij}$  to be resulting  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix

$$\underline{\text{Set}} \quad M_{ij} = \det(A_{ij}) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{#} (i,j) \\ \text{-} \\ \underline{\text{minor}} \end{matrix}$$

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

(i,j) - cofactor

$$\underline{\text{Def}} \quad \det(A) = a_{11} C_{11} + a_{12} C_{12} + \dots + a_{1n} C_{1n}$$

" cofactor expansion along  
i=1 row "

Note  $\det(A) = a_{11} M_{1,1} - a_{1,2} M_{1,2} + \dots$   
 $+ (-1)^{1+n} a_{1,n} M_{1,n}$

Notation  $M = (M_{i,j})$  matrix of minors

$C = (C_{i,j})$  matrix of cofactors

Ex Calc  $M$ ,  $C$ ,  $\det$  for following  $A$

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

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

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

$$\det = 2 + 12 \\ = 14$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 3 \\ -4 & 3 & -2 \\ -3 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & & \\ \hline -1 & & \\ \hline & -1 & \\ \hline & & -1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\det = 1 \cdot 6 + 2 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 3 = 9$$

Now formula for inverse!

Suppose  $A$  invertible  $n \times n$  matrix

$$\text{Then } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} C^{\text{tr}}$$

Check agrees  
with prior  
2x2 formula!

What is  $C^{\text{tr}}$ ?  $C =$  cofactor matrix

$$C^{\text{tr}} = (C_{ij})$$

$$C^{\text{tr}} = (C_{ji}) \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{X} \\ \text{X} \end{array} \right]$$



Back to 3x3 example

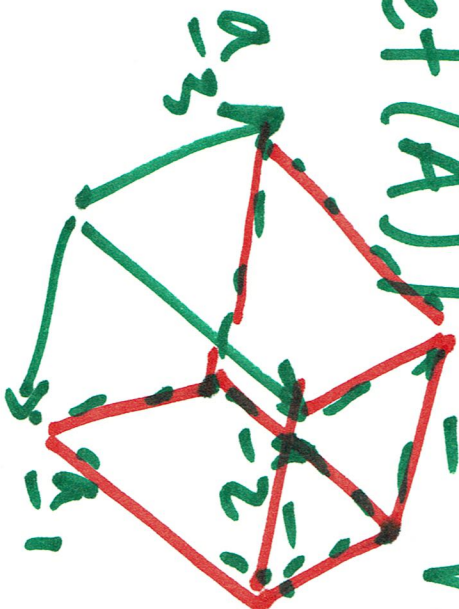
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} C^{\text{tr}} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -4 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Key Properties of $\det(A)$ for A $n \times n$ matrix

- 1)  $\det(A) \neq 0 \iff A$  invertible
- 2) Geometric Interpretation

$|\det(A)| \equiv$  Volume of  
parallelepiped



$A = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{a}_1 \\ \underline{a}_2 \\ \underline{a}_n \end{bmatrix}$

Same idea to see there are five as  
in  $2 \times 2$  case:

1) Behavior under row ops

$\det(A)$	Volume
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(R1) unchanged	unchanged
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(R2) $\det \rightarrow -\det$	unchanged
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(R3) $\det \rightarrow \lambda \det$	Volume $\rightarrow \lambda  A $ .
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Volume

2) A in RREF:

i)  $n$  pivots

$$I_n \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \det = 1$$

ii)  $< n$  pivots  $\rightsquigarrow \det = 0$