

Welcome to Lecture 7! How I learned  
to stop worrying and love  
determinants! 😊

This week: Fri Quiz through §3.1

Next week: Business as usual

Tues 9/26 Midterm 1 through §3.3

Warmup Calc  $\det(A)$  for following  $A$ .

$$1) A = [-7] \quad \det(A) = -7$$

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

$$3) A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$$

/ = +  
/ = -

Cofactor exp along row 1:

$$a \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{pmatrix} - b \det \begin{pmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$+ c \det \begin{pmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= a(ei - fh) - b(di - fg) + c(dh - eg)$$

$$= \underline{aei + bfg + cdh} - (afh + bdi + ceg)$$

$$4) A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\det(A)$

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$-\det(A')$

by row  
swap.  
(R2)

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A') = 1 \cdot \det(B)$$

$$B' = \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\det(B)$

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$-\det(B')$

row

swap

$$\det(B') = -1 \cdot (-1 - 4) = 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightsquigarrow \det(A) &= -\det(A') = -\det(B) \\ &= \det(B') = 5 \end{aligned}$$

Thm  $A$   $n \times n$  matrix

We have cofactor exp for  $\det(A)$   
along any row

$$a_{k1} \cdot C_{k1} + \dots + a_{kn} C_{kn}$$

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

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

$$\underline{\text{1st row cof exp:}} \det = 1(-2) - 2 \cdot 2 = -6$$

$$\underline{\text{3rd row cof exp:}} \det = -2 \cdot 1 + (-2) \cdot 2 = -6$$

$$5) A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_4 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\det(A)$   
 $= \lambda_1 \dots \lambda_5$   
 Here we  
 use exp  
 along last row

Then  $A$   $n \times n$  matrix, either upper  $\Delta$ -ar  
 or lower  $\Delta$ -ar  
 Then  $\det(A) = \lambda_1 \dots \lambda_n$  product  
 of diag entries



Recall important behavior of det under

row ops

$$(R1) \quad A \rightsquigarrow E_1 A$$

$$E_1 =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

example

upper

or lower

$\Delta$ -ar

$$\det(E_1 A) = \det(A)$$

$$\text{So } \det(E_1 A) = \det(E_1) \cdot \det(A)$$

$$= 1$$

$$(R2) \quad A \rightsquigarrow E_2 A \quad E_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{example}$$

$$\det(E_2 A) = -\det(A)$$

$$\text{So } \det(E_2 A) = \underbrace{\det(E_2)}_{=-1} \det(A)$$

$$(R_3) \quad A \rightarrow E_3 A$$

$$E_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ example}$$

$\lambda \neq 0$  diagonal

$$\det(E_3 A) = \lambda \det(A)$$

$$\text{So } \det(E_3 A) = \det(E_3) \det(A) \\ \underbrace{= \lambda}$$

Also: For  $A$  in RREF

$$\text{n pivots: } \det(A) = 1 \text{ since } A = I_n$$

$$\text{< n pivot } \det(A) = 0$$

Thm Any function of  $n \times n$  matrices  
Satisfying above properties (behavior  
under row ops + RREF calculation)  
is equal to  $\det$ !

Why?  $A = E_k \dots E_2 E_1 A_{\text{ref}}$

$$\begin{aligned}\det(A) &= \det(E_k) \cdot \det(E_{k-1}) \dots \det(E_1) \det(A_{\text{ref}}) \\ &\dots = \det(E_k) \dots \det(E_1) \det(A_{\text{ref}})\end{aligned}$$



Then  $A, B$   $n \times n$  matrices

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

PF.  $A = E_k \dots E_1 A_{ref}$

Case 1  $A_{ref} < n$  pivots so  $\det(A) = 0$

But also  $\det(AB) = 0$  since

for instance  $A$  not  $\text{inv}$  surj.

$\Rightarrow AB$  not  $\text{inv}$  surj.

$A_{\text{ref}} = I_n$   $n$  pivots

$$\det(E_k \dots E_1 I_n) \det(B) = ?$$

$$\det(E_k \dots E_1 I_n B)$$

$$\det(E_k \dots E_1 I_n B) = \det(E_k \dots E_1 B)$$

$$= \det(E_k) \det(E_{k-1}) \dots \det(E_1 B) \dots$$

$$= \det(E_k) \det(E_{k-1}) \dots \det(E_1) \det(B)$$

Also have similarly

$$\det(E_n \cdots E_1 I_n) = \det(E_n) \det(E_{n-1} \cdots E_1) \\ = \cdots = \det(E_n) \cdots \det(E_1)$$

We're done!

$$\underline{\text{Thm}} \quad \det(A^T) = \det(A)$$

for  $A$   $n \times n$  matrix

$$A = (a_{ij}) \quad A^T = (a_{ji})$$

$$\underline{\text{Pf}} \quad A = E_k \cdots E_1 A_{\text{ref}}$$

$$\det(A) = \det(E_k) \cdots \det(E_1) \det(A_{\text{ref}})$$

$$A^T = A_{\text{ref}}^T E_1^T \cdots E_k^T$$

$$\det(A^T) = \det(A_{\text{ref}}^T) \det(E_1^T) \cdots \det(E_k^T)$$



Only remains to check:

$$\det(A_{\text{ref}}^T) = \det(A_{\text{ref}})$$

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

Do it once in  
your life!

Corollary We also can calc det  
by cofactor expansion along  
any column!