

3.2 PROPERTIES OF DETERMINANTS.

We want to know if

$$a) \det(A+B) \stackrel{?}{=} \det(A) + \det(B)$$

$$b) \det(AB) \stackrel{?}{=} \det(A) \det(B)$$

$$c) \det(kA) \stackrel{?}{=} k \det(A)$$

for A, B $n \times n$ matrices and k scalar.

Before studying general results, let's consider some particular cases:

$$1) A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 5 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 7 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } \det(A) = -2, \det(B) = 3, \det(A+B) = -6$$

$$\text{Therefore } \det(A+B) = -6 \neq \det(A) + \det(B) = -2 + 3 = 1$$

$$2) \text{ However, for } A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ we have}$$

$$\det(A_2) = -2, \det(B_2) = 8, \det(C) = 6$$

$$\text{Thus } \det(C) = \det(A_2) + \det(B_2).$$

3) Also,

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 5 & -6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 17 & -21 \\ 24 & -30 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = -2, \quad \det(B) = 3, \quad \det(AB) = -510 + 504 = -6$$

Therefore,

$$\det(AB) = -6 = (-2) \cdot (3) = \det(A) \det(B).$$

4) Consider

$$3A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 9 \\ 6 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } \det(3A) = 36 - 54 = -18 \neq 3 \cdot (-2) = 3 \det(A)$$

In fact,

$$\det(3A) = -18 = 9 \cdot (-2) = 3^2 \det(A).$$

$$5) \text{ If } D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \times 1 & 5 \times 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \det(D) &= 5(1 \times 4) - 5(3 \times 2) = 5 \cdot (4 - 6) = \\ &= 5 \cdot (-2) = 5 \det(A). \end{aligned}$$

Does it mean $\det \begin{pmatrix} k a_{11} & k a_{12} & \dots & k a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = k \det(A)$?

In this section, we also want to generalize thm 2 of section 2.2, it means

$A_{2 \times 2}$ is invertible if and only if $\det A \neq 0$,

to general $n \times n$ matrices.

In order to do this, we need to learn how to compute $\det A$ from the determinants of the elementary matrices used in the row reduction of matrix A to an echelon form.

Relationship between $\det A$ and $\det B$, where
 B is obtained from A by row reduction.
Exercise 3 replacements

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 5 & -9 & 6 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & -6 & -2 \\ 2 & 8 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -9 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 12 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{1 \text{ replace.}} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -9 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 108 & 23 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{1 \text{ replace.}} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -9 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -13 \end{bmatrix}$$

$= B$

How are $\det(A)$ and $\det(B)$
 related?

$$\det(B) = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot (-3) \cdot (-13) = 39 \text{ thm 2}$$

$$\det(A) = \det(B) \text{ thm 3 (Next page)}$$

Observation: In this particular example, the only
 row operations are "replacements". If
 row interchanges or scaling were performed
 then it would not be longer true that

$$\det A = \det B \text{ in general.}$$

Thm 3

A is an $n \times n$ matrix

- a) If B is the matrix that results when a row or a column is multiplied by K .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} Ka_{11} & \dots & Ka_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

then, $\det(B) = K \det(A)$.

- b) If B is obtained from A by interchanging two rows or two columns, then $\det(B) = -\det(A)$

- c) If B results by adding a multiple of one row to another row of A (similar for columns), then

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

(look at book's table for 3×3 matrices).

EXAMPLE 2 Theorem 2.2.3 Applied to 3×3 Determinants

Relationship	Operation
$\begin{vmatrix} ka_{11} & ka_{12} & ka_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = k \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$ $\det(B) = k \det(A)$	The first row of A is multiplied by k .
$\begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$ $\det(B) = -\det(A)$	The first and second rows of A are interchanged.
$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} + ka_{21} & a_{12} + ka_{22} & a_{13} + ka_{23} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$ $\det(B) = \det(A)$	A multiple of the second row of A is added to the first row.

We will verify the equation in the last row of the table and leave the first two for the reader. With the help of Example 7 in Section 2.1 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \det(B) &= (a_{11} + ka_{21})a_{22}a_{33} + (a_{12} + ka_{22})a_{23}a_{31} + (a_{13} + ka_{23})a_{21}a_{32} \\
 &\quad - a_{31}a_{22}(a_{13} + ka_{23}) - a_{33}a_{21}(a_{12} + ka_{22}) - a_{32}a_{23}(a_{11} + ka_{21}) \\
 &= \det(A) + k(a_{21}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{22}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{23}a_{21}a_{32} \\
 &\quad - a_{31}a_{22}a_{23} - a_{33}a_{21}a_{22} - a_{32}a_{23}a_{21}) \\
 &= \det(A) + 0 = \det(A)
 \end{aligned}$$

REMARK As illustrated by the first equation in Example 2, part (a) of Theorem 2.2.3 allows us to bring a "common factor" from any row (or column) through the determinant sign.

Elementary Matrices Recall that an elementary matrix results from performing a single elementary row operation on an identity matrix; thus, if we let $A = I_n$ in Theorem 2.2.3 [so that we have $\det(A) = \det(I_n) = 1$], then the matrix B is an elementary matrix, and the theorem yields the following result about determinants of elementary matrices.

Theorem

Let E be an $n \times n$ elementary matrix.

- (a) If E results from multiplying a row of I_n by k , then $\det(E) = k$.
- (b) If E results from interchanging two rows of I_n , then $\det(E) = -1$.
- (c) If E results from adding a multiple of one row of I_n to another, then $\det(E) = 1$.

Proof of thm 3 part (a)

$$\text{let } B = \begin{bmatrix} ka_{11} & ka_{12} & \dots & ka_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying Cofactor expansion along first row to
Compute $\det B$ leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \det B &= ka_{11} C_{11} + ka_{12} C_{12} + \dots + ka_{1n} C_{1n} \\ &= k (a_{11} C_{11} + a_{12} C_{12} + \dots + a_{1n} C_{1n}) \\ &= k \det A. \end{aligned}$$

Proof of Theorem 3 part (b) for a 3×3 matrix A .

For a 3×3 matrix

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

Prove the following: $\Rightarrow B$ Row interchange

$$\det A = -\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = -\det B$$

Proof:- Renaming the entries of B

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_{11} &= a_{21}, & b_{12} &= a_{22}, & b_{13} &= a_{23} \\ b_{21} &= a_{11}, & b_{22} &= a_{12}, & b_{23} &= a_{13} \\ b_{31} &= a_{31}, & b_{32} &= a_{32}, & b_{33} &= a_{33} \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\det B = b_{11}b_{22}b_{33} + b_{21}b_{32}b_{13} + b_{12}b_{23}b_{31} \\ - (b_{13}b_{22}b_{31} + b_{12}b_{21}b_{33} + b_{23}b_{32}b_{11})$$

$$= \overset{0}{a_{21}} \overset{0}{a_{12}} a_{33} + \overset{\square}{a_{11}} a_{32} a_{23} + \overset{\sim}{a_{22}} a_{13} a_{31}$$

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

$$= - \left(a_{11} \widehat{a_{22}} a_{33} + a_{21} \widehat{a_{32}} a_{13} + a_{12} \overset{++}{a_{23}} a_{31} - (a_{13} \overset{\sim}{a_{22}} a_{31} + \overset{00}{a_{12}} \overset{00}{a_{21}} a_{33} + \overset{\square}{a_{23}} a_{32} a_{11}) \right)$$

$$= -\det A.$$

Exercises:

1) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & -6 & 9 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \det A = ?$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & -6 & 9 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -6 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{-2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 10 & -5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{-10} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -55 \end{vmatrix} = (-3)(-55) = 165.$$

2) $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 & -2 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 7 & 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{-1} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 8 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 9 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)(-1) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 9 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (+1)(-18) = \underline{\underline{-18}}$$

Lemma.1:- If $B_{n \times n}$ matrix is such that two of its rows are identical then

$$\det B = 0.$$

Proof:- It is done for a 3×3 matrix. For the general case similar ideas can be applied.

let

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then using cofactor expansion along first row

$$\det B = a_{21} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{22} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{23} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a_{21} a_{22} a_{33} - a_{21} a_{23} a_{32} - a_{22} a_{21} a_{33} + a_{22} a_{23} a_{31} + a_{23} a_{21} a_{32} - a_{23} a_{22} a_{31}$$

$$= 0$$

Thus,

$$\boxed{\det B = 0}$$

Lemma. 2. - let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then $\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}+b_{11} & a_{12}+b_{12} & \dots & a_{1n}+b_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \det A + \det C.$

Proof. - Applying cofactor expansion along the first row of D to compute its determinant leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \det D &= (a_{11}+b_{11})C_{11} + (a_{12}+b_{12})C_{12} + \dots + (a_{1n}+b_{1n})C_{1n} \\ &= (a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + \dots + a_{1n}C_{1n}) + (b_{11}C_{11} + b_{12}C_{12} + \dots + b_{1n}C_{1n}) \\ &= \det A + \det C \end{aligned}$$

Proof of Theorem 3 part (c).

Let

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

Then, using lemma 2

$$\det B = \det A + \det \begin{bmatrix} ka_{21} & \dots & ka_{2n} \\ a_{21} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

part (a)

Thm 3

$$\begin{aligned} & \underline{\underline{\det A + k \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ a_{21} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}}} \xrightarrow{\text{lemma 1}} \underline{\underline{\det A + k \times 0}} \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad = \det A. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\det A$ does not change if a multiple of a row is added to another row.

Assume A has been reduced to an echelon form U by row replacements and row interchanges

Then, from thm 3

$$\det A = (-1)^r \det U$$

Since U is in echelon form and U_{nn}

$$\det U = U_{11} \dots U_{nn} \quad (\text{Triangular matrix})$$

Then

$$\det A = \begin{cases} (-1)^r \left(\text{product of pivots in } U \right), & A \text{ invertible} \\ 0, & A \text{ is not invertible} \end{cases}$$

Now, we want to establish a relationship between invertibility of matrices and their determinants.

First, we will learn how to compute $\det A$ from determinants of elementary matrices.

Corollary 1 from thm 3.-

Let E be an $n \times n$ elementary matrix

a) If E results from multiplying a row of I_n by k , then $\det E = k$.

b) If E results from interchanging two rows of I_n , then $\det E = -1$.

c) If E results from adding a multiple of one row of I_n to another row, then $\det E = 1$.

Proof.- It is an immediate consequence of thm 3 and the fact that

$$\det I_n = 1.$$

Corollary 2 from thm 3

If $B_{n \times n}$ matrix and $E_{n \times n}$ elementary matrix,
then $\det EB = \det E \det B$.

Proof:- There are three cases depending on E .

Case 1:- $E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ 0 & & k & \\ & & & \ddots \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{ith row}}$, $\det E \xrightarrow[\text{Corollary 1 (a)}]{=} k$

Then $EB = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ kb_{i1} & kb_{i2} & \dots & kb_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \dots & b_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$

And $\det EB \xrightarrow{\text{thm 3}} k \det B = \det E \det B$

Case 2:-

If E is ^{obtained from} interchanging two rows of I_n

Then $\det E \xrightarrow[\text{Corollary 1 (b)}]{=} -1$ and

EB is the matrix that results from interchanging the same rows of B .

Therefore, $\det EB \xrightarrow{\text{Thm 3}} -\det B = \det E \det B$.

Case 3.-

If E is obtained by adding a multiple of one row of I_n to another row then

$$\det E \stackrel{\text{Corollary 1}}{=} 1$$

And EB is the matrix that results from adding a multiple of the same row of B to the same another row of B . Therefore,

$$\det EB \stackrel{\text{Thm 3}}{=} \det B = \det E \det B.$$

Corollary 3.-

If $B_{n \times n}$ matrix and $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_r$ are $n \times n$ elementary matrices,

then

$$\det(E_1 E_2 E_3 \dots E_r B) = \det E_1 \det E_2 \dots \det E_r \det B.$$

Proof.-

$$\det(E_1 E_2 \dots E_r B) \stackrel{\text{Cor. 2}}{=} \det E_1 \det(E_2 E_3 \dots E_r B)$$

$$\det E_1 \det E_2 \det(E_3 \dots E_r B) \stackrel{\text{Cor. 2.}}{=} \dots = \det E_1 \det E_2 \dots \det E_r \det B$$

Thm 4 $A_{n \times n}$ is invertible if and only if $\det A \neq 0$.

Proof. -

$(\rightarrow)$ A invertible implies that

$$A = E_1 E_2 \dots E_r I_n \quad (\text{Inv. matrix thm}).$$

Then using Corollary 3

$$\det A = \overset{\neq 0}{\det E_1} \overset{\neq 0}{\det E_2} \dots \overset{\neq 0}{\det E_r} \overset{=1}{\det I_n} \neq 0$$

$(\Leftarrow)$ Consider R the row-reduced echelon form of A
then $R = I_n$ or R has a row of zeros (Krykman)

Also $R = E_1 E_2 \dots E_r A$

Therefore, $\overset{\text{Cor. 3}}{\det R} = \overset{\neq 0}{\det E_1} \overset{\neq 0}{\det E_2} \dots \overset{\neq 0}{\det E_r} \overset{\neq 0}{\det A} \neq 0$

Then, R cannot have a row of zeros, otherwise
 $\det R = 0$.

Therefore, the only possibility for R is to be I_n
i.e., $R = I_n$.

and that means $A \sim R = I$ is invertible
according to Inv. matrix thm.

Thm 6. - $A_{n \times n}$ and $B_{n \times n}$

$$\det AB = \det A \det B$$

Proof. - Two cases arise depending on A .

CASE 1. - A is singular $\Rightarrow AB$ is singular. (Statement in pag 6)
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$$\Rightarrow \det AB = 0 = 0 \cdot \det B = \det A \det B \quad \checkmark$$

CASE 2. - A is invertible $\xRightarrow{\text{IMT}} A \sim I_n$

$$\Rightarrow E_r \dots E_1 A = I_n \xRightarrow{\text{Using inverse of elem. matrices}} A = E_1^{-1} \dots E_r^{-1} \text{ also elem. matrices.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \det AB = \det (E_1^{-1} \dots E_r^{-1} B) \stackrel{\text{Corollary 2}}{=} \det E_1^{-1} \det (E_2^{-1} \dots E_r^{-1} B) =$$

$$\stackrel{\text{after } r-1 \text{ steps}}{=} \det E_1^{-1} \det E_2^{-1} \dots \det E_r^{-1} \det B =$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Corollary 3}}{=} \det (E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} \dots E_r^{-1}) \det B. = \det A \det B$$

We can easily prove that

$$\det(A) = -a_{21}M_{21} + a_{22}M_{22} - a_{23}M_{23} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{elimination} \\ \text{along 2nd row} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\det(A) = a_{31}M_{31} - a_{32}M_{32} + a_{33}M_{33} \quad (\text{along 3rd row})$$

$$\det(A) = -a_{12}M_{12} + a_{22}M_{22} - a_{32}M_{32} \quad (\text{along 2nd col.})$$

$$\det(A) = a_{13}M_{13} - a_{23}M_{23} + a_{33}M_{33} \quad (\text{along 3rd col.})$$

However,

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}M_{31} - a_{12}M_{32} + a_{13}M_{33} &= \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{entries and } M\text{'s} \\ \text{correspond to different} \\ \text{rows} \end{array} \right) \\ &= 1(3) - 4(0) - 3(1) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

This is a particular case of a general result.

Definition:- The determinant M_{ij} of the submatrix that remains after the i th row and j th column are deleted from A is called the minor of entry a_{ij} .

The number $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$ is called the cofactor of entry a_{ij} .

(4)

In our previous example, we showed a different way to obtain the $\det(A)$ for a 3×3 matrix.

This result can be extended to any matrix $n \times n$.

Thm 2.4.1 Expansion by Cofactors.

$$\det(A) = a_{1j}C_{1j} + a_{2j}C_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj}C_{nj} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Cofactor} \\ \text{Expansion} \\ \text{along } j^{\text{th}} \text{ column} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\det(A) = a_{i1}C_{i1} + a_{i2}C_{i2} + \dots + a_{in}C_{in} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Cofactor exp.} \\ \text{along } i^{\text{th}} \text{ row} \end{array} \right)$$

$$1 \leq i \leq n, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

Efficient method to evaluate determinants:

Cofactor expansion + row or column operations.

Exercise #9: Find $\det(A)$

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 3 & 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & 10 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 3 & 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 6 & 11 & 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 10 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & -2 \\ 6 & 11 & 2 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= -3 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & -3 & 5 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 \\ 8 & 13 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -3 \left[5 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & +2 \\ 8 & 13 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 8 & 13 \end{vmatrix} \right] =$$

$$= -3 (5(26-16) + 2(39-24)) = -3(50+30) = -240$$