

Alternate Method to find a determinant

given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 9 & 5 & 15 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ← 1st row become coefficients
4x4

$$\det A = 1 \det \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 5 & 15 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 15 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 9 & 15 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - 4 \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 9 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

alternate signs

$$= 9 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - 5 \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + 15 \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \left(3 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - 5 \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + 15 \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) +$$

$$3 \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - 9 \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + 15 \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - 4 \left(3 \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - 0 + 0 \right)$$

combine like terms

$$= 9 - 2(6-4) + 3(4-4) = 9 - 2(2) = 5$$

given 5x5 matrix

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

UGH...

can use Sarrus' rule →
re-write $5-1=4$ cols
 $\boxed{m-1}$

$$\det A = 1(7)(5)(3)(9) + 2(8)(4)(4)(5) + \dots$$

same A then $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 7 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 7 & 6 & 1 & 8 \\ 3 & 8 & 5 & 2 & 7 \\ 4 & 9 & 4 & 3 & 8 \\ 5 & 8 & 3 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det A^T = 1(7)(5)(3)(9) + \dots$$

thm: if A is a square matrix, then $\det(A^T) = \det A$

ex. find $\det A$ given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

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$$\det A = \det A^T = 1(2)(3)(4) = \boxed{24}$$

Determinant of $n \times n$ Matrix

$$2 \times 2: A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{re-label}} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{know } \det A = ad - bc$$

$$\det A = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \oplus \\ \ominus \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ominus \\ \oplus \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 2 \text{ choices} \\ 1 \text{ choice} \end{matrix}$$

$$2 \cdot 1 = 2! \quad \uparrow \quad n$$

$$3 \times 3: A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + \dots$$

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each time
choose exactly one row/one column

each set of choices
is a pattern, P

simplest pattern is diagonal pattern

First column: 3 choices
Second column: 2 choices
Third column: 1 choice

choices for all 3 columns:

$$(3)(2)(1) = 3! = 6$$

↑ Fundamental Counting Rule

recall: when rows are swapped, negate the determinant

let $\text{prod } P :=$ product of chosen entries within a pattern

ex. in a 3×3 matrix one sample $\text{prod } P = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33}$

$$\text{" } \text{prod } P = a_{12}a_{23}a_{31}$$

now, start to build a strategy for finding determinant of $n \times n$ matrix

$$\det A = \sum \begin{pmatrix} + \\ - \end{pmatrix} \text{prod } P$$

↑ let's get a better understanding of alternating signs:

$$\begin{bmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{bmatrix}$$

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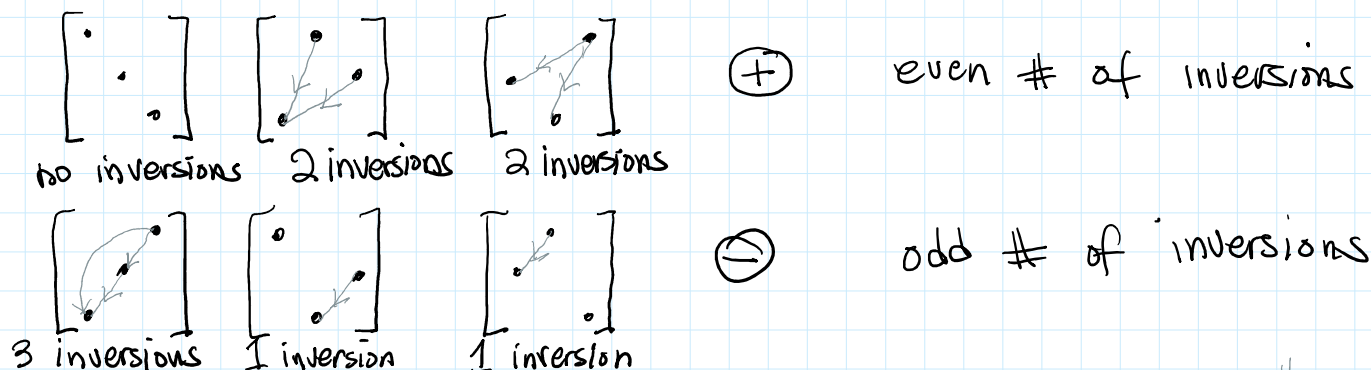
ex. $\det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{swap I, II, III}}$ would prefer this to be upper triangular matrix

$$= - \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & 0 \\ a_{31} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{23} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{swap}} = + \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{31} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{23} \end{bmatrix} = \boxed{a_{31} a_{12} a_{23}}$$

↑ upper triangular ↓

2 swaps or 2 inversions

shortcut: invert if one entries is to the right and above another



fine tune formula: $\det A = \sum (-1)^{\# \text{ inversions}} \text{prod } P$

↑ $\text{sgn } P$
signature of P

pattern

$$\det A = \sum \text{sgn } P \text{ prod } P$$

where sum is taken over all $n!$ patterns, P , in $n \times n$ matrix A

ex. find $\det A$ given

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7 inversions

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{only 1 pattern } P$$

$$\det A = (-1)^7 3(2)(1)(8)(5)(2) = \boxed{-480}$$

ex. find $\det A$ given

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

why can't we use 1?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

ex. find $\det A$ given

max of 2 potential patterns

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & 3 & 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 8 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1 inversion

$$\det A = -6(3)(2)(4)(1) = \boxed{-144}$$

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