

### 3.6 Determinants (part 2)

transpose of A:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$     $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$    rows  $\leftrightarrow$  cols

note  $\det A = \det A^T$

true for  $3 \times 3$  and beyond, too

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

choose col 1

$$\det A = (3) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 5 & -2 \end{vmatrix} - (3) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 5 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = (3)(-23) - (3)(-15) \\ = -69 + 45 = -24$$

choose row 1

$$\det A^T = \text{same work as above} = \dots = -24$$

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

Lower  
upper triangular  
(all #s below main  
diagonal are 0)

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

lower triangular  
(all #s above main  
diagonal are 0)

determinant of triangular matrix is the product of the main diagonal numbers

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & \textcircled{3} & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & \textcircled{6} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{row 1} \quad \det A = (1) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = \underset{=}{(1)} \underset{=}{(3)} \underset{=}{(6)} = 18$$

Zeros are good for determinants

Can we do row operations to introduce zeros (or make matrix triangular) and then find determinant?

yes, but ...

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

row operation of swapping rows:

$$\xrightarrow{\text{swap}(R_1, R_2)} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{determinant is } 2$$

each swap of two rows switches the sign of the determinant

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{5} \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det A = \frac{2}{5} - \frac{3}{5} = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det B = -2 = 10 \cdot -\frac{1}{5} = 10 \det A$$

(row 1 of A times 10)

multiplying one row by  $k$  ( $k \neq 0$ ) changes the determinant by a factor of  $k$

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

← same

$$\xrightarrow{(-3)R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det \text{ is } (1)(-2) = -2$$

upper triangular

multiplying one row and add to another does NOT affect the determinant

this is good because we use the operation to introduce zeros

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 3 \\ 3 & -3 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

let's try to introduce zeros or make it triangular

notice col 2 has the easiest numbers to use to introduce zeros (col 1/3 involve fractions)

these do  
NOT change the  
determinant

$$\begin{array}{l} (2)R_3 + R_1 \\ \hline (3)R_3 + R_2 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 12^+ & 0^- & 21^+ \\ 18^- & 0^+ & 29^- \\ 5^+ & 1^- & 9^+ \end{bmatrix}$$

now col 2 is good to expand on

$$\det A = - (1) \begin{vmatrix} 12 & 21 \\ 18 & 29 \end{vmatrix} = 30$$

Example

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

col 1 has nice #'s so there is room to introduce more zeros

makes upper a 1  
which is good pivot  
Swap (R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>)

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & -6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

one swap → det flips sign

these do NOT  
change det

(-1)R<sub>1</sub> + R<sub>2</sub>

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(-2)R<sub>1</sub> + R<sub>3</sub>

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -6 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & -6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} (-2)R_2 + R_3 \\ \hline (-2)R_2 + R_4 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -12 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -12 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(-1)R_3 + R_4 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -12 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = - (1)(1)(-12)(5) = 60$$

from swap  
earlier

$$\det A = \det A^T$$

col operations  $\leftrightarrow$  row operations

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normally, we do NOT do column operations (they change solutions to the system)

but, for the purpose of finding det, we can do column ops

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

$$\xrightarrow{-2C_1 + C_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = -2$$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{-2R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A^T = -2$$