

11/18 Lecture Notes

• When is  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  not invertible?

↳ Whenever  $\frac{1}{ad-bc} = \frac{1}{0}$  (number, not a matrix)

• **Determinant** → Arithmetic condition for determining if a matrix is invertible

geometrical

• When is 1x1 matrix  $[a]$  invertible? ⇒ when  $a \neq 0$

det(n) = scaling factor for dimension volume

• **Idea**: The determinant is a function that inputs a square matrix and outputs a number

• **Definition**:  $\det([a]) = a$   
 $\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = ad - bc$

• If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix let  $M_{ij}$  denote the matrix you get from deleting the  $i$ th row &  $j$ th column of  $A$

EX)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow M_{23} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

• Let  $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(M_{ij}) \Rightarrow C_{23} = (-1)^5 \det\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

$C_{23} = -1((1)(8) - (2)(7)) = 0$

• **Definition**: Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$  then  $\det(A) = a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + \dots + a_{1n}C_{1n}$

r = cur # of reflections across planes - odd

EX)  $\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) \Rightarrow \det = (1) \cdot (-1)^2 \det\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + (2) \cdot (-1)^3 \det\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + (0) \cdot (-1)^4 \det\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$+ (0) \cdot (-1)^5 \det\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det(A) = \det\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + (2) \cdot (-1) \det\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$\det Q_1 = (1) \cdot (-1)^2 \det\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 0 + 2 \cdot (-1)^4 \det\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = -1 + 0 + 2(1) = 1$

$\det Q_2 = 2 \cdot (-1)^2 \det\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + 0 + 2 \cdot (-1)^4 \det\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = (2)(1)(-1) + 0 + (2)(1)(0) = -2$

$\det(A) = (1) + (-2)(-2) = 5$

**Theorem**: Let  $A$  be the same matrix as above then (a) det

(a)  $\det(A) = a_{i1}(i_1) + a_{i2}(i_2) + \dots + a_{in}(i_n)$  (across a fixed row)

(b)  $\det(A) = a_{1j}(j_1) + a_{2j}(j_2) + \dots + a_{nj}(j_n)$  (down a fixed column)

EX)  $\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) \Rightarrow \det(A) = 0 + 0 + 0 + 1 \cdot (-1)^{3+4} \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$   
 $= -1 \cdot ((1)(1) - (2)(2)) = -1 \cdot (-1) = 1$   
 $= -(-2 + (1 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 2)) = 5$

**Theorem**:  $\det(I_n) = 1$

**Theorem**: Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $\det(A) \neq 0$  iff  $A$  is invertible