

Exercise:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  If  $X \in \mathbb{R}^2$  were an e-vector for  $A$  with e-value  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $(A - \lambda I_2)X = 0^2_1$  would have non-zero solutions

But  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix}$  and

$\begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 & | & 0 \\ -1 & -\lambda & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \lambda & | & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda^2 + 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  since  $\lambda^2 + 1 \geq 1 > 0$

$\lambda \quad \lambda^2$  so  $AX = \lambda X$  has only solution  $X = 0^2_1$

Alternatively,  $\det \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{(-\lambda)^2 - (-1)(1)}_{\neq 0} = \lambda^2 + 1$

so  $\begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

This  $A$  cannot be diagonalized "over  $\mathbb{R}$ ".

In textbook is a discussion of the complex 202  
numbers  $\mathbb{C} = \{a+bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}, i^2 = -1\}$   
a very important field containing  $\mathbb{R}$   
as well as "imaginary" numbers like  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ .  
Linear algebra can be done over any field,  
using scalars from the field instead of from  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
This topic is developed in Advanced Linear  
Algebra, Math 404.

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Review: For  $A = [a_{ij}] \in F^n$ , define 203

$$\det(A) = |A| = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) a_{1\sigma(1)} a_{2\sigma(2)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)}$$

where  $\sigma = \left( \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & \cdots & i & \cdots & j & \cdots & n \\ \sigma(1) & \sigma(2) & \cdots & \sigma(i) & \cdots & \sigma(j) & \cdots & \sigma(n) \end{matrix} \right) \in S_n$

is any bijection  $\sigma: \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

$\operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) = (-1)^{\operatorname{Inv}(\sigma)} \in \{\pm 1\}$  where

$\operatorname{Inv}(\sigma) = \#$  inversions in  $\sigma$

An inversion in  $\sigma$  is a pair  $(i, j)$  such that  
 $1 \leq i < j \leq n$  and  $\sigma(i) > \sigma(j)$ .

Note: There are  $n! = n(n-1) \cdots (2)(1)$  distinct  
bijections in  $S_n$ . Also called "permutations"  
since the values of  $\sigma$  are the numbers  $1, \dots, n$  in  
some order.

Th: If  $A = [a_{ij}]$  has a zero row then 1204  
 $\det(A) = 0$ .

Pf: If row  $r$  of  $A$  is all zeros, then  $a_{rj} = 0$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , so in the formula for  $\det(A)$  every term has a factor  $a_{r\sigma(r)} = 0$ , so every term is 0.  $\square$

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Th: If  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is upper triangular, so if  $i > j$  then  $a_{ij} = 0$ , then  $\det(A) = a_{11}a_{22}\cdots a_{nn}$ .

Pf: Let  $\sigma \in S_n$ . Either  $\sigma(n) = n$  or  $\sigma(n) < n$ . If  $\sigma(n) < n$  then  $a_{n\sigma(n)} = 0$  so those terms contribute nothing to  $\det(A)$ . Consider remaining  $\sigma \in S_n$  s.t.  $\sigma(n) = n$ , so

$\sigma = (\sigma(1) \ \sigma(2) \ \dots \ \sigma(n-1) \ \sigma(n))$ . Either

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$\sigma(n-1) = n-1$  or  $\sigma(n-1) < n-1$ .

If  $\sigma(n-1) < n-1$  then  $a_{(n-1)\sigma(n-1)} = 0$  ( $i > j$ )  
so those terms contribute nothing to  $|A|$ .  
Consider remaining  $\sigma \in S_n$  s.t.

$\sigma(n-1) = n-1$  and  $\sigma(n) = n$ . So

$\sigma = (\sigma(1) \ \sigma(2) \ \dots \ \sigma(n-2) \ \sigma(n-1) \ \sigma(n))$ . Either

$\sigma(n-2) = n-2$  or  $\sigma(n-2) < n-2$ .

As before,  $\sigma(n-2) < n-2$  gives  $a_{(n-2)\sigma(n-2)} = 0$   
so get no contributions to  $|A|$ . Can

consider only  $\sigma \in S_n$  s.t.  $\sigma(n-2) = n-2$ ,  $\sigma(n-1) = n-1$   
and  $\sigma(n) = n$ . Continue same argument, get  
only contribution to  $\det(A)$  is from  $\sigma = I$ ,

$\sigma = I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & i & \dots & n \\ 1 & 2 & \dots & i & \dots & n \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\text{sgn}(I) = 1$  Q06

so  $\det(A) = a_{11} a_{22} \dots a_{ii} \dots a_{nn}$ .  $\square$

Th: Let  $A = [a_{ij}] \in F^n$  and suppose  $B = [b_{ij}]$  is obtained from  $A$  by doing an elementary row operation to  $A$ . Then we have:

- (1)  $\det(B) = -\det(A)$  if row op. is a switcher,
- (2)  $\det(B) = c \det(A)$  if row op. is multip. by  $c$
- (3)  $\det(B) = \det(A)$  if row op. is an adder.

Proof: (2) is easiest from definition of  $|A|$ .  
Suppose  $B$  is obtained from  $A$  by multiplying row  $i$  of  $A$  by  $c \in F$  (even if  $c = 0$ ).

Then  $b_{ij} = \begin{cases} a_{ij} & \text{if } i \neq r \\ ca_{ij} & \text{if } i = r \end{cases}$  so 207

$$\begin{aligned} \det(B) &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) b_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots b_{r\sigma(r)} \cdots b_{n\sigma(n)} \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) a_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots c a_{r\sigma(r)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)} \\ &= c \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) a_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{r\sigma(r)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)} \\ &= c \det(A). \end{aligned}$$

Before doing proof of (1), need fact about  $\operatorname{sgn}$ .

Th: For any  $\sigma, \tau \in S_n$  we have

$$\operatorname{sgn}(\sigma \circ \tau) = \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) \cdot \operatorname{sgn}(\tau)$$

Group Theory.

Example: For  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  108

$$\text{sgn}(\sigma) = (-1)^2 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{sgn}(\tau) = (-1)^1 = -1$$

$$\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{sgn}(\sigma \circ \tau) = (-1)^3 = -1$$

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \text{sgn}(\sigma) \cdot \text{sgn}(\tau)$$

$$\sigma \circ \tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (1) \cdot (-1)$$

For  $1 \leq r < s \leq n$  let  $\tau \in S_n$  be the permutation that just switches  $r$  and  $s$ :

$$\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & r & \dots & s & \dots & n \\ 1 & 2 & \dots & s & \dots & r & \dots & n \end{pmatrix}. \quad \text{Then for any}$$

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & r & \dots & s & \dots & n \\ \sigma(1) & \sigma(2) & \dots & \sigma(r) & \dots & \sigma(s) & \dots & \sigma(n) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{we have}$$



$$\sigma \circ \tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & r & \dots & s & \dots & n \\ \sigma(1) & \sigma(2) & \dots & \sigma(s) & \dots & \sigma(r) & \dots & \sigma(n) \end{pmatrix}. \quad \boxed{209}$$

Th:  $\text{sgn}(\tau) = -1$ . Pt. Count Inversions.

Pt. (continued) (i) Suppose  $1 \leq r < s \leq n$  and  $B$  is obtained from  $A$  by switching rows  $r$  and  $s$ . Then  $b_{ij} = \begin{cases} a_{ij} & \text{if } i \neq r \text{ and } i \neq s \\ a_{sj} & \text{if } i = r \\ a_{rj} & \text{if } i = s \end{cases}$

so

$$\det(B) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) b_{1\sigma(1)} \dots b_{r\sigma(r)} \dots b_{s\sigma(s)} \dots b_{n\sigma(n)}$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) a_{1\sigma(1)} \dots \underbrace{a_{s\sigma(r)} \dots a_{r\sigma(s)}}_{\text{out of order}} \dots a_{n\sigma(n)}$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) a_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{r\sigma(r)} \cdots a_{s\sigma(s)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)} \quad \boxed{210}$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) a_{1(\sigma\tau)(1)} \cdots a_{r(\sigma\tau)(r)} \cdots a_{s(\sigma\tau)(s)} \cdots a_{n(\sigma\tau)(n)}$$

As  $\sigma$  varies over all elements of  $S_n$ , so does  $\sigma\tau$  because the function

$f_\tau: S_n \rightarrow S_n$  defined by  $f_\tau(\sigma) = \sigma\tau$  is bijective! (Exercise in group theory.)

So, let  $\mu = \sigma\tau = f_\tau(\sigma)$  be a new index:

$$\det(B) = \sum_{\mu \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) a_{1\mu(1)} \cdots a_{n\mu(n)}$$

$$= - \sum_{\mu \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\mu) a_{1\mu(1)} \cdots a_{n\mu(n)} = -|A|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sgn}(\mu) &= \\ \text{sgn}(\sigma\tau) &= \\ \text{sgn}(\sigma) \cdot \text{sgn}(\tau) &= \\ &= -\text{sgn}(\sigma) \end{aligned}$$

Corollary of (1): If  $A$  has two identical 211 rows then  $|A|=0$ .

Pf: If  $B$  is obtained from  $A$  by switching those two identical rows, then  $B = -A$  and  $\det(B) = -\det(A)$  so  $\det(A) = -\det(A)$  so  $2\det(A) = 0$  so  $\det(A) = 0$ .

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Pf of (3): Suppose  $B$  is obtained from  $A$  by elementary adder row operation  $cR_r + R_s \rightarrow R_s$  and then

$$\text{so } b_{ij} = \begin{cases} a_{ij} & \text{if } i \neq s \\ a_{sj} + ca_{rj} & \text{if } i = s \end{cases}$$

$$|B| = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \underset{\substack{\parallel \\ a_{1\sigma(1)}}}{b_{1\sigma(1)}} \cdots \underset{\substack{\parallel \\ a_{r\sigma(r)}}}{b_{r\sigma(r)}} \cdots \underset{\substack{\parallel \\ (a_{s\sigma(s)} + ca_{r\sigma(s)})}}{b_{s\sigma(s)}} \cdots \underset{\substack{\parallel \\ a_{n\sigma(n)}}}{b_{n\sigma(n)}}$$

$$|B| = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) a_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{r\sigma(r)} \cdots a_{s\sigma(s)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)} \quad \boxed{2.12}$$

$$+ c \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) a_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{r\sigma(r)} \cdots a_{r\sigma(s)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)}$$

The first sum is just  $|A|$  so why is the second sum zero?

Let  $D = [d_{ij}]$  be the matrix obtained from  $A$  by replacing row  $s$  by row  $r$ , that is,

$$d_{ij} = \begin{cases} a_{ij} & \text{if } i \neq s \\ a_{rj} & \text{if } i = s. \end{cases} \quad \text{Then}$$

$$|D| = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) d_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots d_{r\sigma(r)} \cdots d_{s\sigma(s)} \cdots d_{n\sigma(n)}$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) a_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{r\sigma(r)} \cdots a_{r\sigma(s)} \cdots a_{n\sigma(n)}$$

is that second sum above.  $\square$

How do we use these Theorems to efficiently calculate  $\det(A)$ ? 213

Ex:  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & -2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{+6} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{+} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} =$

$\begin{matrix} -2 & -2 & 2 & 2 \\ -3 & -3 & 3 & 3 \\ -4 & -4 & 4 & 4 \end{matrix}$

switch  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -4$

Crosshatching was NOT an option!!  
 The definition would have involved adding 24 terms, not efficient or reasonable.

Ex:  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 6 & 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = (2)(3) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 6 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 6$  2.14

is faster than crosshatching method for  $3 \times 3$ .

Th: Suppose  $E$  is an elementary matrix associated with an elem. row operation. Then

- (1)  $\det(E) = -1$  if  $E$  is a switcher,
- (2)  $\det(E) = c$  if  $E$  is a multiplier by  $c$ .
- (3)  $\det(E) = 1$  if  $E$  is an adder.

Pf: In each case,  $E$  is obtained from  $I_n$  by doing the row op. to  $I_n$ , and  $\det(I_n) = 1$ , so these follow from the theorem giving the effect on det of doing elem. row ops.  $\square$

Cor: Let  $E$  be the elem. matrix associated with an elem. row op, so that  $EA$  is the matrix obtained from  $A$  by doing that row op. to  $A$ . Then  $\det(EA) = (\det E)(\det A)$ .

Pf: This is the result of the last theorems.

Th: Suppose  $B$  is obtained from  $A$  by a sequence of elem. row ops corresponding to elem. matrices  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_r$ . Then

$$B = E_r \cdots E_2 E_1 A \quad \text{and}$$
$$\det(B) = \det(E_r) \det(E_{r-1}) \cdots \det(E_2) \det(E_1) \det A$$

and for each  $1 \leq i \leq r$ ,  $\det(E_i) \neq 0$ .

Pf: Follows from last theorem.

Th:  $A$  is invertible iff  $\det(A) \neq 0$ . (216)

Pf:  $A$  is invertible iff  $A$  row reduces to  $I_n$

iff  $I_n = E_r \cdots E_2 E_1 A$  for some elem.

matrices  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_r$ , so

$$1 = \det(I_n) = (\det E_r) \cdots (\det E_1) (\det A)$$

and each  $\det(E_i) \neq 0$  so  $A$  invertible

implies  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .

If  $A$  is not invertible, it row reduces to a matrix  $C$  with a zero row,  $C = E_r \cdots E_1 A$

$$0 = \det C = (\det E_r) \cdots (\det E_1) (\det A) \text{ and each}$$

$\det(E_i) \neq 0$  so  $\det(A) = 0$ .  $\square$

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We only left out the proof that  $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$ .