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If  $A$  is a triangular matrix, then  $\det A$  is the product of the entries on the main diagonal of  $A$ .

did this last time ✓

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### Row Operations

Let  $A$  be a square matrix.

Since we've been using row operations to make the LU factorization, it's useful to see how row operations affect the determinant.

- If a multiple of one row of  $A$  is added to another row to produce a matrix  $B$ , then  $\det B = \det A$ .
- If two rows of  $A$  are interchanged to produce  $B$ , then  $\det B = -\det A$ .
- If one row of  $A$  is multiplied by  $k$  to produce  $B$ , then  $\det B = k \cdot \det A$ .

Trying to understand the result from last time:

Theorem: If  $A = LU$  is the LU factorization of  $A$  where  $L$  is lower triangular with 1's on the diagonal and  $U$  is upper triangular (actually the row echelon form of  $A$ ). Then

*Why?*  $\det A =$  product of the terms on the diagonal of  $U$ .

$$\det A = 2(-3)(4)(6) = -144$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ x \\ - \\ 2 \\ 12 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

understand by writing  $A = LU$

$$\det A = \det(L) \det(U) = 1 \cdot \det(U)$$

*Why is this?*

Goal is to understand why

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

When  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .

Since we can use row operations to construct any matrix, we study row operations first... anyway they are simpler.

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$(i \neq j)$

- $r_i \leftarrow r_i - \alpha r_j$  → a. If a multiple of one row of  $A$  is added to another row to produce a matrix  $B$ , then  $\det B = \det A$ .
- $r_i \leftrightarrow r_j$  → b. If two rows of  $A$  are interchanged to produce  $B$ , then  $\det B = -\det A$ .
- $r_i \leftarrow \alpha r_i$  → c. If one row of  $A$  is multiplied by  $k$  to produce  $B$ , then  $\det B = k \cdot \det A$ .

Examples (a) Elimination operation doesn't change the value of the determinant

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$r_2 \leftarrow r_2 - \alpha r_1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c - \alpha a & d - \alpha b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = ad - bc$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c - \alpha a & d - \alpha b \end{bmatrix} = a(d - \alpha b) - b(c - \alpha a)$$

$$= ad - \alpha ab - bc + \alpha ab$$

Same determinant...  $= ad - bc$ .

Example

(b) Swapping rows changes the sign...

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

$$\det A = 2 \cdot 5 - 3 \cdot 4 = -2$$

$r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2$

sign changes



$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = 4 \cdot 3 - 5 \cdot 2 = 2$$

Example

(c) rescale a row

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

only one row

$r_1 \leftarrow 3r_1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 9 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = -2$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 9 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = 6 \cdot 5 - 9 \cdot 4 = 30 - 36 = -6$$

whole determinant changed by 3

What about multiplying the entire matrix?

$$\det(3A) = \det\left(3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 9 \\ 12 & 15 \end{bmatrix} = 6 \cdot 15 - 9 \cdot 12$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} r_1 \leftarrow 3r \\ r_2 \leftarrow 3r \end{array} \right\}$$

Two row operations

each changes the determinant by 3...

Same

$$9 \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = 9 (2 \cdot 5 - 3 \cdot 4) = 48$$

General rule

If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  then

$$\det(\alpha A) = \alpha^n \det A$$

↑  
(multiplies every row of  $A$ )

there are  $n$  rows in an  $n \times n$  matrix.

We infer from the  $2 \times 2$  case and the fact that determinant of an  $n \times n$  matrix is defined recursively in terms of  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrices that the properties just demonstrated for  $2 \times 2$  hold also for  $n \times n$ ...

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Discussion of how much effort to compute  $\det A$  using LU factorization compared to the definition.

Suppose  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{5 \times 5}$ . did elimination and got the row echelon form

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & u_{12} & u_{13} & u_{14} & u_{15} \\ 0 & 2 & | & | & | \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & | & | \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & | \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

go in L matrix

Elimination steps to make these zeros...

$$r_i \leftarrow r_i - a_{ij} r_j$$

Since the determinant doesn't change for each row operation then  $\det A = \det U$ .

How many  $4+3+2+1$  row operations. each row involves 5 entries

Total of  $10 \cdot 5 = 50$  terms...

to create U.

mult the diagonal 4 mult.

Total **54**

Directly from the definition

$\det(A)$  takes  $5!$  operations...

$\approx$  essentially  $2n^2$  for general  $n$   
for large  $n$  the difference is even greater

$n!$  for general  $n$

$$5! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 = 6 \cdot 20 = 120$$

more than twice the work to use the definition when computing the determinant of a  $5 \times 5$  matrix.

#### LEM 4

A square matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $\det A \neq 0$ .

If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is not invertible then there is a row without a pivot  $\rightarrow$  (this row makes the determinant zero)

For example

then the row-echelon form of  $A$  looks like

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & ? & ? & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & ? & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\det U = 0$

whole row of zeros, these zeros go here