# Math 1B03/1ZC3 - Tutorial 4



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## **Tutorial Info:**

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■ 1. Consider

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{rrr} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 \end{array}\right).$$

**Recall:** For a  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$B = \left(\begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ c & d \end{array}\right),$$

 $\det(B) = ad - bc$ .

- **Recall:** If D is a square, then the **minor of entry \mathbf{a\_{ij}}**,  $\mathbf{M_{ij}}$  is the determinant of the submatrix that remains after the  $i^{th}$  row and  $i^{th}$  column are deleted from D.
- Cofactor of entry  $\mathbf{a_{ij}}$ ,  $\mathbf{C_{ij}}$ : is  $kM_{ij}$ , where k = 1 or -1 in accordance with the pattern in the checkerboard array:

$$B = \left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} + & - & + & - & + & \dots \\ - & + & - & + & - & \dots \\ + & - & + & - & + & \dots \\ - & + & - & + & - & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{array} \right),$$

- **a)** Find  $M_{11}$ ,  $M_{12}$ ,  $M_{13}$ ,  $C_{11}$ ,  $C_{12}$ , and  $C_{13}$
- **b)** Find det(*A*).
- **Recall:** You can find det(*A*) by multiplying the entries in any row or column by their corresponding cofactor and adding the resulting products.
- Note: We could have chosen a different row or column.



■ 2. Consider

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{rrr} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{array}\right).$$

Find det(A).

• Note: Choosing a row or column with lots of zeros makes things easier!



• 2. Consider

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{rrr} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 \end{array}\right).$$

- $\bullet$  a Find det(A).
- **Recall:** How do elementary row operations affect matrices?
- Let B be a square matrix, and let C denote what B becomes after each row operation.
  - 1. Multiply row by nonzero scalar k: det(C) = k det(B).
  - 2. Switch any 2 rows: det(C) = -det(B).
  - 3. Add a multiple of a row to an existing row: det(C) = det(B).
- Doing the same operations on *B*'s columns yield the same results.



**b**) Consider

$$B = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} t & 2t & 3t \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 \end{array}\right),$$

for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Find det(B).



- 4. Suppose det(A) = 3, det(B) = 9, det(C) = 2. What is det(X), if  $BX = 6C^TA$ .
- **Recall:** We know the following properties concerning determinants:
  - (a)  $det(A) = det(A^T)$
  - (b) det(AB) = det(A) det(B)
  - (c)  $\det(kA) = k^n \det(A)$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , and A is a  $n \times n$  matrix.
  - (d)  $det(A) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow A$  is invertible.
  - (e)  $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$ .



■ 5.a) Consider

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & x & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{array}\right).$$

When is A singular?

- **Recall:** A matrix *A* is called **singular** if *A* is *not* invertible.
- Also, we know that *A* invertible  $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$ , so *A* singular  $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) = 0$ .
- So, we're looking for the values of x such that det(A) = 0.
- **b)** When is *A* invertible?



• 6. Consider

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -3 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 & -2 \end{array}\right).$$

- Find  $A^{-1}$  using the adjoint method.
- **Recall:** If *A* is invertible, then  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} adj(A)$ , where

$$adj(A) = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & \dots & C_{1n} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & \dots & C_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ C_{n1} & C_{n2} & \dots & C_{nn} \end{pmatrix}^{T}.$$



- 7. Solve the following linear system using Cramer's Rule: 3x + 2y = 1, 5x + 4y = -1.
- **Cramer's Rule:** If Ax = b is a system of n linear equations in n unknowns such that  $det(A) \neq 0$ , then Ax = b has a unique solution.

This solutions is:  $x_1 = \frac{\det(A_1)}{\det(A)}$ ,  $x_2 = \frac{\det(A_2)}{\det(A)}$ , ...,  $x_n = \frac{\det(A_n)}{\det(A)}$ , where  $A_j$  is the matrix obtained by replacing the entries in the jth column of A by the entries in the matrix b.

