

# Linear Algebra for Computer Science

## Lecture 20

### Determinant

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$f(x) = Ax$

$A = [a_1 \ a_2]$

$\text{det}(A) = V(a_1, a_2)$

$A = [a_1 \ a_2 \ a_3] \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$

$\text{det}(aA) = V(a_1, a_2, a_3)$

$\mathbb{R}^2$

$\mathbb{R}^3$

$\text{I}$   
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# Three basic properties



$$\textcircled{1} \det(I) = V\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 + a'_3 & a_4 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \end{bmatrix} + \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a'_3 & a_4 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \beta a_3 & a_4 \end{bmatrix} = \beta \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_2 & a_4 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

# 1. Determinant of Identity Matrix



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$$\textcircled{+} \det(\mathbf{I}) = V\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 1$$


## 2. Multilinear (Linear in each column)



$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 + a'_3 & a_4 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \end{bmatrix} + \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a'_3 & a_4 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\det \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \beta a_3 & a_4 \end{vmatrix} = \beta \det \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \end{vmatrix}$$

### 3. Identical Columns




$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_2 & a_4 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

# Swapping Columns



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$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_3 & a_2 & a_4 \end{vmatrix}$$

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# Permutation matrix



$P$  is a permutation matrix

$$\det(P) \in \{+1, -1\}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$P_5$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

even perm.  $|P| = 1$

odd perm.  $|P| = -1$



one zero column



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$$\begin{aligned} \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \vec{0} & a_3 \end{bmatrix} &= \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & -\vec{0} & a_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -\det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \vec{0} & a_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \vec{0} & -a_3 \end{bmatrix} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

# Determinant of a 2x2 matrix



$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \det \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ b \end{bmatrix} & c \\ d & \end{bmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & c \\ b & d \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & c \\ b & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ b & d \end{vmatrix}$$

$$ac \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + ad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + bc \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + bd \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

0                      1                      -1                      0

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} = ad - bc$$

# Diagonal Matrix



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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Diagonal Matrix} \\ \left| \begin{array}{cccc} d_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & d_4 \end{array} \right| = d_1 \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & d_4 \end{array} \right| \\ \\ = d_1 d_2 d_3 d_4 \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right| = d_1 d_2 d_3 d_4 \end{array}$$

# Scaling a matrix

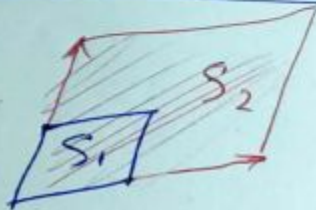


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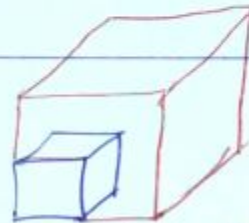
$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \quad A = [a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n]$$

$$\det(\alpha A) = \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \alpha a_1 & \alpha a_2 & \dots & \alpha a_n \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

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



$$S_2 = 4S_1$$



$$V_2 = 8V_1$$

# Singular matrices



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$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \alpha a_1 + \beta a_2 \end{vmatrix} = \alpha \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_1 \end{vmatrix} + \beta \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

# Singular Matrices



One column is a linear combination of others (some of)

$a_1 \quad a_2 \quad \dots \quad a_{n-1} \quad a_n$

$a_n = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \beta_i a_i$

$|a_1 \quad a_2 \quad \dots \quad a_{n-1} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \beta_i a_i| \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \beta_i |a_1 \quad a_2 \quad \dots \quad a_{n-1} \quad a_i| = 0$

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# Singular Matrices



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Determinant of a singular matrix is zero.

(is the converse true?)

# Adding a multiple of another column



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$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 + \beta a_1 & a_3 & a_4 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{vmatrix} + \beta \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_1 & a_3 & a_4 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{vmatrix}}{0} \\ &= |A| \end{aligned}$$



# Adding a multiple of another column



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$= |A|$

**Elimination Algorithm on columns do not change the determinant!**

# Triangular Matrices



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Triangular Matrices

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 15 & 6 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 15 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

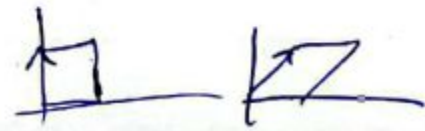
$a_1$     $a_2$     $a_3$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 15 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$a_2 = 2a_3$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \times 2 \times 3$$

$a_1 = 5a_3$



$a_1 = 2a_2$

# Triangular Matrices



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Triangular Matrices

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$a_1$     $a_2$     $a_3$

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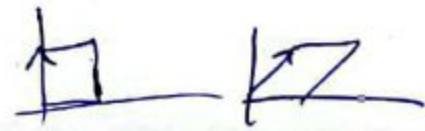
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What if a diagonal element is zero.



# Triangular Matrices



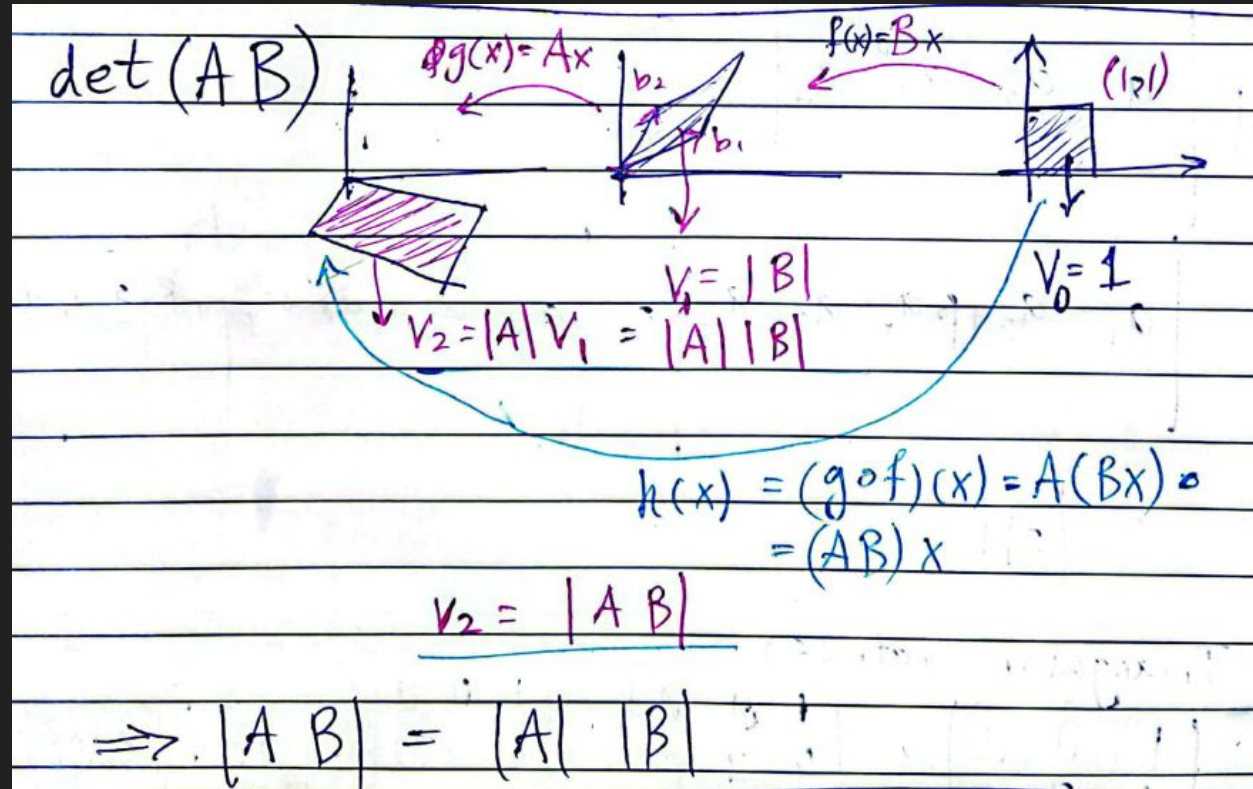
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$A$  is (Upper or Lower) Triangular Matrix

$|A| = \text{product of diagonal elements}$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

# Product of matrices



# Product of matrices

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

try proving using the previous properties.



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# Inverse



$$\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow |A A^{-1}| = |I| \\ \Rightarrow |A| |A^{-1}| = 1 \end{array}$$

# Determinant of a non-singular matrix



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$\det(A) \det(A^{-1}) = 1 \Rightarrow$  determinant of a  
non-singular matrix is  
non-zero.



# Determinant of a non-singular matrix



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$\det(A) \det(A^{-1}) = 1 \Rightarrow$  determinant of a  
non-singular matrix is  
non-zero.

$\Rightarrow \det(A) = 0$  if and only if  $A$  is singular.

# Transpose of a matrix



$$\det(A^T) = ?$$

LU decomposition

every  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  ~~has~~ can be written as

$$PA = LU$$

← permutation
↓ lower triangular
→ upper triangular

$$PA = LU \Rightarrow |P| |A| = |L| |U| \Rightarrow |A| = \frac{\prod_i l_{ii} \prod_i u_{ii}}{|P|}$$

$$A^T P^T = U^T L^T \Rightarrow |P^T| |A^T| = |L^T| |U^T| \Rightarrow |A^T| = \frac{\prod_i l_{ii} \prod_i u_{ii}}{|P^T|}$$

↓ upper triangular
↓ lower triangular

$$|P| = |P^T| \Rightarrow P^T P = I \Rightarrow |P^T| |P| = 1$$

$$P^T = P^{-1} \Rightarrow |P^T| = |P|^{-1} \Rightarrow |P^T| = |P| \Rightarrow |A^T| = |A|$$

$P$  is odd  $\Rightarrow P^T$  is odd

# Transpose of a matrix



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$$\det(A^T) = \det(A)$$

All the determinant properties about the columns of a matrix applies to the rows of a matrix.

# Transpose of a matrix

