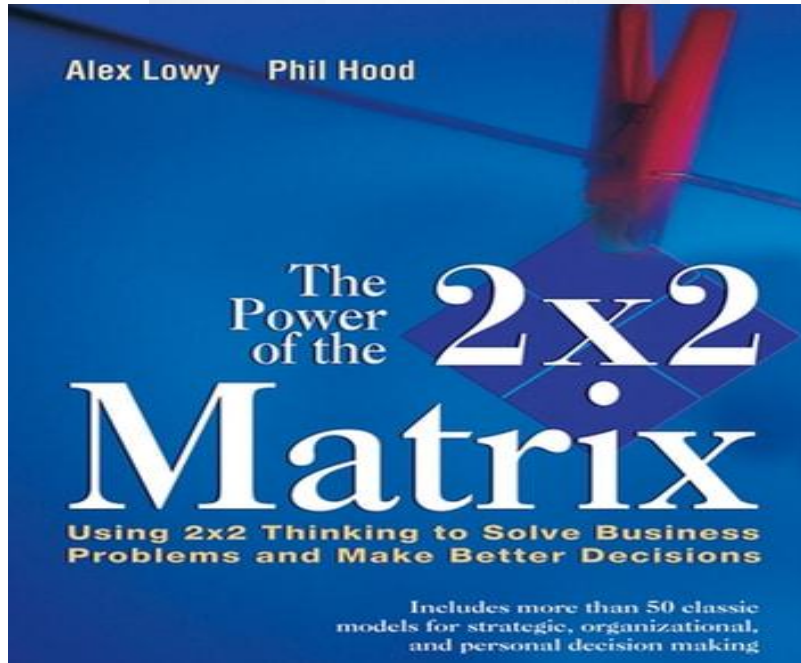




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## How to Find the Determinant of a 2×2 Matrix

Suppose we are given a square matrix  $A$  with four elements:  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$ .

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

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

$$\det A = ad - bc$$

### Examples of How to Find the Determinant of a 2×2 Matrix

**Example 1:** Find the determinant of the matrix below.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} &= (1)(4) - (2)(3) \\ &= 4 - 6 \\ &= -2 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2:** Calculate the determinant of the matrix below.

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

$$\begin{aligned}\det \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -4 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} &= (-5)(-3) - (-4)(-2) \\ &= 15 - 8 \\ &= 7 \quad \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

**Example 3:** Evaluate the determinant of the matrix below.

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\det \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} &= (-1)(3) - (-2)(6) \\ &= (-3) - (-12) \\ &= -3 + 12 \\ &= 9 \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

**Example 4:** Determine the determinant of the matrix below.

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ x & y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\det \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ x & y \end{bmatrix} &= (5)(y) - (-3)(x) \\ &= 5y - (-3x) \\ &= 5y + 3x \quad \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

## Quick Examples of How to Find the Determinants of a 2 x 2 Matrix

**Example 1:** Find the determinant of the matrix  $A$  below.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \underline{(1)(4)} - \underline{(2)(3)} = 4 - 6 = -2$$

**Example 2:** Find the determinant of the matrix  $B$  below.

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|B| = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = \overset{\text{red arrow}}{(5)(-3)} - \overset{\text{blue arrow}}{(-1)(2)} = -15 - (-2) = -15 + 2 = -13$$



## Cramer's Rules for Systems of Linear Equations with Two Variables

- Given a linear system

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{x-column} & & \text{constant column} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ a_1x + b_1y = c_1 \\ a_2x + b_2y = c_2 \\ \uparrow \\ \text{y-column} \end{array}$$

coefficient matrix:

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad D_x = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & b_1 \\ c_2 & b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$D_y = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

To solve for the variable x:

$$x = \frac{D_x}{D} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} c_1 & b_1 \\ c_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}$$

To solve for the variable y:

$$y = \frac{D_y}{D} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}$$

## Examples of How to Solve Systems of Linear Equations with Two Variables using Cramer's Rule

**Example 1:** Solve the system with two variables by Cramer's Rule

$$4x - 3y = 11$$

$$6x + 5y = 7$$

- For **coefficient matrix**

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{find its determinant}} |D| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 6 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = (4)(5) - (-3)(6) \\ = 20 - (-18) \\ = 20 + 18 \\ = \mathbf{38}$$

- For **X – matrix**

$$D_x = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & -3 \\ 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{find its determinant}} |D_x| = \begin{vmatrix} 11 & -3 \\ 7 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = (11)(5) - (-3)(7) \\ = 55 - (-21) \\ = 55 + 21 \\ = \mathbf{76}$$

- For **Y – matrix**

$$D_y = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 11 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{find its determinant}} |D_y| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 11 \\ 6 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = (4)(7) - (11)(6) \\ = 28 - (66) \\ = -38$$

Once all three determinants are calculated, it's time to solve for the values of  $x$  and  $y$  using the formula above.

$$x = \frac{D_x}{D} = \frac{76}{38} = 2$$

$$y = \frac{D_y}{D} = \frac{-38}{38} = -1$$

I can write the final answer as:  $(x, y) = (2, 1)$ .

**Example 2:** Solve the system with two variables by Cramer's Rule

$$3x + 5y = -7$$

$$x + 4y = -14$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{find its determinant}} |D| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = (3)(4) - (5)(1) = 7$$

- For the **X – matrix** (replace the x-column by the constant column)

$$D_x = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 5 \\ -14 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{find its determinant}} |D_x| = \begin{vmatrix} -7 & 5 \\ -14 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = (-7)(4) - (5)(-14) = 42$$

- For the **Y – matrix** (replace the y-column by the constant column)

$$D_y = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ 1 & -14 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{find its determinant}} |D_y| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ 1 & -14 \end{vmatrix} = (3)(-14) - (-7)(1) = -35$$

$$x = \frac{D_x}{D} = \frac{42}{7} = 6$$

$$y = \frac{D_y}{D} = \frac{-35}{7} = -5$$

**Example 3:** Solve the system with two variables by Cramer's Rule

$$x - 4y = -9$$

$$-x + 5y = 11$$

- For **coefficient matrix**

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{find its determinant}} |D| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ -1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(5) - (-4)(-1) = 1$$

- For **X – matrix** ( written as uppercase D with subscript x )

$$D_x = \begin{bmatrix} -9 & -4 \\ 11 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{find its determinant}} |D_x| = \begin{vmatrix} -9 & -4 \\ 11 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = (-9)(5) - (-4)(11) = -1$$

- For **Y – matrix** (written as uppercase D with subscript y)

$$D_y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -9 \\ -1 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{find its determinant}} |D_y| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -9 \\ -1 & 11 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(11) - (-9)(-1) = 2$$

calculate  $x$  and  $y$  as follows.

$$x = \frac{D_x}{D} = \frac{-1}{1} = -1$$

$$y = \frac{D_y}{D} = \frac{2}{1} = 2$$

**Example 4:** Solve by Cramer's Rule the system with two variables

$$-2x + 3y = -3$$

$$3x - 4y = 5$$

- For **coefficient matrix**

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{find its determinant}} |D| = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 3 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = (-2)(-4) - (3)(3) = -1$$

- For X – matrix

$$D_x = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 3 \\ 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{find its determinant}} |D_x| = \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 3 \\ 5 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = (-3)(-4) - (3)(5) = -3$$

- For Y – matrix

$$D_y = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{find its determinant}} |D_y| = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = (-2)(5) - (-3)(3) = -1$$

$$x = \frac{D_x}{D} = \frac{-3}{-1} = 3$$

$$y = \frac{D_y}{D} = \frac{-1}{-1} = 1$$



**Example 5:** Solve the system with two variables by Cramer's Rule

$$5x + y = -13$$

$$3x - 2y = 0$$

- For coefficient matrix

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{find its determinant}} |D| = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = (5)(-2) - (1)(3) = -13$$

- For X – matrix

$$D_x = \begin{bmatrix} -13 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{find its determinant}} |D_x| = \begin{vmatrix} -13 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = (-13)(-2) - (1)(0) = 26$$

- For **Y – matrix**

$$D_y = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -13 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{find its determinant}} |D_y| = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -13 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (5)(0) - (-13)(3) = 39$$

The final solution to this problem is

$$x = \frac{D_x}{D} = \frac{26}{-13} = -2$$

$$y = \frac{D_y}{D} = \frac{39}{-13} = -3$$

## *Home Works*

**Problem 1:** Find the determinant of the matrix below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -32 \\ -32 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Problem 2:** Find the determinant of the matrix below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & -4 \\ -6 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Problem 3:** The determinant of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix is 2. Find the value of  $x$ .

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

**Problem 4:** The determinant of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix is  $-11$ . Find the value of  $y$ .

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ y & 3 \end{bmatrix} = -11$$

**Problem 5:** The determinant of a 2x2 matrix is  $-8$ . Find the value of  $k$ .

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} k & 3 \\ -9 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = -8$$

**Problem 6: Solve simultaneous equations  $5x - 4y = 2$  and  $6x - 5y = 1$  by using Cramer's rule.**

$$5x - 4y = 2 \dots\dots\dots \text{(i)}$$

$$6x - 5y = 1 \dots\dots\dots \text{(ii)}$$

**Answer:  $x = 6$  and  $y = 7$**

**Problem 7: Use Cramer's rule to solve the equations:  $x + 2y = 7$  and  $2x - y = 4$ .**

$$x + 2y = 7 \dots\dots\dots \text{(i)}$$

$$2x - y = 4 \dots\dots\dots \text{(ii)}$$

**Answer:  $x = 3$  and  $y = 2$**

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**For the following exercises, solve the system of linear equations using Cramer's Rule.**

**8.**

$$2x - 3y = -1$$

$$x + 5y = 9$$

**9.**

$$5x - 4y = 2$$

$$-4x + 7y = 6$$

**10.**

$$6x - 3y = 2$$

$$-8x + 9y = -1$$

**11.**

$$2x + 6y = 12$$

$$5x - 2y = 13$$

**12.**

$$4x + 3y = 23$$

$$2x - y = -1$$

**13.**

$$10x - 6y = 2$$

$$-5x + 8y = -1$$

**14.**

$$4x - 3y = -3$$

$$2x + 6y = -4$$

**15.**

$$4x - 5y = 7$$

$$-3x+9y=0$$

**16.**

$$4x+10y=180$$

$$-3x-5y=-105$$

**17.**

$$8x-2y=-3$$

$$-4x+6y=4$$

**18. Solve the following linear systems with Cramer's Rule**

**a.**  $3x+2y=3$   
 $12x+3y=1$

**b.**  $15x+3y=1$   
 $2x+y=2$

**c.**  $5y=3x+5$   
 $-2y=4x-2$

**d.**  $32x+4y=3$   
 $64x+8y=6$

**e.**  $3x^2 + 4y^2 = 91$

$$6x^2 - y^2 = 38$$

**Solution:**

Let  $x^2 = a$ , and  $y^2 = b$

Substitute in the original equations

$$3a + 4b = 91$$

$$6a - b = 38$$

Solve for a and b

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The answer is:  $X=3$ , and  $y = 4$