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First Semester

CHAPTER 4 :
Matrices and Determinants

Mathematics I

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Easiest Way in Finding Determinant 3×3 matrices

👉 step-by-step with complete explanation 👉
👉 finding determinant without calculator 👉

Determinant of 3×3 Matrix (First Method)

Suppose we are given a square matrix A where,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$$

The **determinant** of matrix A is calculated as

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} = a \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{bmatrix} - b \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{bmatrix} + c \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = a \cdot \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} - b \cdot \begin{vmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{vmatrix} + c \cdot \begin{vmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{vmatrix}$$

The diagram illustrates the expansion of a 3x3 determinant along the first row. The original matrix is shown with elements a, b, c in the first row, d, e, f in the second, and g, h, i in the third. Three arrows point from the 2x2 minors to their respective terms in the expansion. The first minor ($e, f; h, i$) is highlighted in yellow in the original matrix, and its corresponding term is $a \cdot \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix}$. The second minor ($d, f; g, i$) is highlighted in yellow in the original matrix, and its corresponding term is $-b \cdot \begin{vmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{vmatrix}$. The third minor ($d, e; g, h$) is highlighted in yellow in the original matrix, and its corresponding term is $c \cdot \begin{vmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{vmatrix}$.

Examples of How to Find the Determinant of a 3x3 Matrix

Example 1: Find the determinant of the 3x3 matrix below.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying the formula,

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} = a \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{bmatrix} - b \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{bmatrix} + c \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} &= 2 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} - (-3) \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 2[0 - (-4)] + 3[10 - (-1)] + 1[8 - 0] \\ &= 2(0 + 4) + 3(10 + 1) + 1(8) \\ &= 2(4) + 3(11) + 8 \\ &= 8 + 33 + 8 \\ &= 49 \quad \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

Example 2: Evaluate the determinant of the 3x3 matrix below.

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ -3 & -1 & -3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} = a \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{bmatrix} - b \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{bmatrix} + c \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ -3 & -1 & -3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &= 1 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - (3) \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 1[-1 - (-9)] - 3[-3 - (-6)] + 2[-9 - (-2)] \\ &= 1(-1 + 9) - 3(-3 + 6) + 2(-9 + 2) \\ &= 1(8) - 3(3) + 2(-7) \\ &= 8 - 9 - 14 \\ &= -15 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Example 3: Solve for the determinant of the 3x3 matrix below.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the formula, we have...

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} = a \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{bmatrix} - b \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{bmatrix} + c \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &= -5 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - (0) \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + (-1) \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -5[2 - (-4)] - 0[1 - (3)] - 1[4 - (-6)] \\ &= -5(2 + 4) - 0 - 1(4 + 6) \\ &= -5(6) - 1(10) \\ &= -30 - 10 \\ &= -40 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Example 4: Solve for the determinant of the 3×3 matrix below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & \boxed{0} & \boxed{3} \\ 1 & \boxed{5} & \boxed{4} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \boxed{-2} & 3 \\ \boxed{2} & 0 & \boxed{3} \\ \boxed{1} & 5 & \boxed{4} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & \boxed{3} \\ \boxed{2} & \boxed{0} & 3 \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{5} & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \boxed{1} \times \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 \end{vmatrix} - \boxed{-2} \times \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} + \boxed{3} \times \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \times (0 - 15) + 2 \times (8 - 3) + 3 \times (10 - 0)$$

$$= 1(-15) + 2(5) + 3(10)$$

$$= -15 + 10 + 30$$

$$= 25$$

Example 5: Calculate the determinant of the three-by-three matrix below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5 & -5 & -5 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -5 & -5 & -5 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{-5} & -5 & -5 \\ 3 & \boxed{-1} & \boxed{-2} \\ 4 & \boxed{2} & \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -5 & \boxed{-5} & -5 \\ \boxed{3} & -1 & \boxed{-2} \\ \boxed{4} & 2 & \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -5 & \boxed{-5} \\ \boxed{3} & \boxed{-1} & -2 \\ \boxed{4} & \boxed{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \boxed{-5} \times \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - \boxed{-5} \times \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \boxed{-5} \times \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -5(3) + 5(11) - 5(10)$$

$$= -10$$

Example 6: Find the determinant of the 3x3 matrix below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & -4 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -5 \\ 2 & 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & -4 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -5 \\ 2 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{7} & -4 & 2 \\ 3 & \boxed{1} & -5 \\ 2 & \boxed{2} & -5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 7 & \boxed{-4} & 2 \\ \boxed{3} & 1 & -5 \\ \boxed{2} & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -4 & \boxed{2} \\ \boxed{3} & \boxed{1} & -5 \\ \boxed{2} & \boxed{2} & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \boxed{7} \times \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 2 & -5 \end{vmatrix} - \boxed{-4} \times \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ 2 & -5 \end{vmatrix} + \boxed{2} \times \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 7(5) + 4(-5) + 2(4)$$

$$= 23$$

Example 7: Find the determinant of the 3x3 matrix below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -6 & -7 \\ 1 & -4 & 7 \\ -1 & -3 & -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 & -7 \\ 1 & -4 & 7 \\ -1 & -3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & -6 & -7 \\ 1 & \boxed{-4} & \boxed{7} \\ -1 & \boxed{-3} & \boxed{-6} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \boxed{-6} & -7 \\ \boxed{1} & -4 & \boxed{7} \\ \boxed{-1} & -3 & \boxed{-6} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 & \boxed{-7} \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{-4} & 7 \\ \boxed{-1} & \boxed{-3} & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \boxed{1} \times \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 7 \\ -3 & -6 \end{vmatrix} - \boxed{-6} \times \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ -1 & -6 \end{vmatrix} + \boxed{-7} \times \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ -1 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(45) + 6(1) - 7(-7)$$

$$= 100$$

Example 8: Find the determinant of the 3x3 matrix below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 4 & 5 & -3 \\ -1 & -6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 4 & 5 & -3 \\ -1 & -6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{-1} & -1 & -1 \\ 4 & \boxed{5} & \boxed{-3} \\ -1 & \boxed{-6} & \boxed{3} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \boxed{-1} & -1 \\ \boxed{4} & 5 & \boxed{-3} \\ \boxed{-1} & -6 & \boxed{3} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & \boxed{-1} \\ \boxed{4} & \boxed{5} & -3 \\ \boxed{-1} & \boxed{-6} & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \boxed{-1} \times \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ -6 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - \boxed{-1} \times \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + \boxed{-1} \times \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ -1 & -6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -1(-3) + 1(9) - 1(-19)$$

$$= 31$$

Example 9: Calculate the determinant of the 3x3 matrix below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 5 & 7 \\ 6 & -5 & -5 \\ 6 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 5 & 7 \\ 6 & -5 & -5 \\ 6 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} &= \begin{vmatrix} \boxed{7} & 5 & 7 \\ 6 & \overline{-5} & \overline{-5} \\ 6 & \underline{2} & \underline{3} \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 7 & \boxed{5} & 7 \\ \overline{6} & -5 & \overline{-5} \\ \overline{6} & 2 & \underline{3} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 5 & \boxed{7} \\ \overline{6} & \overline{-5} & -5 \\ \overline{6} & \underline{2} & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \boxed{7} \times \begin{vmatrix} -5 & -5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - \boxed{5} \times \begin{vmatrix} 6 & -5 \\ 6 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + \boxed{7} \times \begin{vmatrix} 6 & -5 \\ 6 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 7(-5) - 5(48) + 7(42) \\ &= 19 \end{aligned}$$

Example 10: Calculate the determinant of the 3x3 matrix below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -6 & 4 \\ -4 & -7 & -5 \\ 2 & 7 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -6 & 4 \\ -4 & -7 & -5 \\ 2 & 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{4} & -6 & 4 \\ -4 & \boxed{-7} & \boxed{-5} \\ 2 & \boxed{7} & \boxed{3} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 4 & \boxed{-6} & 4 \\ \boxed{-4} & -7 & \boxed{-5} \\ \boxed{2} & 7 & \boxed{3} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -6 & \boxed{4} \\ \boxed{-4} & \boxed{-7} & -5 \\ \boxed{2} & \boxed{7} & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \boxed{4} \times \begin{vmatrix} -7 & -5 \\ 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - \boxed{-6} \times \begin{vmatrix} -4 & -5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + \boxed{4} \times \begin{vmatrix} -4 & -7 \\ 2 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 4(14) + 6(-2) + 4(-14)$$

$$= -12$$

Example 11: Calculate the determinant of the 3x3 matrix below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -3 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & 6 \\ -3 & -7 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & 6 \\ -3 & -7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{-1} & -3 & 4 \\ -1 & \boxed{2} & \boxed{6} \\ -3 & \boxed{-7} & \boxed{2} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \boxed{-3} & 4 \\ \boxed{-1} & 2 & \boxed{6} \\ \boxed{-3} & -7 & \boxed{2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 & \boxed{4} \\ \boxed{-1} & \boxed{2} & 6 \\ \boxed{-3} & \boxed{-7} & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \boxed{-1} \times \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ -7 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - \boxed{-3} \times \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 6 \\ -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + \boxed{4} \times \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -3 & -7 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -1(46) + 3(16) + 4(13)$$

$$= 54$$

Example 12: Determine the determinant of the 3x3 matrix below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 7 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{2} & 7 & 5 \\ 1 & \boxed{2} & \boxed{5} \\ 0 & \boxed{0} & \boxed{-4} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & \boxed{7} & 5 \\ \boxed{1} & 2 & \boxed{5} \\ \boxed{0} & 0 & \boxed{-4} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & \boxed{5} \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & 5 \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & -4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \boxed{2} \times \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 0 & -4 \end{vmatrix} - \boxed{7} \times \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & -4 \end{vmatrix} + \boxed{5} \times \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2(-8) - 7(-4) + 5(0) \\ &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

Example 13: Determine the determinant of the 3x3 matrix below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -5 & -1 & 5 \\ 4 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -5 & -1 & 5 \\ 4 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} &= \begin{vmatrix} \boxed{1} & -2 & 2 \\ -5 & \boxed{-1} & \boxed{5} \\ 4 & \boxed{-1} & \boxed{0} \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \boxed{-2} & 2 \\ \boxed{-5} & -1 & \boxed{5} \\ \boxed{4} & -1 & \boxed{0} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & \boxed{2} \\ \boxed{-5} & \boxed{-1} & 5 \\ \boxed{4} & \boxed{-1} & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \boxed{1} \times \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 5 \\ -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} - \boxed{-2} \times \begin{vmatrix} -5 & 5 \\ 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \boxed{2} \times \begin{vmatrix} -5 & -1 \\ 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1(5) + 2(-20) + 2(9) \\ &= -17 \end{aligned}$$

Example 14: Compute the determinant of the 3x3 matrix below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5 & 2 & -3 \\ -2 & -1 & -5 \\ 5 & -5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer

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

$$= \boxed{-5} \times \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -5 \\ -5 & -3 \end{vmatrix} - \boxed{2} \times \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -5 \\ 5 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + \boxed{-3} \times \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 5 & -5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -5(-22) - 2(31) - 3(15)$$

$$= 3$$

Example 15: Compute the determinant of the 3x3 matrix below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \\ -4 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \\ -4 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{-4} & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & \boxed{-3} & \boxed{2} \\ -4 & \boxed{4} & \boxed{0} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -4 & \boxed{1} & 2 \\ \boxed{1} & -3 & \boxed{2} \\ \boxed{-4} & 4 & \boxed{0} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & \boxed{2} \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{-3} & 2 \\ \boxed{-4} & \boxed{4} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \boxed{-4} \times \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} - \boxed{1} \times \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \boxed{2} \times \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -4 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -4(-8) - 1(8) + 2(-8) \\ &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

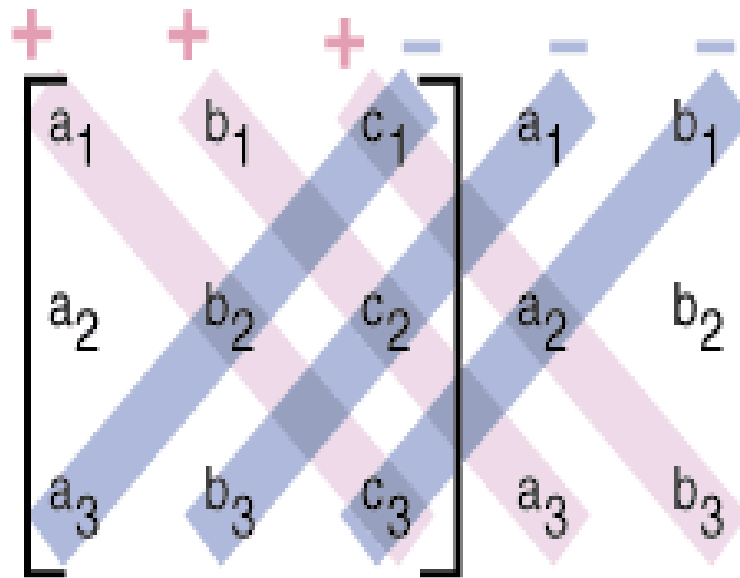
Determinant of 3x3 Matrix

(Second Method)

To find the determinant of a 3x3 matrix, copy the first two columns of the matrix to the right of the original matrix. Next, multiply the numbers on the three downward diagonals, and add these products together. Multiply the numbers on the upward diagonals, and add *these* products together. Then subtract the sum of the products of the upward diagonals from the sum of the product of the downward diagonals (subtract the second number from the first number):

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc|cc} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 & a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 & a_2 & b_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 & a_3 & b_3 \end{array}$$



$$\det A = (a_1 b_2 c_3 + b_1 c_2 a_3 + c_1 a_2 b_3) - (a_3 b_2 c_1 + b_3 c_2 a_1 + c_3 a_2 b_1)$$

Example: Find the determinant of:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 1:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 & 5 & 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 10 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 & 5 & 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 10 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$-10 + 20 + 0 = 10$

Step 3:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$$

$0 + 0 + 80 = 80$

Step 4:

$$10 - 80 = -70.$$

$$\text{Det } A = -70.$$

For example: Find the determinant of $|A| =$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \text{ by the rule of Sarrus.}$$

Solution: $|A| =$

$\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{matrix} \left| \begin{matrix} + \\ - \end{matrix} \right.$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (0 + 24 - 12) - (0 + 8 + 4) \\ &= 12 - 12 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

new numbers

A 3x3 determinant is shown with a vertical line separating the first three columns from the last two. Red arrows point from the top row to the right, and blue arrows point from the bottom row to the left. The signs of the elements are indicated by the direction of the arrows: red arrows point to positive signs, and blue arrows point to negative signs.

$$\begin{array}{ccc|cc} & & & 162 & 0 & 30 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 & 2 & -1 & \\ 5 & 9 & 5 & 5 & 9 & \\ 9 & 0 & -6 & 9 & 0 & \\ & & & -108 & -45 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 5 & 9 & 5 \\ 9 & 0 & -6 \end{vmatrix} = -108 + -45 + 0 - (162 + 0 + 30) = -345$$

Find the solution to the given 3×3 system using Cramer's Rule.

$$a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = d_1$$

$$a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = d_2$$

$$a_3x + b_3y + c_3z = d_3$$

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}, \quad D_x = \begin{vmatrix} d_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ d_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ d_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}, \quad D_y = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & d_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & d_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & d_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}, \quad D_z = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & d_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & d_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & d_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$x = D_x / D, \quad y = D_y / D, \quad z = D_z / D \quad D \neq 0$$

Cramer's Rule

$$a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = d_1$$

$$a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = d_2$$

$$a_3x + b_3y + c_3z = d_3$$

$$\text{Let } D = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

If $D \neq 0$ then

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} d_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ d_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ d_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}}{D}$$

$$y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & d_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & d_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & d_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}}{D}$$

$$z = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & d_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & d_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & d_3 \end{vmatrix}}{D}$$

Solve the linear equations with 3 variables using Cramer's rule.

$$x + y = 2$$

$$x - y + z = 4$$

$$x + y - z = 6$$

Solution:

By Cramer's rule for 3 variables, $x = D_x / D$, $y = D_y / D$, $z = D_z / D$, where D , D_x , D_y and D_z are determinants.

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$D = 1(1-1) - 1(-1-1) + 0$$

$$D = 0 + 2 + 0$$

$$D = 2$$

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

$$D_x = 2(1-1) - 1(-4-6) + 0$$

$$D_x = 0 - 1(-10) + 0$$

$$D_x = 10$$

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

$$D_y = 1(-4-6) - 2(-1-1) + 0$$

$$D_y = 1(-10) + 4 + 0$$

$$D_y = -6$$

$$D_z = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$D_z = 1(-6-4) - 1(6-4) + 2(1+1)$$

$$D_z = -10 - 2 + 4$$

$$D_z = -8$$

$$x = D_x / D = 10/2 = 5$$

$$y = D_y / D = -6/2 = -3$$

$$z = D_z / D = -8/2 = -4$$

Homework 1

Solve the following 3 x 3 system of equations by using Cramer Rule:

Q1:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y - z &= 6 \\3x - 2y + z &= -5 \\X + 3y - 2z &= 14\end{aligned}$$

The solution is $x=1$, $y=3$, and $z=-2$

Q2:

$$\begin{aligned}2x + y - z &= 3 \\X + y + z &= 1 \\X - 2y - 3z &= 4\end{aligned}$$

The solution is $x=2$, $y=-1$, and $z=0$

Q3:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 6 \\2x + 3y - z &= 5 \\6x - 2y - 3z &= -7\end{aligned}$$

The solution is $x=1$, $y=2$, and $z=3$

Q4: $X + Y = 2$

$$X - Y + Z = 4$$

$$X + Y - Z = 6$$

The solution is $x=5$, $y=-3$, and $z=-4$

Q5: $3x - 4y + 8z = 34$

$$4x + y - 2z = 1$$

$$-6x - 13y + 20z = 61$$

The solution is: $x=2$, $y=-1$, and $z=3$

Q6: $X + 4Y + 3Z = 2$

$$2X - 6Y + 6Z = -3$$

$$5X - 2Y + 3Z = -5$$

The solution is $x=-1$, $y=1/2$, and $z=1/3$