

Determinants

For every square matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ of order n , we can associate a number called determinant of square matrix. It is denoted by $|A|$ or $\det(A)$.

Evaluating Determinants

(1) Order One:

$$A = [a]$$

$$|A| = |a|$$

$$= a$$

(2) Order Two:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

(3) Order Three:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

Singular Matrix

A matrix A is singular iff its determinant is 0 i.e. $|A|=0$. For example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 8 & 1 \\ -4 & 1 & 1 \\ -4 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then determinant of } A \text{ is}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 8 & 1 \\ -4 & 1 & 1 \\ -4 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3(1 \times 1 - 1 \times 1) - 8\{(-4) \times 1 - (-4) \times 1\} + 1\{(-4) \times 1 - (-4) \times 1\}$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| = 0, \text{ so } A \text{ is singular matrix.}$$

<p>Show that $\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is non-singular.</p> <p>Solution</p> <p>Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$</p> $ A = \begin{vmatrix} 8 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$ $= 24 - 8 = 16$ $\neq 0$ <p>$\therefore A$ is a non-singular matrix</p>	<p>For instance, the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 8 & 1 \\ -4 & 1 & 1 \\ -4 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is a singular matrix, since</p> $ A = 3(1-1) - 8(-4+4) + 1(-4+4) = 0.$ <p>If $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 1 \\ -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ then $B = 2(0-20) - (-3)(-42-4) + 5(30-0) = -28 \neq 0.$</p>
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Example :

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$	$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$	$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
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Cofactor matrix: A cofactor refers to the number on removing the column and row of a particular element existing in a matrix.

The cofactor is always preceded by a positive (+) or negative (-) sign, depending whether the element is in a + or - position.

First, let's look at the signs of a 3 x 3 matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{bmatrix}$$

3 × 3 generic matrix [\[edit \]](#)

Consider a 3×3 matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Its cofactor matrix is

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} \\ - \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} \\ + \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{22} & a_{23} \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{23} \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix},$$

Example:

Example: Find the cofactor matrix of \mathbf{A} given that $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution: First find the cofactor of each element.

$$A_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 24 \quad A_{12} = -\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 5 \quad A_{13} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -4$$

$$A_{21} = -\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = -12 \quad A_{22} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \quad A_{23} = -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 2$$

$$A_{31} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \quad A_{32} = -\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -5 \quad A_{33} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

The cofactor matrix is thus $\begin{bmatrix} 24 & 5 & -4 \\ -12 & 3 & 2 \\ -2 & -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

Example Cofactor Matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{cofactor matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 24 & 5 & -4 \\ -12 & 3 & 2 \\ -2 & -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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