# 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 Determinants

- a) invertibility of a 2  $\times$  2 matrix
- b) determinant 1 (or -1) coding matrix with integer entries will ensure we don't pick up fractions in the decoding matrix
- c) both of the above



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• Determinant terms

2  $\times$  2 has 2 terms, 3  $\times$  3 has 6 terms, 4  $\times$  4 has 24 terms. Do you see a pattern?

1683 Takakazu Shinsuke Seki computed  $2\times2, 3\times3, 4\times4$  and  $5\times5$  determinants

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$$1772 \text{ orbits of the inner planets}$$

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Row 1 vs Column 1 Cofactor/Laplace Expansion  $\sum_{i} a_{ij} (-1)^{i+j} | \text{matrix obtained by eliminating row } i \text{ and column } j |$   $column 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$  $=1(-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix} + 2(-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix} + 3(-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 5 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ =1(1)(5 \cdot 9 - 6 \cdot 8) + 2(-1)(4 \cdot 9 - 6 \cdot 7) + 3(1)(4 \cdot 8 - 5 \cdot 7) = -3 + 12 - 9 = 0 = determinant or det row 1 2 5 8 3 6 9  $=1(-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix} + 4(-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} + 7(-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$  $=1(1)(5 \cdot 9 - 6 \cdot 8) + 4(-1)(2 \cdot 9 - 3 \cdot 8) + 7(1)(2 \cdot 6 - 3 \cdot 5)$ = -3 + 24 - 21 = 0 = determinant or det

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$$= 5 \cdot 1 \cdot 2(2 \cdot 4 - 3 \cdot 6) = -100$$

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$$r'_{j} = kr_{i} + r_{j}$$
 shear  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .object same determinant  
•  $r_{i} \leftrightarrow r_{j}$  reflect  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .object negative determinant  
•  $r'_{j} = cr_{j}$  scale  $\begin{bmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .object scales determinant

transpose preserves determinant

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{1 \cdot 4 - 3 \cdot 2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$
  
What is its determinant of the inverse  
and how does it compare to the original?

### Determinant of Invertible Matrices

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- *A* → *I*

elementary row operations don't change a determinant from 0 to nonzero since |I| = 1 then  $|A| \neq 0$ 

# Invertible Matrix Theorem for $A_{n \times n}$

The following are equivalent (TFAE):

- A is an invertible matrix
- A is row equivalent to the *n* × *n* identity matrix
- A has n pivot positions
- $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has only the trivial solution
- columns of A form a linearly independent set
- $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has at least one solution for each  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- columns of A span  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- there is an  $n \times n$  matrix C such that CA = I
- there is an  $n \times n$  matrix D such that AD = I
- A<sup>T</sup> is an invertible matrix
- |A| ≠ 0

#### Determinant 0 Matrices

Suppose the determinant of matrix *A* is zero. How many solutions does the system  $A\vec{x} = 0$  have?



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# Trivial Solution

We find that for a square coefficient matrix *A*, the homogeneous system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ , has only the trivial solution  $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ . This means that

- a) A has a 0 determinant
- b) A has a nonzero determinant
- c) This tells us nothing about the determinant

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we are acting on the rows rather than the columns it isn't visualized as a vertical shear—it is an  $r_1$  shear parallel to  $r_1$  through the tip of  $r_2$ 



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strict Gauss-Jordan  $r'_1 = -\frac{2}{5}r_2 + r_1$  or equivalently  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{2}{5} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  determinant = area = 20 Strict replacements shears unit span parallelograms to rectangles with the same area. We may have had to swap rows, changing only the sign of the determinant. |determinant| = area parallelogram

# Geometric Properties of Determinant $3 \times 3$

|determinant| =\_\_\_\_\_ for 3 column vectors in a 3  $\times$  3 matrix

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volume of unit span parallelepiped 1773 Joseph-Louis Lagrange

# Geometric Interpretation of 0 Determinant



0 determinant? degenerate figure—smushed 3 vectors all in the same plane giving 0 volume for  $3 \times 3$ 2 vectors on same line giving 0 area for  $2 \times 2$ 

# Row Equivalent Rectangle?

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