## 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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- $2 \times 2$ 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 $2 \times 2,3 \times 3,4 \times 4$ and $5 \times 5$ determinants

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## Taking Advantage of Os

By hand, use the cofactor/Laplace expansion as directed
$\left|\begin{array}{llllc}5 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2\end{array}\right|$

Step 1: first expand down the first column to take advantage of the 0s. You'll have one nonzero term.
Step 2: then down the 1st column of the resulting $4 \times 4$ matrix Step 3: then along the 3 rd row of the $3 \times 3$ matrix:
a) 0
b) -10
c) 100
d) -100
e) other

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- $r_{j}^{\prime}=c r_{i}+r_{j} \quad$ shear $\left[\begin{array}{ll}1 & 0 \\ k & 1\end{array}\right]$.object same determinant
- $r_{i} \leftrightarrow r_{j} \quad$ reflect
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- transpose preserves determinant


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What is the determinant of the inverse of a matrix?

- write the inverse of $\left[\begin{array}{ll}1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4\end{array}\right]$. What is its determinant and how does it compare to the original?


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- connections: invertible matrix theorem


## Determinant 0 Matrices

Suppose the determinant of matrix $A$ is zero. How many solutions does the system $A \vec{x}=0$ have?
a) 0
b) 1
c) 2
d) $\infty$
e) other


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## Trivial Solution

We find that for a square coefficient matrix $A$, the homogeneous system $A \vec{x}=\overrightarrow{0}$, has only the trivial solution $\vec{x}=\overrightarrow{0}$. This means that
a) $A$ has a 0 determinant
b) $A$ has a nonzero determinant
c) This tells us nothing about the determinant

## A short survey of some recent applications of determinants

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Strict replacements shears unit span parallelograms to rectangles with the same area. We may have had to swap rows to make this work, changing only the sign of the determinant. |determinant $\mid=$ area for 2 column vectors in a $2 \times 2$ matrix

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