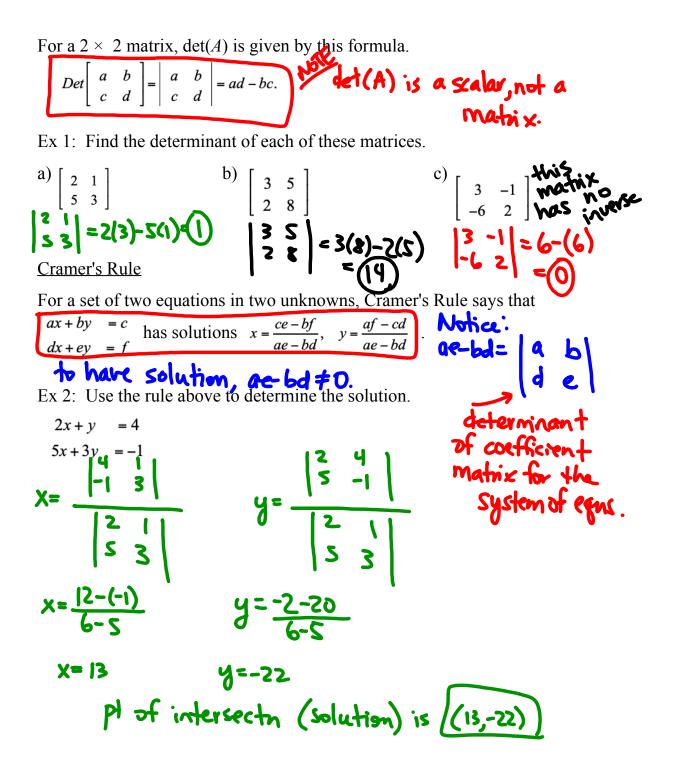


## **Determinant of a Matrix**

Every square matrix has a number associated with it, called the determinant of A. It may be written det(A) or |A|.



Determinant of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix is more complex.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det(A) = |A| = a \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{vmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$
Subscripts on a feel the location of that element in the matrix, with row first and column second

Given the square  $n \times n$  matrix A where n > 1, and  $a_{ij}$  represents the entry in the *i*<sup>th</sup> row and *j*<sup>th</sup> column:

- the minor,  $M_{ij}$  of the entry  $a_{ij}$  is the determinant of the  $(n-1)\times(n-1)$  matrix left after deleting row *i* and column *j* from the matrix *A*.
- the cofactor,  $C_{ij}$  of entry  $a_{ij}$  is  $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$ .

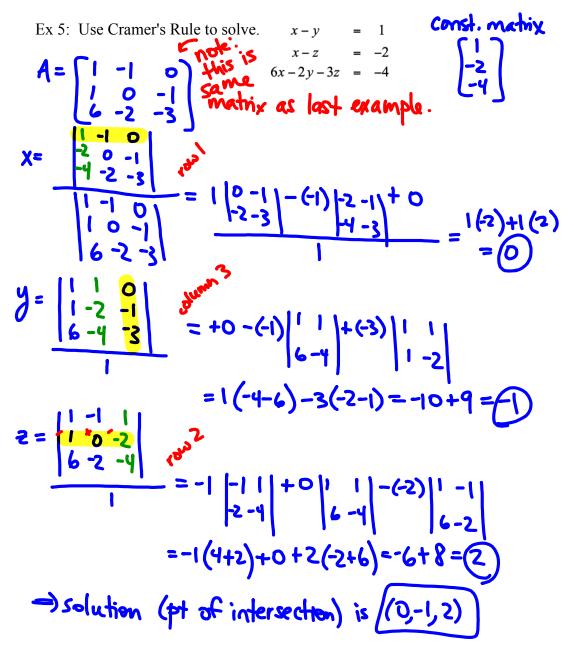
Ex 3: Find all 
$$M_{ij}$$
 and  $C_{ij}$  for this matrix.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 6 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{n}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D} - 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{D} - (2) = -2$   
 $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{2}1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = 3 - 0 = -3$   
 $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{2}2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 6 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = -3 - 0 = -3$   
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 $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{2}3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = -2 - (6) = 4$   
 $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{3}1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = 1$   
 $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{3}2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = -1$   
 $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{3}3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = 1$   
 $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{3}2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = -1$   
 $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{3}3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = 1$   
 $C_{\mathbf{1}1}(-1)^{2}(-2) = -2$ ,  $C_{\mathbf{1}2} = (+1)^{3}(3) = -3$ ,  $C_{\mathbf{1}3} = (-1)^{4}(-2) = -2$   
 $C_{\mathbf{2}1} = (-1)^{3}(3) = -3$ ,  $C_{\mathbf{2}2} = (-1)^{4}(-3) = -3$ ,  $C_{\mathbf{2}3} = (-1)^{4}(-3) = -4$   
 $C_{\mathbf{3}1} = (-1)^{4}(-1) = 1$ ,  $C_{\mathbf{3}2} = (-1)^{5}(-1) = 1$ ,  $C_{\mathbf{3}3} = (-1)^{5}(-1) = 1$ 

The determinant of an  $n \times n$  matrix, where n > 1, is the sum of the entries in any row or column multiplied by each entry's respective cofactor.

Ex 4: Find the determinant of 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 6 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$
.  
 $|A| = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 6 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$   
 $|A| = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 6 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$   
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 $|A| = 1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $= 1 \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -(-5) \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -0 \\ -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$   
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 $= 3 + 0 + -2 = 1$ 

To use Cramer's Rule to solve a set of 3 equations, let  $D = \det A$ .  $D_x$  is found by replacing the first column of A by the constants.  $D_y$  is found by replacing the second column of A by the constants, and  $D_z$  is found by replacing the third column of A by the constants.

$$x = \frac{D_x}{D}, \quad y = \frac{D_y}{D}, \quad z = \frac{D_z}{D}$$



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