

12.3 Determinants

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} * \text{ if } a, b, c, d, \text{ are 4 real \#}'s \\ D \text{ is called a } \underline{2 \times 2 \text{ determinant}} \end{array}$$

where its value is the number $ad - bc$.

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$

minus

ex. 1) Evaluate: $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 6 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3(1) - 6(-2) = 3 - (-12) = \boxed{15}$

Theorem: Cramer's Rule for 2 equations containing 2 variables

The solution to:
$$\begin{cases} ax + by = s \\ cx + dy = t \end{cases}$$

is given by:

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} s & b \\ t & d \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}} \quad y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a & s \\ c & t \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}}$$

provided that:

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc \neq 0$$

Cramer's rule pattern

$$\begin{cases} ax+by = s \\ cx+dy = t \end{cases} \quad D = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

$$D_x = \begin{vmatrix} s & b \\ t & d \end{vmatrix} \quad D_y = \begin{vmatrix} a & s \\ c & t \end{vmatrix}$$

so $x = \frac{D_x}{D}$ $y = \frac{D_y}{D}$ if $D \neq 0$

ex.2) use Cramer's Rule to solve:

$$\begin{cases} 3x - 2y = 4 \\ 6x + y = 13 \end{cases}$$

Find D first: $D = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 6 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (3)(1) - (6)(-2) = 15$
 $D = 15$

Find D_x & D_y : $D_x = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 13 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ $D_y = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 6 & 13 \end{vmatrix}$

$$D_x = 4(1) - 13(-2) = 30$$

$$D_x = 30$$

$$D_y = 3(13) - 6(4)$$

$$D_y = 15$$

Find x & y : $x = \frac{D_x}{D} = \frac{30}{15} = 2$ $y = \frac{D_y}{D} = \frac{15}{15} = 1$

so $x=2$ and $y=1$ or $(2,1)$

* Evaluate a 3x3 Determinant

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

↑
found by removing the row & column
containing a_{11}

The 2x2
determinants
are called minors

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

ex. 3) Find minors:

$$A = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ -2 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & -9 \end{vmatrix}$$

find: (a) $M_{12} \leftarrow$ row 1 column 2

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & \textcircled{1} & 3 \\ -2 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & -9 \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -9 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$M_{12} = (-2)(-9) - (0)(1) = \boxed{18}$$

(b) $M_{23} \leftarrow$ row 2 column 3

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ -2 & 5 & \textcircled{1} \\ 0 & 6 & -9 \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$M_{23} = (2)(6) - (0)(-1) = \boxed{12}$$

DO NOT NEED TO KNOW

* For an $n \times n$ determinant, the cofactor of entry a_{ij} denoted by A_{ij} is given by:

$$A_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$$

where M_{ij} is the minor of entry a_{ij}

ex. 4) Evaluate a 3×3 :

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 & 2 \\ 8 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$3 \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 8 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 8 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$3(18 - (-4)) - 0(12 - 16) + (-1)(-8 - 48)$$

$$3(22) + (-1)(-56)$$

$$66 + 56 = 122$$

* Theorem: Cramer's Rule for 3 equations, 3 variables

For:

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x + a_{12}y + a_{13}z = c_1 \\ a_{21}x + a_{22}y + a_{23}z = c_2 \\ a_{31}x + a_{32}y + a_{33}z = c_3 \end{cases}$$

&:

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

then: $x = \frac{D_x}{D}$ $y = \frac{D_y}{D}$ $z = \frac{D_z}{D}$ where:

$$D_x = \begin{vmatrix} c_1 & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ c_2 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ c_3 & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$D_y = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & c_1 & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & c_2 & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & c_3 & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$D_z = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & c_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & c_2 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

ex. 5) use Cramer's rule to solve:

$$\begin{cases} 2x + y - z = 3 \\ -x + 2y + 4z = -3 \\ x - 2y - 3z = 4 \end{cases}$$

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= 2(2) - 1(-1) + (-1)(0)$$
$$= 4 + 1 = 5$$

$$D = 5$$

$$D_x = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ -3 & 2 & 4 \\ 4 & -2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= 3(2) - 1(-7) + (-1)(-2) = 15$$

$$D_x = 15$$

$$D_y = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -10$$

$$D_y = -10$$

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

$$D_z = 5$$

so: $x = \frac{15}{5}$ $y = \frac{-10}{5}$ $z = \frac{5}{5}$

$$x = 3 \quad y = -2 \quad z = 1 \quad \text{or } (3, -2, 1)$$