

# Yiddish word of the day

"bulbe"

Potato

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קאפאט

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# Yiddish expression of the day

"Zolst hobn tsen hayzer, yeder  
hoitz zol hobn tsen tsimer,  
un yeder tsimer zol zayn tsen  
betn, un zolst zikh kayken  
fun eyn bet in der tsveyter  
mit Khodere"

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לפאסן די קאפאטן זענען  
אזוי ווייל לפאסן די קאפאטן  
זענען זייער, כאין יענע זענען  
לפאסן זייער, קאפאטן זענען  
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# Determinants

Again - We know the equation  $ax=b$  has a unique solution precisely when  $a \neq 0$

- Want some conditions like this for  $A\vec{x}=\vec{b}$

Def: Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ . Then determinant of A (written  $\det A$ )

is  $\det A = ad - bc$

Recall:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $A$  is invertible precisely when

$\det A = ad - bc \neq 0$

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

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

ex)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  Find det A

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= 1 \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 1 - 2(2) \end{aligned}$$

$$z = -3$$

ex)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  Find det A

$$\det A = 1 \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = 1 (4 - 8) = -4$$

ex)  $A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  Find det A

$$\det A = 1 \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$= 10 - 8 + (0 - 2) = 0$$

• We want to define det for any dimensional matrix  
A  $n \times n$  matrix

1) The  $(i,j)$ -submatrix of A is the  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix  
obtained by deleting row  $i$ , column  $j$  from A

2) The  $(i,j)$ -minor of A is the determinant of the  $(i,j)$   
submatrix of A ( $M_{ij}(A)$ )

3) The  $(i,j)$ -cofactor of A is  $(-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}(A)$

"  $C_{ij}(A)$

OK, so with these 3 def, we can once and for all  
define the determinant

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$\det A = a_{11}C_{11}(A) + a_{12}C_{12}(A) + \dots + a_{1n}C_{1n}(A)$$

$$\text{ex) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bullet M_{11}(A) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$M_{12}(A) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = -2$$

$$M_{13} = \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \overset{\sim 2}{\parallel}$$

$$\bullet C_{11}(A) = (-1)^{1+1} (0) = 0$$

$$C_{12}(A) = (-1)^{1+2} (-2) = 2$$

$$C_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} (-2) = -2$$

$$\underline{\det A} = 1 C_{11}(A) + 0 C_{12}(A) + 1 C_{13}(A)$$

$$= 1(0) + 0(2) + 1(-2) = -2$$

ex)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  Find  $\det A$

$$\det A = 1 C_{11}(A) + 0 C_{12}(A) + 1 C_{13}(A) + 0 C_{14}(A)$$

$$\underline{C_{11}(A)} = (-1)^{1+1} \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \det A = 1$$

$$C_{13}(A) = (-1)^{1+3} \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Gross! I said that determinants give us an easier way to see if matrix is invertible, As of now, looks like I lied.

Thm:  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $\det A \neq 0$ .

ex) i)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\det A = (1 \times 3) - (2 \times 0) \\ = 3$$

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

$$\det A = 1 \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} -$$

$$6 \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} +$$

$$9 \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (1)(3)(-2) = -6$$

iii)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 4 & 7 \\ 0 & 3 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\det A = 180!!$$

Fact: If our matrix is in Echelon Form,  
 $\det A = \text{product of the diagonals.}$

Q: How does putting our matrix in Echelon Form  
change the determinant?

Fact:  $\det (A B) = \det (A) \det (B)$

Recall: Doing row operations  $\leftrightarrow$  multiplying A on the left  
by an Elementary matrix

- Start with matrix  $A$ . Then putting it in Echelon form is just multiplying by a few elementary matrices.

◦ If  $B$  is the matrix obtained from  $A$  that's now in Echelon form

$$B = E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_1 A$$

$$\Rightarrow \det B = \det(E_k) \det(E_{k-1}) \dots \det(E_1) \det(A)$$

$\det B =$  product of diagonals.

$$\Rightarrow \det A = \underbrace{\text{product of diagonals (of matrix } B)}_{\det(E_k) \det(E_{k-1}) \dots \det(E_1)}$$

# Recall the 3 Elementary matrices

$$1) D_i^n(c) : \det(D_i^n(c)) = c$$

$$\text{ex) } D_2^3(4) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \det D_2^3(4) = 4$$

$$2) P_{ij}^n : \det(P_{ij}^n) = -1$$

$$\text{ex) } \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = 24$$

$$P_{12}^3 A = B$$

$$\Rightarrow \det A = \frac{\det B}{\det P_{12}^3} = -24$$

$$\text{Check: } \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$3) T_{ij}^n(c): \det(T_{ij}^n(c)) = 1 !!! \text{ WOW !!!}$$

- If the only row operation we do is adding multiples of one row to another, the determinant does not change.

ex)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  Find  $\det A$

$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$   
 $R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & -5 & -2 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & -5 & -2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & -5 & -2 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\text{So } \det A = 1 \cdot (-5) \cdot (4) \cdot (3) = -60$$

Recall - If  $A$  is an invertible matrix, then

the matrix equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has unique solution for any  $\vec{b}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  thus the columns of  $A$  are a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$

ex) Is there a vector  $\vec{0} \neq \vec{x}$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x} = \vec{0} \quad ?$$

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$\det A \neq 0$  so  $A$  is invertible. Thus the columns are a basis, and hence they are LI.

So the null space of  $A = \{ \vec{0} \}$

$$\text{ex) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -12 & -8 & -12 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 4 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 8 & -8 & -4 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

Q  $A$  invertible?

We will find  $\det A$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_5 \rightarrow R_5 - R_1 \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -12 & -8 & -12 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 4 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 6 & 4 & 4 & 21 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -12 & -8 & -12 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det A = 0$$

So  $A$  is not invertible.

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We've shown these last few weeks

A  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the following are equivalent

1)  $(A | \vec{b})$  has a solution for any vector  $\vec{b}$

2) The columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$

3) The columns of  $A$  are LI in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} 2) \\ 3) \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{half is good} \\ \text{enough} \end{array}$

4) The columns of  $A$  are basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$

5)  $A$  is invertible

6)  $\det A \neq 0$