

TOPIC: MATRIX DETERMINANTS & CRAMER'S RULE

Determinants of 2×2 Matrices

◆ A **Determinant** is simply a number calculated from a matrix. Later, we'll use it to solve systems of equations.

- In a 2×2 matrix, calculate this by subtracting the products of the _____.

Determinant of 2×2 Matrix

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = (_ \cdot _) - (_ \cdot _)$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) \text{ or } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{vmatrix} =$$

EXAMPLE

Evaluate the determinant of the matrix.

(A)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 4 \\ 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(B)

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -7 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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PRACTICE Evaluate the determinant of the matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & \frac{9}{2} \\ \frac{2}{3} & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Recall $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = (a \cdot d) - (b \cdot c)$

(2x2 Determinant)

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Cramer's Rule – Systems of 2 Equations w/ 2 Unknowns

◆ **Cramer's Rule** is a formula that *directly* gives the solution to a system of linear equations.

- ▶ Given 2 equations with 2 unknown variables, Cramer's Rule uses determinants of $__ \times __$ matrices.

EXAMPLE

Solve the system of equations using Cramer's Rule.

$$2x + y = 5$$

$$-4x + 6y = -2$$

Cramer's Rule

(2 equations, 2 variables)

Given

$$\begin{aligned} a_1x + b_1y &= c_1 \\ a_2x + b_2y &= c_2 \end{aligned} \longleftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} c_1 & b_1 \\ c_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}} \quad y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}$$

If $\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$, there is $______$ solution

Recall

Determinant of 2x2 Matrix

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = (a \cdot d) - (b \cdot c)$$

Recall

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = (a \cdot d) - (b \cdot c)$$

(2x2 Determinant)

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PRACTICE Write each equation in standard form and use Cramer's Rule to solve the system.

$$y = -3x + 4$$

$$-2x = 7y - 9$$

CRAMER'S RULE

(2 equations, 2 variables)

$$\begin{array}{l} a_1x + b_1y = c_1 \\ a_2x + b_2y = c_2 \end{array} \longleftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} c_1 & b_1 \\ c_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}} \quad y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}$$

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PRACTICE Write each equation in standard form and use Cramer's Rule to solve the system.

$$y - 9x = -3$$

$$-3x = 4y - 1$$

CRAMER'S RULE

(2 equations, 2 variables)

$$\begin{aligned} a_1x + b_1y &= c_1 \\ a_2x + b_2y &= c_2 \end{aligned} \longleftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} c_1 & b_1 \\ c_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}} \quad y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}$$

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Determinants of 3×3 Matrices

◆ Determinants of 3×3 matrices are more complicated and involve calculating multiple 2×2 determinants.

Recall 2×2 Determinant	New 3×3 Determinant
$\det \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = (a \cdot d) - (b \cdot c)$	$\det \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} =$ $\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$ $= a_1 \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & c_2 \\ b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} - b_1 \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} + c_1 \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$ <p>signs alternate</p>

EXAMPLE

Evaluate the determinant of the matrix.

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

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PRACTICE Evaluate the determinant of the matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 \\ -5 & 2 & -3 \\ 1 & -4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Recall

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1 \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & c_2 \\ b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} - b_1 \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} + c_1 \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

(3x3 Determinant)

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Cramer's Rule – Systems of 3 Equations w/ 3 Unknowns

◆ Remember: **Cramer's Rule** *directly* gives the solution to a system of linear equations.

- ▶ Given 3 equations w/ 3 unknown variables, Cramer's Rule uses determinants of $__ \times __$ matrices.

EXAMPLE

Solve the system of equations using Cramer's Rule.

$$-5x - y + 4z = 4$$

$$3y + 6z = 21$$

$$x + y + z = 6$$

Cramer's Rule

(3 equations, 3 variables)

$$a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = d_1$$

Given $a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = d_2$

$$a_3x + b_3y + c_3z = d_3$$

$$\text{If } D = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0, \text{ then}$$

$$x = \frac{D_x}{D} \rightarrow D_x = \begin{vmatrix} d_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ d_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ d_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{replace } x \text{ coeff's with "constants"})$$

$$y = \frac{D_y}{D} \rightarrow D_y = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & d_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & d_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & d_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{replace } y \text{ coeff's with "constants"})$$

$$z = \frac{D_z}{D} \rightarrow D_z = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & d_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & d_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & d_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{replace } z \text{ coeff's with "constants"})$$

Recall

Determinant of 3×3 Matrix

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$a_1 \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & c_2 \\ b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} - b_1 \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} + c_1 \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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PRACTICE Solve the system of equations using Cramer's Rule.

$$4x + 2y + 3z = 6$$

$$x + y + z = 3$$

$$5x + y + 2z = 5$$

Cramer's Rule
(3 equations, 3 variables)

$$\begin{aligned} a_1x + b_1y + c_1z &= d_1 \\ a_2x + b_2y + c_2z &= d_2 \\ a_3x + b_3y + c_3z &= d_3 \end{aligned} \longleftrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 & d_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 & d_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 & d_3 \end{array} \right]$$
$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{D_x}{D} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc} d_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ d_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ d_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{array} \right] \\ y &= \frac{D_y}{D} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc} a_1 & d_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & d_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & d_3 & c_3 \end{array} \right] \\ z &= \frac{D_z}{D} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc} a_1 & b_1 & d_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & d_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & d_3 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{D_x}{D} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc} d_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ d_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ d_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{array} \right]} \right\} D = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{array} \right]$$