

## Determinants and Inverses

**Square Matrix:** Matrix with same number of rows and columns

- All have multiplicative identity matrix
- All do NOT have multiplicative inverses
- $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- If  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices and  $AB = BA = I$ , then  $B$  is the **multiplicative inverse matrix** of  $A$ , and is written  $A^{-1}$ .
- **Determinate:** All square matrices have one, and it is  $\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = ad - bc = \det A$
- $$\det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} = a_1 b_2 c_3 + b_1 c_2 a_3 + c_1 a_2 b_3 - (a_3 b_2 c_1 + a_2 b_1 c_3 + a_1 b_3 c_2)$$
- Can be used to find area of a triangle with vertices at  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3)$ 
  - Area =  $\frac{1}{2} |\det A|$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- **Inverse of 2 x 2 Matrix:**
  - If  $\det A = 0$ ; no inverse (*singular matrix*)
  - If  $\det A \neq 0$ , then the inverse ( $A^{-1}$ ) is  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$

**Examples:**

- If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{5}{2} & -\frac{2}{3} & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , are  $A$  and  $B$  inverses?

- What is the determinant of  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

- As part of a remodeling project, you want to paint a triangular area on a cement floor that is marked along the wall with decorative stones every meter. Using the stones as a reference, you determine the coordinates of the vertices of the area you want to paint are (4, 6), (12, 9), and (7, 11). What is the area of the triangle?
- Does the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  have an inverse? If it does, what is  $A^{-1}$ ?
- You stored your credit card numbers in a file after they were coded by the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 3 \\ 3 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ . One of the numbers in the file is -1, -14, -16, -22, 10, 10, -31, -29, -15, -2, -6, 8, -32, -32, 3, 7. What is the original credit card number?