

8.3 Cramer's Rule: Determinants

Determinants only work on _____ matrices.

ex: 2 x 2, 3 x 3, 4 x 4, ...

Given a 2 x 2 matrix $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{The Determinant: } D = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$

Evaluate: $\begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$

Cramer's Rule : For $\begin{cases} ax + by = s \\ cx + dy = t \end{cases}$ when

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}, D_x = \begin{vmatrix} s & b \\ t & d \end{vmatrix} \text{ and } D_y = \begin{vmatrix} a & s \\ c & t \end{vmatrix}$$

if $D \neq 0$, then $x = \frac{D_x}{D}$, and $y = \frac{D_y}{D}$

Solving a Sys. Of Eq. Using Determinants:

Ex: $\begin{cases} 3x - 6y = 24 \\ 5x + 4y = 12 \end{cases}$

Evaluating 3 x 3 determinants

For an $n \times n$ determinant A, the **cofactor** of entry a_{ij} ,

denoted by A_{ij} , is given by $A_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$.

Where is M_{ij} the minor of entry a_{ij} .

The 2 x 2 _____ are called _____ of the 3 x 3 determinant

It **doesn't** matter which column or row you pick you will get the same _____

Lets pick column 2 for this example

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^{1+2} a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{2+2} a_{22} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{3+2} a_{32} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{23} \end{vmatrix}$$

Finding the Minor of a 3 x 3 Determinant:

For the Determinant $A = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$

Find a) M_{23}

Evaluating the determinant of a 3 x 3 matrix

Find the value of the 3 by 3 determinant: $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$

Cramer's Rule:

For a system of 3 equations with 3 variables

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

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

Use Cramer's Rule to solve the following:

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + z = 1 \\ 3x + 5y + z = 3 \\ 2x + 6y + 7z = 1 \end{cases}$$

Cramer's Rule for Three Equations Containing Three Variables

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

where

$$D_x = \begin{vmatrix} c_1 & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ c_2 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ c_3 & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \quad D_y = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & c_1 & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & c_2 & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & c_3 & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \quad D_z = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & c_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & c_2 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Cramer's Rule with Inconsistent or Dependent Systems

- If $D = 0$ and at least one of the determinants $D_x, D_y,$ or D_z is different from 0, then the system is inconsistent and the solution set is \emptyset or $\{ \}$.
- If $D = 0$ and all the determinants $D_x, D_y,$ and D_z equal 0, then the system is consistent and dependent so that there are infinitely many solutions. The system must be solved using row reduction techniques.