

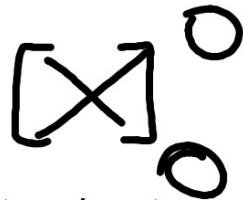
Algebra 2 3.7

Evaluate determinants

Quiz 3.5-3.6 Wed.

Use Cramer's rule to solve systems of equations

matrix  
square matrix  
determinant



$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & -4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$5$   
 $-12 + 5 = -7$   
 $-12$

**2x2** second order determinant

**3x3** third order determinant

diagonal method, cofactor method, echelon method

\*Cramer's rule

coefficient matrix

whiteboards

### KeyConcept Second-Order Determinant

**Words** The value of a second-order determinant is the difference of the products of the two diagonals.

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

**Example**  $\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ -3 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 4(6) - (5)(-3) = 39$

Notice how the notation has changed...  
Does it look like something else?  
context...



### Example 1 Second-Order Determinant

Evaluate each determinant.

a.  $\begin{vmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$   $-32$

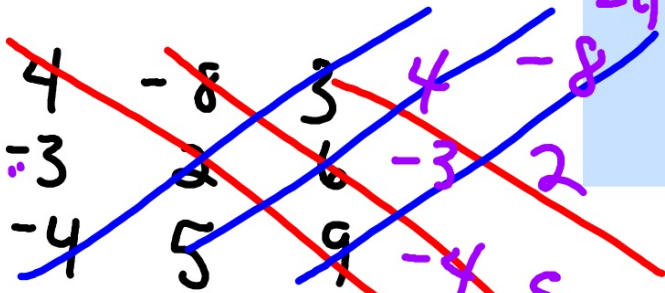
$45$

b.  $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 4 & -11 \end{vmatrix}$

There are multiple methods to evaluate a determinant for 3x3  
 (We are going to learn the diagonal method...for now.)

**Example 2 Use Diagonals**

Evaluate  $\begin{vmatrix} 4 & -8 & 3 \\ -3 & 2 & 6 \\ -4 & 5 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$  using diagonals.



$$-24 + 120 + 243$$

$$339$$

$$219 - 339 = -120$$

$$72 + 192 + 45$$

$$219$$

Guided Practice

Evaluate each determinant.

2A.  $\begin{vmatrix} -5 & 9 & 4 \\ -2 & -1 & 5 \\ -4 & 6 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$

2B.  $\begin{vmatrix} -8 & -4 & 4 \\ 0 & -5 & -8 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

$16 - 150 - 36 = -170$

~~$\begin{vmatrix} -5 & 9 & 4 & -5 & 9 \\ -2 & -1 & 5 & -2 & -1 \\ -4 & 6 & 2 & -4 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$~~

$10 + -180 - 48 = -218$

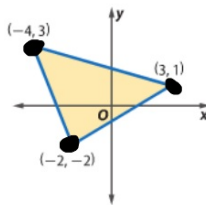
$-218 - -170$   
 $-218 + 170$   
 $= -48$

**KeyConcept** Area of a Triangle

**Words** The area of a triangle with vertices  $(a, b)$ ,  $(c, d)$ , and  $(e, f)$  is  $|A|$ , where

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} a & b & 1 \\ c & d & 1 \\ e & f & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

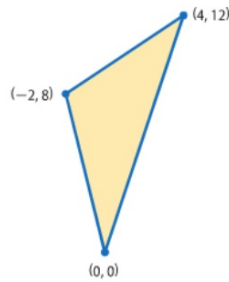
**Example**  $A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$



$$A = \frac{1}{2} b h.$$

Plus  
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$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$



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**Key Concept Cramer's Rule**

Let  $C$  be the coefficient matrix of the system  $ax + by = m$   
 $fx + gy = n$   $\rightarrow$   $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ f & g \end{bmatrix}$ .

The solution of this system is  $x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} m & b \\ n & g \end{vmatrix}}{|C|}$  and  $y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a & m \\ f & n \end{vmatrix}}{|C|}$ , if  $|C| \neq 0$ .

coefficient matrix  
variable matrix (either x or y)

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \text{coef} \\ \text{matrix} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \text{coef} \\ \text{matrix} \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \text{coef} \\ \text{matrix} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \text{coef} \\ \text{matrix} \end{vmatrix}}$$

### Example 4 Solve a System of Two Equations

Solve the system by using Cramer's Rule.

$$\begin{aligned} 5x - 6y &= 15 \\ 3x + 4y &= -29 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 15 & -6 \\ -29 & 4 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{174}{60} \quad y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 15 \\ 3 & -29 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-145}{-18}$$

**Test-Taking Tip**

**Cramer's Rule** When the determinant of the coefficient matrix  $C$  is 0, the system does not have a unique solution.

$$\left( \frac{-114}{38}, \frac{-190}{38} \right) \quad (-3, -5)$$

Zero in the denominator...



$$7x + 3y = 37$$

$$-5x - 7y = -41$$

$$x = \left| \begin{array}{cc|c} 37 & 3 & -123 \\ -41 & -7 & -259 \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{l} -123 \\ -259 + 123 \\ -259 = -136 \end{array}$$

$$y = \left| \begin{array}{cc|c} 7 & 37 & -185 \\ -5 & -41 & -287 \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{l} -185 \\ -287 + 185 \\ -287 = -102 \end{array}$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc|c} 7 & 3 & -15 \\ -5 & -7 & -49 \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{l} -15 \\ -49 + 15 = \\ -34 \\ -49 \end{array}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc} \frac{-136}{-34} & \frac{-102}{-34} \\ (4, 3) \end{array} \right)$$