

A Similar 3 x 3 Determinant Expansion

Now look at the 3 x 3 case:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + a_{12} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and so linear expansions of $|A|$ along rows 1, 2 and 3 produces 27 determinants. All but 6 of these have zero columns (like above) and we are left with

$$|A| =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & a_{11} a_{22} a_{33} \underbrace{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}}_{\text{det of } I} + a_{12} a_{23} a_{31} \underbrace{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}}_{\text{double perm}} + a_{13} a_{21} a_{32} \underbrace{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}}_{\text{double perm}} \\ & + a_{11} a_{23} a_{32} \underbrace{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}}_{\text{single perm}} + a_{12} a_{21} a_{33} \underbrace{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}}_{\text{single perm}} + a_{13} a_{22} a_{31} \underbrace{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}}_{\text{single perm}} \end{aligned}$$