

MATH-332: Linear AlgebraChapter: 3DeterminantsSection 3.1: Introduction to Determinants

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*July 3, 2009*Lecture: Introduction to Determinants**Topics:**Definition of determinant
Cofactor Expansion Theorem
Triangular Matrix Theorem**Problems**Prac: 1
Prob: 19-38**Section Goals**

- Devise a method of computing the determinant of a square matrix.

Section Objectives

- State the cofactor expansion theorem and its generalization to arbitrary row/column expansions.
- Use the cofactor expansion method and the principle of mathematical induction to prove theorem associated with the determinants of triangular matrices.