



# Lecture 11

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- ▶ §3.1, §3.2 on determinants

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This equation is an example of **cofactor expansion along the first row of  $A$**  and is just a restatement of our definition of  $\det A$ .

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