

sume that $\det \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & \dots & x_{1k} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_{k1} & \dots & x_{kk} \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{11}, x_{12}, \dots, x_{1k}, \dots, x_{1l} & x_{1,(l+1)}, \dots, x_{1n} \\ x_{21}, x_{22}, \dots, x_{2k}, \dots, x_{2l} & x_{2,(l+1)}, \dots, x_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{k1}, x_{k2}, \dots, x_{kk}, \dots, x_{kl} & x_{k,(l+1)}, \dots, x_{kn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v_1 \wedge v_2 \wedge \dots \wedge v_k = \det \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & \dots & x_{1k} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_{k1} & \dots & x_{kk} \end{pmatrix} e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge \dots \wedge e_k + \det(\quad)$$

$$+ \dots + \det(\quad) e_{n-k+1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_n.$$

Except the term $e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge \dots \wedge e_k$, all $\det(\quad)$ are zero. For example,

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} x_{11}, \dots, x_{1,(k-1)}, x_{1,l+1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{k1}, \dots, x_{k,(k-1)}, x_{k,l+1} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{If } \begin{pmatrix} x_{1,l+1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{k,l+1} \end{pmatrix} \neq 0, \quad \exists a_i \neq 0 \text{ for some } i \text{ s.t.}$$

$$a_1 \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} \\ \vdots \\ x_{k1} \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} x_{12} \\ \vdots \\ x_{k2} \end{pmatrix} + \dots + a_i \begin{pmatrix} x_{1i} \\ \vdots \\ x_{ki} \end{pmatrix} + \dots + a_n \begin{pmatrix} x_{1n} \\ \vdots \\ x_{kn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x_{1,l+1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{k,l+1} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{We can replace } \begin{pmatrix} x_{1i} \\ \vdots \\ x_{ki} \end{pmatrix} \text{ by } \sigma$$