

Notes for section 4-5

Read p.183-185

### Second Order Determinants

- ◆ The value found by calculating the difference of the products of the two diagonals
- ◆ The square array of variables or numbers enclosed by *parallel bars*

Find the value:

2 x 2 Matrices – Difference of the products of the diagonals

$$\begin{vmatrix} 6 & -4 \\ -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -6 & 7 \\ -9 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

3 x 3 Matrices

Differences of the *products of the diagonals*

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & -2 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Or use your TI84

Look in the matrix math menu

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & -2 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Use Determinants to Find the  
AREA of a TRIANGLE

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

Where  $(a, b)$   $(c, d)$  and  $(e, f)$  are the  
vertices of the triangle.

Find area of a triangle with vertices  
 $(0, -1)$ ,  $(-2, -6)$  and  $(3, -2)$