

Happy Determinant Day!
(Lecture 8)

This week:

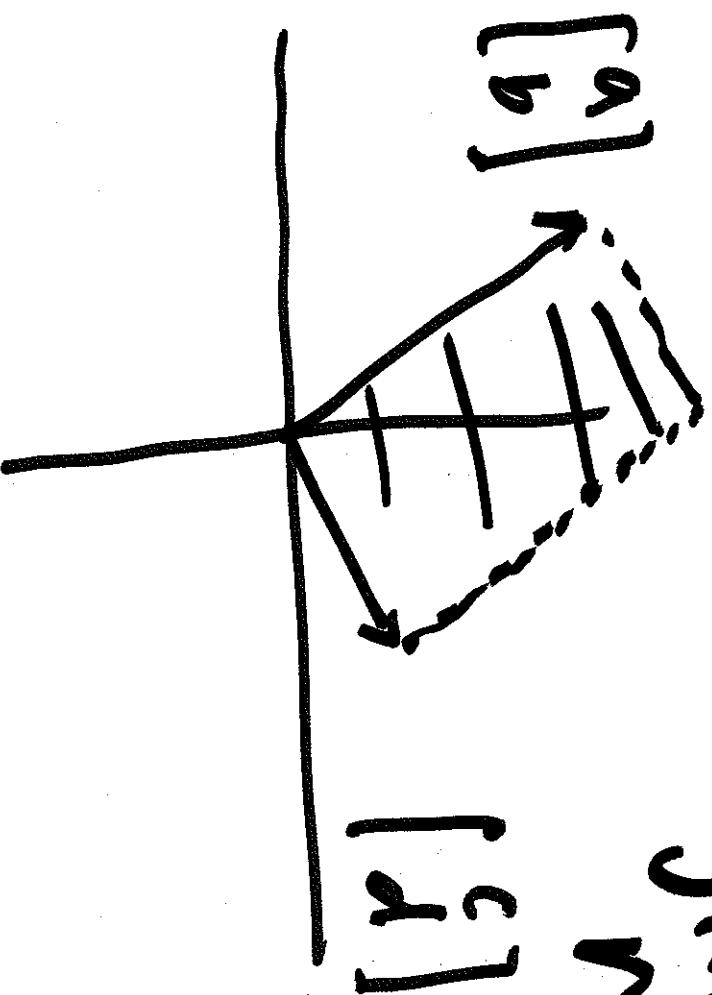
Thurs Office Hours, 736 Evans
12:30 - 2:30

Fri Quiz through 3.3

Warmup Problem $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

Recall $\det A = ad - bc$

Show $|\det A| = \text{Area of parallelogram}$
given by the
row vectors.



③ Favorite tool: row reduction! $A \rightarrow A'$

$\det A$

Area

R1 (add

scale of row
to another)

$\det A' = \det A$

(check this!)

$\text{Area}' = \text{Area}$

R2

(exchange
rows)

$\det A' = -\det A$

$\text{Area}' = \text{Area}$

R3

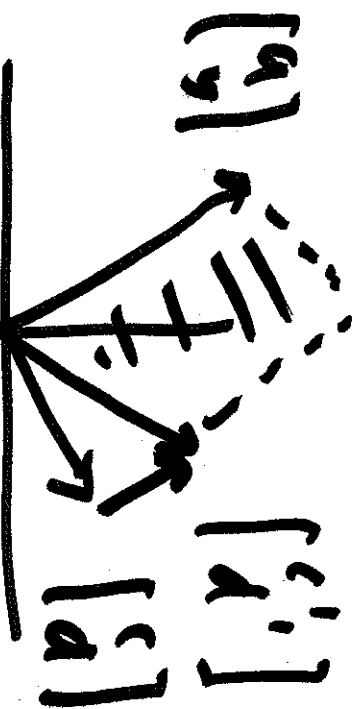
(scales
row by $c \neq 0$)

$\det A' = c \det A$

$\text{Area}' = c \text{Area}$

Examples:

R1

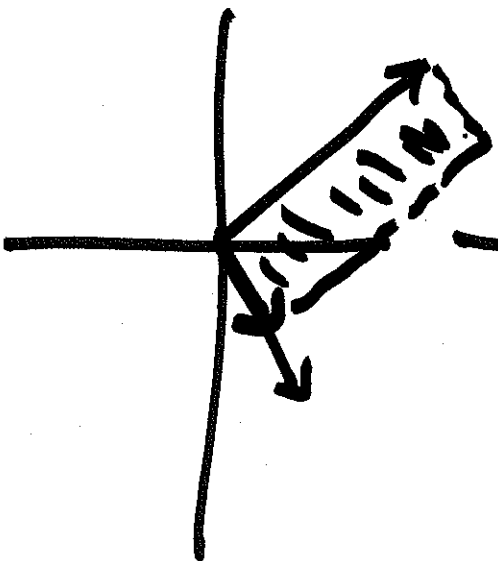


R2



Same parallelogram

R3



Soln: Use R_1, R_2 to put A in REF:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ 0 & \lambda' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } A' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$|a' \lambda'|$$

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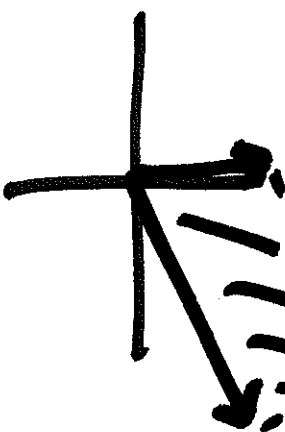
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We will define the determinant of $n \times n$ matrices A so that

$|\det A| = \text{Volume of solid}$
given by row vectors.

Also (more importantly) it will satisfy previous properties under row ops.

Inductive def of Determinant

$$\underline{n=1} \quad A = [a_{11}] \quad \det A = a_{11}$$

Suppose you know \det for $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrices

Take $A = [a_{ij}]$ $n \times n$ matrix

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Set $A_{ij} = (n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrix
given by deleting
 i th & j th col from A
row

$$A_{ij} = \begin{vmatrix} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \end{vmatrix} A$$

$$\det A = a_{11} \det A_{11} - a_{12} \det A_{12} + \dots + (-1)^{1+n} a_{1n} \det A_n$$

Exer Calc. $\det A$ for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= 1 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad + 1 \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 1 \cdot (1 \cdot -6) - 2(1) + 1(3) \\ &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

Also solve with row ops:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} R_1 \\ \rightsquigarrow \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} \textcircled{1} & \textcircled{2} & \textcircled{1} \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix} = A'$$

$$\det A' = 1 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix} - 2 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0 \\ = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot \left(-\frac{5}{3}\right) = -5$$

Properties of det

A $n \times n$ matrix

(I) Cofactor expansion

Define $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j}$ det A_{ij}
number called

i - j -cofactor

$$i \left(\frac{A}{j} \right)$$

$$\det A = a_{i1} C_{i1} + a_{i2} C_{i2} + \dots + a_{in} C_{in}$$

cofactor expansion along i th row

(when $i=1$, this is def of $\det A$)

$$\det A = a_{1j} C_{1j} + a_{2j} C_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj} C_{nj}$$

cofactor expansion along j th col

Exer Calc $\det A$ for $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & \dots & 1 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Cofactor exp along col $j=2$.

$$\det A = a_{32} \cdot C_{32}$$

$$C_{32} = (-1)^{3+2} \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Cof. exp along col $j=1$

$$\det A_{32} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2i} C_{2i}$$

$$C_{21}' = (-1)^{2+1} \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= -1 \cdot (+3) = -3$$

$$\text{So } C_{32} = (-1)^{5} \cdot (-3) = +3$$

$$\text{So } \det A = 1 \cdot (+3) = 3$$

② If A is upper Δ -ar (or lower Δ -ar)

$\begin{pmatrix} * & \dots & * \\ 0 & \dots & * \end{pmatrix}$ then $\det A =$ product of diag entries

Ex $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 7 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

$\det A = 1 \cdot (-2) (3) = -6$

④ Theorem A $n \times n$ matrix invertible

\Leftrightarrow

det $A \neq 0$.

PF. Put in REF using R_1, R_2 .

$$A \rightsquigarrow U = \begin{pmatrix} * & & & \\ & * & & \\ & & * & \\ & & & * \\ & 0 & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

n pivots

or

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & & & \\ & * & & \\ & & * & \\ & & & * \\ & 0 & & & \\ & & & & 0 \\ & & & & & 0 \\ & & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$< n$ pivots

never

U is upper Δ -ar!

We find $\det AU = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } < n \\ & \text{product of } n \text{ pivots} \end{cases}$

So $\det A \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \det U \neq 0$ if product of n pivots

$\Leftrightarrow n$ pivots $\Leftrightarrow A$ invertible



⑤ A, B $n \times n$ matrices

$$\text{Then } \det(AB) = (\det A)(\det B)$$

Special case $B = A^{-1}$ if A invertible

$$\text{Find } \underline{1} = \det(I_n) = \det(A \cdot A^{-1})$$

$$= (\det A)(\det(A^{-1}))$$

$$\text{So } \det(A^{-1}) = (\det A)^{-1}.$$

⑥ Recall If $A = [(a_{ij})]$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \vdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

then $A^T = [(a_{ji})] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{m1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1n} & a_{2n} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$

transpose

$$\text{Then } \det(A^T) = \det A$$

Observe we now know similar

Statements about rows of A
as we have seen for cols

Exer Show ~~row~~ span of rows

$$\text{of } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is not all of } \mathbb{R}^3$$

This is the same as asking to see

$$\text{cols of } A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ do not}$$

Recall span all of \mathbb{R}^3

Cols of A^T span $\Leftrightarrow A^T$ is invertible

$$\Leftrightarrow \det A^T \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \det A \neq 0$$

But cof. exp of $\det A$ along col 2

gives $\det A = 0$ So rows of A do not span \mathbb{R}^3