

Announcements Oct 27

- Masks \rightsquigarrow Thank you!
 - Studio but no quiz Friday
 - WeBWork 4 due **Tue @ midnight**
 - Office hrs: Tue 4-5 Teams + Thu 1-2 Skiles courtyard/Teams + Pop-ups?
 - Midterm 3 **Nov 17** 8–9:15 on Teams, Sec. 3.5–5.5
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- Many TA office hours listed on Canvas
 - PLUS sessions: Tue 6–7 GT Connector, Thu 6–7 BlueJeans
 - Math Lab: Mon–Thu 11–6, Fri 11–3 Skiles Courtyard (**going hybrid!**)
 - Section M web site: Google “Dan Margalit math”, click on 1553
 - ▶ future blank slides, past lecture slides, advice
 - Old exams: Google “Dan Margalit math”, click on Teaching
 - Tutoring: <http://tutoring.gatech.edu/tutoring>
 - Counseling center: <https://counseling.gatech.edu>
 - Use Piazza for general questions
 - You can do it!

Section 4.1

The definition of the determinant

The definition of determinant

The **determinant** of a *square* matrix is a number so that

1. If we do a row replacement on a matrix, the determinant is unchanged
2. If we swap two rows of a matrix, the determinant scales by -1
3. If we scale a row of a matrix by k , the determinant scales by k
4. $\det(I_n) = 1$

Why would we think of this? *Answer: This is exactly how volume works.*

Try it out for 2×2 matrices.

Today: A formula for det
like $\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = ad - bc$

Properties of the determinant

Fact 1. There is such a number \det and it is unique.

Fact 2. A is invertible $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$ **important!**

Fact 3. $\det A = (-1)^{\#\text{row swaps used}} \left(\frac{\text{product of diagonal entries of row reduced matrix}}{\text{product of scalings used}} \right)$

Fact 4. The function can be computed by any of the $2n$ cofactor expansions.

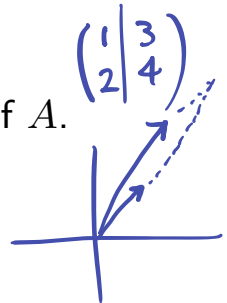
today!

Fact 5. $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$ **important!**

chain rule!

Fact 6. $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$ **ok, now we need to say what transpose is**

Fact 7. $\det(A)$ is signed volume of the parallelepiped spanned by cols of A .



If you want the proofs, see the book. Actually Fact 1 is the hardest!

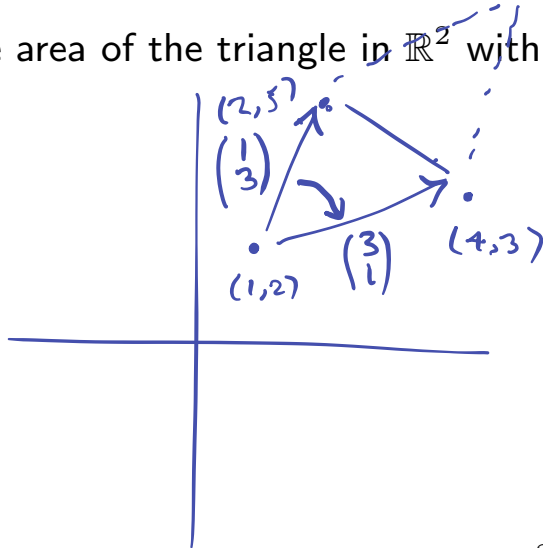
Section 4.3

The determinant and volumes

Areas of triangles

What is the area of the triangle in \mathbb{R}^2 with vertices $(1, 2)$, $(4, 3)$, and $(2, 5)$?

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\left| \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right| = |-8| = 8$$

area of parallelogram

$$\boxed{4} \text{ area of } \triangle$$

What is the area of the parallelogram in \mathbb{R}^2 with vertices $(1, 2)$, $(4, 3)$, $(2, 5)$, and $(5, 6)$?

you!

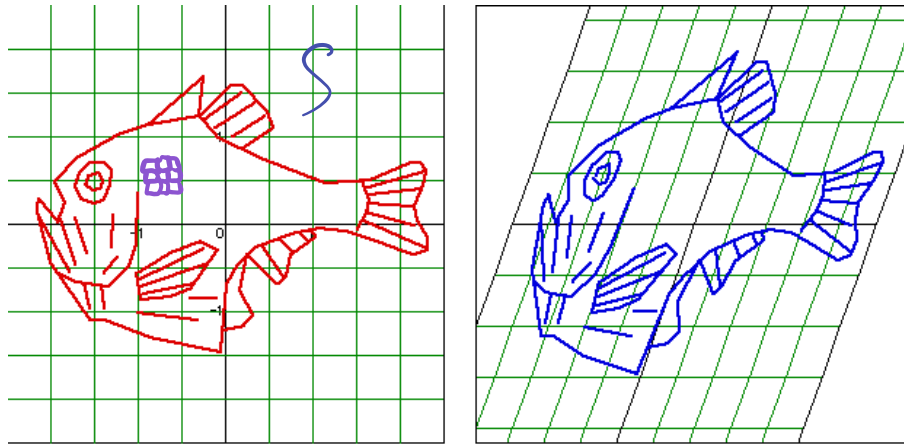
Determinants and linear transformations

Say A is an $n \times n$ matrix and $T(v) = Av$.

apply T to every pt of S

Fact 8. If S is some subset of \mathbb{R}^n , then $\text{vol}(T(S)) = |\det(A)| \cdot \text{vol}(S)$.

This works even if S is curvy, like a circle or an ellipse, or:



Why? First check it for little squares/cubes (Fact 7). Then: Calculus!

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

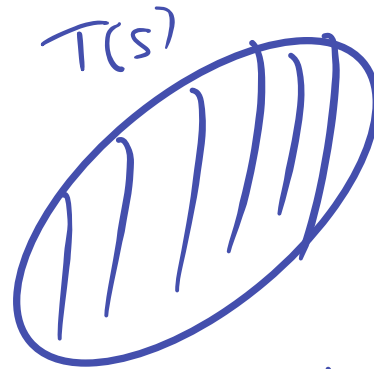
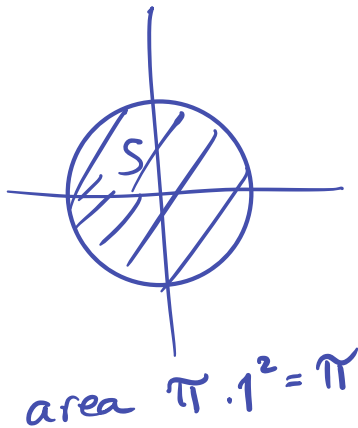


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Take S to be the unit disk in \mathbb{R}^2 , that is, the set of points that have distance at most 1 from the origin. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, and let $T(v) = Av$ be its matrix transformation. What is the area of $T(S)$?



$$\begin{aligned} \text{area: } & |\det(A)| \text{ area}(S) \\ & |4 - 8| \pi \\ & = 4\pi \end{aligned}$$

Section 4.2

Cofactor expansions

Outline of Section 4.2

- We will give a recursive formula for the determinant of a square matrix.

A formula for the determinant

We will give a **recursive** formula.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \quad A_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

First some terminology:

$$A_{13} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad A_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

A_{ij} = ij th **minor** of A

= $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrix obtained by deleting the i th row and j th column

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

= ij th **cofactor** of A

$$C_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \det A_{11} = 1 \cdot -3 = -3$$

$$C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \det A_{12} = -1 \cdot -6 = 6$$

$$C_{13} = (-1)^{1+3} \det A_{13} = 1 \cdot -3 = -3$$

Finally:

entry of A
in 1st row 1st col

all 1's

$$\det(A) = a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + \dots + a_{1n}C_{1n}$$

$$\underline{1} \cdot -3 + \underline{2} \cdot 6 + \underline{3} \cdot -3 = 0$$

(not invertible!)

Or:

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

So we find the determinant of a 3×3 matrix in terms of the determinants of 2×2 matrices, etc.

Determinants

Consider

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Compute the following:

$$a_{11} = 5$$

$$a_{12} = 1$$

$$a_{13} = 0$$

$$A_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{13} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det A_{11} = -3$$

$$\det A_{12} = -7$$

$$\det A_{13} = -12$$

$$C_{11} = -3$$

$$C_{12} = +7$$

$$C_{13} = -12$$

$$\det A = a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + a_{13}C_{13} = 5 \cdot -3 + 1 \cdot 7 + 0 \cdot \text{don't care} = -8$$

A formula for the determinant

We can take the recursive formula further....

$$\det(A) = a_{11}(\det(A_{11})) - a_{12}(\det(A_{12})) + \cdots \pm a_{1n}(\det(A_{1n}))$$

Say that....

1×1 matrices

$$\det(a_{11}) = a_{11}$$

Now apply the formula to...

2×2 matrices

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

(Could also go really nuts and define the determinant of a 0×0 matrix to be 1 and use the formula to get the formula for 1×1 matrices...)

A formula for the determinant

3×3 matrices

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \dots$$

You can write this out. And it is a good exercise. But you won't want to memorize it.

A formula for the determinant

Another formula for 3×3 matrices

original cofactor formula.

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= a_{11}(a_{22}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{32}) + a_{12}(a_{21}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{31}) + a_{13}(a_{21}a_{32} - a_{22}a_{31})$$

(Check this is gives the same answer as before. It is a small miracle!)

Use this formula to compute

This slide ONLY 3x3

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

0 1 0

5 1 0 5 1 0

-1 3 2 -1 3 2

4 0 -1 4 0 -1

-15 8 0

$$(-15 + 8 + 0) - (0 + 1 + 0)$$

$$= -7 - 1$$

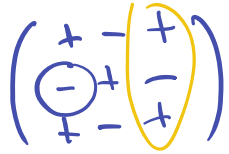
$$= -8$$

Expanding across other rows and columns

The formula we gave for $\det(A)$ is the **expansion across the first row**. It turns out you can compute the determinant by expanding across any row or column:

$$\det(A) = a_{i1}C_{i1} + \cdots + a_{in}C_{in} \text{ for any fixed } i$$

$$\det(A) = a_{1j}C_{1j} + \cdots + a_{nj}C_{nj} \text{ for any fixed } j$$



Or for odd rows and columns:

$$\det(A) = a_{i1}(\det(A_{i1})) - a_{i2}(\det(A_{i2})) + \cdots \pm a_{in}(\det(A_{in}))$$

$$\det(A) = a_{1j}(\det(A_{1j})) - a_{2j}(\det(A_{2j})) + \cdots \pm a_{nj}(\det(A_{nj}))$$

and for even rows and columns:

$$\det(A) = -a_{i1}(\det(A_{i1})) + a_{i2}(\det(A_{i2})) + \cdots \mp a_{in}(\det(A_{in}))$$

$$\det(A) = -a_{1j}(\det(A_{1j})) + a_{2j}(\det(A_{2j})) + \cdots \mp a_{nj}(\det(A_{nj}))$$

Amazingly, these are all the same!

3rd col: 0 · don't care - 0 · don't care

$$+ 1 \cdot \det\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 9 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot 1 = 1.$$

Compute:

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 9 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

2nd row: $-1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 + 0 = 1$

Another!

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 6 & 8 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$(-1)^{i+j}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{pmatrix}$$

3rd col $+ 8 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = 2.$

2nd row $-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 8 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot -4 = 2$

Determinants of triangular matrices

If A is upper (or lower) triangular, $\det(A)$ is easy to compute with cofactor expansions (it was also easy using the definition of the determinant):

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 5 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & - \\ - & + \end{pmatrix}$$

1st col: $+ 2 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 5 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$

$$= + 2 \cdot 1 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 9 \\ 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= + 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 50 = 100$$

Determinants

Poll

What is the determinant?

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 7 & 0 & 9 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 5 & 9 & 2 & 10 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

A formula for the inverse

(from Section 3.3)

2×2 matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$n \times n$ matrices

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & \cdots & C_{n1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{1n} & \cdots & C_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \\ = \frac{1}{\det(A)} (C_{ij})^T$$

matrix of cofactors
transpose
mult. by $\frac{1}{\det}$

Check that these agree!

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 6 & 8 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \text{ (last thing)}$$

The proof uses Cramer's rule (see the notes on the course home page. We're not testing on this - it's just for your information.)

Summary of Section 4.2

- There is a recursive formula for the determinant of a square matrix:

$$\det(A) = a_{11}(\det(A_{11})) - a_{12}(\det(A_{12})) + \cdots \pm a_{1n}(\det(A_{1n}))$$

- We can use the same formula along any row/column.
- There are special formulas for the 2×2 and 3×3 cases.

Typical Exam Questions 4.2

- True or false. The cofactor expansion across the first row gives the negative of the cofactor expansion across the second row.
- Find the determinant of the following matrix using one of the formulas from this section:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ -5 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

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- Find the cofactor matrix for the above matrix and use it to find the inverse.