

Determinants:

Linear Transformation: The function that changes a vector space or a system and preserves its linear properties (which are addition and multiplication) is called linear transformation.

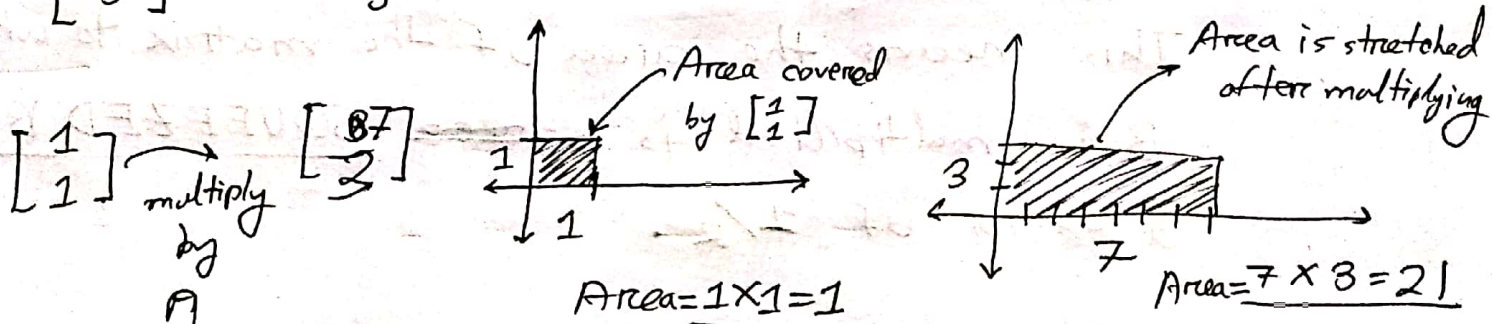
Basically ^{it} determines how a vector space is stretched or squeezed and hence the word "transformation" is used.

Determinants determine the measure of how we are stretching or squeezing the system, in this case, the area covered by vectors.

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ be a matrix. We can already see linear transformation in this matrix.

$\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ scales \hat{i} by a factor of 7 while

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ scales \hat{j} by a factor of 3.



After multiplying by the matrix of A the area was stretched out by a factor of 21. This factor that stretches/squeezes the area is called determinant.

Hence, 21 is the determinant.

Q: What is the significance of determinant?

→ Let's say we have $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ which we will multiply to any matrix.

$$\text{The determinant is } \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 2 - (-1) = 3$$

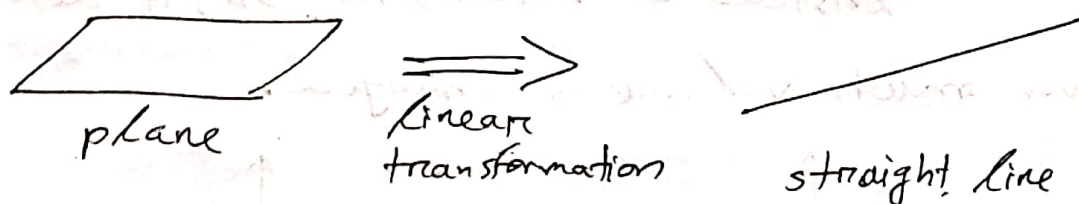
This means that the area of the matrix which to which A is multiplied to is STRETCHED BY 3.

Say, for matrix, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ -0.5 & 0.05 \end{bmatrix}$, determinant is 0.5 or $1/2$.

This means the area of the matrix to which B is multiplied is ~~squeezed~~ SQUEEZED BY a factor of $1/2$.

Q: What if a determinant is zero?

→ For matrix, say, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ the determinant is zero. Further observing this matrix, we can see the columns are linearly dependent. It looks like a 2D matrix covering 2D space but in fact it is squeezed to a single straight line. Hence, area is zero. So if we multiply this, area will be ^{reduced} ~~reduced~~ to zero.

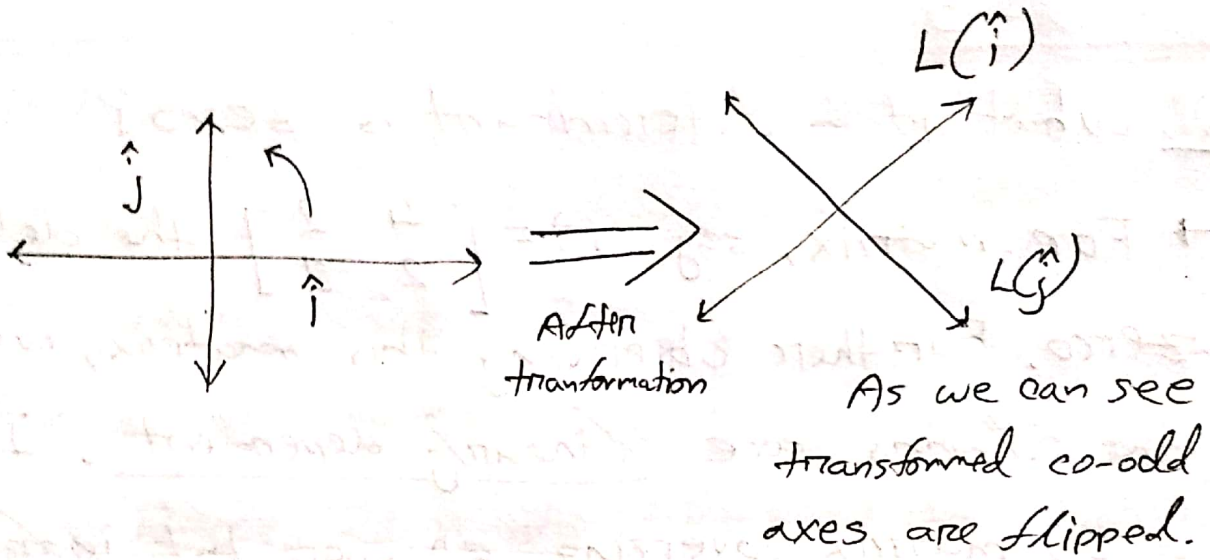


Zero determinant case

Q: What do we mean by determinant being negative?

→ For $\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} = -5$.

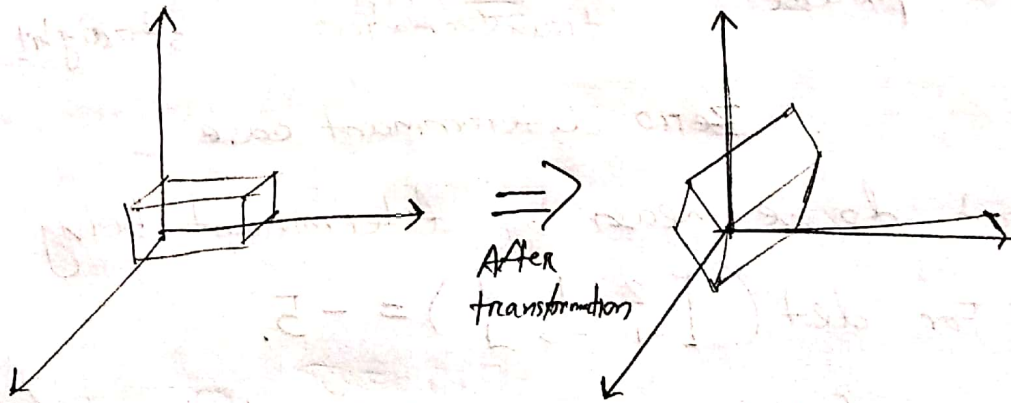
Because of the ~~order~~ ~~of~~ orientation, determinant sometimes gets a negative value. By multiplying with it to a matrix, the orientation ~~will~~ will get INVERTED or FLIPPED, i.e. the space will get flipped but the magnitude of stretching or squeezing will be same.



Negative determinant case

Determinants in 3D matrices:

Instead of Area, in 3D, it determines how much volume is changed.



3D transformation for determinants

Properties of Determinants:

(i) $\det(I) = 1$ — Determinant of identity matrices is 1,

For example $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. For both, $\det(I) = 1$
(2D) (3D)

(ii) Exchanging 2 rows reverses the sign of determinant.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xRightarrow{\text{swap}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = 1 \quad \neq \quad \det(A) = -1$$

We see these things in permutation matrices where we change rows once or twice.

That's why for permutation matrices, determinant is either 1 or -1.

(iii) About linear combinations

- a) Multiplying by scalar factor.
- b) Adding a quantity.

(iii) (a) $A = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{multiplying}]{t} \begin{vmatrix} ta & tb \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = t \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$

If the original matrix has $\det(A) = ad - bc$
 then, transformed matrix has $\det(A) = t(ad - bc)$

(iii) (b) ~~Adding something~~

$$\begin{vmatrix} a+a' & b+b' \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a' & b' \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

This property is linearity but it doesn't work like matrices. So, the following statement occurs

$$\longrightarrow \det(A+B) \neq \det(A) + \det(B)$$

(iv) If 2 rows are equal then \det is 0.

To prove this, we use property (ii). Let,

Proof: $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$. If two rows are equal, the

rows can write it as -

[Suppose, row 1 = row 2]

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \det(A) = x \text{ (suppose)}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \det(A) = -x \text{ (since we exchanged rows)} \\ \text{[Property -2]}$$

But, both matrices are same!

So, $\det(A)$ has to be positive and negative at the same time. And the only number that solves this is zero.

$$\therefore \det(A) = 0.$$

(v) While elimination, if $\ell \times \text{row } i$ is subtracted from row k , the determinant doesn't change.

Proof: For,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{transform}} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c - \ell a & d - \ell b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ -\ell a & -\ell b \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} - \ell \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ a & b \end{vmatrix}$$

~~[But from (iv)]~~

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} - \ell \times 0 \text{ [Property (iv)]}$$

(vi) All the elements of a row being zero leads to $\det(A) = 0$

Proof: $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{from (v)}]$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -lc & -ld \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= -l \begin{vmatrix} c & d \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= -l \times 0 \quad [\text{from (iv)}]$$
$$= 0$$

(vii) For any upper triangular matrix, determinant is product of diagonals.

i.e. $\det(V) = \begin{vmatrix} d_1 & x & x \\ 0 & d_2 & x \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 \end{vmatrix} = (d_1) \times (d_2) \times (d_3)$

Proof: $V = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & x & x \\ 0 & d_2 & x \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad [\text{After some elimination}]$

$$= d_1 d_2 d_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3 \quad (\text{proved})$$

(viii) From (vi) and (vii), we can say,

$\det(A) = 0$ when A is singular

$\det(A) \neq 0$ when A is invertible

Let, say, $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{elimination}} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c - \frac{c}{a}a & d - \frac{b}{a}c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d - \frac{c}{a}b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= a \times \left(d - \frac{c}{a}b\right) \left[\begin{array}{l} \therefore \text{Upper} \\ \text{triangular} \\ \text{matrix} \end{array} \right] \quad [\text{vii}]$$

$$\therefore \det(A) = ad - bc$$

(ix) $\det(AB) = (\det A)(\det B)$

$$\det(A+B) \neq \det(A) + \det(B)$$

But what is determinant of any A^{-1} ?

$$\text{We know, } A \cdot A^{-1} = I$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(A) (\det A^{-1}) = 1 \quad [\text{For simplification } I \text{ is written as } 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \det A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \quad [A \text{ has to be invertible}]$$

(X) $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$

↳ can be transformed into
LU

[We know, $A = LU$

$\Rightarrow A^T = U^T L^T$]

$\det(LU) = \det(L) \cdot \det(U)$

$= 1 \cdot x$ [Let, $\det(U)$ be x]

$= x$

$\Rightarrow \det(A) = x$

Again, $\det(A^T) = \det(U^T L^T)$

$= \det(U^T) \cdot \det(L^T)$ [Diagonal elements of transpose of lower triangular matrix will have 1]

$= \det(U^T) \cdot 1$

$= x \cdot 1$

$\Rightarrow \det(A^T) = x$

$\therefore \det(A) = \det(A^T)$

Homework-1: What is $\det(A^3)$?

From (ix), we know,

$$\det(AB) = (\det A)(\det B)$$

If $A = B$, then,

$$\begin{aligned}\det(A \cdot A) &= (\det A) \cdot (\det A) \\ \Rightarrow \det(A^2) &= (\det A)^2 \text{ (Ans.)}\end{aligned}$$

Homework-2: What is $\det(2A)$?

If it is a $(n \times n)$ matrix then it will be

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & - & \dots & - \\ a_{31} & - & \dots & - \\ \vdots & - & \dots & - \\ a_{n1} & - & \dots & - \end{bmatrix}$$

From (iii) (a), we get, $\det(A) = \frac{1}{2}(ad - bc)$ when multiplied by a factor of 2.

So, to get $\det(2A)$, we end up multiplying n number of 2 for the row.

$$\begin{aligned}\det(2A) &= \{2 \times 2 \times 2 \dots (\text{n times})\} \times \det(A) \\ &= 2^n \det(A) \text{ (Ans.)}\end{aligned}$$