

DETERMINANT

Determinant is a function defined on a set of square matrices, which associates every square matrix to a unique number.
i.e., $\det: A \rightarrow \det A$.

$$A \xrightarrow{11} |\det A|$$

Note → For a square matrix of order 1×1 , its determinant is the number (scalar) itself. For example $A_{1 \times 1} = [-5]_{1 \times 1}$ then, $\det A = |-5| = -5$.

Working / Finding process of determinant:

* For 2×2 matrix:

$$\text{let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

(Then its determinant is defined as: $\det(A) = |A| = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$)

Likewise for 3×3 matrix:

$$\text{let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$\text{OR } a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} + a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} - a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31}$$

a_{11} means 1st row & 1st column को देखें
जिसके अपर्याप्त अंगों को multiply
 a_{22}, a_{23} और a_{33} को multiply
 a_{32}, a_{33} को multiply
finally -ve sign रखो
similarly for others.

Example: Compute the determinant of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -4 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2(-1 - 8) - (-4)(-3 - 2) + 3(12 - 1)$$

$$= -18 - 20 + 33$$

$$= -5$$

⊗. Co-factor expansion:

Let $A = [a_{ij}]$ be a matrix, the $(i,j)^{\text{th}}$ -cofactor of A denoted by C_{ij} and given by $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{ij})$.

Then,

$\det(A) = a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + \dots + a_{1n}C_{1n}$ which is known as cofactor expansion across the first row of A_1 .

This concept leads to following theorem:

Theorem 1: The determinant of an $n \times n$ matrix of A can be computed by a cofactor expansion across the g^{th} row as:

$$\det(A) = a_{s1}C_{s1} + a_{s2}C_{s2} + \dots + a_{sn}C_{sn}.$$

where, $C_{sp} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{sp})$.

& The cofactor expansion across the g^{th} column is

$$\det(A) = a_{sj}C_{sj} + a_{2j}C_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj}C_{nj}.$$

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

Example: Using cofactor expansion, compute the determinant of A where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Here, } \det(A) &= a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + a_{13}C_{13} \\ &= a_{11}(-1)^{1+1} \cdot \det(A_{11}) + a_{12}(-1)^{1+2} \cdot \det(A_{12}) \\ &\quad + a_{13}(-1)^{1+3} \cdot \det(A_{13}) \\ &= 1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 5 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 0 - 30 + 0 \\ &= -30. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2: If A is a triangular matrix, then $\det(A)$ is the product of the entries on the main diagonal of A .

Then $\det(A) = (a_{11})(a_{22}) \dots (a_{nn})$.

Example: Find $\det(A)$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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Given matrix is a triangular matrix. So, $\det(A)$ is the product of diagonal elements.

$$\det(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \times 5 \times 1 = 10,$$

Properties of determinants:

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Row operations:- Let A be a square matrix.

(a) If a multiple of one row of A is added to another row to produce a matrix B then $\det(A) = \det(B)$.

(b) If two rows of A are interchanged to produce B then $\det(A) = -\det(B)$.

(c) If one row of A is multiplied by k (scalar) to produce B then $k \cdot \det(A) = \det(B)$.

Example: By using row operation, compute $\det(A)$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & -4 \\ 3 & 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Soln

Here,

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & -4 \\ 3 & 7 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1$$

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{5}R_2$$

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -4/5 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2 \text{ then,}$$

$$\det(A) = 5 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -4/5 \\ 0 & 0 & -21/5 \end{vmatrix}$$

The determinant is triangular. So, $\det(A) = (5)(1)(1)(-21/5)$

$$= -21$$

Theorem: A square matrix A is invertible if and only if $\det(A) \neq 0$.

Q. Use determinants to find out matrix is invertible or not,

Soln Here,
$$\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 15 & 9 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$
 [Applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 5R_2$]

$$= -(1) \begin{vmatrix} 15 & 9 \\ 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)(45 - 45) = 0$$

This means given matrix is not invertible.

Q. Explore the effect of an elementary row operation on the determinant of a matrix $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ kc & kd \end{bmatrix}$.

Soln
Here,

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ c & d \end{array} \right| = ad - bc$$

$$\text{and } \left| \begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ kc & kd \end{array} \right| = kad - kbc = k(ad - bc) \\ = k \left| \begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ c & d \end{array} \right|.$$

The determinant is multiplied by a scalar k as one row of the determinant is multiplied by the scalar k .

Note: If the elementary row replacement in the matrix is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ then the determinant will be 1.

Q. Verify that $\det(A) = (\det E)(\det A)$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ and $E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Soln

Let $E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

Then,

$$EA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ ka+c & kb+d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \det(EA) &= \left| \begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ ka+c & kb+d \end{array} \right| \\ &= (kab+ad) - (kab+bc) \\ &= ad - bc. \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(A) = \left| \begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ c & d \end{array} \right| = ad - bc$$

$$\& \det E = \left| \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ k & 1 \end{array} \right| = 1$$

$$\text{Thus } \det(E) \cdot \det(A) = (1)(ad - bc) = ad - bc = \det(EA).$$

Q Use the determinant to decide if v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 are linearly independent or not, when $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -7 \\ 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$. (20)

Solution
Here,

$$\det [v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3 \ v_4] = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & -7 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 2 \\ -2 & -5 & 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + R_2$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & -7 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$C_4 = (1) \cdot (c) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & -7 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1$$

$$= -2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -2(1) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -2(0+15)$$

$$= -30 \neq 0.$$

This means the given column vectors are linearly dependent.

Column Operations:

Example: Evaluate the column operations, $\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & -3 \\ 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 2 & 13 & -7 \end{vmatrix}$

Here, $\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & -3 \\ 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 2 & 13 & -7 \end{vmatrix}$

Performing $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - 5C_1$ and $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + 3C_1$ then

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -18 & 12 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Performing $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + \frac{12}{18} C_2$ then,

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -18 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

This is triangular matrix. So,
 $\det(A) = (1)(-18)(1) = -18$

Theorem: (Multiplicative Property)

If A and B are $n \times n$ matrices then $\det(AB) = \det A \cdot \det B$.

Example 1: Show that $\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$ holds for matrices.

Solution
Here,
Given,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
 $= \begin{bmatrix} 33 & 10 \\ 12 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

Then, $\det(AB) = \begin{vmatrix} 33 & 10 \\ 12 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 165 - 120 = 45$

Next, $\det(A) \cdot \det(B) = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (5) \cdot (9) = 45$

Thus, $\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$.

Example 2: If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$. show that $\det(A+B) = \det(A) + \det(B)$ if and only if $a+d=0$.

Solution Since, $\det A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$

$$\det B = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$

Here, $A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 1+a & b \\ c & 1+d \end{bmatrix}$

Then $\det(A+B) = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a & b \\ c & 1+d \end{vmatrix} = 1+a+d+ad-bc$

Suppose $a+d=0$, then,

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

$$\Rightarrow 1+ad-bc = 1+a+d+ad-bc$$

$$\Rightarrow a+d=0.$$

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④ Cramer's Rule, Volume and Linear Transformations:

④ Cramers Rule: Let A be an invertible $n \times n$ matrix. For any b in \mathbb{R}^n , the unique solution x of $Ax=b$ has entries given by, $x_i = \frac{\det(A_i(b))}{\det(A)}$ for $i=1, 2, \dots, n$.

Example 1: By using Cramer's rule, solve the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 - 2x_2 &= 6 \\ -5x_1 + 4x_2 &= 8. \end{aligned}$$

Soln

Taking the given system as in $Ax=b$ and choosing it as,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, A_1(b) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, A_2(b) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ -5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -5 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 12 - 10 = 2 \neq 0.$$

So, the system has unique solution and the process is possible. If the system would have $\det=0$ then the system does not has unique solution.

Therefore by Cramer's rule,

$$x_1 = \frac{\det A_1(b)}{\det A} = \frac{24+16}{2} = 20$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\det A_2(b)}{\det A} = \frac{24+30}{2} = 27.$$

Thus $x_1 = 20, x_2 = 27$ be the solution of given system.

Example-2: Using Cramer rule determine the value of s for which the system has unique solution.

$$3sx_1 - 2x_2 = 4$$

$$-6x_1 + sx_2 = 1,$$

Soln
Here,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3s & -2 \\ -6 & s \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } b = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then,

$$A_1(b) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 1 & s \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A_2(b) = \begin{bmatrix} 3s & 4 \\ -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, $\det A_1(b) = 4s + 2 = 2(2s+1)$
 and, $\det A_2(b) = 3s + 24 = 3(s+8)$
also $\det(A) = 3s^2 - 12 = 3(s-2)(s+2)$

Now by Cramer's rule,

$$x_1 = \frac{\det A_1(b)}{\det A} = \frac{2(2s+1)}{3(s-2)(s+2)}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\det A_2(b)}{\det A} = \frac{s+8}{(s-2)(s+2)}$$

Hence, system has unique solution when $s \neq 2$ and $s \neq -2$.

* Formula for finding A^{-1} ,

Let A be an invertible $n \times n$ matrix. Then,

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \cdot \text{adj}(A).$$

Example: Find the inverse of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution

Given, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Here, $\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= 3(0-1) - 5(1-2) + 4(1-0)$$

$$= -3 + 5 + 4$$

$= 6 \neq 0$. So the inverse of A exists.

The Co-factors of A are:

Note: Co-factor of an element a_{ij} in the determinant $|A|$ is diagonal as $(-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$.

i.e., $(-1)^{i+j} \cdot \det A_{ij}$.

If it is denoted by C_{ij} .

$$C_{11} = (-1)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1.$$

$$C_{12} = (-1)^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1.$$

$$C_{13} = (-1)^4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1.$$

$$C_{21} = (-1)^3 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1$$

$$C_{22} = (-1)^4 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -5.$$

$$C_{23} = (-1)^5 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 7$$

$$C_{31} = (-1)^4 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 5. \quad C_{32} = (-1)^5 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1.$$

$$C_{33} = (-1)^6 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -5.$$

Then, $\text{adj}(A) = \text{Transpose of matrix of cofactors of } A.$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -5 & 7 \\ 5 & 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 5 \\ 1 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, using inverse formula,

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1} &= \frac{1}{\det(A)} \cdot \text{adj}(A) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 5 \\ 1 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

④ Determinants as Area or Volume:

① If A is 2×2 matrix, the area of the parallelogram determined by the columns of A is $|\det(A)|$
i.e., positive value of $\det(A)$.

② If A is 3×3 matrix, the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the columns of A is $|\det(A)|$
i.e., positive value of $\det(A)$.

Example 1: Find the area of the parallelogram whose vertices are $(0, -2), (6, -1), (-3, 1), (3, 2)$.

Soln Given vertices of parallelogram are $(0, -2), (6, -1), (-3, 1), (3, 2)$.

Now, translate the vertices so as one vertex becomes at origin.

$$\text{as: } (0, -2) + (0, 2) = (0, 0)$$

$$(6, -1) + (0, 2) = (6, 1)$$

$$(-3, 1) + (0, 2) = (-3, 3)$$

$$(3, 2) + (0, 2) = (3, 4)$$

Then the parallelogram is shifted with vertices $(0,0), (6,1), (-3,3), (3,4)$.
 So, the parallelogram is determined by the columns of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then, } \det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 18 + 3 = 21$$

Thus the area of parallelogram is $|21| = 21$.

Example 2: Find the volume of the parallelipiped with one vertex at origin and the adjacent vertices at $(1, 4, 0), (-2, -5, 2)$ and $(-1, 2, -1)$.

Solution

Since the one vertex of the parallelipiped is at origin and the adjacent vertices are at $(1, 4, 0), (-2, -5, 2)$ and $(-1, 2, -1)$.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= \begin{vmatrix} + & - & + \\ 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 4 & -5 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1 \begin{vmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1(-5 - 4) + 2(4 - 0) - 1(8 - 0) \\ &= -15. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the volume of the parallelipiped with $|-15| = 15$.

Linear transformations in determinants:-

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the linear transformation determined by a 2×2 matrix A . If S is a parallelogram in \mathbb{R}^2 then,

$$\text{area of } T(S) = |\det(A)| \cdot \{\text{area of } S\}.$$

Likewise, if $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be determined by 3×3 matrix A and

if S is a parallelipiped in \mathbb{R}^3 then,

$$\text{Volume of } T(S) = |\det(A)| \cdot \{\text{volume of } S\}.$$

Example 1: Let S be a parallelogram determined by vectors $b_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $b_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$; and let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Compute

the area of image of S under mapping $x \rightarrow Ax$.

Solution :

Given that S is the parallelogram determined by vectors $b_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $b_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (23)

So, $\det(S) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 - 15 = -14$

Thus, Area of $S = |-14| = 14$.

And given that $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Then, $\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2$.

Therefore, the area of S under the mapping $x \rightarrow Ax$ is,

area of image of $S = \text{Area of } T(S)$

$$= |\det A| \cdot \{\text{area of } S\}$$

$$= 2 \times 14$$

$$= 28 \text{ sq. unit.}$$

Example 2: Let a and b are positive numbers. Find the area of the region E bounded by the ellipse whose equation is $\frac{x_1^2}{a^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{b^2} = 1$.

Solution

Let, $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$

Let, $u = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$

and $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

Let E be the image of unit disk D under a linear transformation T determined by matrix A with $Au = x$. Then,

$$u_1 = \frac{x_1}{a}, \quad u_2 = \frac{x_2}{b}$$

Since u_1, u_2 lies in the unit disk with $u_1^2 + u_2^2 \leq 1$ if and only if

$$x \text{ is in } E \text{ with } \frac{x_1^2}{a^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{b^2} \leq 1$$

Then, area of ellipse = area of $T(D)$

$$= |\det(A)| \cdot \{\text{area of } D\}$$

$$= ab \cdot \pi \quad [\because D \text{ is an unit disk}]$$

$$= \pi ab$$

Example 3: Let the four vertices $O(0,0)$, $A(1,0)$, $B(0,1)$ and $C(1,1)$ of a unit square be represented by 2×4 matrix: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Investigate and interpret geometrically the effect of pre-multiplication of this matrix by the 2×2 matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution -

The matrix represented to a square having vertices at $O(0,0)$, $A(1,0)$, $B(0,1)$ and $C(1,1)$ is $S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and given matrix is $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Therefore, the effect of pre-multiplication of S by A is,

$$\begin{aligned} S' &= A \cdot S = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This means the vertices of the effect of the square A are $O'(0,0)$, $A'(4,2)$, $B'(1,1)$ and $C'(3,3)$.

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{(area of } S\text{)} \cdot \text{(area of } A\text{)} \\ &= |\det(S)| \cdot |\det(A)| \\ &= \left| \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right| \cdot \left| \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right| \\ &= |1| \cdot |6| \\ &= 6. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and area of } S' &= \left| \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right| \\ &= |(4)(1) - (-2)(2)| \\ &= |6| \\ &= 6. \end{aligned}$$

