

The determinant of a 5x5 matrix

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Abstract

In this paper, I describe the determinant of a 5x5 matrix.
The paper ends with "The End"

Introduction

Determinants of matrices are useful to solve linear systems.
In this paper, I describe the determinant of a 5x5 matrix.

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$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d & e \\ f & g & h & i & j \\ k & l & m & n & o \\ p & q & r & s & t \\ u & v & w & x & y \end{pmatrix}$$

is

$$\begin{aligned} |M| = & eimqu - djmqu - ehngu + cjnqu + dhoqu - cioqu - eilru + djlru + egnru - bjnru - dgoru + \\ & bioru + ehlsu - cjlsu - egmsu + bjmsu + cgosu - bhosu - dhltu + ciltu + dgmtu - bimtu - cgntu + \\ & bhntu - eimpu + djmpu + ehnpv - cjnpv - dhopv + ciopv + eikrv - djkrv - efrrv + ajnrv + dforv - \\ & aiorv - ehksv + cjksv + efmsv - ajmsv - cfosv + ahosv + dhktv - cikt - dfmtv + aimtv + cfntv - \\ & ahntv + eilpw - djlpw - egnpw + bjnpw + dgopw - biopw - eikqw + djkw + efqkw - ajnqw - dfoqw + \\ & aioqw + egksw - bjksw - eflsw + ajlsw + bfosw - agosw - dgktw + bikt - dfllw - ailtw - bfntw + \\ & agntw - ehlpw + cjlpw + egmpw - bjmpw - cgopw + bhopp + ehkqw - cjkqw - efmqw + ajmqw + cfoww - \\ & ahoqw - egkrw + bjkrw + eflrw - ajlrw - bforw + agorw + cgktw - bhktw - cfltw + ahlw + bfmtw - \\ & agmtw + dhlpw - cilpw - dgmpw + bimpw + cgnpw - bhnpw - dhkqw + cikqw + dfmqw - aimqw - cfngw + \\ & ahnqw + dgkry - bikry - dflry + ailry + bfnry - agnry - cgksy + bhksy + cflsy - ahlsw - bfmsy + agmsy \end{aligned}$$

The End