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## Applications of Determinants

① Computation of  $A^{-1}$ : i.e. inverse of  $A$ .

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj } A \quad ; \quad \text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{|A|} C^T \quad , \quad \text{where } C = \text{cofactor matrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{|A|} \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \dots & c_{1n} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & \dots & c_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{n1} & c_{n2} & \dots & c_{nn} \end{bmatrix}^T \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} c_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \text{ minor of } a_{ij} \end{array} \right.$$

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$$5) \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

~~$$\det A = 2(4-1) - 1(0+2) + 0 = 4$$~~

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

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

$$= 4$$

$$c_{11} = \text{cofactor of } 2 = (-1)^{1+1} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 3$$

$$c_{12} = \text{cofactor of } -1 = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2$$

$$c_{13} = \text{cofactor of } 0 = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

$$c_{21} = \text{cofactor of } -1 = (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2$$

$$c_{22} = \text{cofactor of } 2 = (-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

$$c_{23} = \text{cofactor of } -1 = (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 2$$

$$c_{31} = \text{cofactor of } 0 = (-1)^{3+1} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

$$c_{32} = \text{cofactor of } -1 = (-1)^{3+2} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 2$$

$$c_{33} = \text{cofactor of } 2 = (-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 3$$

$$\therefore C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} C^T$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Ans)

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det B = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 6 - 4 - (3 - 2) + 0$$

$$= 2 - 1$$

$$= 1$$

$$C_{11} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \quad C_{21} = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \quad C_{31} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$C_{12} = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \quad C_{22} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \quad C_{32} = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -1$$

$$C_{13} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad C_{23} = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \quad C_{33} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} C^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (Ans.)}$$

② Cramer's rule: To solve  $Ax = b$

$$Ax = b \Rightarrow x = A^{-1}b$$

The  $j^{\text{th}}$  component of  $x = A^{-1}b$  is the ratio:

$$x_j = \frac{\det B_j}{\det A}, \text{ where } B_j = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & b_1 & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & b_n & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \text{ has}$$

$b_j$  in column  $j$ .

$$\det B_j = b_1 C_{1j} + b_2 C_{2j} + \dots + b_n C_{nj}$$

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$$ax + by = 1$$

$$cx + dy = 0$$

$$\cancel{x = \frac{\det B_1}{\det A}} \quad x = \frac{\det B_1}{\det A} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{d}{ad-bc}$$

$$y = \frac{\det B_2}{\det A} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a & 1 \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}} = -\frac{c}{ad-bc}$$

(Ans:-)

$$x + 4y - z = 1$$

$$x + y + z = 0$$

$$2x + 3z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \frac{\det B_1}{\det A} \quad \left| \det A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \right.$$

$$= \frac{3}{1}$$

$$= 3$$

$$= 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \cdot 3 - 4(3-2) - 1(-2)$$

$$= 3 - 4 + 2$$

$$= 1$$

$$\det B_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 3$$

$$y = \frac{\det B_2}{\det A} \quad \left| \det B_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \right.$$

$$= \frac{-1}{1}$$

$$= -1$$

$$= 0 - 1 - 0$$

$$= -1$$

$$z = \frac{\det B_3}{\det A} \quad \left| \det B_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} - 4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \right.$$

$$= -2$$

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

$$= -2$$



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$$a) \quad \begin{aligned} 2x_1 + 5x_2 &= 1 \\ x_1 + 4x_2 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$x_1 = \frac{\det B_1}{\det A} \quad \left| \det B_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 4 - 10 = -6 \right.$$

$$= \frac{-6}{3}$$

$$= -2$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\det B_2}{\det A} \quad \left| \det B_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 4 - 1 = 3 \right.$$

$$= \frac{3}{3}$$

$$= 1$$

$$\therefore \text{Soln: } x_1 = -2, x_2 = 1 \text{ (Ans)}$$

$$b) \quad 2x_1 + x_2 = 1$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x_2 + 2x_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2 \cdot 3 - 1 \cdot 2 + 0 \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{\det B_1}{|A|} \quad \left| \det B_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \right.$$

$$= \frac{3}{4}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\det B_2}{|A|} \quad \left| \det B_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \right.$$

$$= -\frac{2}{4} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$= 0 - 2 + 0 = -2$$

$$x_3 = \frac{d \cdot |B_3|}{|A|}$$

$$|B_3| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= 0 - 0 + 1$$

$$= 1$$

Soln.:

$$x_1 = \frac{3}{4}, x_2 = -\frac{1}{2}, x_3 = \frac{1}{4}$$

### ③ Volume of a Box:

When the adjacent edges of the box are right-angled:

volume:  $l_1 l_2 \dots l_n$  (product of the edge lengths)

Write the edge as the rows of  $A$ .

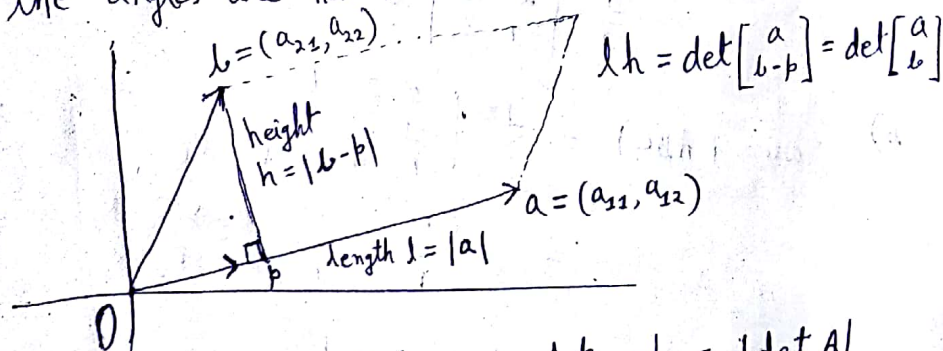
$$\therefore AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} l_1 \\ l_2 \\ \vdots \\ l_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & \dots & l_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} l_1^2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & l_2^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & l_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore l_1^2 l_2^2 \dots l_n^2 = \det(AA^T) = (\det A)(\det A^T) = (\det A)^2$$

$$\therefore \det A = l_1 l_2 \dots l_n = \text{volume of the box}$$

When the angles are not  $90^\circ$ :

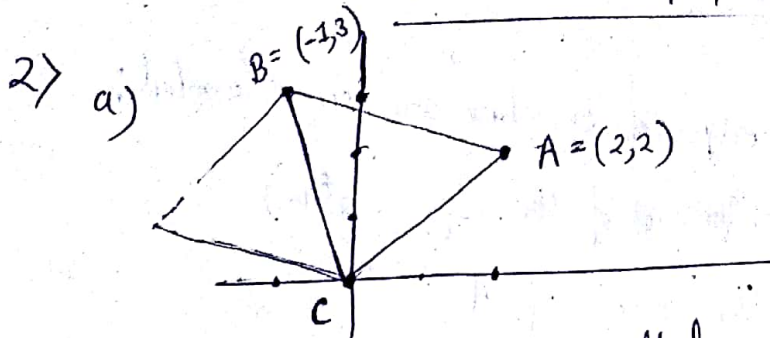


$$\text{Volume (Area) of the parallelogram} = l \text{ times } h = |\det A|$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Area of the triangle} &= \frac{1}{2} (\text{area of the parallelogram}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (1 \text{ times } h) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \det A\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

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The area of that parallelogram is  $= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$   
 $= 6 - 2 = 4$

$$\therefore \text{area}(ABC) = \frac{1}{2} \det A$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} 4 = 2$$

$$\text{area}(ABC) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

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

b)  $\text{area}(ABC) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

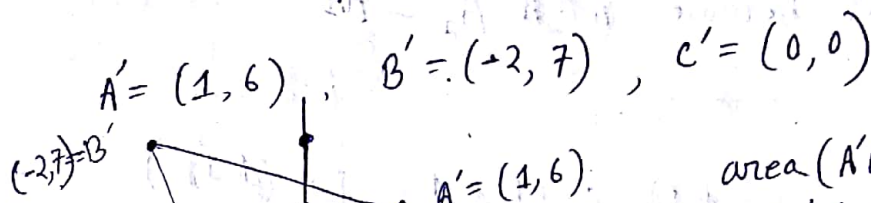
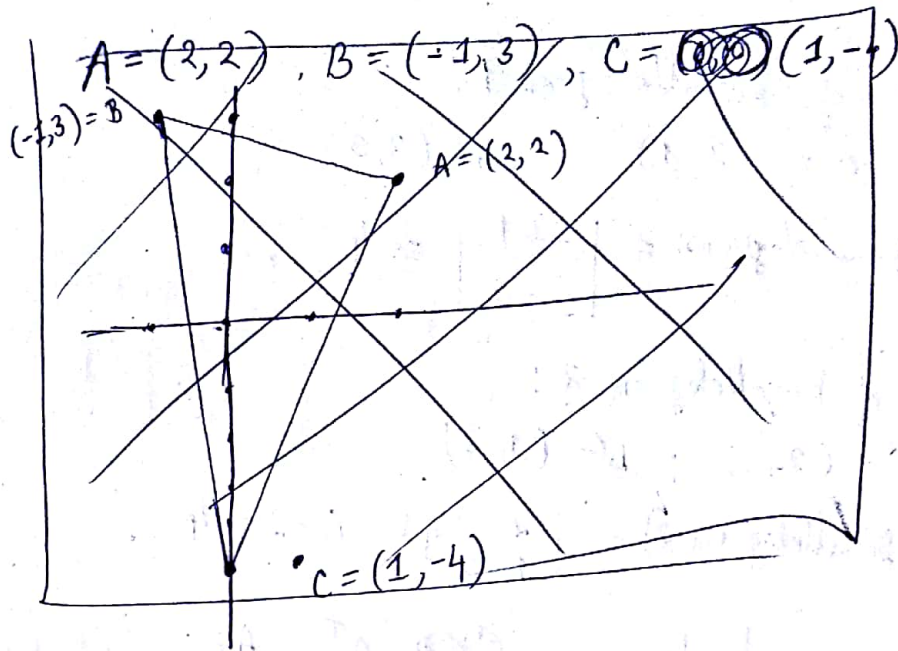
$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3 \\ R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3 \end{matrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ -2 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{19}{2}$$

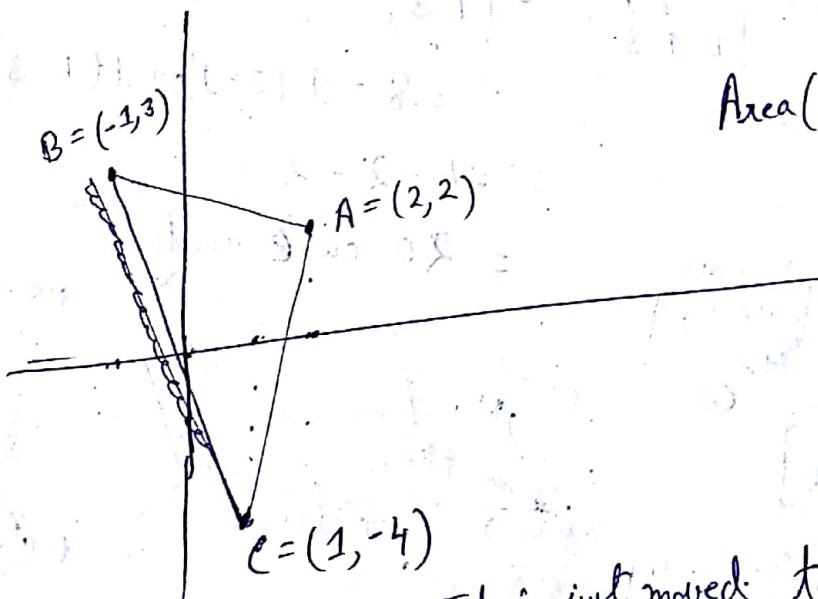


allelogram



$$\text{area}(A'B'C') = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 & 1 \\ -2 & 7 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ -2 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{19}{2}$$

$$A = (2, 2), B = (-1, 3), C = (1, -4)$$



$$\text{Area}(ABC) = \frac{19}{2}$$

Both areas are same. It is just moved to origin.

27) Sides of parallelogram 1:  
 $a = (2, 1)$  ;  $b = (2, 3)$

$$\text{area (parallelogram 1)} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

Sides of parallelogram 2:

$$a' = (2, 2) ; b' = (1, 3)$$

$$\text{area (parallelogram 2)} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 6 - 2 = 4$$

They are equal because  ~~$A_2$~~   $A_2^T = A_1$

29)  $A = (0, 0, 0)$ ,  $B = (3, 1, 1)$ ,  $C = (1, 3, 1)$ ,  $D = (1, 1, 3)$

$$\therefore AB = B - A \quad \left| \quad AC = C - A \quad \right| \quad AD = D - A$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = (3, 1, 1) \quad \left| \quad \Rightarrow b = (1, 3, 1) \quad \right| \quad \Rightarrow h = (1, 1, 3)$$

$$\text{Volume} = |V|$$

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ b \\ h \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Volume} = |V| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 3(8) - 1(3-1) + 1(1-3)$$

$$= 24 - 2 - 2$$

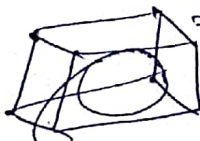
$$= 20 \text{ cube units}$$

Area of the base OABC

$$= |OA \times OC|$$

$$= \sqrt{5^2 + 4^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{41}$$

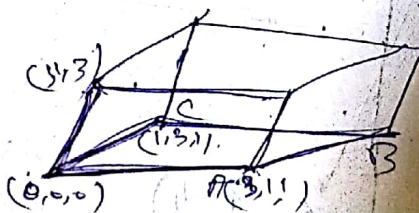


$$OA \times OC = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$OA = (3, 1, 1)$$

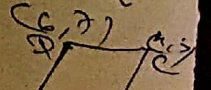
$$OC = (1, 3, 1)$$

$$= -2i - 2j + 8k$$



Area of ABCE

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

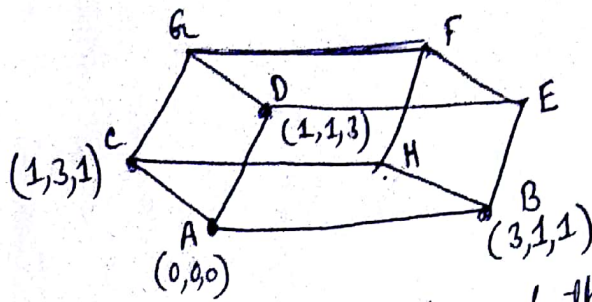


$AB = (2, 0, 0)$

$AD = (5, 4, 0)$

$AD = (5, 4)$





Area of the face ABED = Area of the face CHFG  
 " " " " ADGC = " " " " BEFH  
 " " " " ABHC = " " " " DEFG

$$\text{Area}(ABED) = \|AB \times AD\|$$

$$= \sqrt{2^2 + 8^2 + 2^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{72}$$

$$= 6\sqrt{2} \text{ sq. unit}$$

$$\text{Area}(ABHC) = \|AB \times AC\|$$

$$= \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 2^2 + 8^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{72}$$

$$= 6\sqrt{2} \text{ sq. unit}$$

$$\text{Area}(ADGC) = \|AD \times AC\|$$

$$= \sqrt{(-8)^2 + (-2)^2 + 2^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{72}$$

$$= 6\sqrt{2} \text{ sq. unit}$$

$$AB \times AD = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2i - 8j + 2k$$

$$AB \times AC = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -2i - 2j + 8k$$

$$AD \times AC = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -8i + 2j + 2k$$