

Application of determinants:

• Area of triangle with vertices $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3)$ is:

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

Note: If $\Delta = 0$, then points are collinear.

Equation of straight line passing through points $(x_1, y_1) \& (x_2, y_2)$ is:

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 \\ x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$