- *Permutations*, *transpositions*, *basics transpositions*.
- Every permutation can be written as a composition of permutations.
- The *parity* of the number of transpositions involved in any decomposition of a permutation σ is an invariant; it is the *signature* $\epsilon(\sigma)$ of the permutation σ.
- *Multilinear maps* (also called *n-linear maps*); *bilinear maps*.
- *Symmetric* and *alternating* multilinear maps.
- A basic property of alternating multilinear maps (Lemma 7.4) and the introduction of the formula expressing a determinant.
- Definition of a *determinant* as a multlinear alternating map $D\colon \mathrm{M}_n(K) \to K$ such that $D(I) = 1$.
- We define the set of algorithms $\mathcal{D}_n$, to compute the determinant of an $n \times n$ matrix.
- *Laplace expansion according to the ith row*; *cofactors*.
- We prove that the algorithms in $\mathcal{D}_n$ compute determinants (Lemma 7.5).
- We prove that all algorithms in $\mathcal{D}_n$ compute the same determinant (Theorem 7.6).
- We give an interpretation of determinants as *signed volumes*.
- We prove that $\det(A) = \det(A^\top)$.
- We prove that $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$.
- The *adjugate* $\widetilde{A}$ of a matrix A.
- Formula for the inverse in terms of the adjugate.
- A matrix A is invertible iff $\det(A) \neq 0$.
- Solving linear equations using *Cramer's rules*.
- Determinant of a linear map.
- The *characteristic polynomial* of a matrix.
- The *Cayley–Hamilton theorem*.
- The action of the polynomial ring induced by a linear map on a vector space.
- *Permanents*.
- Permanents count the number of perfect matchings in bipartite graphs.