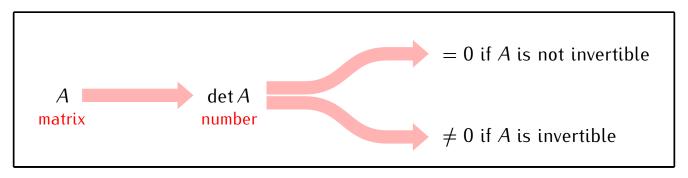
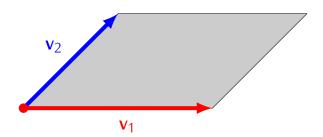
Recall:



Note. Any two vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 define a parallelogram:



Notation
$$\text{area}(v_1,v_2) = \begin{pmatrix} \text{area of the parallelogram} \\ \text{defined by } v_1 \text{ and } v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

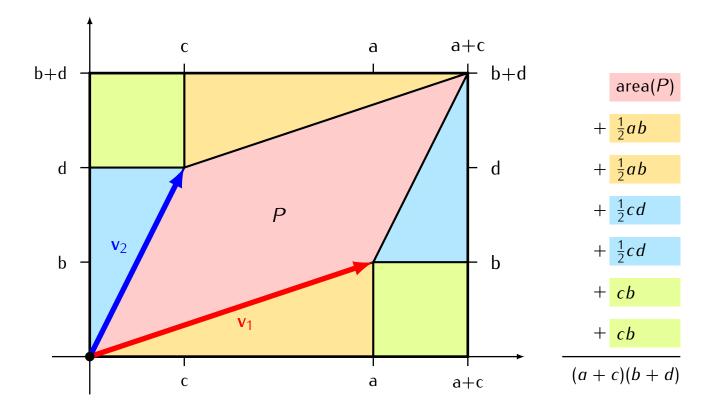
Theorem

If
$$\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$$
 then

$$area(\textbf{v}_1,\textbf{v}_2) = \begin{vmatrix} det \left[\begin{array}{cc} \textbf{v}_1 & \textbf{v}_2 \end{array} \right] \end{vmatrix}$$

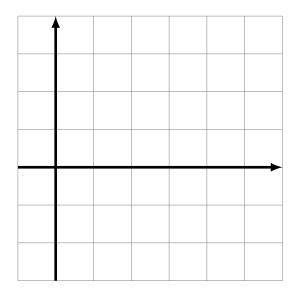
Idea of the proof.

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \left[\begin{array}{c} a \\ b \end{array} \right], \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \left[\begin{array}{c} c \\ d \end{array} \right]$$



Example.

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

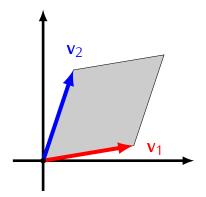


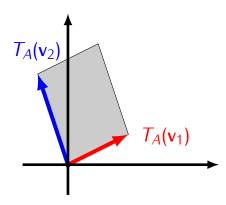
Determinants and linear transformations

<u>Recall:</u> If A is a 2×2 matrix then it defines a linear transformation

$$T_A \colon \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2 \qquad T_A(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v}$$

Note. T_A maps parallelograms to parallelograms:





Theorem

If A is a 2×2 matrix and $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ then

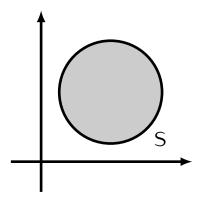
$$\operatorname{area}(T_A(\mathbf{v}_1), T_A(\mathbf{v}_2)) = |\det A| \cdot \operatorname{area}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$$

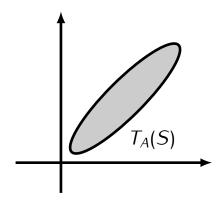
Generalization:

Theorem

If A is a 2×2 matrix then for any region S of \mathbb{R}^2 we have:

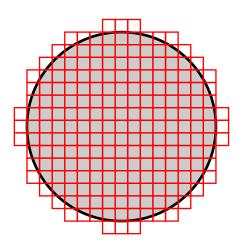
$$area(T_A(S)) = |det A| \cdot area(S)$$





Idea of the proof.

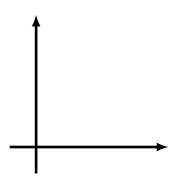
The area of S can be approximated by the sum of small squares covering S.

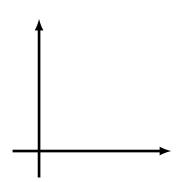


Sign of the determinant

Example.

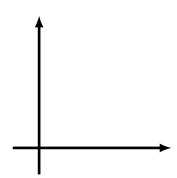
$$A = \left[\begin{array}{cc} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

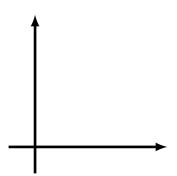




Example.

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





Theorem

If A is a 2×2 matrix then the linear transformation $T_A \colon \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ preserves orientation if $\det A > 0$ and reverses orientation if $\det A < 0$.