

LINEAR ALGEBRA

CHAPTER 5. DETERMINANTS

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THE PROPERTIES OF DETERMINANTS

- Determinant is a number associated with every **square matrix**

$$\det A = |A|$$

- A matrix is invertible when the determinant is not zero
- A matrix is **singular** when the determinant is zero
- Properties

1. $\det I = 1$

2. Exchange rows \rightarrow reverse the sign of det

Ex) permutation matrix : $\det P = 1$ (*even*) or -1 (*odd*)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1, \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -1$$

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3. Linear for each row

$$a) \begin{vmatrix} ta & tb \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = t \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

$$b) \begin{vmatrix} a + a' & b + b' \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a' & b' \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

4. 2 equal rows $\rightarrow \det = 0$

exchange those rows \rightarrow get the same matrix

but property 2 says the sign of their det should be changed

$\rightarrow \det = 0$

5. Subtract ' $l \times \text{row } i$ ' from ' $\text{row } k$ ' \rightarrow det doesn't change

$$\text{Ex) } \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c - la & d - lb \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ -la & -lb \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} - l \underbrace{\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ a & b \end{vmatrix}}_{\det = 0}$$

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6. Rows of zeros $\rightarrow \det A = 0$

$$\text{ex) } \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{ex) if } t=0, \begin{vmatrix} ta & tb \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = t \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = 0 \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

7. Triangular matrix $U = \begin{vmatrix} d_1 & * & * \\ 0 & \ddots & * \\ 0 & 0 & d_n \end{vmatrix}$, $\det U = d_1 d_2 \dots d_n$ \leftarrow product of pivots

If there is some row exchange to get the pivots, then plus or minus sign will be changed

$$\text{By property 5, } \det U = \det U', \text{ where } \det U' = \begin{vmatrix} d_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_n \end{vmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{By property 3, } \det U' &= d_1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_n \end{vmatrix} = d_2 d_1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_n \end{vmatrix} \\ &= d_n \dots d_1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = d_1 d_2 \dots d_n\end{aligned}$$

if one of d_i is zero, then $\det U'$ is zero \leftarrow pivot is zero

8. $\det A = 0$, where A is singular

$\det A \neq 0$, when A is invertible

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d - \frac{c}{a}b \end{vmatrix}$$

if $a = 0$, then $\det A = 0$ (property 7)

if $d - \frac{c}{a}b = 0$, then $\det A = 0 \rightarrow ad - bc = 0$

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9. $\det AB = (\det A)(\det B)$

ex) $A^{-1}A = I \rightarrow (\det A^{-1})(\det A) = 1$

$$\rightarrow \det A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A}$$

Inverse of diagonal matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{d_1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{d_2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{d_3} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\det A = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 6, \det A^{-1} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{6}$$

ex) $\det A^2 = (\det A)^2$ dimension of A

ex) $\det 2A = 2^n \det A$ \leftarrow by property 7, all the pivots will be multiplied by 2

\leftarrow or by property 3(a), every rows are multiplied by 2

\leftarrow this is like the increase of the volume

ex) $\det A = 0 \rightarrow \det A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A}$ becomes ridiculous

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10. $\det A^T = \det A$

prove) $\det(U^T L^T) = \det(LU) = |U^T| |L^T| = |L| |U| \leftarrow$ these are just multiplications of those diagonals (property 7)

→ Like property 6 (rows of zeros), columns of zeros → $\det A = 0$

ex) $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{vmatrix}$

BIG FORMULA FOR DETERMINANTS (PERMUTATION)

- 2 × 2 matrix, one non-zero component in each row

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} &= \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc
 \end{aligned}$$

Rows are dependent (pointing to $\begin{vmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{vmatrix}$)
 Rows are dependent (pointing to $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & d \end{vmatrix}$)

- 3 × 3 matrix ← 3 × 3 × 3 = 27 cases

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{survivor have one entry from each row and each column} \\ \text{If some columns are missing, then we get a singular matrix} \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{23} \\ 0 & a_{32} & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & 0 \\ a_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \dots$$

BIG FORMULA FOR DETERMINANTS (PERMUTATION)

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{23} \\ 0 & a_{32} & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & 0 \\ a_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} +$$
$$a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + (-a_{11}a_{23}a_{32}) + (-a_{12}a_{21}a_{33}) + a_{12}a_{31}a_{23}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & a_{13} \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 \\ a_{31} & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{32} & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$(-a_{13}a_{22}a_{31}) + a_{21}a_{32}a_{13}$$

BIG FORMULA FOR DETERMINANTS (PERMUTATION)

- $\det A = \sum_{n! \text{ terms}} \pm a_{1\alpha} a_{2\beta} a_{3\gamma} \cdots a_{n\omega}$
 , where $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots, \omega) = \text{permutation of } (1, 2, \dots, n)$
 , the n column numbers are each used once

Ex) $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \leftarrow 24 \text{ terms} = 4!$

* Elimination can be also used to find the final pivots and obtain \det

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -1 + 1 = 0 \rightarrow \text{Singular!}$$

* This can be also found by $(\text{row1}-\text{row2})+(\text{row3}-\text{row4})$

COFACTORS

- Cofactors : extra factors other than the first row components

- 3×3 matrix det = $a_{11}(a_{22}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{32})$ cofactors
 $+a_{12}(\quad)$
 $+a_{13}(\quad)$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{23} \\ 0 & a_{32} & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & 0 \\ a_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} +$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & a_{13} \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 \\ a_{31} & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{32} & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

COFACTORS

$$\rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & 0 \\ a_{21} & 0 & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & 0 & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$a_{11}(a_{22}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{32}) - a_{12}(a_{21}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{31}) + a_{13}(a_{21}a_{32} - a_{22}a_{31})$$

→ Cofactor is either – or +

- Cofactor of a_{ij} is $C_{ij} = \pm \det(n-1 \text{ matrix with row } i \text{ \& col } j \text{ erased})$
 , where the sign is plus if $i+j$ is even, and minus if $i+j$ odd

$$\begin{vmatrix} + & - & + & - & + \\ - & + & - & + & - \\ + & - & + & - & + \\ - & + & - & + & - \\ + & - & + & - & + \end{vmatrix}$$


COFACTORS

- Determinant formula using cofactor (along row 1)

$$\det A = a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + \cdots + a_{1n}C_{1n}$$

, where $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det M_{ij}$ (M_{ij} is a submatrix of size $n - 1$)

- 2×2 matrix's cofactor could be a basic cofactor component

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad + b(-c)$$


cofactors

COFACTORS

Ex) $A_4 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

$$|A_1| = 1, \text{ where } A_1 = [1]$$

$$|A_2| = 0, \text{ where } A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \boxed{1} & 0 \\ \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow |A_3| = a_{21} \times C_{21} = -1$$

$$C_{21} = -1$$

COFACTORS

Ex) $A_4 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ A_3

$A_4 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ A_2

$|A_4| = 1 \times |A_3| - 1|A_2| = -1$

$$\Rightarrow |A_n| = |A_{n-1}| - |A_{n-2}|$$

$$|A_1| = 1, |A_2| = 0, |A_3| = -1, |A_4| = -1,$$

$$\rightarrow |A_5| = -1 + 1 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow |A_6| = 0 - (-1) = 1$$

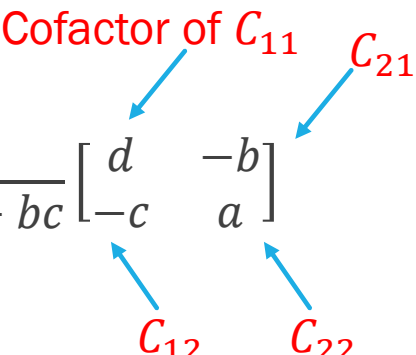
$$\rightarrow |A_7| = 1 - 0 = 1$$

\Rightarrow periodic

INVERSE

- 2×2 matrix example

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$



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

- Check

$$AC^T = (\det A)I$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & \cdots & C_{n1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{1n} & \cdots & C_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \det A & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \det A \end{bmatrix}$$

INVERSE

- Prove why off-diagonal term of $AC^T = (\det A)I$ become zero

- 2×2 matrix example

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{21} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Diagonal term : $aC_{11} + bC_{12} = ad - bc = \det A$

2. Off-diagonal term : $aC_{21} + bC_{22} = -ab + ba = 0$

→ This looks like $\det A_s$, where $A_s = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ a & b \end{bmatrix}$.

$\det A_s = 0$ since its rows are the same.

→ This affects $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & \cdots & C_{n1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{1n} & \cdots & C_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \det A & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \det A \end{bmatrix}$

Just like A_s , this means the first and last rows are the same

CRAMER'S RULE

- **Solve $Ax = b$**

Cramer's Rule solves $Ax = b$. A neat idea gives the first component x_1 . Replacing the first column of I by x gives a matrix with determinant x_1 . When you multiply it by A , the first column becomes Ax which is b . The other columns are copied from A :

Key idea

$$\begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & A & \\ & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 0 & 0 \\ x_2 & 1 & 0 \\ x_3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ b_2 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ b_3 & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = B_1. \quad (1)$$

We multiplied a column at a time. *Take determinants of the three matrices:*

Product rule $(\det A)(x_1) = \det B_1$ or $x_1 = \frac{\det B_1}{\det A}.$ (2)

Diagonals of triangular matrix

CRAMER'S RULE

To find x_2 , put the vector x into the *second* column of the identity matrix:

Same idea
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & 0 \\ 0 & x_2 & 0 \\ 0 & x_3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b & a_3 \end{bmatrix} = B_2. \quad (3)$$

Take determinants to find $(\det A)(x_2) = \det B_2$. This gives x_2 in Cramer's Rule:

CRAMER'S RULE If $\det A$ is not zero, $Ax = b$ is solved by determinants:

$$x_1 = \frac{\det B_1}{\det A} \quad x_2 = \frac{\det B_2}{\det A} \quad \dots \quad x_n = \frac{\det B_n}{\det A} \quad (4)$$

The matrix B_j has the j th column of A replaced by the vector b .

Example 1 Solving $3x_1 + 4x_2 = 2$ and $5x_1 + 6x_2 = 4$ needs three determinants:

$$\det A = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \quad \det B_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \quad \det B_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

Those determinants are -2 and -4 and 2 . All ratios divide by $\det A$:

Cramer's Rule $x_1 = \frac{-4}{-2} = 2 \quad x_2 = \frac{2}{-2} = -1$ **check** $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$

CRAMER'S RULE

- $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} C^T$
 - $Ax = b \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{\det A} C^T b$
- Cramer's Rule

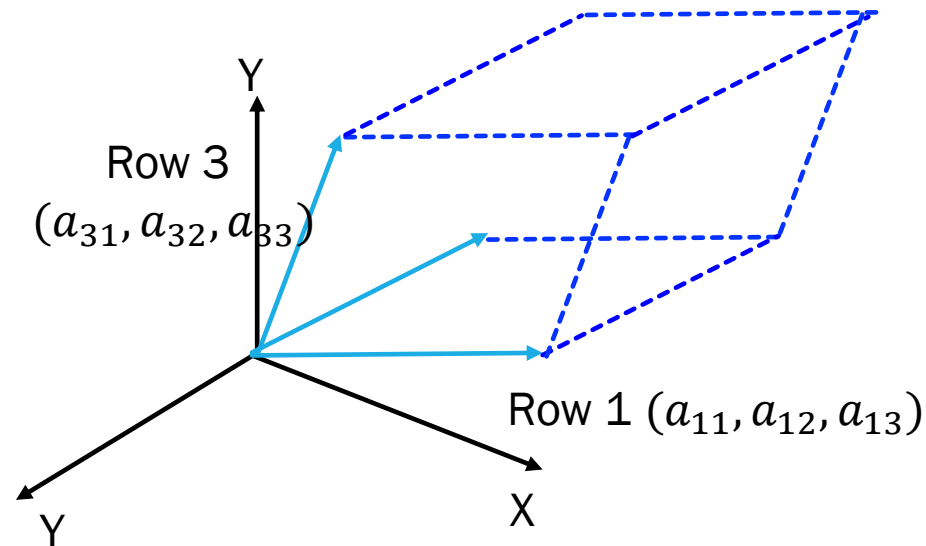
$$\begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 0 & 0 \\ x_2 & 1 & 0 \\ x_3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ b_2 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ b_3 & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$x_1 = \frac{\det B_1}{\det A} \quad x_2 = \frac{\det B_2}{\det A} \quad \dots \quad x_n = \frac{\det B_n}{\det A}$$

- Although this is a good formula of linear algebra, not an efficient way compared to LU factorization using elimination

VOLUMES

- Determinant of matrix : volume of a box

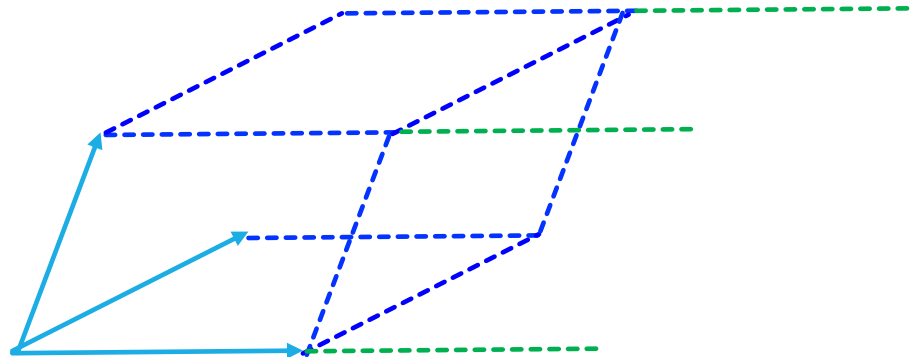
EX) 3×3 matrix



- Consider absolute value of determinant, $|\det A|$, due to the minus value of determinant

VOLUMES

- If A is an identity matrix, then the volume is a cube
- If A is an orthonormal matrix, $A=Q$, then the volume is also a cube, which is just a rotation of unit cube of identity matrix
 - $Q^T Q = I \Rightarrow \det Q^T \det Q = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \det Q^T = \frac{1}{\det Q} \Rightarrow \det Q = 1 \text{ or } -1$
- If we double one edge of the volume, then the volume becomes double
← row 1 becomes double (property 3(a))

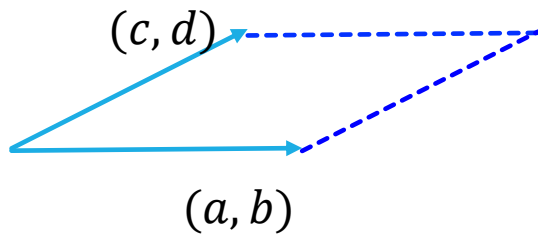


VOLUMES

- Property 3(b)

$$\begin{vmatrix} a + a' & b + b' \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a' & b' \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

- If one row is increased, then the volume becomes linearly increase
- 2×2 matrix example



$$\text{area} = \det(A) = ad - bc$$