

3.3 Cramer's Rule, Volume, and Linear Transformations

another way to solve $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

identity: $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

replace first column with \vec{x} : $I_1(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 0 \\ x_2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

multiply A by $I_1(\vec{x})$: $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 0 \\ x_2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

take determinant

$$\det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 0 \\ x_2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

because $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

$$\det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \right) \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 0 \\ x_2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$(2)(x_1) = 40 \rightarrow x_1 = 20$$

repeat w/ replacing 2nd col of I to eventually find $x_2 = 27$

in general, the equation in green box is

$$\det(A) \cdot x_i = \det(\underbrace{A_i(b)})$$

A with i^{th} column replaced with \vec{b}

$$x_i = \frac{\det(A_i(b))}{\det(A)}$$

Cramer's Rule

(unique solution only)

example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ -2 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

find x_2

$$x_2 = \frac{\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \\ -2 & 9 & -3 \end{bmatrix}\right)}{\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ -2 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}\right)} = \frac{-15}{5} = -3$$

Cramer's rule is also used to find A^{-1}

if $B = A^{-1}$

$$\text{then } AB = I \quad A[\vec{b}_1 \vec{b}_2 \dots \vec{b}_n] = [\vec{e}_1 \vec{e}_2 \dots \vec{e}_n]$$

then solve $A\vec{b}_i = \vec{e}_i$ by Cramer's rule

in the end, it turns out

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{21} & \dots & C_{n1} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & \dots & C_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ C_{1n} & C_{2n} & \dots & C_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

the C_{ji} are cofactors of A

→ signed determinants of submatrix formed by covering up j^{th} row and i^{th} column of A .

the matrix of cofactors is called the adjugate (or classical adjoint) of A $\text{adj}(A)$

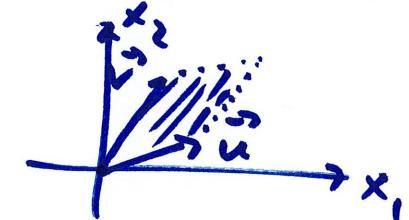
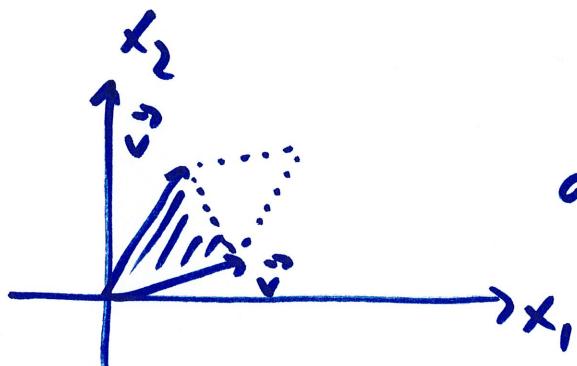
example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -3 & -2 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -6$$

$$\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 12 & -6 \\ 12 & -4 & 2 \\ 4 & -8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 12$$

$$\det(A) = 0 \quad A^{-1} \text{ does not exist}$$

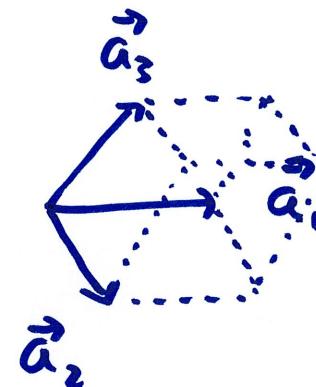
We saw last time $|\det[\vec{u} \ \vec{v}]|$ is area of parallelogram
 $\downarrow \downarrow$
in \mathbb{R}^2



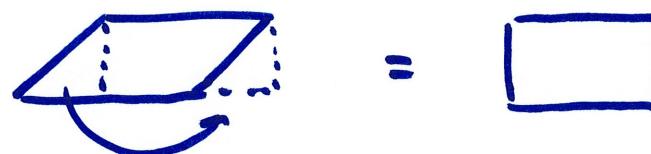
Area of triangle w/ \vec{u}, \vec{v} sides
is $\frac{|\det[\vec{u} \ \vec{v}]|}{2}$

for 3×3 , we get the volume of the parallelopiped

$$\left| \begin{vmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \vec{a}_3 \end{vmatrix} \right|$$



why? Similar to

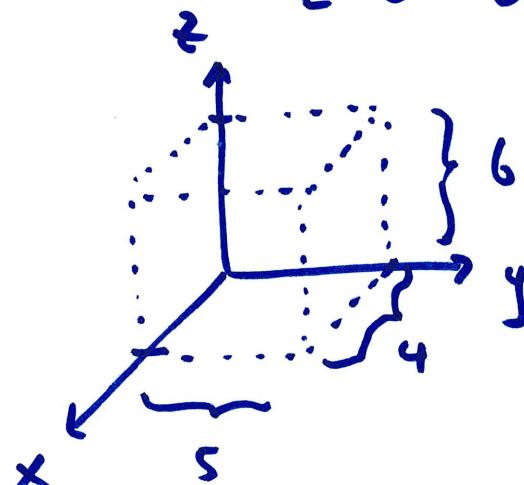


Same area

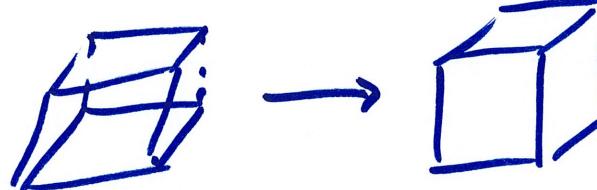
consider

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det = 120$$



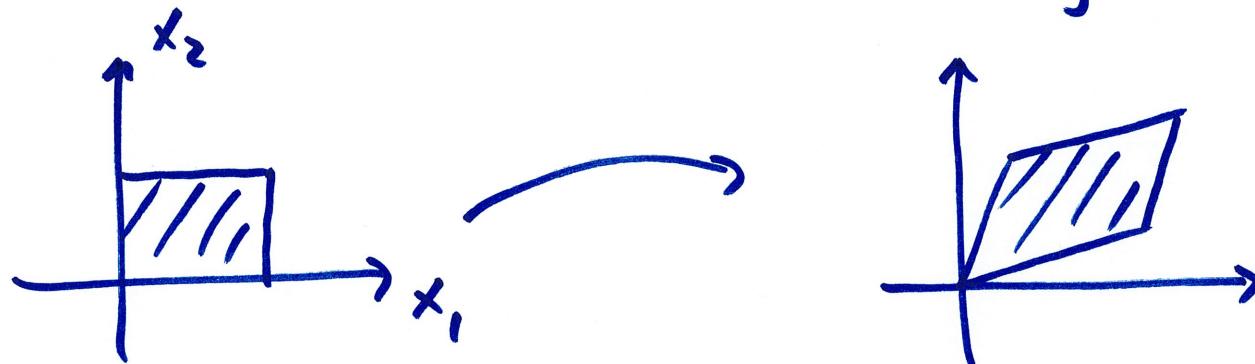
any row-equivalent matrix has
the same absolute value of
determinant



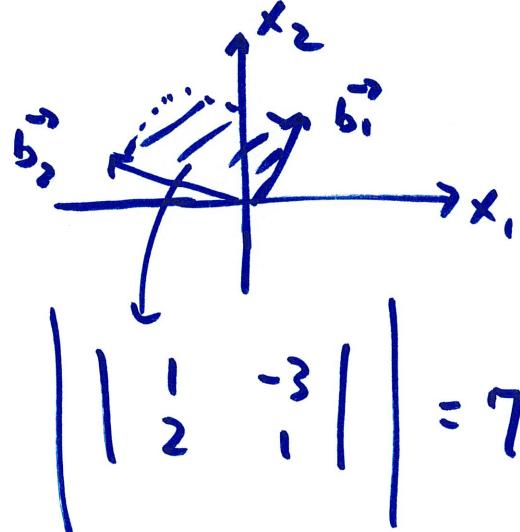
If $|\det(B)|$ is area or volume where

$$B = [\vec{b}_1 \vec{b}_2 \dots]$$

then AB can be interpreted as a linear transformation
of the area/volume enclosed by vector columns of B .

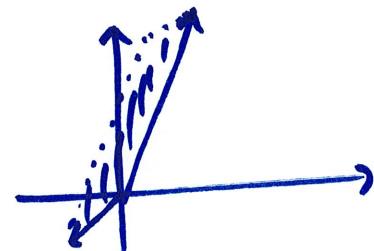


example $\vec{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\vec{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$



$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 11 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\|AB\| = 14 = \underbrace{\det(A)}_{\substack{\text{det of} \\ \text{transformation} \\ \text{matrix}}} \underbrace{\det(B)}_{\text{area in original form}}$$

So, in general, if $T(S) = AB$ is transformation of area/volume, then area/volume after transformation is $\|A\| \|B\| = \|A\| \cdot \{\text{area/vol of } S\}$

if $\det(A) = 0$, $\dim \text{Nul } A > 0$, so at least one axis is nullified by transformation

