

## Determinants and vector-geometry

Ex1.  $\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

a) Compute  $\det(\underline{A})$  by expansion.

Let's take row 3 and use the rule of Sarrus on  $3 \times 3$  matrices.

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\underline{A}) &= (-1)^{3+1} \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + (-1)^{3+2} \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 4 + 4 - 2 - (4 - 2 - 8) \\ &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

b) Determine  $\det(\underline{A})$  by triangulation.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-R_1 \\ -R_1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-\frac{1}{2}R_2 \\ -\frac{1}{2}R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(\underline{A}) = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot (-2) \cdot (-3) = 12$$

Ex2.

a) Let  $P(x) = -x^6 + x^5 + x^4 - x^3$ . Factorize, find roots and determine mult.

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= -x^3 (x^3 - x^2 - x + 1) \\ &= -x^3 (x+1)(x-1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

root	alg. mult.
$x=0$	3
$x=1$	2
$x=-1$	1

b) Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & 0 & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & a & a & a^3 \\ 1 & a & a^2 & a \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , determine  $\det(A)$ .

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> A:= $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & 0 & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & a & a & a^3 \\ 1 & a & a^2 & a \end{bmatrix}$ ;
Determinant(A);
solve(%,a);
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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & 0 & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & a & a & a^3 \\ 1 & a & a^2 & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -a^3 + a^2 + a^4 - a^3 \\ 0, 0, 0, -1, 1, 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We see that this corresponds to  $P(a)$ .

c) For which values  $a$  is  $A$  a singular matrix?

Values for which  $\det(A) = 0$ , i.e.  $a = -1, 0, 1$ .

d), e) Find the rank of  $A$  for  $a \in \{-4, -3, \dots, 4\}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$ .

For  $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1, 0, 1\}$  we find  $\rho(A) = 4$ , as it is regular.

For  $a = -1$  we have  $\rho(A) = 4 - 1 = 3$ , since the mult. is 1.

For  $a = 0$  we have  $\rho(A) = 4 - 3 = 1$ , — — — 3.

For  $a = 1$  we have  $\rho(A) = 4 - 2 = 2$ , — — — 2.

f) Find the solution to  $Ax = 0$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

By subtracting row one from each subsequent row clearly  $0$  is the only solution for  $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1, 0, 1\}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & 0 & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & a & a & a^3 \\ 1 & a & a^2 & a \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 & a^3 \\ 0 & -a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a-a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a-a^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$a = -1$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$a = 0$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{x} = t_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t_2, t_3, t_4 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$a = 1$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{x} = t_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t_4 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t_3, t_4 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Ex 3.  $\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\underline{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\underline{C} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\underline{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

a) Show  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are regular by using determinants.

Conclude  $\underline{AB}$  is regular.

$$\det(\underline{A}) = 2 - 3 = -1 \neq 0$$

$$\det(\underline{B}) = 1 - 0 = 1 \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(\underline{AB}) = \det(\underline{A}) \cdot \det(\underline{B}) = -1$$

All three are regular and thus invertible.

b) Compute.

$$\underline{AC} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

See 9.2 for  $2 \times 2$  inverse.

$$\underline{BD} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{DC} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 4 & -14 \end{bmatrix}$$

c) Find  $\underline{A}^{-1}$  and  $\underline{B}^{-1}$ .  $\underline{A}^{-1} = \underline{C}$  and  $\underline{B}^{-1} = \underline{D}$ .

d) Find  $(\underline{\underline{AB}})^{-1}$ .

$$(\underline{\underline{AB}})^{-1} = \underline{\underline{B}}^{-1} \underline{\underline{A}}^{-1} = \underline{\underline{DC}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 4 & -14 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Ex 4.

$$\underline{\underline{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{\underline{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 7 & 9 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

a) Compute determinants with Maple.

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> restart;
> with(LinearAlgebra):
> A:=<1,2,3;3,-2,4;0,2,1>;
> B:=<4,2,1;0,7,9;1,1,2>;
> Determinant(A);
> Determinant(B);
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b) Compute.  $\det(\underline{\underline{A}}^7) = \det(\underline{\underline{A}})^7 = 2^7 = 128$   
 $\det(\underline{\underline{A}}^T \underline{\underline{B}}) = \det(\underline{\underline{A}}) \cdot \det(\underline{\underline{B}}) = 2 \cdot 31 = 62$

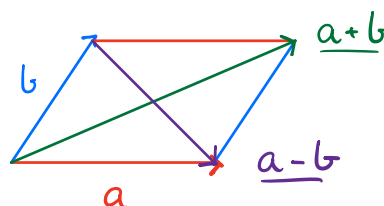
c) Show  $\underline{\underline{A}}$  has an inverse and compute.

Since  $\det(\underline{\underline{A}}) = 2 \neq 0$ , then  $\underline{\underline{A}}$  is regular and has an inverse.

$$\det(\underline{\underline{A}}^{-1}) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \det(\underline{\underline{A}}^{-7}) = \frac{1}{2^7} = \frac{1}{128}$$

Ex 5.

a) Draw two vectors  $\underline{a}$  and  $\underline{b}$  and construct their sum and difference.



b) Now try scaling a vector  $\underline{c}$ .

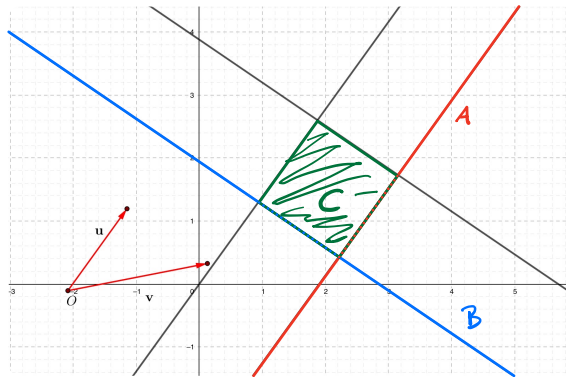


c) Construct in Geogebra

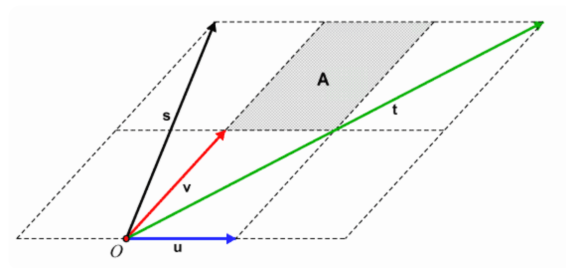
$$A = \{P \mid \vec{OP} = \underline{v} + t\underline{u}, t \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$B = \{P \mid \vec{OP} = \underline{v} + t(\underline{u} - \underline{v}), t \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$C = \{P \mid \vec{OP} = \underline{v} + s\underline{u} + t(\underline{u} - \underline{v}), t \in \mathbb{R}\}$$



Ex 6.



a) State  $\underline{s}$  as a lin. comb. of  $\underline{u}$  and  $\underline{v}$ .

$$\underline{s} = -\underline{u} + 2\underline{v}$$

$$\underline{t} = 2\underline{u} + 2\underline{v}$$

b) Show that  $\underline{v} = \frac{1}{3} \underline{s} + \frac{1}{6} \underline{t}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{3}(-\underline{u} + 2\underline{v}) + \frac{1}{6}(2\underline{u} + 2\underline{v}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{3}\underline{u} + \frac{2}{3}\underline{v} + \frac{1}{3}\underline{u} + \frac{1}{3}\underline{v} \\ &= \underline{v}. \end{aligned}$$

c) Determine  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  such that the area  $A$  is described by  
 $A = \{P \mid \vec{OP} = x\underline{u} + y\underline{v}, x \in [a, b] \text{ and } y \in [c, d]\}$ .

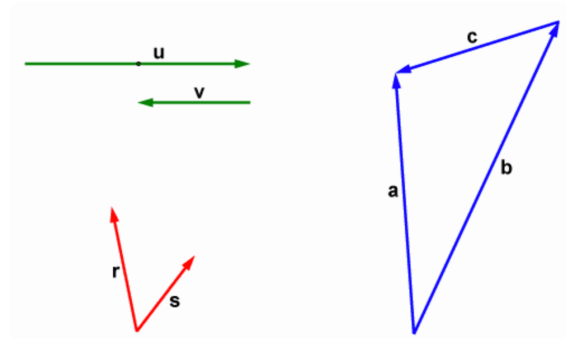
Let  $x \in [0, 1]$  and  $y \in [1, 2]$ , then the parametric representation is satisfactory.

Ex 7. Determine lin. dependence or independence.

$$\underline{v} = -\frac{1}{2}\underline{u} \Leftrightarrow \underline{v} + \frac{1}{2}\underline{u} = \underline{0}$$

$\underline{r}$  and  $\underline{s}$  are not parallel,  
 so this pair is lin. indept.

$$\underline{a} = \underline{b} + \underline{c} \Leftrightarrow \underline{a} - \underline{b} - \underline{c} = \underline{0}$$



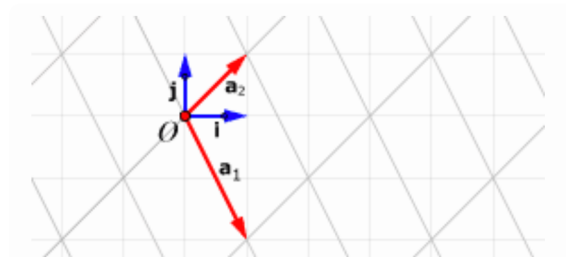
Ex 8.

1.  $\underline{e}_u = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  wrt. the standard basis.

$$\underline{a}_u = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } 2\underline{a}_1 + 3\underline{a}_2.$$

2.  $\underline{a}_v = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  determine in standard basis.

$$\underline{e}_v = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } -3\underline{i} + 0\underline{j}.$$



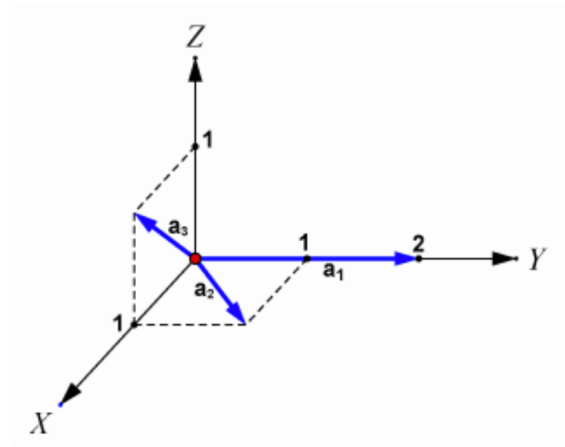
Ex 9.

a) Determine the matrix

$$[\underline{a}_1 \ \underline{a}_2 \ \underline{a}_3],$$

and conclude that the vectors constitute a basis.

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$\det(\underline{A}) = -2 \neq 0$ . The matrix has full rank, so the vectors are linearly independent.

b) Given  $\underline{a}^u = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\underline{a}^v = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\underline{a}^w = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  compute these in  $\underline{e} = (\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \underline{k})$ .

$$\underline{A} \underline{a}^u = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{A} \underline{a}^v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{A} \underline{a}^w = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

c) A plane is given  $\alpha: x + 2y - 2z = -1$ .

Give a parametric representation of  $\alpha$ . (this is in  $\underline{a} = (\underline{a}_1, \underline{a}_2, \underline{a}_3)$ !)

Pick 3 solutions to get vectors.

$$(-1, 0, 0), \quad (0, -\frac{1}{2}, 0) \quad \text{and} \quad (0, 0, \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\underline{a}^\alpha: \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s, t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (\text{scaled the vectors})$$

d) Change  $\alpha$  to be in standard basis.

We could convert the entire thing, but let's do it one vector at a time.

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

$${}_e\alpha: \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

e) Find an equation for  ${}_e\alpha$ .

We get the normal and insert the given point.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}_e\alpha: -3x - (y - (-2)) + 7z = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -3x - y + 7z = 2$$