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Question

Find the area bounded by the curves $y = |x - 1|$ and $y = 1$.

Representing Lines in Matrix Form

We express the three boundary lines in the vector form $\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x} = c$, where \mathbf{n} is the normal vector and $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, c_1 = 1 \implies \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, c_1 = 1 \implies \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 1 \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, c_1 = 1 \implies \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 1 \quad (3)$$

Vertex A (Intersection of L_1 and L_2)

The intersection of any two lines is the solution to a system of linear equations, which we solve using matrix inversion.

The system is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

The solution is $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{N}_{12}^{-1} \mathbf{c}_{12}$.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1(1) - (-1)(1)} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1(1) + 1(1) \\ -1(1) + 1(1) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Vertex B (Intersection of L_1 and L_3)

The system is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. The solution is $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{N}_{13}^{-1} \mathbf{c}_{13}$.

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1(1) - (-1)(0)} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1(1) + 1(1) \\ 0(1) + 1(1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

Vertex C (Intersection of L_2 and L_3)

The system is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. The solution is $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{N}_{23}^{-1} \mathbf{c}_{23}$.

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1(1) - 1(0)} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1(1) - 1(1) \\ 0(1) + 1(1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

The vertices are $\mathbf{A} = (1, 0)$, $\mathbf{B} = (2, 1)$, and $\mathbf{C} = (0, 1)$.

Calculating Area with Vector Determinant

We form two vectors representing two sides of the triangle, **AB** and **AC**.

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

$$\mathbf{AC} = \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (14)$$

The area is half the absolute value of the determinant of the matrix formed by these two vectors.

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \left\| (\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}) \times \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A} \right\| \quad (15)$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right\| \quad (16)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (1(1) - (-1)(1)) \quad (17)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (1 + 1) = \frac{1}{2} (2) = 1 \text{ square unit.} \quad (18)$$

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <math.h>

// Define EXPORT for cross-platform shared library compatibility
#ifdef _WIN32
    #define EXPORT __declspec(dllexport)
#else
    #define EXPORT
#endif

// Define a simple structure to hold 2D point coordinates
typedef struct {
    double x;
    double y;
} Point;
```



```
/**
 * @brief Helper function to calculate the determinant of a 2x2
 *        matrix.
 * Matrix is represented as [[a, b], [c, d]].
 */
double det2x2(double a, double b, double c, double d) {
    return a * d - b * c;
}

EXPORT double calculate_area_with_matrices(Point* p1, Point* p2,
    Point* p3) {
    // --- 1. Find Intersection for y = x - 1 and y = 1 ---
    // System in matrix form:
    // [ 1 -1 ] [x] = [1]
    // [ 0 1 ] [y] [1]
    double det_A1 = det2x2(1.0, -1.0, 0.0, 1.0);
    if (fabs(det_A1) < 1e-9) return -1; // Avoid division by zero
    , matrix is singular
}
```

```
// Inverse of A1 = (1/det) * [[1, 1], [0, 1]]
p1->x = (1.0/det_A1) * (1.0 * 1.0 + 1.0 * 1.0); // (d*B1 - b*
    B2)
p1->y = (1.0/det_A1) * (0.0 * 1.0 + 1.0 * 1.0); // (-c*B1 + a
    *B2)
// --- 2. Find Intersection for y = -x + 1 and y = 1 ---
// System in matrix form:
// [ 1 1 ] [x] = [1]
// [ 0 1 ] [y] [1]
double det_A2 = det2x2(1.0, 1.0, 0.0, 1.0);
if (fabs(det_A2) < 1e-9) return -1; // Avoid division by zero

// Inverse of A2 = (1/det) * [[1, -1], [0, 1]]
p2->x = (1.0/det_A2) * (1.0 * 1.0 + -1.0 * 1.0);
p2->y = (1.0/det_A2) * (0.0 * 1.0 + 1.0 * 1.0);
// --- 3. The third vertex is the corner of y=|x-1| ---
p3->x = 1.0;
p3->y = 0.0;
```

```
// --- 4. Calculate Area using Determinant of Vectors ---
// Create two vectors originating from the third vertex (p3)
// Vector v1 = p1 - p3
double v1x = p1->x - p3->x;
double v1y = p1->y - p3->y;
// Vector v2 = p2 - p3
double v2x = p2->x - p3->x;
double v2y = p2->y - p3->y;

// Area = 0.5 * |det([v1x, v1y], [v2x, v2y])|
// Note: The determinant here is equivalent to the magnitude
//       of the 2D cross product.
double vector_determinant = det2x2(v1x, v2x, v1y, v2y);
double area = 0.5 * fabs(vector_determinant);
return area;
}

EXPORT void free_matrix(char** matrix, int height) {
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    if (matrix == NULL) {
        return;
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < height; i++) {
        free(matrix[i]);
    }
    free(matrix);
}

EXPORT char** generate_plot_matrix(int width, int height) {
    // 1. Allocate memory for the matrix (array of pointers)
    char** matrix = (char**)malloc(height * sizeof(char*));
    if (matrix == NULL) {
        return NULL; // Allocation failed
    }

    // 2. Allocate memory for each row and initialize with spaces
    for (int i = 0; i < height; i++) {
        matrix[i] = (char*)malloc((width + 1) * sizeof(char)); //
        // +1 for null terminator
    }
}
```

```
if (matrix[i] == NULL) {  
    // If a row allocation fails, free all previously  
    // allocated memory  
    free_matrix(matrix, i);  
    return NULL;}  
for (int j = 0; j < width; j++) {  
    matrix[i][j] = ' '  
}  
matrix[i][width] = '\\0'; // Null-terminate the string  
}  
// 3. Define the mathematical coordinate system boundaries  
double x_min = -1.0;  
double x_max = 3.0;  
double y_min = -0.5;  
double y_max = 1.5;  
  
// 4. Map mathematical coordinates to matrix cells  
for (int i = 0; i < height; i++) {
```

```
for (int j = 0; j < width; j++) {  
    // Convert matrix indices (j, i) to math coordinates (  
        x, y)  
    double x = x_min + (double)j / (width - 1) * (x_max -  
        x_min);  
    double y = y_max - (double)i / (height - 1) * (y_max -  
        y_min);  
  
    // Define a small tolerance for floating point  
        comparisons  
    double tolerance_y = (y_max - y_min) / (2.0 * height);  
  
    // Check if the point lies on one of the curves  
    int on_abs_curve = fabs(y - fabs(x - 1.0)) <  
        tolerance_y;  
    int on_line_curve = fabs(y - 1.0) < tolerance_y;
```

```
// Mark the boundary curves with '*'
if (on_abs_curve || on_line_curve) {
    matrix[i][j] = '*';
}
// Fill the area bounded by the curves with '.'
else if (y < 1.0 && y > fabs(x - 1.0)) {
    matrix[i][j] = '.';
}
}
}
return matrix;
}
```

Python Code Through Shared Output

```
import ctypes
import os
import sys
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.lines import Line2D

# Define a ctypes structure that mirrors the C Point struct
class Point(ctypes.Structure):
    _fields_ = [(x, ctypes.c_double),
                (y, ctypes.c_double)]

def run_analytical_solver(plot_lib):

    Calls the C function to solve for the area and vertices
    analytically.
    Returns the three vertices of the triangle.
```


Python Code Through Shared Output

```
print(\n--- Running Analytical Solver ---)

# Define function signature
plot_lib.calculate_area_with_matrices.argtypes = [
    ctypes.POINTER(Point),
    ctypes.POINTER(Point),
    ctypes.POINTER(Point)
]
plot_lib.calculate_area_with_matrices.restype = ctypes.
    c_double

# Create instances of the Point structure to hold the results
p1 = Point()
p2 = Point()
p3 = Point()

# Call the C function, passing pointers to the structs
area = plot_lib.calculate_area_with_matrices(
```

Python Code Through Shared Output

```
    ctypes.byref(p1),
    ctypes.byref(p2),
    ctypes.byref(p3)
)

# Print the results calculated by the C code
print(fVertex 1 (Intersection): ({p1.x:.2f}, {p1.y:.2f}))
print(fVertex 2 (Intersection): ({p2.x:.2f}, {p2.y:.2f}))
print(fVertex 3 (Corner): ({p3.x:.2f}, {p3.y:.2f}))
print(f\nCalculated Area (using matrix/determinant method): {
    area:.4f})
print(-----)

# Return the calculated vertices for plotting
return p1, p2, p3
def create_final_plot(vertices):
```

Python Code Through Shared Output

Generates a clean, vector-based plot using Matplotlib based on the provided vertices, matching the style of the example PNG.

```
print(\n--- Generating Final Vector Plot ---)

# Unpack and sort vertices by x-coordinate for consistent
  plotting
# This makes v_left = (0,1), v_bottom = (1,0), v_right =
  (2,1)
sorted_vertices = sorted(vertices, key=lambda p: p.x)
v_left, v_bottom, v_right = sorted_vertices

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 7))

# 1. Fill the area of the triangle
ax.fill([v_left.x, v_bottom.x, v_right.x],
        [v_left.y, v_bottom.y, v_right.y],
```

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```
    'lightblue', label='Bounded Area')

# 2. Draw the boundary lines with specific colors
ax.plot([v_left.x, v_bottom.x], [v_left.y, v_bottom.y], color
        ='blue') #  $y = -x + 1$ 
ax.plot([v_bottom.x, v_right.x], [v_bottom.y, v_right.y],
        color='green') #  $y = x - 1$ 
ax.plot([v_left.x, v_right.x], [v_left.y, v_right.y], color='
        red') #  $y = 1$ 

# 3. Plot the vertices as black circles
ax.scatter([v.x for v in vertices], [v.y for v in vertices],
          color='black', s=80, zorder=5)

# 4. Set plot titles and labels
ax.set_title(Area bounded by  $y = |x-1|$  and  $y = 1$ , fontsize
            =14)
ax.set_xlabel(x-axis)
ax.set_ylabel(y-axis)
```

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```
# 5. Set axis limits and grid
ax.set_xlim(-0.2, 2.2)
ax.set_ylim(-0.3, 1.3)
ax.grid(True)
ax.set_aspect('equal', adjustable='box') # Ensure slopes look
correct

# 6. Create a custom legend to match the example image
legend_elements = [
    Line2D([0], [0], color='blue', lw=2, label='x + y = 1'),
    Line2D([0], [0], color='green', lw=2, label='x - y = 1'),
    Line2D([0], [0], color='red', lw=2, label='y = 1'),
    Line2D([0], [0], marker='o', color='w', label='Vertex A
        (1.00, 0.00)', markerfacecolor='black', markersize=8),
    Line2D([0], [0], marker='o', color='w', label='Vertex B
        (2.00, 1.00)', markerfacecolor='black', markersize=8),
    Line2D([0], [0], marker='o', color='w', label='Vertex C
        (0.00, 1.00)', markerfacecolor='black', markersize=8)
```

Python Code Through Shared Output

```
ax.legend(handles=legend_elements, loc='center')
plt.show()
def main():
    Main function to load the C library, solve, and display the
    plot.
    # --- Manually specify the path to the compiled C library ---
    # You must compile plot_generator.c into a shared library
    first.
    # On Linux/macOS: gcc -shared -o libplot_generator.so -fPIC
    plot_generator.c
    # On Windows: gcc -shared -o plot_generator.dll
    plot_generator.c

    if sys.platform.startswith('win'):
        lib_name = plot_generator.dll
    else: # for linux and darwin
        lib_name = area.so
```

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```
lib_path = os.path.abspath(lib_name)

if not os.path.exists(lib_path):
    print(fError: Shared library not found at '{lib_path}')
    print(Please compile the C code first using the
          appropriate command for your OS.)
    sys.exit(1)
try:
    plot_lib = ctypes.CDLL(lib_path)
except OSError as e:
    print(fError loading shared library: {e})
    sys.exit(1)
# Get the vertices from the analytical C function
vertices = run_analytical_solver(plot_lib)
# Create the final plot using the calculated vertices
create_final_plot(vertices)

if __name__ == __main__:
    main()
```

Python Code

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from funcs import line_gen

# --- 1. Define Lines in Matrix Form ( $n.T * x = c$ ) ---
n1 = np.array([1, -1]).reshape(-1, 1)
c1 = 1
n2 = np.array([1, 1]).reshape(-1, 1)
c2 = 1
n3 = np.array([0, 1]).reshape(-1, 1)
c3 = 1

# --- 2. Find Vertices using Matrix Inversion ---
# This function solves a 2x2 system to find the intersection
point
def get_intersection(n_a, c_a, n_b, c_b):
    # Form the matrix N = [n_a.T; n_b.T]
    N = np.block([[n_a.T], [n_b.T]])
    # Form the vector C = [c_a; c_b]
```


Python Code

```
C = np.array([c_a, c_b]).reshape(-1, 1)
# Solve for the intersection point x = N_inv * C
N_inv = np.linalg.inv(N)
intersection_point = N_inv @ C
return intersection_point

# Calculate the three vertices
A = get_intersection(n1, c1, n2, c2)
B = get_intersection(n1, c1, n3, c3)
C = get_intersection(n2, c2, n3, c3)

print(--- Vertices calculated via Matrix Inversion ---)
print(fVertex A: {A.flatten()})
print(fVertex B: {B.flatten()})
print(fVertex C: {C.flatten()})

# --- 3. Calculate Area using Vector Determinant ---
# Form vectors for two sides of the triangle
```

Python Code

```
vec_AB = B - A
vec_AC = C - A

# Create the matrix from the side vectors
M_area = np.hstack([vec_AB, vec_AC])

# Area is 0.5 * |det(M_area)|
area = 0.5 * np.abs(np.linalg.det(M_area))

print(f\n--- Area Calculation ---)
print(fMatrix of side vectors:\n{M_area})
print(fDeterminant: {np.linalg.det(M_area):.1f})
print(fCalculated Area: {area:.2f} square units)

# --- 4. Plotting ---
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))

# Generate lines for plotting
```

Python Code

```
line_AC = line_gen(A, C)
line_AB = line_gen(A, B)
line_CB = line_gen(C, B)

# Plot the lines and fill the area
plt.plot(line_AC[0, :], line_AC[1, :], 'b-', label='x + y = 1')
plt.plot(line_AB[0, :], line_AB[1, :], 'g-', label='x - y = 1')
plt.plot(line_CB[0, :], line_CB[1, :], 'r-', label='y = 1')
plt.fill([A[0,0], C[0,0], B[0,0]], [A[1,0], C[1,0], B[1,0]], '
skyblue', alpha=0.6)

# Plot the vertices
plt.plot(A[0], A[1], 'o', color='black', markersize=8, label='
Vertex A')
plt.plot(B[0], B[1], 'o', color='black', markersize=8, label='
Vertex B')
plt.plot(C[0], C[1], 'o', color='black', markersize=8, label='
Vertex C')
```

```
# --- 5. Plot Customization ---  
plt.title(f'Area bounded by  $y = |x-1|$  and  $y = 1$ ')  
plt.xlabel(x-axis)  
plt.ylabel(y-axis)  
plt.grid(True)  
plt.axhline(0, color='black', linewidth=0.7)  
plt.axvline(0, color='black', linewidth=0.7)  
plt.axis('equal')  
plt.legend()  
plt.show()
```

Plot By C code and Python Code

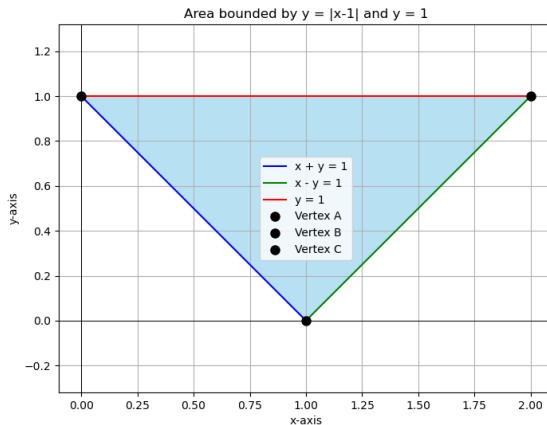


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