

DETERMINANT

Determinant is a function defined on a set of square matrices, which associates every square matrix to a unique number.  
i.e.,  $\det: A \rightarrow \det A$ .

$$A \xrightarrow{11} |\det A|$$

Note → For a square matrix of order  $1 \times 1$ , its determinant is the number (scalar) itself. For example  $A_{1 \times 1} = [-5]_{1 \times 1}$  then,  $\det A = |-5| = -5$ .

Working / Finding process of determinant:

\* For  $2 \times 2$  matrix:

$$\text{let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

(Then its determinant is defined as:  $\det(A) = |A| = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$ )

Likewise for  $3 \times 3$  matrix:

$$\text{let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\checkmark = a_{11}(a_{22} \cdot a_{33} - a_{23} \cdot a_{32})$$

$$\text{OR } a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31}$$

$a_{11}$  means 1st row & 1st column को देखें  
 क्या  $a_{22} a_{33}$  दो दूसरे को multiply  
 $a_{32} a_{33}$  को multiply  
 finally -ve sign रखो  
 similarly for others.

Example: Compute the determinant of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -4 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2(-1 - 8) - (-4)(-3 - 2) + 3(12 - 1)$$

$$= -18 - 20 + 33$$

$$= -5$$

## ⊗. Co-factor expansion:

Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be a matrix, the  $(i, j)^{\text{th}}$ -cofactor of  $A$  denoted by  $C_{ij}$  and given by  $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{ij})$ .

Then,

$\det(A) = a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + \dots + a_{1n}C_{1n}$  which is known as cofactor expansion across the first row of  $A_1$ .

This concept leads to following theorem:

Theorem 1: The determinant of an  $n \times n$  matrix of  $A$  can be computed by a cofactor expansion across the  $g^{\text{th}}$  row as:

$$\det(A) = a_{s1}C_{s1} + a_{s2}C_{s2} + \dots + a_{sn}C_{sn}.$$

where,  $C_{sp} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{sp})$ .

& The cofactor expansion across the  $g^{\text{th}}$  column is

$$\det(A) = a_{sj}C_{sj} + a_{2j}C_{2j} + \dots + a_{nj}C_{nj}.$$

where  $C_{pj} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{pj})$ .

Example: Using cofactor expansion, compute the determinant of  $A$  where

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

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Here, } \det(A) &= a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + a_{13}C_{13} \\ &= a_{11}(-1)^{1+1} \det(A_{11}) + a_{12}(-1)^{1+2} \det(A_{12}) \\ &\quad + a_{13}(-1)^{1+3} \det(A_{13}) \\ &= 1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 5 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 0 - 30 + 0 \\ &= -30. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2: If  $A$  is a triangular matrix, then  $\det(A)$  is the product of the entries on the main diagonal of  $A$ .

$$\text{Then } \det(A) = (a_{11})(a_{22}) \dots (a_{nn}).$$

Example: Find  $\det(A)$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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Given matrix is a triangular matrix. So,  $\det(A)$  is the product of diagonal elements.

$$\det(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \times 5 \times 1 = 10,$$

## Properties of determinants:

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Row operations:- Let A be a square matrix.

(a) If a multiple of one row of A is added to another row to produce a matrix B then  $\det(A) = \det(B)$ .

(b) If two rows of A are interchanged to produce B then  $\det(A) = -\det(B)$ .

(c) If one row of A is multiplied by k (scalar) to produce B then  $k \cdot \det(A) = \det(B)$ .

Example: By using row operation, compute  $\det(A)$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & -4 \\ 3 & 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Soln

Here,

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & -4 \\ 3 & 7 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1$$

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{5}R_2$$

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -4/5 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2 \text{ then,}$$

$$\det(A) = 5 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -4/5 \\ 0 & 0 & -21/5 \end{vmatrix}$$

The determinant is triangular. So,  $\det(A) = (5)(1)(1)(-21/5)$

$$= -21$$

Theorem: A square matrix A is invertible if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .

Q. Use determinants to find out matrix is invertible or not,

Soln Here, 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 15 & 9 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$\left[ \begin{matrix} 5 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \end{matrix} \right]$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 5R_2$

$$= -(1) \begin{vmatrix} 15 & 9 \\ 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-1)(45 - 45) = 0 \quad \text{This means given matrix is not invertible.}$$

Q. Explore the effect of an elementary row operation on the determinant of a matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ kc & kd \end{bmatrix}$ .

Soln  
Here,

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ c & d \end{array} \right| = ad - bc$$

$$\text{and } \left| \begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ kc & kd \end{array} \right| = kad - kbc = k(ad - bc) \\ = k \left| \begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ c & d \end{array} \right|.$$

The determinant is multiplied by a scalar  $k$  as one row of the determinant is multiplied by the scalar  $k$ .

Note: If the elementary row replacement in the matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  then the determinant will be 1.

Q. Verify that  $\det(A) = (\det E)(\det A)$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  and  $E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Soln

Let  $E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

Then,

$$EA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ ka+c & kb+d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \det(EA) &= \left| \begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ ka+c & kb+d \end{array} \right| \\ &= (kab+ad) - (kab+bc) \\ &= ad - bc. \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(A) = \left| \begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ c & d \end{array} \right| = ad - bc$$

$$\& \det E = \left| \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ k & 1 \end{array} \right| = 1$$

$$\text{Thus } \det(E) \cdot \det(A) = (1)(ad - bc) = ad - bc = \det(EA).$$

Q Use the determinant to decide if  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  are linearly independent or not, when  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -7 \\ 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ . (20)

Solution  
Here,

$$\det [v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3 \ v_4] = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & -7 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 2 \\ -2 & -5 & 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + R_2$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & -7 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$C1 = (1) \cdot (c) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & -7 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1$$

$$= -2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -2(1) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -2(0+15)$$

$$= -30 \neq 0.$$

This means the given column vectors are linearly dependent.

### Column Operations:

Example: Evaluate the column operations,  $\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & -3 \\ 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 2 & 13 & -7 \end{vmatrix}$

Here,  $\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & -3 \\ 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 2 & 13 & -7 \end{vmatrix}$

Performing  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - 5C_1$  and  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + 3C_1$  then

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -18 & 12 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Performing  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + \frac{12}{18} C_2$  then,

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -18 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

This is triangular matrix. So,  
 $\det(A) = (1)(-18)(1) = -18$

### Theorem: (Multiplicative Property)

If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices then  $\det(AB) = \det A \cdot \det B$ .

Example 1: Show that  $\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$  holds for matrices.

Solution  
Here,  
Given,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now,  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} 33 & 10 \\ 12 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

Then,  $\det(AB) = \begin{vmatrix} 33 & 10 \\ 12 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 165 - 120 = 45$

Next,  $\det(A) \cdot \det(B) = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (5) \cdot (9) = 45$

Thus,  $\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$ .

Example 2: If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ . show that  $\det(A+B) = \det(A) + \det(B)$  if and only if  $a+d=0$ .

Solution Since,  $\det A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$

$$\det B = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$

Here,  $A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 1+a & b \\ c & 1+d \end{bmatrix}$

Then  $\det(A+B) = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a & b \\ c & 1+d \end{vmatrix} = 1+a+d+ad-bc$

Suppose  $a+d=0$ , then,

$$\det(A) + \det(B) = \det(A+B)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1+ad-bc = 1+a+d+ad-bc$$

$$\Rightarrow a+d=0.$$

## ④ Cramer's Rule, Volume and Linear Transformations:

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④ Cramers Rule: Let  $A$  be an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix. For any  $b$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the unique solution  $x$  of  $Ax=b$  has entries given by,  $x_i = \frac{\det(A_i(b))}{\det(A)}$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Example 1: By using Cramer's rule, solve the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 - 2x_2 &= 6 \\ -5x_1 + 4x_2 &= 8. \end{aligned}$$

Soln

Taking the given system as in  $Ax=b$  and choosing it as,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, A_1(b) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, A_2(b) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ -5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -5 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 12 - 10 = 2 \neq 0.$$

So, the system has unique solution and the process is possible. If the system would have  $\det=0$  then the system does not has unique solution.

Therefore by Cramer's rule,

$$x_1 = \frac{\det A_1(b)}{\det A} = \frac{24+16}{2} = 20$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\det A_2(b)}{\det A} = \frac{24+30}{2} = 27.$$

Thus  $x_1 = 20, x_2 = 27$  be the solution of given system.

Example-2: Using Cramer rule determine the value of  $s$  for which the system has unique solution.

$$3sx_1 - 2x_2 = 4$$

$$-6x_1 + sx_2 = 1,$$

Soln  
Here,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3s & -2 \\ -6 & s \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } b = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then,

$$A_1(b) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 1 & s \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A_2(b) = \begin{bmatrix} 3s & 4 \\ -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,  $\det A_1(b) = 4s + 2 = 2(2s+1)$   
 and,  $\det A_2(b) = 3s + 24 = 3(s+8)$   
also  $\det A = 3s^2 - 12 = 3(s-2)(s+2)$

Now by Cramer's rule,

$$x_1 = \frac{\det A_1(b)}{\det A} = \frac{2(2s+1)}{3(s-2)(s+2)}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\det A_2(b)}{\det A} = \frac{s+8}{(s-2)(s+2)}$$

Hence, system has unique solution when  $s \neq 2$  and  $s \neq -2$ .

### \* Formula for finding $A^{-1}$ ,

Let  $A$  be an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix. Then,

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \cdot \text{adj}(A).$$

Example: Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution

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

Here,  $\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= 3(0-1) - 5(1-2) + 4(1-0)$$

$$= -3 + 5 + 4$$

$= 6 \neq 0$ . So the inverse of  $A$  exists.

The Co-factors of  $A$  are:

Note: Co-factor of an element  $a_{ij}$  in the determinant  $|A|$  is diagonal as  $(-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$ .

i.e.,  $(-1)^{i+j} \cdot \det A_{ij}$ .

It is denoted by  $C_{ij}$ .

$$C_{11} = (-1)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1.$$

$$C_{12} = (-1)^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1.$$

$$C_{13} = (-1)^4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1.$$

$$C_{21} = (-1)^3 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1$$

$$C_{22} = (-1)^4 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -5.$$

$$C_{23} = (-1)^5 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 7$$

$$C_{31} = (-1)^4 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 5. \quad C_{32} = (-1)^5 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1.$$

$$C_{33} = (-1)^6 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -5.$$

Then,  $\text{adj}(A) = \text{Transpose of matrix of cofactors of } A.$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -5 & 7 \\ 5 & 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 5 \\ 1 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, using inverse formula,

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-1} &= \frac{1}{\det(A)} \cdot \text{adj}(A) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 5 \\ 1 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

### \* Determinants as Area or Volume:

(i) If  $A$  is  $2 \times 2$  matrix, the area of the parallelogram determined by the columns of  $A$  is  $|\det(A)|$   
i.e., positive value of  $\det(A)$ .

(ii) If  $A$  is  $3 \times 3$  matrix, the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the columns of  $A$  is  $|\det(A)|$   
i.e., positive value of  $\det(A)$ .

Example 1: Find the area of the parallelogram whose vertices are  $(0, -2), (6, -1), (-3, 1), (3, 2)$ .

Soln Given vertices of parallelogram are  $(0, -2), (6, -1), (-3, 1), (3, 2)$ .

Now, translate the vertices so as one vertex becomes at origin.

$$\text{as: } (0, -2) + (0, 2) = (0, 0)$$

$$(6, -1) + (0, 2) = (6, 1)$$

$$(-3, 1) + (0, 2) = (-3, 3)$$

$$(3, 2) + (0, 2) = (3, 4)$$

Then the parallelogram is shifted with vertices  $(0,0), (6,1), (-3,3), (3,4)$ .  
So, the parallelogram is determined by the columns of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then, } \det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 18 + 3 = 21$$

Thus the area of parallelogram is  $|21| = 21$ .

Example 2: Find the volume of the parallelipiped with one vertex at origin and the adjacent vertices at  $(1, 4, 0), (-2, -5, 2)$  and  $(-1, 2, -1)$ .

Solution

Since the one vertex of the parallelipiped is at origin and the adjacent vertices are at  $(1, 4, 0), (-2, -5, 2)$  and  $(-1, 2, -1)$ .

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 4 & -5 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1 \begin{vmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1 - 8 - 8 \\ &= -15. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the volume of the parallelipiped with  $|-15| = 15$ .

### Linear transformations in determinants:-

Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation determined by a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$ . If  $S$  is a parallelogram in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  then,  
area of  $T(S) = |\det(A)| \cdot \{\text{area of } S\}$ .

Likewise, if  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be determined by  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  and

if  $S$  is a parallelipiped in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  then,

Volume of  $T(S) = |\det(A)| \cdot \{\text{volume of } S\}$ .

Example 1: Let  $S$  be a parallelogram determined by vectors  $b_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $b_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ; and let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute

the area of image of  $S$  under mapping  $x \rightarrow Ax$ .

Solution :

Given that  $S$  is the parallelogram determined by vectors  $b_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $b_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (23)

So,  $\det(S) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 - 15 = -14$

Thus, Area of  $S = |-14| = 14$ .

And given that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Then,  $\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2$ .

Therefore, the area of  $S$  under the mapping  $x \rightarrow Ax$  is,

area of image of  $S = \text{Area of } T(S)$

$$= |\det A| \cdot \{\text{area of } S\}$$

$$= 2 \times 14$$

$$= 28 \text{ sq. unit.}$$

Example 2: Let  $a$  and  $b$  are positive numbers. Find the area of the region  $E$  bounded by the ellipse whose equation is  $\frac{x_1^2}{a^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{b^2} = 1$ .

Solution

Let,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$

Let,  $u = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$

and  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

Let  $E$  be the image of unit disk  $D$  under a linear transformation  $T$  determined by matrix  $A$  with  $Au = x$ . Then,

$$u_1 = \frac{x_1}{a}, \quad u_2 = \frac{x_2}{b}$$

Since  $u_1, u_2$  lies in the unit disk with  $u_1^2 + u_2^2 \leq 1$  if and only if  $x$  lies in  $E$  with  $\frac{x_1^2}{a^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{b^2} \leq 1$ .

Then, area of ellipse = area of  $T(D)$

$$= |\det(A)| \cdot \{\text{area of } D\}$$

$$= ab \cdot \pi \quad [\because D \text{ is an unit disk}]$$

$$= \pi ab$$

Example 3: Let the four vertices  $O(0,0)$ ,  $A(1,0)$ ,  $B(0,1)$  and  $C(1,1)$  of a unit square be represented by  $2 \times 4$  matrix:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Investigate and interpret geometrically the effect of pre-multiplication of this matrix by the  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Solution -

The matrix represented to a square having vertices at  $O(0,0)$ ,  $A(1,0)$ ,  $B(0,1)$  and  $C(1,1)$  is  $S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and given matrix is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Therefore, the effect of pre-multiplication of  $S$  by  $A$  is,

$$\begin{aligned} S' &= A \cdot S = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This means the vertices of the effect of the square  $A$  are  $O'(0,0)$ ,  $A'(4,2)$ ,  $B'(1,1)$  and  $C'(3,3)$ .

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{(area of } S) \cdot \text{(area of } A) \\ &= |\det(S)| \cdot |\det(A)| \\ &= \left| \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right| \cdot \left| \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right| \\ &= |1| \cdot |6| \\ &= 6. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and area of } S' &= \left| \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right| \\ &= |(4)(1) - (-2)(2)| \\ &= |6| \\ &= 6. \end{aligned}$$

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