

Cross Product Part 2

Matrix: rectangular array

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

Size: (#rows) \times (#columns)

e.g. A is 2x3

The determinant of A is written $\det A$ or $|A|$. Only defined for square matrices.

FORMULAS

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

2) $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = a \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{vmatrix}$

Signs alternate according to

$$\begin{bmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & \\ + & \dots & \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{bmatrix}$$

Process is called "cofactor expansion"

Ex: Compute

a) $\det \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= -1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 6 & 7 \end{vmatrix} - 4 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 7 \end{vmatrix} + 6 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -1(-11) - 4(14) + 6(12)$$

$$1(7) - 3(6)$$

$$= 27$$

b) $\begin{vmatrix} -1 & -4 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 8 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= -1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + 4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + 6 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -1(6) + 4(6) + 6(0)$$

$$= 18$$

NOTATION

$$[1, 0, 0] = \vec{i}$$

$$[0, 1, 0] = \vec{j}$$

$$[0, 0, 1] = \vec{k}$$

2nd Method for Cross Product

$$[2, 1, 3] \times [-6, 4, 2] = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -6 & 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - \vec{j} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -6 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + \vec{k} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -6 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(-10) - \vec{j}(22) + \vec{k}(14)$$

$$= -10[1, 0, 0] - 22[0, 1, 0] + 14[0, 0, 1]$$

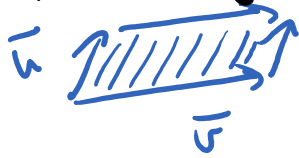
$$= [-10, -22, 14]$$

3 Geometry Formulas

1) A (parallelogram in \mathbb{R}^3) = $\|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}\|$

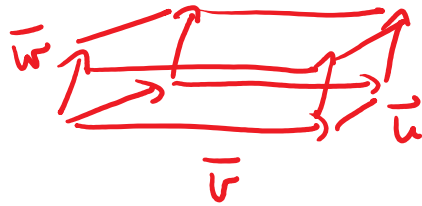


2) A (parallelogram in \mathbb{R}^2) = $\left| \begin{matrix} 1 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 \end{matrix} \right|$



absolute value of the determinant of \bar{u}, \bar{v}

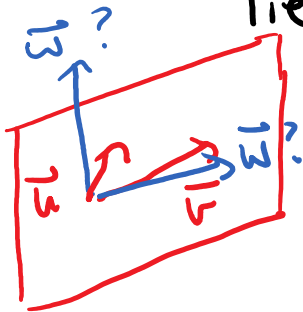
3) Slanted box or "parallelepiped"



V (parallelepiped in \mathbb{R}^3) = $\left| \begin{matrix} 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} \right|$

absolute value of the determinant of $\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w}$

Ex: Do vectors $[1, 4, 7]$, $[2, 5, 9]$, $[1, -2, -3]$ lie in a plane?



$V(\text{parallelepiped}) = 0$
if and only if $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$ lie in a plane

$$V(\text{parallelepiped}) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 9 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(3) - 4(-15) + 7(-9)$$

$$= 0$$

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YES

Ex: Area of parallelogram determined
by $[1, 6]$ and $[3, 5]$?

$$\text{Area} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -13$$

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