

**MATH2550**  
**Course Work 2**

1. Compute the following determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix}$ .

2. Compute the following determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} a & d & g \\ b & e & h \\ c & f & i \end{vmatrix}$ . What do you notice when you compare the result of Q1 and Q2?

3. Compute the following determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} a+b & b & c \\ d+e & e & f \\ g+h & h & i \end{vmatrix}$ .

4. Repeat Q3 by replacing + with a -.

5. Compute the following determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} b & a & c \\ e & d & f \\ h & g & i \end{vmatrix}$ . What do you notice?

Does the same conclusion follow when we interchange any two columns in a determinant?

6. In Q5, what happens if we interchange two rows of a determinant?

7. Compute the following determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} \lambda a & b & c \\ \lambda d & e & f \\ \lambda g & h & i \end{vmatrix}$ .

8. What happens in Q7, if we multiply each entry in column 2 by the same number  $\lambda$  (pronounced as "lambda").

9. Show using School Geometry, that  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$  is the area of the parallelogram made out of the two vector  $a\hat{i} + b\hat{j}$  and  $c\hat{i} + d\hat{j}$ .

$$1. \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = a \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{vmatrix} \\ = a(ei - hf) - b(di - gf) + c(dh - ge) \quad (*)$$

$$2. \begin{vmatrix} a & d & g \\ b & e & h \\ c & f & i \end{vmatrix} = a \begin{vmatrix} e & h \\ f & i \end{vmatrix} - d \begin{vmatrix} b & h \\ c & i \end{vmatrix} + g \begin{vmatrix} b & e \\ c & f \end{vmatrix} \\ = a(ei - fh) - d(bi - ch) + g(bf - ce) \\ = a(ei - fh) + b(-di + gf) + c(dh - ge) = (*)$$

$$3. \begin{vmatrix} a+b & b & c \\ d+e & e & f \\ g+h & h & i \end{vmatrix} = (a+b) \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} - (d+e) \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} + (g+h) \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ e & f \end{vmatrix} \\ = a \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} - d \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} + g \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ e & f \end{vmatrix} \\ + b \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} - e \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} + h \begin{vmatrix} b & c \\ e & f \end{vmatrix} \\ = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} b & b & c \\ e & e & f \\ h & h & i \end{vmatrix} \\ = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = (*) \quad \left( \begin{vmatrix} b & b & c \\ e & e & f \\ h & h & i \end{vmatrix} = b(ei - hf) - b(ei - hf) + c(eh - eh) \\ = 0 + 0 = 0 \right)$$

4. By the same calculation in 3.,

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

$$5. \begin{vmatrix} b & a & c \\ e & d & f \\ h & g & i \end{vmatrix} = b(di - gf) - a(ei - hf) + c(eg - hd) \\ = a(hf - ei) - b(gf - di) + c(eg - hd) \quad (\#)$$

Note:  $(*) = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = a(ei - hf) - b(gf + di) + c(dh - ge) = (-1) \cdot (\#)$

Yes to the second question. (Leave as an exercise :))

6. Switching row 1 and 2:

$$\begin{vmatrix} d & e & f \\ a & b & c \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{Q1+Q2}{=} \begin{vmatrix} d & a & g \\ e & b & h \\ f & c & i \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{Q5}{=} - \begin{vmatrix} a & d & g \\ b & e & h \\ c & f & i \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\stackrel{Q1+Q2}{=} \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix}$$

7. 
$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda a & b & c \\ \lambda d & e & f \\ \lambda g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = \lambda a(ei - hf) - \lambda d(bi - ch) + \lambda g(bf - ce)$$

$$= \lambda \cdot [a(ei - hf) - d(bi - ch) + g(bf - ce)] \quad (\Delta)$$

Note: 
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = a(ei - hf) - d(bi - ch) + g(bf - ce)$$

$$(\Delta) = \lambda \cdot \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix}$$

8. (I'm not sure about the question, so I'll do both cases)

① 
$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda a & \lambda b & c \\ \lambda d & \lambda e & f \\ \lambda g & \lambda h & i \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{Q7}{=} \lambda \cdot \begin{vmatrix} a & \lambda b & c \\ d & \lambda e & f \\ g & \lambda h & i \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{Q5}{=} (-1) \cdot \lambda \begin{vmatrix} \lambda b & a & c \\ \lambda e & d & f \\ \lambda h & g & i \end{vmatrix}$$

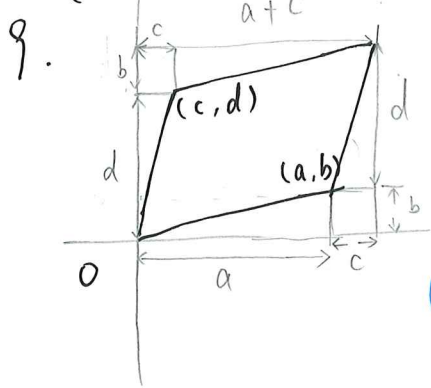
$$\stackrel{Q7}{=} (-1) \cdot \lambda^2 \begin{vmatrix} b & a & c \\ e & d & f \\ h & g & i \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{Q5}{=} (-1)^2 \cdot \lambda^2 \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda^2 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix}$$

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

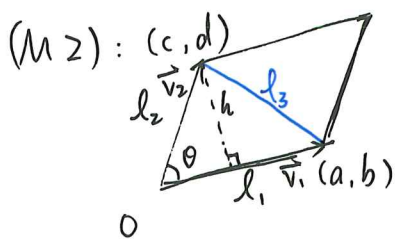
$$= \lambda \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix}$$

(M1):



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area}(\square) &= (a+c) \cdot (b+d) - 2bc - \frac{1}{2} \cdot c \cdot d - \frac{1}{2} a \cdot b - \frac{1}{2} d \cdot c - \frac{1}{2} a \cdot b \\ &= ab + ad + bc + cd - 2bc - cd - ab \\ &= ad - bc \end{aligned}$$

(Put  $\square$  into a large rectangle)



$$\text{Area}(\square) = l_1 \cdot h = l_1 \cdot l_2 \cdot \sin\theta$$

$$l_1 = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$l_2 = \sqrt{c^2 + d^2}$$

$$\sin\theta = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2\theta} \quad (\theta \in [0, \pi] \Rightarrow \sin\theta > 0)$$

By cosine law,  $\cos\theta = \frac{l_1^2 + l_2^2 - l_3^2}{2l_1 \cdot l_2}$

$$l_3 = |\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2| = \sqrt{(a-c)^2 + (b-d)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{(a^2 + b^2) + (c^2 + d^2) - [(a-c)^2 + (b-d)^2]}{2l_1 \cdot l_2}$$

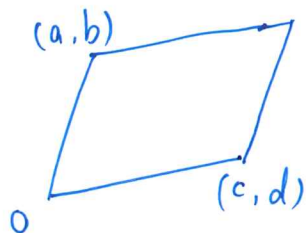
$$= \frac{(a^2 + b^2) + (c^2 + d^2) - a^2 - 2ac - c^2 - b^2 - 2bd - d^2}{2l_1 \cdot l_2} = \frac{ac + bd}{l_1 \cdot l_2}$$

$$\sin\theta = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2\theta} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{(ac + bd)^2}{l_1^2 \cdot l_2^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{a^2c^2 + a^2d^2 + b^2c^2 + b^2d^2 - (a^2c^2 + 2abcd + b^2d^2)}{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{a^2d^2 - 2abcd + b^2c^2}}{l_1 \cdot l_2} = \frac{\sqrt{(ad - bc)^2}}{l_1 \cdot l_2} = \frac{|ad - bc|}{l_1 \cdot l_2}$$

So  $\text{Area}(\square) = l_1 \cdot l_2 \cdot \sin\theta = |ad - bc|$

Remark: Absolute value is needed, since it may be the case that



Then by M1,  $\text{Area}(\square) = cb - ad$   
 (Depends on the sig orientation of  ~~$(a, b) \times (c, d)$~~   
 $(a\hat{i} + b\hat{j}) \times (c\hat{i} + d\hat{j})$ )

But area is always nonnegative, so  $| \cdot |$  is needed.