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HansenMath Pre-calc: 7.8 Applications of Matrices and Determinants

Area of a Triangle

In this section, you will study some additional applications of matrices and determinants. The first involves a formula for finding the area of a triangle whose vertices are given by three points on a rectangular coordinate system.

Area of a Triangle

The area of a triangle with vertices (x_1, y_1) , (x_2, y_2) , and (x_3, y_3) is

$$\text{Area} = \pm \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

where the symbol (\pm) indicates that the appropriate sign should be chosen to yield a positive area.

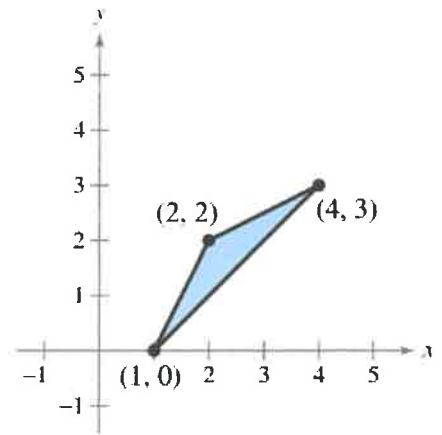


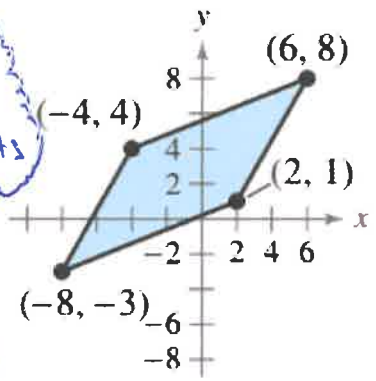
Figure 7.34

Example 1 Finding the Area of a Triangle

Find the area of the triangle whose vertices are $(1, 0)$, $(2, 2)$, and $(4, 3)$, as shown in Figure 7.34.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \pm \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \pm \frac{1}{2} * \det([A]) = -\frac{1}{2} * -3 = 1.5 \end{aligned}$$

(sg. units)



Example 2: Use logic and the formula above to find the area of this parallelogram. * Choose 3 points as that gives a Triangle. Since there's 2 Triangles, don't use 1/2 in formula.

$$\text{Area} = \pm \det [A] = \boxed{54 \text{ units}^2}$$

Example 3: Suppose three given points are $(0, 1)$, $(2, 2)$ and $(4, 3)$. What would the area be of the "triangle"?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \pm \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \leftarrow [A] \\ &= \pm \frac{1}{2} * \det([A]) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

No Area!
0 tells you points are collinear!!

Example 4: Are the given three points collinear? $(-2, -2)$, $(1, 1)$ and $(7, 5)$

Test to see if det is 0.

$$[A] = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 7 & 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow \det([A]) = -6$$

so, Not collinear!

Cryptography

A **cryptogram** is a message written according to a secret code. (The Greek word *kryptos* means "hidden.") Matrix multiplication can be used to encode and decode messages. To begin, you need to assign a number to each letter in the alphabet (with 0 assigned to a blank space), as follows.

0 = _	9 = I	18 = R
1 = A	10 = J	19 = S
2 = B	11 = K	20 = T
3 = C	12 = L	21 = U
4 = D	13 = M	22 = V
5 = E	14 = N	23 = W
6 = F	15 = O	24 = X
7 = G	16 = P	25 = Y
8 = H	17 = Q	26 = Z

To encode a secret message

$$\begin{matrix} \text{Real Word Matrix (1 x 3)} \\ [A] \end{matrix} * \begin{matrix} \text{Encoding Matrix (3 x 3)} \\ [B] \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \text{Secret-code Word Matrix (3 x 1)} \\ [C] \end{matrix}$$

To decipher and crack the code, it follows...

$$\begin{matrix} \text{Secret-code Word Matrix (3 x 1)} \\ [C] \end{matrix} * \begin{matrix} \text{Inverse Encoding Matrix (3 x 3)} \\ [B^{-1}] \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \text{Decoded Real Word Matrix (1 x 3)} \\ [A] \end{matrix}$$

[Note: The above conveys the general idea, but you will use different Matrix letters to suit your needs]

*OR just use ONE 4x3 matrix!

Example 5: Decode the cryptogram given by: 4, -24, 83, 16, -35, 46, 40, -65, -10, 0, -6, 30

If the encoding matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

I set as [E] in calc.

So... $[A] * [E]^{-1} = [20 \ 21 \ 5]$
 $[B] * [E]^{-1} = [19 \ 4 \ 1]$
 $[C] * [E]^{-1} = [25 \ 0 \ 15]$
 $[D] * [E]^{-1} = [6 \ 6 \ 0]$

Use Graphing Utility

Set: $[A] = [4 \ -24 \ 83]$
 $[B] = [16 \ -35 \ 46]$
 $[C] = [40 \ -65 \ -10]$
 $[D] = [0 \ -6 \ 30]$

Use Chart ↑: "Tuesday OFF"

And that's all folks ☺ It's time for the Chapter 7 Review Study Guide!