

1. Intro to determinants – geometric intuition, why is there the sign needed, definition.

Computing determinants of 2×2 matrices and the influence of row operations. Geometric intuition in the plane.

2. Compute determinants of following real matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 18 & 11 & 11 \\ 11 & 11 & 11 \\ 11 & 11 & 24 \end{pmatrix}$$