

$$\text{perm}(n) = \left\{ (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) : (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \text{ is a permutation of } (1, 2, \dots, n) \right\}$$

permutations
of n things

$$\text{card}(\text{perm}(n)) = n!$$

$\text{perm}(3)$

find vectors of length three that are permutations of $(1, 2, 3)$

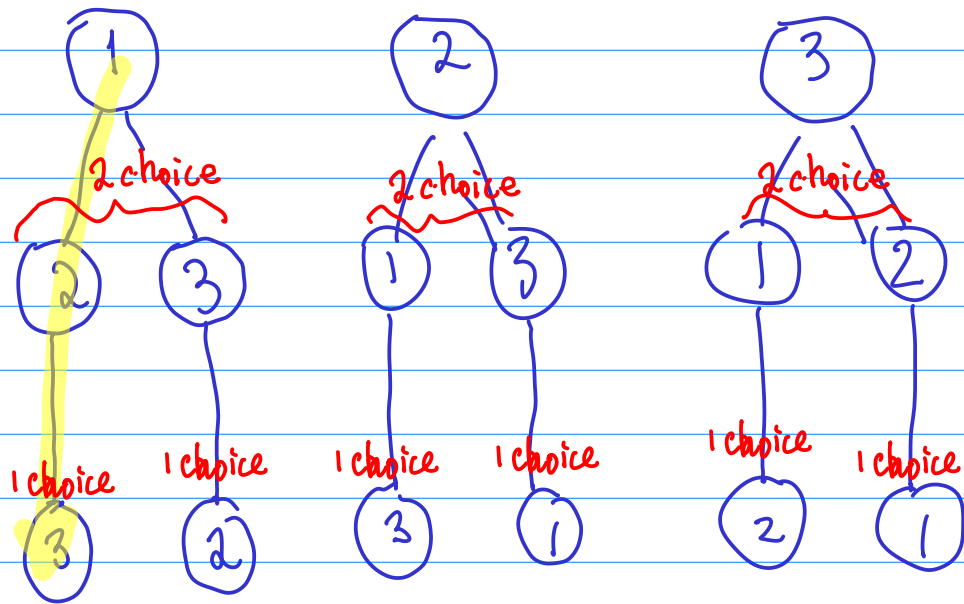
$$\text{card}(\text{perm}(3)) = 6 = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$

3 choices for the first entry

First entry

Second entry

Third entry



which are even and which odd?

	Start	no need to exchange anything	swaps	$\text{sign}(v)$
$(1, 2, 3)$	$(1, 2, 3)$		0 = even	1
$(1, 3, 2)$	$(1, 2, 3) \xrightarrow{1} (1, 3, 2)$		1 = odd	-1
$(2, 1, 3)$	$(1, 2, 3) \xrightarrow{1} (2, 1, 3)$		1 = odd	-1
$(2, 3, 1)$	$(1, 2, 3) \xrightarrow{1} (2, 1, 3) \xrightarrow{2} (2, 3, 1)$		2 = even	1
$(3, 1, 2)$	$(1, 2, 3) \xrightarrow{1} (3, 2, 1) \xrightarrow{2} (3, 1, 2)$		2 = even	1
$(3, 2, 1)$	$(1, 2, 3) \xrightarrow{1} (3, 2, 1)$		1 = odd	-1

Recall recursive definition.

Let $\text{Cof}(a_{ij})$ be the $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ determinant of the matrix A after crossing out the i th row and j th column

$$\det A = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} \text{Cof}(a_{ij}) = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} \text{Cof}(a_{ij})$$

\uparrow $n \times n$ determinant
 \uparrow for all j the same answer
 expansion along a column
 \uparrow for any i the same answer.
 expansion along a row.

$$\det [a_{11}] = a_{11}$$

\uparrow
 1×1 determinant

Another way to compute the determinant

$$A = P L U$$

\uparrow upper triangular
 \uparrow lower triangular
 \uparrow permutation matrix.

$$\det A = \det P \det L \det U$$

\uparrow prod on diag since lower triangular
 \uparrow prod on diag since upper triangular

± 1
 depending whether the perm is even or odd.

multiplying a matrix on the right by a permutation matrix permutes

- 2 (a) the rows
- 5 (b) the columns of that matrix.

Idea solving $Ax = b \dots$

Use Cramer's rule. If $\det A \neq 0$ then the unique solution is

$$x_i = \frac{\det A_i(b)}{\det A}$$

where $A_i(b)$ is the matrix A with i^{th} column replaced by b .

Theoretically nice but not very efficient or accurate numerically.

Find the inverse A^{-1} using cofactors...

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & \dots & A_{n1} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{n2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ A_{1n} & A_{2n} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

where $A_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \text{Cof}(a_{ij})$

even worse for efficiency and accuracy.

Of course the efficiency of the above formula depend on how quickly we can compute determinants.

3 ways to compute determinants

① by the definition

$$\det(A) = \sum_{\text{perm}} \text{sign}(\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_n) a_{1\nu_1} a_{2\nu_2} \dots a_{n\nu_n}$$

card(permutation) = $n!$ so there are lots of terms here...

② Recursively

$$\det A = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} \text{Cof}(a_{ij})$$

$n \times n$

n determinants of size $n-1 \times n-1$

$n-1$ determinants of size $n-2 \times n-2$

\vdots

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$n!$ terms...

③ Using Gauss elimination

$$A = PLU$$

$$\det A = \det P \det L \det U,$$

or solve $Ax = b$
with this factorization
not using any determinants

more efficient

n variables to eliminate

n equations with each variable

n terms in each equation

n^3 operations,

$$A = PLU$$

$$Ax = b$$

$$PLUx = b$$

$$LUx = P^{-1}b$$

$$\begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ y = Ux \end{matrix}$$

$$Ly = P^{-1}b$$

$$P^{-1} = P^T$$

since P is permutation

Solve $Ly = P^{-1}b$
for y

then solve $Ux = y$
for x

Since L and U are triangular
then solving these equations can
be done with substitution.