

SNE3002 Linear Algebra – 2025 Spring

# Transpose, Elementary Matrices and Linear Transformations

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# Transpose

## Def. Transpose of a Matrix

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , then the transpose  $A^\top$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^\top = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{m1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1n} & a_{2n} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Remark. Properties of the Transpose

Let  $A$  and  $B$  are matrices and  $r$  a scalar.

- 1)  $(A^\top)^\top = A$
- 2)  $(A + B)^\top = A^\top + B^\top$
- 3)  $(rA)^\top = rA^\top$
- 4)  $(AB)^\top = B^\top A^\top$
- 5)  $(A^{-1})^\top = (A^\top)^{-1}$ , if  $A$  is invertible
- 6)  $\det(A^\top) = \det(A)$ , if  $A$  is square

## Transpose

> Q. Show  $(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1}$ , if  $A$  is invertible --- (5)

> Q. Show  $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$ , if  $A$  is square --- (6)

recall:  $\det(A) = a_{i1}C_{i1} + a_{i2}C_{i2} + \cdots + a_{in}C_{in}$

# Transpose

- >  $\boldsymbol{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{w} = \boldsymbol{v}^\top \boldsymbol{w}$
- >  $A$  is said to be symmetric if  $A^\top = A$
- >  $A$  is said to be antisymmetric (skew symmetric) if  $A^\top = -A$
- > Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ , then  $A^\top A$  and  $AA^\top$  are symmetric

# Transpose

- > Q. Find a matrix that is both symmetric and antisymmetric
- > Q. Show any square matrix can be represented as a sum of a symmetric and antisymmetric matrix.
- > Q. Show that if  $A$  is an invertible square matrix, then so is  $A^T$
- > Q. Show that  $A$  is invertible and symmetric, then so is  $A^{-1}$

# Elementary Matrices

- > Recall elementary row operations
  - Switch two rows
  - Multiply a row by a non-zero number
  - Add a multiple of one row to another row

## Def. Elementary Matrices and Row Operations

Let  $E \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , then  $E$  is an elementary matrix if it is the result of applying one elementary row operation to the  $n \times n$  identity matrix

Ex.

$$E_{switch} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{multiply} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{add} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & k & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Elementary Matrices

- > Every elementary matrix is invertible, and its inverse is also an elementary matrix
  - If  $E$  is obtained by switching rows  $i$  and  $j$ , then  $E^{-1}$  is also obtained by switching rows  $i$  and  $j$
  - If  $E$  is obtained by multiplying rows  $i$  and  $j$ , then  $E^{-1}$  is also obtained by switching rows  $i$  and  $j$
  - If  $E$  is obtained by adding  $k$  times row  $i$  to row  $j$ , then  $E^{-1}$  is obtained by subtracting  $k$  times row  $i$  from row  $j$

> Ex.

$$E_{\text{switch}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{\text{multiply}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{\text{add}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & k & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{\text{switch}}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{\text{multiply}}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{\text{add}}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -k & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Elementary Matrices

- > Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $R$  be its reduced echelon form. There exists an invertible  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  s.t.

$$R = UA$$

where  $U$  can be computed as the produce of elementary matrices

$$U = E_k E_{k-1} \cdots E_1$$

- > Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , then  $A$  is invertible if and only if it can be written as a product of elementary matrices.

**Proof.** If  $A$  is an invertible  $n \times n$ -matrix, then its reduced echelon form is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix  $I$ . By Theorem 4.57, we can write  $I = UA$ , where  $U = E_k \cdots E_2 E_1$  is a product of elementary matrices. Then

$$A = U^{-1} = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} \cdots E_k^{-1}.$$

By Theorem 4.55, if  $E_i$  is an elementary matrix, then so is  $E_i^{-1}$ . Therefore,  $A$  has been written as a product of elementary matrices. Conversely, if  $A$  can be written as a product of elementary matrices, then  $A$  is clearly invertible, because each elementary matrix is invertible. ♠



## Elementary Matrices

> Q.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Write  $A$  as a product of elementary matrices

# Linear Transformations

## Def. Linear Function

A function  $f: \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  is called linear if

- 1)  $f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + f(\mathbf{y})$ , for all vectors  $\forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^p$
- 2)  $f(a\mathbf{x}) = af(\mathbf{x})$ , for all scalars  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$  and all vectors  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$

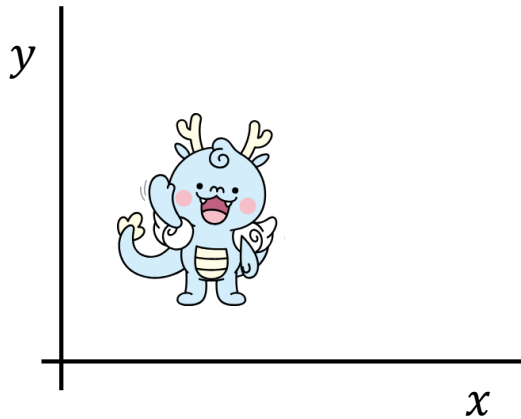
- > The linear function  $f$  is given by  $q \times p$  matrix.  $f(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$
- > What about  $f(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$ ?
  - Ex.  $f(x) = 2x + 5$ , is it a linear function?

# Linear Transformations

- > Linear maps can be categorized geometrically,
  - Scaling
  - Rotation
  - Reflection
  - Shear
  - ...
  
- > Linear maps
  - Origin remains fixed
  - Straight lines remain straight
  - Parallelism is preserved

# Linear Transformations

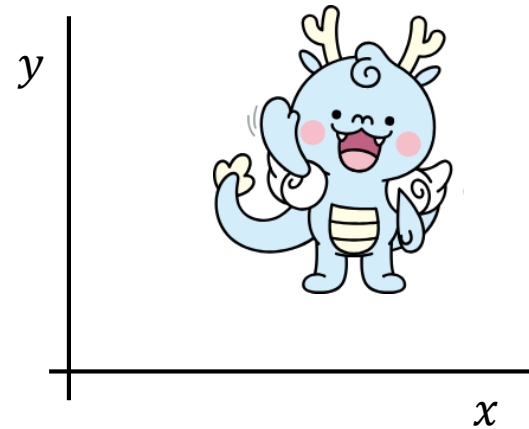
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Scaling  
 $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$

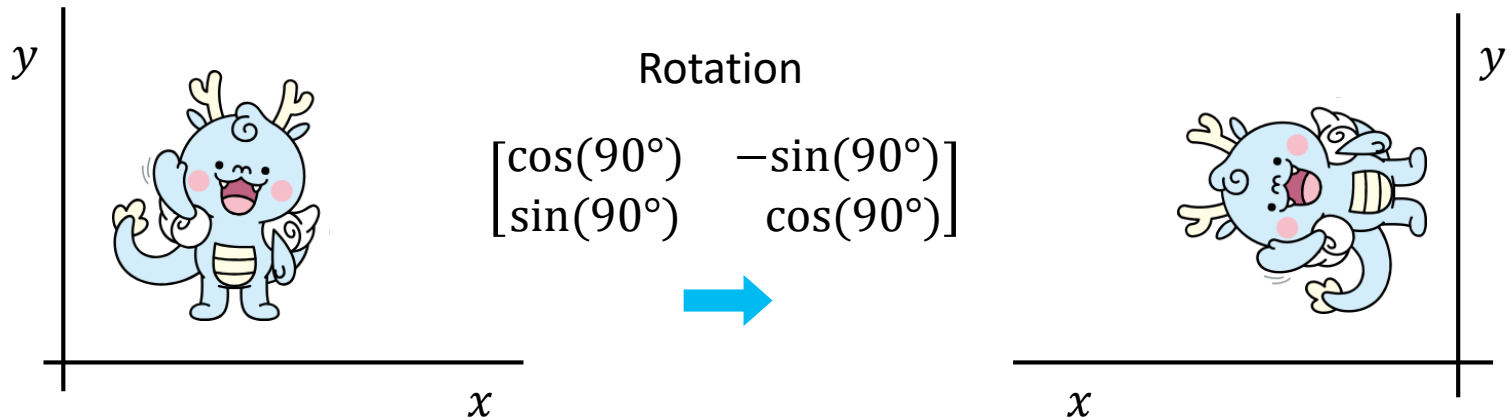
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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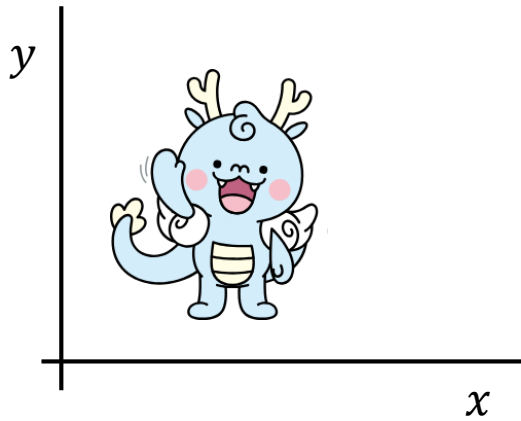
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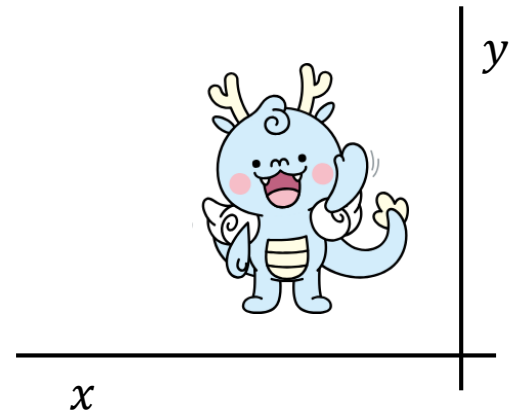
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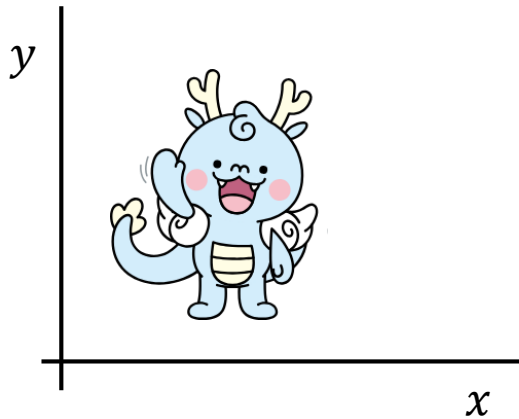
$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$x$

# Linear Transformations

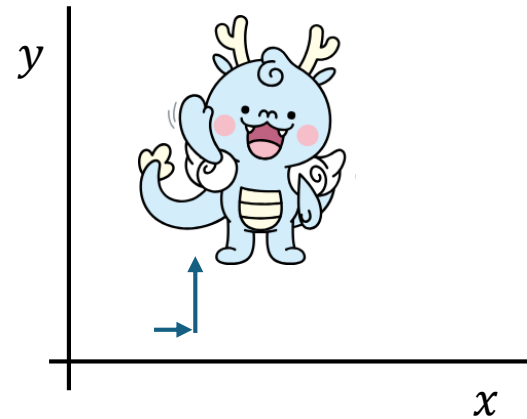
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Translation

$$\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Linear Transformations

## Def. Linear Function

A function  $f: \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  is called **affine** or **affine linear** if there exists a constant vector  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^q$  s.t.

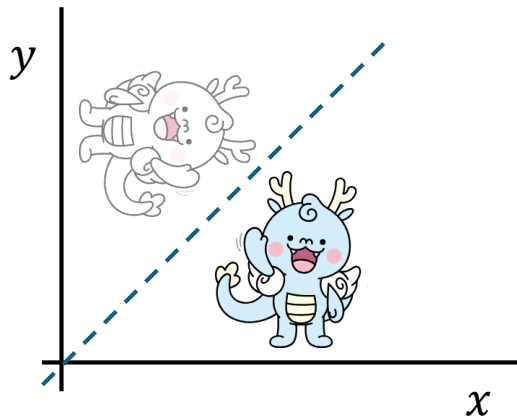
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$$

- > There is a trick to represent the affine map as a linear map in an augmented space
  - Extend the vector  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = [\mathbf{x}^\top, 1]^\top$
  - Augment the transformation matrix  $\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{b} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
  - New linear map  $\mathbf{x}' = \tilde{A}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$
  
- > We call this homogeneous coordinates

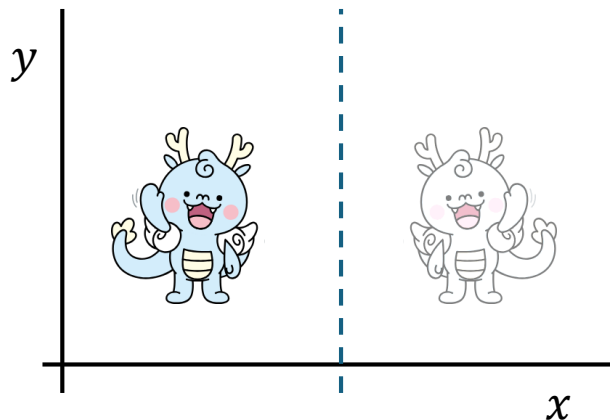


# Linear Transformations

- > Q. Find the reflection matrix  $A$  for the line  $y = x$



- > Q. Find the reflection matrix  $A$  for the line  $x = 4$



# Linear Transformations

## > Check

- [Affine Transformations · Arcane Algorithm Archive](#)
- [Quick Understanding of Homogeneous Coordinates for Computer Graphics](#)