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# 1 Vectors and Matrices

## 1.2 Basic Vector Operations

”It’s important to realize that a vector by itself does not have any specific location in space. The information it possesses is merely an oriented magnitude and nothing more.”

### 1.4.2 Matrix Multiplication

- When an  $n \times p$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is multiplied by  $p \times m$  matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  the  $(i, j)$  entry of the matrix product  $\mathbf{AB}$  is given by:

$$(\mathbf{AB})_{ij} = \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} A_{ik} B_{kj} \quad (1)$$

- The  $(i, j)$  entry of  $(\mathbf{AB})^T$  is the  $(j, i)$  entry of  $\mathbf{AB}$ :

$$(\mathbf{AB})_{ij}^T = (\mathbf{AB})_{ji} = \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} A_{jk} B_{ki} \quad (2)$$

- Multiplying a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  multiplied by a  $3 \times 1$  column vector  $\mathbf{v}$ :

$$\mathbf{Mv} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{00} & M_{01} & M_{02} \\ M_{10} & M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{20} & M_{21} & M_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{00}v_x + M_{01}v_y + M_{02}v_z \\ M_{10}v_x + M_{11}v_y + M_{12}v_z \\ M_{20}v_x + M_{21}v_y + M_{22}v_z \end{bmatrix}$$

- If we write  $\mathbf{M} = [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}]$ , then we have:

$$\mathbf{Mv} = v_x \mathbf{a} + v_y \mathbf{b} + v_z \mathbf{c} \quad (3)$$

- Multiplication of transposed matrices:

$$(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T \quad (4)$$

### 1.5.1 Dot Product

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i b_i = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta \quad (5)$$

- Provides a computationally cheap way to determine how much two vectors are parallel or perpendicular to each other.
- If  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are unit vectors, then  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \cos \theta$  and the range of the cosine function is  $[-1, 1]$
- Assuming  $\|\mathbf{a}\| = \|\mathbf{b}\|$ ,  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$  is:
  - Maximally positive when  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  point in the same direction.
  - Maximally negative when  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  point in opposite directions.
  - Zero when  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are perpendicular, regardless of magnitude

- Squared magnitude of a vector:

$$v^2 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 \quad (6)$$

### 1.5.2 Cross Product

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = (a_y b_z - a_z b_y, a_z b_x - a_x b_z, a_x b_y - a_y b_x) \quad (7)$$

- Can also be expressed as a matrix product by forming a special  $3 \times 3$  antisymmetric matrix denoted by

$$[\mathbf{a}]_{\times} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_z & a_y \\ a_z & 0 & -a_x \\ -a_y & a_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = [\mathbf{a}]_{\times} \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_z & a_y \\ a_z & 0 & -a_x \\ -a_y & a_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \\ b_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -a_z b_y + a_y b_z \\ a_z b_x - a_x b_z \\ -a_y b_x + a_x b_y \end{bmatrix}$$

- Only defined for 3-dimensions, whereas dot product is defined for all numbers of dimensions
- Actually a subtle misinterpretation of a more general and more algebraically sound operation called the *wedge product*.
- Zero when  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are parallel
- When  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are not parallel,  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$  is a new vector that is perpendicular to both  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$
- Has a magnitude equal to the area of the parallelogram having sides  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ :

$$\|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}\| = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \sin \theta \quad (9)$$

- Other identities:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} &= -\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) &= \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}) - \mathbf{c}(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) \end{aligned}$$

### 1.5.3 Scalar Triple Product

$$[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}] = (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c} = (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) \cdot \mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{b} \quad (10)$$

### 1.6 Vector Projection

- Projection of  $\mathbf{a}$  onto  $\mathbf{b}$ :

$$\mathbf{a}_{\parallel \mathbf{b}} = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{b^2} \mathbf{b} \quad (11)$$

- $\mathbf{a}_{\parallel \mathbf{b}}$  indicates the component of the vector  $\mathbf{a}$  that is parallel to the vector  $\mathbf{b}$  (alternatively  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{a}$ )

$$\mathbf{a}_{\parallel \mathbf{b}} = \frac{1}{b^2} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{b^2} \begin{bmatrix} b_x^2 & b_x b_y & b_x b_z \\ b_x b_y & b_y^2 & b_y b_z \\ b_x b_z & b_y b_z & b_z^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

- Where  $\mathbf{b} \mathbf{b}^T$  is a symmetric matrix and an example of an *outer product*

$$\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}^T = \begin{bmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \\ u_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_x & v_y & v_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_x v_x & u_x v_y & u_x v_z \\ u_y v_x & u_y v_y & u_y v_z \\ u_z v_x & u_z v_y & u_z v_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

- If we subtract the projection  $\mathbf{a}_{\parallel \mathbf{b}}$  from the original vector  $\mathbf{a}$ , then we get the part that is perpendicular to the vector  $\mathbf{b}$ , called the rejection of  $\mathbf{a}$  from  $\mathbf{b}$ .

$$\mathbf{a}_{\perp \mathbf{b}} = \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a}_{\parallel \mathbf{b}} = \mathbf{a} - \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{b^2} \mathbf{b} \quad (14)$$

- From a set of  $n$  linearly independent vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ , the *Gram-Schmidt process* can be used to produce a set of mutually orthogonal vectors  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$ . For example, a set of 3 vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is orthogonalized using the calculations:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_1 &= \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \mathbf{u}_2 &= \mathbf{v}_2 - (\mathbf{v}_2)_{\parallel \mathbf{u}_1} \\ \mathbf{u}_3 &= \mathbf{v}_3 - (\mathbf{v}_3)_{\parallel \mathbf{u}_1} - (\mathbf{v}_3)_{\parallel \mathbf{u}_2} \end{aligned}$$

It is common that the vectors  $\mathbf{u}_i$  be renormalized to unit length after the orthogonalization process

## 1.7 Matrix Inversion

The identity matrix:

$$\mathbf{I}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

which allows us to define the inverse of a matrix:

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^{-1} = \mathbf{I} \quad (15)$$

### 1.7.2 Determinants

- A matrix has an inverse if, and only if, its determinant is not zero
- The determinant of any  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  can be expressed using the Leibniz formula for determinants:

$$\det(\mathbf{M}) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \left( \text{sgn}(\sigma) \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} M_{k, \sigma(k)} \right) \quad (16)$$

- Using expansion by minors, the determinant of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  is given by:

$$\det(\mathbf{M}) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} M_{kj} (-1)^{k+j} \left| \mathbf{M}_{\overline{kj}} \right| \quad (17)$$

where  $\mathbf{M}_{\overline{kj}}$  is the submatrix that excludes row  $k$  and column  $j$ , and  $k$  can be chosen to be any fixed row in the matrix.

### 1.7.3 Elementary Matrices

There are 3 elementary row operations:

1. Multiply one row of matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  by a nonzero scalar value  $t$

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & t & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{row } r \quad (18)$$

This causes the determinant of  $\mathbf{M}$  to be multiplied by  $t$ .

2. Exchange 2 rows of  $\mathbf{M}$

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{row } r \\ \\ \leftarrow \text{row } s \end{matrix} \quad (19)$$

This causes the determinant of  $\mathbf{M}$  to be negated. Because of this, the determinant of  $\mathbf{M}$  is zero if any 2 rows are the same.

3. Add a scalar multiple of one row of  $\mathbf{M}$  to another row of  $\mathbf{M}$

$$\begin{matrix} & & \text{column } s \\ & & \downarrow \\ \mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \\ \leftarrow \text{row } r \\ \\ \leftarrow \text{row } s \end{matrix} \end{matrix} \quad (20)$$

This does not change the determinant of  $\mathbf{M}$ .

### 1.7.4 Inverse Calculation

If it exists, the inverse of a matrix can be found using *Gauss-Jordan elimination*, where elementary row operations are successively applied to the matrix until it is transformed into the identity matrix.

- General method for square matrices of any size
- For matrices of smaller size, faster methods exist

### 1.7.5 Inverses of Small Matrices

This approach uses the minors with alternating signs that appear in the formula for the determinant given by (17).

- The *cofactor* of the  $(i, j)$  entry of  $\mathbf{M}$ :

$$C_{ij}(\mathbf{M}) = (-1)^{i+j} \left| \mathbf{M}_{\overline{ij}} \right| \quad (21)$$

- The *cofactor matrix*  $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{M})$  of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  is the matrix in which every entry of  $\mathbf{M}$  has been replaced by the corresponding cofactor.
- The formula for the inverse of a matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  using its cofactor matrix:

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{\mathbf{C}^T(\mathbf{M})}{\det(\mathbf{M})} \quad (22)$$

- The matrix  $\mathbf{C}^T$  is called the *adjugate* of the matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ , and it is denoted by  $\text{adj}(\mathbf{M})$
- For a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , the explicit inverse formula is

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{A_{00}A_{11} - A_{01}A_{10}} \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & -A_{01} \\ -A_{10} & -A_{00} \end{bmatrix} \quad (23)$$

- For a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ , the explicit inverse formula is

$$\mathbf{B}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{B})} \begin{bmatrix} B_{11}B_{22} - B_{12}B_{21} & B_{02}B_{21} - B_{01}B_{22} & B_{01}B_{12} - B_{02}B_{11} \\ B_{12}B_{20} - B_{10}B_{22} & B_{00}B_{22} - B_{02}B_{20} & B_{02}B_{10} - B_{00}B_{12} \\ B_{10}B_{21} - B_{11}B_{20} & B_{01}B_{20} - B_{00}B_{21} & B_{00}B_{11} - B_{01}B_{10} \end{bmatrix} \quad (24)$$

Note that each row in this formula is a cross product of two columns of the matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ , and the determinant is equal to the triple product (10) of the three columns of the matrix.

- The inverse of a matrix  $\mathbf{M} = [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}]$  whose column are the 3D vectors  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$  can be written as

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{[\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}]} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix} \quad (25)$$

where the cross products are treated as row vectors.

- Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a  $4 \times 4$  matrix whose first 3 rows are filled by the four 3D column vectors  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$ , and  $\mathbf{d}$ , and whose fourth row contains the entries  $[x \ y \ z \ w]$

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{b} & \mathbf{c} & \mathbf{d} \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ - & - & - & - \\ x & y & z & w \end{bmatrix} \quad (26)$$

Then we define the four vectors  $\mathbf{s}$ ,  $\mathbf{t}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}$ , as

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} \quad (27)$$

$$\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d} \quad (28)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = y\mathbf{a} - x\mathbf{b} \quad (29)$$

$$\mathbf{v} = w\mathbf{c} - z\mathbf{d} \quad (30)$$

The determinant takes the form

$$\det(\mathbf{M}) = \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{u} \quad (31)$$

and the inverse of  $\mathbf{M}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{u}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{v} + y\mathbf{t} & -\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{a} - x\mathbf{t} & \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{d} \times \mathbf{u} + w\mathbf{s} & -\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{s} \\ \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{c} + z\mathbf{s} & \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{s} \end{bmatrix} \quad (32)$$

## 2 Transformations

### 2.1 Coordinate Spaces

#### 2.1.1 Transformation Matrices

- The transformation from a position  $\mathbf{p}_A$  in coordinate system  $A$  to the position  $\mathbf{p}_B$  in coordinate system  $B$  can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{p}_B = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{p}_A + \mathbf{t} \quad (33)$$

where  $\mathbf{M}$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix that reorients the coordinate axes, and  $\mathbf{t}$  is a 3D translation vector that moves the origin of the coordinate system.

#### 2.1.2 Orthogonal Transforms

- The inverse of an orthogonal matrix is equal to its transpose. Assuming that  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$  all have unit length and are mutually perpendicular

$$\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \leftarrow & \mathbf{a}^T & \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow & \mathbf{b}^T & \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow & \mathbf{c}^T & \rightarrow \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{b} & \mathbf{c} \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 & \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} & \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a} & b^2 & \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{b} & c^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (34)$$

Since  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$  each have unit length and are perpendicular, all diagonal entries are ones and all other entries are zero. This means  $\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}$  and, therefore,  $\mathbf{M}^T = \mathbf{M}^{-1}$ .

- Orthogonal matrices preserve the dot product between any two vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ . Given the vectors after they are transformed by orthogonal matrix  $\mathbf{M}$

$$(\mathbf{M}\mathbf{a}) \cdot (\mathbf{M}\mathbf{b}) = (\mathbf{M}\mathbf{a})^T \cdot (\mathbf{M}\mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{M}^T \cdot \mathbf{M}\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \quad (35)$$

Since  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a}$  is the squared magnitude of  $\mathbf{a}$ , (35) also proves that magnitude is not changed by an orthogonal matrix. It must therefore also be true that the angle  $\theta$  between  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  is unchanged.

- The transform performed by an orthogonal matrix is always a rotation, a reflection, or a combination of the two.
- The determinant of an orthogonal matrix is always  $\pm 1$ , positive for a pure rotation and negative for a rotation with a reflection.

### 2.1.3 Transform Composition

- Whenever a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  is transformed by a matrix  $\mathbf{M}_1$ , then by a matrix  $\mathbf{M}_2$ , the result  $\mathbf{v}'$  is calculated by:

$$\mathbf{v}' = \mathbf{M}_2 (\mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{M}_1) \mathbf{v} \quad (36)$$

- To perform a transform  $\mathbf{A}$  in coordinate system  $A$  in coordinate system  $B$ , where matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  transforms vectors from  $A$  to  $B$ , the equivalent transform  $\mathbf{B}$  in coordinate system  $B$  is

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}^{-1} \quad (37)$$

## 2.2 Rotations

### 2.2.1 Rotation About a Coordinate Axis

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{rot } x}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad (38)$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{rot } y}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad (39)$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{rot } z}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (40)$$

### 2.2.2 Rotation About an Arbitrary Axis

For a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  rotated about a vector  $\mathbf{a}$  by an angle  $\theta$  where the angle between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{a}$  is  $\alpha$

$$\mathbf{v}' = \mathbf{v}_{\parallel \mathbf{a}} + \mathbf{v}_{\perp \mathbf{a}} \cos \theta + (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{v}) \sin \theta \quad (41)$$

which is expressed in matrix format as

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{rot}}(\theta, \mathbf{a}) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta + (1 - \cos \theta) a_x^2 & (1 - \cos \theta) a_x a_y - (\sin \theta) a_z & (1 - \cos \theta) a_x a_z + (\sin \theta) a_y \\ (1 - \cos \theta) a_x a_y + (\sin \theta) a_z & \cos \theta + (1 - \cos \theta) a_y^2 & (1 - \cos \theta) a_y a_z - (\sin \theta) a_x \\ (1 - \cos \theta) a_x a_z - (\sin \theta) a_y & (1 - \cos \theta) a_y a_z + (\sin \theta) a_x & \cos \theta + (1 - \cos \theta) a_z^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (42)$$

## 2.3 Reflections

Vector  $\mathbf{v}$  can be reflected through a plane perpendicular to vector  $\mathbf{a}$  (assuming  $\mathbf{a}$  has unit length)

$$\mathbf{v}' = \mathbf{v}_{\perp \mathbf{a}} - \mathbf{v}_{\parallel \mathbf{a}} \quad (43)$$

with matrix representation

$$\mathbf{v}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - a_x^2 & -a_x a_y & -a_x a_z \\ -a_x a_y & 1 - a_y^2 & -a_y a_z \\ -a_x a_z & -a_y a_z & 1 - a_z^2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} - \begin{bmatrix} a_x^2 & a_x a_y & a_x a_z \\ a_x a_y & a_y^2 & a_y a_z \\ a_x a_z & a_y a_z & a_z^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (44)$$

Combining the matrix terms into a single matrix, we arrive at the formula

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{reflect}}(\mathbf{a}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2a_x^2 & -2a_x a_y & -2a_x a_z \\ -2a_x a_y & 1 - 2a_y^2 & -2a_y a_z \\ -2a_x a_z & -2a_y a_z & 1 - 2a_z^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (45)$$



We can also construct a transform that negates the the perpendicular component instead of the parallel component

$$\mathbf{v}' = \mathbf{v}_{\parallel \mathbf{a}} - \mathbf{v}_{\perp \mathbf{a}} \quad (46)$$

with the matrix form

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{invol}}(\mathbf{a}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2a_x^2 - 1 & 2a_x a_y & 2a_x a_z \\ 2a_x a_y & 2a_y^2 - 1 & 2a_y a_z \\ 2a_x a_z & 2a_y a_z & 2a_z^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (47)$$

where  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{invol}}(\mathbf{a})$  denotes  $\mathbf{M}$  as an *involution*, which is a matrix that, when multiplied by itself, produces the identity matrix.

## 2.4 Scales

A scale transformation aligned to the coordinate axes

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{scale}}(s_x, s_y, s_z) = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (48)$$

To scale a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  along a single arbitrary direction  $\mathbf{a}$  while preserving the vector's size in every direction orthogonal to  $\mathbf{a}$

$$\mathbf{v}' = s\mathbf{v}_{\parallel \mathbf{a}} + \mathbf{v}_{\perp \mathbf{a}} \quad (49)$$

where the transformation matrix is

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{scale}}(s, \mathbf{a}) = \begin{bmatrix} (s-1)a_x^2 + 1 & (s-1)a_x a_y & (s-1)a_x a_z \\ (s-1)a_x a_y & (s-1)a_y^2 + 1 & (s-1)a_y a_z \\ (s-1)a_x a_z & (s-1)a_y a_z & (s-1)a_z^2 + 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (50)$$