

# Algebra and Linear Algebra

**Algebra:** numbers and  
operations on numbers

$$2 + 3 = 5$$

$$3 \cdot 7 = 21$$

**Linear algebra:** tuples, triples,  
... of numbers and operations  
on them

Assists in geometric  
computations

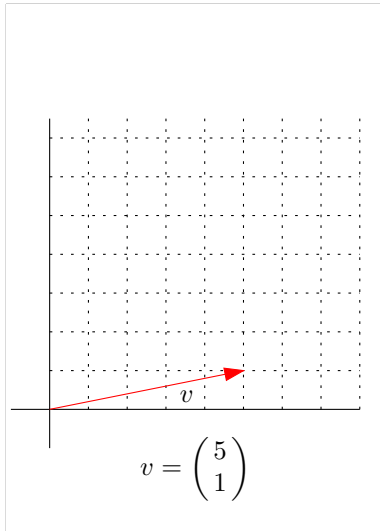
# Vectors: definition

A **vector** in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is an

ordered  $d$ -tuple  $v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_d \end{pmatrix}$ .

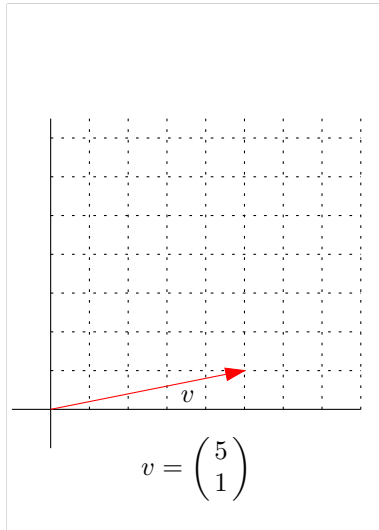
In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , for example:  $v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$

(or  $\begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{pmatrix}$ , or  $\begin{pmatrix} x_v \\ y_v \\ z_v \end{pmatrix}$ , or  
 $(v_1, v_2, v_3)$ , or ...)



# Vectors: algebraic interpretation

A 2D vector  $\begin{pmatrix} x_v \\ y_v \end{pmatrix}$  can be seen as the point  $(x_v, y_v)$  in the Cartesian plane.



# Vectors: notation

A 2D vector should be denoted as  $\begin{pmatrix} x_v \\ y_v \end{pmatrix}$  or as  $(x_v, y_v)^T$ .

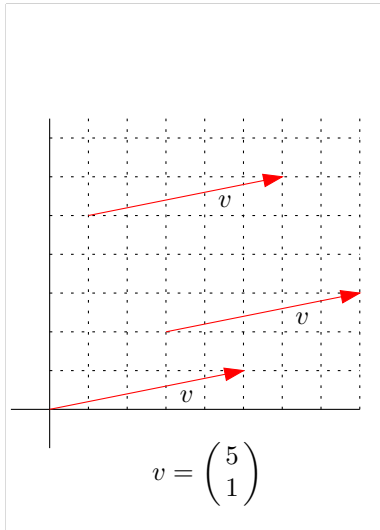
The  $T$  in the exponent stands for 'transposed'.

A 2D point should be denoted as  $(x_v, y_v)$ .

Be aware of misused notation (mostly: point notation used for a vector).

# Vectors: geometric interpretation

A 2D vector  $\begin{pmatrix} x_v \\ y_v \end{pmatrix}$  can be seen as an **offset** from the **origin**. Such an offset (arrow) can be **translated**.



# Vectors: length and scalar multiple

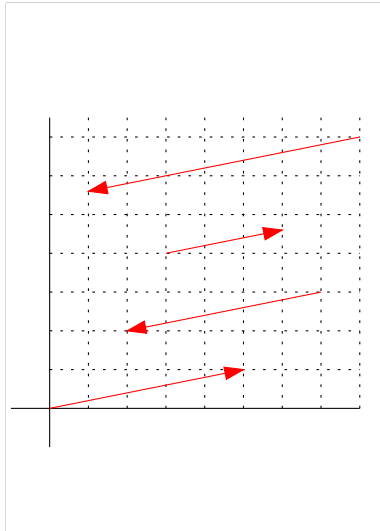
The Euclidean **length** of a  $d$ -dimensional vector  $v$  is

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \cdots + v_d^2}$$

A **scalar multiple** of a  $d$ -dimensional vector  $v$  is

$$\lambda v = (\lambda v_1, \lambda v_2, \dots, \lambda v_d)^T$$

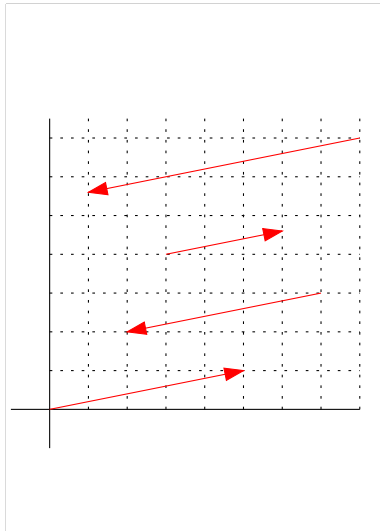
Note that  $v$  and  $\lambda v$  have the same direction or opposite directions



# Parallel vectors

Two vectors  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are *parallel* if one is a scalar multiple of the other, i.e., there is a  $\lambda \neq 0$  such that  $v_2 = \lambda v_1$ .

Note that if one of the vectors is the **null vector**, then the vectors are considered neither parallel nor not parallel.

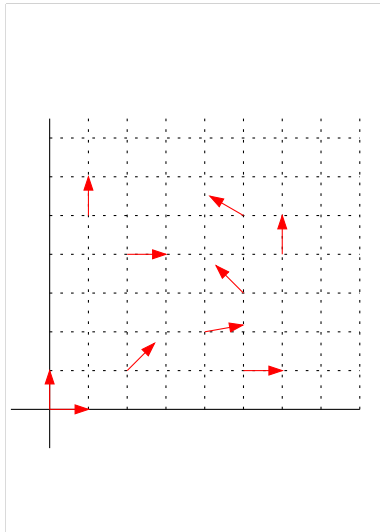


# Unit vectors

A vector  $v$  is a **unit vector** if  $\|v\| = 1$ .

## Normalization

Q: given an arbitrary vector  $v$ , how do we find a unit vector parallel to  $v$ ? Can every vector be normalized?





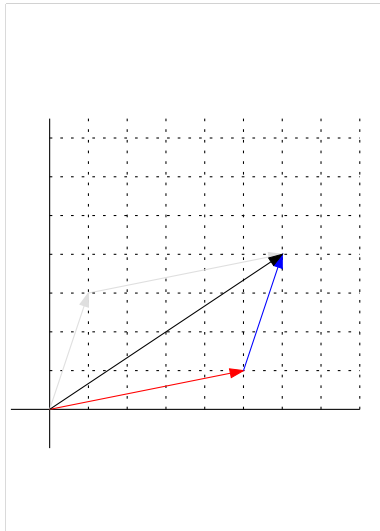
# Addition of vectors

Given two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  
 $v = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_d)^T$  and  
 $w = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d)^T$

their **sum** is defined as

$$v + w = (v_1 + w_1, v_2 + w_2, \dots, v_d + w_d)^T$$

Q: How would **subtraction** be defined?

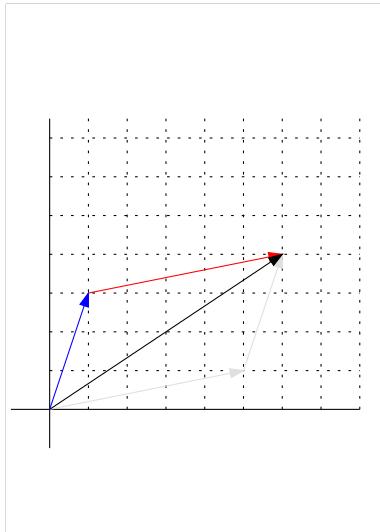


# Addition of vectors

Addition of vectors is commutative, as can be seen easily from the geometric interpretation.

Q: show **algebraically** that vector addition is commutative.

Q: what is the relation between  $\|v\|$ ,  $\|w\|$ , and  $\|v + w\|$ ?

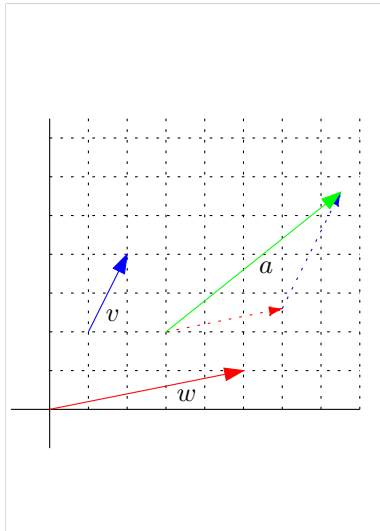


# Bases in 2D

A 2D vector can be expressed as a combination of any pair of non-parallel vectors. For instance, in the image,  $a = 1.5v + 0.6w$ .

Such a pair is called **linearly independent**, and forms a **2D basis**.

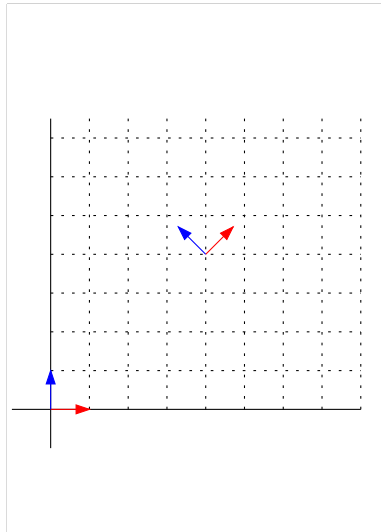
The extension to higher dimensions is straightforward.



# Orthonormal basis in 2D

Two vectors form an **orthonormal basis** in 2D if (1) they are **orthogonal** to each other, and (2) they are unit vectors.

The advantage of an orthonormal basis is that lengths of vectors, expressed in the basis, are easy to calculate.



# The null vector

The null vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is special.

It acts as the zero for addition of vectors.

It is the only vector that has length zero.

It is the only vector that does not have a direction.

It can not be used as a base vector.

# Dot product (inner product, scalar product)

For two vectors  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , the **dot product** is defined as

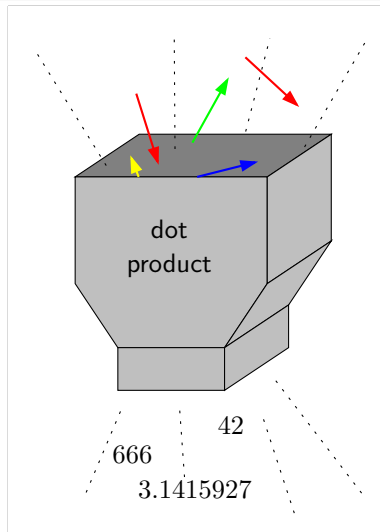
$$v \cdot w = v_1 w_1 + v_2 w_2 + \cdots + v_d w_d,$$

or

$$v \cdot w = \sum_{i=1}^d v_i w_i$$

We have that

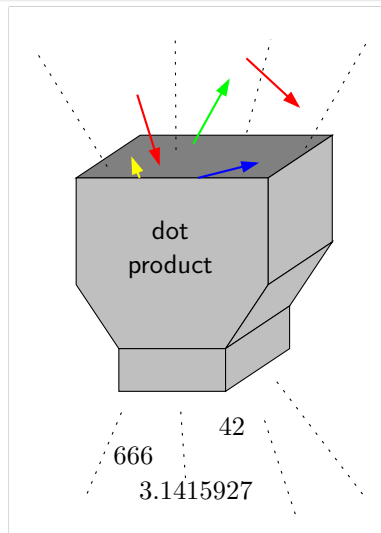
$\cos \theta = \frac{v \cdot w}{\|v\| \|w\|}$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between the two vectors.



# Dot product (inner product, scalar product)

Q: what is the inner product of an arbitrary unit vector with itself?

Q: what do we know if for two vectors  $v$  and  $w$  we have that  $v \cdot w = 0$ ?



# Cross product

For two vectors  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , the **cross product** is defined as

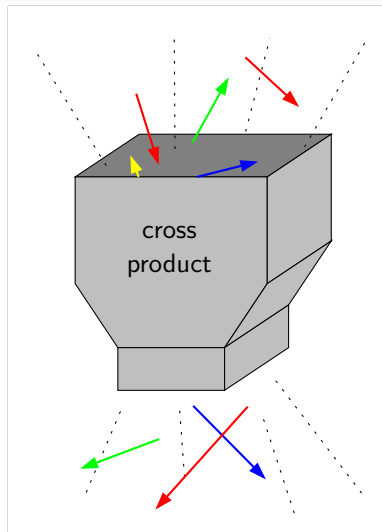
$$v \times w = \begin{bmatrix} v_2 w_3 - v_3 w_2 \\ v_3 w_1 - v_1 w_3 \\ v_1 w_2 - v_2 w_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q: Show that  $v \times w$  is **orthogonal** to both  $v$  and  $w$ .

We have that

$$\|v \times w\| = \|v\| \|w\| \sin \theta,$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $v$  and  $w$ .

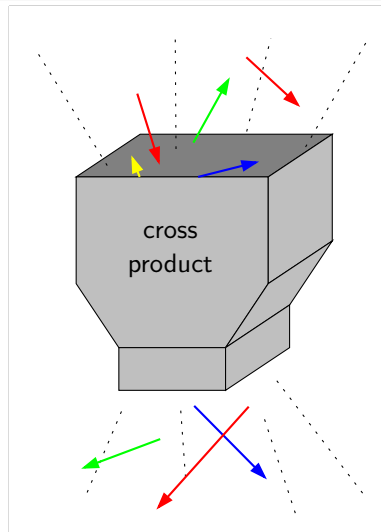




# Cross product

Q: Is it possible or necessary that  $v$  and  $w$  are orthogonal to form  $v \times w$ ?

Q: What is  $v \times w$  if  $v$  and  $w$  are parallel?



# Dot product, cross product, and the null vector

Q: What is the dot product of a vector and the null vector?

Q: What is the cross product of a vector and the null vector?

## Bases in 3D

You need three vectors to form a basis in 3D. If  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  form a basis, then any vector  $a$  in 3D can be expressed as

$$a = \mu u + \lambda v + \rho w$$

where  $\mu$ ,  $\lambda$ , and  $\rho$  are scalars (ordinary numbers).

Q: Let  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  be three vectors (no one the null vector). Suppose that  $u$  and  $v$  are not parallel,  $u$  and  $w$  are not parallel, and  $v$  and  $w$  are not parallel. Do  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  always form a basis?

# Linear dependence in 3D

If for three vectors  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  in 3D (no null vectors), we have

$$w = \mu u + \lambda v$$

where  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  are scalars, then  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  are **linearly dependent**.

If such  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  do not exist, then they are **linearly independent**.

Any three linearly independent vectors in 3D form a 3D basis.

# Orthonormal 3D bases

Three vectors form an **orthonormal basis** in 3D if (1) each pair of them is **orthogonal**, and (2) they are unit vectors.

Q: What would you do to test if three 3D vectors form an orthonormal basis?

# Orthonormal 3D bases

Q: Suppose that two vectors  $u$  and  $v$  in 3D are orthogonal, and they are unit vectors.

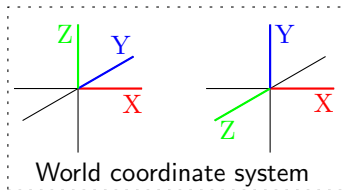
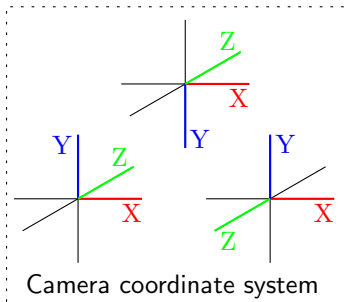
Let  $w$  be the cross-product of  $u$  and  $v$ . What can you say about  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  (do they form an orthonormal basis)?

# Left- and right-handed systems

Coordinate systems in 3D  
come in two flavors:  
**left-handed** and **right-handed**.

There are arguments for both  
left- and right-handed systems  
for

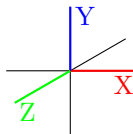
- The global system
- The camera system
- Object systems



# Coordinate transformations

A frequent operation in graphics is the change from one coordinate system (e.g., the  $(u, v, w)$  camera system) to another (e.g., the  $(x, y, z)$  global system).

Having **orthonormal bases** for both systems makes the transformations simpler.



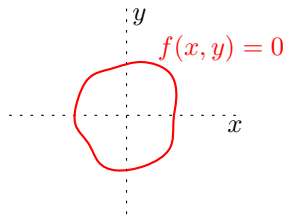
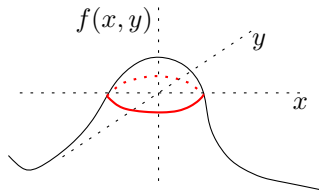


## 2D Implicit curves

An **implicit curve** in 2D has the form

$$f(x, y) = 0$$

$f$  maps two-dimensional points to a real value; the points for which this value is 0 are on the curve, while other points are not on the curve.



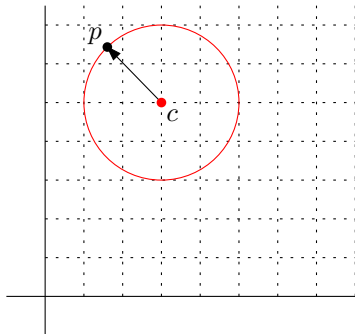
# Implicit representation of circles

The implicit representation of a 2D circle with center  $c$  and radius  $r$  is

$$(x - x_c)^2 + (y - y_c)^2 - r^2 = 0$$

So for any point  $p$  that lies on the circle, we have that

$$(p - c) \cdot (p - c) - r^2 = 0, \text{ so } |p - c|^2 - r^2 = 0, \text{ which gives } |p - c| = r.$$



# Implicit representation of lines

A well-known representation of lines is the **slope-intercept** form  
 $y = ax + b$

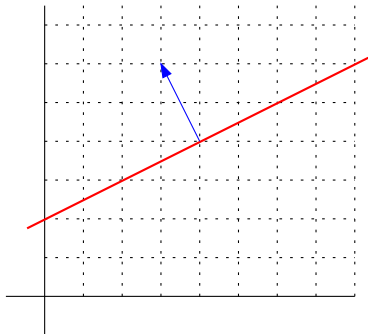
This can easily be converted to  
 $-ax + y - b = 0$ .

If  $b = 0$ , the line intersects the origin, and we have

$n \cdot p = 0$ , with  $p = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  and

$$n = \begin{pmatrix} -a \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Q: What if the line does **not** intersect the origin?

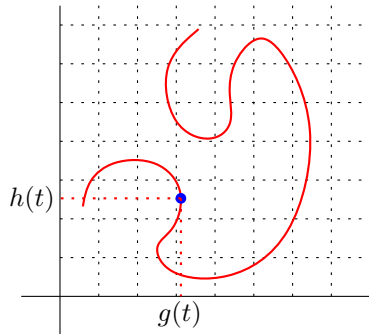


## 2D parametric curves

A **parametric** curve is controlled by a single **parameter**, and has the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} g(t) \\ h(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

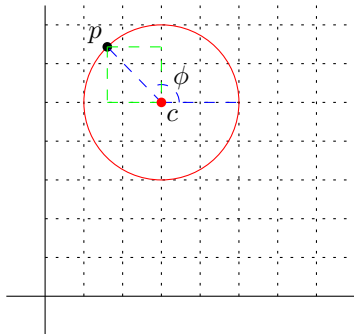
Parametric representations have some advantages over functions, even if a function would suffice to represent the curve.



# Parametric equation of a circle

The parametric equation of a 2D circle with center  $c$  and radius  $r$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_c + r \cos \phi \\ y_c + r \sin \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

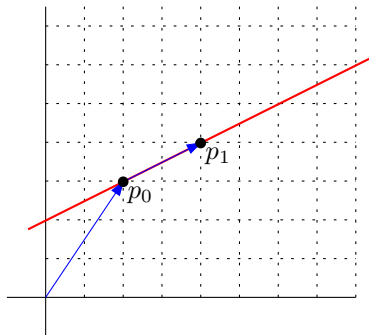


## Parametric equation of a line

The parametric equation of a line through the points  $p_0$  and  $p_1$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{p_0} + t(x_{p_1} - x_{p_0}) \\ y_{p_0} + t(y_{p_1} - y_{p_0}) \end{pmatrix}$$

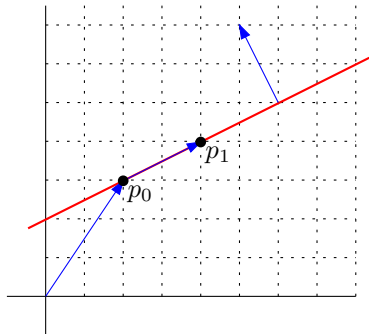
As we have seen before, this can alternatively be written as  $p(t) = p_0 + t(p_1 - p_0)$ .



# Conversion between representations

It is convenient to be able to convert a parametric equation of a line into an implicit equation, and vice versa.

Q: how do we do that?



# Implicit surfaces: from 2D to 3D

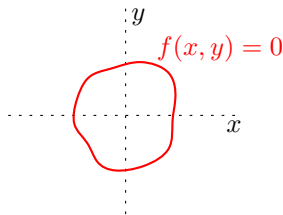
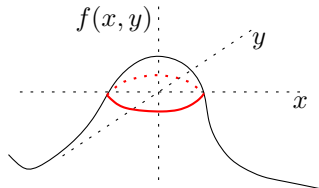
Recall that an **implicit curve** has the form

$$f(x, y) = 0$$

The 3D generalization is an **implicit surface** with a similar form

$$f(x, y, z) = 0$$

Fun project: try to draw the 4D image of the graph of such a function ...



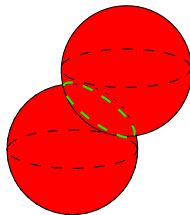
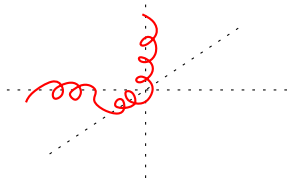


## Implicit one-dimensional curves in 3D?

Cooking up an implicit function for a **one-dimensional** thingy in 3D is in general not possible; such thingies are **degenerate** surfaces.

E.g.,  $x^2 + y^2 = 0$  is a **cylinder** with **radius 0**: the  $Z$ -axis.

More complex curves can be described as the **intersection** of two or more implicit surfaces.



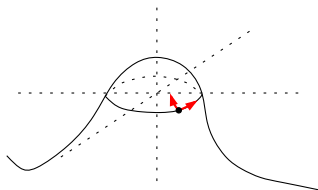
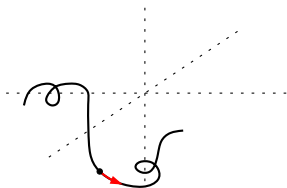
# Parametric curves and surfaces

As opposed to implicit curves,  
it is possible to specify  
**parametric curves** in 3D:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= f(t), \\y &= g(t), \\z &= h(t).\end{aligned}$$

**Parametric surfaces** depend on  
two parameters:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= f(u, v), \\y &= g(u, v), \\z &= h(u, v).\end{aligned}$$



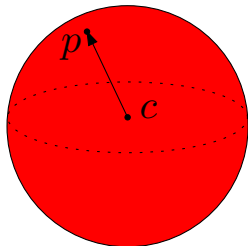
## Implicit spheres

We have already seen the  
**sphere equation**:

$$(x - c_x)^2 + (y - c_y)^2 + (z - c_z)^2 - r^2 = 0$$

Just as in the circle case, this  
can be written in **dot product  
form** for any point  $p$  on the  
sphere:

$$(p - c) \cdot (p - c) - r^2 = 0, \text{ or} \\ |p - c|^2 - r^2 = 0, \text{ or} \\ |p - c| = r.$$

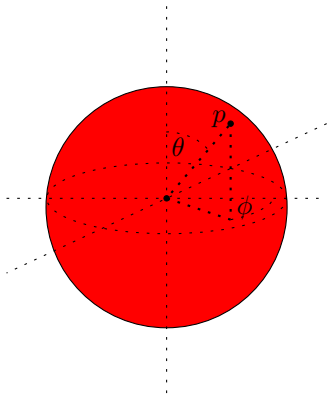


## Parametric spheres

Spheres can also be represented **parametrically**. For instance, a sphere with radius  $r$  centered at the origin has the equation:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= r \cos \phi \sin \theta, \\y &= r \sin \phi \sin \theta, \\z &= r \cos \theta\end{aligned}$$

Q: What would the equation for a sphere with radius  $r$  centered at  $c = (c_x, c_y, c_z)$  be?



## Parametric spheres

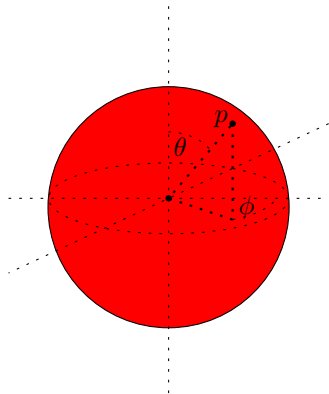
$$x = r \cos \phi \sin \theta,$$

$$y = r \sin \phi \sin \theta,$$

$$z = r \cos \theta$$

The parametric representation of a sphere looks much more inconvenient than the implicit equation.

However, when we have to do **texture mapping**, the parametric representation turns out to be quite convenient.



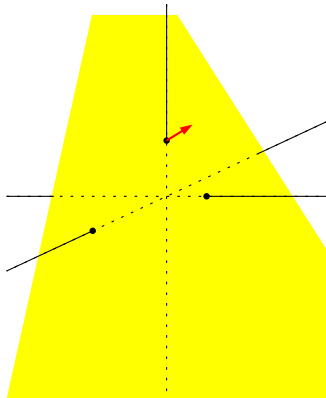
## Implicit planes

The **implicit equation** for a plane in 3D looks a lot like the equation for a line in 2D:

$$ax + by + cz - d = 0$$

Here,  $(a, b, c)$  is a **normal vector** of the plane.

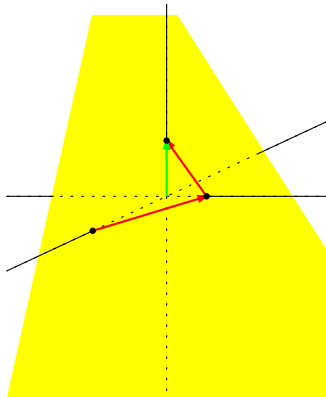
Q: what is the meaning of  $d$ ?



## Parametric planes

Planes can also be described **parametrically**. Instead of one **direction vector** (as for lines), we need two:

$$(x, y, z) = (x_p, y_p, z_p) + s(x_v, y_v, z_v) + t(x_w, y_w, z_w).$$



## Implicit and parametric planes

Implicit:

$$ax + by + cz - d = 0$$

Parametric:

$$(x, y, z) = (x_p, y_p, z_p) + s(x_v, y_v, z_v) + t(x_w, y_w, z_w).$$

Q: Is an implicit description of a plane in 3D unique?

Q: Is a parametric description of a plane in 3D unique?



## $n \times n$ matrices

The **system of  $m$  linear equations** in  $n$  variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\ &\vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n &= b_m \end{aligned}$$

can be written as a **matrix equation** by  $Ax = b$ , or in full

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

## $n \times n$ matrices

The matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

has  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns, and is called an  $m \times n$  matrix.

## Special matrices

A **square** matrix (for which  $m = n$ ) is called a **diagonal matrix** if all elements  $a_{ij}$  for which  $i \neq j$  are zero. If all elements  $a_{ii}$  are one, then the matrix is called an **identity matrix**, denoted with  $I_m$  (depending on the context, the subscript  $m$  may be left out).

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If all matrix entries are zero, then the matrix is called a **zero matrix** or **null matrix**, denoted with  $0$ .

## Matrix addition

For two matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , we have  $A + B = C$ , with  $c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 10 \\ 8 & 11 \\ 9 & 12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 14 \\ 10 & 16 \\ 12 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q: what are the conditions for the dimensions of the matrices  $A$  and  $B$ ?

# Matrix multiplication

Multiplying a matrix with a scalar is defined as follows:  $cA = B$ , with  $b_{ij} = ca_{ij}$ . For example,

$$2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 8 & 10 & 12 \\ 14 & 16 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Matrix multiplication

Multiplying two matrices is a bit more involved.

We have  $AB = C$  with  $c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj}$ . For example,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 & 1 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 & 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 & 2 \\ 37 & 5 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q: what are the conditions for the dimensions of the matrices  $A$  and  $B$ ? What are the dimensions of  $C$ ?

## Properties of matrix multiplication

Matrix multiplication is **associative** and **distributive over addition**:

$$\begin{aligned}(AB)C &= A(BC) \\ A(B+C) &= AB+AC \\ (A+B)C &= AC+BC\end{aligned}$$

However, matrix multiplication is **not commutative**:  
in general,  $AB \neq BA$ .

Also: if  $AB = AC$ , it doesn't necessarily follow that  $B = C$  (even if  $A$  is not the zero matrix).

## Zero and identity matrix

The zero matrix  $0$  has the property that if you add it to another matrix  $A$ , you get precisely  $A$  again.

$$A + 0 = 0 + A = A$$

The identity matrix  $I$  has the property that if you multiply it with another matrix  $A$ , you get precisely  $A$  again.

$$AI = IA = A$$



## Matrix multiplication as a linear transformation: 2D

The matrix multiplication of a  $2 \times 2$  square matrix and a  $2 \times 1$  matrix gives a new  $2 \times 1$  matrix, e.g.:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can interpret a  $2 \times 1$  matrix as a vector; the  $2 \times 2$  matrix **transforms** any vector into another vector.

More later ...

# Transposed matrices

The **transpose**  $A^T$  of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix that is obtained by interchanging the rows and columns of  $A$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{m1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{m2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1n} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Transposed matrices

for example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

For the **transpose of the product** of two matrices we have

$$(AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

## The dot product revisited

If we regard (column) vectors as matrices, we see that the inproduct of two vectors can be written as  $u \cdot v = u^T v$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = 32$$

(A  $1 \times 1$  matrix is simply a number, and the brackets are omitted.)

# Inverse matrices

The **inverse** of a matrix  $A$  is a matrix  $A^{-1}$  such that  $AA^{-1} = I$ .

Only square matrices **possibly** have an inverse.

Note that the inverse of  $A^{-1}$  is  $A$ , so we have  $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$

# Gaussian elimination

Matrices are a convenient way of representing **systems of linear equations**:

$$\begin{aligned}a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\&\vdots \\a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n &= b_m\end{aligned}$$

If such a system has a unique solution, it can be solved with **Gaussian elimination**.

# Gaussian elimination

Permitted operations in Gaussian elimination are

- interchanging two rows.
- multiplying a row with a (non-zero) constant.
- adding a multiple of another row to a row.

# Gaussian elimination

Matrices are not necessary for Gaussian elimination, but very convenient, especially **augmented matrices**. The augmented matrix corresponding to the system of equations on the previous slides is

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array} \right]$$



## Gaussian elimination: example

Suppose we want to solve the following system:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + 2z &= 17 \\ 2x + y + z &= 15 \\ x + 2y + 3z &= 26\end{aligned}$$

Q: what is the **geometric interpretation** of this system? And what is the interpretation of its solution?

# Gaussian elimination: example

Applying the rules in a **clever order**, we get

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 17 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 15 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 26 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 17 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & -19 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 17 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 19 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 19 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -10 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 19 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

## Gaussian elimination: example

The interpretation of the last augmented matrix  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right]$

is the very convenient system of linear equations

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x & = & 3 \\ y & = & 4 \\ z & = & 5 \end{array}$$

In other words, the point  $(3, 4, 5)$  satisfies all three equations.

## Gaussian elimination: geometric interpretation

We started with three equations, which are implicit representations of planes:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + 2z &= 17 \\2x + y + z &= 15 \\x + 2y + 3z &= 26\end{aligned}$$

We ended with three other equations, which can also be interpreted as planes:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 3 \\y &= 4 \\z &= 5\end{aligned}$$

The steps in Gaussian elimination preserve the location of the solution.

## Gaussian elimination: possible outcomes in 3D

Since any linear equation in three variables is a plane in 3D, we can interpret the possible outcomes of systems of three equations.

- 1 Three planes intersect in one point: the system has one unique solution
- 2 Three planes do not have a common intersection: the system has no solution
- 3 Three planes have a line in common: the system has many solutions

The three planes can also coincide, then the equations are equivalent.

## Gaussian elimination: inverting matrices

The same procedure can also be used to invert matrices:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{7}{6} & -\frac{1}{6} & -\frac{2}{6} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{5}{6} & \frac{5}{6} & -\frac{2}{6} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{6} & -\frac{2}{6} & \frac{2}{6} \end{array} \right]$$

## Gaussian elimination: inverting matrices

The last augmented matrix tells us that the inverse of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

equals

$$\frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -1 & -2 \\ -5 & 5 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Gaussian elimination: inverting matrices

When does a (square) matrix have an inverse?

If and only if its columns, seen as vectors, are linearly independent.

Equivalently, if and only if its rows, seen as transposed vectors, are linearly independent.

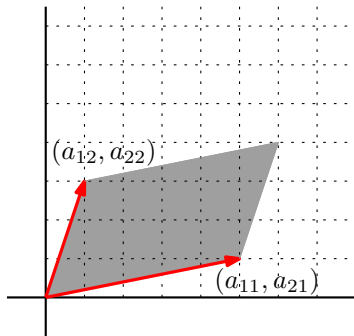


# Determinants

The **determinant** of a matrix is the **signed volume** spanned by the column vectors. The determinant  $\det A$  of a matrix  $A$  is also written as  $|A|$ . For example,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = |A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix}$$



# Computing determinants

Determinants can be computed as follows:

The determinant of a matrix is the sum of the products of the elements of any row or column of the matrix with their **cofactors**

If only we knew what cofactors are. . .

# Cofactors

Take a deep breath...

The cofactor of an entry  $a_{ij}$  in an  $n \times n$  matrix  $a$  is the **determinant of the  $(n - 1) \times (n - 1)$  matrix  $A'$**  that is obtained from  $A$  by removing the  $i$ -th row and the  $j$ -th column, multiplied by  $-1^{i+j}$ .

Right: long live recursion!

Q: what is the bottom of this recursion?

# Cofactors

Example: for a  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $A$ , the cofactor of the entry  $a_{13}$  is

$$a_{13}^c = \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{44} \end{vmatrix}$$

and  $|A| = a_{12}a_{12}^c + a_{22}a_{22}^c + a_{32}a_{32}^c + a_{42}a_{42}^c$

# Determinants and cofactors

## Example

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 6 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 6 & 7 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= 0(32 - 35) - 1(24 - 30) + 2(21 - 24) \\
 &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

# Systems of linear equations and determinants

Consider our system of linear equations again:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + 2z &= 17 \\ 2x + y + z &= 15 \\ x + 2y + 3z &= 26\end{aligned}$$

Such a system of  $n$  equations in  $n$  unknowns can be solved by using determinants. In general, if we have  $Ax = b$ , then  $x_i = \frac{|A^i|}{|A|}$ , where  $A^i$  is obtained from  $A$  by replacing the  $i$ -th column with  $b$ .

# Determinants and systems of linear equations

So for our system

$$x + y + 2z = 17$$

$$2x + y + z = 15$$

$$x + 2y + 3z = 26$$

we have

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 17 & 1 & 2 \\ 15 & 1 & 1 \\ 26 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}}$$

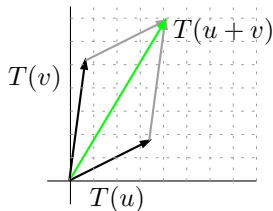
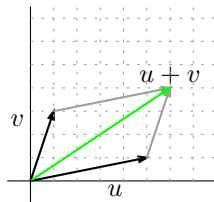
$$y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 17 & 2 \\ 2 & 15 & 1 \\ 1 & 26 & 3 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$z = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 17 \\ 2 & 1 & 15 \\ 1 & 2 & 26 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}}$$

# Linear transformations

A function  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is called a **linear transformation** if it satisfies

- 1  $T(u + v) = T(u) + T(v)$  for all  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- 2  $T(cv) = cT(v)$  for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and all scalars  $c$ .





# Linear transformations in graphics

Many transformations that we use in graphics are linear transformations.

Linear transformations can be represented by **matrices**.

A **sequence** of linear transformations can be represented with a **single** matrix.

With some tricks, we can represent **translations** and **perspective projections** with matrices as well.

# Matrices and linear transformations

A  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  represents the linear transformation that maps the vector  $(x \ y)^T$  to the vector  $(ax + by \ cx + dy)^T$ .

Or (more readable):  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{bmatrix}$

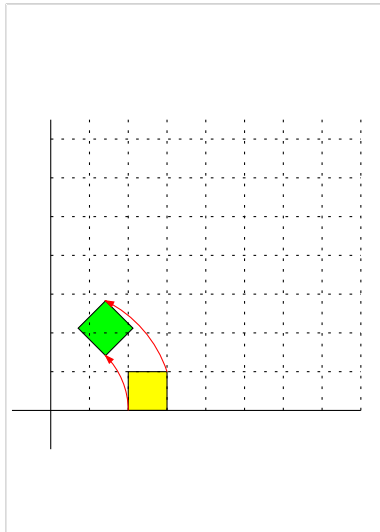
A  $2 \times 3$  matrix is a linear transformation that maps a 3D vector to a 2D vector (from some 3-dim. space to some 2-dim. plane).

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by + cz \\ dx + ey + fz \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example: rotation

To **rotate**  $45^\circ$  about the origin,  
we apply the matrix

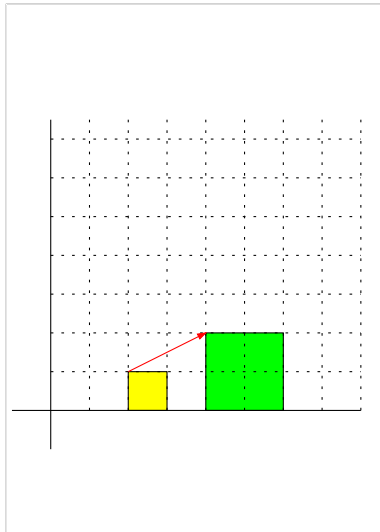
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$



## Example: scaling

To **scale** with a factor two with respect to the origin, we apply the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

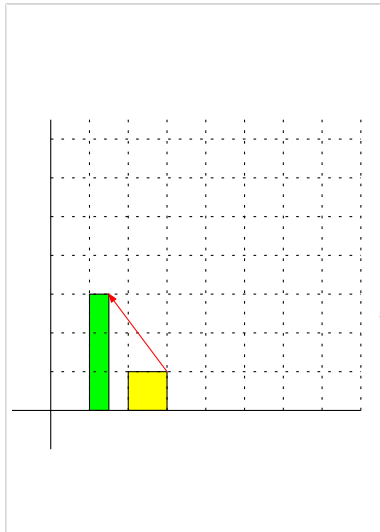


## Example: scaling

Scaling doesn't have to be **uniform**. Here, we scale with a factor one half in  $x$ -direction, and three in  $y$ -direction:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q: what is the inverse of this matrix?

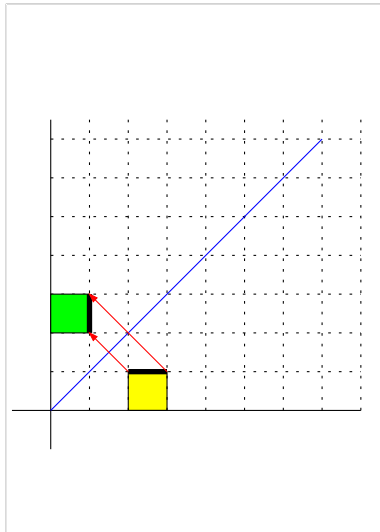


## Example: reflection

**Reflection** in the line  $y = x$   
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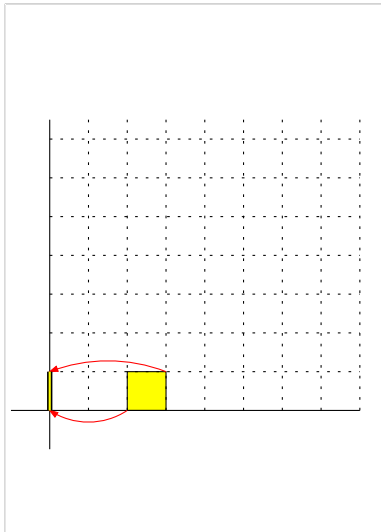


## Example: projection

We can also use matrices to do **orthographic projections**, for instance, onto the  $Y$ -axis:

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

Q: what is the inverse of this matrix?

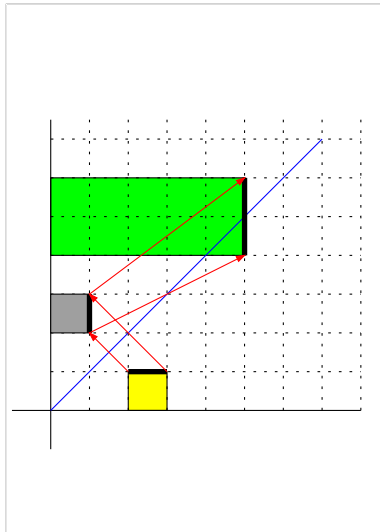


## Example: reflection and scaling

Multiple transformations can be combined into one. Here, we first do a reflection in the line  $y = x$ , and then we scale with a factor 5 in  $x$ -direction, and a factor 2 in  $y$ -direction:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q: Why is the transformation that is done first **rightmost**?



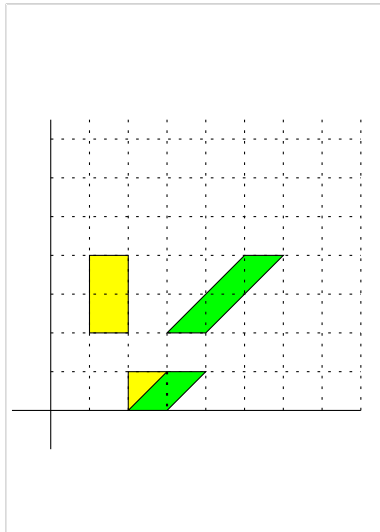


## Example: shearing

**Shearing** in  $x$ -direction pushes things sideways:

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

Q: What happens with the  $x$ -coordinate of points that are transformed with this matrix?  
And what with the  $y$ -coordinates? What is the inverse of this matrix?

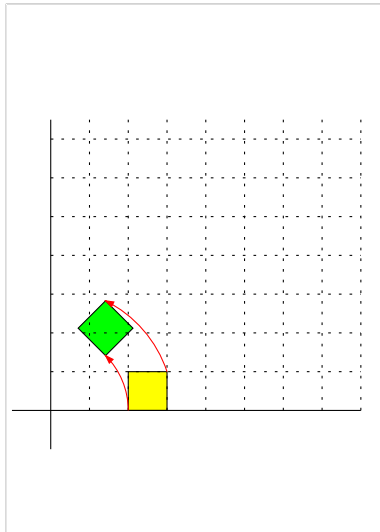


# Finding matrices

Applying matrices is pretty straightforward, but how do we find the matrix for a given linear transformation?

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

Q: what is the significance of the column vectors of  $A$ ?



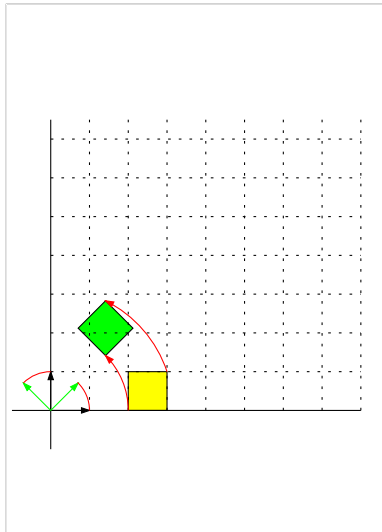
## Finding matrices

Aha! The **column vectors** of a transformation matrix are the **images of the base vectors**!

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and}$$

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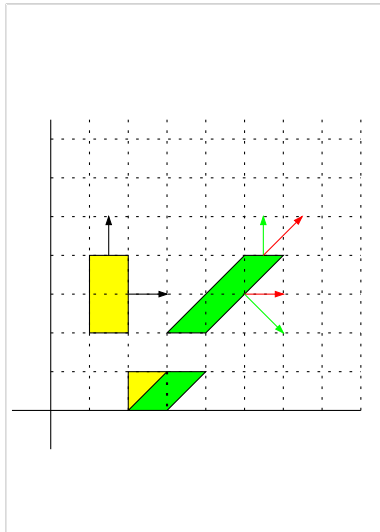
That gives us an easy method of finding the matrix for a given linear transformation.



## Transposing normal vectors

Unfortunately, **normal vectors** are **not always transformed properly**. To transform a normal vector  $n$  under a given linear transformation  $A$ , we have to apply the matrix  $(A^{-1})^T$ .

Q: obviously, for shearing, normal vectors “behave funny”. But what about rotations? And scalings (uniform and non-uniform)?



## Area and determinant

For any linear transformation, the determinant represents the **size change** (actually: the absolute value of the determinant).

For example, if a  $2 \times 2$  matrix has determinant 3 or  $-3$ , then the linear transformation transforms a unit square to a shape with area 3.

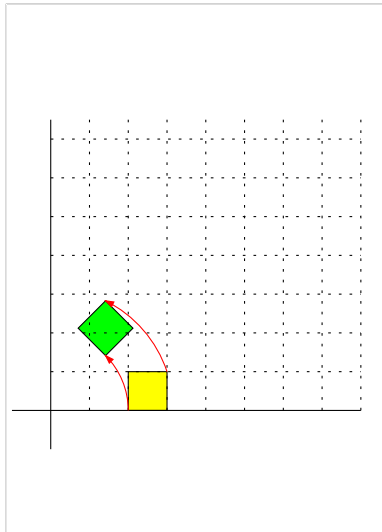
Q: What is going on when the determinant is zero?

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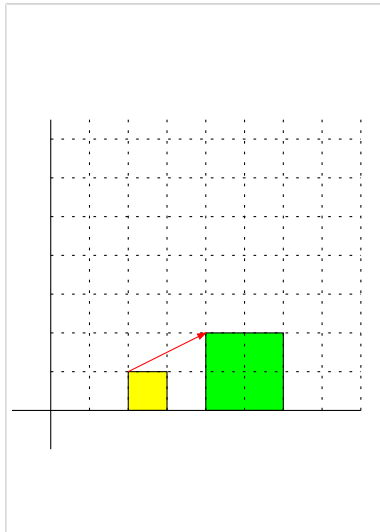


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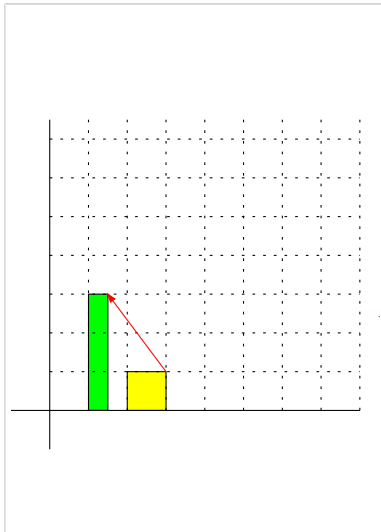


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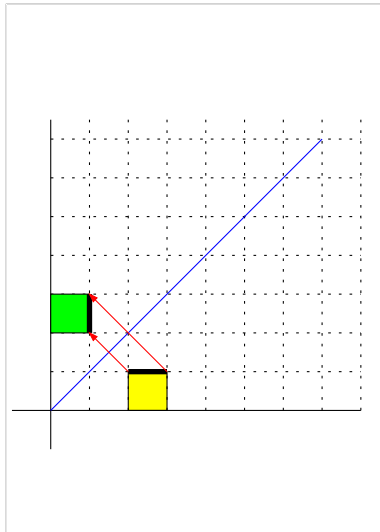


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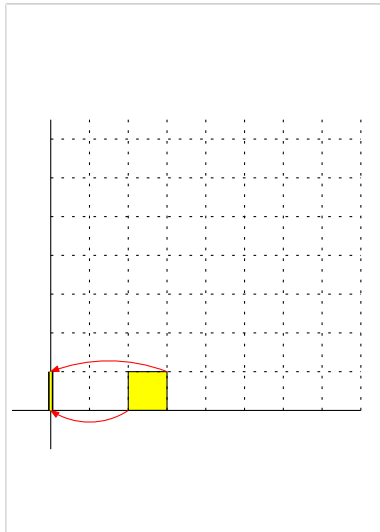


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Q: What is the determinant?



# Determinant = 0

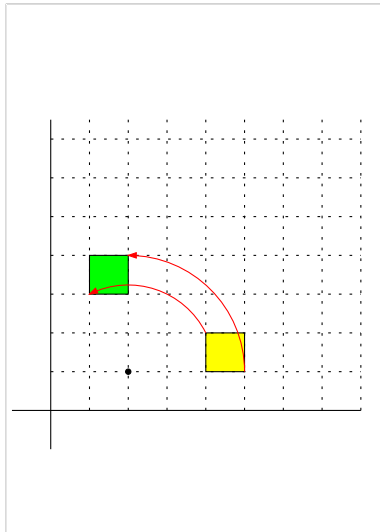
The following statements are equivalent for an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  and the linear transformation it represents:

- 1 The determinant of  $A$  is zero.
- 2 The  $n$  column vectors of  $A$  are linearly dependent.
- 3 The image space of the transformation is at most  $(n - 1)$ -dimensional (the transformation is a **projection**).

## More complex transformations

So now we know how to determine matrices for a given transformation. Let's try another one:

Q: What is the matrix for a rotation of  $90^\circ$  about the point  $(2, 1)$ ?

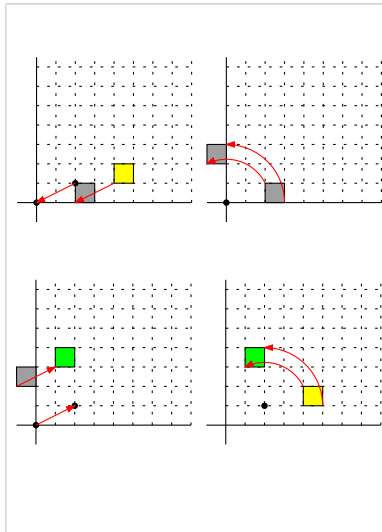


## More complex transformations

We can 'construct' our transformation by **composing** three simpler transformations:

- **Translate** everything such that the **center of rotation** maps to the **origin**.
- **Rotate** about the origin.
- **Revert** the **translation** from the first step.

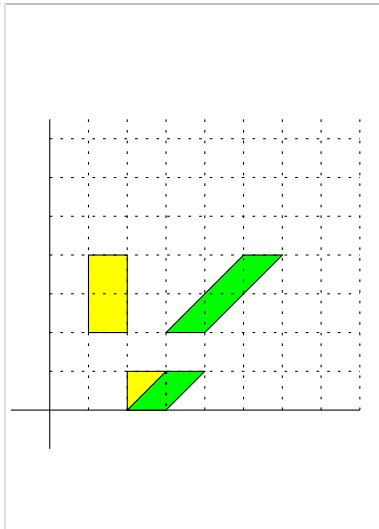
Q: But what is the matrix for a translation?



# Homogeneous coordinates

Translation is not a **linear transformation**. A combination of linear transformations and translations is called an **affine transformation**.

But... shearing in 2D smells a lot like translation in 1D



# Homogeneous coordinates

Translations in 2D can be represented by a shearing in 3D, by looking at the plane  $z = 1$ . The matrix for a translation

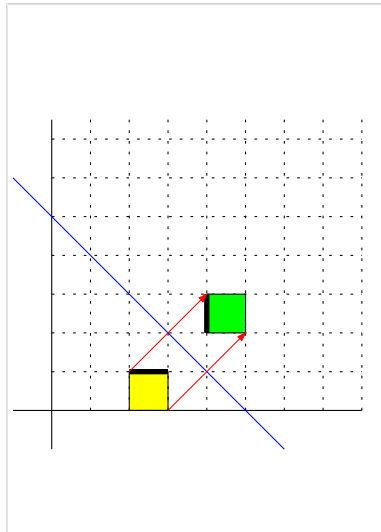
over the vector  $t = \begin{bmatrix} x_t \\ y_t \end{bmatrix}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & x_t \\ 0 & 1 & y_t \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Q: How should we represent points? And vectors?

# Affine transformations

Q: What is the matrix for  
**reflection** in the line  
 $y = -x + 5$ ?

Hint: move the line to the  
origin, reflect, and move the  
line back.

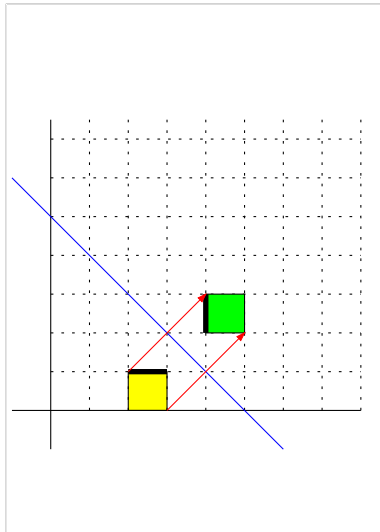




# Affine transformations

The matrix for reflection in the line  $y = -x + 5$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 5 \\ -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Affine transformations

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

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The rightmost matrix of the three translates over  $(-5 \ 0)^T$ , the leftmost matrix translates back over  $(5 \ 0)^T$ .

# Affine transformations

Q: But what if we translate by  $(-4 \ -1)^T$ ? This also makes the line  $y = -x + 5$  go through the origin...

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

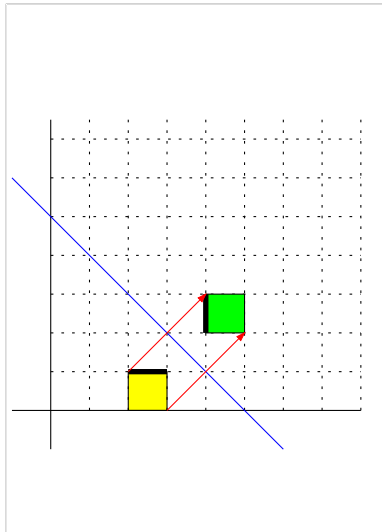
## Affine transformations

The matrix for reflection in the line  $y = -x + 5$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 5 \\ -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

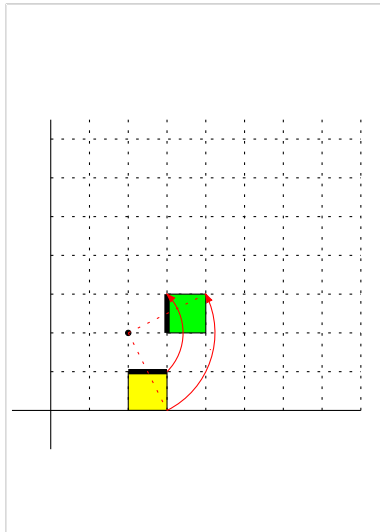
Q: What is the significance of the **columns** of the matrix?

Does that give us a **faster way** to find matrices for affine transformations?



# Affine transformations

Q: What is the matrix for  
**rotation** about the point  
 $(2, 2)$ ?



# Transformations in 3D

Transformations in 3D are very similar to those in 2D:

- For **scaling**, we have three scaling factors on the diagonal of the matrix.
- **Reflection** is done with respect to **planes**.
- **Shearing** can be done in either  $x$ -,  $y$ -, or  $z$ -direction (or a combination thereof).
- **Rotation** is done about **directed lines**.
- For **translations** (and affine transformations in general), we use  $4 \times 4$  matrices.

# Affine transformations in 3D

A matrix for affine transformations in 3D looks like:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & t_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & t_2 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & t_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$  is the linear part and  $\begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \end{bmatrix}$  is where the

origin ends up due to the affine transformation.

## Extra terminology (final slide)

Some other terms that are important in linear algebra:

- **Linear subspace**: Lower-dimensional linear space that includes the origin (or the whole space).
- **Kernel** and **image** of a linear transformation: What maps to the origin, and the linear subspace where all vectors are mapped to.
- **Rank** of a matrix: Number of linearly independent columns.
- Eigenvalue, eigenvector.

When you need to know more, look in any linear algebra book.