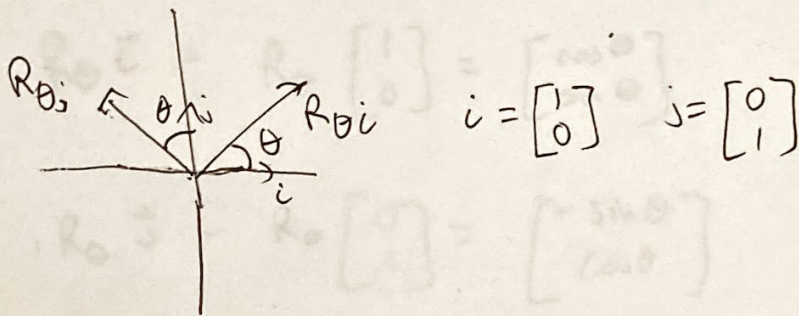


# Rotation Matrices

in 2D



$R_{\theta}$ : Matrix that rotates vectors counter clockwise by the angle  $\theta$ .

\* The rotation is determined by what it does to the basis vectors

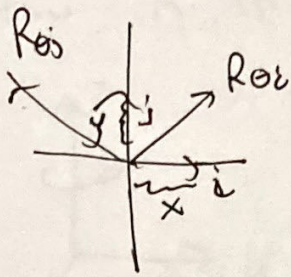
Given any <sup>2x2</sup> matrix  $A$ , the first column of  $A = A i = A e_1$

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

the second column of  $A =$

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





$$\frac{x}{1} = \cos \theta \Rightarrow x = \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{y}{1} = \sin \theta \Rightarrow y = \sin \theta$$

$$R_{\theta} \vec{i} = R_{\theta} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_{\theta} \vec{j} = R_{\theta} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{\theta} \vec{i} & R_{\theta} \vec{j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Example

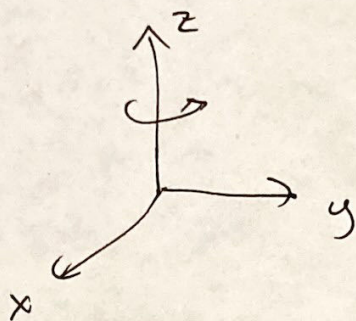
$$\theta = 30^{\circ} = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$R_{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\pi}{6} & -\sin \frac{\pi}{6} \\ \sin \frac{\pi}{6} & \cos \frac{\pi}{6} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_{\theta} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.866 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{Diagram showing a vector in the first quadrant of a coordinate system, with an angle of 30 degrees indicated between the vector and the positive x-axis.$$



Rotation in  $\mathbb{R}^3$



$R_z(\theta)$  = counter clock-wise rotation  
about z-axis  
in XY plane