

# Linear Algebra Part I

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# This is a minimal lecture to get you started

3blue1brown lecture series

Cheatsheet

Notebook

Some things are  
better read/watched

Too much lecture  
content is bad

**Flipped learning:**  
questions at end of  
lecture

## Functions

### Example 1

$$f(x) = x^2$$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$$

**Domain:** all real numbers

**Range:** all positive real numbers

### Example 2

$$+(x, y) = x + y$$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

**Domain:** all **pairs** of real numbers

**Range:** all real numbers

### Terminology

**Domain:** set of possible inputs

**Range:** set of possible outputs

Examples express transformations/relationships between numbers

## Functions

$f_1 : \text{images} \rightarrow \text{strings (text)}$

$f_2 : \text{images} \rightarrow \text{images}$

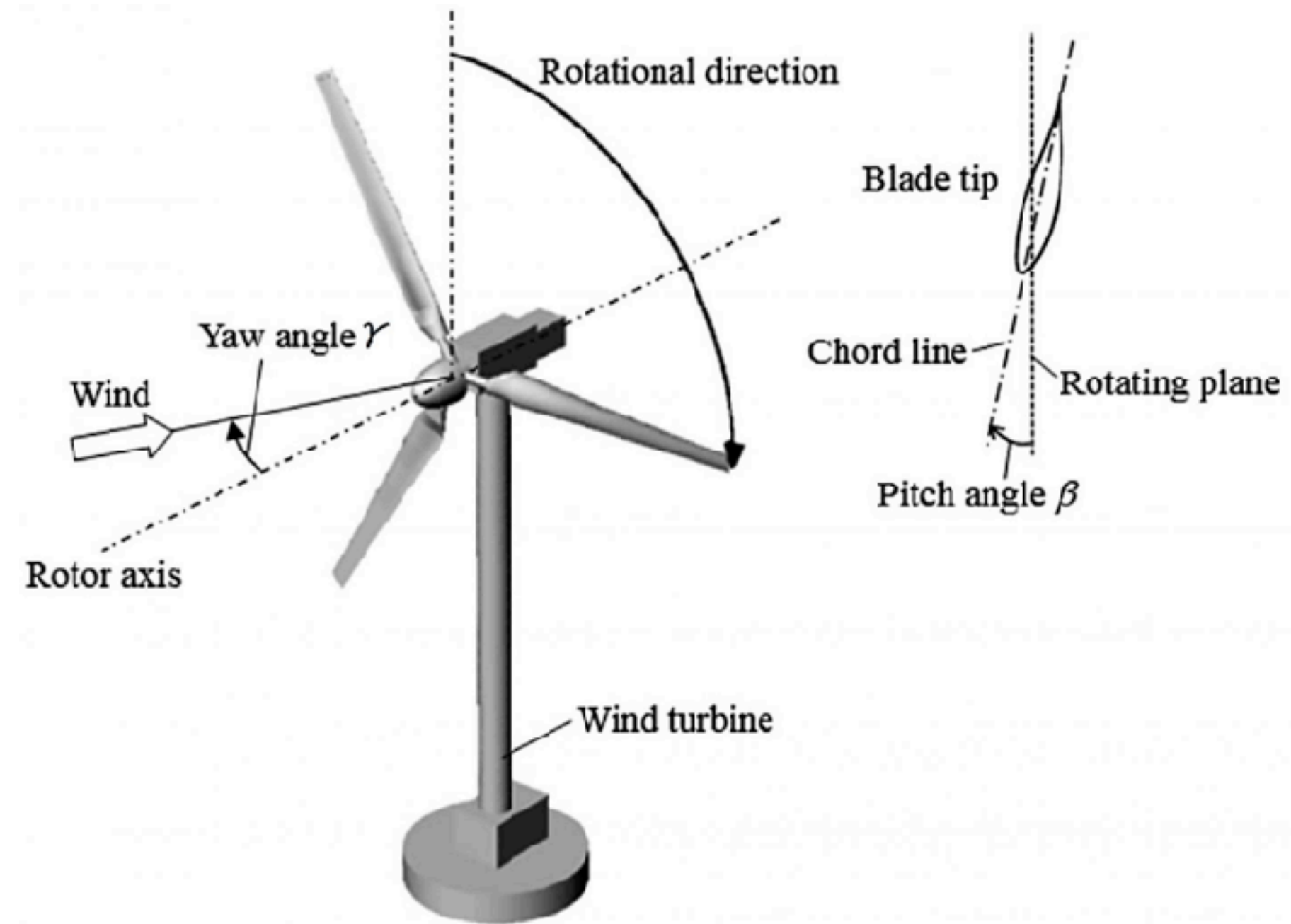


"Seagull"



Real life: transformations / relationships between more complicated objects

# Functions

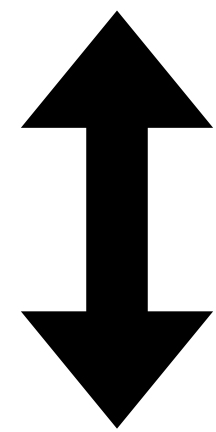
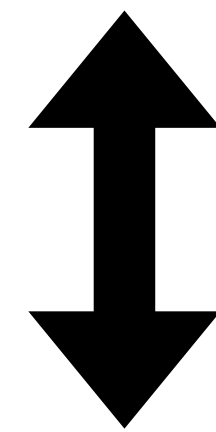
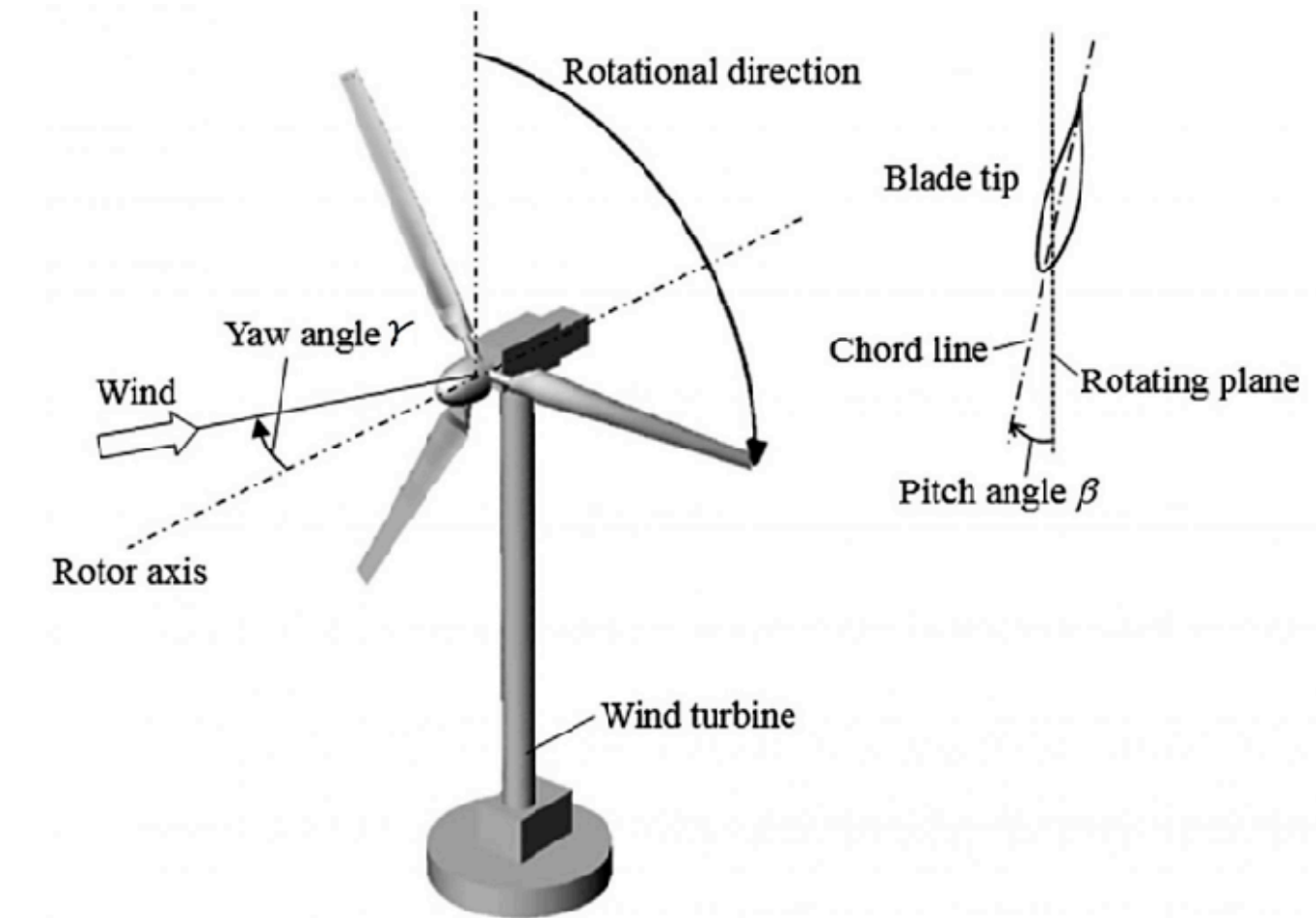


Best angle/pitch/yaw to catch the wind

Real life: transformations / relationships between more complicated objects

*How do we do mathematics on ‘complicated objects’?*

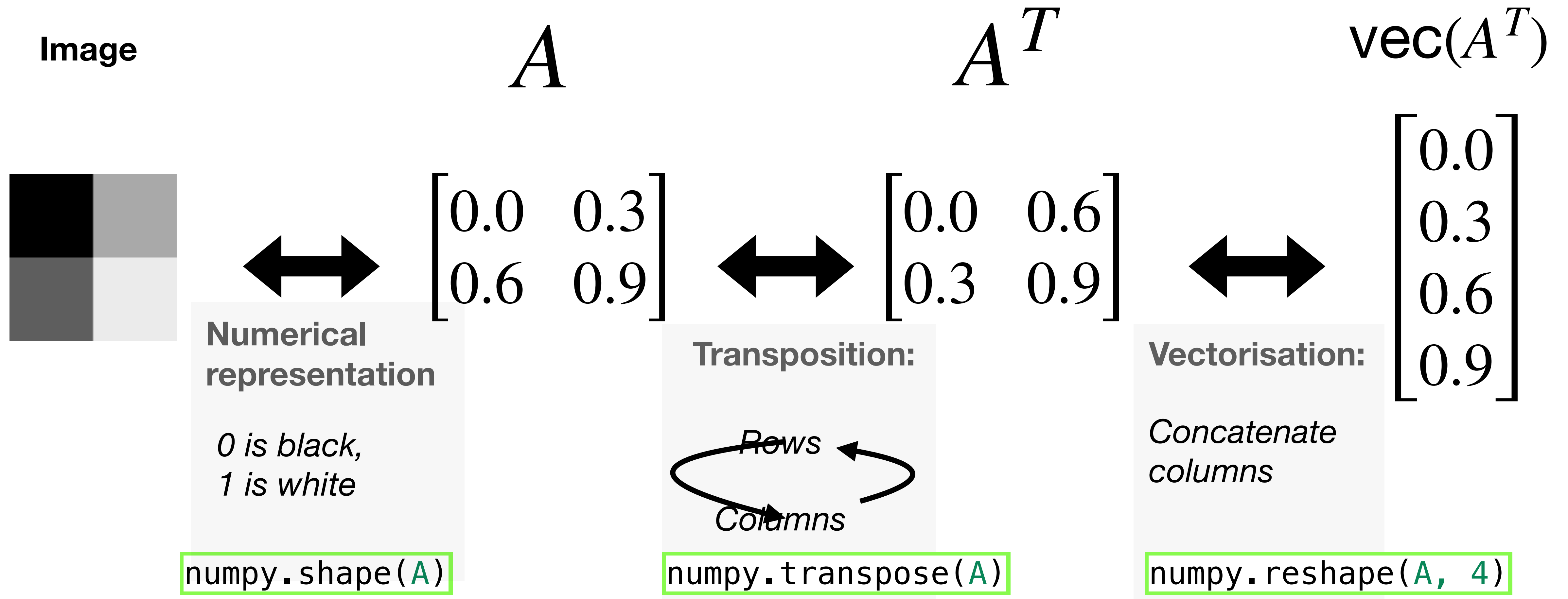
# Complicated objects often boil down to collections **arrays** of numbers


$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.0 & 0.3 \\ 0.6 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{Lots of} \\ \text{numbers!} \end{bmatrix}$$


Windspeed,  
Wind direction,  
Motor torque,  
Yaw angle  
...

# Arrays have a **shape**

*Which we change as convenient!*





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*Which we change as convenient!*

## The number 4

A *scalar*: no shape

```
numpy.shape(4)
```

## The array [4]

An *array* containing one element: the number 4

```
numpy.shape([4])
```

Not the same!!!

# Shapes have a **tensor dimension**

## Vector (1d-array)

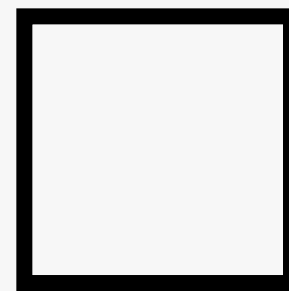
$[0.0 \quad 0.3 \quad 0.6 \quad 0.9]$



## Matrix (2d-array)

$\begin{bmatrix} 0.0 & 0.3 \\ 0.6 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix}$

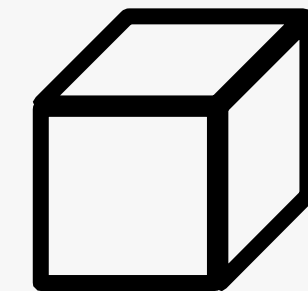
*Rows and columns*



## 3-Tensor (3d-array)

$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.0 & 0.3 \\ 0.6 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.0 & 0.3 \\ 0.6 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.0 & 0.3 \\ 0.6 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$

*Rows, columns,....layers?*



`A[3,7,2]` - *accessing element in 3d array*

`numpy.reshape([4], (1,1,1,1,1))` - *how many dimensions?*

# Shapes have a **tensor dimension**

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$[0.0 \quad 0.3 \quad 0.6 \quad 0.9]$

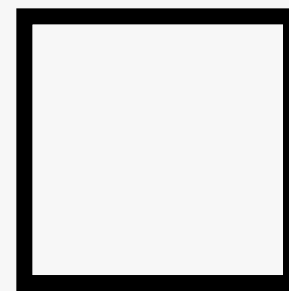


`A.shape = (4,)`

## Matrix (2d-array)

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*Rows and columns*

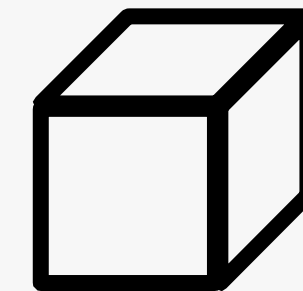


`A.shape = (2,2)`

## 3-Tensor (3d-array)

$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.0 & 0.3 \\ 0.6 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.0 & 0.3 \\ 0.6 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.0 & 0.3 \\ 0.6 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$

*Rows, columns,...layers?*



`A.shape = (2,2,3)`

*Dimension is:*

`len(A.shape)`

# Confusing terminology **alert**

**Vector (1d-array)**

[0.0 0.3 0.6 0.9]

**Python/Julia:** - tensor/array dimension is 1  
- length is 4

**Mathematician:** - It's a 4-dimensional vector.  
- A vector is a 1d tensor (i.e. array)  
- Vector's length depends on its entries

# Array indexing **alert**

**Avoid incredible Python frustration!!!**

**Maths/Julia/Common sense:**

	Column 1	Column 2
Row 1	0.0	0.3
Row 2	0.6	0.9

$$A_{21} = 0.6$$

**Python:**

	Column 0	Column 1
Row 0	0.0	0.3
Row 1	0.6	0.9

$$A[1,0] = 0.6$$

**Ingredients** to do maths on arrays?

**Let's look back to how we do maths on numbers!**

# Addition/subtraction

*is straightforward!*

- *Only* makes sense on vectors  
with same shape
- Otherwise, just like for numbers!

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a + w \\ b + x \\ c + y \\ d + z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a - w & b - x \\ c - y & d - z \end{bmatrix}$$

# Scaling

*is straightforward!*

- Multiply an array (of any shape) by a **scalar** (number / field element)

$$x \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x * a \\ x * b \\ x * c \\ x * d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -12 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Dot product

*...also called inner product*

$$\underline{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a^T x = [a, b, c, d] \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= aw + bx + cy + dz \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Also denoted**

$$\langle \underline{a}, \underline{x} \rangle$$

$$\underline{a} \bullet \underline{x}$$

# Pause

In Marimo: build two vectors and two matrices.

Take the dot products of the vectors. Subtract the matrices from each other

# What's the point of a matrix?

Two ways to look at a matrix

A 2x3 matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 5 \\ -3 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- *Two row vectors*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & | & 2 & | & 5 \\ -3 & | & 6 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- *Three column vectors*

# Matrix multiplication transforms vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 5 \\ -3 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

Do this in Marimo now

# Matrix multiplication transforms vectors

*Inner product of each **row vector** in the matrix, with the vector*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 5 \\ -3 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 + 8 + 15 \\ -6 + 24 + 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Requirement:** number of matrix columns = length of vector
- **Outcome:** length of new vector = number of **rows** in matrix

## Alternative

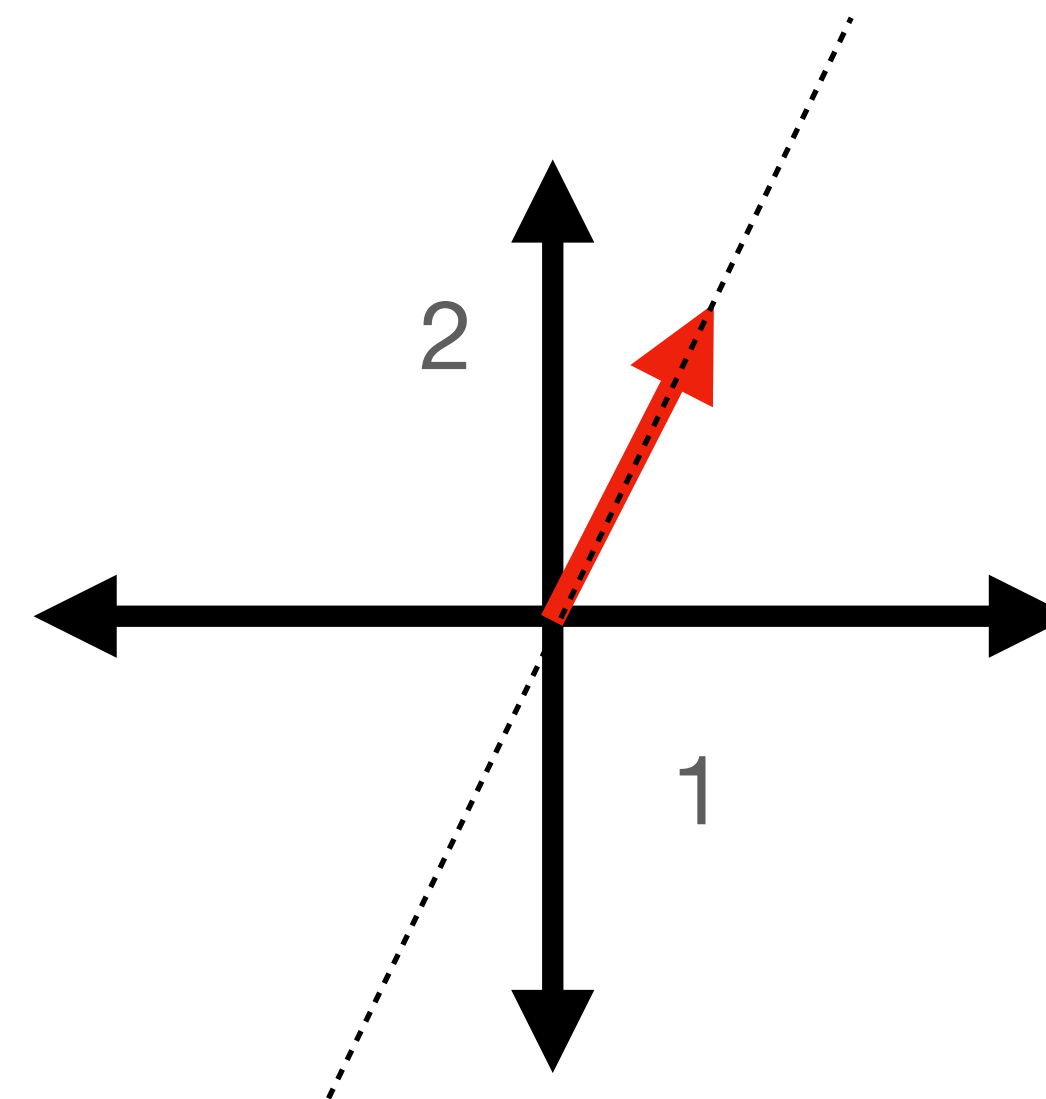
$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 5 \\ -3 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Requirement:** number of matrix columns = length of vector
- **Outcome:** length of new vector = number of **rows** in matrix

What can you say about this matrix?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

All input vectors are pushed onto this line



$$A_{\underline{v}} \propto \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Matrices transform vectors

*...by matrix multiplication*

$$f(\underline{v}) = (A\underline{v})$$

Diagram illustrating the transformation equation  $f(\underline{v}) = (A\underline{v})$ . Arrows point from the labels "Vector" to both  $\underline{v}$  and  $f(\underline{v})$ , and from the label "Matrix" to  $A$ .

Use `np.matmul` to transform your vector by your matrix in marimo

$$A \times \underline{v} = A\underline{v}$$

Diagram illustrating the transformation equation  $A \times \underline{v} = A\underline{v}$ . A red arrow points from  $\underline{v}$  to  $A \times \underline{v}$ , and a blue arrow points from  $A\underline{v}$  to  $A \times \underline{v}$ .

*Can change length,  
direction, even shape  
(eg 2-vector -> 5 vector)*

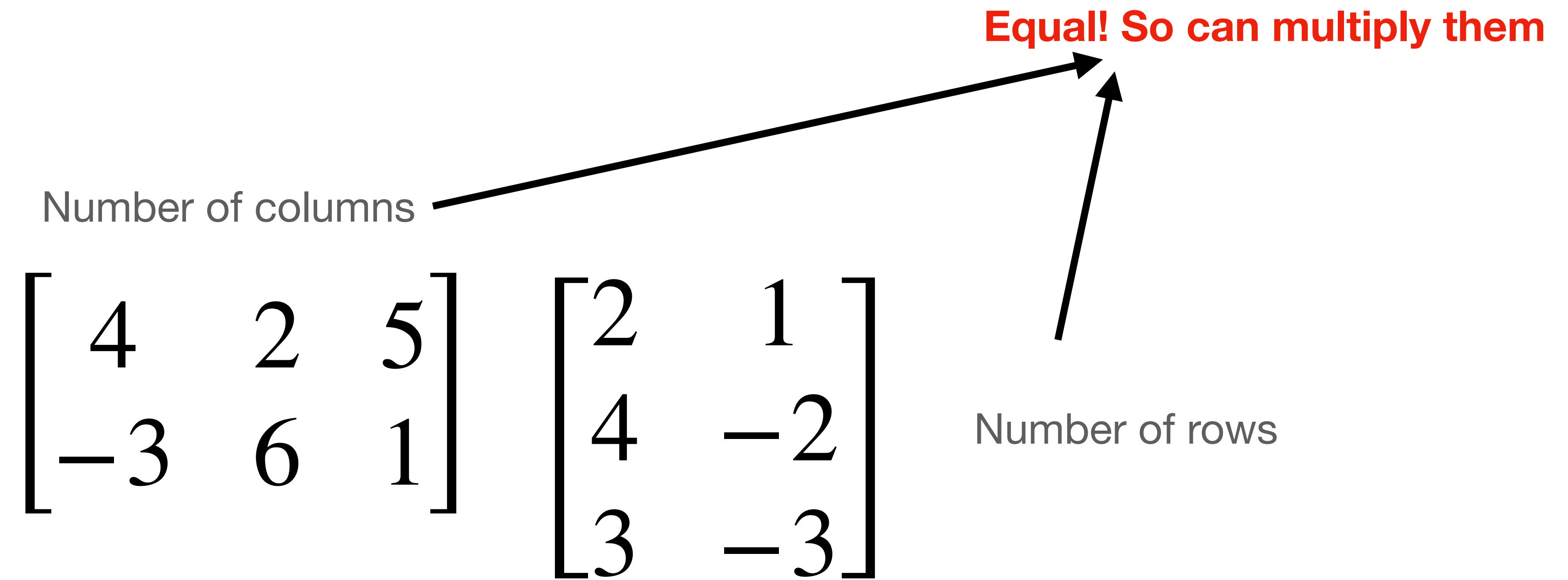


## Square matrix properties

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 5 \\ -3 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{bmatrix}$$

*Input and output vectors have same shape*

# When can we multiply matrices?



# How to multiply matrices

a) Figure out the **shape** of the output

*(m x n) matrix multiplied by (n x p) matrix = (m x p) matrix*

The diagram illustrates the multiplication of two matrices. The first matrix is a 2x3 matrix with elements  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 5 \\ -3 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . It is labeled with "m=2 rows" to its left and "n=3 columns" above it. A horizontal dotted line is drawn across the middle of the matrix. The second matrix is a 3x2 matrix with elements  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ . It is labeled with "p=2 rows" above it and "n=3 rows" to its right. A vertical dotted line is drawn between the two matrices, indicating the compatibility of the inner dimensions (3 columns of the first matrix and 3 rows of the second matrix).

**Requirement:** *Number of columns (A) = Number of rows (B)*

# How to multiply matrices

a) Figure out the **shape** of the output

$$\begin{array}{c} A \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 4 & 2 & 5 \\ -3 & 6 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \begin{array}{c} B \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \\ 3 & -3 \end{array} \right] \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} C \\ \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

**Outcome:** Number of rows (A) x Number of columns (B)

$C_{ij}$  Depends on  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and  $j^{\text{th}}$  column

# How to multiply matrices

b) Inner product of each **row vector** of A  
with each **column vector** of B

$$\begin{array}{c} A \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 4 & 2 & 5 \\ -3 & 6 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \begin{array}{c} B \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \\ 3 & -3 \end{array} \right] \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} C \\ \left[ \begin{array}{cc} (8 + 8 + 15) & (4 - 4 - 15) \\ (-6 + 24 + 3) & (-3 - 12 - 3) \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 31 & -15 \\ 21 & -18 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_{ij} = \langle A_{i,\bullet}, B_{\bullet,j} \rangle$$

$\nearrow$   $i^{\text{th}}$  row       $\nwarrow$   $j^{\text{th}}$  column

# How to multiply matrices

**Question:** Is this allowable?

$$[2,3] \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 5 \\ -3 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [\bullet, \bullet, \bullet]$$

# How to multiply matrices

Verify yourself:

$$\left( [2,3] \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 5 \\ -3 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^T = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 2 & 6 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Law of matrix transposition

$$(\underline{A}\underline{v})^T = \underline{v}^T \underline{A}^T$$

*Transposition **swaps** the multiplication order*



# Important: non-commutativity of multiplication

*i.e.  $AB \neq BA$  unlike scalars*

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

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*Different row/column vectors!*

# The identity matrix

$I_n$  is an  $(n \times n)$  matrix with ones on the diagonal

$$I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \vdots \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Exercise:**

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

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$$AI = IA = A$$

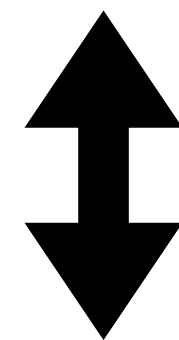
- *analogous to the number 1 in scalar multiplication*

$$x(1) = 1(x) = x$$

# The scalar inverse

$$\begin{array}{l} f(x) = 4x \\ g(x) = \frac{1}{4}x \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad g \circ f(x) = \frac{1}{4}(4x) = 1x = x$$

$\frac{1}{4}$  is the *inverse* of 4



$f \circ g$  is the *identity function*:  $f \circ g(x) = 1(x)$

# The matrix inverse (for square matrices)

```
numpy.linalg.inv(A)
```

**Inverse** of  $A$  is  $A^{-1}$  implies:

$$AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$$
$$\Rightarrow AA^{-1}\underline{x} = \underline{x}$$

**Example** (verify yourself)

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2.5 & 1.5 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2.5 & 1.5 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$


# The matrix inverse

*...is useful*

**Problem:** find  $a, b$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Cancels to identity!*


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# The matrix inverse

*...is useful*

General problem: **find**  $\underline{x}$ , given  $\underline{y}$

$$A\underline{x} = \underline{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1}A\underline{x} = \underline{x} = A^{-1}\underline{y}$$

This is called a **matrix equation**

# The matrix inverse

*toy application*

$$A \quad \underline{x} \quad \underline{y}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{£}3.00/\text{kg} & \text{£}2.00/\text{kg} \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \text{ kg} \\ b \text{ kg} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{£}12 \\ 5\text{kg} \end{bmatrix}$$



= £3.00/kg



= £2.00/kg



holds 5kg

- *Number of rows of A is number of constraints*
- *Number of columns of A is number of free variables*



# The matrix inverse

*toy application*

$$\begin{matrix} \underline{x} & & A^{-1} & & \underline{y} \\ \begin{bmatrix} a \text{ kg} \\ b \text{ kg} \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{bmatrix} 1 \text{ kg/£} & -2 \\ -1 \text{ kg/£} & 3 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} \text{£}12 \\ 5\text{kg} \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{bmatrix} 2 \text{ kg} \\ 3 \text{ kg} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$



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# The matrix inverse

*...doesn't always exist!*

$$A\underline{x} = \underline{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1}A\underline{x} = \underline{x} = A^{-1}\underline{y}$$

**Proof by contradiction: inverse can't exist**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} ? \quad \dots \text{but} \quad \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# The matrix inverse

*...doesn't always exist!*

## Square matrices

### Invertible matrices

$$A\underline{x} = \underline{0} \Rightarrow \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

### Non-invertible matrices

$$A\underline{x} = \underline{0} \text{ for nonzero } \underline{x}$$

$$A \times \text{ } \nearrow = \bullet$$

# Important note on array algebra

$$A\underline{x} = \underline{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1}A\underline{x} = \underline{x} = A^{-1}\underline{y}$$

$$A^{-1}A\underline{x} = \underline{x} \neq \underline{x}A^{-1}$$

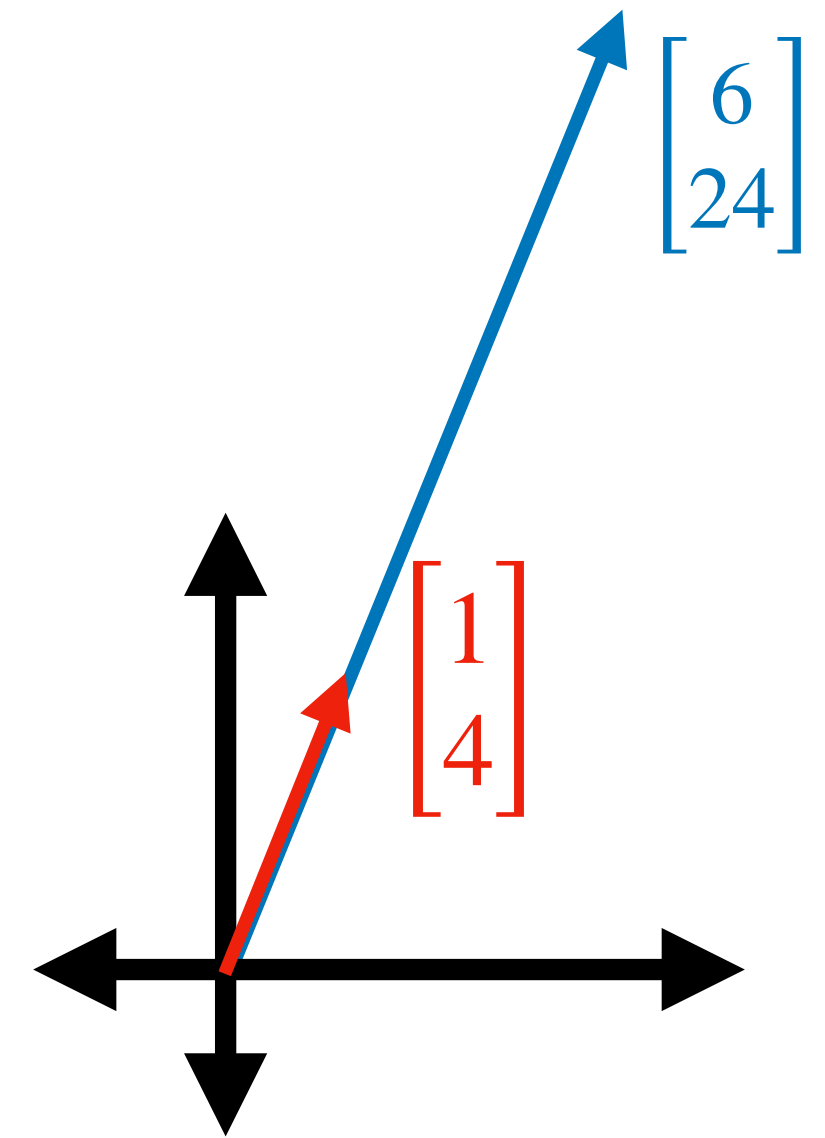
## Equation manipulation:

- Can do same thing to both sides of the equation (like scalar algebra)
- Except, left multiplication and right multiplication are *different*

## Worked examples

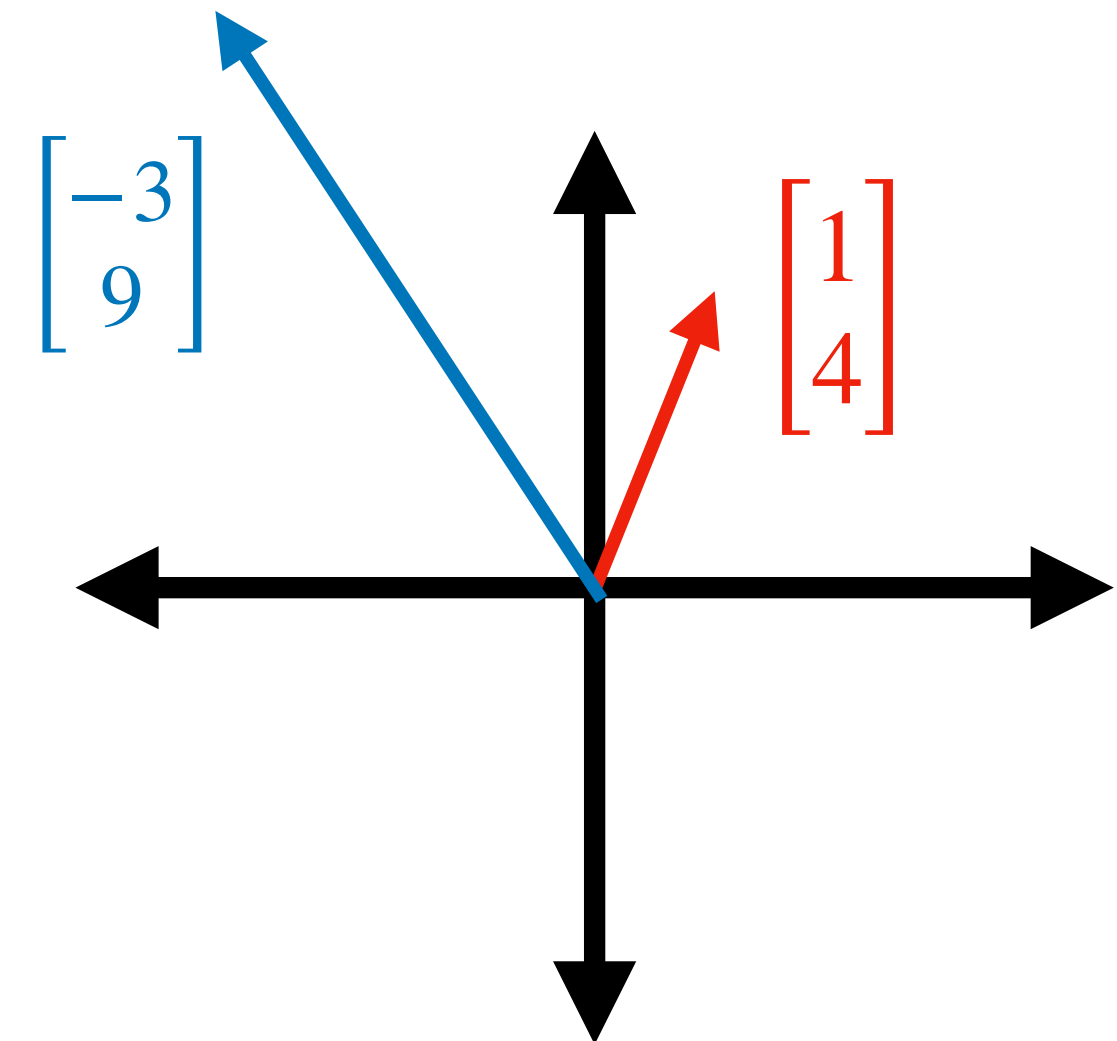
$$\begin{bmatrix} -6 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = ? \qquad = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 24 \end{bmatrix} = 6 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- *Pure scaling, no rotation*



$$\begin{bmatrix} -6 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = ? \qquad = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

- *Scaling and rotation*



## Worked examples

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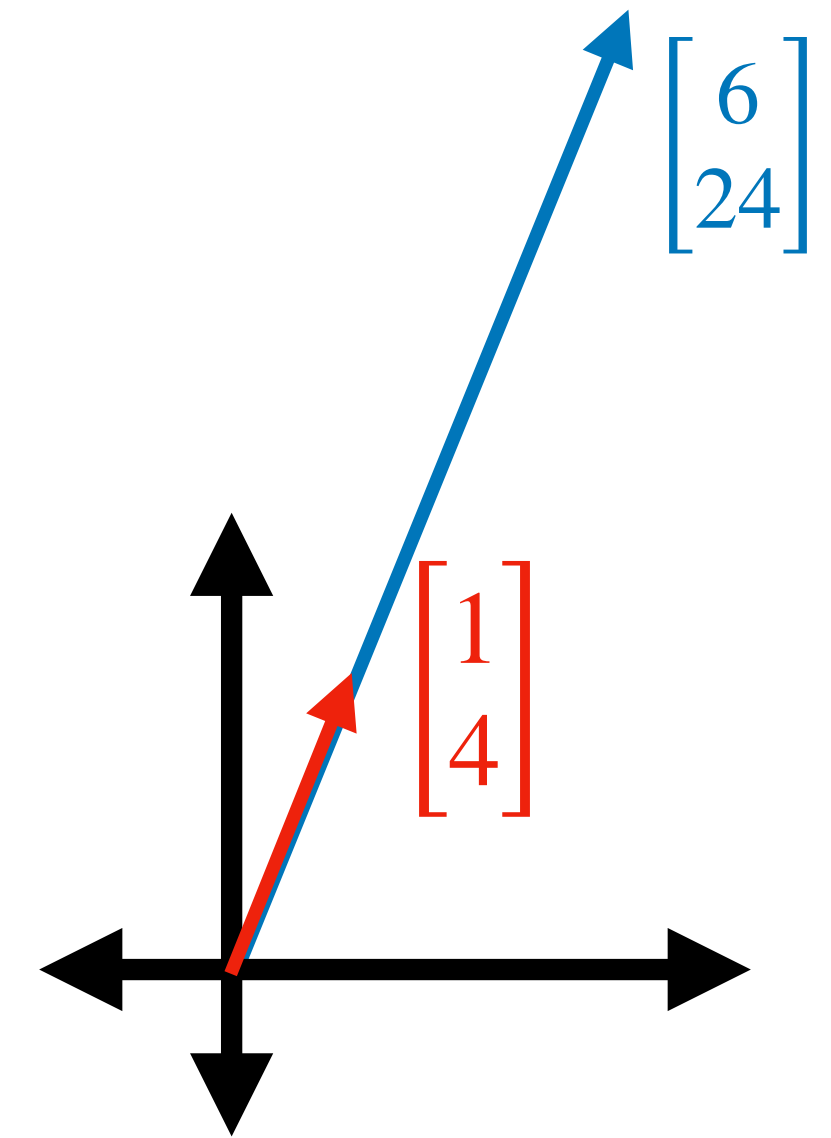
$$\underline{A}\underline{v} = \lambda\underline{v}$$

*Eigenvalue*

*Eigenvector*

```
numpy.linalg.eig(A)
```

- *Eigenvectors of a matrix are those that don't rotate under transformation*



# Worked examples

**Exercise:** find eigenvectors of

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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*Everything!  $I\underline{v} = \underline{v}$*

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$