

Matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_{11} = a_{11} * b_{11} + a_{12} * b_{21} + a_{13} * b_{31}$$

$$c_{12} = a_{11} * b_{12} + a_{12} * b_{22} + a_{13} * b_{32}$$

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$$c_{22} = a_{21} * b_{12} + a_{22} * b_{22} + a_{23} * b_{32}$$

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At the end of the session the students or candidates should be able to understand and work with:



- Matrices and Matrix Arithmetic
- Transposes and Symmetric Matrices
- Linear Systems and Vectors
- Image, Kernel, Rank, Nullity
- Superposition Principles for Linear Systems
- Matrix Inverses
- Linear transformation
 - Determinants

Matrix Inverses

- ❑ Many problems in machine learning involve solving systems of linear equations, often represented in the compact form $Ax = b$ where A is a matrix of coefficients, x is a vector of unknowns, and b is a vector of target values or outcomes.

❑ In linear algebra, solving equation: $5x = 10$ will involve multiplying both sides by the reciprocal of 5, which is $\frac{1}{5}$ or 5^{-1} .

❑ This gives $(5^{-1})5x = (5^{-1})10$

❑ This simplifies to: $1x = 2$

❑ The 5^{-1} is the multiplicative inverse of 5 because $5 \times 5^{-1} = 1$.

- ❑ The *matrix inverse* “undoes” the effect of *matrix*.
- ❑ For a given square matrix A , its inverse, denoted as A^{-1} , is a matrix such when multiplied by A (in either order), the result is the identity matrix I .

$$AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$$

- ❑ The identity matrix I acts like the number 1 in matrix multiplication

$$AI = IA = A$$

- ❑ The matrix inverse is defined only for square matrices.
- ❑ However, not all square matrices have an inverse.
- ❑ Matrices that do have an inverse are called invertible or non-singular.

□ Matrices that do not have an inverse are called non-invertible or singular.

Properties of the Inverse

□ **Inverse of the inverse:** The inverse of A^{-1} is A itself.

$$(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$$

□ **Inverse of a Product:** The inverse of a product of two invertible matrices is the product of their inverses in reverse order. $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$

□ Inverse of a Transpose: The inverse of the transpose of a matrix is the transpose of its inverse.

$$(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$$

Matrix Mappings and Linear Mappings

- ❑ Functions are a fundamental concept in mathematics.
- ❑ A function f is a rule that assigns to every element x of an initial set called the **domain** of the function a unique value y in another set called the **codomain** of f .

□ If f is a function with domain U and codomain V ,
then we say that f maps U to V and denote this by

$$f: U \rightarrow V$$

Matrix Mappings

- ❑ Matrix-vector multiplication behaves like a function whose domain is \mathbb{R}^n and whose codomain is \mathbb{R}^m .
- ❑ For any $m \times n$ matrix A and vector $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the product $A\vec{x}$ is a vector in \mathbb{R}^m .

For any $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, we define a function $f_A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ called matrix mapping corresponding to A by

$$f_A(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}, \text{ for all } \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Although a matrix mapping sends vectors to vectors, it is much more common to view functions as mappings points to points.

What is a linear transformation?

- ❑ In machine learning, our interest mainly lies in transforming the data.
- ❑ A neural network is just a function composed of smaller parts (known layers), transforming the data to a new feature space in every step.

- ❑ One of the key components of models in machine learning are linear transformations.
- ❑ *Linear transformation* and *linear mapping* mean exactly the same thing.

- Let U and V be two vector spaces (over the scalar field), and let $f: U \rightarrow V$ be a function between them.
- We say that f is linear if $f(ax + by) = af(x) + bf(y)$ holds for all vectors $x, y \in U$ and all scalars a, b

- ❑ A linear transformation is a mapping between two vector spaces that preserves the algebraic structure: **addition and scalar multiplication.**
- ❑ Functions between vector spaces are often called **transformations.**

1. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Find $f_A(-1, 4)$

2. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$. Find $f_A(-3, 1, 0, 1)$

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ and find the values of

$f_A(1,0)$, $f_A(0,1)$, and $f_A(x_1, x_2)$

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

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

$$f_A(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

□ Clearly, we can see a relationship between the image of the standard basis vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 and the image of any vector \vec{x}

Let $\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n$ be the standard basis vector of \mathbb{R}^n . If $A \in M_{m \times n}$ and $f_A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is the corresponding matrix mapping, then for any vector $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ we have

$$f_A(\vec{x}) = x_1 f_A(\vec{e}_1) + x_2 f_A(\vec{e}_2) + \dots + x_n f_A(\vec{e}_n)$$

The images of the standard basis vectors are just the columns of A , we see that the image of any vector $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

□ Linearity is essentially combining two properties in one: $f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + f(\mathbf{y})$ and $f(a\mathbf{x}) = af(\mathbf{x})$ for all vectors \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} and all scalars a .

$$f(a\mathbf{x} + b\mathbf{y}) = f(a\mathbf{x}) + f(b\mathbf{y}) = af(\mathbf{x}) + bf(\mathbf{y})$$

Properties of Linear Transformation

1. $f(0) = 0$ holds for every linear transformation.

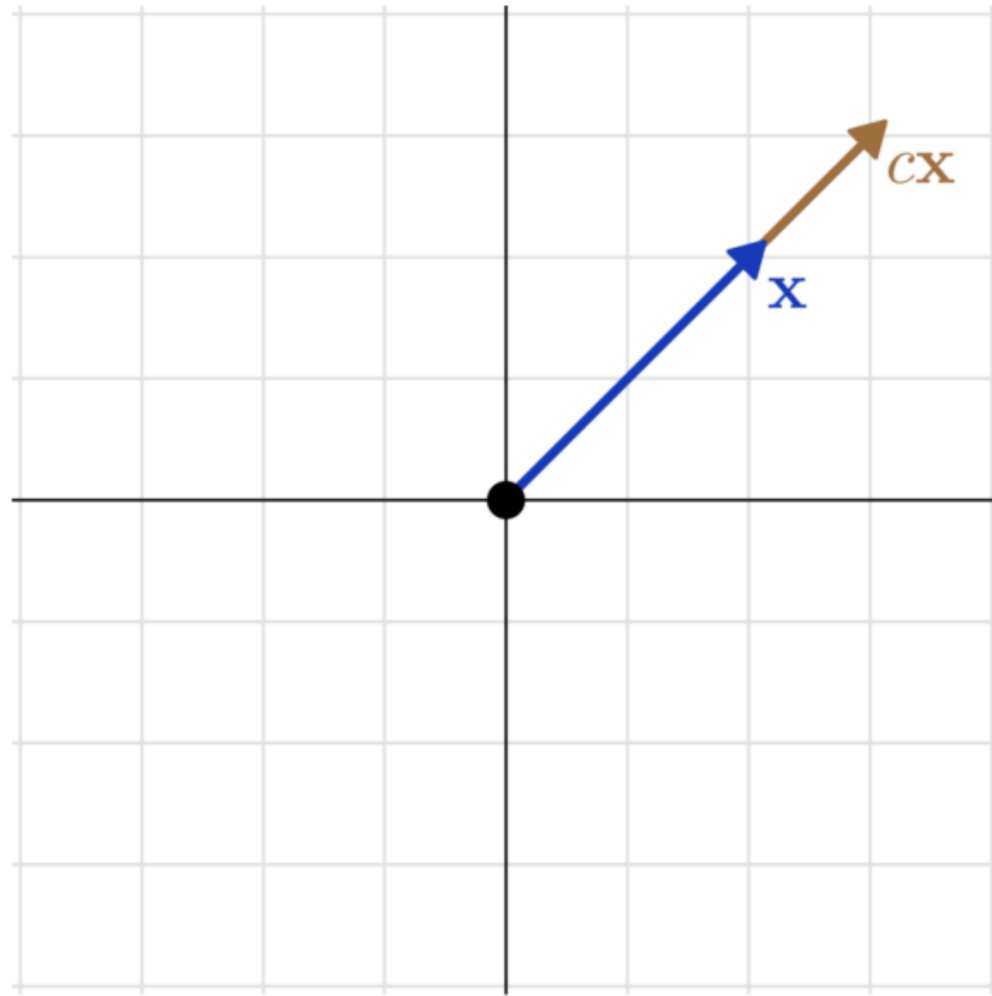
$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(x + 0) \\ &= f(x) + f(0) \end{aligned}$$

1. The composition of linear transformation is still linear.

$$\begin{aligned} f(g(ax + by)) &= f(ag(x) + bg(y)) \\ &= af(g(x)) + bf(g(y)) \end{aligned}$$

Shows for any linear f and g and scalars a and b

For any scalar c , the scaling transformation $f(\mathbf{x}) = c\mathbf{x}$ is linear.



$$\begin{aligned} c(ax + by) &= c(ax) + c(by) \\ &= a(cx) + b(cy) \end{aligned}$$

Linear transformation and matrices

□ Let $f: U \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation between two vector spaces U and V .

□ Suppose that $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$ is a basis in U , while $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis in V .

□ Every $x \in U$ can be written in the form

$x = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i \mathbf{u}_i$ the linearity of f implies

$$f\left(\sum_{j=1}^m x_j \mathbf{u}_j\right) = \sum_{j=1}^m x_j f(\mathbf{u}_j),$$

meaning that $f(x)$ is a linear combination of $f(\mathbf{u}_1), \dots, f(\mathbf{u}_m)$.

□ Every linear transformation is completely determined by the images of basis vectors.

□ Suppose that for every u_j , we have

$$f(u_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,j} v_i$$

for some scalars $a_{i,j}$

□ These $n \times m$ numbers completely describe f

$$f \leftrightarrow A_f = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \dots & a_{1,m} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \dots & a_{2,m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n,1} & a_{n,2} & \dots & a_{n,m} \end{bmatrix},$$

□ Linear transformations are represented by matrices.

□ For every $x = \sum_{j=1}^m x_j \mathbf{u}_j$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x}) &= \sum_{j=1}^m x_j f(\mathbf{u}_j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m x_j \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,j} \mathbf{v}_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^m a_{i,j} x_j \right) \mathbf{v}_i. \end{aligned}$$

The image of \mathbf{x} can be expressed as $A_f \mathbf{x}$:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \dots & a_{1,m} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \dots & a_{2,m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n,1} & a_{n,2} & \dots & a_{n,m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^m a_{1,j} x_j \\ \sum_{j=1}^m a_{2,j} x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^m a_{n,j} x_j \end{bmatrix}.$$

❑ Functions can be **added** and **composed**.

❑ Because of the connection between linear transformations and matrices, matrix operations are inherited from the corresponding function operations.

□ Matrix addition can be defined so that the matrix of the sum of two linear transformations is the sum of the corresponding matrices.

□ If $f, g: U \rightarrow V$ are two linear transformations with matrices, $f \leftrightarrow A$ and $g \leftrightarrow B$

$$(f + g)(\mathbf{u}_j) = f(\mathbf{u}_j) + g(\mathbf{u}_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n (a_{i,j} + b_{i,j})\mathbf{v}_i.$$

□ The corresponding matrices can be added together elementwise:

$$A + B = (a_{i,j} + b_{i,j})_{i,j=1}^{n,m}.$$

□ Multiplication between matrices is defined by the composition of the corresponding transformation.

□ Let $f, g: U \rightarrow U$ be two linear transformations, mapping U onto itself.

□ $f \circ g$, can be expressed as $f(g(u_j))$ in terms of all of the basis vectors u_1, \dots, u_n

$$(fg)(\mathbf{u}_j) = f(g(\mathbf{u}_j)) = f\left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_{k,j} \mathbf{u}_k\right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n b_{k,j} f(\mathbf{u}_k)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n b_{k,j} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,k} \mathbf{u}_i$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_{i,k} b_{k,j} \right) \mathbf{u}_i.$$

$$AB = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_{i,k} b_{k,j} \right)_{i,j=1}^n.$$

Inverting linear transformations

$$2x_1 + x_2 = 5$$

$$x_1 - 3x_2 = -8$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

- ❑ The above system can be written in the form $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$
- ❑ This is called linear equations.
- ❑ How do we write the solution of such equation?

- ❑ If there would be a matrix A^{-1} such that $A^{-1}A$ is the identity matrix I
- ❑ Multiplying the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ from the left by A^{-1} would yield the solution in the form $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$
- ❑ The matrix A^{-1} is called the *inverse matrix* of A .
- ❑ It might not always exist, but when it does, it is extremely important for several reasons.

Let $f: U \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation between the vector spaces U and V .

We say that f is invertible if there is a linear transformation f^{-1} such that $f^{-1} \circ f$ and $f \circ f^{-1}$ are the identity function

$$f^{-1}(f(\mathbf{u})) = \mathbf{u},$$

$$f(f^{-1}(\mathbf{v})) = \mathbf{v}$$

holds for all $u \in U, v \in V$. f^{-1} is called the inverse of f

❑ Not all linear transformations are invertible.

❑ If f maps all vectors to the zero vector, you cannot define inverse.

Let $f: U \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation and let u_1, \dots, u_n be a basis in U . Then f is invertible if and only if $f(u_1), \dots, f(u_n)$ is a basis in V .

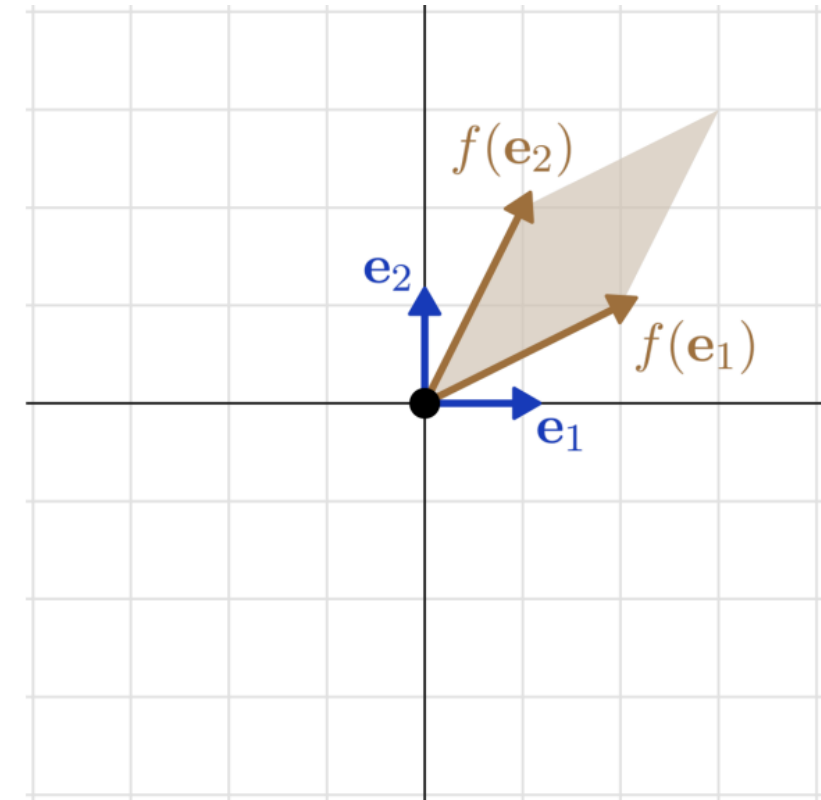
Change of basis

- ❑ Any linear transformation can be described with the images of the basis vector.
- ❑ This gives us the matrix representation that we use all the time.
- ❑ Different bases yield different matrices for the same transformation.

□ Let's take a look at $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, which maps $e_1 = (1, 0)$ to the vector $(2, 1)$ and $e_2 = (0, 1)$ to $(1, 2)$

□ Its matrix in the standard orthonormal basis $E =$

$$\{e_1, e_2\} \text{ is given by } A_{f,E} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



□ Say $P = \{p_1 = (1,1), p_2 = (-1, 1)\}$

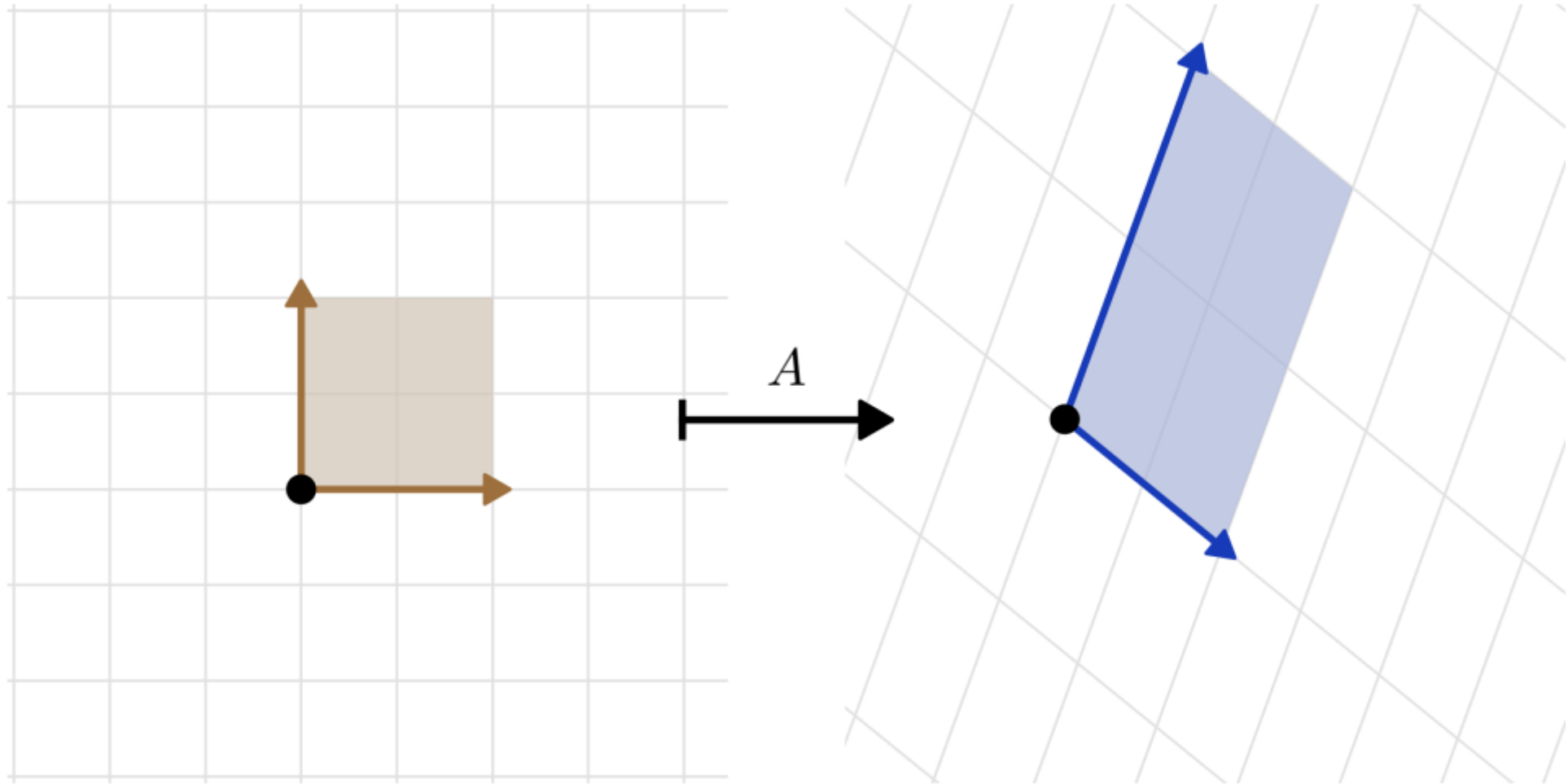
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In other words, $f(p_1) = 3p_1 + 0p_2$ and $f(p_2) = 0p_1 + p_2$

$$A_{f,P} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Linear transformations in the Euclidean plane

- ❑ Linear transformation can be described by the image of a basis set.
- ❑ From a geometric viewpoint, they are functions mapping parallelepipeds to parallelepipeds.
- ❑ Because of the linearity, you can imagine this as distorting the grid determined by the bases.



Geometric maps includes:

☐ Stretching

☐ Shearing

☐ Rotation

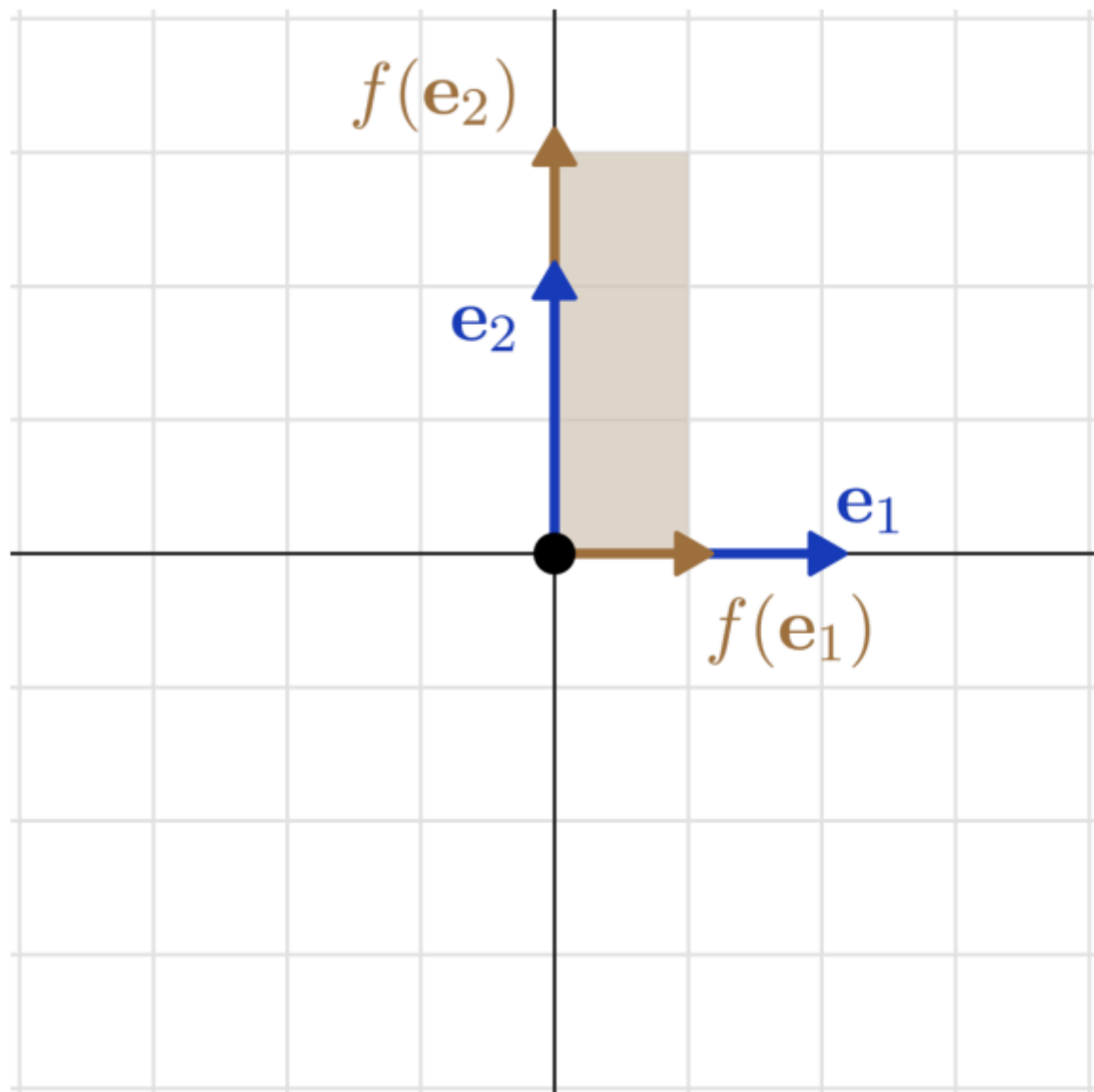
☐ Reflection

☐ Projection

Stretching

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

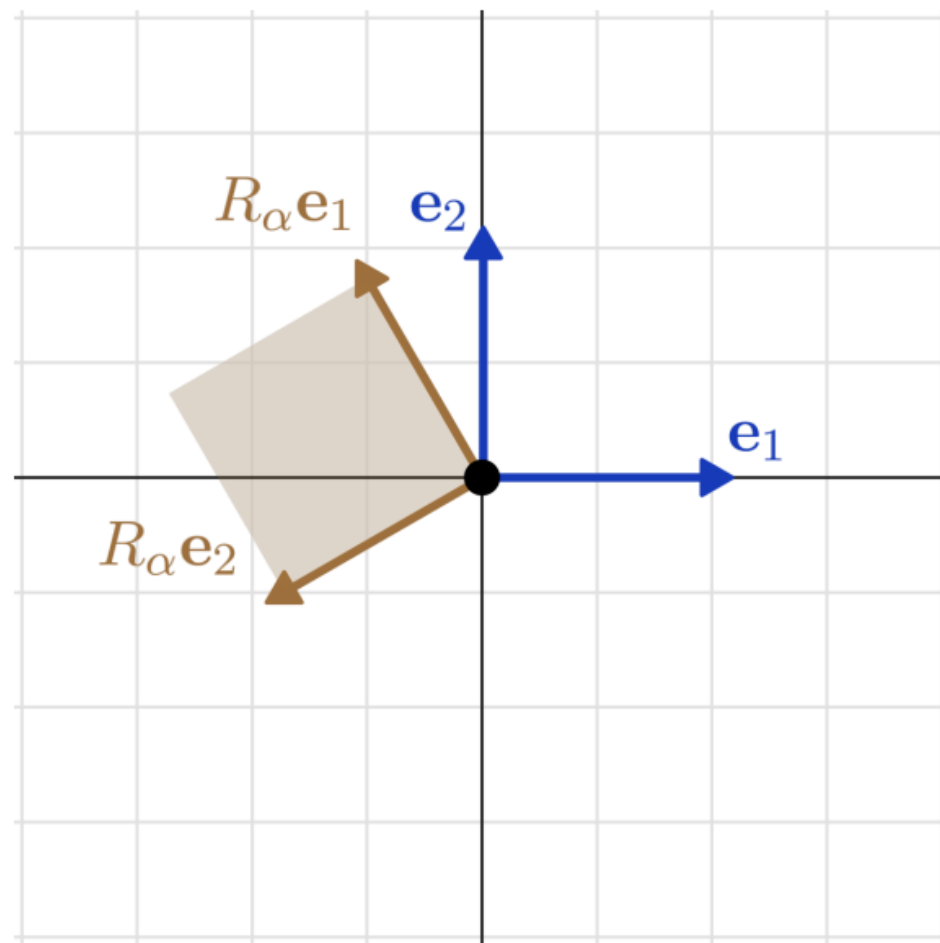
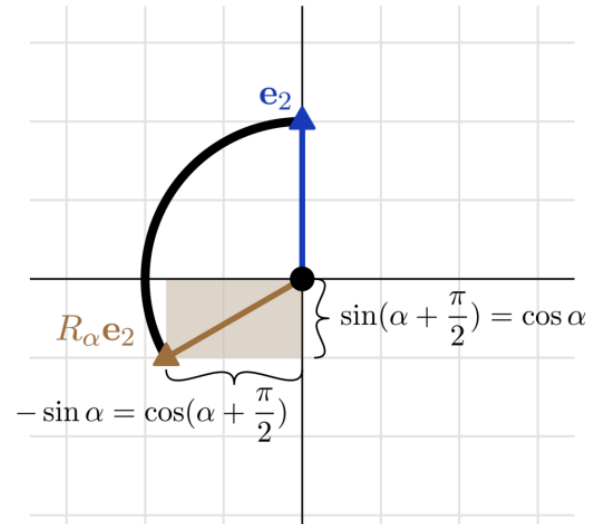
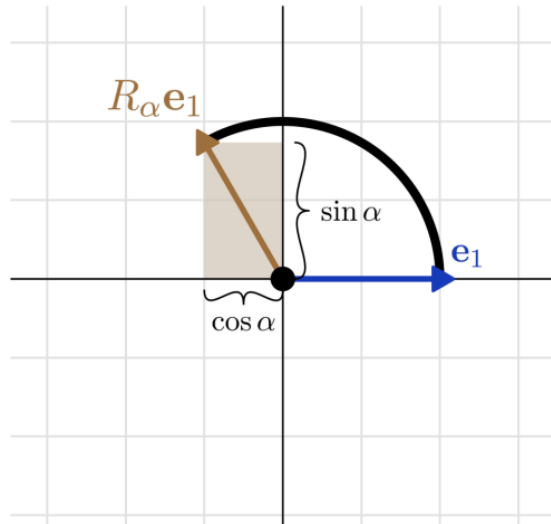
□ Linear transformation such as this can be visualized by plotting the image of the unit square determined by the standard basis $\mathbf{e}_1 = (1, 0)$, $\mathbf{e}_2 = (0, 1)$



Rotations

$$R_\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}.$$

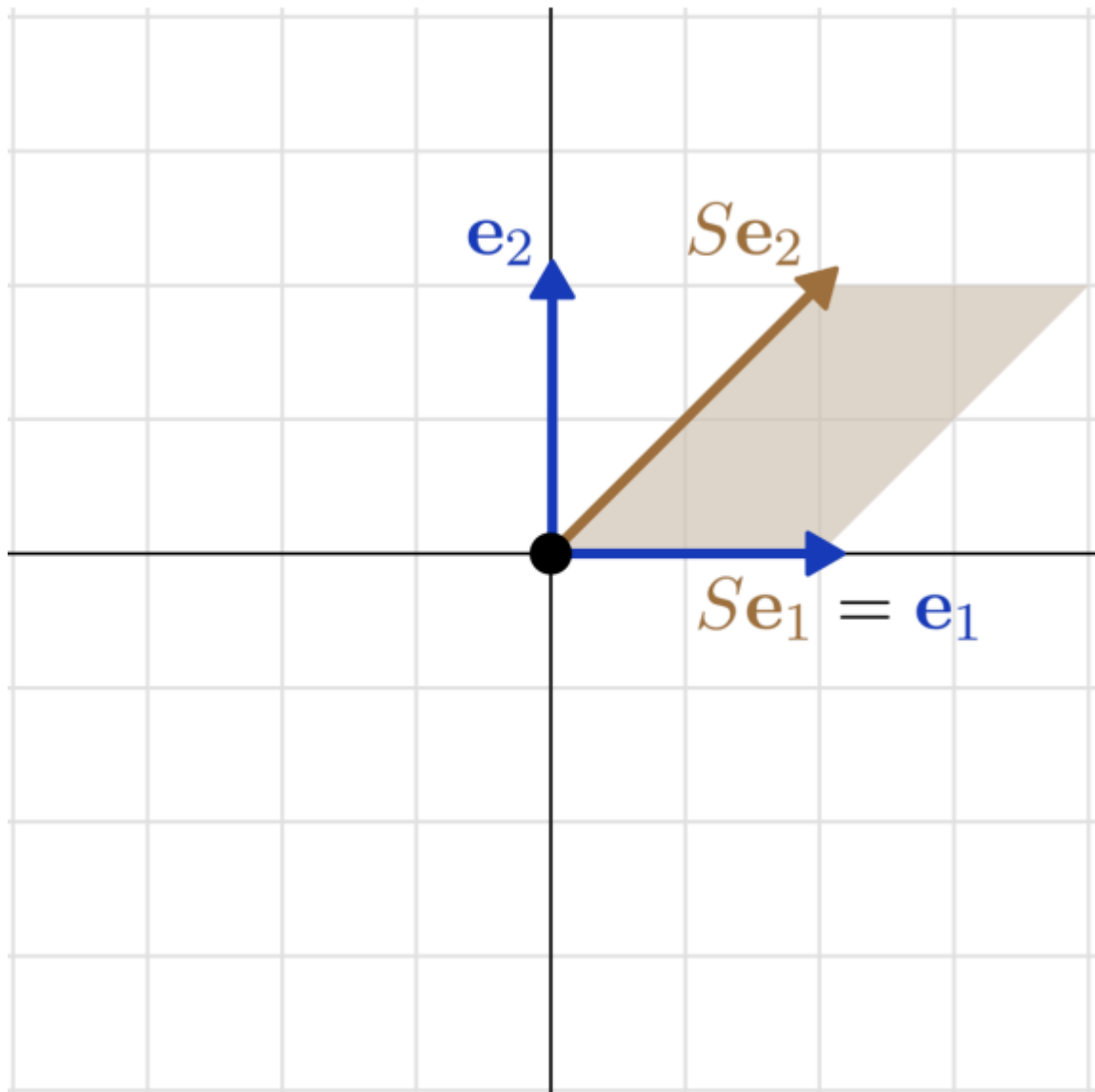
□ The rotation of $(1,0)$ is given by $(\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)$, while the rotation of $(0, 1)$ is $\left(\cos \left(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{2}\right), \sin \left(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right)$



Shearing

$$S_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & k_x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad S_y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k_y & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & k_x \\ k_y & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

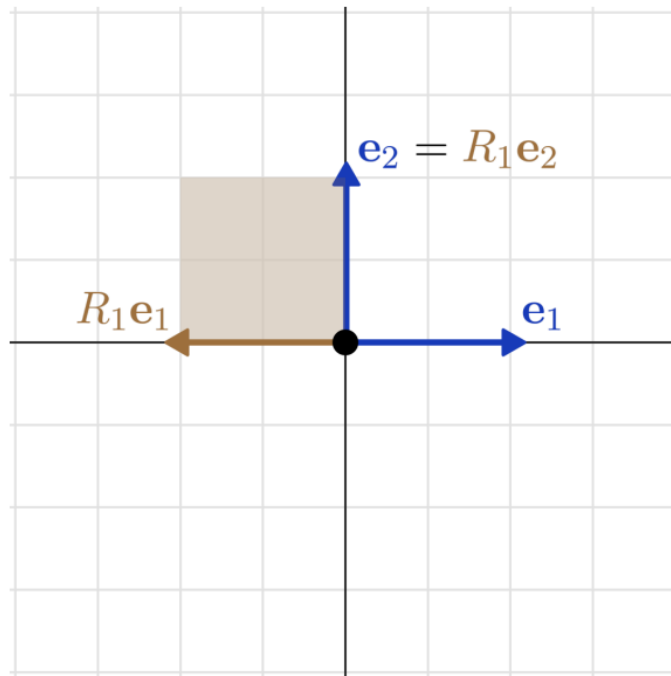
where S_x , S_y and S represent shearing transformation in the x , y , and in both directions.



Reflection

$$R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

acts as reflections with respect to the x and the y axes.



□ In general, reflections can be easily defined in higher dimensional spaces.

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

□ This is reflection in \mathbb{R}^3 that flips e_3 to the opposite direction.

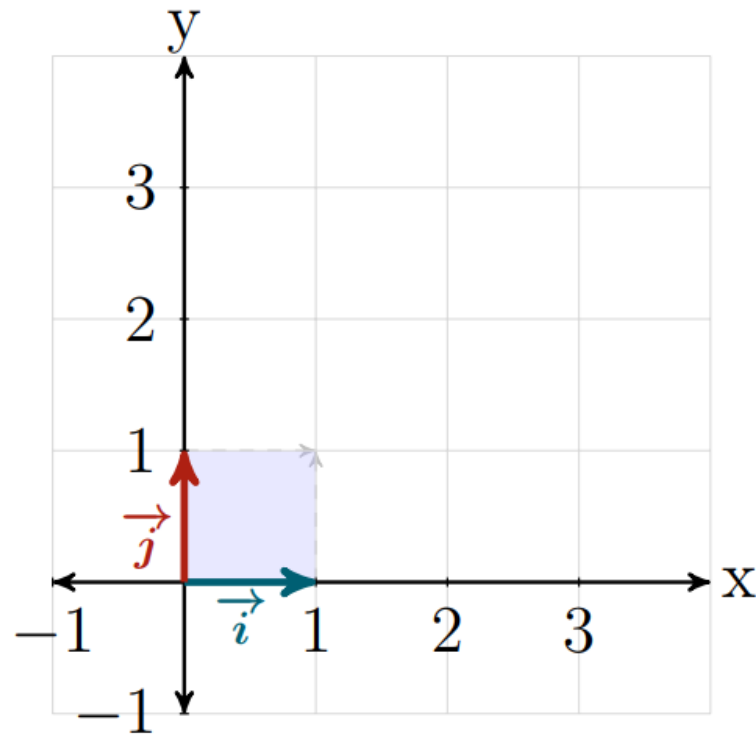
❑ Reflections can flip orientations multiple times. The transformation given by

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

flips \mathbf{e}_2 and \mathbf{e}_3 , changing the orientation twice.

Determinants

□ Let's use the standard basis $\vec{i} = (1, 0)^T$ and $\vec{j} = (0, 1)^T$ and form a square.



□ A linear transformation can be represented by the

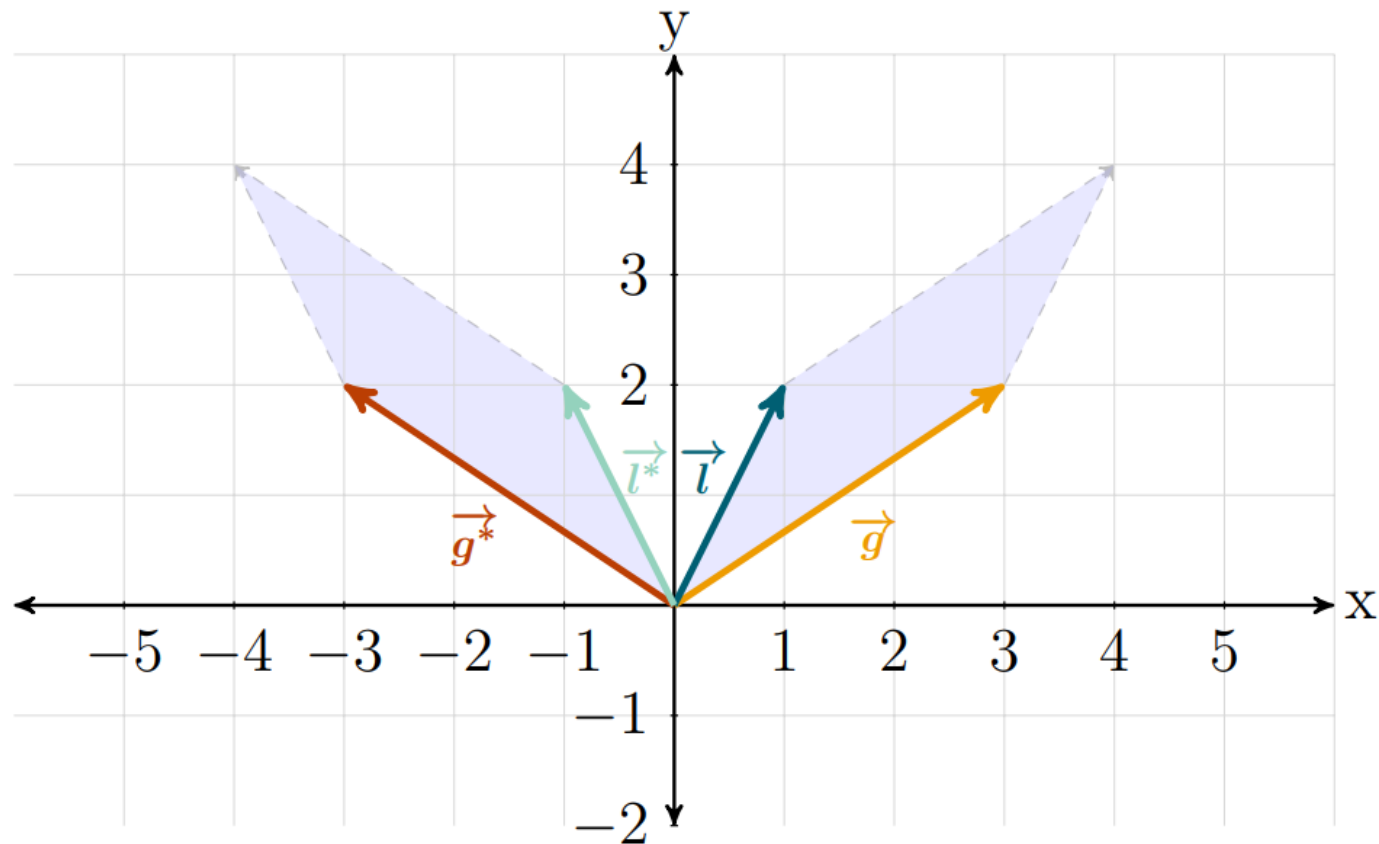
matrix: $L = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

□ Applying the mapping to L to \vec{i} and \vec{j} will result into two new vectors, \vec{i}^* and \vec{j}^* , with values $(2, 0)^T$ and $(0, 2)^T$ respectively.

- ❑ The scalar that represents the change in area size due to the transformation is called the **determinants**.
- ❑ The **determinants** is a function that receives a square matrix and outputs a scalar that does not need to be strictly positive.
- ❑ It can take negative values or even zero.

□ Consider the transformation $z = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

□ Let's consider two new vectors: $\vec{g} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, $\vec{l} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$



- ❑ The image on the previous slide represent a determinant with a negative value.
- ❑ The negative sign indicates that the orientation of the vectors has changed.
- ❑ Consider a generic matrix $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

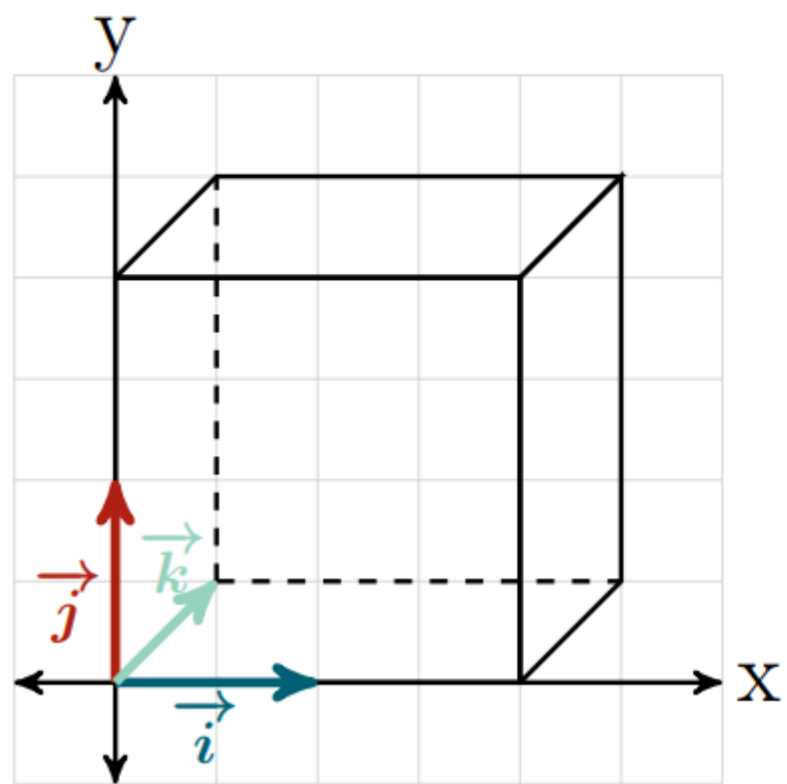
□ The notation for the determinant is $\det(M)$ or $|M|$,
and the formula for its computation is:

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$

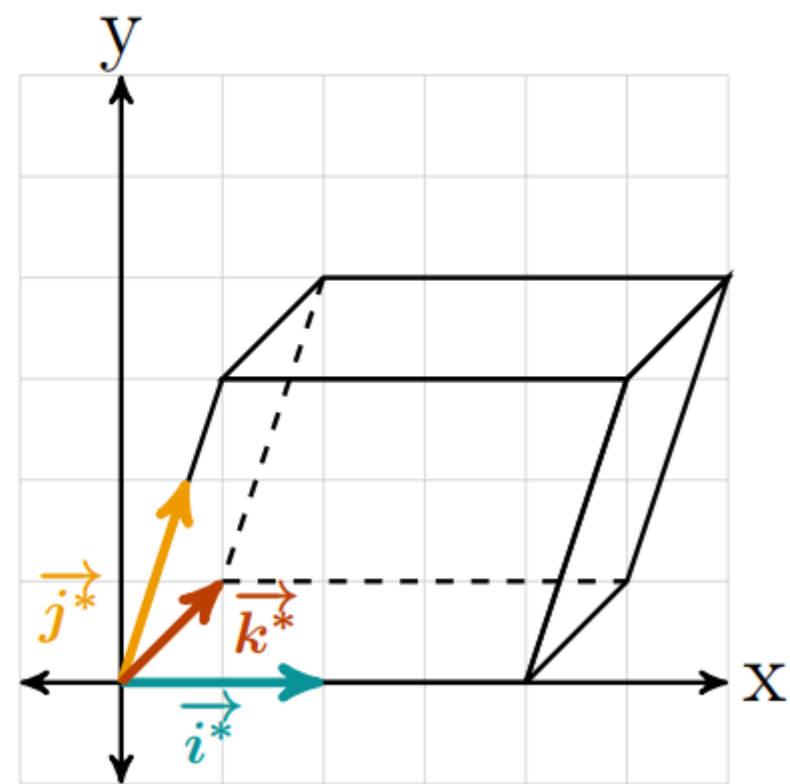
□ Consider a generic 3×3 matrix, N such that:

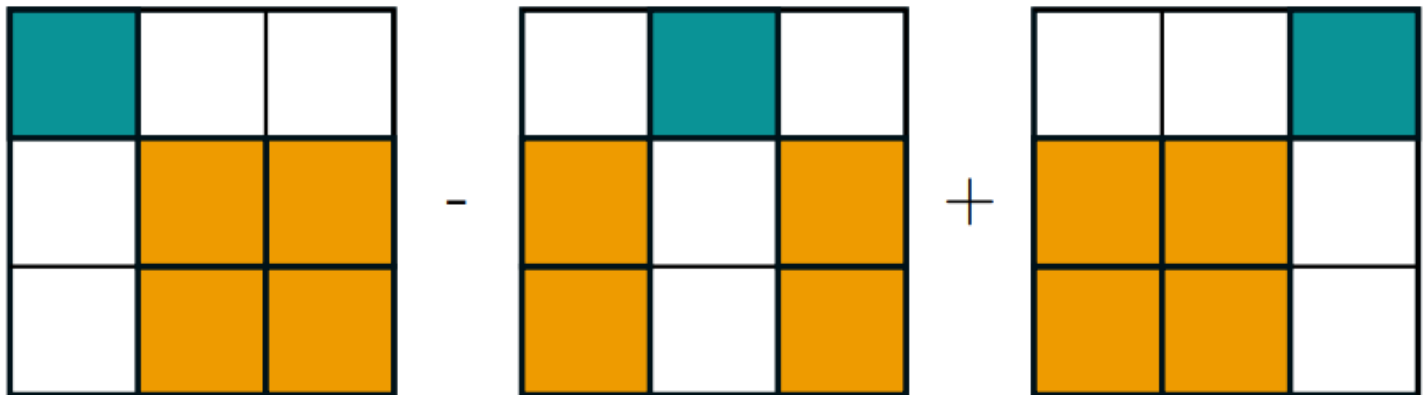
$$N = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$$

□ The determinant will reflect the change in volume of a transformed parallelepiped.



\xrightarrow{N}





$$\det(N) = a \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{vmatrix}$$

Fundamental properties of the determinants

1. $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be two matrices. Then $\det AB = \det A \det B$
2. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be an arbitrary invertible matrix. Then
$$\det A^{-1} = (\det A)^{-1}$$
3. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be an arbitrary matrix. Then $\det A = \det A^T$

4. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be a matrix that has two identical rows or columns. Then $\det A = 0$
5. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be a matrix. Then its columns are linearly dependent if and only if $\det A = 0$. Similarly, the rows of A are linearly dependent if and only if $\det A = 0$

6. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be a matrix with a constant zero column (or row). Then $\det A = 0$
7. The linear transformation $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is invertible if and only if $\det A \neq 0$

