

HCAI5TML01 – Mathematics of Learning.

Lecture – 01

A **Refresher** on the **Mathematics** Behind **Machine Learning**.
Vector, Matrix and **System of Linear Equations**.

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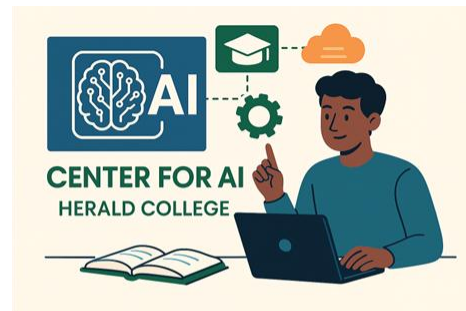


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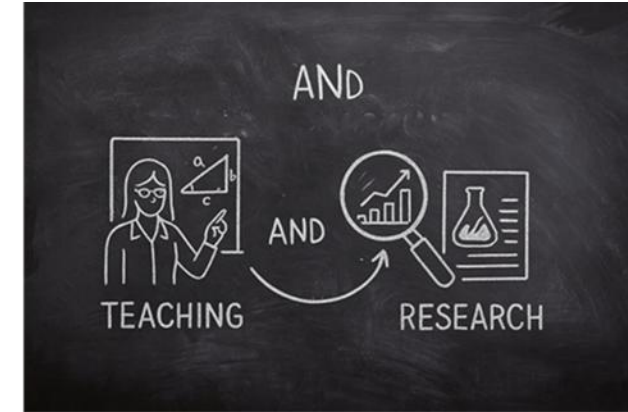


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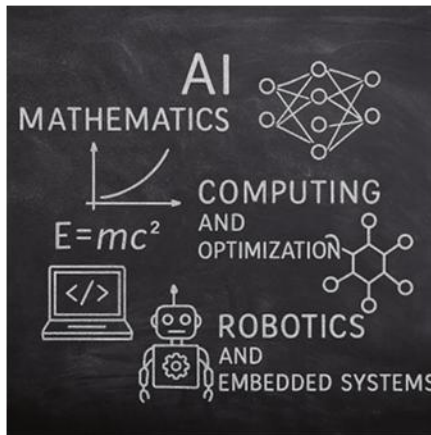


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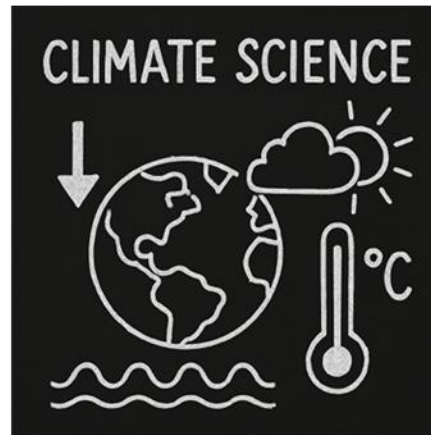
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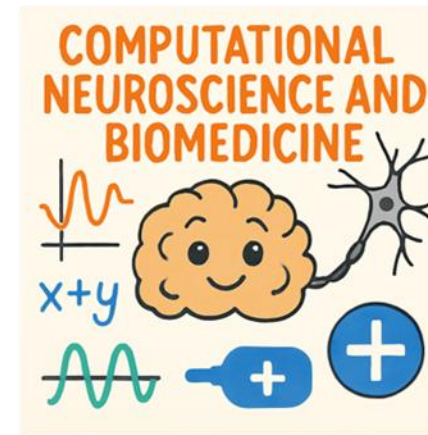
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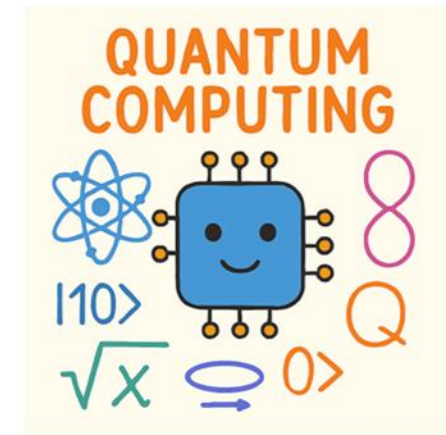
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A. Why do we need Linear Algebra for ML/DL?

{Why to study **Vector** and **Matrices**}

A.1 What is Linear Algebra?

- **Linear Algebra** is the branch of **mathematics** concerning **linear equations** such as:
 - $\mathbf{a}_1\mathbf{x}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{a}_n\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{b}$;
 - **linear maps** such as:
 - $(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) \mapsto \mathbf{a}_1\mathbf{x}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{a}_n\mathbf{x}_n$;
 - and **their representations** in **vector spaces** and **through matrices**. – Wikipedia.
- **Linear algebra** is a branch of mathematics that deals with **vectors**, **vector spaces** (also **known as linear spaces**),
 - and **linear transformations** between these spaces.
 - It involves operations on **matrices** and **vectors**, solving **systems of linear equations**, and understanding geometric concepts like **lines**, **planes**, and **subspaces**. – “chatgpt.”



Fig: What is Linear Algebra?

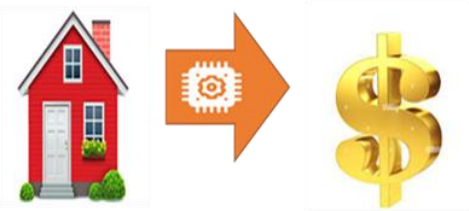
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A.2 Why Linear Algebra for Machine Learning?

- Representation of Data:**

- In machine learning, data is typically **represented** as **vectors** and **matrices**. For example, a dataset might be **stored as a matrix** where each row is a data point (vector), and each column is a feature.

Task: House Price Prediction.

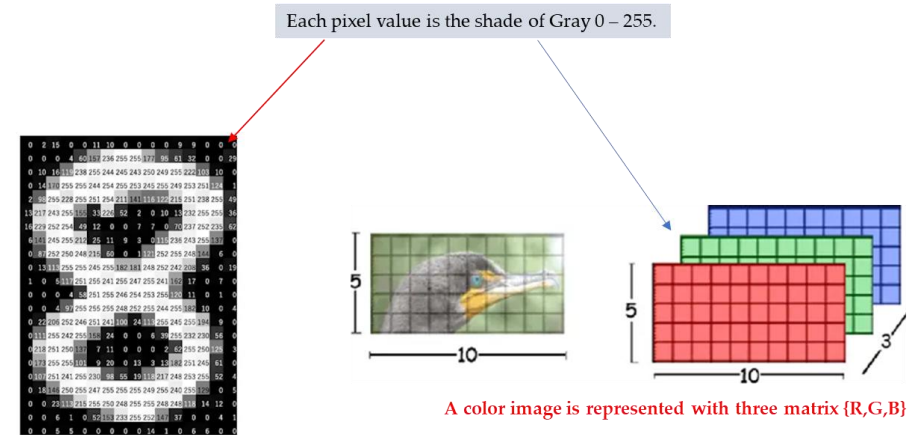


Data: Features/Descriptor of House

Area	Rooms	Price
1080	8	1,00,000.00
1200	10	1,50,000.00

How would you represent this, for computer?
Matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1080 & 8 \\ 1200 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1,00,000 \\ 1,50,000 \end{bmatrix}$$



A gray scale image is represented with single matrix {R,G,B}

A color image is represented with three matrix {R,G,B}

A.2.1 Why Linear Algebra for Machine Learning?

- **Efficient Computing:**

- Matrix operations allow for efficient computations on large datasets. Libraries like **NumPy**, **TensorFlow**, and **PyTorch** leverage **linear algebra** for operations on large matrices and tensors {**Vectorizations**}, which makes **machine learning models faster** and more **scalable**.

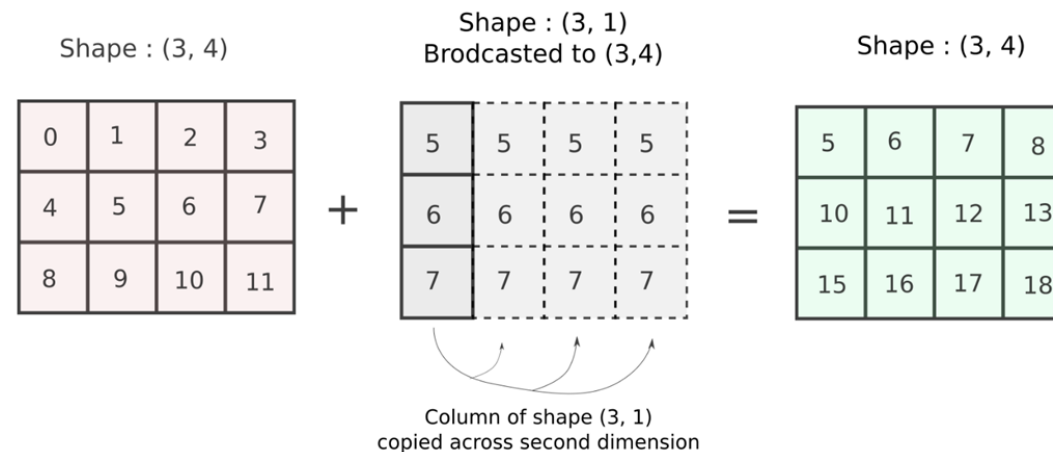


Fig: Idea of Vectorizations.

A.2.2 Why Linear Algebra for Machine Learning?

- **Understanding {Machine or Deep Learning} Algorithms:**
 - **Training** machine or deep learning models often involves **solving systems of linear equations**.
 - **Linear algebra** provides the **necessary tools** to solve these systems efficiently.
 - Many machine learning algorithms are based on linear algebra concepts.
 - For instance:
 - **Linear Regression** involves finding a line (or hyperplane) that best fits the data.
 - **Neural Networks** use matrix multiplication for forward and backward propagation.

B. Summary : Linear Algebra for Machine Learning.

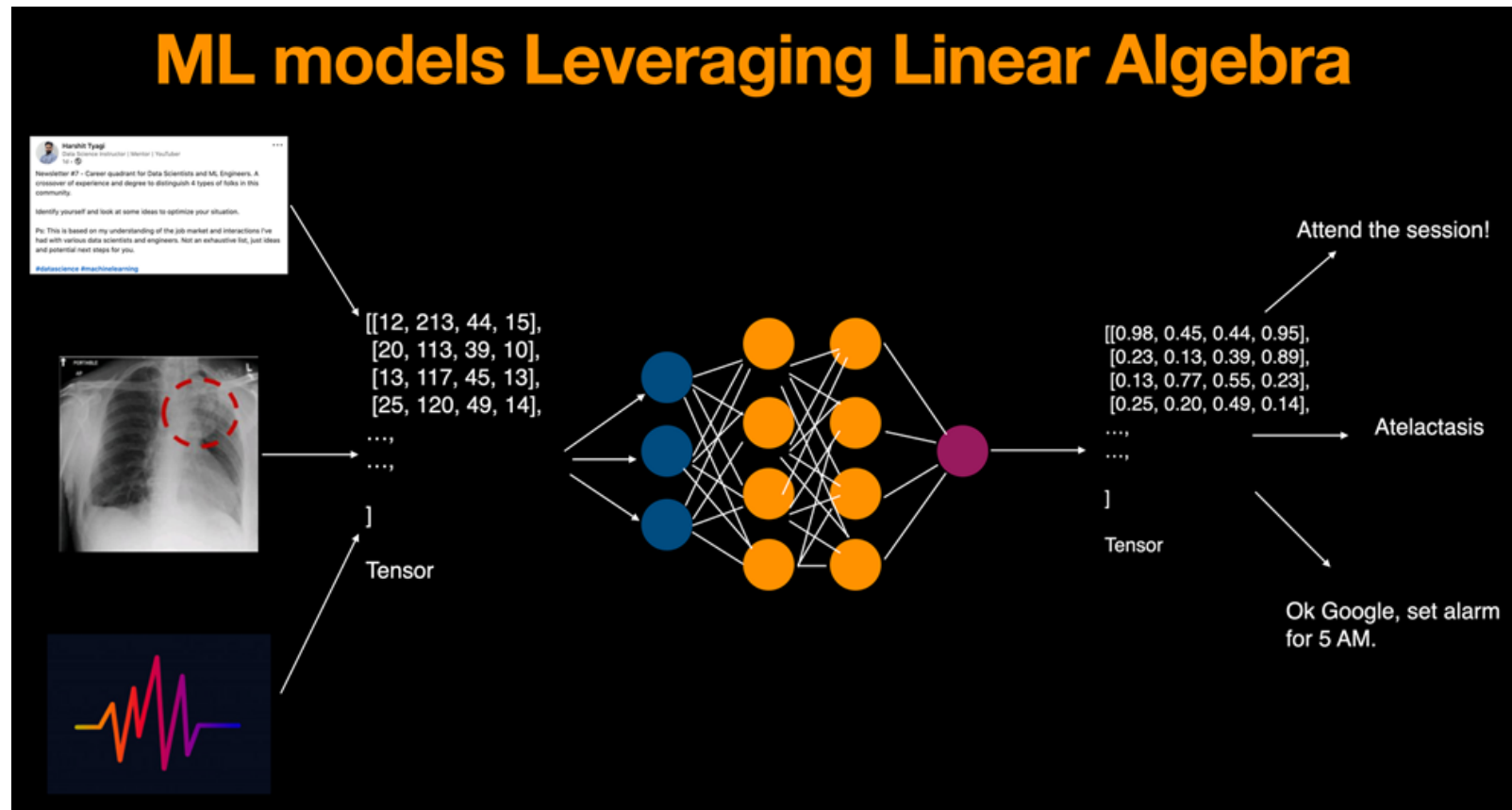


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Understanding **Vector** and **Matrices**.

{Basic Concepts, Definition and Notations.}

1.1 What are Vectors?

Interpretation – 1: Point in Space.

- E.g., in **2D{dimension}**
 - we can visualize the data points with respect to a **coordinate origin**

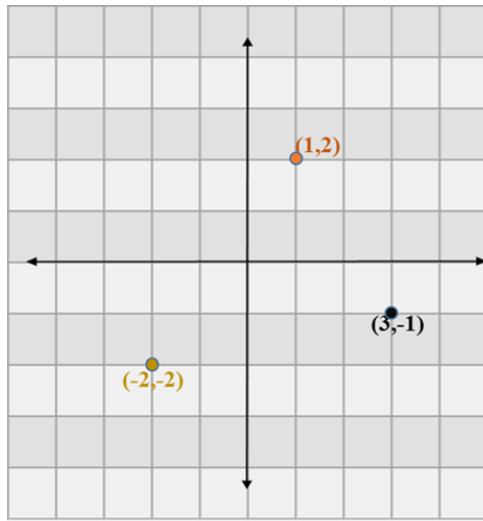


Fig: Vector as a point

Interpretation – 2: Direction in Space.

- E.g., the vector $\vec{v} = [3, 2]^T$ has a **direction** of 3 steps to the right and 2 steps up
- The notation \vec{v} is sometimes used to indicate that the vectors have a **direction**
- All vectors in the figure have the **same direction**

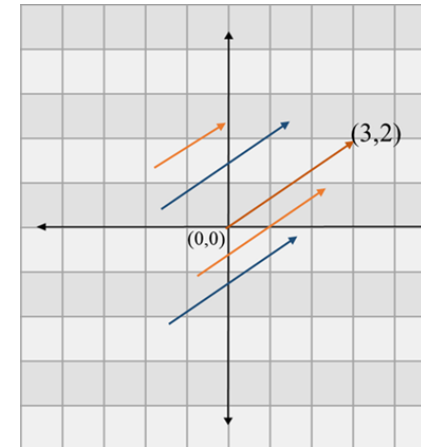


Fig: Vector as Direction

1.2 Vector formal Definition.

- In Linear Algebra and Applied Mathematics, we define vector with in **n-dimensional vector space**.
- **Vector Space**:
 - If **n** is a positive integer, then an **ordered n-tuple** is a sequence of **n real numbers** $[n_1, n_2, \dots, n_n]$
 - The set of all **ordered n-tuples** is called **n – space** or **n – dimensional vector space** and is denoted by \mathbb{R}^n .
- **Vectors in \mathbb{R}^n** :
 - Let $\mathbb{R}^n = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) : \mathbf{x}_j \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n\}$. Then,
 - $\vec{\mathbf{x}} = [\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n]$ is called **a vector in vector space \mathbb{R}^n** .
 - The number $\mathbf{x}_j \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$ are called the **components** of $\vec{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- Examples:

$$\mathbf{a} = [a_1, a_2] \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

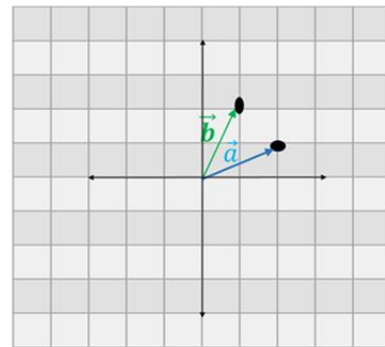


Fig: 2 dimensional vector space

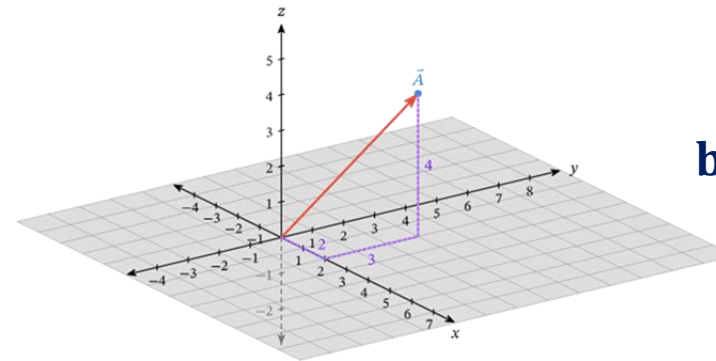


Fig: 3 dimensional vector space

$$\mathbf{b} = [b_1, b_2, b_3] \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

1.3 Vector in Vector – Space.

- **Vector Space:**

- A set **V** of **n -dimensional vectors** (with a corresponding **set of scalars**) such that the **set of vectors** is:
 - “**closed**” under **vector addition**.
 - “**closed**” under **scalar multiplication**.
 - **Origins are defined and fixed {0 vector must exist}**
- In other words:
 - **For addition of two vectors:**
 - takes **two vectors** $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, and it produces the **third vector** $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$.
 - (addition of vectors – gives another vector in the same set)
 - **For scalar Multiplication:**
 - Takes **a scalar** $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbf{F}$ and a vector $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ produces a **new vector** $\mathbf{cv} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
 - (multiplying a vector by a scalar – gives another vector in the same set)

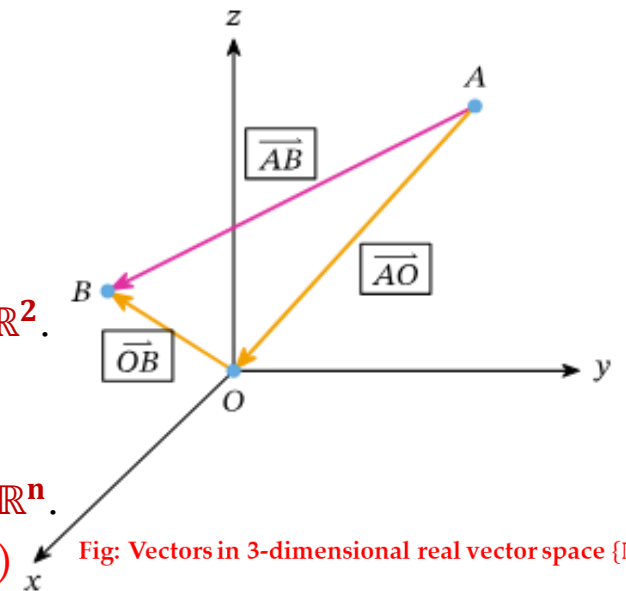


Fig: Vectors in 3-dimensional real vector space $\{\mathbb{R}^3\}$

1.4.1 Axioms of Vector – Space.

- If \mathbf{V} is a set of vectors satisfying the above definition of a **vector space**, then it satisfies the following axioms:
 - **Existence of an Additive Identity**: any vector space \mathbf{V} **must have a zero vector**.
 - **Existence of Negative Vector**: for any vector \mathbf{v} in \mathbf{V} its $-\mathbf{v}$ must also be in \mathbf{V} .
 - Has **Axiomatic / Algebraic Properties** – We can perform valid mathematical operations. {details in course note}

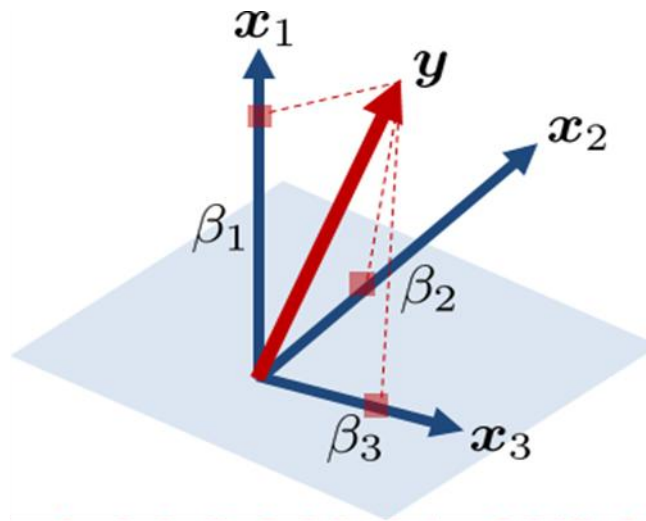


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1.5 Matrices: Introduction.

- In general: A **matrix** is a **rectangular array** of numbers. The **numbers in the array** are called **the entries** in the **matrix**.
 - Array of numbers are an “*ordered collection of vectors*”.
 - Like vectors matrices are also fundamentals in machine learning/AI, as matrices are the way computer *interact with data* in practice.
 - A **matrix** is represented with **italicized** upper-case letter like “**A**”.
 - For two dimensions: we say the matrix **A** has:
 - **m rows** and **n columns**.
 - Each entry/element of **A** is defined as **a_{ij}**.
 - Thus, a **matrix A^{m×n}** is define as:
- Overview of notation for discussing matrices:
 - Given a set **C** $\in \mathbb{R}$, we let **C_{m×n}** denote the set of all matrices of **m rows** and **n columns** consisting of items from set **C**.
 - For matrix: **A** $\in \mathbf{C}_{m \times n}$: we let **a_{ij}** denote the item at the **ith row** and **jth column** of **A**.
 - For matrix **A** $\in \mathbf{C}_{m \times n}$: we let **a_{i*}** denote the **ith row vector** of **A**.
 - For matrix **A** $\in \mathbf{C}_{m \times n}$: we let **a_{*i}** denote the **jth column vector** of **A**.

$$A_{m \times n} := \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}, a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$$

1.6 Special Matrices.

- Rectangular Matrix:
 - Matrices are said to be rectangular when the number of rows is \neq to the number of columns, i.e. $A^{m \times n}$ with $m \neq n$. For instance:

$$A_{2 \times 3} := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Square Matrix:
 - Matrices are said to be square when the number of rows = the number of columns, i.e. $A^{m \times n}$. For instance:

$$A_{2 \times 2} := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Diagonal Matrix:
 - Square matrices are said to be diagonal when each of its non-diagonal elements is zero, i.e. for
 - $D = (d_{ij})$, we have $\forall i, j \in n \ i \neq j \Rightarrow d_{ij} = 0$.
 - For instance:

$$A_{3 \times 3} := \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Upper triangular matrix:
 - Square matrices are said to be upper triangular when the elements below the main diagonal are zero i.e. For $D = (d_{ij})$, we have $d_{ij} = 0$, for $i > j$. For instance:

$$A_{3 \times 3} := \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 8 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Lower triangular matrix:
 - Square matrices are said to be lower triangular when the elements above the main diagonal are zero i.e. $D = (d_{ij})$, we have $d_{ij} = 0$, for $i < j$. For instance:

$$A_{3 \times 3} := \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Identity Matrix:
 - A diagonal matrix is said to be the identity when the elements along its main diagonal are equal to one. For instance:

$$A_{3 \times 3} := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1.6.1 Special Matrices.

- **Symmetric Matrix:**

- Square matrices are said to be symmetric its equal to its transpose, i.e. $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T$. For instance:

$$\mathbf{A}_{3 \times 3} := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Scalar Matrix:**

- Diagonal matrices are said to be scalar when all the elements along its main diagonal are equal, i.e. $\mathbf{D} = \alpha \mathbf{I}$. For instance:

$$\mathbf{A}_{3 \times 3} := \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Null or Zero Matrix:**

- Matrices are said to be null or zero matrices when all its elements equal to zero, which is denoted as $\mathbf{0}_{m \times n}$. For instance:

$$\mathbf{A}_{3 \times 3} := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Equal Matrix:**

- Two matrix are said to be equal if
 - $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{a}_{ij}) = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{b}_{ij})$.
- For instance:

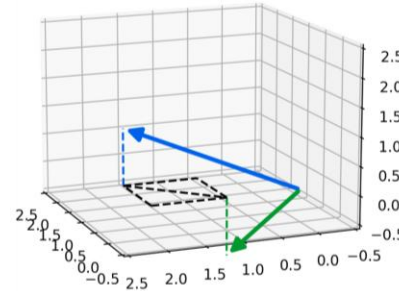
$$\mathbf{B}_{2 \times 2} := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{2 \times 2} := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

1.7 Interpretation of a Matrix: Collection of Vectors.

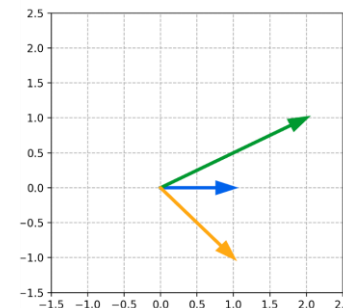
- A matrix can be thought of as a set of vectors.
- For example, for the following matrix:
 - $A := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ can be thought of as
 - a **two** three-dimensional **row** vectors i.e.
 - $a_{1*} := [1 \ 2 \ 1]$ and $a_{2*} := [0 \ 1 \ -1]$

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



- Or as a **three** two-dimensional **column** vectors:
- $a_{*1} := \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$; $a_{*2} := \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $a_{*3} := \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

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

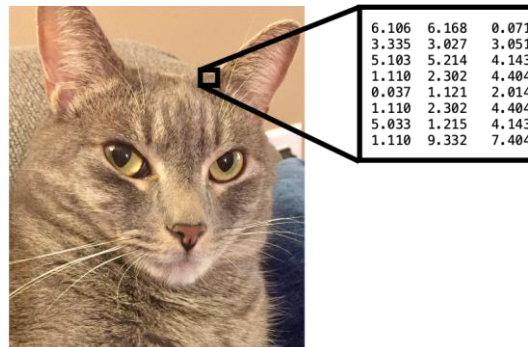


1.7.1 Interpretation of Matrix: As a table of data.

- The simplest interpretation of matrix is as a two – dimensional array of values.
- For example:
 - A numerical dataset represented as a matrix.

Spreadsheet					Matrix				
	A	B	C	D					
1	sepal_length	sepal_width	petal_length	petal_width	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	
2	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	
3	4.9	3	1.4	0.2	7.0	3.2	4.7	1.4	
4	7	3.2	4.7	1.4	6.5	2.8	4.6	1.5	
5	6.5	2.8	4.6	1.5	5.8	2.7	5.1	1.9	
6	5.8	2.7	5.1	1.9	7.1	3.0	5.9	2.1	
7	7.1	3	5.9	2.1					

- The **pixels** of an image can be represented as a **matrix**.
- Let's say we have an image of **m × n pixels**.
 - Let **X** be a **matrix** representing this image where **x_{i,j}** represents the **intensity of the pixel** at row **i** and **j**.



1.7.2 Interpretation of Matrix: As a Function.

- A matrix can also be viewed as a function that maps
 - **vectors in one vector space** to **vectors in another vector space**.
- These special kind of **matrix – defined function** are also called
 - **Linear Transformation** and written as:
 - $T(x) := Ax$
- A very simple visualization of such function is **matrix – vector multiplication**.

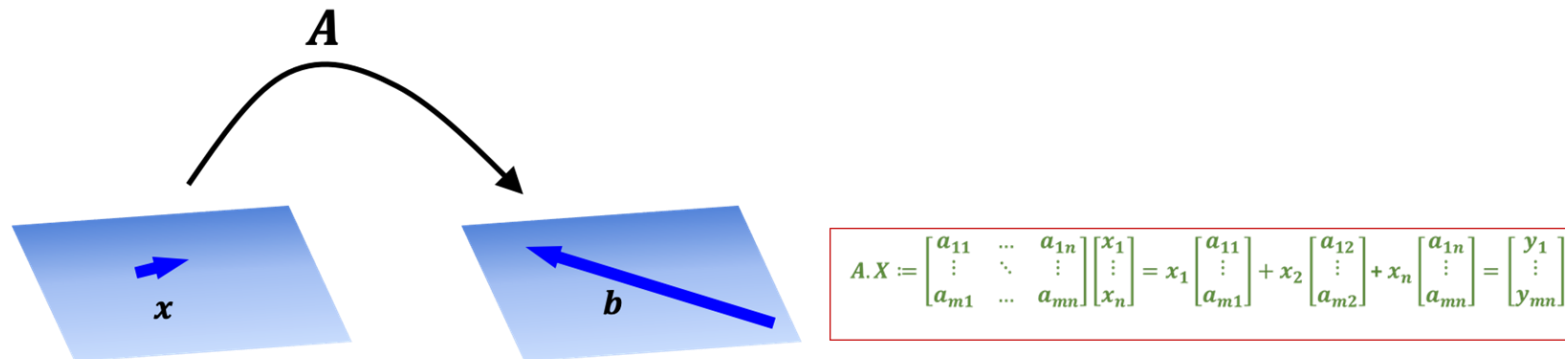
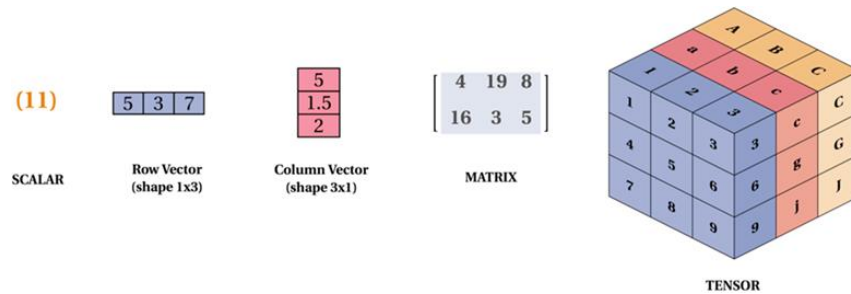


Fig: What happens if we Multiply Matrix A with vector x?

Good to Know!!!

- A tensor is a **multidimensional array** and a **generalization** of the concepts of a **vector** and a **matrix**.



- Tensors can have many axes, here is a tensor with three axes:

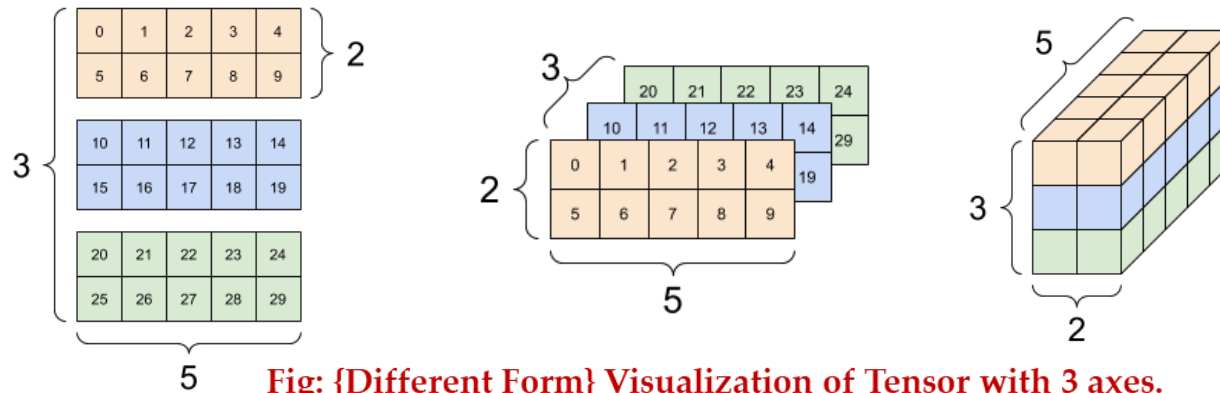
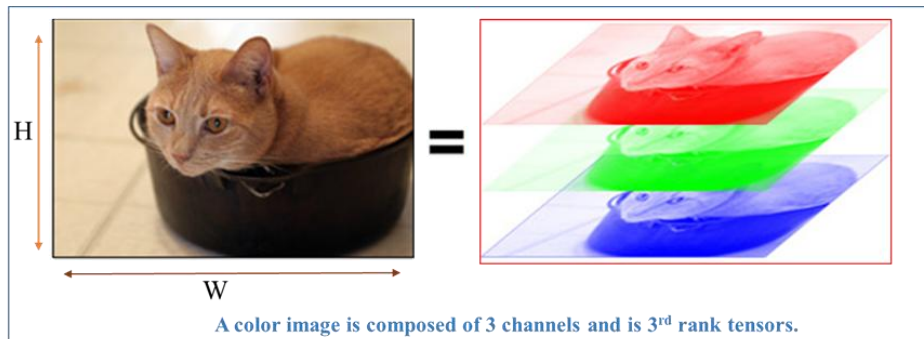


Fig: {Different Form} Visualization of Tensor with 3 axes.

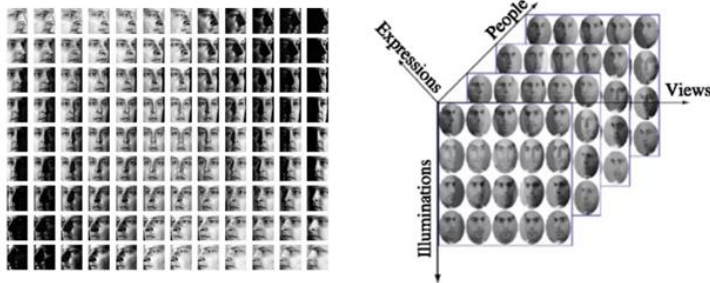
Tensor \rightarrow Example.

- Tensors in DL are Used to represent an image.
 - $\text{image_shape} := \text{Height} \times \text{Width} \times \text{Color Channel (RGB)}$



A color image is composed of 3 channels and is 3rd rank tensors.

facial images database is 6th-order tensor



color video is 4th-order tensor



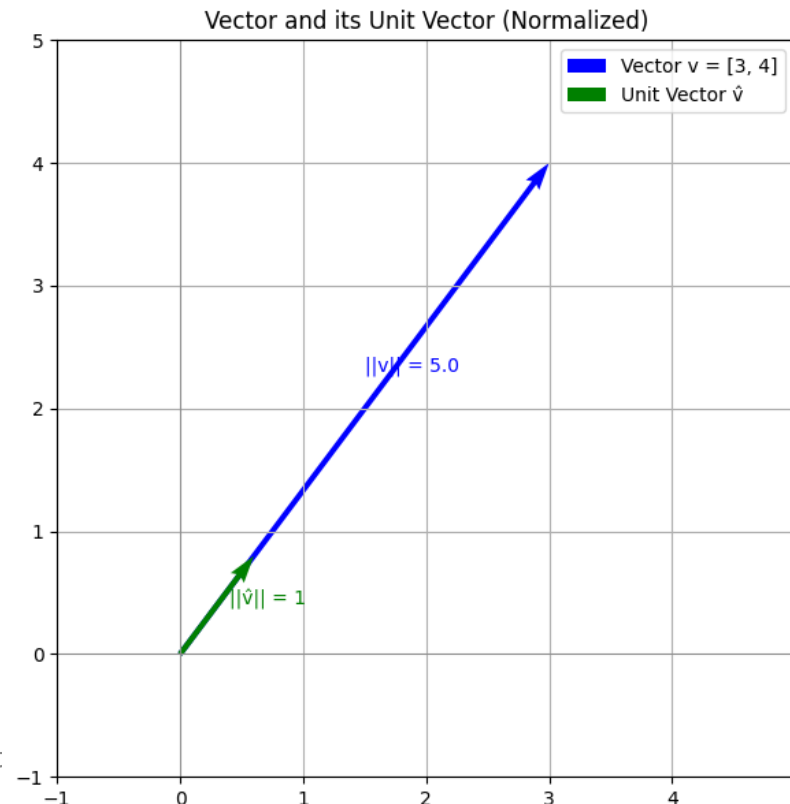
2. The Geometry of Vectors.

{Operations, Linear Dependence, and Basis}

2.1 Norm – “Length” of a vector.

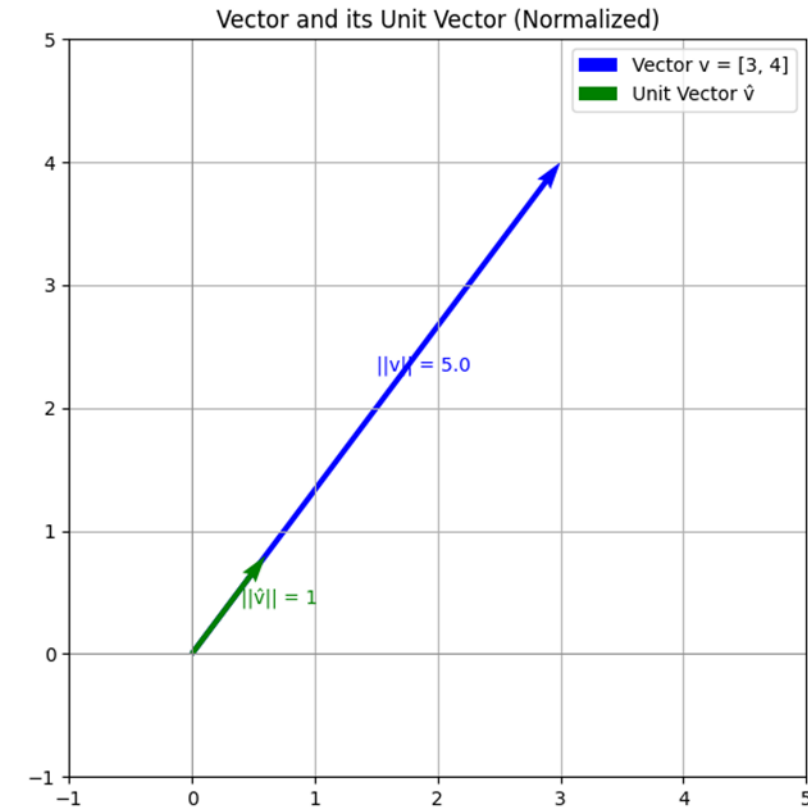
- The **norm** of a **vector** \mathbf{v} , often written as $\|\mathbf{v}\|$, is a measure of its magnitude or length.
- For vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , the most common is the Euclidean norm aka L2 Norm:

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|_2 = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2} = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}$$



2.2 Unit Vector.

- A **unit vector** is any vector **whose norm is exactly 1**:
 - $\|\mathbf{u}\| = 1$
- Why unit vectors matter?
 - They capture direction only, no magnitude.
 - They are building blocks of basis vectors.
 - Useful in normalizations ,projections and angle calculations.
- How to Get a unit vector from any vector – **Normalization**?
 - You can normalize a vector by dividing it by its own norm:
 - $\hat{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}$
 - This gives a unit vector in the same direction as \mathbf{v} .



2.3 Inner Product (General Concept).

- An inner product is a general mathematical concept that defines a **way to compute an angle – like and length – like** relationship between two vectors.
 - Formally, an inner product on a **vector space V** is a function:
 - $\langle ., . \rangle: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 - that satisfies these properties:
 - **Linearity in the first argument:**
 - $\langle \alpha u + \beta v, w \rangle = \alpha \langle u, w \rangle + \beta \langle v, w \rangle$
 - Taking the inner product of a linear combination of vectors u and v with another vector w , is the same as taking the same linear combination of their inner products with w .
 - **Symmetry:**
 - $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle$
 - **Positive – definiteness:**
 - $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0$, and equals 0 only if $v = 0$
 - When you take the inner product of a vector with itself, you always get a **non-negative number until and unless itself is the zero vector**.
 - This property ensures that the inner product defines a **valid notion of length** (or norm), because:
 - $\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$

2.3.1 Why Non – Negativity Matters?

- The inner product $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$ is used to define the norm (length) of a vector: $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}$
- Now imagine what would happen if $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle < 0$:
 - You'd have to take the square root of a **negative number**.
 - That would **break the geometry** of the space
 - distances and lengths would **become imaginary or undefined in \mathbb{R}** .
 - Concepts like distance, angle, and orthogonality would stop making sense
 - in the real – valued world of machine learning.
- Therefore:
 - The **positive – definiteness condition** ensures that the **norm or length of any vector is a real, non – negative number** something we can safely interpret geometrically.

2.3.2 Understanding Dot Products.

- **Dot product:**

- Given two vectors $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the quantity $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}$, sometimes called the **inner product** or **dot product** of the vectors, is a real number given by:

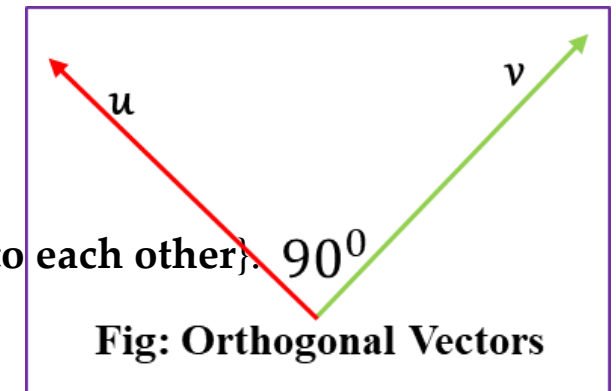
- $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R} = [\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \mathbf{v}_2 \\ \dots \\ \mathbf{v}_n \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{u}_i \times \mathbf{v}_i$

- It satisfies all the inner product properties - so the dot product is **special case of inner product**

- but not all **inner products are dot products**.

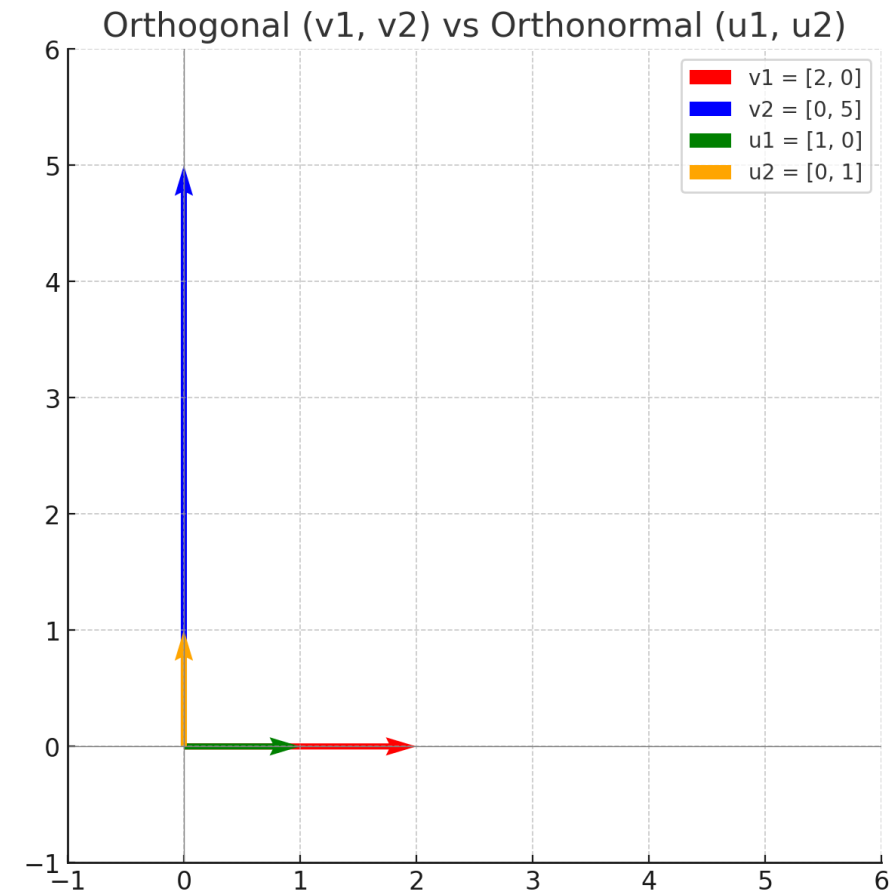
- **Orthogonal Vectors:**

- A pair of vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are **orthogonal** if their **dot product** is zero
 - i.e. $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$.
- Notation for a pair of orthogonal vectors is $\mathbf{u} \perp \mathbf{v}$ {i.e. **Vector are perpendicular to each other**}.
- In the \mathbb{R}^n ; this is equal to pair of vector forming a **90°** angle.



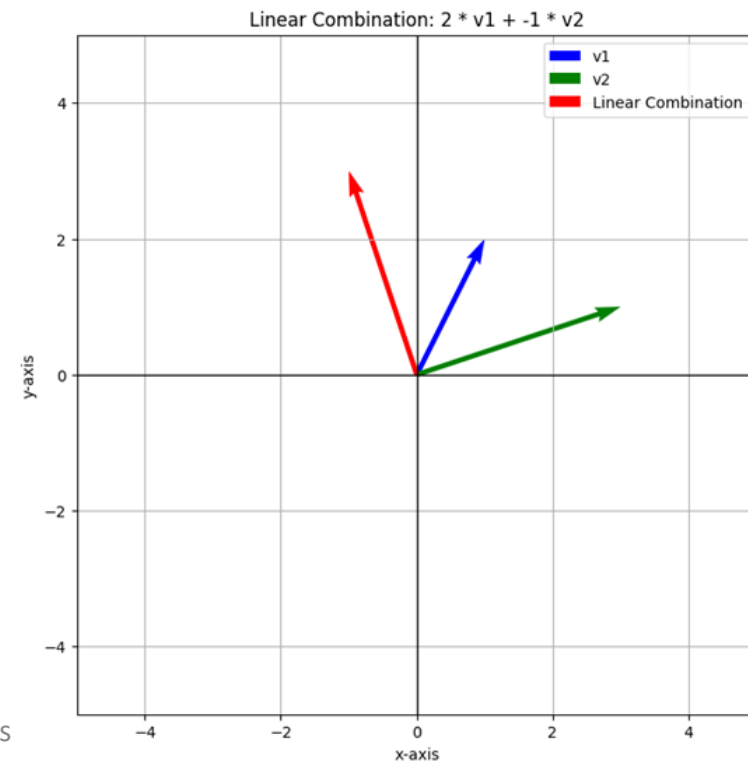
2.3.3 Orthogonal vs. Orthonormal.

- A set of vectors is orthogonal if: $\langle \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j \rangle = 0$ for all $i \neq j$
 - They are **perpendicular**, But not **necessarily unit length**.
- **Orthonormal:**
 - A set of vectors is orthonormal if:
 - They are orthogonal i.e. $\langle \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j \rangle = 0$ for all $i \neq j$
 - Each vector has unit length: $\|\mathbf{v}_i\| = 1$ for all i
 - Example in \mathbb{R}^2 :
 - **Orthogonal but not orthonormal:**
 - $\mathbf{v}_1 = [2, 0]$
 - $\mathbf{v}_2 = [0, 5]$
 - $\langle \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle = 0 \rightarrow$ orthogonal
 - But $\|\mathbf{v}_1\| = 2, \|\mathbf{v}_2\| = 5 \rightarrow$ not unit length
 - **Orthonormal:**
 - $\mathbf{u}_1 = [1, 0]$ $\mathbf{u}_2 = [0, 1]$
 - Perpendicular and each has length 1.



2.4 Linear Combinations of Vectors.

- Idea Combining two or more than two vectors to form a new vector.
- Definition:
 - A **vector** \mathbf{v} is a **linear combination** of a set of **vectors** $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$, if it can be expressed as:
 - $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{c}_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{c}_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \mathbf{c}_n\mathbf{v}_n$
 - where:
 - $\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n$ are scalars (**coefficients**).
 - $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ are vectors in a vector space.
- Example in \mathbb{R}^2 :
 - Let $\mathbf{v}_1 = [1, 2]$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = [3, 1]$,
 - If we take scalars $\mathbf{c}_1 = 2$ and $\mathbf{c}_2 = -1$,
 - then their **linear combination** will
 - produce a new **vector** \mathbf{v} in same **vector space**.
 - $\mathbf{v} = 2 \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + (-1) \times \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ■

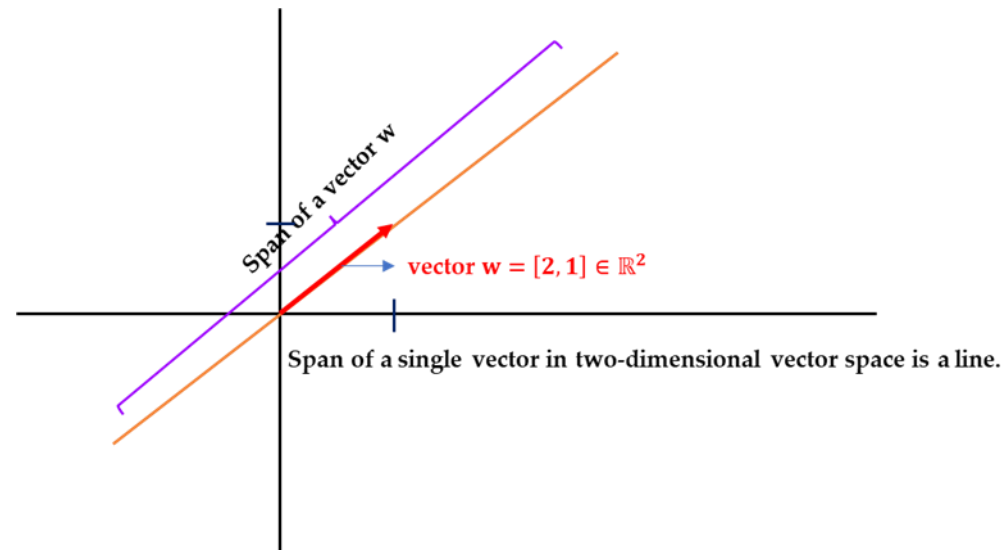


2.5 Span of a Set of vectors.

- **Span** is a consequences of **Linear combination of vectors** and can be thought as a **subset** inside a **vector space** (also known as **vector subspace**).
- A subspace, **\mathbb{S} of real vector space \mathbb{R}^n** is thought of a **flat (having no curvature) surface** with in \mathbb{R}^n :
 - is a collection of **all the vectors in \mathbb{S}** which satisfies the following (algebraic) conditions:
 - The **origin (0 vector)** is contained in \mathbb{S} .
 - If vector \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 are in \mathbb{S} ; then $\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2 \in \mathbb{S}$.
 - If $\mathbf{v}_1 \in \mathbb{S}$ and α a scalar then $\alpha \mathbf{v}_1 \in \mathbb{S}$.
- The **span of a set of vectors** $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the **set** of all **possible linear combinations** of those vectors. Formally, the span of $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is:
 - **$\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n) = \{c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{v}_n \mid c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$**
 - where **c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n** are **scalar coefficients**.

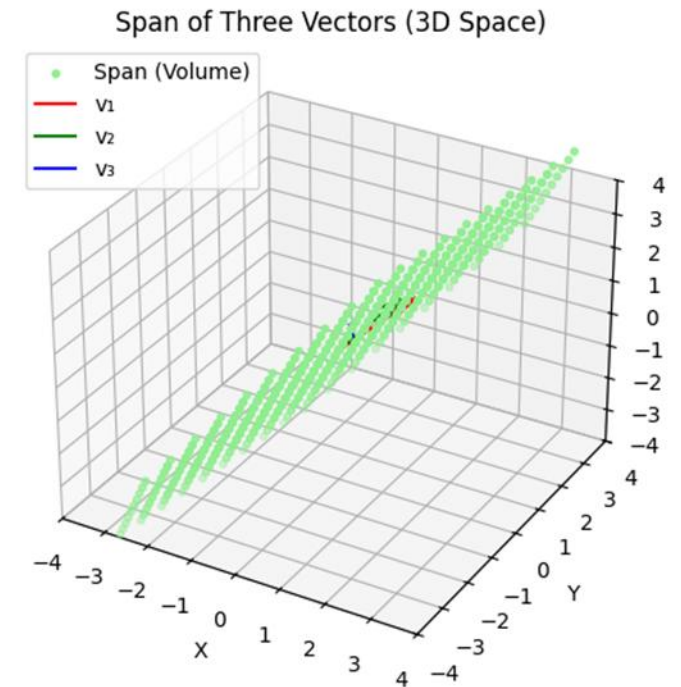
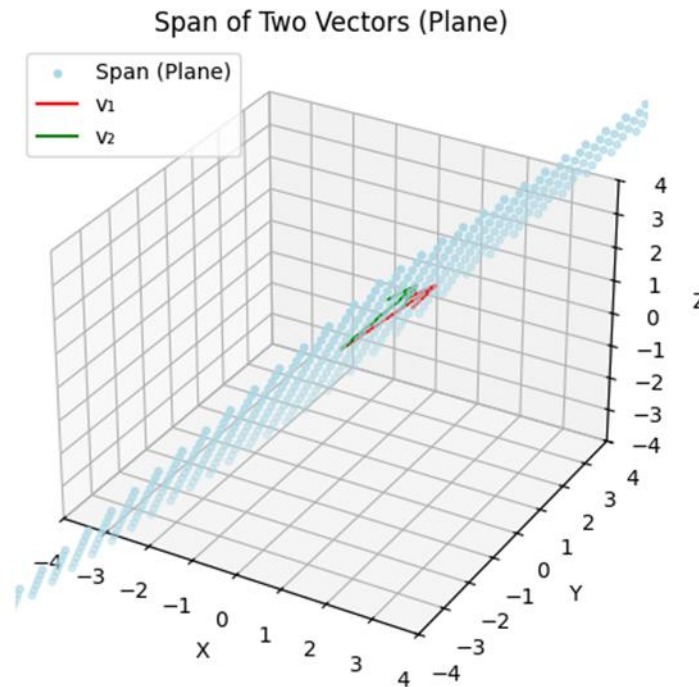
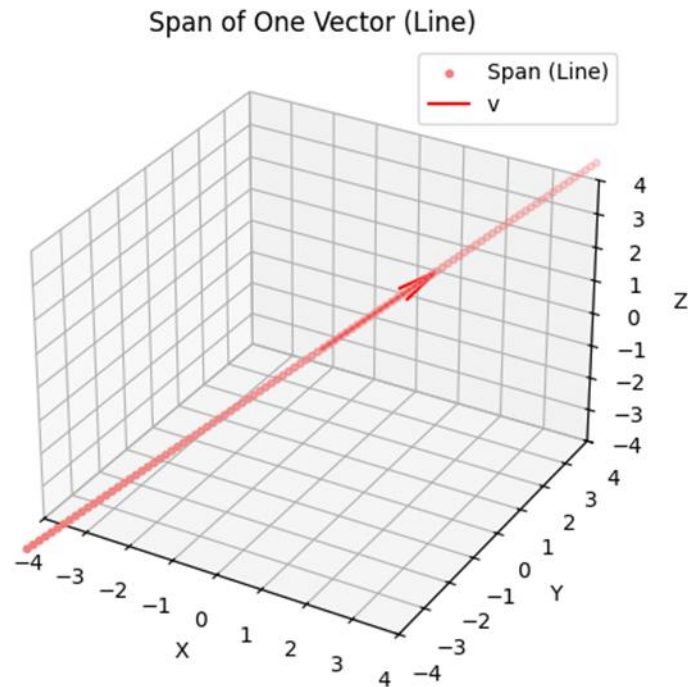
2.5.1 Geometric Interpretation of a Span.

- **The span of one nonzero vector is a line** through the origin in the direction of that vector.
- **The span of two linearly independent vectors is a plane** through the origin.
- **The span of three linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 is the entire 3D space**, which you can think of as filling a volume (like a cube).



2.5.1 Geometric Interpretation of a Span.

Span Demonstrations: Line, Plane, and 3D Space



2.5.2 Span and Learning.

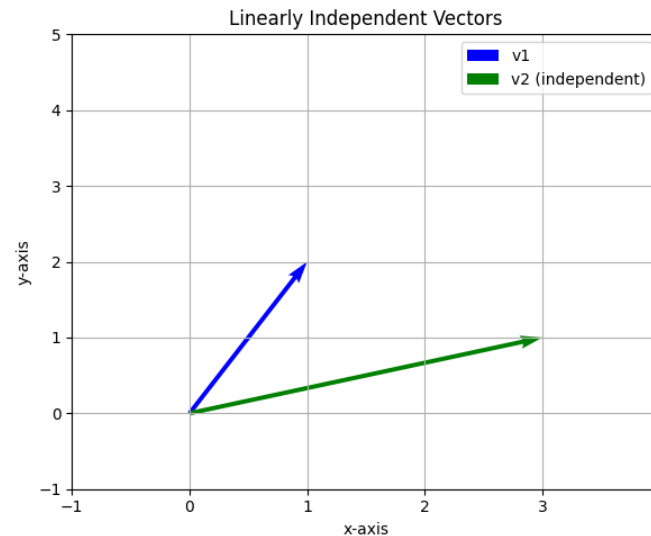
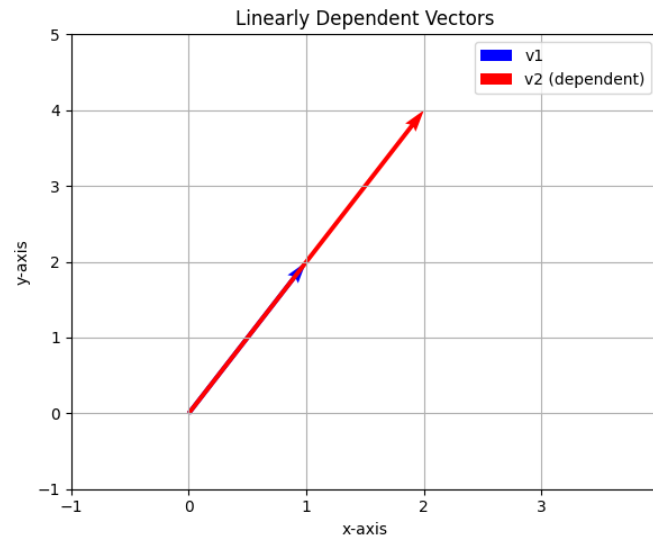
- **Feature Representation and Dimensionality:**
 - Each data point is often represented as a vector in a feature space.
 - The **span of your features** essentially defines the **space where your data lives**.
 - If your features are **linearly dependent** (i.e., don't add new "directions"), your data effectively lies in a **lower-dimensional subspace**.
 - This is why **dimensionality reduction** techniques (like PCA) look for a **smaller spanning set (basis)** that **captures most of the variance**.
- **Model Expressiveness:**
 - Linear models like **linear regression** find **weights** that are **linear combinations of features**.
 - The **predictions** lie in the **span of the feature vectors** (plus bias).
 - Understanding the span helps explain whether your model can represent the target well (e.g., if the target lies in the span of your features).
- **Feature Span and Model Weights:**
 - Your features form a vector space; the model's predictions are linear combinations of these features.
 - When features are **linearly dependent or highly correlated**, the effective **span** of your features is "smaller" than the number of features suggests.
 - This can cause the model weights to become **unstable or non-unique, hurting generalization**.

2.5.2 Span and Learning.

- **Regularization and Overfitting:**
 - When features are **highly correlated (dependent)**, models **can overfit** by giving **extreme weights** to **redundant features**.
 - Understanding span and linear dependence helps motivate **regularization** techniques like Ridge or Lasso to constrain weights.
 - **Lasso (L1 Regularization):**
 - Pushes some feature coefficients **exactly to zero**, effectively **removing those features** from the model. This reduces the **dimension of the span** of the selected features, creating a smaller subspace that still explains the data well.
 - **Ridge (L2 regularization):**
 - Shrinks the coefficients of correlated features **towards zero but rarely exactly zero**, so it **keeps all features** but reduces their impact.
 - This controls instability caused by overlapping spans without changing the span's dimension.

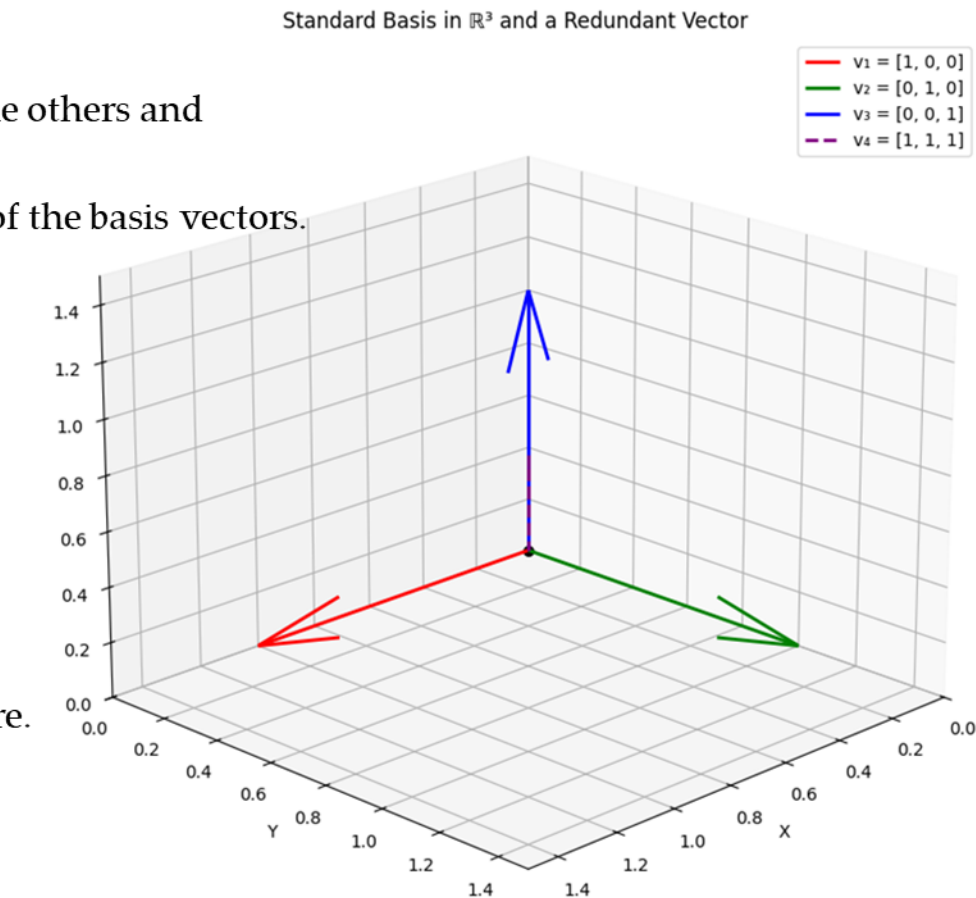
2.6 Linearly Independent and Dependent Vectors.

- A set of vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ in a **vector space** \mathbb{R}^n is:
 - **Linearly dependent** if at least one vector can be written as a linear combination of the others.
 - Mathematically, this means there exists at least one scalars $\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n$ which is not zero, such that:
 - $\mathbf{c}_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{c}_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots \mathbf{c}_n\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0}$; **at least one $\mathbf{c} \neq 0$.**
 - **Linearly Independent** if the only possible solution for above equation is $\mathbf{c}_1 = \mathbf{c}_2 = \dots = \mathbf{c}_n = \mathbf{0}$, i.e. no vector set can be written as a combination of the others.



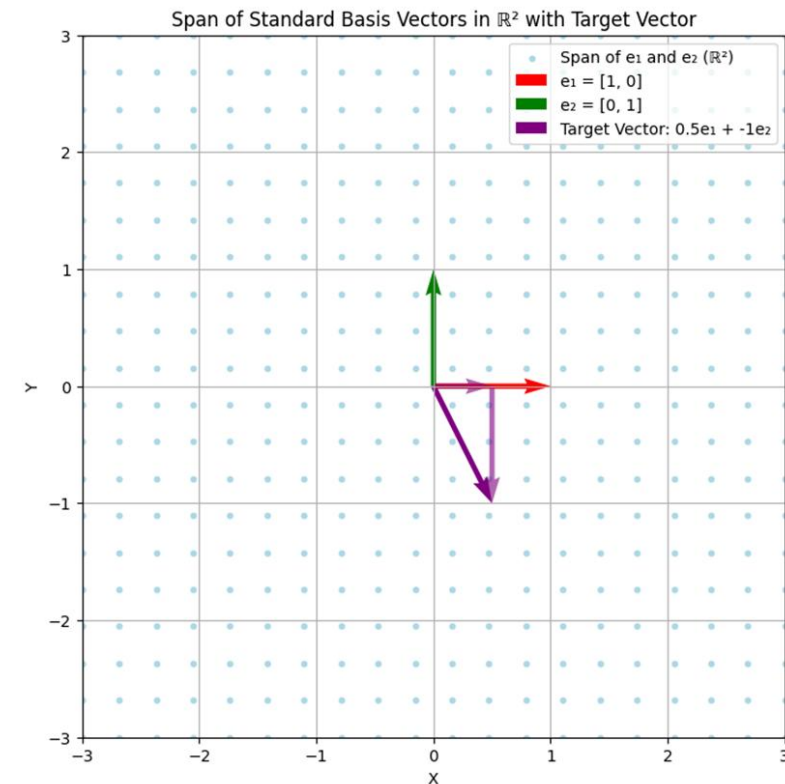
2.7 Basis of a Vector Space.

- Definition:
 - A basis of a vector space V is a **set of vectors**: $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ such that:
 - The vectors **are linearly independent**,
 - i.e. No vector in a basis can be written as a combination of the others and
 - They **span the space V** ,
 - i.e. every vector in V can be written as a linear combination of the basis vectors.
 - Basis is the minimal set needed to span the entire vector space.
- Example in \mathbb{R}^3 :
 - Following three vectors forms the basis in \mathbb{R}^3 vector space
 - $B := \{v_1 = [1, 0, 0], v_2 = [0, 1, 0], v_3 = [0, 0, 1]\}$ as they are:
 - Linearly independent and
 - There span is all of \mathbb{R}^3
 - If you add a fourth vector (e.g. $v_4 = [1, 1, 1]$),
 - $B := \{v_1 = [1, 0, 0], v_2 = [0, 1, 0], v_3 = [0, 0, 1], v_4 = [1, 1, 1]\}$
 - you still span \mathbb{R}^3 , but now it not minimal, Thus not a basis anymore.



2.7.1 Basis of a Vector Space: Intuition.

- **Intuition:**
 - A basis is like a “**minimal**” coordinate system for a space.
 - It gives you the smallest set of building blocks from which you can construct any vector in the space.
 - Think of:
 - $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ as the **standard basis** for \mathbb{R}^2 .
 - Any $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ can be written as:
 - $\mathbf{x} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$; here a , and b are any scalar in \mathbb{R} .



2.7.2 Standard Basis.

- **Standard Basis:**

- For \mathbb{R}^n , the standard basis is: $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$

- Where:

- $\mathbf{e}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{1 \text{ in } i^{\text{th}} \text{ position}} \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{a vector with 1 in position } i, 0 \text{ elsewhere}$

- **Connection to Unit Vectors:**

- Each standard basis vector \mathbf{e}_i is also a unit vector:

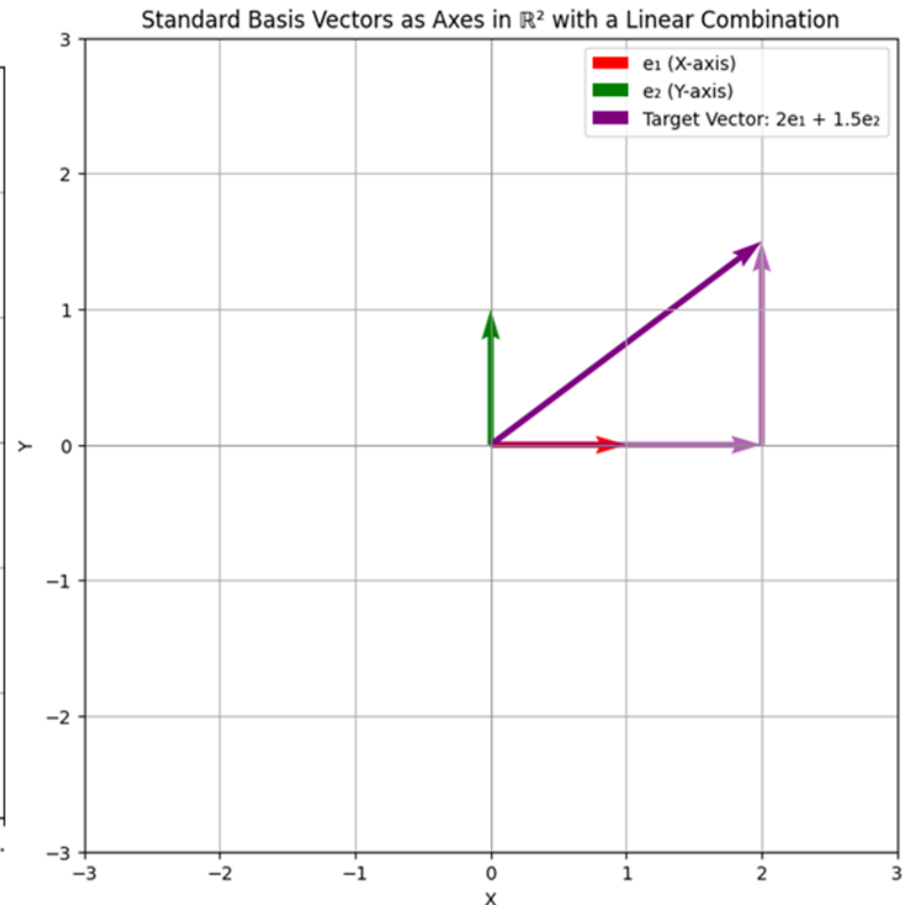
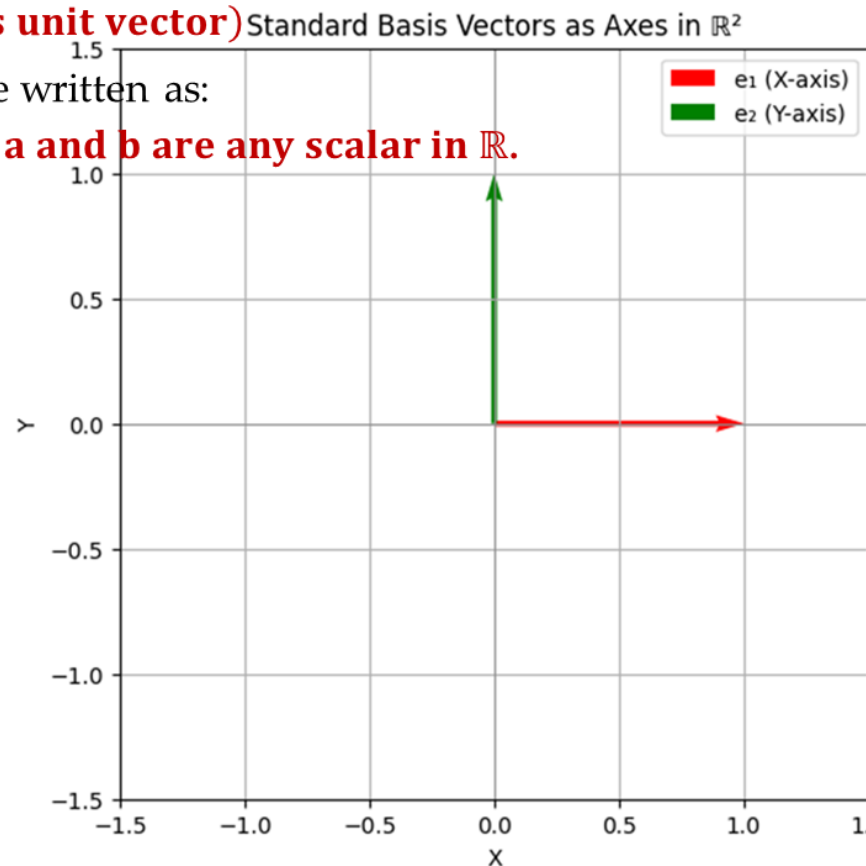
- $\|\mathbf{e}_i\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{1}^2 + \mathbf{0}^2 + \dots + \mathbf{0}^2} = \mathbf{1}$

- And they point **along the coordinate axes**.

- So, we say: The standard basis vectors are unit vectors along the coordinate directions of \mathbb{R}^n .

2.7.2.1 Standard Basis: Example

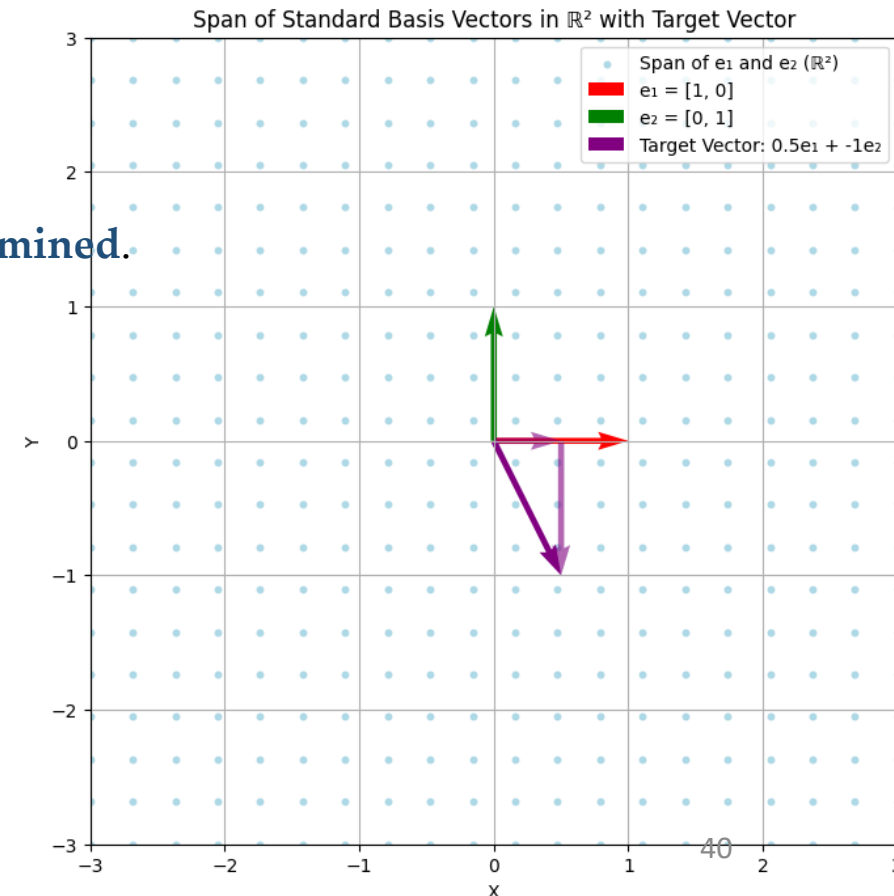
- Standard Basis in \mathbb{R}^2 :
 - $\mathbf{e}_1 = [1, 0]$ (x - axis unit vector)
 - $\mathbf{e}_2 = [0, 1]$ (y - axis unit vector)
- Any vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ can be written as:
 - $\mathbf{x} = a\mathbf{e}_1 + b\mathbf{e}_2$, here a and b are any scalar in \mathbb{R} .



2.7.3 Properties of Basis.

1. Unique Representation:

- Every vector in a vector space can be uniquely represented as a linear combination of the basis vectors.
- What it means:
 - If $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a basis of vector space V ,
 - Then any $\mathbf{x} \in V$ can be written as:
 - $\mathbf{x} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n$
 - And the coefficients $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ are uniquely determined.
- Why?
 - Because the basis vectors are linearly independent
 - there is **only one way to combine** them to
 - reach a given vector in the space.



2.7.3.1 Properties of Basis.

2. Same number of elements in any Basis:

- All bases of a **finite dimensional vector space** have the **same number of vectors**.
- What it means:
 - If one **basis of V has n vectors**, then **every basis of V has exactly n vectors**.
 - You cannot have a basis of 2 vectors and another basis of 3 vectors for the same space.
- Why?
 - Because the number of vectors in a basis corresponds to the dimension of the space.

3. Dimension of the Vector space:

- The **number of vectors** in a basis is called the **dimension of the vector space**.
- Examples:
 - **\mathbb{R}^2 : dimension = 2 \rightarrow basis has 2 vectors**
 - **\mathbb{R}^3 : dimension = 3 \rightarrow basis has 3 vectors**
 - **A plane in \mathbb{R}^3 : dimension = 2 \rightarrow any basis of that plane will have 2 vectors.**
 - We can have a 2-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R}^n that has a basis of 2 linearly independent vectors.
 - **Cautions:** A basis of a vector space must have **exactly as many vectors as the dimension of the space**.

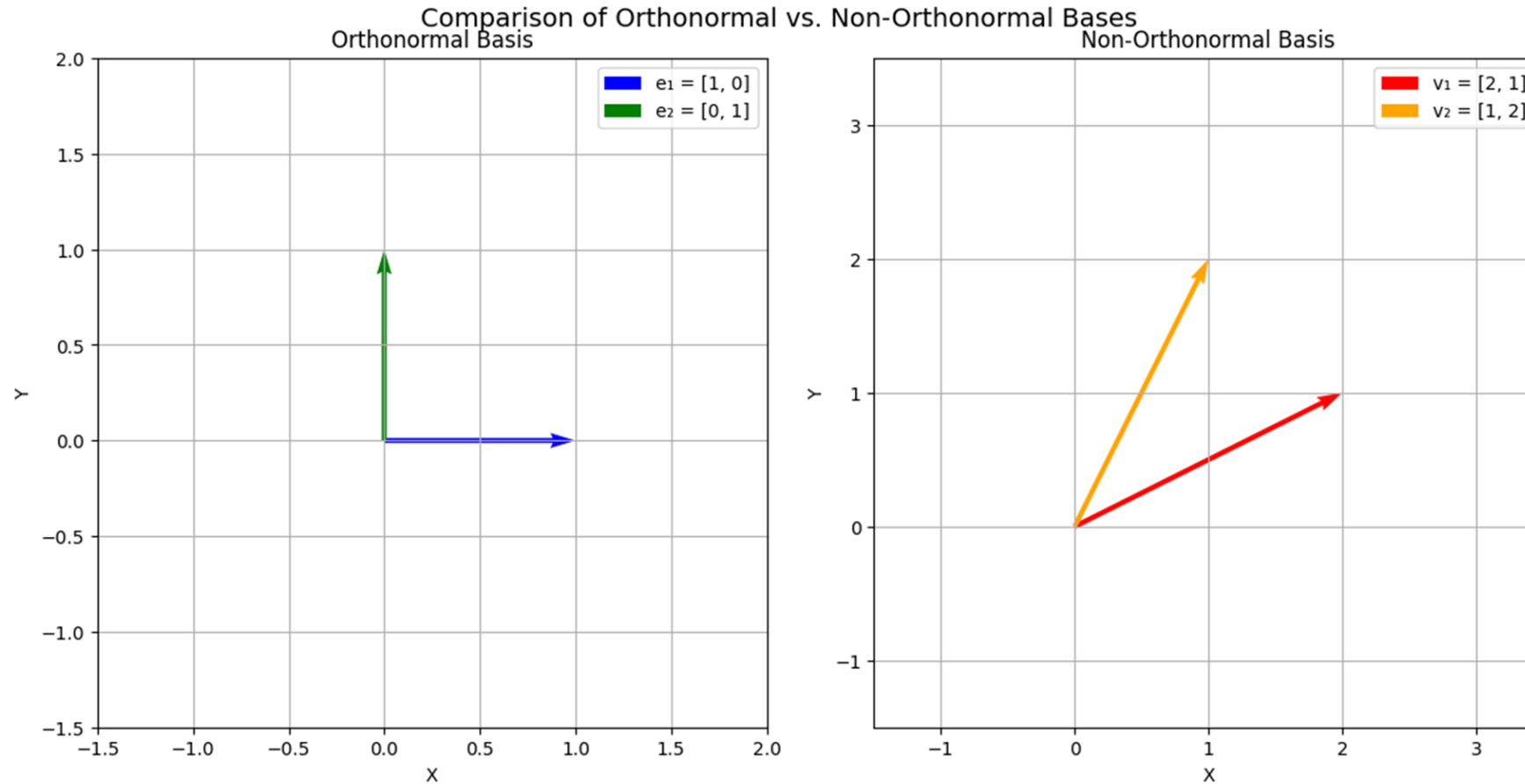
2.7.3.2 Properties of Basis.

4. We can have **infinitely many bases** for the **same vector space** but all of them must:
- Be linearly independent.
 - Span the space.
 - Contain the same number of vectors (equal to the dimension of the space).
- **Example: Multiple Bases in \mathbb{R}^2 :**
- **Standard Basis:**
 - $\mathcal{B}_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
 - **Another valid Basis:**
 - $\mathcal{B}_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
 - Both sets have 2 linearly independent vectors.
 - Both span $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow$ every vector in \mathbb{R}^2 can be written as unique linear combination of them.
 - **Thus, both are valid basis.**

2.7.4 Orthogonal Basis.

- An orthogonal basis for a vector space is a basis in which all vectors are mutually perpendicular (orthogonal) to each other.
 - If in addition, all the vectors are of unit length, it becomes an orthonormal basis.
- **Formal Definition:**
 - Let \mathbf{V} be an **n – dimensional inner product space** (like \mathbb{R}^n with dot product). A set of vectors
 - $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} \in \mathbf{V}$ is an **orthogonal basis** if :
 - $\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j = 0$ for all $i \neq j$.
 - That is each pair of distinct vectors is orthogonal (dot product = 0).
- **Example in \mathbb{R}^3 :**
 - The standard basis in \mathbb{R}^3 : $\mathbf{e}_1 = [1, 0, 0]$, $\mathbf{e}_2 = [0, 1, 0]$, $\mathbf{e}_3 = [0, 0, 1]$
 - is an orthogonal basis and also orthonormal since:
 - They are mutually perpendicular: $\mathbf{e}_i \cdot \mathbf{e}_j = 0$ and
 - $\|\mathbf{e}_i\| = 1$ for all i

Fig: Orthogonal vs Non – Orthogonal basis.

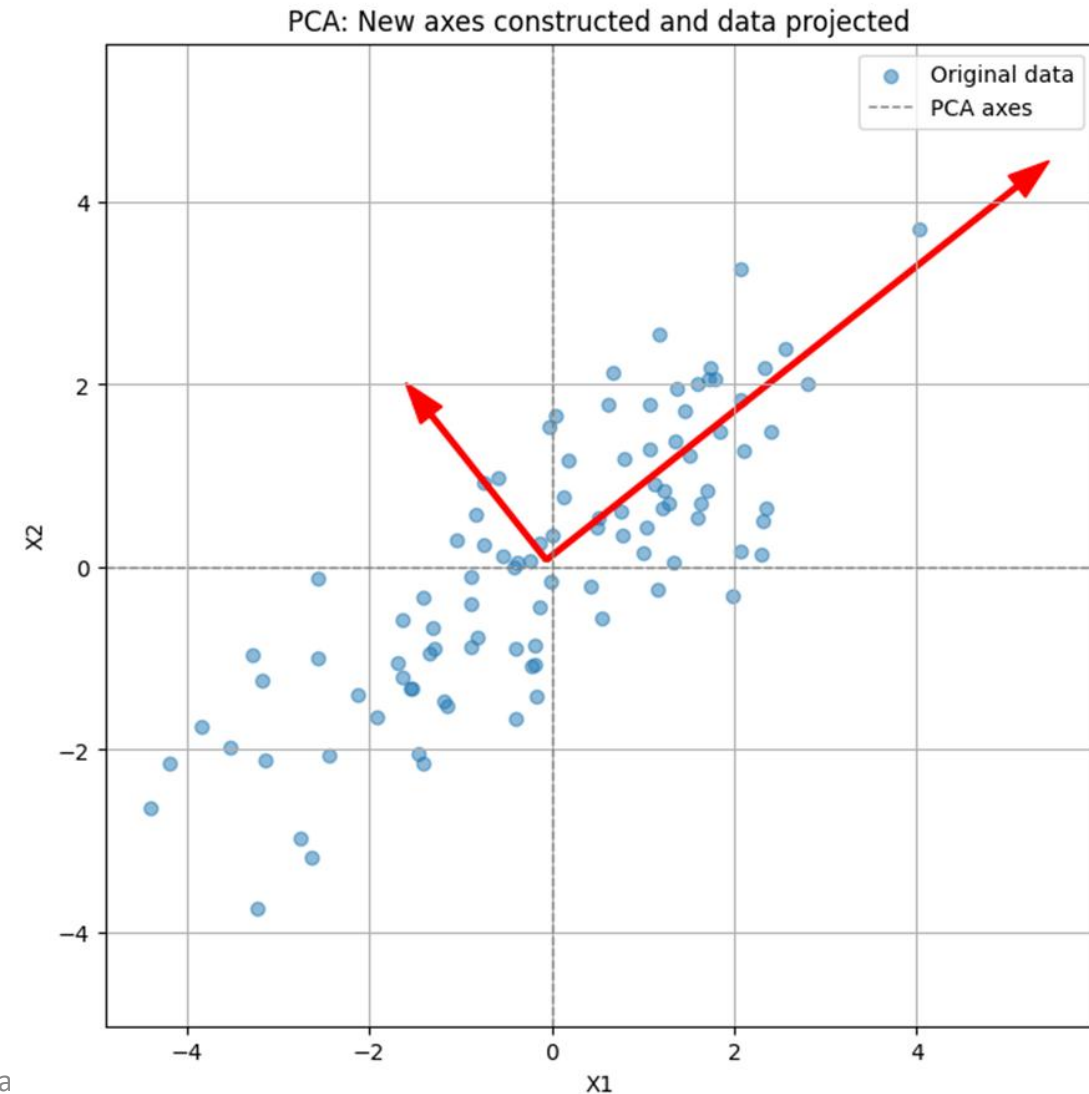


2.8 Linear Models, Linear Combinations and Basis.

- In most classical linear machine learning models, prediction takes the form:
 - $\hat{y} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i$
 - Each feature x_i is weighted by learned parameter w_i .
 - Implicitly this assumes:
 - The features are orthogonal i.e. independent.
 - Each feature contributes unique information.
 - But this assumption does not always hold in real – world data.
- Correlated Features – Redundant Basis:
 - When features are correlated:
 - Two or more features lie in the same direction in the feature space.
 - So, the feature matrix \mathbf{X} has linearly dependent columns.
 - The basis i.e. the feature directions is redundant.
 - The geometry of the model becomes ill – conditioned i.e. numerically unstable.

2.8.1 Linear Models, Linear Combinations and Basis.

- **Solution: change to better basis:**
 - To fix this issue: we can transform the data into a new basis where:
 - Features are uncorrelated (orthogonal)
 - Each axis represents distinct variance.
 - The basis is better aligned with data geometry.
- **How we do that?**
 - We apply **feature extraction techniques** that learn or construct a **new basis** from the data itself.
 - Example: Principal Component Analysis
 - Projects the data onto orthogonal axes (principal components) that maximizes variance.



3. Matrix Algebra.

{Important Matrix Operations.}

3.1 Matrix Determinant.

- **Determinant** of a matrix, denoted by **$\det(\mathbf{A})$ or $|\mathbf{A}|$** , is a **real-valued scalar** encoding certain properties of the matrix

- E.g., for a matrix of size 2×2 :

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

- For larger-size matrices the determinant of a matrix is calculated as

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_j a_{ij} (-1)^{i+j} \det(\mathbf{A}_{(i,j)})$$

- In the above, $\mathbf{A}_{(i,j)}$ is a **minor** of the matrix.

- Properties:

- $\det(\mathbf{AB}) = \det(\mathbf{BA})$
- $\det(\mathbf{A}^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{A})}$
- $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ is singular i. e. non square matrix.

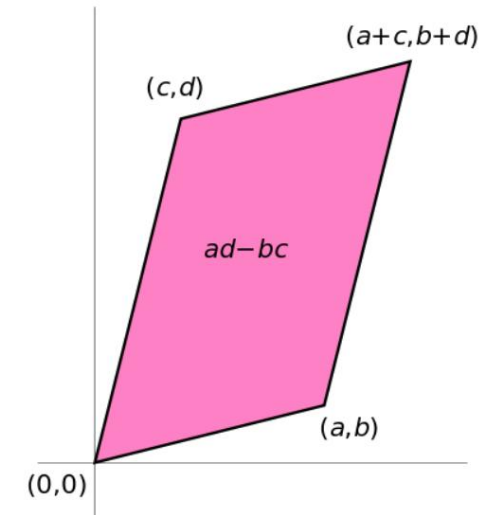
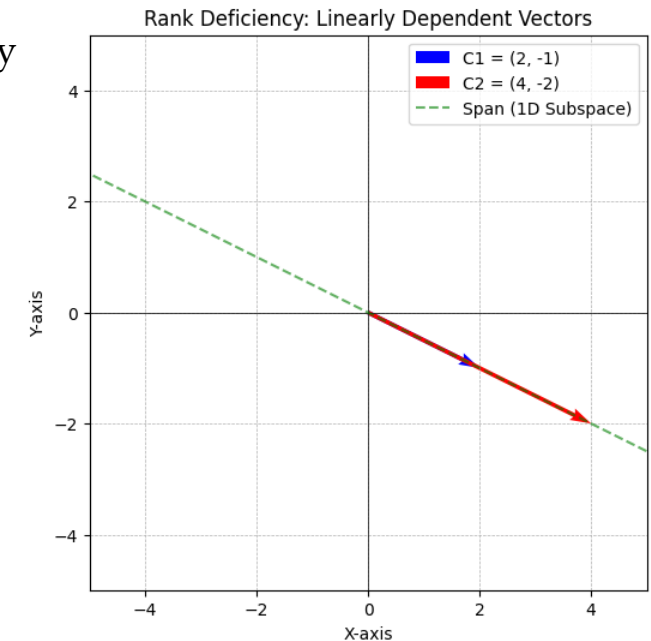
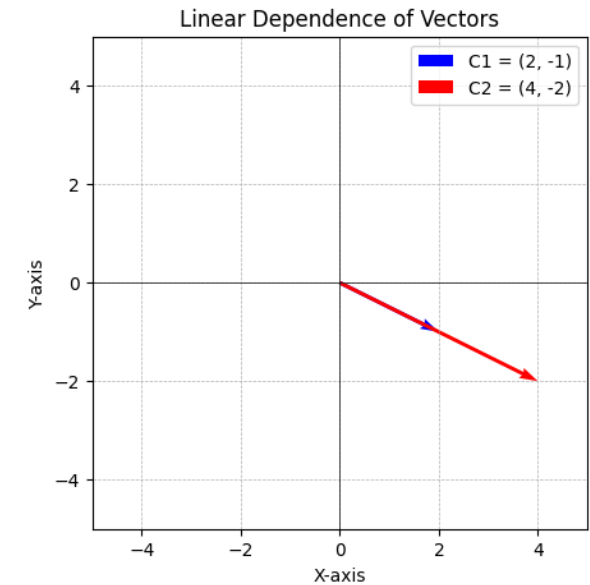


Fig: determinant represents area (or volume) of the parallelogram described by the vectors in the rows of the matrix

3.2 Rank of a Matrix.

- For $m \times n$ matrix the rank of the matrix is the largest number of linearly independent row or columns.
- For Example:
 - For Matrix; $B := \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ Find the Rank and Interpret.
 - Our Observation:
 - The second column c_2 can be written as : $c_2 = 2 \times c_1$
 - Since one column can be expressed as a multiple of the other, there is only one independent column.
 - Thus, the rank of B is 1, meaning it can span only a 1 D space in \mathbb{R}^2 vector space.
 - All columns of B lie along the same line in \mathbb{R}^2
 - Since the full rank of 2×2 matrix in \mathbb{R}^2 vector space is 2,
 - B is considered rank – deficient.
- Why it matters?
 - The matrix cannot invertedly transform \mathbb{R}^2 .
 - It collapses the 2D space onto a 1D line.
 - This is often a sign of Singularity (determinant = 0), which makes the matrix non – invertible.



3.3 Inverse of a Matrix.

- The inverse of a square matrix A , denoted as A^{-1} , is a matrix that satisfies:
 - $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$
 - here I is the identity matrix.
- **Conditions for Invertibility:**
 - A **matrix** $A_{m \times n}$ has an **inverse** if and only if :
 - It is a **square matrix** ($n \times n$).
 - Its **determinant** is **nonzero** i.e. $\det(A) \neq 0$.
 - Its **rank is full**, meaning $\text{rank}(A) = n$.
 - If any of these conditions fail, **the matrix is singular and does not have an inverse.**

3.3.1 Finding inverse of a Matrix.

- If Inverse Exist, we can find the inverse of a Matrix by:
 - **Using Row Reduction:**
 - Row reduction is a method of transforming a matrix into a simpler form (row echelon form – REF) usually the identity matrix for finding the inverse.
 - **REF** can be reached via following valid row operations:
 - Swap two rows
 - Multiply a row by a non zero scalar
 - Add or subtract multiples one to/from another row.
 - It can be done using:
 - Gaussian Elimination: **Transform** the matrix A into REF and then use back – substitution to solve for the inverse.
 - Gauss – Jordan Elimination: **Transform** the matrix A into the **identity matrix** directly, with no need for back substitution.
 - **Using Adjoint (Cofactor) Formula:**
 - Find the inverse of A using the **adjoint** (also called adjugate) of the matrix.
 - $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \times \text{adj}(A),$
 - For 2×2 matrix:
 - $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix};$
 - $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$

3.4 System of Linear Equation.

- A **system of linear equation** is a **collection of one or more linear equations** that share a common set of variables. For example:

- $$\begin{aligned} 2x + y &= 5 \\ 3x + 4y &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

- **Types of Systems as per solution behavior:**
 - **Consistent System:** A system that has at least one solution.
 1. **Unique Solution:** Occurs when the system has a single solution.
 2. **Infinite Solutions:** Occurs when the system has many solutions.
 - **Inconsistent System:** A system that has no solution.
- **Types of Systems as per Equation behavior:**
 - **Determined system:** system has exactly as many equations as unknowns (i.e. variables).
 - Usually, exact solution and has **Square Shape**.
 - **Underdetermined system:** System has fewer equations than unknowns.
 - $x + y + z = 1 \rightarrow$ **one equation three variables**.
 - Usually, **infinite solution** and has **Wide matrix shape i.e. $m < n$** .
 - **Overdetermined system:** More equations than unknowns: $m > n$.
 - Usually **no exact solution**, but you can find a **best approximation** using **least squares**.

3.4.1 Solving System of Linear Equations.

- There are different techniques , our interest is **Matrix Method (aka Matrix Inversion Method)**.
 - Any system of Linear Equation:
 - $a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 = b_1$
 - $a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 = b_2$
 - can be represented in the form:
 - $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$ i. e. $\rightarrow Ax = b$
 - here:
 - $A \rightarrow$ is a matrix of coefficients with size $m \times n$, m is the number of equations and n is the number of variable.
 - $x \rightarrow$ is a column vector representing the unknown variables with size $n \times 1$.
 - $b \rightarrow$ is a column vector representing the constants with size $m \times 1$.
- The equation can be modified:
 - $A^{-1}Ax = A^{-1}b$ {Multiplying both side by A^{-1} }
 - $Ix = A^{-1}b$ {I is the identity matrix}
 - $x = A^{-1}b$ {you know how to find A^{-1} }

3.5 Matrix – Matrix Multiplication.

- Matrix multiplication between $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ and $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$ with resultant matrix $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times q}$ can be defined as:

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} := \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \dots & b_{1p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & \dots & b_{np} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & \dots & c_{1p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{m1} & \dots & c_{mp} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_{ij} := \sum_{l=1}^n a_{il} b_{lj}; \text{ with } i=1, \dots, m; \text{ and } j=1, \dots, p$$

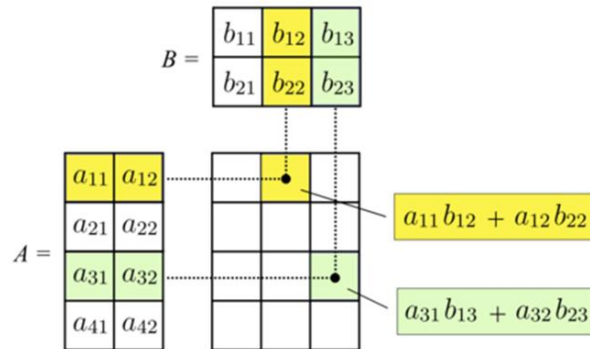


Fig: Schematic representation of Matrix product

Properties of Matrix – Matrix Multiplication:

1. Associativity: $(\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC})$
2. Associativity with scalar Multiplication: $\alpha(\mathbf{AB}) = (\alpha\mathbf{A})\mathbf{B}$
3. Distributive with sum: $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B} \mp \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{AB} \mp \mathbf{AC}$
4. Cautions!! In matrix – matrix multiplication orders matter, it is not commutative i.e. $\mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA}$.

3.6 Matrix – Vector Multiplication.

- Matrix-vector multiplication is an operation between a matrix and a vector that produces a new vector.
- Matrix-vector multiplication equals to taking the dot product of each column n of matrix- A with each element of vector- x resulting in vector y and is defined as:

$$A \cdot X := \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{bmatrix} + x_n \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Matrix – vector multiplication can be interpreted as taking a **linear combination** of the **columns** of a matrix A **weighted** by elements of **vector x** .
 - What can be the consequences of such operation?

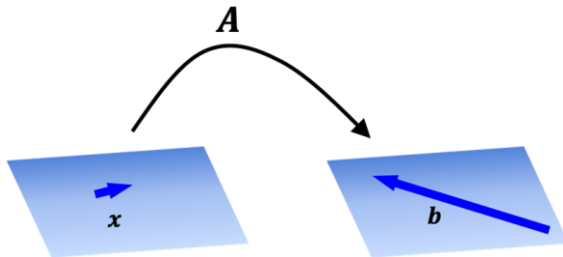
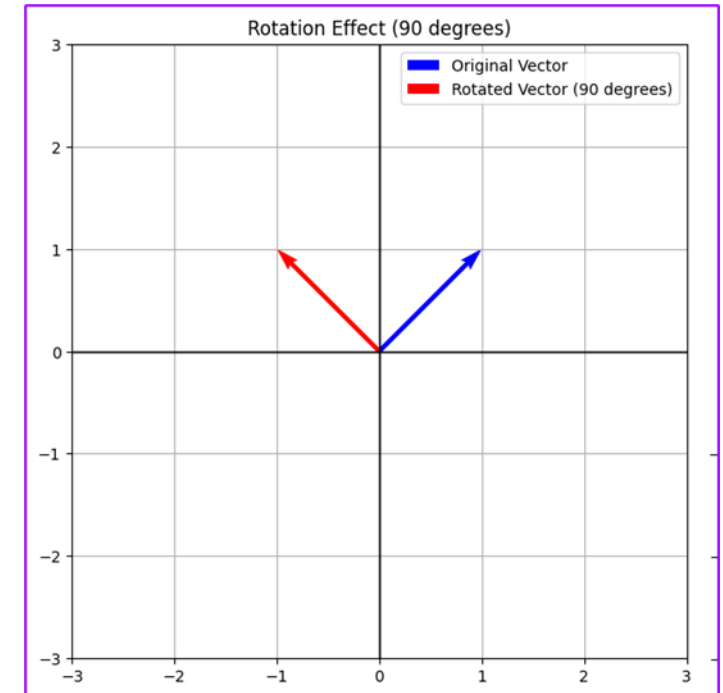


Fig: How my vector will Transformed?

Matrix – vector multiplication can result in:
Change in magnitude or,
Change in direction or,
Both changes depending on the matrix involved.

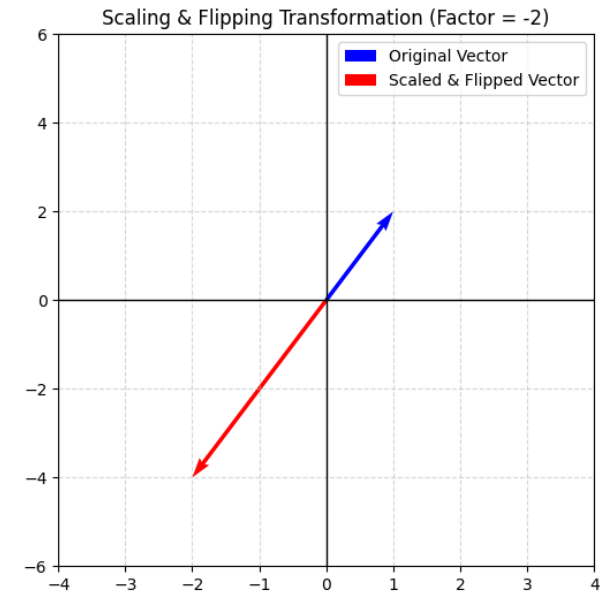
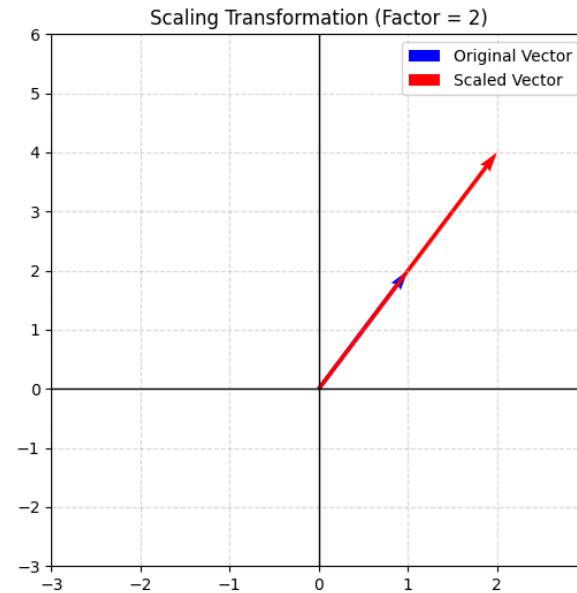
3.6.1 Geometric Interpretation of Matrix – vector Multiplication.

- **Rotation Matrix:**
 - A rotation matrix rotates a vector by a specified angle while preserving its magnitude.
 - **Example:** A 2D rotation matrix that rotates a vector by 90 degrees counterclockwise:
 - $\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
 - **Effect:** This matrix rotates the vector without changing its length.
- **Example Calculation:**
 - Given the vector $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{Rv} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 - The **magnitude remains 1**, but the **direction changes** from the **x-axis** to the **y-axis**.



3.6.2 Geometric Interpretation of Matrix – vector Multiplication.

- **Scaling Matrix:**
 - A scaling matrix increases or decreases the magnitude of the vector without changing their direction.
 - $S = \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{bmatrix}$
 - where **k** is the **scaling factor**:
 - If $k > 1$, the vector is stretched.
 - If $0 < k < 1$, the vector is compressed.
 - If $k < 0$, the vector is **flipped** and scaled.
- **Example:**
 - Given a vector: $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and;
 - a scaling matrices
 - i) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and ii) $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$;
 - Applying **S** to **v**:
 - i) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$
 - ii) $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$



3.7 Formalizing Matrix – vector Multiplication.

- **Linear Transformation: An overview.**
 - A **linear transformation** is a **function T** that maps vectors from one vector space to another (possibly the same space), preserving two key operations:
 - **Additivity:**
 - $T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v})$
 - **Homogeneity (Scalar Multiplication):**
 - $T(\mathbf{c}\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{c}T(\mathbf{v})$
 - for all vectors \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and scalars c .
- Every **linear Transformation T** from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^m can be represented by an **$m \times n$ matrix A** .
 - Applying T to a vector \mathbf{x} is the same as multiplying by the matrix:
 - $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$
 - Each column of A shows how the transformation acts on a **basis vector** of the input space.
 - Multiplying **A by \mathbf{x}** combines these transformed basis vectors weighted by the **coordinates in \mathbf{x}** .

Thank You