

# Vectors and matrices with Mathematica

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You can find more on this topic at

<http://reference.wolfram.com/language/tutorial/LinearAlgebra.html>

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## Vectors

- Write vectors componentwise in curly braces, separated by commas

```
In[173]:= a = {1, 2, 3}
```

```
Out[173]= {1, 2, 3}
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```
In[174]:= b = {-1, 0, 2}
```

```
Out[174]= {-1, 0, 2}
```

- Vector operations

Addition / subtraction

```
In[175]:= a + b
```

```
Out[175]= {0, 2, 5}
```

```
In[176]:= a - b
```

```
Out[176]= {2, 2, 1}
```

Multiplication by scalars

```
In[177]:= 2 a
```

```
Out[177]= {2, 4, 6}
```

```
In[178]:= 2 a + 3 b
```

```
Out[178]= {-1, 4, 12}
```

- Dot product

Use period, or Dot function

```
In[179]:= a . b
```

```
Out[179]= 5
```

```
In[180]:= Dot[a, b]
Out[180]= 5
```

- Elementwise multiplication

Ordinary multiplication notation does elementwise product

```
In[181]:= a b
Out[181]= {-1, 0, 6}
```

Be careful not to do this when you mean to compute a dot product!

- Cross product

The Cross function does cross products

```
In[182]:= Cross[a, b]
Out[182]= {4, -5, 2}
```

- Vectors can be defined symbolically

```
In[183]:= p = {x, y}
Out[183]= {{-9.53660 17378 022, 6.75490 29926 0373, 1.00171 33373 4028, -4.62094 92329 7804,
3.87456 18803 7764, -1.29870 34704 7836, 1.26094 58860 0506, -5.96829 80913 8979}, y}
```

```
In[184]:= q = {s, t}
Out[184]= {s, t}
```

```
In[185]:= p.q
... Dot: Nonrectangular tensor encountered.
Out[185]= {{-9.53660 17378 022, 6.75490 29926 0373, 1.00171 33373 4028, -4.62094 92329 7804,
3.87456 18803 7764, -1.29870 34704 7836, 1.26094 58860 0506, -5.96829 80913 8979}, y}.{s, t}
```

```
In[186]:= p q
Out[186]= {{-9.53660 17378 022 s, 6.75490 29926 0373 s, 1.00171 33373 4028 s, -4.62094 92329 7804 s,
3.87456 18803 7764 s, -1.29870 34704 7836 s, 1.26094 58860 0506 s, -5.96829 80913 8979 s}, t y}
```

```
In[187]:= h
Out[187]= h
```

```
In[188]:= p + q
Out[188]= {{s - 9.53660 17378 022, s + 6.75490 29926 0373, s + 1.00171 33373 4028, s - 4.62094 92329 7804,
s + 3.87456 18803 7764, s - 1.29870 34704 7836, s + 1.26094 58860 0506, s - 5.96829 80913 8979}, t + y}
```

# Matrices

## • Forming matrices

Use curly braces

```
In[189]:= B = {{1, 2}, {3, 4}, {5, 6}}
```

```
Out[189]=  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ 
```

```
In[190]:= Transpose[B]
```

```
Out[190]=  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ 
```

## • Matrix-vector multiplication

Use the dot operator

```
In[191]:= {{1, 2}, {3, 4}, {5, 6}}.{x, y} // MatrixForm
```

```
... Dot: Nonrectangular tensor encountered.
```

```
Out[191]//MatrixForm=
```

```
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \{-9.5366017378022, 6.75490299260373, 1.00171333734028, -4.62094923297804, \\ 3.87456188037764, -1.29870347047836, 1.26094588600506, -5.96829809138979\}, y\}$ 
```

No dot --> elementwise (identical to “dot-star” in matlab)

```
In[192]:= {{1, 2}, {3, 4}, {5, 6}}{x, y, z} // MatrixForm
```

```
... Thread: Objects of unequal length in {1, 2}{-9.5366017378022, 6.75490299260373, 1.00171333734028, -4.62094923297804, 3.87456188037764, -1.29870347047836, 1.26094588600506, -5.96829809138979} cannot be combined.
```

```
Out[192]//MatrixForm=
```

```
 $\begin{pmatrix} \{1, 2\} \{-9.5366017378022, 6.75490299260373, 1.00171333734028, -4.62094923297804, 3.87456188037764, -1.29870347047836, 1.26094588600506, -5.96829809138979\} \\ \{3 y, 4 y\} \\ \{5 z, 6 z\} \end{pmatrix}$ 
```

## • Matrix-matrix multiplication

```
In[193]:= AA = {{1, 2}, {3, 4}, {5, 6}}
```

```
Out[193]=  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ 
```

```
In[194]:= BB = {{10, 20}, {30, 40}}
```

```
Out[194]=  $\begin{pmatrix} 10 & 20 \\ 30 & 40 \end{pmatrix}$ 
```

You can multiply a  $3 \times 2$  times a  $2 \times 2$  matrix

```
In[195]:= AA.BB
```

$$\text{Out[195]} = \begin{pmatrix} 70 & 100 \\ 150 & 220 \\ 230 & 340 \end{pmatrix}$$

A  $2 \times 2$  can't be multiplied into a  $3 \times 2$  matrix.

```
In[196]:= BB.AA
```

... **Dot:** Tensors  $\begin{pmatrix} 10 & 20 \\ 30 & 40 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$  have incompatible shapes.

$$\text{Out[196]} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 20 \\ 30 & 40 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

## • Null space

If the null space is trivial, NullSpace returns an empty list. Be sure to remember that the zero vector is *always* a member of the null space.

```
In[197]:= AA = {{1, 1}, {1, 2}};
```

```
In[198]:= NullSpace[AA]
```

```
Out[198]= {}
```

```
In[199]:= BB = {{1, 2, 3}, {0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}}
```

$$\text{Out[199]} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
In[200]:= vNull = Transpose[NullSpace[BB]]
```

$$\text{Out[200]} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
In[201]:= BB.vNull
```

$$\text{Out[201]} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
In[202]:=
```

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## Solving linear systems

Solving  $Ax = b$

## • The LinearSolve function

In[203]:= **AA** = {{1, 2}, {2, 3}}

Out[203]=  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

In[204]:= **b** = {4, 5}

Out[204]= {4, 5}

Warning: Mathematica makes no distinction between row vectors and column vectors

Solve  $AA.x = b$ ; expect solution  $\{-2, 3\}$

In[205]:= **LinearSolve**[AA, b]

Out[205]=  $\{-2, 3\}$

Solution is as expected

In[206]:= **Solve**[{ $x_1 + 2 x_2 == 4$ ,  $2 x_1 + 3 x_2 == 5$ }, { $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ }]

Out[206]= {{{-9.53660 17378 022, 6.75490 29926 0373, 1.00171 33373 4028, -4.62094 92329 7804, 3.87456 18803 7764, -1.29870 34704 7836, 1.26094 58860 0506, -5.96829 80913 8979}\_1  $\rightarrow$  -2, {-9.53660 17378 022, 6.75490 29926 0373, 1.00171 33373 4028, -4.62094 92329 7804, 3.87456 18803 7764, -1.29870 34704 7836, 1.26094 58860 0506, -5.96829 80913 8979}\_2  $\rightarrow$  3}}

Another example:

In[207]:= **AA** = **Table**[ $i j / (1 + i + j)$ , {i, 1, 5}, {j, 1, 5}]

Out[207]=  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{5}{7} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{4}{5} & 1 & \frac{8}{7} & \frac{5}{4} \\ \frac{3}{5} & 1 & \frac{9}{7} & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{5}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{8}{7} & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{16}{9} & 2 \\ \frac{5}{7} & \frac{5}{4} & \frac{5}{3} & 2 & \frac{25}{11} \end{pmatrix}$

In[208]:= **b** = **Table**[ $i^2$ , {i, 1, 5}]

Out[208]= {1, 4, 9, 16, 25}

In[209]:= **LinearSolve**[AA, b]

Out[209]= {3465, -17920, 39060, -37800, 13398}

You can solve systems with irrational numbers. It gets ugly.

In[210]:= **AA** = {{E, Pi, Sqrt[2]}, {1, 2, 3}, {(Sqrt[5] - 1)/2, Sqrt[Pi], E^2}}

Out[210]=  $\begin{pmatrix} e & \pi & \sqrt{2} \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{5} - 1) & \sqrt{\pi} & e^2 \end{pmatrix}$

```
In[211]:= b = {Pi/2, Sqrt[E], 4}
```

```
Out[211]:= { $\frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\sqrt{e}$ , 4}
```

```
In[212]:= LinearSolve[AA, b]
```

```
Out[212]:= {
$$\frac{-16\sqrt{2} + 24\pi + 2e^2\pi - 2e^{5/2}\pi - 3\pi^{3/2} + 2\sqrt{2}e\pi}{2\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{10} + 4e^3 - 6e\sqrt{\pi} - 3\pi + 3\sqrt{5}\pi - 2e^2\pi + 2\sqrt{2}\pi},$$

$$-\frac{16\sqrt{2} - 48e + 4e^{7/2} + 2\sqrt{2}e - 2\sqrt{10}e - 3\pi + 3\sqrt{5}\pi - 2e^2\pi}{2(-2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{10} - 4e^3 + 6e\sqrt{\pi} + 3\pi - 3\sqrt{5}\pi + 2e^2\pi - 2\sqrt{2}\pi)},$$

$$\frac{-16e + 2e^{3/2}\sqrt{\pi} + 7\pi + \sqrt{5}\pi + \sqrt{e}\pi - \sqrt{5}e\pi - \pi^{3/2}}{-2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{10} - 4e^3 + 6e\sqrt{\pi} + 3\pi - 3\sqrt{5}\pi + 2e^2\pi - 2\sqrt{2}\pi}}$$

```

It's usually best to do such problems numerically

```
In[213]:= LinearSolve[AA, N[b]]
```

```
Out[213]:= {0.782065540326523, -0.438253061439899, 0.581053951084468}
```

## • Numerical solution of $Ax = b$

```
In[214]:= A = RandomReal[{-10, 10}, {12, 12}]
```

```
Out[214]:= {

|                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |      |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|
| -6.22782657515092 | -4.33828061585278 | -8.28713568914024 | 6.08777232626078  | -8.96763294779342 | -3.5 |
| 0.146069524462366 | 5.30771285416918  | 5.91058999069662  | 3.28987140112917  | 9.90621497494517  | 9.4  |
| 7.13441240498742  | -1.02303042734378 | 5.47923970824702  | 4.10349823704375  | 7.16740446951732  | -4.  |
| -3.24301792564899 | -6.13684435551442 | -1.38873282007989 | 4.07828653252783  | -2.69102454564316 | -9.  |
| -3.25886817293298 | 5.92975382499784  | 9.64655133281236  | 2.0075377554418   | -1.58296710290199 | 7.3  |
| 3.15582610146518  | 3.11673877985151  | 2.95811180527568  | 9.09123148872151  | -4.90610231253478 | 8.3  |
| -4.14559937186152 | -6.70677513877322 | 3.72883702999477  | -3.45691966130229 | -4.45581545589354 | 1.4  |
| 3.85675598357303  | -1.56004356273723 | 2.2308918096093   | -8.25651918260919 | -5.06039575940708 | 7.8  |
| -4.51808330039873 | 6.48502063708713  | -5.27043004581162 | 3.54167687667078  | 8.20802271782257  | -1.1 |
| 2.12173108992949  | 8.79629859816731  | 3.03855796099177  | -4.08880861342027 | 3.57011062845545  | 9.7  |
| 5.29636413301397  | 9.23244197643368  | 5.81645007465332  | 8.49519397051187  | -6.40453203255733 | -0.2 |
| -4.33643093537724 | -8.48653532322454 | -6.39756032921246 | 0.104049208945337 | 3.7707510344839   | 4.2  |

}
```

```
In[215]:= xAns = RandomReal[{-10, 10}, {12}]
```

```
Out[215]:= {-3.07718090083255, -6.59357972347679, -0.843305645600012, 0.0317569753477187,  
1.83205815662436, 8.69097765630269, 1.4037912072583, -8.01379646913226,  
-4.75923632400853, -7.23556460733784, -6.98790852268055, -5.08181930863412}
```

Multiply  $Ax$  to produce a RHS  $b$

```
In[216]:= b = A.xAns
```

```
Out[216]:= {42.2442874838121, 57.5192076727031, 37.0827216954779, -177.181094900911,  
42.832591715435, 145.579950700766, -3.73974408322335, 107.93690717842,  
22.3934235428182, 260.188167509394, -143.787059903095, 35.371190858269}
```

Solve the system

```
In[217]:= xNum = LinearSolve[A, b]
```

```
Out[217]:= {-3.07718090083254, -6.59357972347679, -0.843305645600017, 0.0317569753477145,
1.83205815662435, 8.69097765630269, 1.40379120725831, -8.01379646913225,
-4.75923632400853, -7.23556460733784, -6.98790852268054, -5.08181930863412}
```

In most cases the solution will be very accurate

```
In[218]:= err = Norm[xNum - xAns]
```

```
Out[218]:= 1.53403502751734 × 10-14
```

Even for a big matrix the error in solving a system can be small.

(When forming large objects, put semicolons at the end of the line to suppress output)

```
In[219]:= ABig = RandomReal[{-1, 1}, {5000, 5000}];
```

```
In[220]:= xBig = RandomReal[{-1, 1}, {5000}];
```

```
In[221]:= bBig = ABig.xBig;
```

The solution is fast

```
In[222]:= {time, xNum} = AbsoluteTiming[LinearSolve[ABig, bBig]];
```

```
In[223]:= time
```

```
Out[223]:= 0.597809
```

The error is reasonably small

```
In[224]:= err = Norm[xBig - xNum]
```

```
Out[224]:= 6.91812326419431 × 10-11
```

However, for pathological cases the error can be very bad. The Hilbert matrix is a classic example of a matrix that's tricky to solve accurately.

```
In[225]:= H = HilbertMatrix[12]
```

```
Out[225]= 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{7} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{11} & \frac{1}{12} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{7} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{11} & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{13} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{7} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{11} & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{13} & \frac{1}{14} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{7} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{11} & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{13} & \frac{1}{14} & \frac{1}{15} \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{7} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{11} & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{13} & \frac{1}{14} & \frac{1}{15} & \frac{1}{16} \\ \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{7} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{11} & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{13} & \frac{1}{14} & \frac{1}{15} & \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{17} \\ \frac{1}{7} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{11} & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{13} & \frac{1}{14} & \frac{1}{15} & \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{17} & \frac{1}{18} \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{11} & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{13} & \frac{1}{14} & \frac{1}{15} & \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{17} & \frac{1}{18} & \frac{1}{19} \\ \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{11} & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{13} & \frac{1}{14} & \frac{1}{15} & \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{17} & \frac{1}{18} & \frac{1}{19} & \frac{1}{20} \\ \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{11} & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{13} & \frac{1}{14} & \frac{1}{15} & \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{17} & \frac{1}{18} & \frac{1}{19} & \frac{1}{20} & \frac{1}{21} \\ \frac{1}{11} & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{13} & \frac{1}{14} & \frac{1}{15} & \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{17} & \frac{1}{18} & \frac{1}{19} & \frac{1}{20} & \frac{1}{21} & \frac{1}{22} \\ \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{13} & \frac{1}{14} & \frac{1}{15} & \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{17} & \frac{1}{18} & \frac{1}{19} & \frac{1}{20} & \frac{1}{21} & \frac{1}{22} & \frac{1}{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

```

In[226]:= **b = H.xAns**

Out[226]= {-7.94451 83011 0368, -5.21589 91617 2844, -4.07093 83261 8493, -3.40861 09743 0506,  
-2.96480 33743 5966, -2.64084 79407 5198, -2.39083 28286 8319, -2.19024 02222 8809,  
-2.02465 57402 5852, -1.88497 81189 6026, -1.76513 53406 3949, -1.66089 52973 7212}

In[227]:= **xNum = LinearSolve[H, b]**

... **LinearSolve**: Result for LinearSolve of badly conditioned matrix ( $\ll 1 \gg$ ) may contain significant numerical errors.

Out[227]= {-3.07718 08054 2956, -6.59359 17078 5994, -0.84293 18327 57012, 0.02670 16997 97703 5,  
1.86886 76178 6499, 8.53023 42870 5088, 1.84917 54332 8808, -8.81591 85911 9668,  
-3.82320 00957 7936, -7.91819 08422 0397, -6.70519 96530 0592, -5.13257 30717 9621}

The error is huge!

In[228]:= **err = Norm[xNum - xAns]**

Out[228]= 1.51447 30822 7644

## • Inverse matrices

You can compute symbolic inverses

In[229]:= **AInv = Inverse[AA]**

Out[229]= 
$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2e^2-3\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} & \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi-e^2\pi}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} & \frac{3\pi-2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} \\ \frac{-\frac{3}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{2}-e^2}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} & \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}-\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}+e^3}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} & \frac{\sqrt{2}-3e}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} & \frac{-e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{\pi}{2}+\frac{\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} & \frac{2e-\pi}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} \end{pmatrix}$$

Solve  $Ax = b$  for  $x$  by computing  $x = A^{-1}b$ .

In[230]:= **AInv . b**

... **Dot**: Tensors ( $\ll 1 \gg$ ) and

{-7.94451 83011 0368, -5.21589 91617 2844, -4.07093 83261 8493, -3.40861 09743 0506, -2.96480 33743 5966, -2.64084 79407 5198, -2.39083 28286 8319, -2.19024 02222 8809, -2.02465 57402 5852, -1.88497 81189 6026, -1.76513 53406 3949, -1.66089 52973 7212} have incompatible shapes.

Out[230]= 
$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2e^2-3\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} & \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi-e^2\pi}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} & \frac{3\pi-2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} \\ \frac{-\frac{3}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{2}-e^2}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} & \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}-\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}+e^3}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} & \frac{\sqrt{2}-3e}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} & \frac{-e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{\pi}{2}+\frac{\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} & \frac{2e-\pi}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}+2e^3-3e\sqrt{\pi}-\frac{3\pi}{2}+\frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2}-e^2\pi+\sqrt{2}\pi} \end{pmatrix} \cdot$$

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-2.96480 33743 5966, -2.64084 79407 5198, -2.39083 28286 8319, -2.19024 02222 8809,  
-2.02465 57402 5852, -1.88497 81189 6026, -1.76513 53406 3949, -1.66089 52973 7212}

You probably want to simplify the result



In[231]:= **FullSimplify**[AInv.b]

... **Dot**: Tensors (<<1>>) and  
 {-7.94451830110368, -5.21589916172844, -4.07093832618493, -3.40861097430506, -2.96480337435966, -<<18>>,  
 -<<18>>, -<<19>>, -2.02465574025852, -1.88497811896026, -1.76513534063949, -1.66089529737212}  
 have incompatible shapes.

$$\text{Out[231]} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4e^2 - 6\sqrt{\pi}}{4e^3 + 2\sqrt{2}(1 - \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{\pi}) - 6e\sqrt{\pi} + 3(\sqrt{5} - 1)\pi - 2e^2\pi} & \frac{2(\sqrt{2}\pi - e^2\pi)}{4e^3 + 2\sqrt{2}(1 - \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{\pi}) - 6e\sqrt{\pi} + 3(\sqrt{5} - 1)\pi - 2e^2\pi} & \frac{6\pi - 4\sqrt{2}}{4e^3 + 2\sqrt{2}(1 - \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{\pi}) - 6e\sqrt{\pi} + 3(\sqrt{5} - 1)\pi - 2e^2\pi} \\ \frac{3 - 3\sqrt{5} + 2e^2}{-4e^3 + 2\sqrt{2}(-1 + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{\pi}) + 6e\sqrt{\pi} - 3(\sqrt{5} - 1)\pi + 2e^2\pi} & \frac{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{5} - 1) - 2e^3}{-4e^3 + 2\sqrt{2}(-1 + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{\pi}) + 6e\sqrt{\pi} - 3(\sqrt{5} - 1)\pi + 2e^2\pi} & \frac{6e - 2\sqrt{2}}{-4e^3 + 2\sqrt{2}(-1 + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{\pi}) + 6e\sqrt{\pi} - 3(\sqrt{5} - 1)\pi + 2e^2\pi} \\ \frac{2 - 2\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{\pi}}{4e^3 + 2\sqrt{2}(1 - \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{\pi}) - 6e\sqrt{\pi} + 3(\sqrt{5} - 1)\pi - 2e^2\pi} & \frac{(\sqrt{5} - 1)\pi - 2e\sqrt{\pi}}{4e^3 + 2\sqrt{2}(1 - \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{\pi}) - 6e\sqrt{\pi} + 3(\sqrt{5} - 1)\pi - 2e^2\pi} & \frac{4e - 2\pi}{4e^3 + 2\sqrt{2}(1 - \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{\pi}) - 6e\sqrt{\pi} + 3(\sqrt{5} - 1)\pi - 2e^2\pi} \end{pmatrix}$$

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## Determinants

The **Det[ ]** function computes the determinant of a square matrix

In[232]:= **Remove**[a, b, c, d]

In[233]:= **Det**[{{a, b}, {c, d}}]

Out[233]=  $ad - bc$

In[234]:= **Det**[{{a, b, c}, {d, e, f}, {h, i, j}}]

Out[234]=  $aej - afi - bdj + bfh + cdi - ceh$

In[235]:= **Det**[AA]

Out[235]=  $\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{10} + 2e^3 - 3e\sqrt{\pi} - \frac{3\pi}{2} + \frac{3\sqrt{5}\pi}{2} - e^2\pi + \sqrt{2}\pi$

In[236]:= **Det**[{{-3 - λ, 1}, {1, -3 - λ}}]

Out[236]=  $\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 8$