

# **Matrix Inversion & LU Factorization**

**Geometric Algorithms**  
**Lecture 11**

# Objectives

- » Demonstrate how to **invert** a matrix
- » Motivate **matrix factorization** in general, and the LU factorization in specific
- » Recall elementary row operations and connect them to matrices
- » Look at the **LU factorization**, how to find it, and how to use it

# Keywords

Matrix Inverse

Invertible Transformation

1–1 Correspondence

`numpy.linalg.inv`

Determinant

Invertible Matrix Theorem

elementary matrices

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# Example: Geometric

Reflection across the  $x_1$ -axis in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is it's own inverse.

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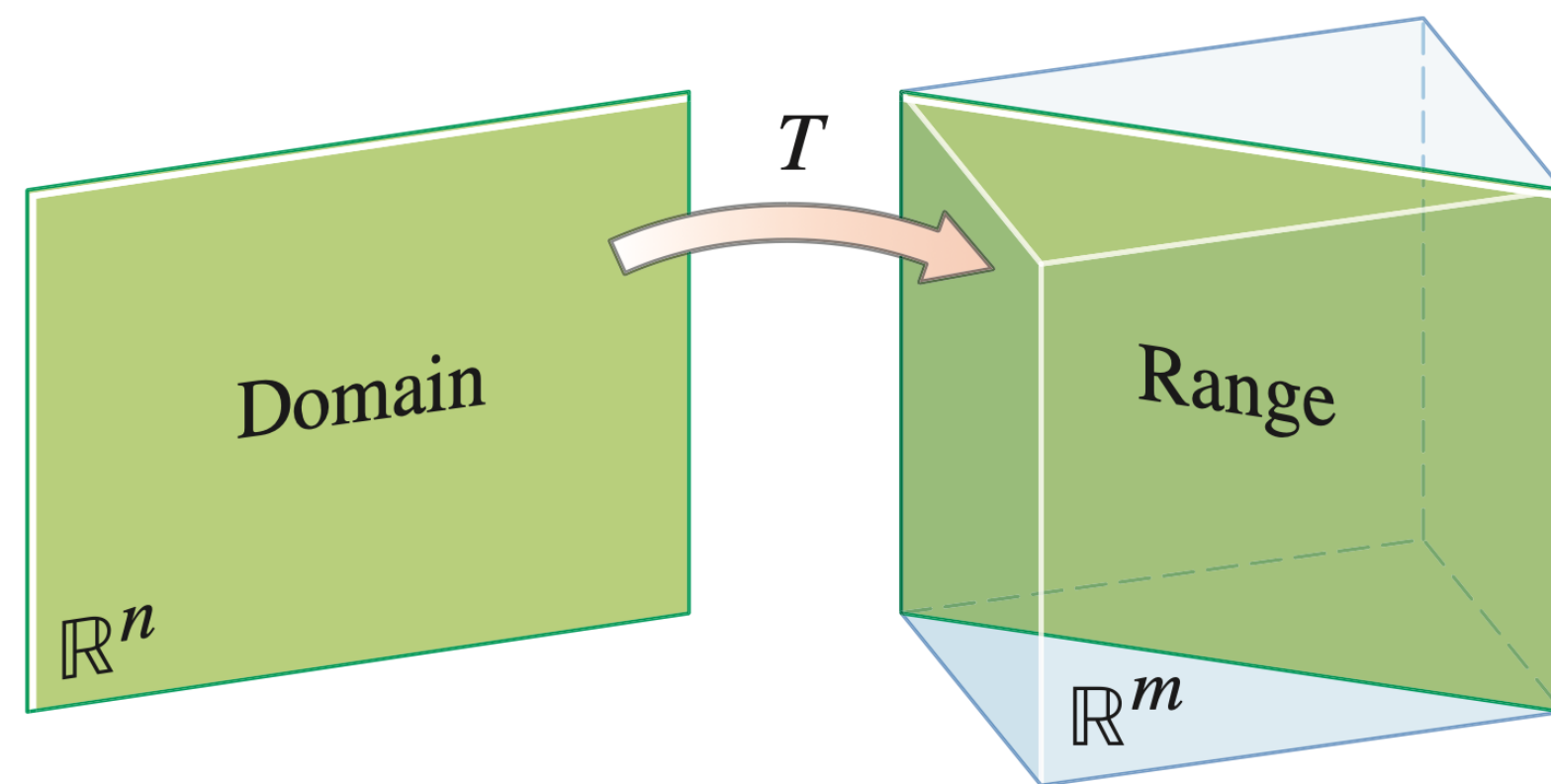
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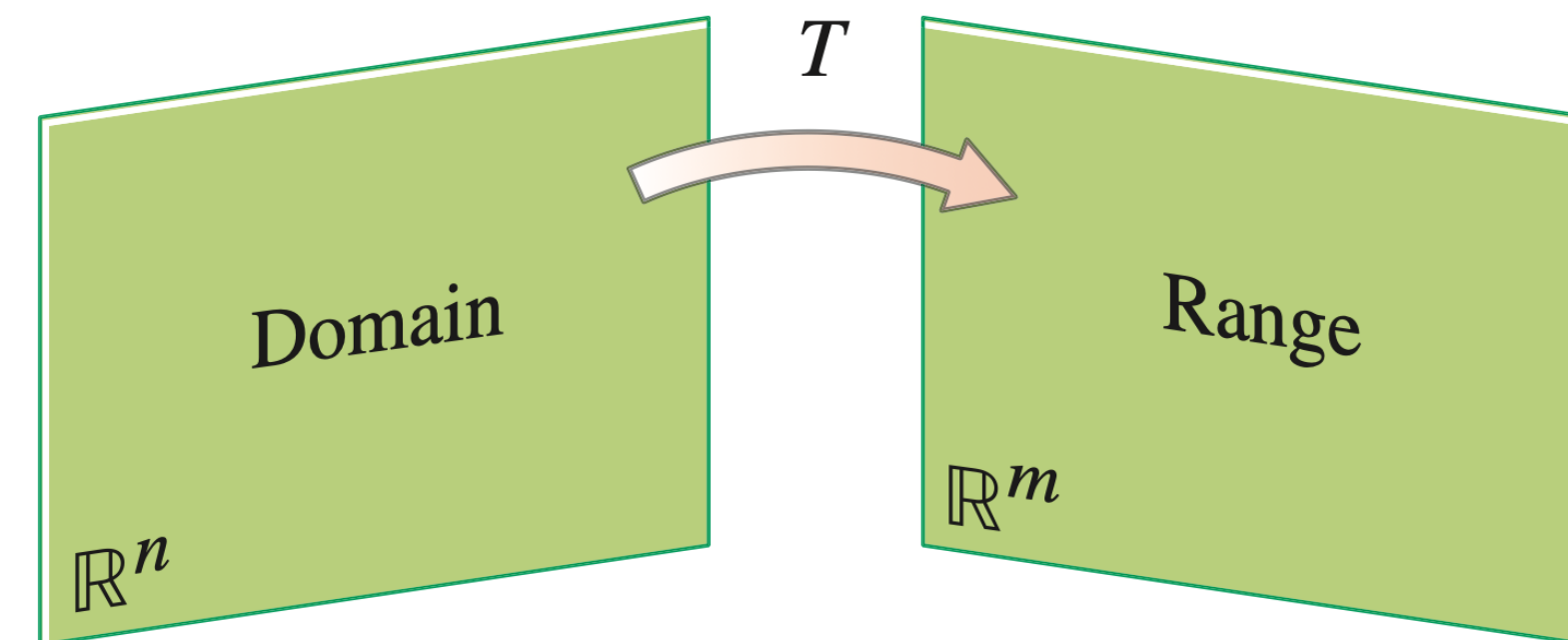


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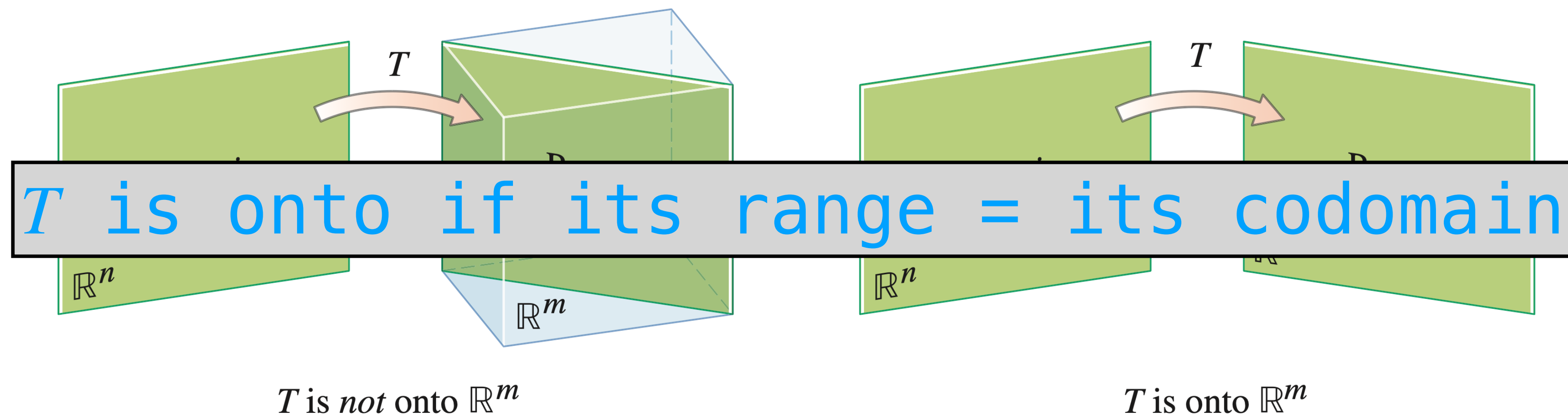
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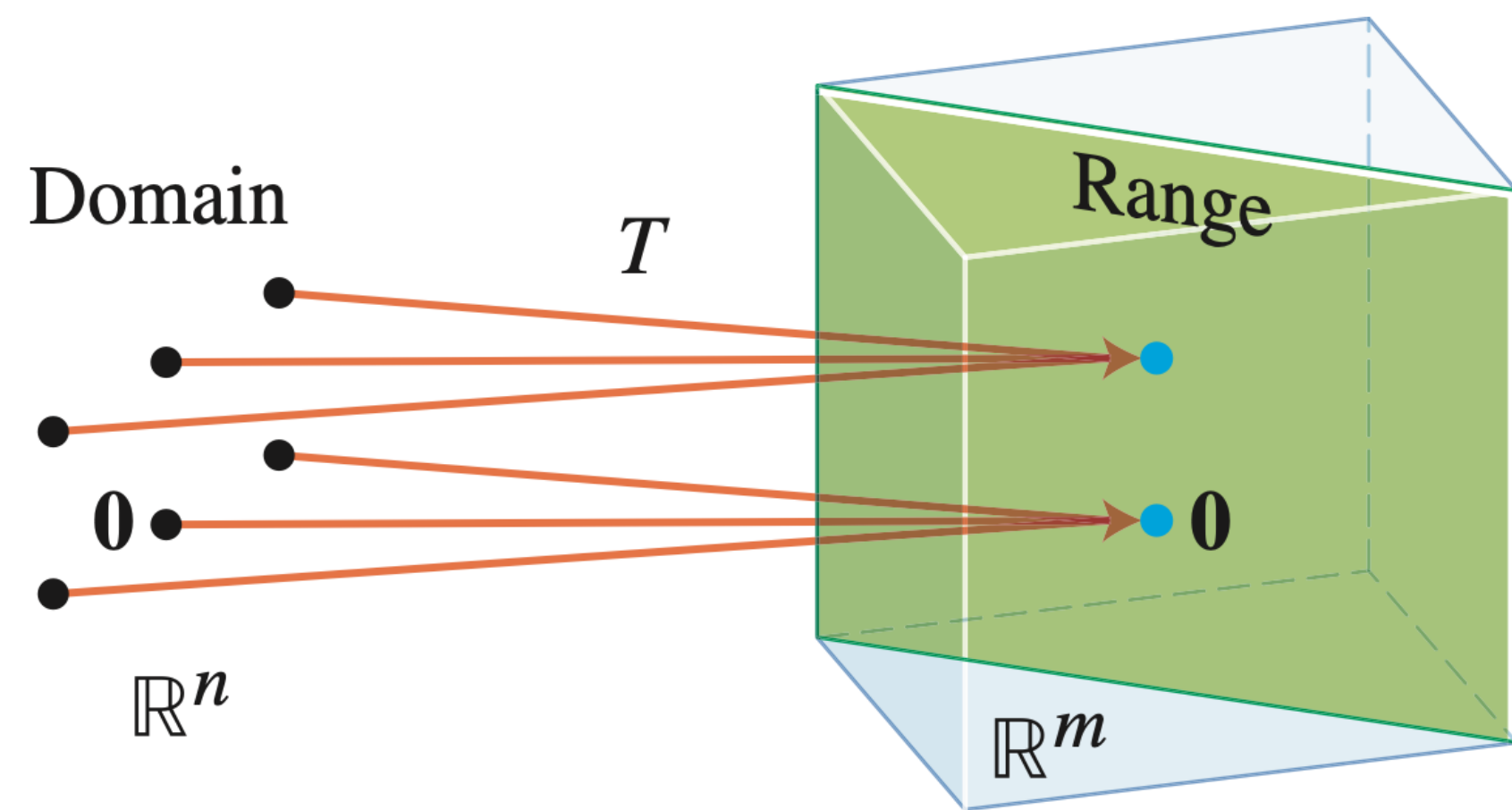
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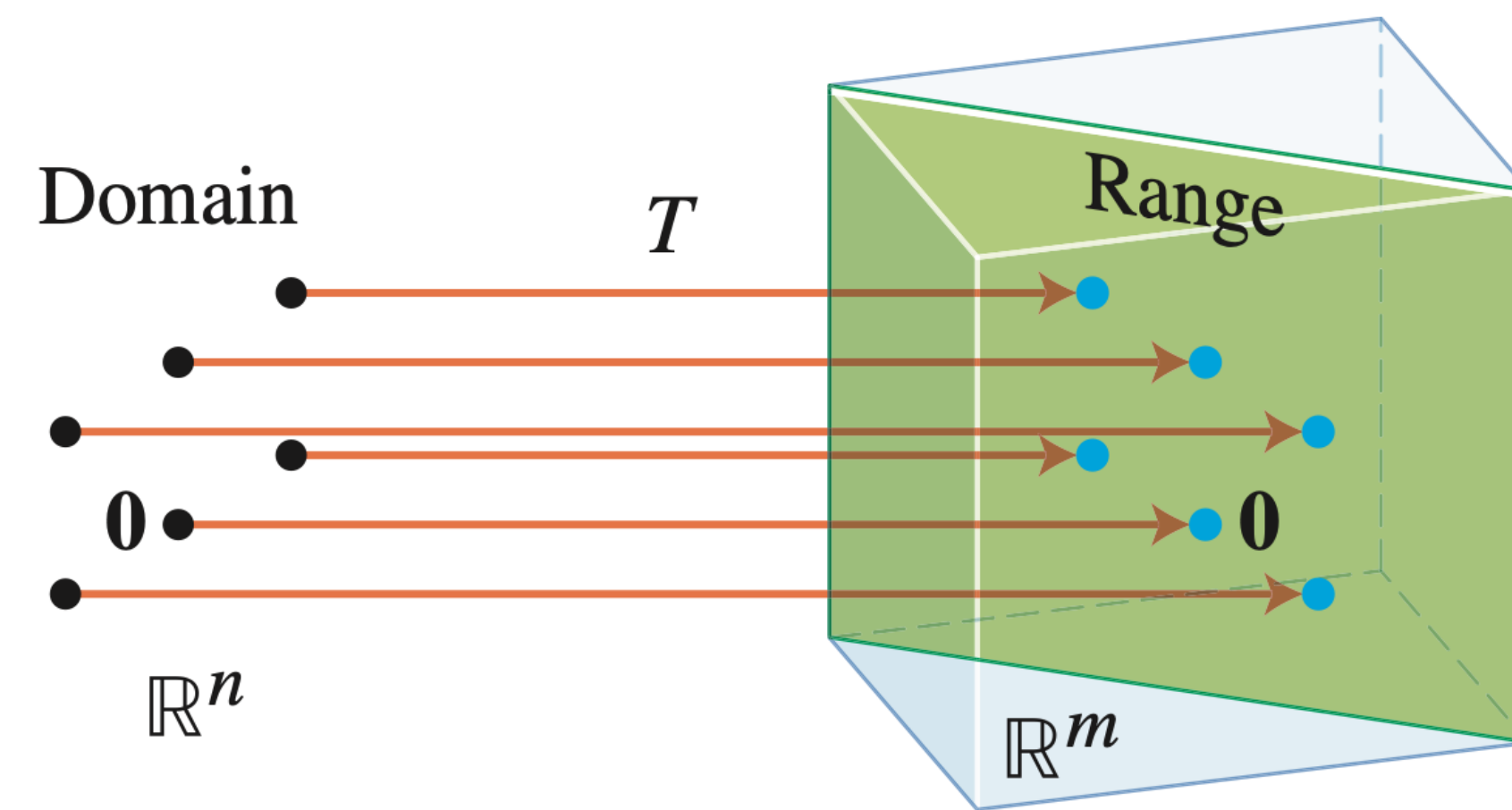
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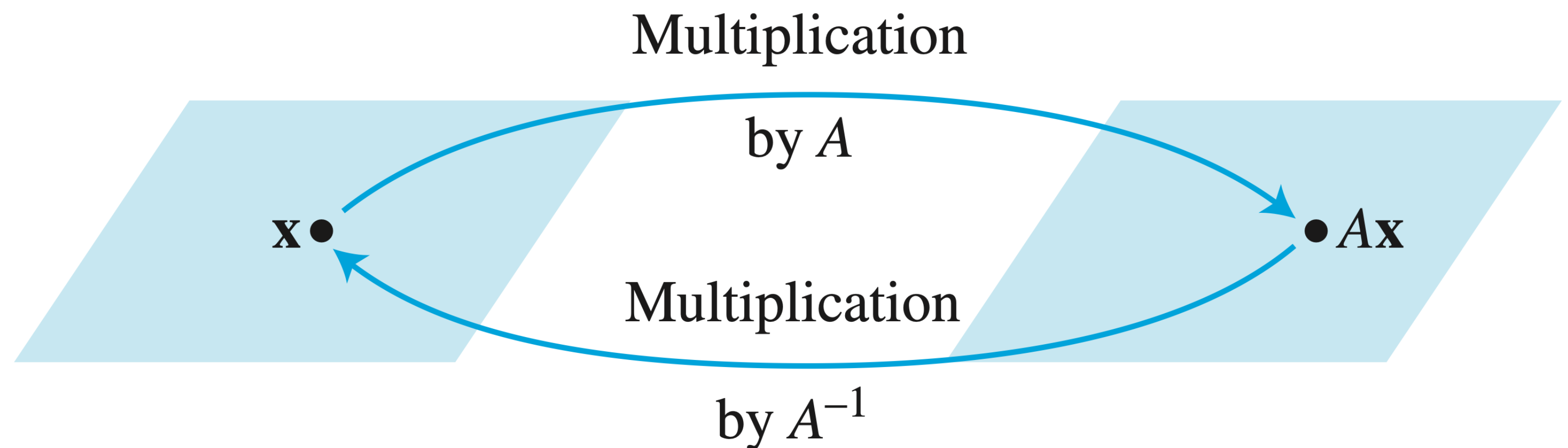
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$$S(T(\mathbf{v})) = \mathbf{v} \quad \text{and} \quad T(S(\mathbf{v})) = \mathbf{v}$$

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**Non-Example.** Projection onto the  $x_1$ -axis

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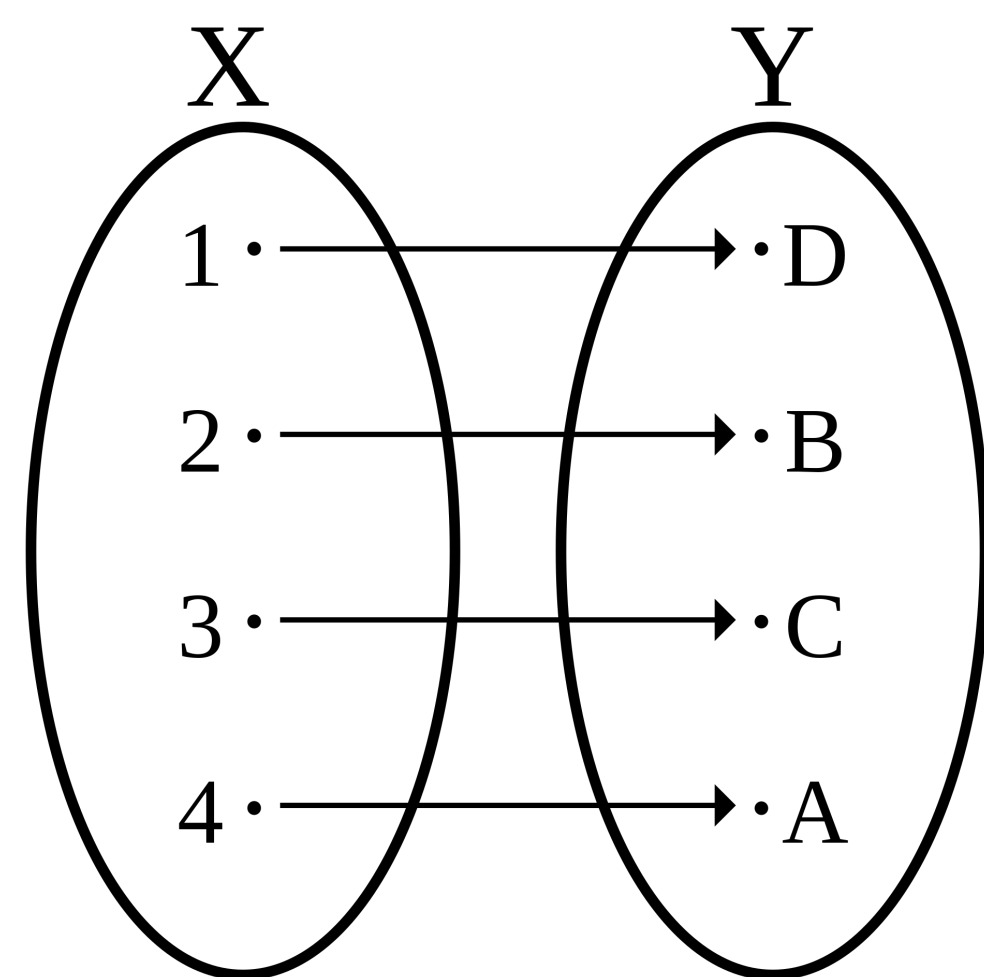
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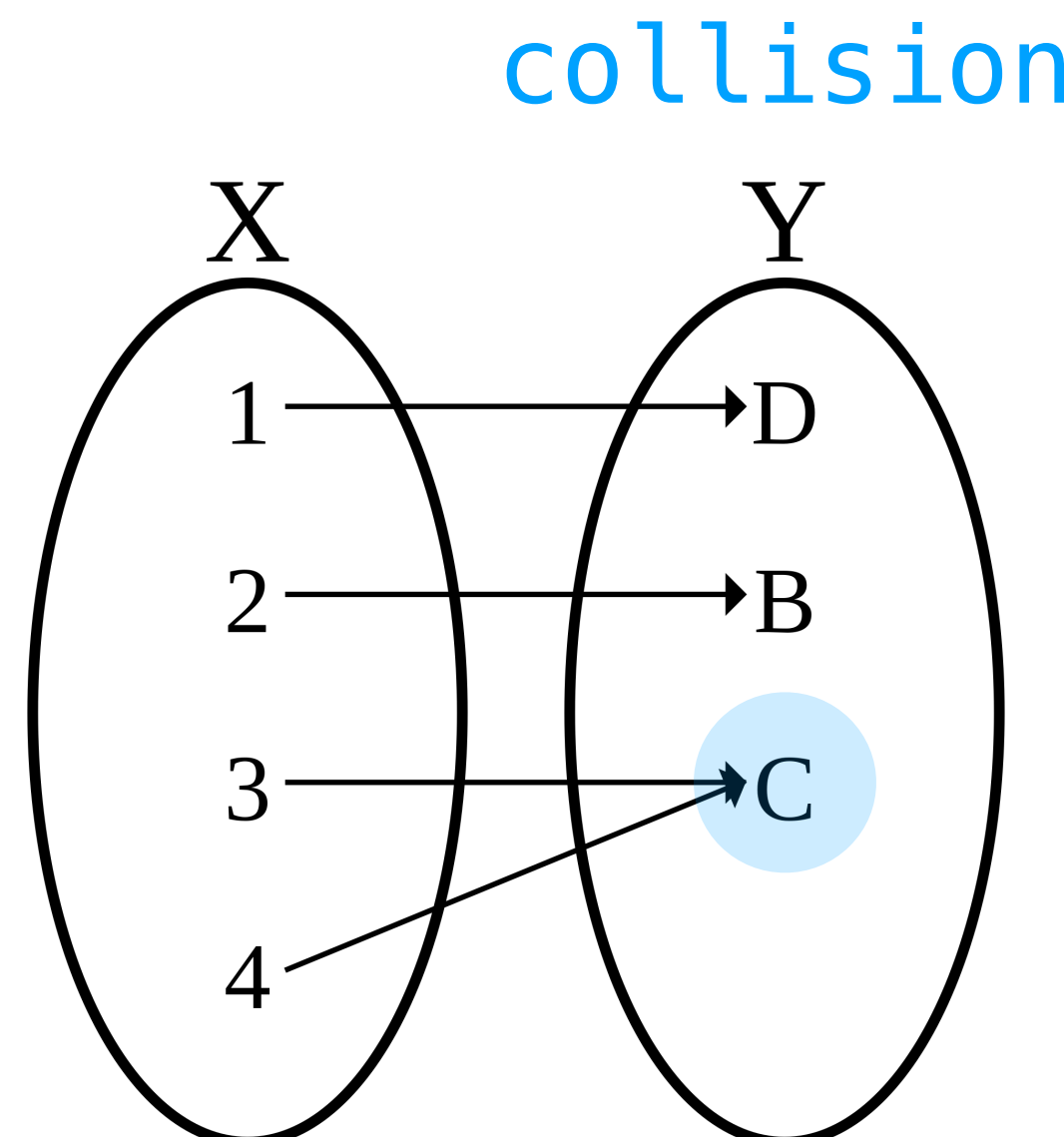
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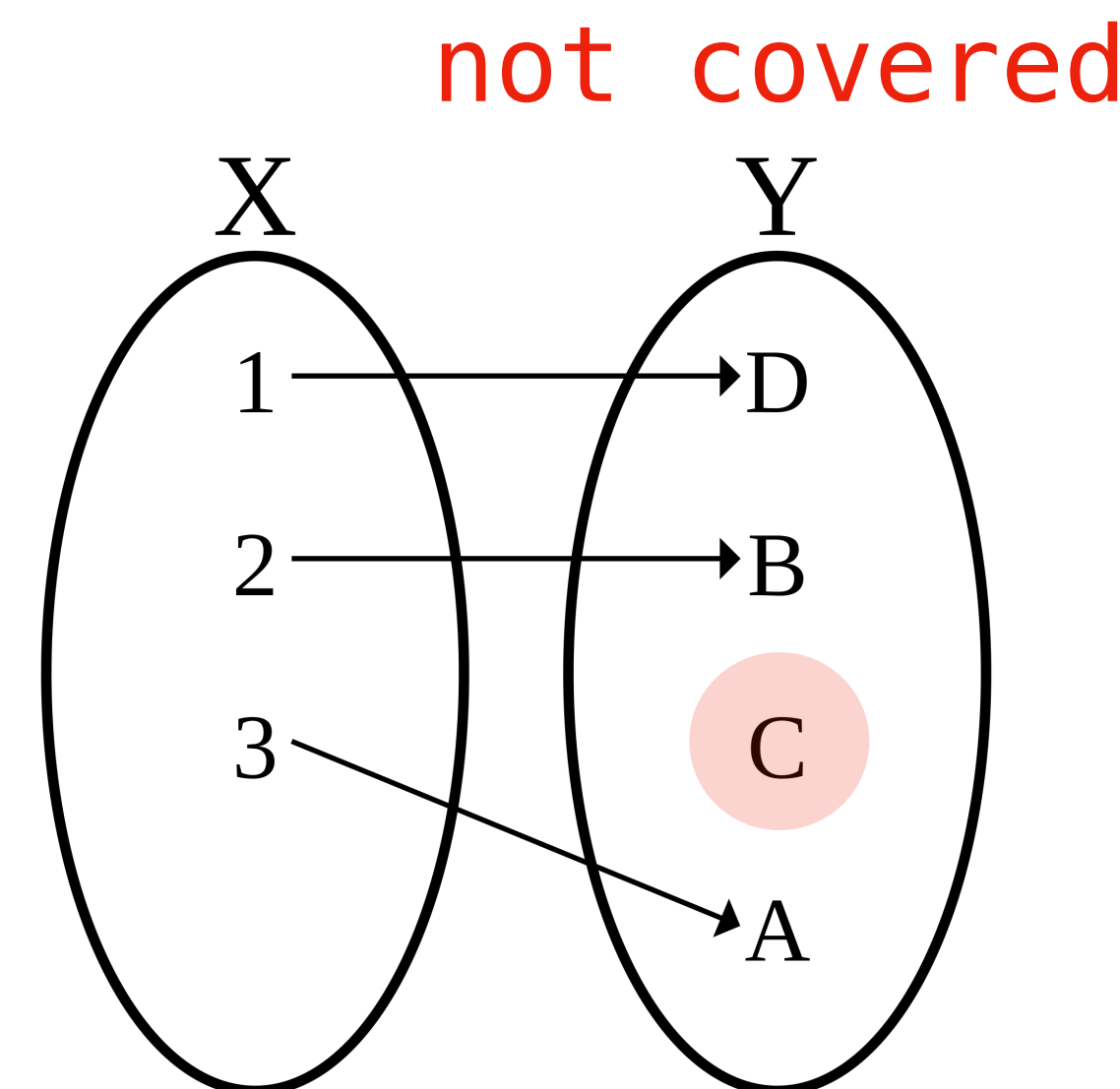
# Kinds of Transformations (Pictorially)



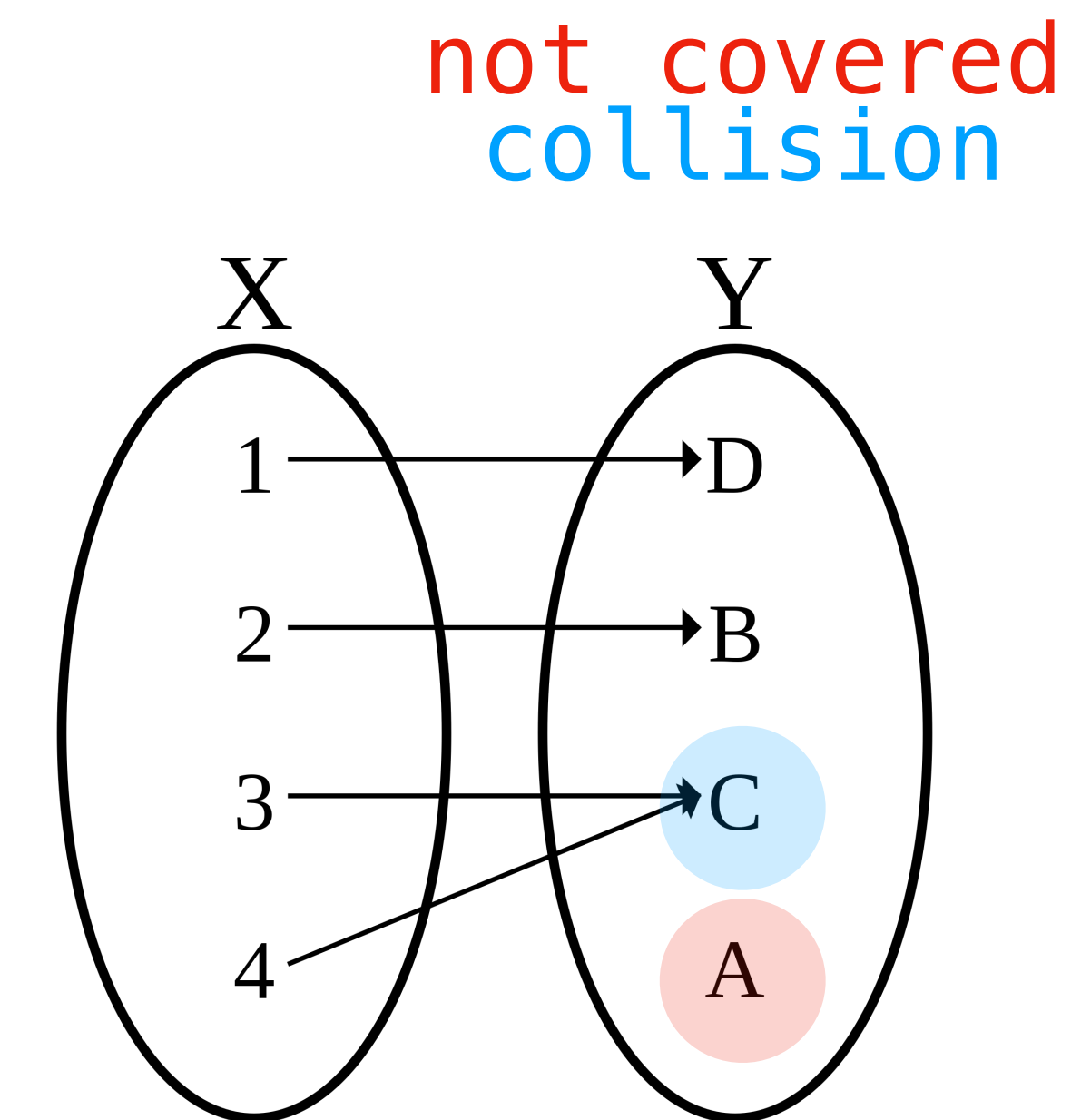
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Answer 2: the Invertible Matrix Theorem (IMT)

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Can we solve for each  $\mathbf{b}_i$ ?

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**Question.** Find the inverse of an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$

**Solution.** Solve the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{e}_i$  for every standard basis vector  $\mathbf{e}_i$ . Put those solutions  $\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, \dots, \mathbf{s}_n$  into a single matrix

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**Solution.** Row reduce the matrix  $[A \ I]$  to a matrix  $[I \ B]$ . Then  $B$  is the inverse of  $A$

*This is really the same thing. It's a simultaneous reduction*



demo

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# Question

*Suppose that  $A$  is a  $n \times n$  invertible matrix such that  $A = A^T$  and  $B$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix*

*Simplify the expression  $A(BA^{-1})^T$  using the algebraic properties we've seen*

**Answer:**  $B^T$

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# Motivation

**Question.** How do we know if a square matrix is invertible?

**Answer.** *Every* perspective we've taken so far can help us answer this question

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*Invertibility is completely determined by how  $A$  behaves on  $0$ .*

# Question (Conceptual)

***True or False:*** If  $A$  is invertible, and  $B$  is row equivalent to  $A$  (we can transform  $B$  into  $A$  by a sequence of row operations), then  $B$  is also invertible.



**Answer: True**

Row reductions don't change the number of pivots.

# Question

*If  $[\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \mathbf{a}_3]$  is invertible, then is  $[(\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2 - 2\mathbf{a}_3) \ (\mathbf{a}_2 + 5\mathbf{a}_3) \ \mathbf{a}_3]$  also invertible? Justify your answer.*

# Answer

Consider  $[\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \mathbf{a}_3]^T$ . We can get to  $[(\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2 - 2\mathbf{a}_3) \ (\mathbf{a}_2 + 5\mathbf{a}_3) \ \mathbf{a}_3]^T$  by row operations

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**In other words:** we want to solve a bunch of matrix equations over the same matrix

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**Question.** For a matrix  $A$ , solve (for  $X$ ) in the equation

$$AX = B$$

where  $X$  and  $B$  are matrices of appropriate dimension

**This is (essentially) the same question**

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If we want to swap  $R_2$  and  $R_3$ , then we need the identity matrix, but with  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  swapped.

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**Definition.** An **elementary matrix** is a matrix obtained by applying a single row operation to the identity matrix  $I$ .

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*Find the matrix implementing the following sequence of elementary row operations on a  $3 \times n$  matrix.*

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$$R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + R_2$$

$$R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$$

*Then multiply it with the all-ones  $3 \times 3$  matrix.*

**Answer**

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We won't prove this, but it's worth thinking about: **why is this lower triangular?**

And can we build this in a more efficient way?

demo



# How To: LU Factorization by hand

**Question.** Find a LU Factorization for the matrix  $A$  (assuming no swaps)

**Solution.**

- » Start with  $L$  as the identity matrix
- » Find  $U$  by the forward part of GE
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$3x^3$  dominates the function even though the coefficient for  $x^2$  is so large

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GE Forward:  $\sim \frac{2n^3}{3}$  FLOPS

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Matrix Inversion:  $\sim 2n^3$  FLOPS

Matrix-Vector Multiplication:  $\sim 2n^2$  FLOPS

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# FLOPS for solving LU systems

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If you solve several matrix equations for the same matrix, LU factorization is faster than matrix inversion on the first equation, and the same (asymptotically) in later equations (and it works for rectangular matrices).



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Sparse matrices are faster to compute with and better with respect to storage.

# Summary

Matrix inverses allow us to easily solve many matrixes equations over the same  $A$

LU Factorizations allows us to do the same, but more generally more efficiently