# **Basic Maths for Non-mathematicians**

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$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \sum_{k=1}^{N} f(x_{k}) \Delta x$$

$$(AB)^{\top} = B^{\top} A^{\top} \qquad \mathbb{R}^{n} \xrightarrow{T} \mathbb{R}^{m}$$

$$\vec{v} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{i} \hat{e}_{i}$$

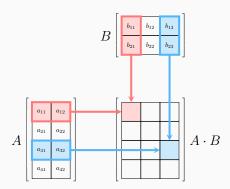
$$\frac{df}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} \qquad A = Q^{\Lambda} Q^{-1}$$

$$\operatorname{Rot}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

$$T(\alpha \vec{u} + \beta \vec{v}) = \alpha T(\vec{u}) + \beta T(\vec{v}) \quad \langle \hat{e}_{i}, \hat{e}_{j} \rangle = \delta_{ij}$$



# **Chapter 4: Matrices**



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i.e. - the transformed vector is a linear combination of the transformed standard basis vectors, with the components of the original vector as coefficients.

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Consider the vector  $\vec{v}=\begin{pmatrix} 3\\-1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and the transformation  $T\begin{pmatrix}x\\y\end{pmatrix}=\begin{pmatrix}-2x+y\\3x-2y\end{pmatrix}$ . We can calculate the transformation  $T\left(\vec{v}\right)$  directly:

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Generalizing this for any vector  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  yields

$$T\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ .

This form of writing a linear transformation applied to a vector has a nice structure: the first component of the resulting vector is the dot product

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$
,

while the second component is the dot product

$$\begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}.$$

We can collect the coefficients a,b,c and d together to a compact structure called a **matrix**:

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then, we can define the product of that matrix with a vector

$$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$
 as

$$M \cdot \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{pmatrix}.$$

#### Note

In the matrix

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The column  $\binom{a}{c}$  shows us how  $\hat{e}_1$  is transformed by the matrix M, while the column  $\binom{b}{d}$  shows us how  $\hat{e}_2$  is transformed by the matrix.

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In addition, each column of the matrix tells us how the respective standard basis vector is transformed.

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Thus, the corresponding matrix M is

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#### **Example**

The matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 7 \\ 2 & 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

takes vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and transforms them to vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . For example,

$$M \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 - 3 \cdot 2 + 7 \cdot 3 \\ 2 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 2 - 5 \cdot 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 6 + 21 \\ 2 - 15 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 16 \\ -13 \end{pmatrix}.$$

A matrix which represents a linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$  is called a **square matrix** (since it has  $n \times n$  elements, i.e. n rows and n columns).

In a square matrix, the elements  $a_{11}, a_{22}, \ldots, a_{nn}$  are called together the **principal diagonal** (also **main diagonal**) of the matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{nn} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

A **diagonal matrix** is a matrix in which any element outside the main diagonal is zero.

#### **Example**

Some diagonal matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

An **upper triangular matrix** is a matrix in which all the elements **below** the main diagonal are equal to zero.

Similarly, a **lower triangular matrix** is a matrix in which all the elements **above** the main diagonal are equal to zero.

#### **Example**

An upper triangular matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 4 & 3 & -1 \\
0 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\
0 & 0 & 7 & 7 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & -2
\end{pmatrix}$$

A lower triangular matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix}
-1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
2 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\
6 & 4 & 7 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 3 & -2
\end{pmatrix}$$

#### **Trace**

The **trace** of a square matrix is the sum of its main diagonal elements, i.e. for an  $n \times n$  matrix A with elements  $a_{ij}$ ,

$$\operatorname{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{ii}.$$

## **Example**

The trace of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & -5 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ -4 & 9 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

is 
$$1+3+3+7=14$$
.

An important operator that can be applied to matrices is the **transpose**. The transpose exchanges the rows of the matrix with its columns, i.e.

$$a_{ij} \xrightarrow{{\sf transpose}} a_{ji}.$$

The notation for the transpose of a matrix A is  $A^{\top}$ .

### **Example**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 \\ -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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The transpose of a transposed matrix is the original matrix, i.e.

$$\left(A^{\top}\right)^{\top} = A.$$

# **Adding Matrices**

Like with vectors, addition of two matrices is done element-wise, i.e.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1m} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \cdots & b_{nm} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & a_{12} + b_{12} & \cdots & a_{1m} + b_{1m} \\ a_{21} + b_{21} & a_{22} + b_{22} & \cdots & a_{2m} + b_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} + b_{n1} & a_{n2} + b_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nm} + b_{nm} \end{pmatrix}$$

# **Adding Matrices**

### **Example**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -7 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 6 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -6 \\ 5 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix},$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 9 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & 10 \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Multiplying a Matrix by a Scalar

Also like with vectors, multiplying a matrix A by a scalar  $\alpha$  results in multiplying each element  $a_{ij}$  of the matrix by  $\alpha$ , i.e.

$$\alpha \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \cdot a_{11} & \alpha \cdot a_{12} & \cdots & \alpha \cdot a_{1m} \\ \alpha \cdot a_{21} & \alpha \cdot a_{22} & \cdots & \alpha \cdot a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha \cdot a_{n1} & \alpha \cdot a_{n2} & \cdots & \alpha \cdot a_{nm} \end{pmatrix}.$$

# **Adding Matrices**

### **Example**

$$5 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -7 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 15 & -35 \\ 10 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -20 & 25 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -6 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

# The Identity Matrix

Since the columns in a matrix represent the transformation of the standard basis vectors, a matrix which is composed from the standard basis vectors in their original order does not change the space at all. We call such a matrix the **identity matrix**, denoted by  $I_n$ , where n is the dimentionality of the space.

$$I_n = egin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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$$I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \ I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \ I_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \dots$$

# The Identity Matrix

A shorthand way of writing the elements of the identity matrix is by using the **Kronecker delta**, which is defined as

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j, \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

### **Basic Matrices**

Let's now go over the basic linear transformations  $T:\mathbb{R}^2\to\mathbb{R}^2$  mentioned in the previous chapter and construct a matrix for each one.

We will construct each matrix by looking at what effects does the respective transformation have on the basis vectors  $\hat{x}=\begin{pmatrix}1\\0\end{pmatrix}$  and

$$\hat{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
, and then joining them together to form the matrix.

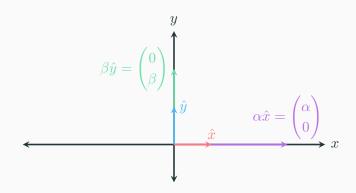
When possible, we will generalize to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

# **Scaling Matrices**

### Scaling in the x- and y-axes

Scaling in the x-axis by  $\alpha$  should transform  $\hat{x}$  to  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Similarly, scaling in the y-axis by  $\beta$  should transform  $\hat{y}$  to  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$ .



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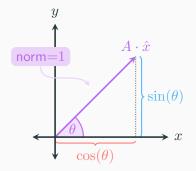
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This can be generalized to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as a diagonal matrix

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & s_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & s_n \end{pmatrix}$$

When rotating  $\hat{x}$  by an angle  $\theta$ , we get a vector that has norm 1 (because rotation doesn't change the norm) and thus the components

$$x = \cos(\theta),$$
$$y = \sin(\theta).$$



Since  $\hat{y}$  is 90° "ahead" of  $\hat{x}$  (i.e. its angle to the x-axis is always 90° more than that of  $\hat{x}$ ), we except the rotated  $\hat{y}$  to have the components

$$x = \cos(\theta + 90^{\circ}),$$
  
$$y = \sin(\theta + 90^{\circ}).$$

Two trigonometric identities come in handy:

- 1.  $\cos(\theta + 90^\circ) = -\sin(\theta)$ , and
- $2. \sin(\theta + 90^\circ) = \cos(\theta).$

Thus, 
$$\hat{y}$$
 transforms to  $\begin{pmatrix} -\sin(\theta) \\ \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$ .

Alltogether, in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  the matrix representing a counter clock-wise rotation by  $\theta$  around the origin is

$$Rot(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} cos(\theta) & -sin(\theta) \\ sin(\theta) & cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}.$$

### **Example**

Rotation by 45° around the origin is given by

$$\operatorname{Rot}(45^{\circ}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(45^{\circ}) & -\sin(45^{\circ}) \\ \sin(45^{\circ}) & \cos(45^{\circ}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Applying this to the vector  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  results in

$$\vec{u} = \text{Rot} (45^\circ) \cdot \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 3 \\ 1 + 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{2} \\ 2\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

### **Example**

Let's verify our result.

The norm of the original vector is

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{10}.$$

The norm of the resulting vector is

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### **Example**

Let's verify our result.

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In  $\mathbb{R}^3$  the three matrices representing rotations by the angles  $\theta, \varphi$  and  $\psi$  around the x,y- and z-axes, respectively, are

$$\operatorname{Rot}_{x}(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ 0 & \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix},$$

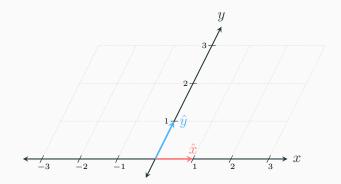
$$\operatorname{Rot}_{y}(\varphi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\varphi) & 0 & \sin(\varphi) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin(\varphi) & 0 & \cos(\varphi) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\operatorname{Rot}_{z}(\psi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\psi) & -\sin(\psi) & 0 \\ \sin(\psi) & \cos(\psi) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Skew (Shear) Matrices

A shear transformation in the x-direction doesn't change  $\hat{x}$ , but adds some number  $k_x$  to the x-component of  $\hat{y}$ , i.e.

$$T\left(\hat{y}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} k_x \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$



# Skew (Shear) Matrices

Therefore, the matrix representing an x-direction shear by  $k_x$  is

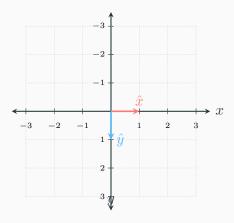
$$K = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k_x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Similarlly, a matrix representing a  $\boldsymbol{k}_y$  shear in the y-direction is

$$K = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k_y & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

#### **Reflection Matrices**

Reflection across the x-axis keeps  $\hat{x}$  the same, and flips the y-component of  $\hat{y}.$ 



#### **Reflection Matrices**

Thus, the matrix that reflects space across the x-axis is

$$\operatorname{Ref}_x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Similarly, the matrix that reflects space across the y-axis is

$$\operatorname{Ref}_y = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

### **Reflection Matrices**

A general matrix which reflects space across a line going through the origin with slope m is

$$\operatorname{Ref}(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\theta) & \sin(2\theta) \\ \sin(2\theta) & -\cos(2\theta) \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\theta = \arctan(m)$ .

#### Note

The derivition of  $\operatorname{Ref}(\theta)$  from  $\operatorname{Ref}_x$  requires a concept which we will introduce later in this chapter, and thus will not be given here.

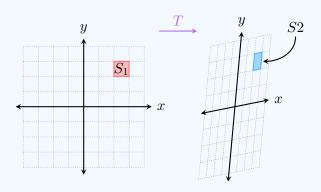
The **determinant** of an  $n \times n$  matrix A, denoted |A| or  $\det(A)$ , is a measurement of how volumes scale when applying the transformation represented by A to a space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

#### Note

A determinant of a matrix can be negative, while volumes (technically speaking) must be non-negative. We will see the meaning of a negative determinant later in this chapter.

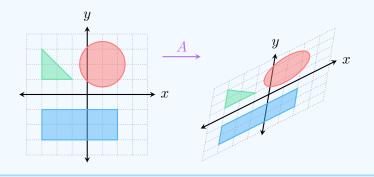
## **Example**

The determinant of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix A measures the change in **area** after applying A to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . In the following example, the area denoted by  $S_1$  is transformed into the area  $S_2$  after application of the transformation (i.e.  $|A| = \frac{S_2}{S_1}$ ).



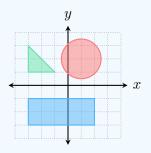
### **Example**

Since linear transformations scale all areas (volumes) by the same amount, in the following example, the determinant is equal to the ratio between the areas of each shape after and before application of the transformation (i.e.  $|A| = \frac{S_{after}}{S_{before}}$ ).



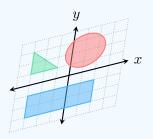
When the image of a linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$  can be spanned by m < n vectors (i.e. when it "loses" a dimension or more) the determinant of the matrix representing it is zero.

## **Example**



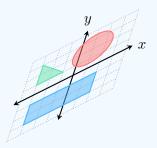
$$|A| = 1$$

## **Example**



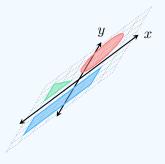
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## **Example**



$$|A| = 0.625$$

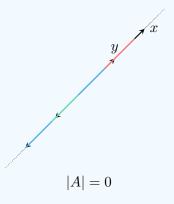
## **Example**



$$|A| = 0.35$$

## **Example**

A sequence of linear transformations with the determinants of their respective matrices going to zero. When |A|=0 all of space is "squished" into a line, i.e. it has zero area.



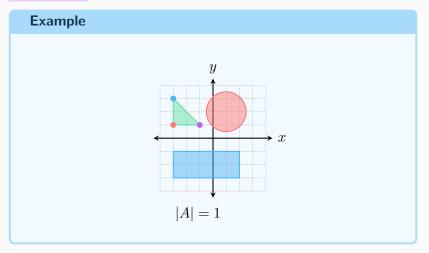
Square matrices of size  $3\times 3$  (representing transformations of the type  $T:\mathbb{R}^3\to\mathbb{R}^3$ ) have zero determinants when they "squish" 3D-space into a single plane, a line or a point.

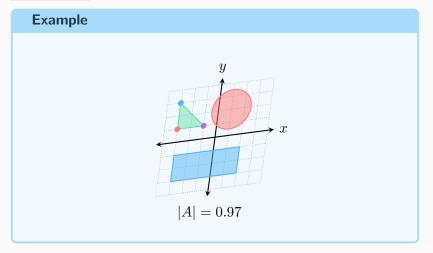
A matrix with zero determinant has columns that are **linearly dependent**. This is because the columns of a matrix represent the transformations of the basis vectors  $\hat{e}_1, \hat{e}_2, \cdots, \hat{e}_n$ . If this set is linearly dependent, the space the vectors span has a lower dimentionality than the original space.

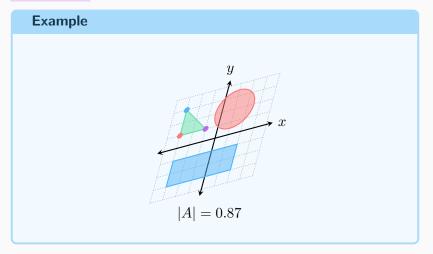
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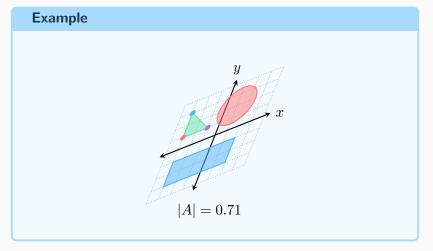
The following matrix has a zero determinant:

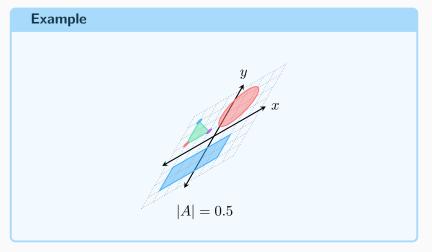
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

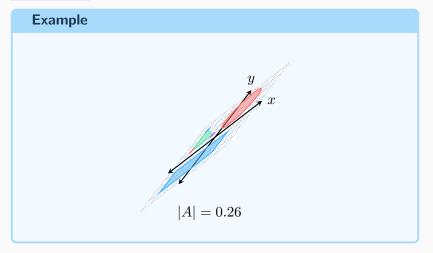


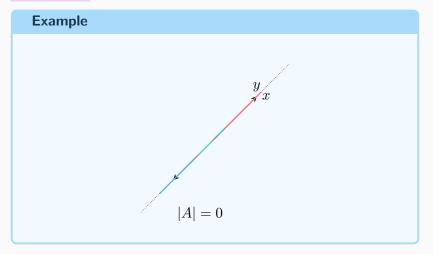


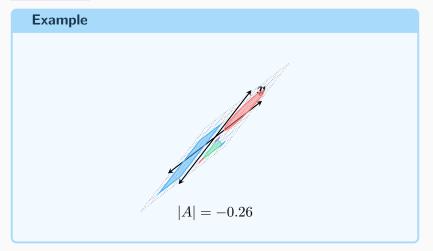


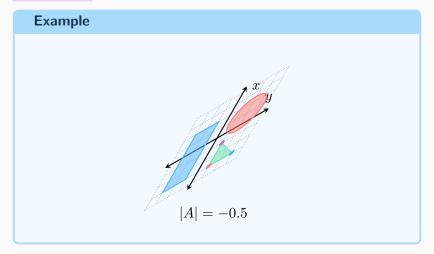


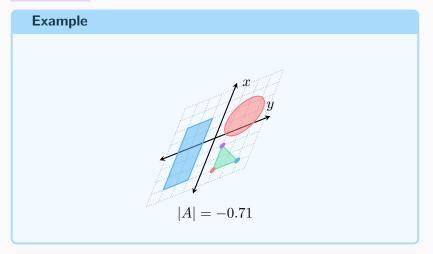


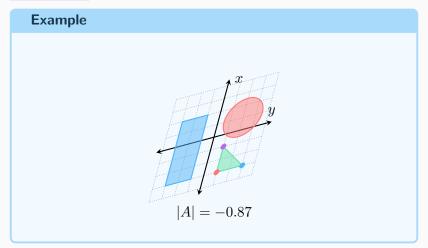


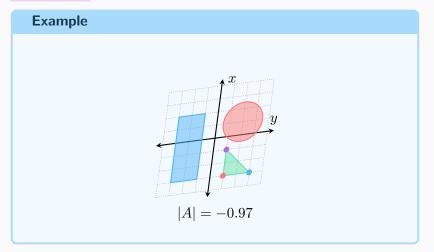


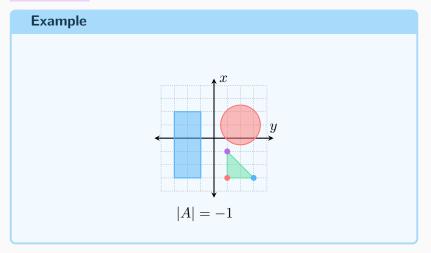






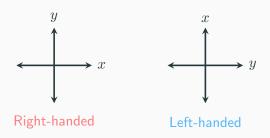






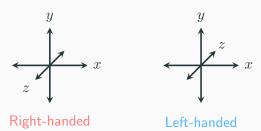
The orientation of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is determined by the relative direction between the x- and y-axes:

- If the x-axis is to the **right** of the y-axis, the space is **right-handed**.
- If the x-axis is to the **left** of the y-axis, the space is **left-handed**.



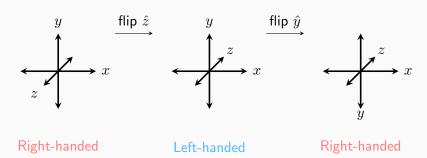
The orientation of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is determined by the right-hand rule, similar to the cross-product:

- If  $\hat{x} \times \hat{y} = \hat{z}$ , the space is **right-handed**.
- If  $\hat{x} \times \hat{z} = \hat{y}$ , the space is **left-handed**.



Any flip of an odd number of axes flips the orientation of a space.

Any flip of an **even** number of axes **keeps** the orientation of a space.



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Determinants can be calculated numerically directly from matrices.

The determinant of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

is

$$|A| = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}.$$

## **Example**

Some  $2 \times 2$  matrices and their determinants:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot (-3) = 1 + 6 = 7.$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot 1 - 0 \cdot 0 = 1.$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 1 = -1.$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{vmatrix} = \cos(\theta)^2 + \sin(\theta)^2 = 1.$$

For calculating a the determinant of a  $3\times 3$  matrix we introduce a new concept, a **minor of a matrix** :

#### **Definition**

The i, j-minor of a matrix A, denoted  $m_{ij}$ , is the determinant of a matrix produced when the i-th row and j-th column of A are removed.

## **Example**

Two example minors of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$ :

$$m_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 5 \cdot 9 - 6 \cdot 8 = 45 - 48 = -3.$$

$$m_{32} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot 6 - 3 \cdot 4 = 6 - 12 = -6.$$

The determinant of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

is

$$|A| = a_{11}m_{11} - a_{12}m_{12} + a_{13}m_{13},$$

where  $m_{ij}$  is the i, j-minor of A.

# **Example**

Let's calculate the determinant of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 & -9 \end{pmatrix}.$$

1. 
$$m_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 6 & -9 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot (-9) - 5 \cdot 6 = -9 - 30 = -39.$$

2. 
$$m_{12} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 2 & -9 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \cdot (-9) - 5 \cdot 2 = -27 - 10 = -37.$$

3. 
$$m_{13} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \cdot 6 - 1 \cdot 2 = 18 - 2 = 16.$$

## **Example**

Thus,

$$|A| = a_{11}m_{11} - a_{12}m_{12} + a_{13}m_{13}$$

$$= -1 \cdot (-39) - 2 \cdot (-37) + 0 \cdot 16$$

$$= 39 + 74$$

$$= 113.$$

The determinant of higher order  $n \times n$  matrices proceeds recursively from that of  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrices.

The definition will not be given here<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>and such determinants will not be in the exam in any way, don't worry.

As we saw in the beginning of the chapter, multiplying a matrix with a vector is essencially a way to apply the transformation represented by the matrix on the vector. This was developed for vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $2\times 2$  matrices.

We will now review a general product of an  $n\times m$  matrix by an m-dimentional vector.

The product of an  $n \times m$  matrix A and an m-dimentional vector  $\vec{u}$  is an n-dimentional vector  $\vec{v}$ , with the i-th component of  $\vec{v}$  being

$$v_i = A_i \cdot \vec{u},$$

where  $A_i$  is the *i*-th row of A.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_m \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 7 \\ -2 & 3 & -5 \\ 6 & 0 & -9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot 7 + (-3) \cdot (-1) + 0 \cdot 0 \\ 4 \cdot 7 + 2 \cdot (-1) + 7 \cdot 0 \\ -2 \cdot 7 + 3 \cdot (-1) + (-5) \cdot 0 \\ 6 \cdot 7 + 0 \cdot (-1) + (-9) \cdot 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 26 \\ -17 \\ 42 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Matrices can be multiplied together. The result of the product of two matrices A and B,  $A \cdot B$ , is a matrix C, in which the i-th column is the product of the matrix A by the i-th column of the matrix B.

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Another way to formulize the matrix-matrix product of two matrices A and B is by considering the dot product of rows of A with columns of B, i.e.

#### **Definition**

The product C = AB of two matrices A and B is a matrix in which the element  $c_{ij}$  is

$$c_{ij} = A^i \cdot B_j,$$

where  $A^{i}$  is the *i*-th row of A (considered as a vector), and  $B_{j}$  is the j-th column of B (considered as a vector).

Of course, for the above matrix-matrix product to be defined, the number of elements in each column vector of B must be equal to the number of columns in A, i.e.

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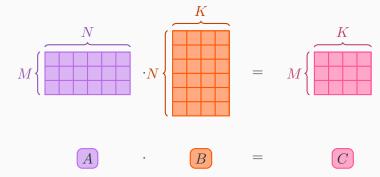
For the matrix-matrix product C=AB to be defined, the dimensions of A and B must respectively be

$$m \times n, \ n \times k.$$

The resulting matrix C has dimensions

$$m \times k$$
.

## Graphically:



Matrix-matrix product (even for square matrices of the same dimensions) is **non-commutative**, i.e. for most matrices A,B

$$AB \neq BA$$
.

## **Example**

For 
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ : 
$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$
$$BA = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \neq AB.$$

For two matrices A and B, where A represents the linear transformation  $T_A$  and B represents the linear transformation  $T_B$ , the product C=AB represents the composit transformation  $T_C=T_A\circ T_B$ .

## **Example**

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  represents a scaling of space by 2

in the x-direction. The matrix  $B=\begin{pmatrix}0&-1\\1&0\end{pmatrix}$  represents a rotation of space by 90° counter clock-wise. The product

$$C = AB = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

represents a  $90^{\circ}$  counter clock-wise rotation, followed by scaling by 2 in the x-direction.

#### Note

The product D=BA represents the composition of the transformations in the opposite order: first scaling space by 2 in the x-direction, followed by a 90° counter clock-wise rotation, i.e.  $T_D=T_B\circ T_A$ .

Since the product of two matrices is in fact composition of the respective transformations they represent, the determinant of the product of two matrices A and B is simply the product of the determinants of the two matrices, i.e. if C = AB then

$$|C| = |A||B|.$$

## **Example**

For 
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ , 
$$|A| = 1 \cdot 4 - (-3) \cdot 0 = 4,$$
$$|B| = 0 \cdot 2 - 1 \cdot 2 = -2,$$
$$|AB| = \begin{vmatrix} -6 & -5 \\ 8 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = -6 \cdot 8 - (-5) \cdot 8$$
$$= -48 + 40 = -8 = |A| \cdot |B|.$$

The transpose of the product of two matrices is the opposite product of the transpose of each matrix, i.e.

$$(AB)^{\top} = B^{\top}A^{\top}.$$

## **Example**

For 
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & -5 \\ 8 & 8 \end{pmatrix},$$

and so

$$(AB)^{\top} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 8 \\ -5 & 8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

### **Example**

On the other hand,

$$B^{\top}A^{\top} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 8 \\ -5 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= (AB)^{\top}.$$

The trace of a Matrix-Matrix Product AB does not depend on the order of multiplication, i.e.

$$\operatorname{tr}(AB) = \operatorname{tr}(BA)$$
.

## Challenge

Prove the above statement.

An inverse matrix  $A^{-1}$  of a matrix A is a matrix for which

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

Not every matrix A has an inverse matrix; if |A|=0, then A "loses" at least one dimension, which results in more than one vector in its image being connected to by more than one vector in its domain. Therefore,  $A^{-1}$  does not exist.

More formally:

$$\exists A^{-1} \Leftrightarrow |A| \neq 0.$$

### **Example**

The matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

has zero determinant, since  $A_3 = A_1 + 2A_2$ . Therefore,  $A^{-1}$  doesn't exist.

### Example

The matrix

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

has a determinant of 4, and thus  $B^{-1}$  exists, and is equal to

$$B^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.75 & 5.5 & -0.5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -0.25 & -3.5 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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The inverse of a nonsingular  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

is

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}.$$
$$= \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}.$$

The inverse of a nonsingular  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

is

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\boxed{A}} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}.$$
$$= \frac{1}{\boxed{ad - bc}} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}.$$

### **Example**

The inverse of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

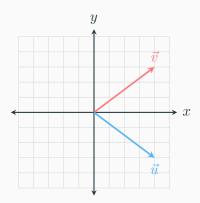
is

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2 - (-1) \cdot 0} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since multiplying a nonsingular matrix by its inverse results in the identity matrix, inverse matrices represent the inverse transformations, i.e. if A represents the transformation T, then  $A^{-1}$  represents the transformation  $T^{-1}$ .

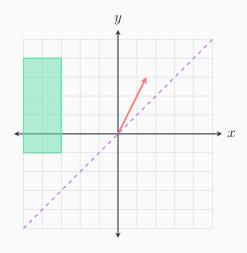
Let's use inverse matrices to construct the general  $2\times 2$  reflection matrix.

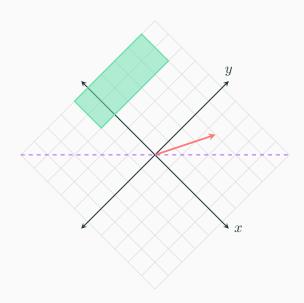
We know how to reflect across the x-axis: this simply means inverting the y-component.

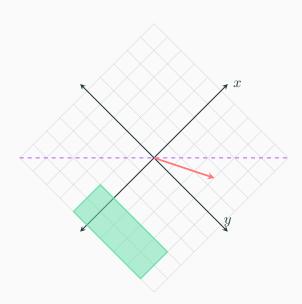


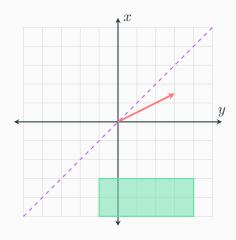
For a reflection across any line going through the origin, we can do the following:

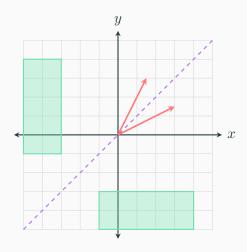
- 1. Rotate space to align the reflection line with the horizontal direction.
- 2. Reflect across the horizontal direction (i.e. flip the y-components of all vectors).
- 3. Rotate space back, i.e. by the opposite angle as before.











Writing all these operations as a matrix product:

The **kernel** (also **null space**) of a linear transformation  $T:\mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$  is the set of all vectors that the linear transformation maps to the zero vector in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , i.e.

$$\ker(T) = \left\{ \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0} \right\}.$$

The kernel of a matrix  ${\cal A}$  is the kernel of the linear transformation it represents.

Any linear combination of vectors in the kernel of a transformation T is also in its kernel.

#### **Proof**

Suppose that  $\vec{v} = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_k \vec{w}_k$ , where  $\vec{w}_i \in \ker(T)$  and  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Due to the linearity of T,

$$T(\vec{v}) = T(\alpha_1 \vec{w}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{w}_2 + \dots + \alpha_k \vec{v}_k)$$

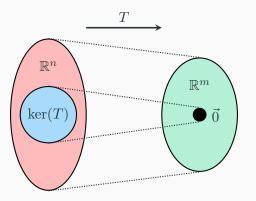
$$= \alpha_1 T(\vec{w}_1) + \alpha_2 T(\vec{w}_2) + \dots + \alpha_k T(\vec{w}_k)$$

$$= \alpha_1 \vec{0} + \alpha_2 \vec{0} + \dots + \alpha_k \vec{0}$$

$$= \vec{0}.$$

Therefore,  $\vec{v} \in \ker(T)$ .

This means that ker(T) is a subspace of the domain of T.



When refering to the matrix A which represents the transformation T, the kernel is referred to as the [Null(A)] of A (denoted [Null(A)]).

The dimension of Null(A) is called the **nullity** of A.

The **rank** of a matrix is the dimentionality of its **column space**, which is the space spanned by its columns when regarded as vectors.

If the dimentionality of the column space of an  $n \times n$  matrix is smaller than n, the matrix is singular (i.e. it has a zero determinant).

For a matrix A of dimension  $n \times n$ ,

$$rank(A) = n \Leftrightarrow |A| \neq 0.$$