Basic Maths for Non-mathematicians

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

$$\vec{v} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i \hat{e}_i \qquad A = Q\Lambda Q^{-1}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}f}{\mathrm{d}x} = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

$$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$$

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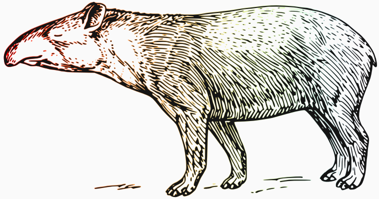
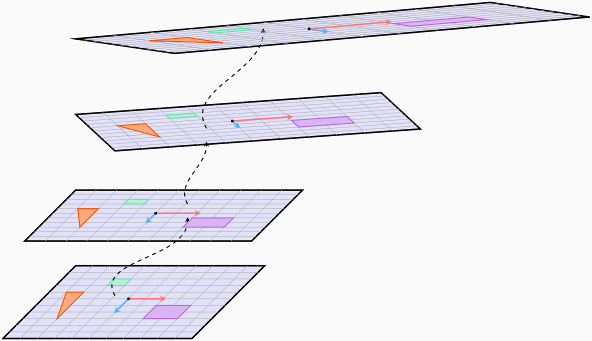


Chapter 3: Linear Transformations



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However, everything we learn about these transformations is applicable for any linear transformation, **regardless of its dimensionality**.

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Applying the transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$,

$$T\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x \\ 3y \end{pmatrix}$$

to the vector $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$:

$$T\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \cdot 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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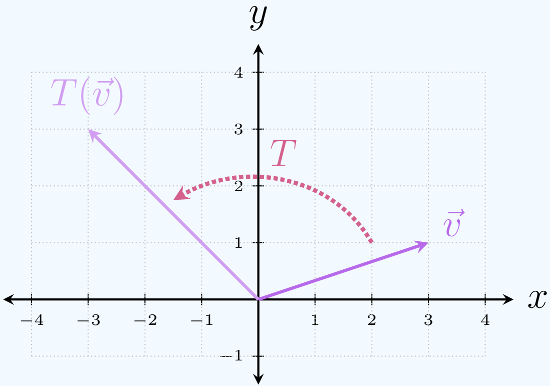
Graphically, the transformation looks as follows:



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We can visualize the way an entire space is transformed by a transformation T by looking at how the axes and main gridlines of the space are transformed.

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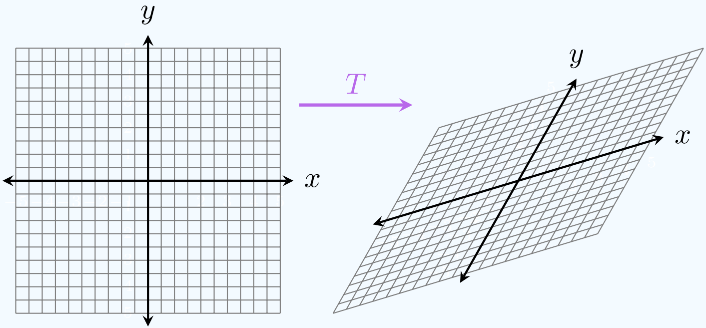

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This method also allows us to see how the basis vectors $\hat{x}$ and $\hat{y}$ are transformed by linear transformations, and also the transformations of shapes (all this will come in handy later).

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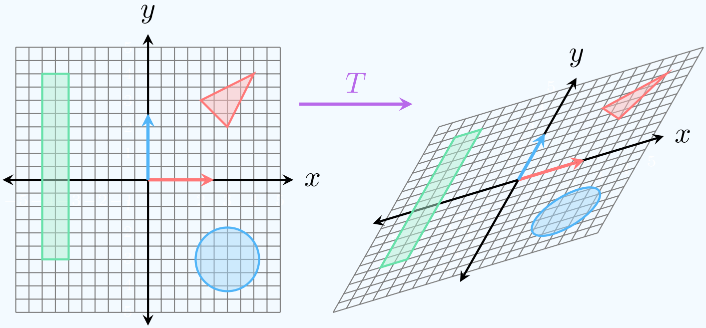

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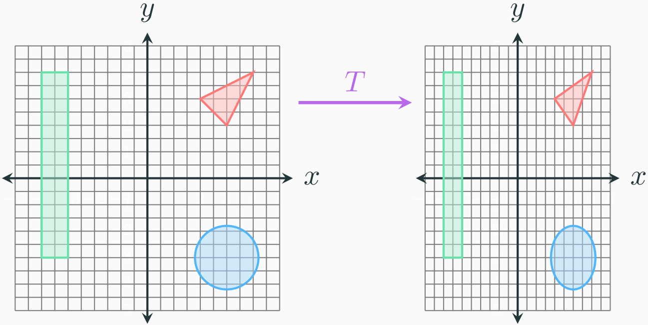

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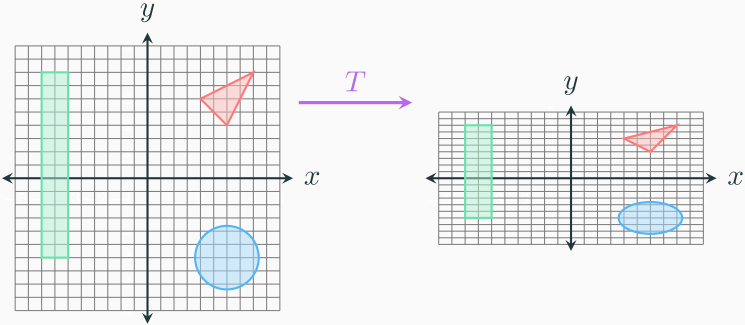

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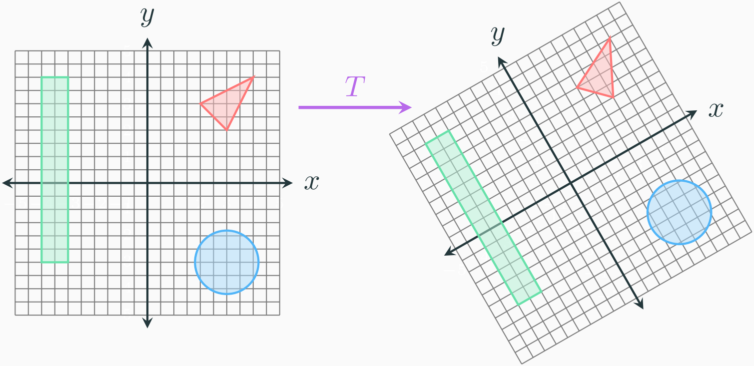

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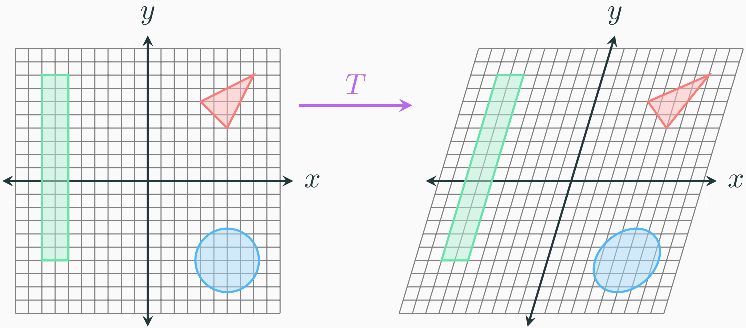

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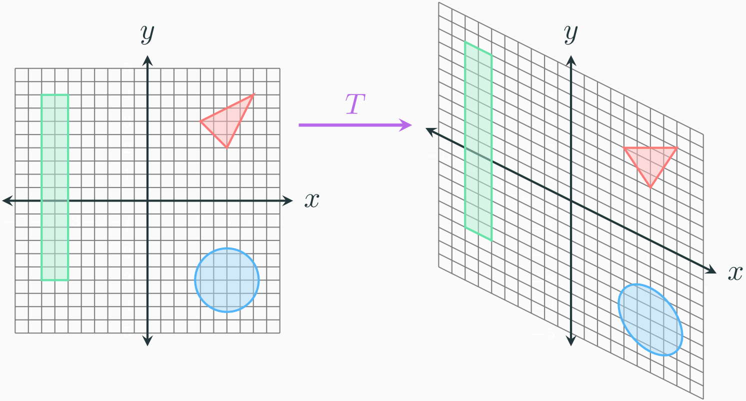

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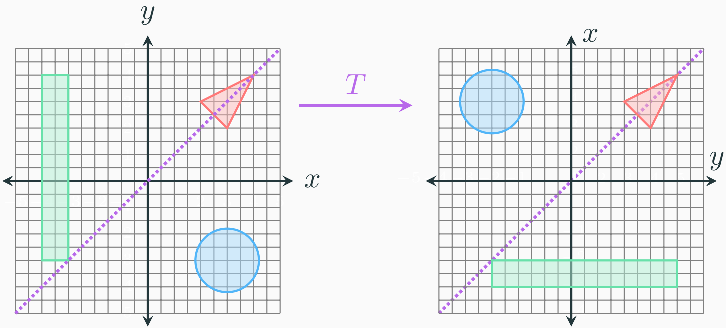

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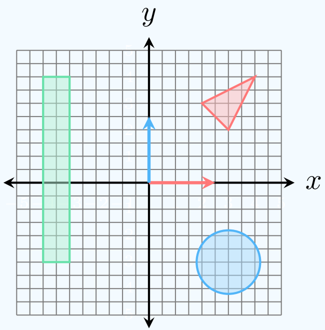

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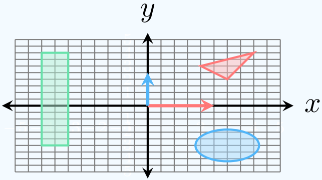

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