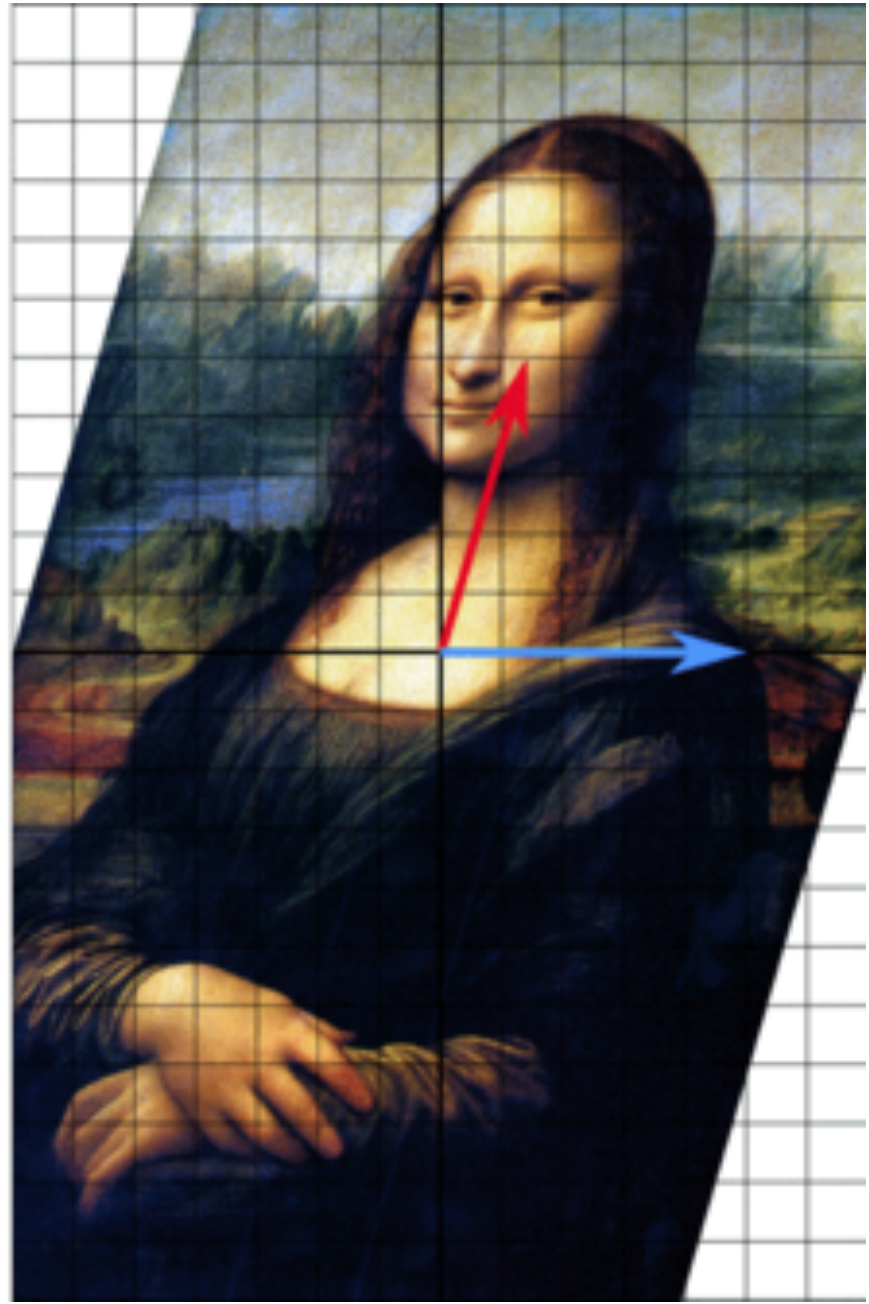
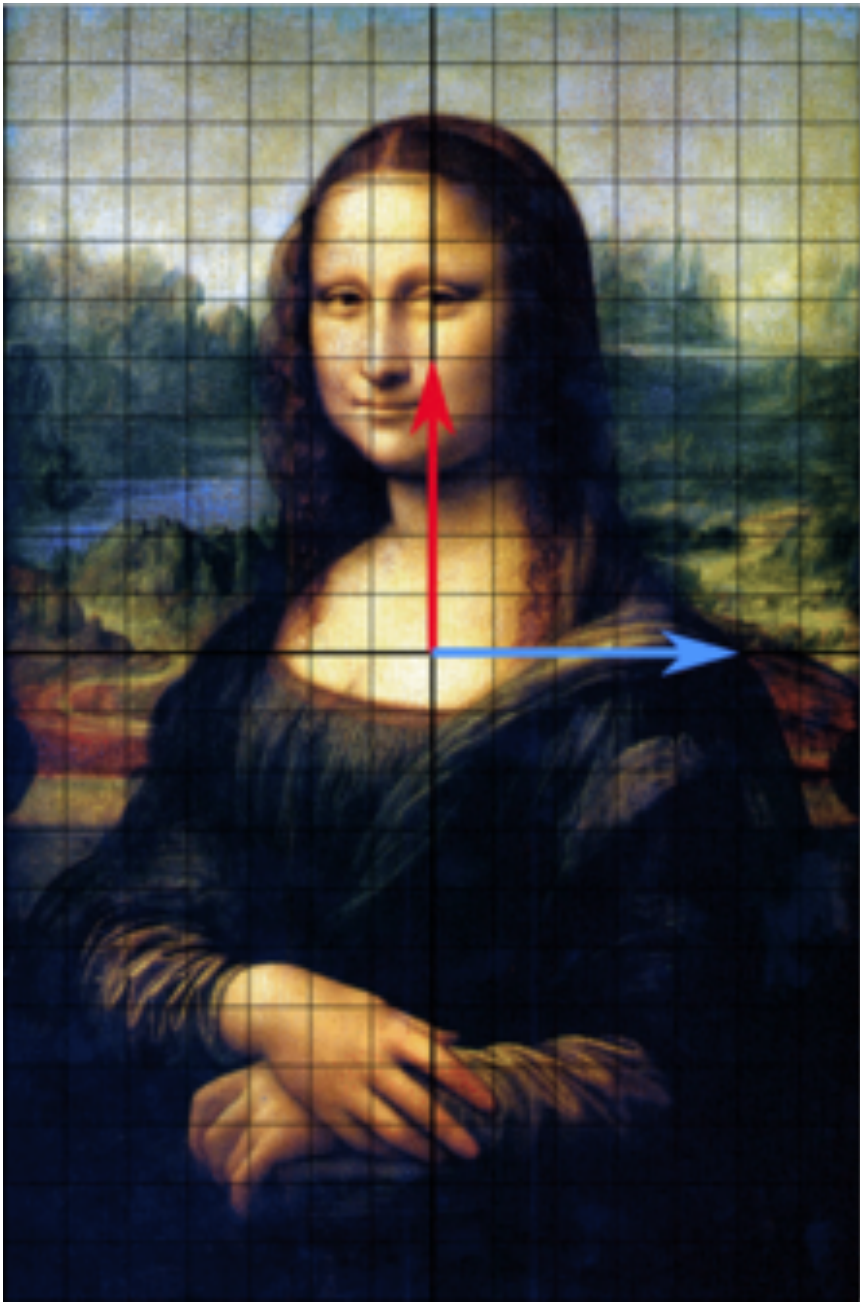


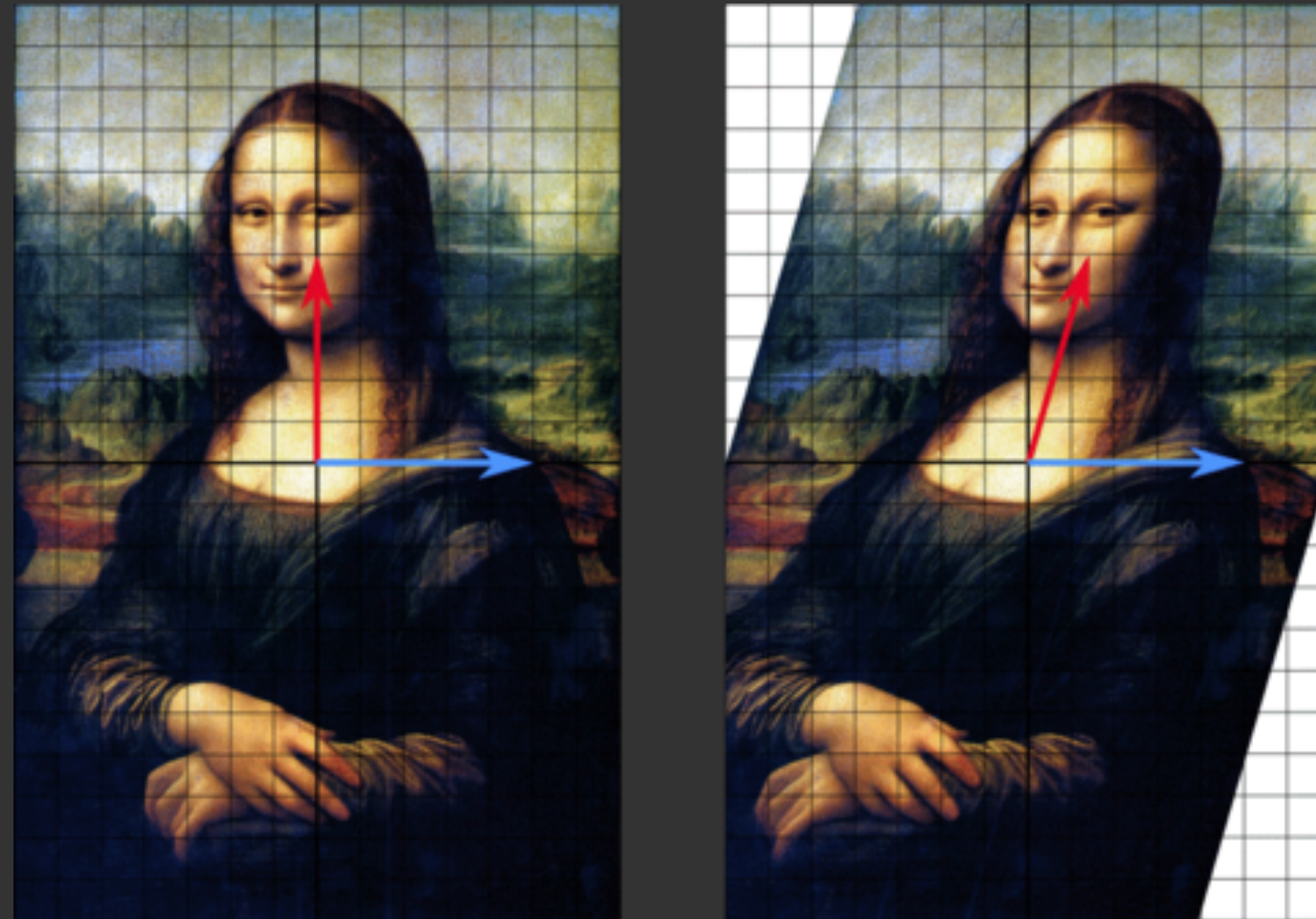
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A linear transformation is an operation that stretches, squishes, rotates, or otherwise transforms a space



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Think of scaling an image, rotating it, or stretching it in one direction.
Eigenvectors and eigenvalues reveal the fundamental "axes" of a transformation.

let's recap some important definitions

- A set of vectors $\in \mathbb{R}^n$ is called a **basis**, if they are **linearly independent** and every vector $\in \mathbb{R}^n$ can be expressed as a linear combination of these vectors.
- A set of n vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ is linearly independent if no vector in the set can be expressed as a linear combination of the remaining $n - 1$ vectors. In other words, the only solution to $c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \vec{v}_n = \vec{0}$ is $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0$ (where c_i are scalars)
- In other words, the coefficients c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n must all be zero for the linear combination to result in the zero vector and properly characterizing linear independence.