

CX1104: Linear Algebra for Computing

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}}_b$$

Chap. No : **8.1.1**

Lecture : **Eigen and Singular Values**

Topic : **Eigenvalue Decomposition**

Concept : **Introducing Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues**

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Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

DEFINITION

An **eigenvector** of an $n \times n$ matrix A is a nonzero vector \mathbf{x} such that $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ for some scalar λ . A scalar λ is called an **eigenvalue** of A if there is a nontrivial solution \mathbf{x} of $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$; such an \mathbf{x} is called an *eigenvector corresponding to λ* .¹

Matrix vector multiplication operation can be interpreted as a linear transformation. See:

https://mathinsight.org/matrices_linear_transformations

The example on the right shows multiplication of vectors \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} with the matrix A .

Vector \mathbf{u} **rotates** upon transformation and hence, is **not an eigenvector** for matrix A .

Vector \mathbf{v} **does not rotate** and **retains its direction** upon transformation. Hence, it is **an eigenvector** for matrix A , with an eigenvalue of 2.

EXAMPLE 1 Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. The images of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} under multiplication by A are shown in Fig. 1. In fact, $A\mathbf{v}$ is just $2\mathbf{v}$. So A only “stretches,” or dilates, \mathbf{v} . ■

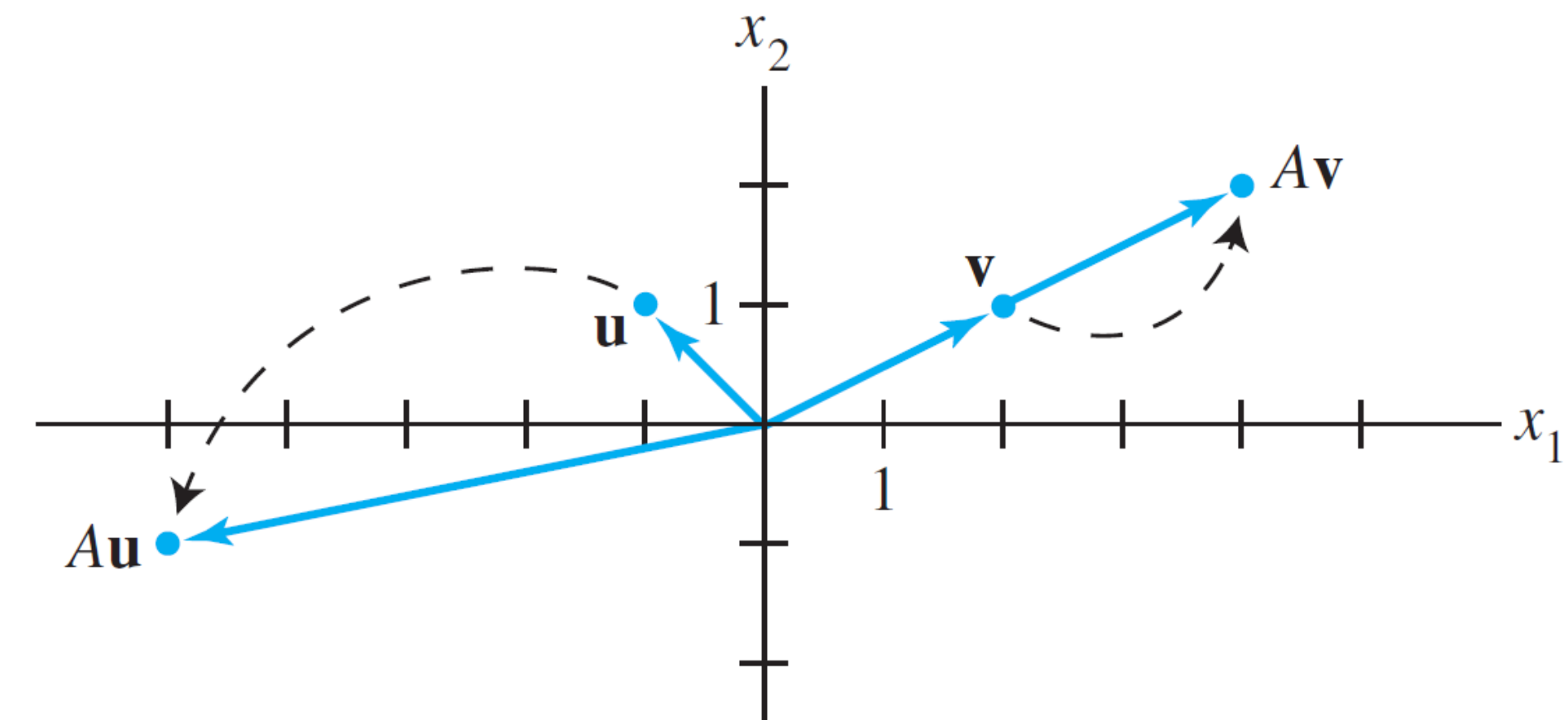


FIGURE 1 Effects of multiplication by A .

Important note:

Eigenvalues and **eigenvectors** are only for **square** matrices. For **rectangular** $m \times n$ matrices, **singular** values are defined. See Lecture 8.4.

Working: Angle between Au and u ?

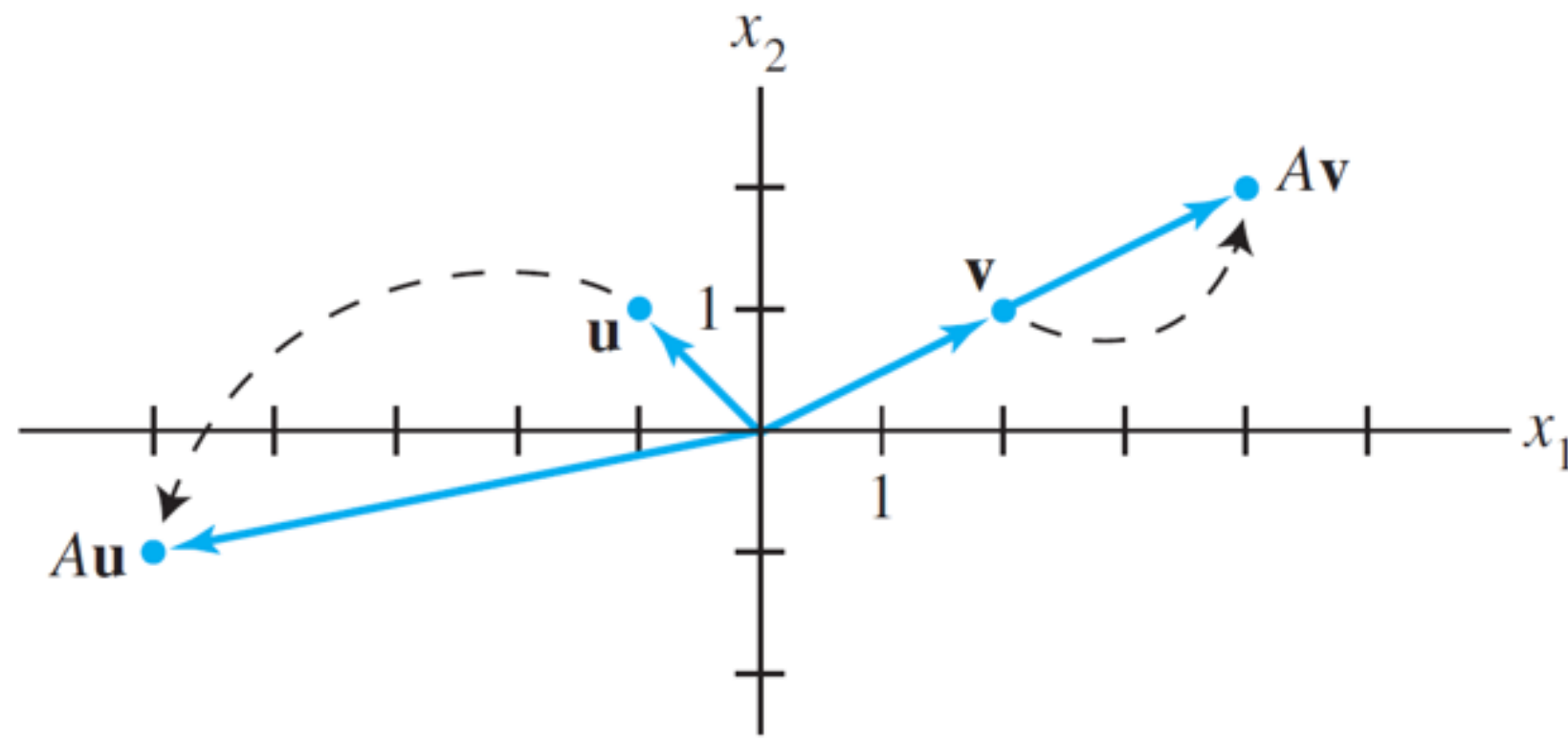


FIGURE 1 Effects of multiplication by A .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; u = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, v = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Au = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q1) what is $\angle \theta$ between Au and u ?

Using dot product:

$$(Au) \cdot (u) = \|Au\| \|u\| \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \frac{(Au) \cdot (u)}{\|Au\| \|u\|}$$

$$= \frac{\begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}{(\sqrt{(-5)^2 + 1^2})(\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2})} = \frac{4}{(\sqrt{26})(\sqrt{2})}$$

$$= 0.5547$$

$$\therefore \theta = \arccos(0.5547) = 56.3^\circ$$

Q2) what is $\angle \theta$ between Av and v ?

$$Av = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \cos \theta &= \frac{(Av) \cdot (v)}{\|Av\| \|v\|} \\ &= \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}{(\sqrt{4^2 + 2^2})(\sqrt{2^2 + 1^2})} \\ &= \frac{10}{\sqrt{20} \sqrt{5}} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \arccos(1) = 0 \text{ rad} = 0 \text{ degrees}$$

Thinking of Matrix A as a Linear Transformation

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# make these smaller to increase the resolution
dx1, dx2 = 0.01, 0.01

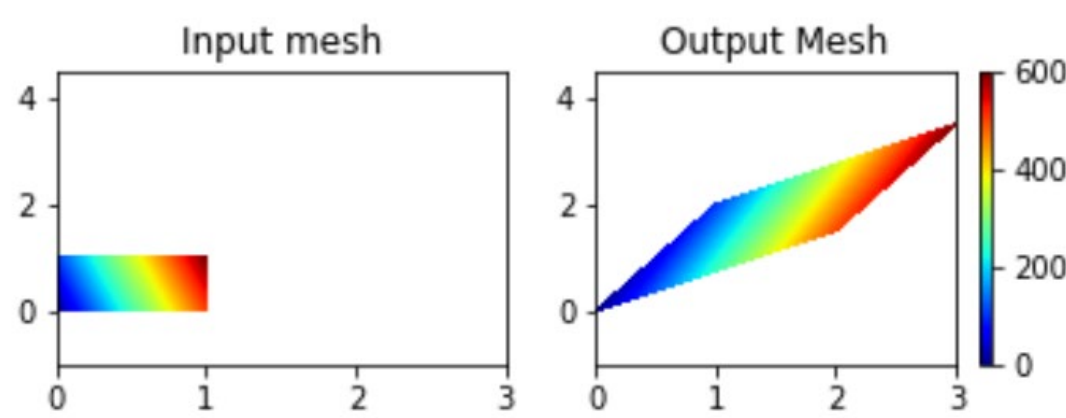
# generate 2 2d grids for the x & y bounds
x1, x2 = np.mgrid[slice(0, 1 + dx1, dx1),
                  slice(0, 1 + dx2, dx2)]
y1, y2 = np.mgrid[slice(0, 1 + dx1, dx1),
                  slice(0, 1 + dx2, dx2)]

[nr,nc] = x1.shape
xin = np.zeros((nr,nc))
yout = np.zeros((nr,nc))
ipVec = [0,0]
for index1 in range(nr):
    for index2 in range(nc):
        colorOpVal = index1*5+index2*1
        xin[index1,index2] = colorOpVal # Lets create the input mesh with different height
        ipVec[0] = x1[index1,index2] # the values at [x1,x2]^T are the real input vector values
        ipVec[1] = x2[index1,index2]
        y_op = A@ipVec # Performing y = Ax , to get the
                        # transformed vector y using x as input
        y1[index1,index2] = y_op[0] # saving where the transformed points land
        y2[index1,index2] = y_op[1]
        yout[index1,index2]= colorOpVal # using the same value as xin[index1,index2] so to generate color

zmin, zmax = xin.min(), xin.max()
print('len(xin) =',len(xin))
print('vmin=',zmin, ' vmax=',zmax)
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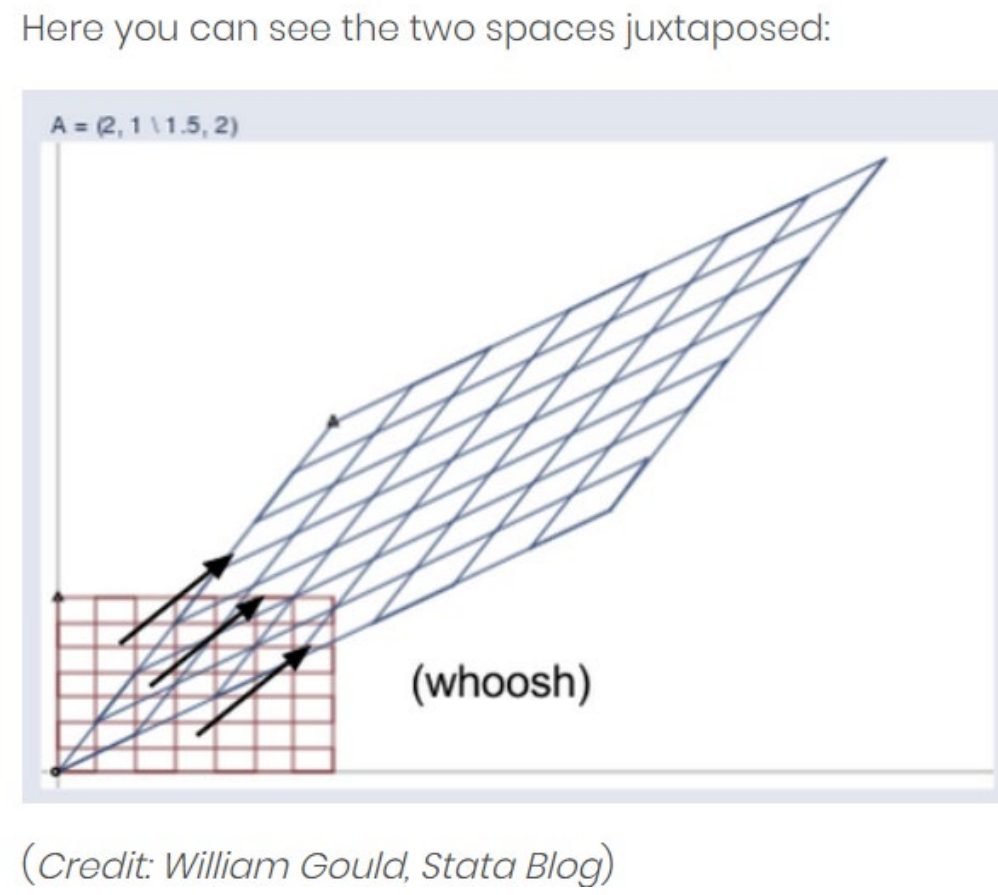
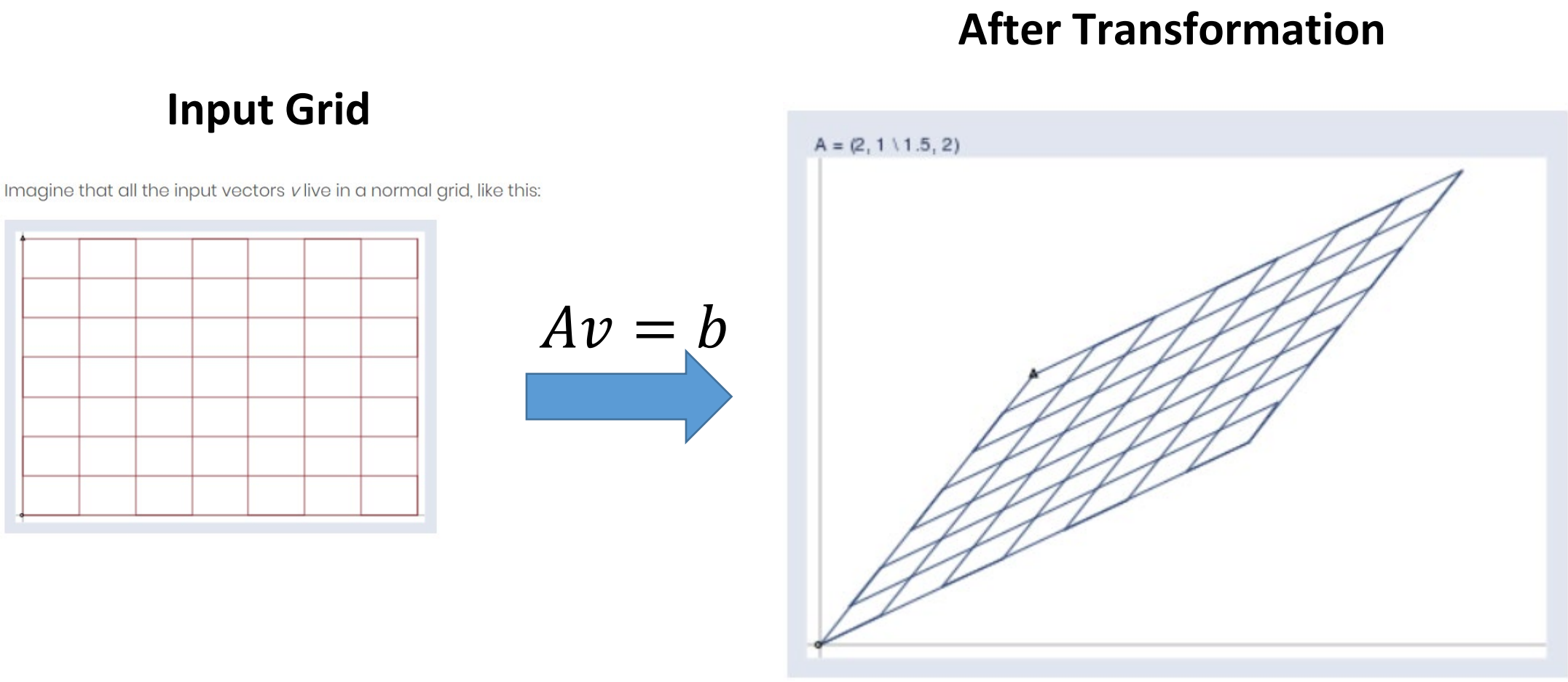
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plt.subplot(2, 2, 1)
#plt.pcolor(x1, x2, xin, cmap='RdBu', vmin=zmin, vmax=zmax)
plt.pcolor(x1, x2, xin, cmap='jet', vmin=zmin, vmax=zmax)
plt.title('Input mesh')
# set the limits of the plot to the limits of the data
plt.axis([y1.min(), y1.max(), y2.min()-1, y2.max()+1])

plt.subplot(2, 2, 2)
plt.pcolormesh(y1, y2, yout, cmap='jet', vmin=zmin, vmax=zmax)
plt.title('Output Mesh')
# set the limits of the plot to the limits of the data
plt.axis([y1.min(), y1.max(), y2.min()-1, y2.max()+1])
plt.colorbar()
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Python code to generate the example on the right:
Ax_asLinearTransform.ipynb

$$\begin{matrix} A & v & b \\ \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1.5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{matrix} 0.75 \\ 0.25 \end{matrix} & = \begin{matrix} 1.75 \\ 1.625 \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$



Ref:
<https://pathmind.com/wiki/eigenvector>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYB8IZa5AuE>
(3Blue1Brown, Linear Transformation, 2:10)

Thinking of Matrix A as a Linear Transformation

Matrices and linear transformations

Let A be a 2×3 matrix, say

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

What do you get if you multiply A by the vector $\mathbf{x} = (x, y, z)$? Remembering **matrix multiplication**, we see that

$$A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x - z \\ 3x + y + 2z \end{bmatrix} = (x - z, 3x + y + 2z).$$

If we define a function $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$, we have created a function of three variables (x, y, z) whose output is a two-dimensional vector $(x - z, 3x + y + 2z)$. Using **function notation**, we can write $\mathbf{f} : \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$. We have created a vector-valued function of three variables. So, for example, $\mathbf{f}(1, 2, 3) = (1 - 3, 3 \cdot 1 + 2 + 2 \cdot 3) = (-2, 11)$.

In this way, we can associate with every matrix a function. What about going the other way around? Given some function, say $\mathbf{g} : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$, can we associate with $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})$ some matrix? We can only if $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})$ is a special kind of function called a **linear transformation**. The function $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})$ is a linear transformation if each term of each component of $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})$ is a number times one of the variables. So, for example, the functions $\mathbf{f}(x, y) = (2x + y, y/2)$ and $\mathbf{g}(x, y, z) = (z, 0, 1.2x)$ are linear transformation, but none of the following functions are: $\mathbf{f}(x, y) = (x^2, y, x)$, $\mathbf{g}(x, y, z) = (y, xyz)$, or $\mathbf{h}(x, y, z) = (x + 1, y, z)$. Note that both functions we obtained from matrices above were linear transformations.

Let's take the function $\mathbf{f}(x, y) = (2x + y, y, x - 3y)$, which is a linear transformation from \mathbf{R}^2 to \mathbf{R}^3 . The matrix A associated with \mathbf{f} will be a 3×2 matrix, which we'll write as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{bmatrix}.$$

We need A to satisfy $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$, where $\mathbf{x} = (x, y)$.

The easiest way to find A is the following. If we let $\mathbf{x} = (1, 0)$, then $f(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ is the first column of A . (Can you see that?) So we know the first column of A is simply

$$f(1, 0) = (2, 0, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Similarly, if $\mathbf{x} = (0, 1)$, then $f(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ is the second column of A , which is

$$f(0, 1) = (1, 1, -3) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Putting these together, we see that the linear transformation $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$ is associated with the matrix

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

The important conclusion is that every linear transformation is associated with a matrix and vice versa.

Ref:

1. https://mathinsight.org/matrices_linear_transformations
2. https://mathinsight.org/linear_transformation_definition_euclidean
3. <https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/1717117/what-does-it-mean-to-write-a-linear-operator-in-a-particular-basis>