

## Quiz

Parts 1 and 2: Describe two interpretations of the matrix-vector product  $A\mathbf{v}$ , one involving rows and one involving columns.

Part 3: Describe an interpretation of the matrix-matrix product  $AB$ , one involving either rows or columns.

Parts 4 and 5: What are the two spaces associated with a matrix  $M$ , and what do they have to do with the function defined by the rule  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto M\mathbf{x}$ ?

## Matrix-vector equation for sensor node

Define  $D = \{ \text{'radio'}, \text{'sensor'}, \text{'memory'}, \text{'CPU'} \}$ .

**Goal:** Compute a D-vector  $\mathbf{u}$  that, for each hardware component, gives the current drawn by that component.

### Four test periods:

- ▶ total milliampere-seconds in these test periods  $\mathbf{b} = [140, 170, 60, 170]$
- ▶ for each test period, vector specifying how long each hardware device was operating:
  - ▶  $\mathbf{duration}_1 = \text{Vec}(D, \text{'radio'}:.1, \text{'CPU'}:.3)$
  - ▶  $\mathbf{duration}_2 = \text{Vec}(D, \text{'sensor'}:.2, \text{'CPU'}:.4)$
  - ▶  $\mathbf{duration}_3 = \text{Vec}(D, \text{'memory'}:.3, \text{'CPU'}:.1)$
  - ▶  $\mathbf{duration}_4 = \text{Vec}(D, \text{'memory'}:.5, \text{'CPU'}:.4)$

To get  $\mathbf{u}$ , solve  $A * \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{duration}_1 \\ \mathbf{duration}_2 \\ \mathbf{duration}_3 \\ \mathbf{duration}_4 \end{bmatrix}$

## The solver module, and floating-point arithmetic

For arithmetic over  $\mathbb{R}$ , Python uses floats, so round-off errors occur:

```
>>> 10.0**16 + 1 == 10.0**16
True
```

Consequently algorithms such as that used in `solve(A, b)` do not find exactly correct solutions. To see if solution  $\mathbf{u}$  obtained is a reasonable solution to  $A * \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , see if the vector  $\mathbf{b} - A * \mathbf{u}$  has entries that are close to zero:

```
>>> A = listlist2mat([[1,3],[5,7]])
>>> u = solve(A, b)
>>> b - A*u
Vec({0, 1},{0: -4.440892098500626e-16, 1: -8.881784197001252e-16})
```

The vector  $\mathbf{b} - A * \mathbf{u}$  is called the *residual*. Easy way to test if entries of the residual are close to zero: compute the dot-product of the residual with itself:

```
>>> res = b - A*u
>>> res * res
9.860761315262648e-31
```

## Checking the output from `solve(A, b)`

For some matrix-vector equations  $A * \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , there is no solution.

In this case, the vector returned by `solve(A, b)` gives rise to a largeish residual:

```
>>> A = listlist2mat([[1,2],[4,5],[-6,1]])
>>> b = list2vec([1,1,1])
>>> u = solve(A, b)
>>> res = b - A*u
>>> res * res
0.24287856071964012
```

Some matrix-vector equations are *ill-conditioned*, which can prevent an algorithm using floats from getting even approximate solutions, even when solutions exists:

```
>>> A = listlist2mat([[1e20,1],[1,0]])
>>> b = list2vec([1,1])
>>> u = solve(A, b)
>>> b - A*u
Vec({0, 1},{0: 0.0, 1: 1.0})
```

We will not study conditioning in this course.

## Triangular matrix

**Recall:** We considered *triangular* linear systems, e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} [1, 0.5, -2, 4] \cdot \mathbf{x} &= -8 \\ [0, 3, 3, 2] \cdot \mathbf{x} &= 3 \\ [0, 0, 1, 5] \cdot \mathbf{x} &= -4 \\ [0, 0, 0, 2] \cdot \mathbf{x} &= 6 \\ [0, 0, 0, 2] \cdot \mathbf{x} &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

We can rewrite this linear system as a matrix-vector equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} * \mathbf{x} = [-8, 3, -4, 6]$$

The matrix is a *triangular* matrix.

**Definition:** An  $n \times n$  *upper triangular* matrix  $A$  is a matrix with the property that  $A_{ij} = 0$  for  $i > j$ . Note that the entries forming the upper triangle can be zero or nonzero.

We can use backward substitution to solve such a matrix-vector equation.

Triangular matrices will play an important role later.

## Algebraic properties of matrix-vector multiplication

**Proposition:** Let  $A$  be an  $R \times C$  matrix.

- ▶ For any  $C$ -vector  $\mathbf{v}$  and any scalar  $\alpha$ ,

$$A * (\alpha \mathbf{v}) = \alpha (A * \mathbf{v})$$

- ▶ For any  $C$ -vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ ,

$$A * (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = A * \mathbf{u} + A * \mathbf{v}$$

## Algebraic properties of matrix-vector multiplication

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Write  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_m \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Proof:**

By dot-product def. of matrix-vector mult,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{entry } i \text{ of } A * (\alpha \mathbf{v}) &= \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \alpha \mathbf{v} \\ &= \alpha (\mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}) \end{aligned}$$

by homogeneity of dot-product

By definition of scalar-vector multiply,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{entry } i \text{ of } \alpha (A * \mathbf{v}) &= \alpha (\text{entry } i \text{ of } A * \mathbf{v}) \\ &= \alpha (\mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}) \end{aligned}$$

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by distributive property of dot-product

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{entry } i \text{ of } A * \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{u} \\ \text{entry } i \text{ of } A * \mathbf{v} &= \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{v} \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\text{entry } i \text{ of } A * \mathbf{u} + A * \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

QED



## Matrix-matrix multiplication and function composition

Corresponding to an  $R \times C$  matrix  $A$  over a field  $\mathbb{F}$ , there is a function

$$f : \mathbb{F}^C \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}^R$$

namely the function defined by  $f(\mathbf{y}) = A * \mathbf{y}$

## Matrix-matrix multiplication and function composition

Matrices  $A$  and  $B \Rightarrow$  functions  $f(\mathbf{y}) = A * \mathbf{y}$  and  $g(\mathbf{x}) = B * \mathbf{x}$  and  $h(\mathbf{x}) = (AB) * \mathbf{x}$

**Matrix-Multiplication Lemma**  $f \circ g = h$

**Example:**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow f \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow g \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{product } AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{corresponds to function } h \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + x_2 \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f \circ g \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = f \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + x_2 \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ so } f \circ g = h$$

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**Proof:** Let columns of  $B$  be  $\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n$ . By the matrix-vector definition of matrix-matrix multiplication, column  $j$  of  $AB$  is  $A * (\text{column } j \text{ of } B)$ .

For any  $n$ -vector  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = B * \mathbf{x}$$

by definition of  $g$

$$= x_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + x_n \mathbf{b}_n$$

by linear combinations definition

Therefore

$$f(g(\mathbf{x})) = f(x_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + x_n \mathbf{b}_n)$$

$$= x_1(f(\mathbf{b}_1)) + \dots + x_n(f(\mathbf{b}_n))$$

by algebraic properties

$$= x_1(A * \mathbf{b}_1) + \dots + x_n(A * \mathbf{b}_n)$$

by definition of  $f$

$$= x_1(\text{column 1 of } AB) + \dots + x_n(\text{column } n \text{ of } AB)$$

by matrix-vector def.

$$= (AB) * \mathbf{x}$$

by linear-combinations def.

$$= h(\mathbf{x})$$

by definition of  $h$

## Associativity of matrix-matrix multiplication

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Matrix-matrix multiplication corresponds to function composition.

**Corollary:** Matrix-matrix multiplication is associative:

$$(AB)C = A(BC)$$

**Proof:** Function composition is associative. QED

**Example:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Matrices and their functions

Now we study the relationship between a matrix  $M$  and the function  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto M * \mathbf{x}$

- ▶ *Easy:* Going from a matrix  $M$  to the function  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto M * \mathbf{x}$
- ▶ *A little harder:* Going from the function  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto M * \mathbf{x}$  to the matrix  $M$ .

In studying this relationship, we come up with the fundamental notion of a *linear transformation*.

## From matrix to function

Starting with a  $M$ , define the function  $f(\mathbf{x}) = M * \mathbf{x}$ .

*Domain and co-domain?*

If  $M$  is an  $R \times C$  matrix over  $\mathbb{F}$  then

- ▶ domain of  $f$  is  $\mathbb{F}^C$
- ▶ co-domain of  $f$  is  $\mathbb{F}^R$

**Example:** Let  $M$  be the matrix

	#	@	?
a	1	2	3
b	10	20	30

and define  $f(\mathbf{x}) = M * \mathbf{x}$

- ▶ Domain of  $f$  is  $\mathbb{R}^{\{\#, @, ?\}}$ .
- ▶ Co-domain of  $f$  is  $\mathbb{R}^{\{a, b\}}$ .

$f$  maps  $\frac{\begin{array}{ccc} \# & @ & ? \\ 2 & 2 & -2 \end{array}}{\hspace{1.5cm}}$  to  $\frac{\begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{array}}{\hspace{1.5cm}}$

**Example:** Define  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 10 & 20 & 30 \end{bmatrix} * \mathbf{x}$ .

- ▶ Domain of  $f$  is  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- ▶ Co-domain of  $f$  is  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$f$  maps  $[2, 2, -2]$  to  $[0, 0]$

## From function to matrix

We have a function  $f : \mathbb{F}^A \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}^B$

We want to compute matrix  $M$  such that  $f(\mathbf{x}) = M * \mathbf{x}$ .

- ▶ Since the domain is  $\mathbb{F}^A$ , we know that the input  $\mathbf{x}$  is an  $A$ -vector.
- ▶ For the product  $M * \mathbf{x}$  to be legal, we need the column-label set of  $M$  to be  $A$ .
- ▶ Since the co-domain is  $\mathbb{F}^B$ , we know that the output  $f(\mathbf{x}) = M * \mathbf{x}$  is  $B$ -vector.
- ▶ To achieve that, we need row-label set of  $M$  to be  $B$ .

Now we know that  $M$  must be a  $B \times A$  matrix....

... but **what about its entries?**

## From function to matrix

- ▶ We have a function  $f : \mathbb{F}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$
- ▶ We think there is an  $m \times n$  matrix  $M$  such that  $f(\mathbf{x}) = M * \mathbf{x}$

How to go from the function  $f$  to the entries of  $M$ ?

- ▶ Write mystery matrix in terms of its columns:  $M = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} \mathbf{v}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_n \end{array} \right]$

- ▶ Use standard generators  $\mathbf{e}_1 = [1, 0, \dots, 0, 0], \dots, \mathbf{e}_n = [0, \dots, 0, 1]$  with *linear-combinations* definition of matrix-vector multiplication:

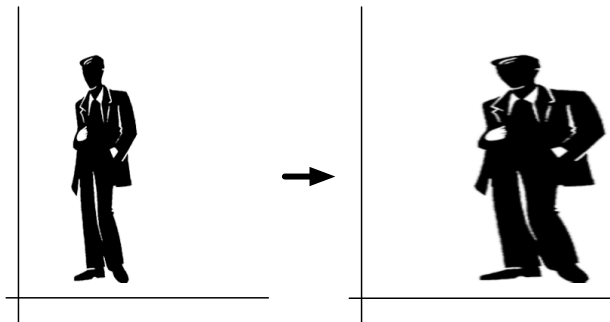
$$f(\mathbf{e}_1) = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} \mathbf{v}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_n \end{array} \right] * [1, 0, \dots, 0, 0] = \mathbf{v}_1$$

$\vdots$

$$f(\mathbf{e}_n) = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} \mathbf{v}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_n \end{array} \right] * [0, 0, \dots, 0, 1] = \mathbf{v}_n$$



## From function to matrix: horizontal scaling



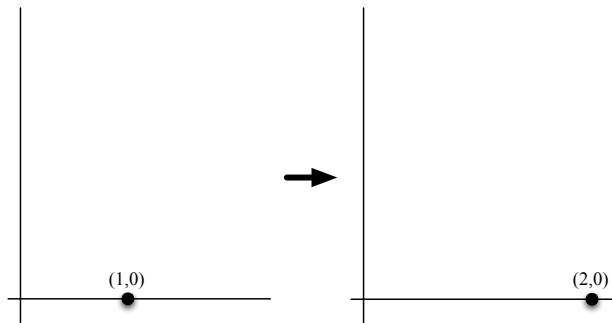
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Assume  $s([x, y]) = M * [x, y]$  for some matrix  $M$ .

- ▶ We know  $s([1, 0]) = [2, 0]$  because we are stretching by two in horizontal direction
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Therefore  $M = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 2 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$

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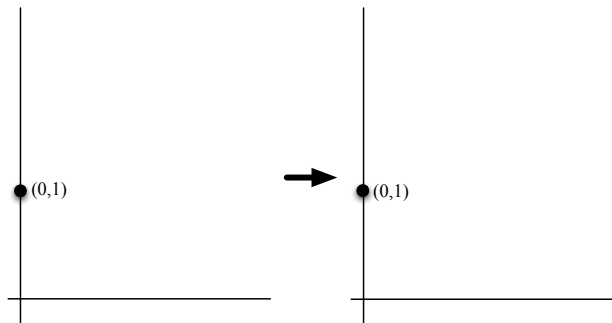
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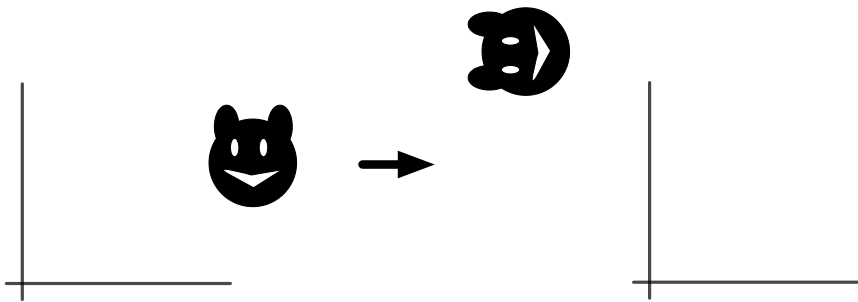
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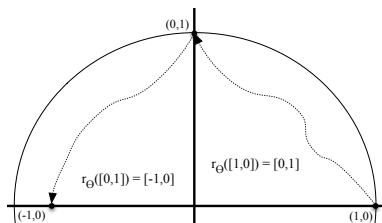
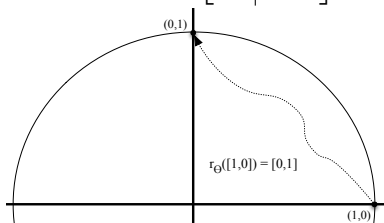
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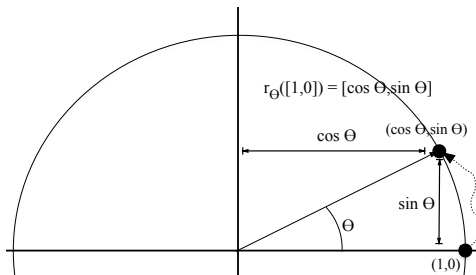
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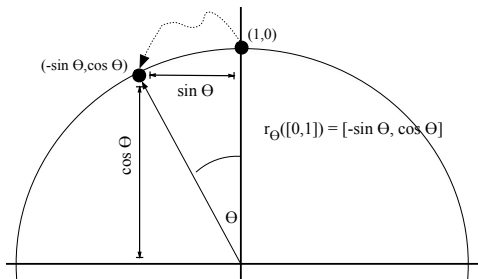
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For clockwise rotation by 90 degrees, plug in  $\theta = -90$  degrees...

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos 90^\circ & \sin 90^\circ \\ -\sin 90^\circ & \cos 90^\circ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 \\ -a_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Transform (<http://xkcd.com/824>)

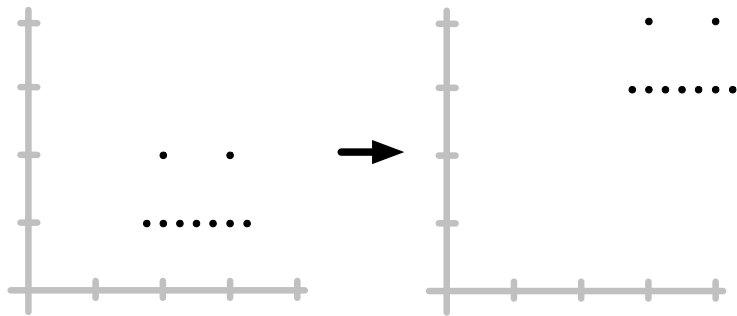


## From function to matrix: translation

$t([x, y]) =$  translation by  $[1, 2]$ . Assume  $t([x, y]) = M * [x, y]$  for some matrix  $M$ .

- ▶ We know  $t([1, 0]) = [2, 2]$  so column 1 is  $[2, 2]$ .
- ▶ We know  $t([0, 1]) = [1, 3]$  so column 2 is  $[1, 3]$ .

Therefore  $M = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 2 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \end{array} \right]$

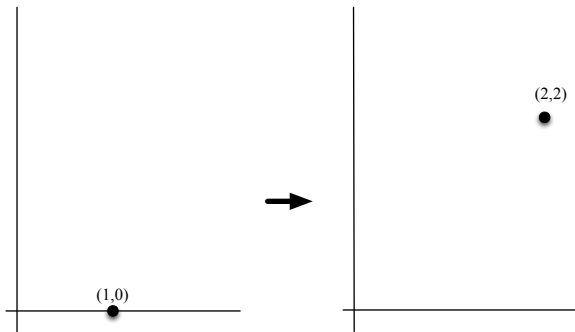


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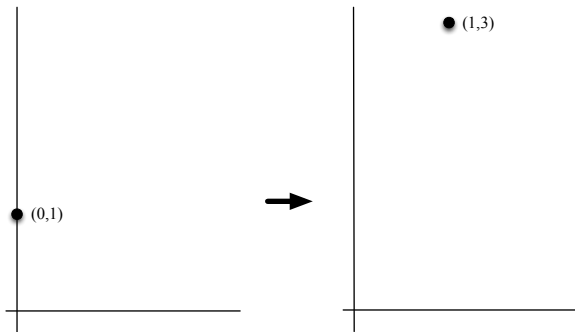


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## From function to matrix: identity function

Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  defined by  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$

This is the identity function on  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

Assume  $f(\mathbf{x}) = M * \mathbf{x}$  for some matrix  $M$ .

Plug in the standard generators  $\mathbf{e}_1 = [1, 0, 0, 0]$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_2 = [0, 1, 0, 0]$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_3 = [0, 0, 1, 0]$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_4 = [0, 0, 0, 1]$

- ▶  $f(\mathbf{e}_1) = \mathbf{e}_1$  so first column is  $\mathbf{e}_1$
- ▶  $f(\mathbf{e}_2) = \mathbf{e}_2$  so second column is  $\mathbf{e}_2$
- ▶  $f(\mathbf{e}_3) = \mathbf{e}_3$  so third column is  $\mathbf{e}_3$
- ▶  $f(\mathbf{e}_4) = \mathbf{e}_4$  so fourth column is  $\mathbf{e}_4$

$$\text{So } M = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Identity function  $f(\mathbf{x})$  corresponds to identity matrix  $\mathbb{1}$

## Diagonal matrices

Let  $d_1, \dots, d_n$  be real numbers. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be the function such that  $f([x_1, \dots, x_n]) = [d_1x_1, \dots, d_nx_n]$ . The matrix corresponding to this function is

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & d_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Such a matrix is called a *diagonal* matrix because the only entries allowed to be nonzero form a diagonal.

**Definition:** For a domain  $D$ , a  $D \times D$  matrix  $M$  is a *diagonal* matrix if  $M[r, c] = 0$  for every pair  $r, c \in D$  such that  $r \neq c$ .

Special case:  $d_1 = \dots = d_n = 1$ . In this case,  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$  (*identity function*)

The matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an identity matrix.

## Which functions can be expressed as matrix-vector products?

In each example, we *assumed* the function could be expressed as a matrix-vector product.

How can we verify that assumption?

We'll state two algebraic properties.

- ▶ If a function can be expressed as a matrix-vector product  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto M * \mathbf{x}$ , it has these properties.
- ▶ If the function from  $\mathbb{F}^C$  to  $\mathbb{F}^R$  has these properties, it can be expressed as a matrix-vector product.

## Which functions can be expressed as matrix-vector products?

Let  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{W}$  be vector spaces over a field  $\mathbb{F}$ .

Suppose a function  $f : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$  satisfies two properties:

**Property L1:** For every vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathcal{V}$  and every scalar  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{F}$ ,

$$f(\alpha \mathbf{v}) = \alpha f(\mathbf{v})$$

**Property L2:** For every two vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathcal{V}$ ,

$$f(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = f(\mathbf{u}) + f(\mathbf{v})$$

We then call  $f$  a *linear transformation*.

**Proposition:** Let  $M$  be an  $R \times C$  matrix, and suppose  $f : \mathbb{F}^C \mapsto \mathbb{F}^R$  is defined by  $f(\mathbf{x}) = M * \mathbf{x}$ . Then  $f$  is a linear transformation.

**Proof:** Certainly  $\mathbb{F}^C$  and  $\mathbb{F}^R$  are vector spaces.

We showed that  $M * (\alpha \mathbf{v}) = \alpha M * \mathbf{v}$ . This proves that  $f$  satisfies Property L1.

We showed that  $M * (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = M * \mathbf{u} + M * \mathbf{v}$ . This proves that  $f$  satisfies Property L2.

QED