

Basic operations: Review of Linear Algebra [fr BBST; 5/03]

Matrix/vector multiplication:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix/matrix multiplication:

$$M_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = M_2 \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -4 \\ -11 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑  
must have  $M_1 = N_2$

dot product

of a vector: let  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ; then  $\vec{0} \cdot \vec{v} = (1 \ 2 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 5 = (-1 \ 3 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$

$$\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note:

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = |\vec{u}|^2 = 6 = l_u^2; \quad l = \text{length of vector } u \geq 0$$

Linear Systems of Eq.:

given parameter

1. Eq. in 1 unknown:  
(linear)

$$y = mx + b \Rightarrow \frac{1}{m}(y - b) = x \leftarrow \text{"Solve for } x \text{"}$$

2. Linear Eq. in 2 unknowns:

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + x_2 &= 4 \\ 2[-x_1 + 2x_2 &= 3] \end{aligned}$$

$$5x_2 = 10 \Rightarrow x_2 = 2 \Rightarrow x_1 = 1$$

Try: 3 linear Eq. in 3 unknowns

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \\ -16 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & -2 & -4 & -16 \end{pmatrix} \times 3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 0 & 8 & 16 & 40 \end{bmatrix} \times \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x_1 = -2 \\ x_2 = 9 \\ x_3 = -2 \end{matrix}$$

Gauss-Jordan Elimination

More generally:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (*)$$

Indeed:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} & x_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

B

$$B = \frac{1}{8} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & -16 & -5 \\ 2 & 8 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \boxed{A^{-1}} ; \text{ since } AA^{-1} = I = A^{-1}A \quad \leftarrow$$

except works for any N x N square matrix (\*)

see (\*); check column by column

(\*) though A<sup>-1</sup> may not exist (!)

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Now note:  $A \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{y} \leftarrow \text{any } \vec{y} \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{x} = A^{-1} \cdot \vec{y}}$

For example, in our case

$$A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 9 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & -16 & -5 \\ 2 & 8 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 9 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 9 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \checkmark$$

$\downarrow$   $N \times N$  matrix

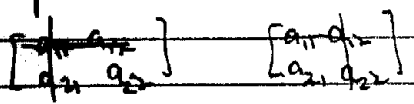
Determinant:  $\det(A) = \text{scalar}$

Next, define for  $1 \times 1$  matrix  $A = a$ ;  $\det A = a$

Now, go to  $2 \times 2$  matrix:

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

$$|A| \equiv \det A = a_{11} \cdot (-1)^{1+1} \det(a_{22}) + a_{12} \cdot (-1)^{1+2} \det(a_{21}) = a_{11} a_{22} - a_{12} a_{21} \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{"go across 1st} \\ \text{row"} \end{matrix}$$



$$= a_{22} \cdot (-1)^{2+2} \det(a_{11}) + a_{21} \cdot (-1)^{2+1} \det(a_{12}) = a_{22} a_{11} - a_{12} a_{21} \leftarrow \text{"go down 2nd column"}$$

Now to  $3 \times 3$  case:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \text{"go down 2nd column"} \\ \text{"minor" of } a_{32} \\ \text{cofactor of } a_{32} \end{matrix} \equiv A_{12} \equiv A_{32} \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{"minor" of } \\ a_{32} \\ \text{cofactor} \\ \text{of } a_{32} \end{matrix}$$

$$= 2 \cdot (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 \end{vmatrix} + (-2) \cdot (-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 8$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^3 a_{i2} \cdot (-1)^{i+2} A_{i2}$$

[could run down any row or any column; get same result(!)]

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determinant-based  
Now, a formula for the inverse of a square matrix:

Consider:

$$A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & -4 \end{vmatrix}$$

1<sup>st</sup> calculate the cofactor matrix:

cofactor of  $A_{13}$

$$\text{cof } A \equiv \begin{vmatrix} (+) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & (-) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & (+) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\ (-) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & (+) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & (-) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\ (+) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & (-) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & (+) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \end{vmatrix}$$

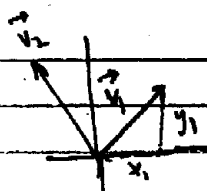
$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -16 & 8 \\ 2 & -5 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Then:

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} (\text{cof } A)^t = \frac{1}{8} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & -16 & -5 \\ 2 & 8 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

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Linear transformation:



$$T(v_1) = v_2$$

Transformation

for any scalar constant

Properties of a linear transformation: i)  $T(\lambda v_1) = \lambda T(v_1)$

$$ii) T(v_1 + v_2) = T(v_1) + T(v_2)$$

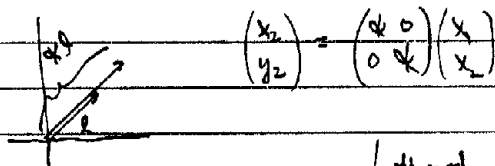
NB: Any linear transformation can be represented by a matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note: T can take a vector from 3D and map it to 2D, etc.

Linear transformations with geometrical significance:

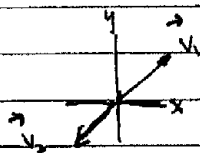
i) length scaling:



$$\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

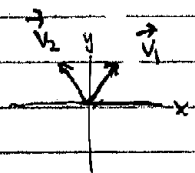
$k = -1$

ii) Inversion:



$$\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

iii) Reflection about (say) y axis:



$$\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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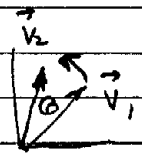
Note: This matrix representation of the "reflection about y axis" linear transformation  $T$  can be obtained by determining what  $T$  does to each basis vector  $\hat{x}, \hat{y}$ :

$$T(\hat{x}) = -\hat{x} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad T(\hat{y}) = \hat{y} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

thus

$$T \leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

iv) Rotation by  $\theta$ :



Consider what happens to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ :  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{T} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}$

what happens to  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ :  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{T} \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$

thus

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

check that  $T$  is length preserving

$$l^2 = \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & y_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \text{what is } \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 & y_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & y_1 \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}}_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

=  $l^2$  ← check it out!

Note:  $T^{-1} = T^T$  ← such matrices are called "orthogonal" [convenient for an "orthogonal transformation" length preserving]

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### Eigenvalues + Eigenvectors

$A$   
 $n \times n$

Consider the (abstract) problem  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  (1)

Find  $\lambda, \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (2)

Rewrite (1):  $\begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & -1 \\ -1 & 2-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (1')

secular determinant

for (1') to be satisfied, must have  $\det \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & -1 \\ -1 & 2-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$

thus:

$$(2-\lambda)^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda-2) = \pm 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda_+ = 3; \lambda_- = 1}$$

Determine the corresponding eigenvectors:

Substitute back into (1'):

for  $\lambda_- = 1$ :  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ; let  $x=1 \Rightarrow y=1$ ; thus  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  any value  
[N.B.:  $\neq \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ]

and

for  $\lambda_+ = 3$ :  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ; let  $x=1 \Rightarrow y=-1$

thus:  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

is also an eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda$ .  
[the eigenvector is only determined up to a normalization constant]

NB: i) Upon letting "x=1" (← for example), we are left w/ N-1 linear eqs. in N-1 variables ← solve by matrix inversion. (A)

ii) It may happen that  $x=0$  (in reality); then procedure i) will give "normals"; if so, set "y=1" and try again!

Reconstruction of  $A$  in terms of its eigenvalues and eigenvectors:

Let:

$$N \{ [A] \begin{matrix} \vec{v}_1 \\ \vec{v}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_N \end{matrix} = \lambda \begin{matrix} \vec{v}_1 \\ \vec{v}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_N \end{matrix} \} N$$

these do not all have to be different

There will be  $N$  eigenvectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_N$  corresponding to  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_N$

All of this info can be summarized as (illustrating with the  $N=3$  case)

$$3 \{ [A] \begin{matrix} (\vec{v}_1) \\ (\vec{v}_2) \\ (\vec{v}_3) \end{matrix} \} = \begin{matrix} (\vec{v}_1) \\ (\vec{v}_2) \\ (\vec{v}_3) \end{matrix} \left[ \begin{matrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{matrix} \right] = \begin{matrix} \lambda_1 (\vec{v}_1) & \lambda_2 (\vec{v}_2) & \lambda_3 (\vec{v}_3) \end{matrix} \checkmark$$

Thus:

$$\underline{T}^{-1} \underline{A} \underline{T} = \underline{\lambda} ; \text{ or: } \underline{A} = \underline{T} \underline{\lambda} \underline{T}^{-1} \quad (2)$$

$\underline{A}$  is "diagonalized" by  $\underline{T}$

$\underline{A}$  is reconstructed from its eigenvalues/eigenvectors

NB: There is one simplifying feature of the above analysis when (real-valued)  $\underline{A}$  is symmetric [ $A_{ij} = A_{ji}$ ].

It can be shown that the eigenvectors of a real symmetric matrix are mutually orthogonal.  
That is (illustrating for  $N=3$ ):

$$\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_3 = \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_3 = 0$$

Thus, by <sup>unit</sup> normalizing the eigenvectors, i.e.

$$\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_3 = 1$$

... it follows that  $\underline{T}^{-1} = \underline{T}^T$  [ $\leftarrow \underline{T}$  defined above]

Proof:

$$\begin{matrix} \left( \begin{matrix} \vec{v}_1 \\ \vec{v}_2 \\ \vec{v}_3 \end{matrix} \right) \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \left( \begin{matrix} \vec{v}_1 \\ \vec{v}_2 \\ \vec{v}_3 \end{matrix} \right) \end{matrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 & \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_3 \\ \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2 & \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_3 \\ \vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_2 & \vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \checkmark$$



Thus, for real-symmetric matrices  $A$ , eq. [2] becomes:

$$\underline{T}^t A \underline{T} = \underline{\Lambda} ; A = \underline{T} \underline{\Lambda} \underline{T}^t \quad [2]$$

no need to compute inverse of  $\underline{T}$  (!)

Example: Apply [2'] to the 2x2 case worked out above:

$$\underline{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} ; \underline{\Lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

↑  
unit normalize the eigenvectors!

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$[3] \quad \underline{T} = \underline{T}^t \quad \underline{\Lambda} = \underline{\Lambda}^t \quad \underline{T}^t = \underline{T} \quad (\Rightarrow \text{here } \underline{T}^t = \underline{T})$$

↑  
yes (check it out)

↑  
not generally the case (!)

Geometric Relevance: Diagonalization of a Quadratic Form

Consider

$$V(x,y) = (x,y) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 2(x^2 - xy + y^2)$$

quadratic form simplified (no "cross term")

$$= (x,y) \underline{T} \underline{\Lambda} \underline{T}^t \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = (u,v) \underline{\Lambda} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = 2(u^2 + 3v^2)$$

↑ use [2'], [3']  
↑ no uv cross term

↑ for specific details

relevant to  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

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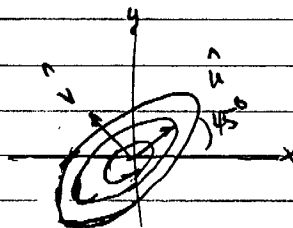
Flushing out details...

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}_{T^t} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}_T \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thus } \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Geometrically:



Reference: Matrices with Applications, H. G. Campbell (Meredith Corp., NY, 1968)