

MAT 305: Mathematical Computing

Linear algebra

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- ② Matrices
- ③ How matrices can be useful
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sage: v = vector([1, 3, -1, 2])
sage: u + v
(1, 5, 1, 2)
sage: u*v
4
sage: u.norm()
2*sqrt(2)
```

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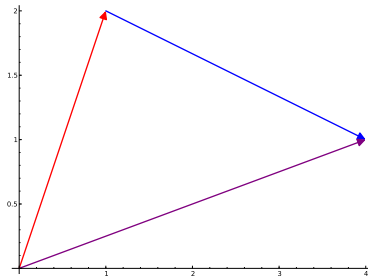
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The `matrix()` command

`matrix(ring, #rows, #cols, entries)` where

- *ring* (optional) an appropriate algebraic ring
- *#rows*, *#cols* (optional) number of rows and columns
(default depends on *entries*; no *entries* $\implies 0 \times 0$ matrix)
- *entries* (optional) is one of
 - a list of entries, from northwest corner to southeast
(if *#rows*, *#cols* specified)
 - a list of row vectors
 - none specified? all entries 0

Example matrices

```
sage: MZ = matrix(ZZ,3,3)
```

```
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```
sage: MS = matrix(SR,[[x**2 + 1, 0, 0],  
                      [x + I, 1, 0]])
```

```
sage: MS
```

```
[x^2 + 1      0      0]
```

```
[ x + I      1      0]
```

Help yourself read

Good idea to put rows in different lines

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```
sage: MS[1,0]
```

```
x+I
```

```
sage: MS[0,2] = x - I
```

(counting starts from 0)

```
sage: MS
```

```
[x^2 + 1      0      x - I]
```

```
[ x + I      1      0]
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Submatrices

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Example

```
sage: MZ[1,1] = 1
```

```
sage: MZ.submatrix(1,1,2,2)
```

```
[ 1 0]
```

```
[ 0 0]
```

Basic matrix operations

| “dot” command | mathematics |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <code>M.det()</code> | determinant |
| <code>M.inverse()</code> | |
| <code>M.transpose()</code> | |
| <code>M.eigenvalues()</code> | |
| <code>M.eigenvectors_right()</code> | right eigenvectors* |
| <code>M.eigenvectors_left()</code> | left eigenvectors* |
| <code>M.echelon_form()</code> | echelon form of unchanged M |
| <code>M.echelonize()</code> | change M to echelon form |
| <code>M.ncols()</code> | number of columns |
| <code>M.nrows()</code> | number of rows |

*“right eigenvectors” are usual “eigenvectors”

Row arithmetic

| “dot” command | mathematics |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <code>M.set_row_to_multiple_of_row(i,j,a)</code> | set row i to a times row j^* |
| <code>M.add_multiple_of_row(i,j,a)</code> | add a times row j to row i^* |
| <code>M.swap_rows(i,j)</code> | swap rows i, j |
| <code>M.swap_columns(i,j)</code> | swap columns i, j |

*row i changes; row j remains the same

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Algorithm from High School Algebra II!

algorithm Compute inverse

inputs

M , an invertible matrix over a field

outputs

M^{-1}

do

Let $n = \dim(M)$

Let A be augmented matrix $(M \mid I_n)$

Triangularize A

return rightmost $n \times n$ submatrix of A

Try it!

```
sage: MZ = matrix([[1, 2, 3, 4], [0, 2, 2, 3],  
                  [8, 3, 1, 2], [0, 1, 2, 3]])
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To create I_4 , can set diagonal entries of zero matrix to 1...

```
sage: I4 = matrix(4,4)
```

```
sage: for i in range(4):  
      I4[i,i] = 1
```

```
sage: I4  
[1 0 0 0]  
[0 1 0 0]  
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```
sage: A = MZ.augment(I4)
```

```
sage: A
```

```
[1 2 3 4 1 0 0 0]
```

```
[0 2 2 3 0 1 0 0]
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[8 3 1 2 0 0 1 0]
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```

```
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```

```
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[ 0  2  2  3  0  1  0  0]
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sage: A = A.change_ring(QQ)
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*Looks the same, but it's not.
Return to regularly-scheduled programming.*

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| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|-------|------|------|-------|
| [| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1/9 | -1/3 | 1/9 | 1/9] |
| [| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 16/3 | 1 | 0 | -1] |
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```
sage: Minv = A.submatrix(0,4,4,4)
```

```
sage: Minv * M
```

```
[1 0 0 0]
```

```
[0 1 0 0]
```

```
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```

```
[0 0 0 1]
```

Other tools

Need another computation w/ M ? Remember:

- $M.$ `<tab>` states all tools for M
- $M.$ `<command>?` states help for command
- $M.$ `<command>??` lists source code for command

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Manipulating graphics

Can manipulate point (x, y) using matrix arithmetic:

- let $\mathbf{v} = (x, y)$ be vector
- let M be matrix of special form
- $M\mathbf{v}$ gives new point

Useful matrix forms

| type | scaling | rotation | reflection |
|--------|--|---|---|
| form | $\begin{pmatrix} s & 0 \\ 0 & s \end{pmatrix}$ | $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$ | $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & \sin \beta \\ \sin \beta & -\cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$ |
| effect | rescales (x, y) to (sx, sy) | rotates (x, y) through angle α | reflects (x, y) across line w/slope $1-\cos\beta/\sin\beta$ |

Example; rotate a polygon

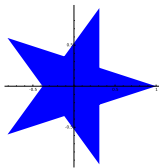
Let's rotate an off-kilter star

```
sage: V = [  
        vector((1,0)),  
        vector((cos(4*pi/5),sin(4*pi/5))),  
        vector((cos(8*pi/5),sin(8*pi/5))),  
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Example; rotate a polygon

Let's rotate an off-kilter star

```
sage: V = [  
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A little off... $\pi/10$ maybe?

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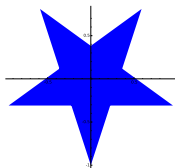
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Oops! upside-down!

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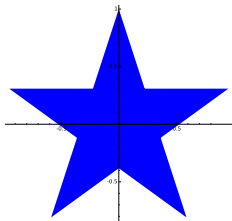
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Example

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

verification in Sage:

```
sage: M = matrix(2,2,[0,2,2,0])
```

```
sage: v = vector([1,-1])
```

```
sage: M*v
```

```
(-2, 2)
```


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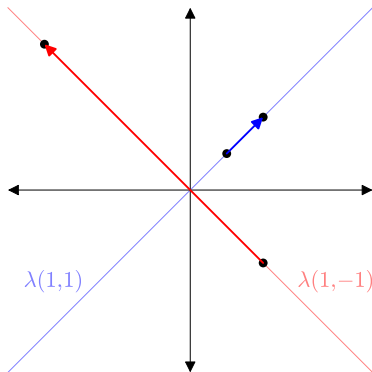
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Verify in Sage

Geometric interpretation

$$M\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$$

- $\lambda\mathbf{x}$ on same *line through origin* as \mathbf{x}
 - $\lambda > 0$? same direction
 - $\lambda < 0$? opposite direction
- $\lambda\mathbf{x}$ different *size* from \mathbf{x}



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Summary

- Sage does matrices
 - over fields *and* rings
 - symbolic ring! explore!
 - can change base ring

- You can solve some sophisticated problems using matrices on Sage