

# Mathematics and Computer Science for Modeling

## Unit 3: Linear Algebra

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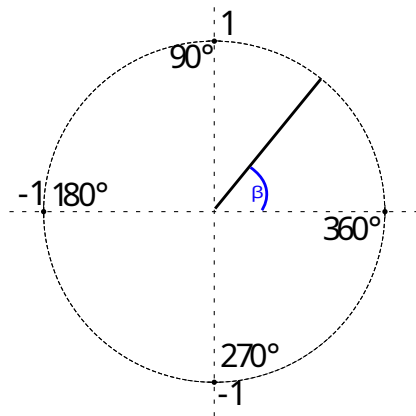
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- Angles and Trigonometry
- Vectors
- Matrices

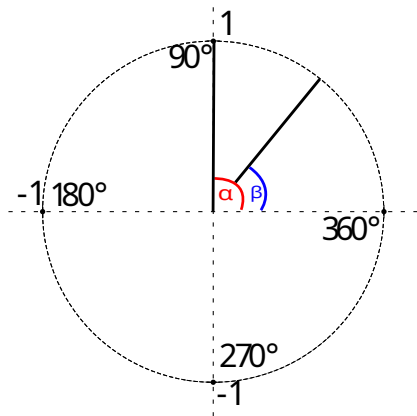
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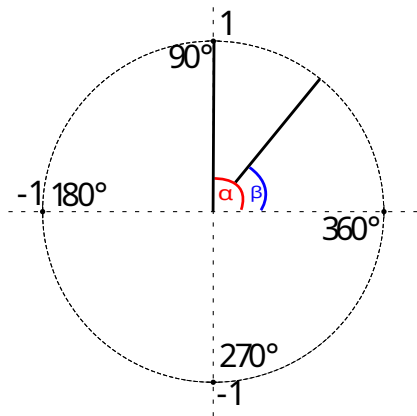
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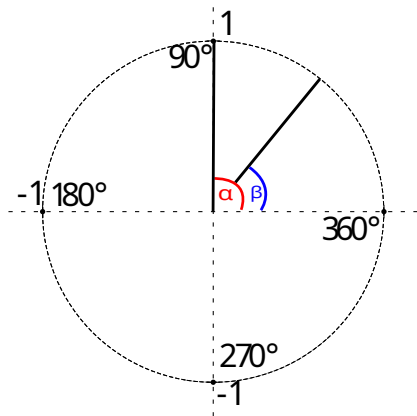
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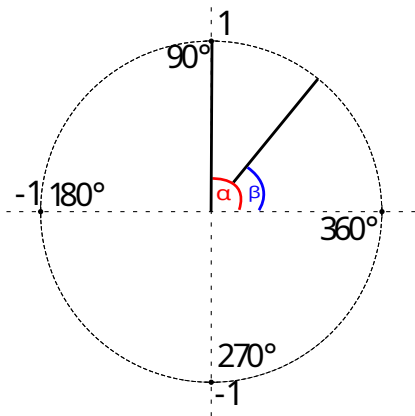
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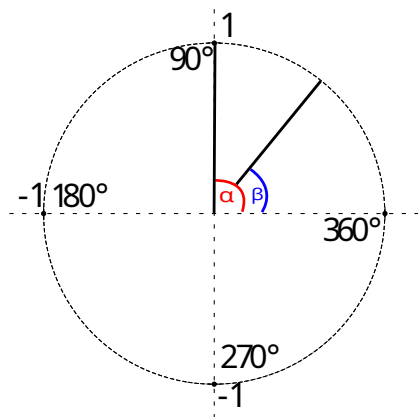


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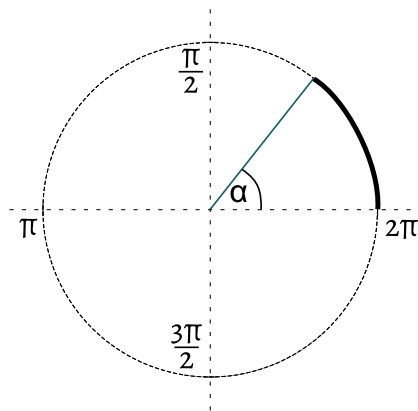
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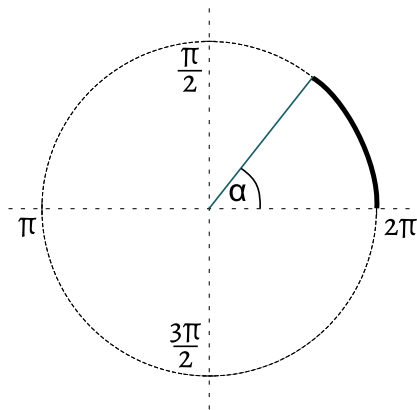
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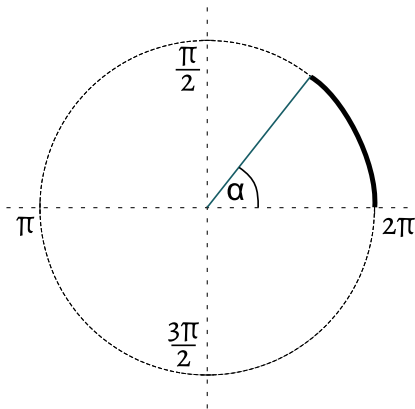
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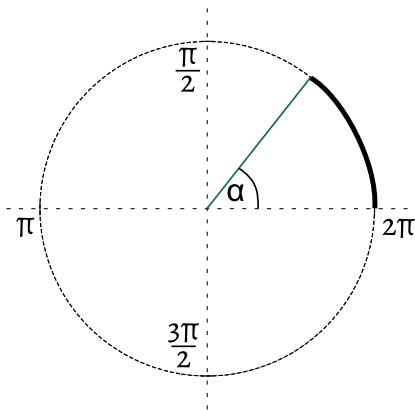
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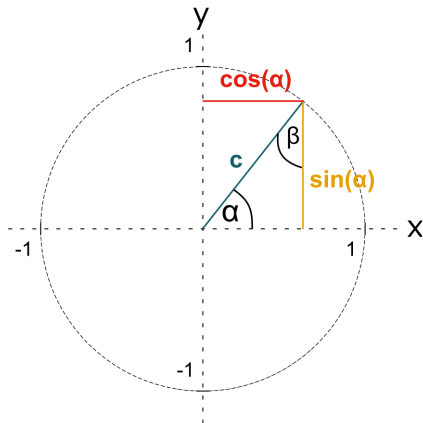
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# Sine and Cosine



- ▶ The sine and cosine of an angle can be interpreted as the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates of the location on the unit circle at angle  $\alpha$ .

$$x = \cos(\alpha) \iff \alpha = \cos^{-1}(x)$$

$$y = \sin(\alpha) \iff \alpha = \sin^{-1}(x)$$

- ▶ Click [here](#) for interactive demo.

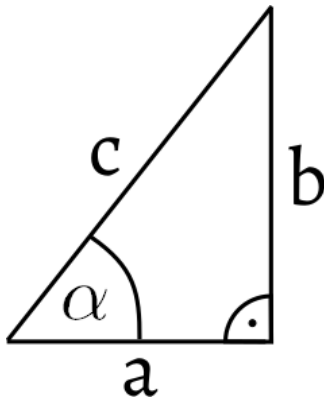
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►  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

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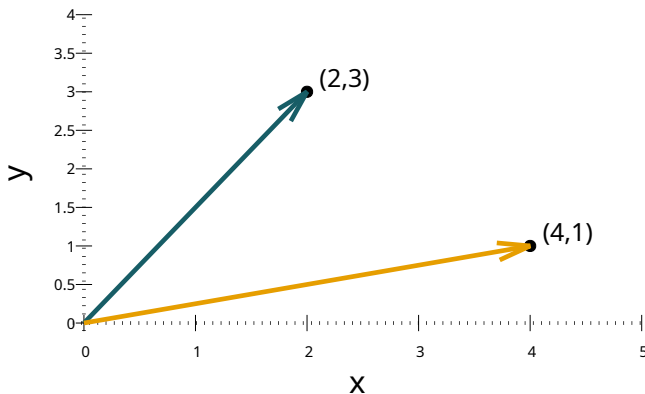
►  $\tan(\alpha) = \frac{\sin(\alpha)}{\cos(\alpha)} = \frac{b}{a} = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}}$





## Vectors in the Cartesian Coordinate System

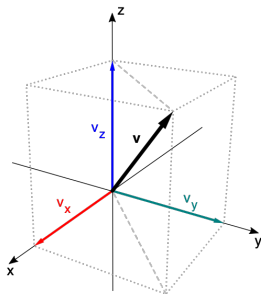
- ▶ A vector  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{pmatrix}$  is a geometric object that has **length** and **direction**
- ▶ Think of it as an arrow from the origin to the point  $(v_x, v_y)$



## Vectors in more dimensions

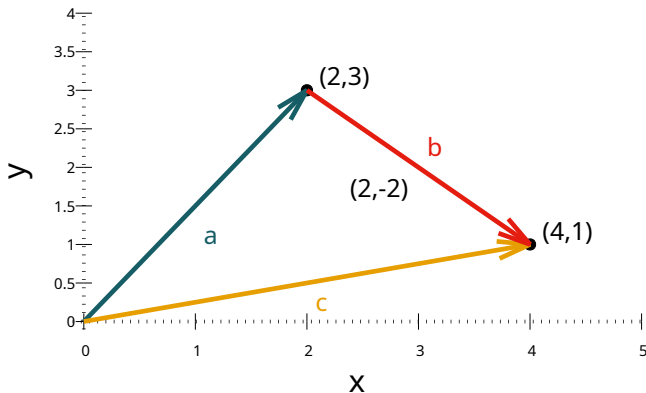
- ▶ Vectors can be defined in higher-dimensional coordinate systems as well

- ▶ e.g., in 3D:  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{pmatrix}$



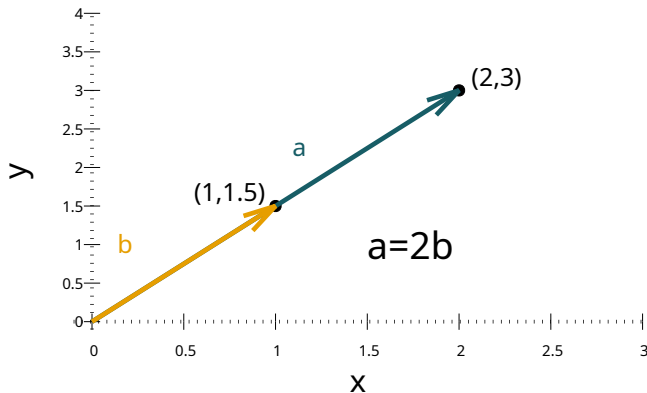
# Vector Addition

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## Exercise 1

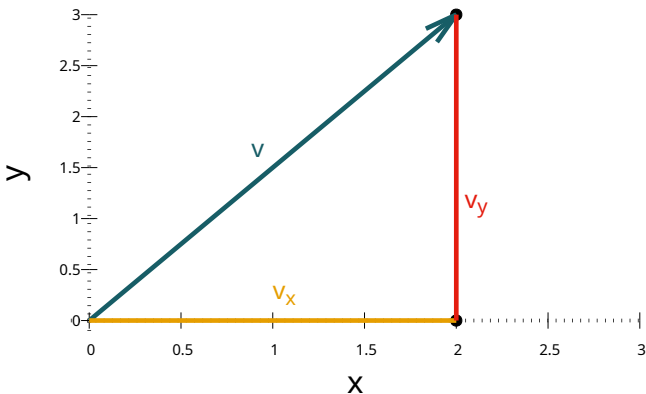
1. Compute the circumference of a circle with radius 2 cm
2. Convert an angle of  $45^\circ$  to radians
3. Convert  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$  radians to degrees
4. Given a right triangle with  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 3$ , compute the angle between  $a$  and  $c$
5. Let  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Compute  $2(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$ .
6. (optional) Write a python program that can convert angles from degrees to radians and also from radians to degrees.
7. (optional) Write a python program in which you define a function that can sum two vectors and another function to multiply a vector by a number. The vectors should be given as lists.

## Length of a vector

- ▶ The length of a vector can be calculated using the Pythagorean theorem:

$$||v|| = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2}$$

- ▶ Graphical Interpretation:



# Scalar Product

- The **scalar product**  $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle$  or  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$  of two vectors is defined as:

$$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \dots \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \dots \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots$$

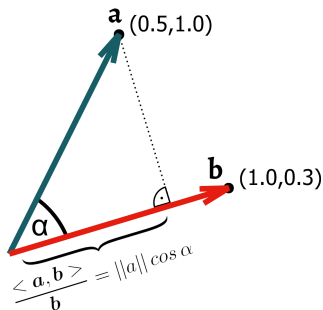
and results in a **scalar** value.

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- ▶ The scalar product is related to the angle between the two vectors:

$$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = |\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|\cos(\alpha) \iff \frac{\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle}{|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|} = \cos(\alpha)$$

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## Scalar Product: Special Cases

- ▶ If both vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  point in the same direction:

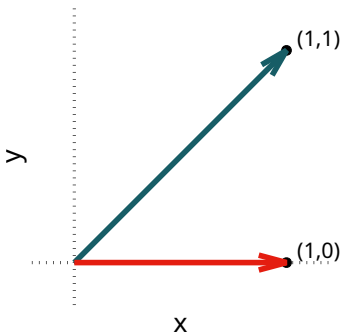
$$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = |\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|\cos(0) = |\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|$$

- ▶ If both vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are orthogonal to each other:

$$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = |\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|\cos(90^\circ) = 0$$

## Angle between Vectors

- ▶ The scalar product can be used to calculate the angle between two vectors



$$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos(\alpha)$$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle}{|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}|} \right)$$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{1 * 1 + 1 * 0}{\sqrt{2} * 1} \right)$$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi}{4} = 45^\circ$$

## Exercise 2

1. Let  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Compute the scalar product  $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$  and the vector lengths  $\|\mathbf{v}\|$  and  $\|\mathbf{w}\|$ . Next, find the angle between these two vectors.
2. Compute  $3 \langle 2 \left( \mathbf{w} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \right), \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \rangle$
3. (optional) Write a python function that can find the angle between two vectors, given as lists. Test the program on the vectors of exercise 1.

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6.  $\alpha = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{a}\|\|\mathbf{b}\|} \right)$

# Matrices

- ▶ A **matrix** is an array or table of numbers arranged in rows and columns:

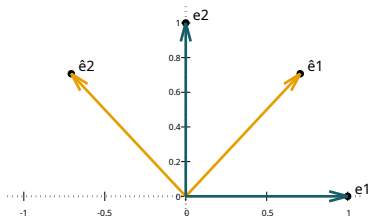
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.5 & 2.5 & 4 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Motivation: Linear transformation

- ▶ Matrices can specify **linear transformations**
- ▶ The  $n$ -th column of the matrix is a vector that specifies to where the  $n$ -th dimension of space is mapped (direction and scaling/compression factor)

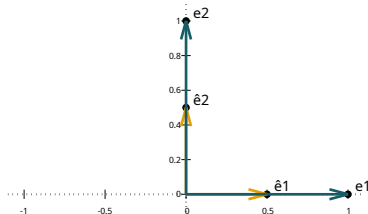
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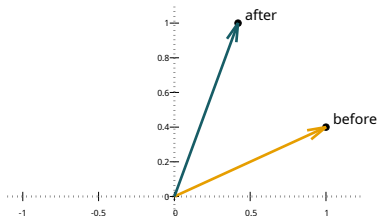
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- Vectors can be multiplied by a matrix, which applies the transformation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = x \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}x + a_{12}y \\ a_{21}x + a_{22}y \end{pmatrix}$$

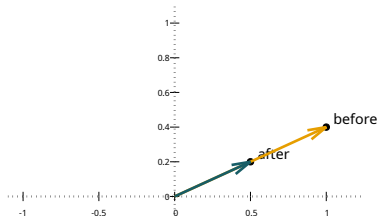
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$$= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}x + a_{12}y + a_{13}z \\ a_{21}x + a_{22}y + a_{23}z \\ a_{31}x + a_{32}y + a_{33}z \end{pmatrix}$$

# Matrix addition

- Matrices can be added:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 7 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 6 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & -5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1+2 & 0+1 & 2+4 \\ 3+6 & 2+0 & 4-3 \\ 1+0 & 5-5 & 7+2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 6 \\ 9 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Scalar multiplication

- Matrices can be multiplied by a scalar:

$$2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cdot 1 & 2 \cdot 0 & 2 \cdot 2 \\ 2 \cdot 3 & 2 \cdot 2 & 2 \cdot 4 \\ 2 \cdot 1 & 2 \cdot 5 & 2 \cdot 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 6 & 4 & 8 \\ 2 & 10 & 14 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Matrix multiplication

- ▶ Matrices can be multiplied with each other:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

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- ▶ Note: a vector is also a matrix
- ▶ matrix-vector multiplication is a special case of matrix-matrix multiplication

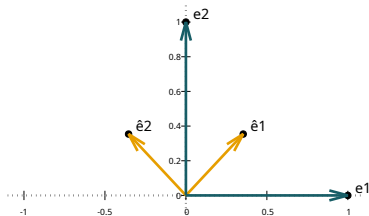


# Matrix multiplication

- Linear transformations can be composed by multiplication

Example: Rotation followed by scaling

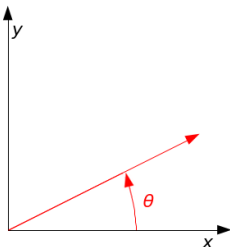
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{0.5}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{0.5}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{0.5}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{0.5}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Rotation Matrix

- ▶ A rotation matrix can be used to rotate a vector by any desired angle.

- ▶  $R(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}, R(\pi/4) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$



## Exercise 3

1. Create a  $2 \times 2$  matrix that scales a vector by 2 along the first dimension and by 0.5 along the second dimension. Test the matrix by scaling the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$ .
2. Compute  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$
3. Compute  $2 \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$
4. Create a matrix that rotates a vector by  $90^\circ$  by composing the rotation matrix for  $45^\circ$  rotations two times.
5. (optional) Write a python function that can multiply a vector by a matrix. Represent the vector as a list and the matrix as a list of lists, where each inner list contains the elements of one matrix row. Also, write a python function that can add two matrices.
6. (optional) Write a python program that rotates a 2-dimensional vector by a certain angle. Plot the original and rotated vector.