

# *Computer Graphics Math*

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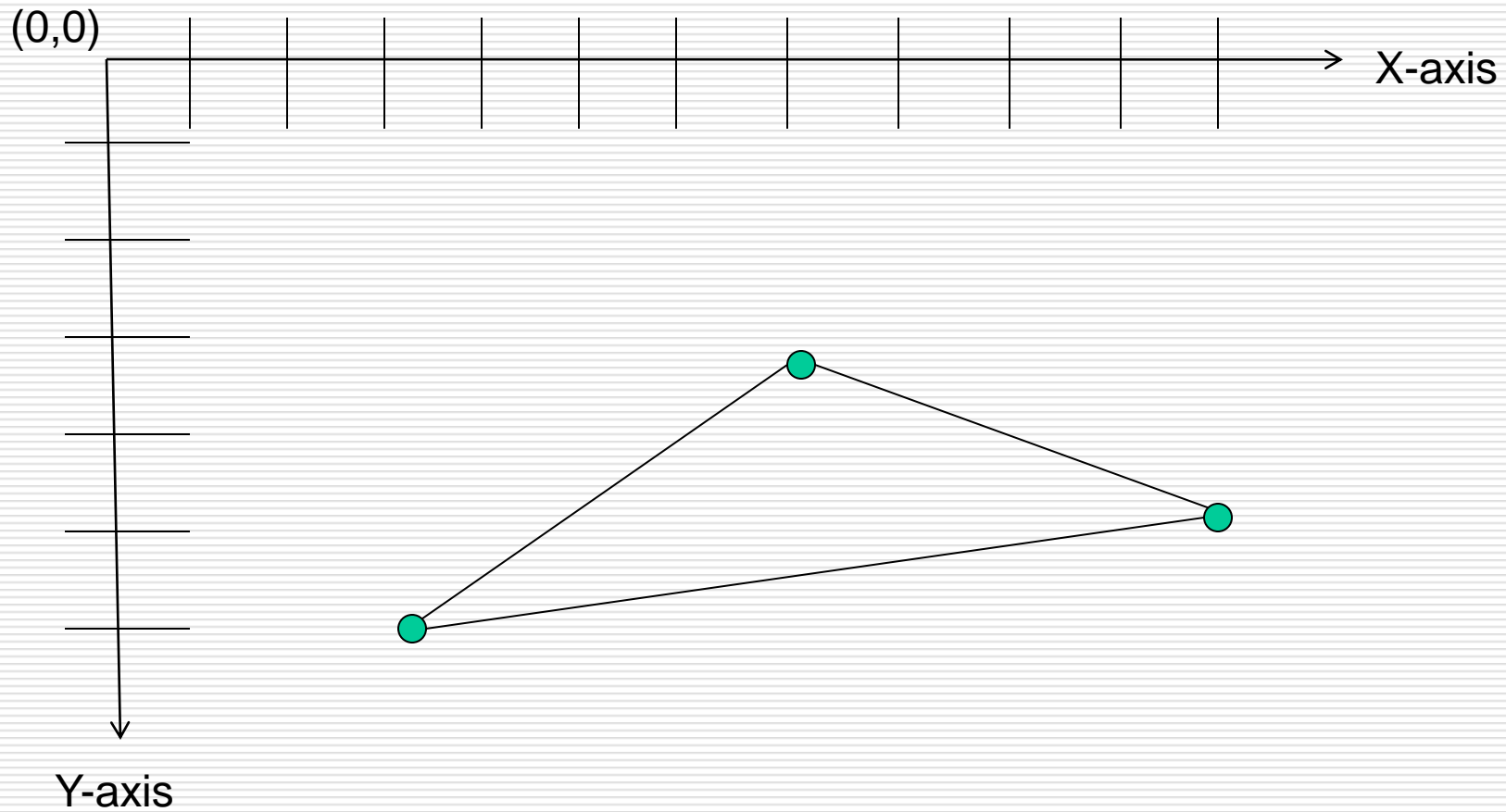
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# *Coordinate Spaces (2D)*

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# *The Euclidean Space (vector)*

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- The  $n$ -dimensional real Euclidean Space is denoted  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- A vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is an  $n$ -tuple, i.e. an ordered list of real numbers.

$$\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_0 \\ v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } v_i \in \mathbb{R}, i=0, \dots, n-1$$

- Note that the vector above is represented in column-major form.
- Vectors can be added together or multiplied by a scalar.

# *Transpose of a vector*

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- We can write row vectors (as opposed to column vectors as seen in the previous slide) as the transpose of their column vectors.
- $\mathbf{v}^T = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$
- The subscripts are usually labelled in a more meaningful way ... not just numbers.
- For example a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in 3D space would have the subscripts  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  representing the  $x$ -coordinate,  $y$ -coordinate and  $z$ -coordinate of the vector point.

# *The Euclidean Space (+ and \*)*

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$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} v_0 \\ v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_0 + v_0 \\ u_1 + v_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_{n-1} + v_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}_n$$

$$a\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} au_0 \\ au_1 \\ \vdots \\ au_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}_n$$

# *The Euclidean Space (+ and \*)*

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- A vector may be multiplied by a scalar to produce a new vector whose components retain the same relative proportions.
- $a\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}a$ , where  $a$  is a scalar quantity
- When  $a = -1$ , we get  $-\mathbf{v}$  which represent the negation of the vector
- Addition and subtraction is component wise.
- IMPORTANT:  $\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{p} + (-\mathbf{q})$

# *Basic theorems on vectors ... (i)*

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- $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{p}$  (commutativity)
- $(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}) + \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{p} + (\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{r})$  (associativity)
- $a(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}) = a\mathbf{p} + a\mathbf{q}$  (distributive law)
- $(a + b)\mathbf{p} = a\mathbf{p} + b\mathbf{p}$  (distributive law)

# *Basic theorems on vectors ... (ii)*

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- $(ab) \mathbf{p} = a (b \mathbf{p})$
- $0 + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$  (zero identity)
- $\mathbf{v} + (-\mathbf{v}) = 0$  (additive inverse)
- $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$  (identity mult)



# *Dot (Inner) Product of Vectors*

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- For a Euclidean space we may compute the **dot product** of two vectors, denoted by  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$  and defined as follows:

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} u_i v_i$$

- Which is essentially the summation of the products of the respective components of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  .

# *Some rules for the dot product*

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- $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \geq 0$ , with  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$  iff  $\mathbf{u} = (0, 0, \dots, 0) = \mathbf{0}$
- $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$  (additivity)
- $(a\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = a(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})$  (homogeneity)
- $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}$  (symmetry)
- $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$  iff  $\mathbf{u}$  is perpendicular to  $\mathbf{v}$

# *The norm of a vector*

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- The norm of a vector  $\mathbf{v}$ , denoted by  $\|\mathbf{v}\|$ , is a nonnegative number that can be expressed using the dot product as follows ...

$$\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} u_i^2}$$

- The importance of the norm will be evident when used to normalise a vector.

# *Some rules for the norm $||\mathbf{v}||$*

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- $||\mathbf{u}|| = 0$ , iff  $\mathbf{u} = (0, 0, \dots, 0) = \mathbf{0}$
- $||a\mathbf{u}|| = |a| ||\mathbf{u}||$
- $||\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}|| \leq ||\mathbf{u}|| + ||\mathbf{v}||$
- The norm of a vector gives us an indication of the its magnitude.

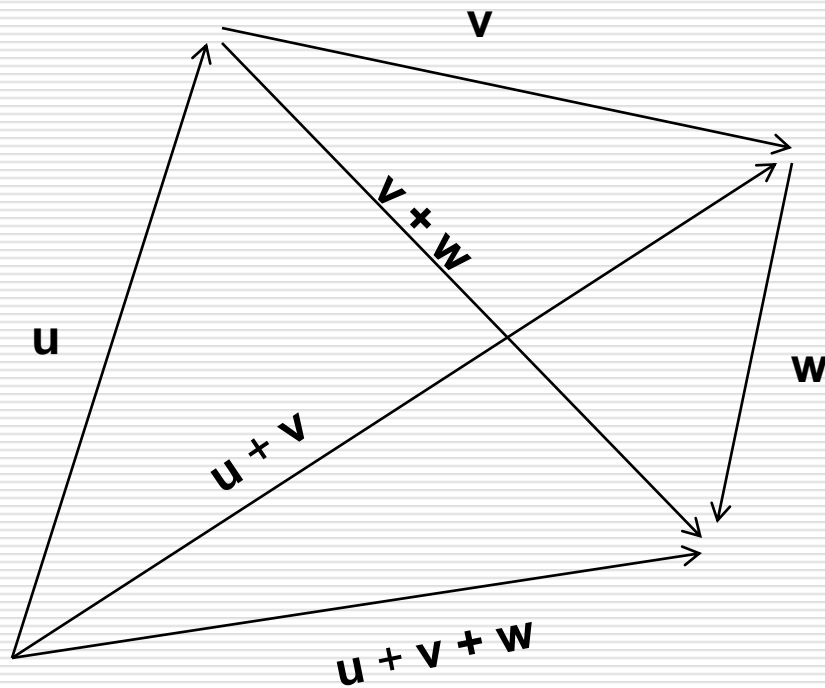
# Vectors ...

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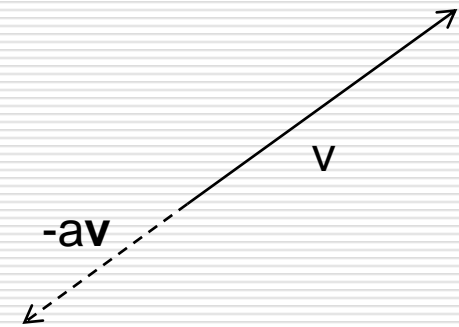
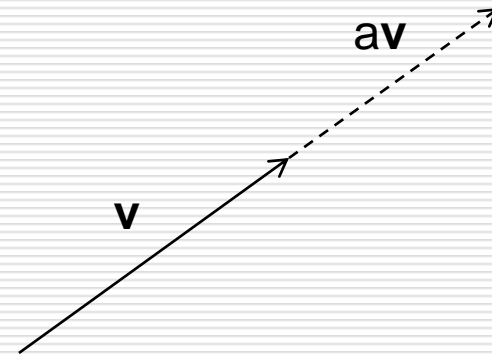
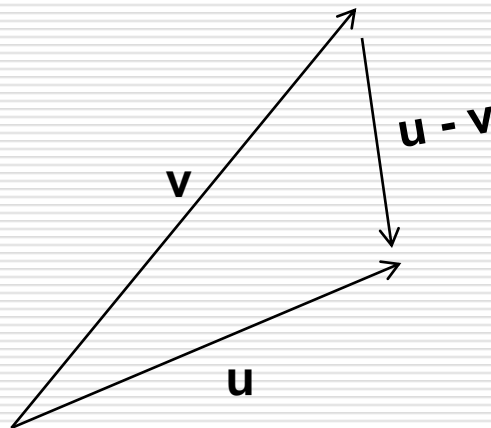
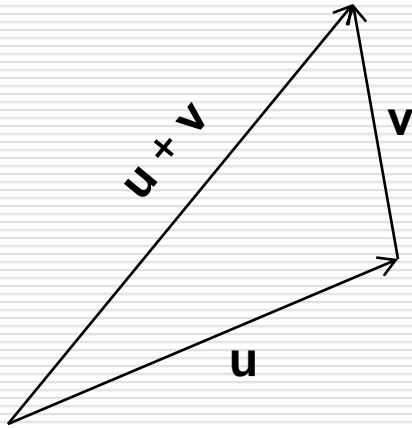
- In our Euclidean space with basis vectors  $(1,0,0)$ ,  $(0,1,0)$  and  $(0,0,1)$ , since the basis vectors are common for all vectors we can omit them when representing the vector.
- We simply write the scalar components of the vector. For eg  $v=(4,5,6)$  ....
- A vector  $\mathbf{v}$  can be interpreted in two ways:
  - **Point in space**
  - **Directed line segment (i.e. A direction vector)**

# *Vector Diagrams (ii)...*

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# Vector Diagrams ...



# *Normalisation of Vectors*

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- The norm of a vector gives us a measure of the length (magnitude) of the vector ...
- Sometimes we'll need to normalise vectors (lose magnitude information but retain direction) with the help of the norm.
- This can be done by dividing by the length of the vector (the norm)

$$\frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}$$

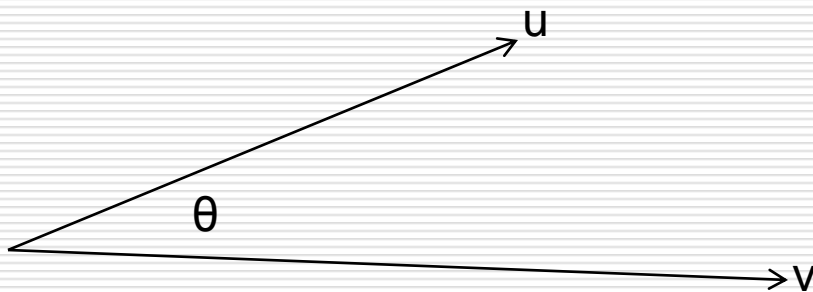
- This is also called the unit vector



# Dot Product (ii)

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- We have already seen how to calculate the dot product between two vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .

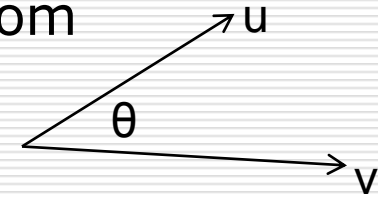


- The dot product is also related to the angle  $\theta$  between the vectors as follows:
  - $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \cos \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the smallest angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$
  - We'll see how this equation is heavily used in CG for lighting calculations

# *Dot Product (iii)*

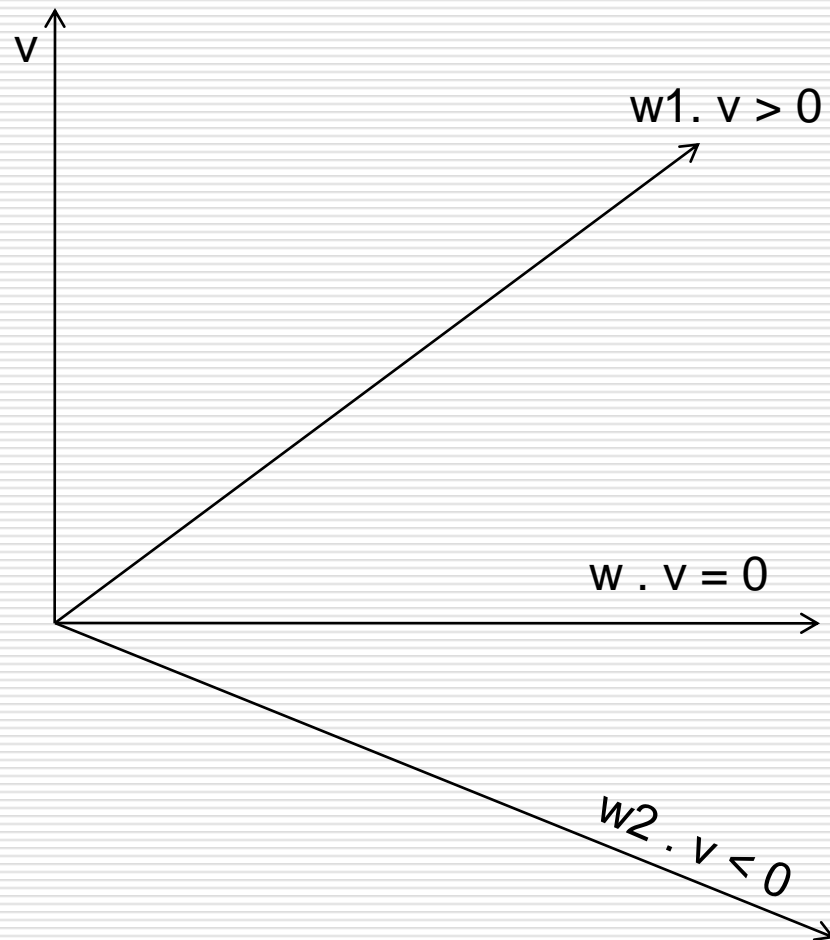
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- A number of conclusions can be drawn from the sign of the dot product.
- Important (as we've already seen) is when the dot product is 0, indicates that the vectors are orthogonal.
- This is clear here as well given that  $\cos(90\text{deg}) = 0$
- If  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} > 0$  then angle  $\theta$  lies between 0 and 90 degrees
- If  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} < 0$  then angle  $\theta$  lies between 90 and 180 degrees



# *Dot Product (iv)*

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# *Linear Independence (i)*

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- Vectors that are parallel are linearly dependent.
- More formally, given the following equation:
  - $v_0 \mathbf{u}_0 + \dots + v_{n-1} \mathbf{u}_{n-1} = 0$
- If only assigning the scalars  $v_0 = \dots = v_{n-1}$  to 0 solves the above equation then the vectors  $\mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{n-1}$  are linearly independent.
- For example vectors  $(3,5)$  and  $(6,10)$  are not independent since  $v_0=2$  and  $v_1=-1$  solves the equation.

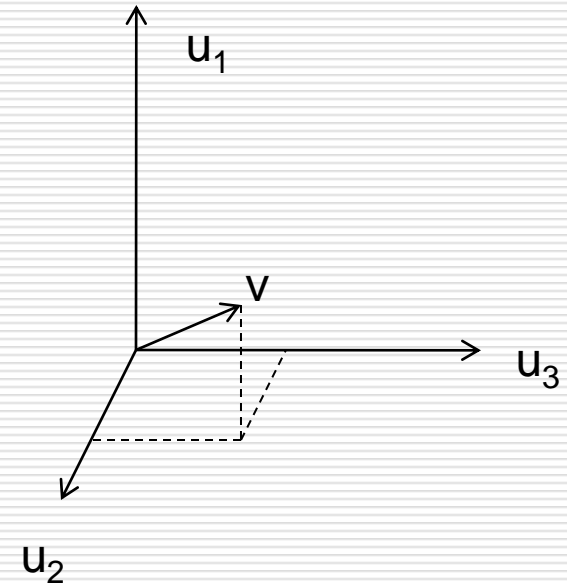
# Linear Independence + Basis

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- Linear independent vectors give us a way how to define all the space in which the vectors reside.
- If a set of  $n$  vectors,  $\mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{n-1} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , is linearly independent and any vector  $\mathbf{v}$  can be written as
$$\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} v_i \mathbf{u}_i$$
- ... then the vectors  $\mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{n-1}$  are said to span Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- Moreover if the scalars  $v_0$  to  $v_{n-1}$  are uniquely determined by the vector  $\mathbf{v}$ , for all  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{n-1}$  form a basis in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

# Basis Vectors

- A three dimensional vector  $\mathbf{v} = (v_0, v_1, v_2)$  expressed in the basis formed by  $u_1, u_2$  and  $u_3$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- Take for example the basis vectors in 2D:  $(4,3)$  and  $(2,6)$ .
- If I want to describe the vector  $(-5,-6)$  I simply need to multiply  $(4,3)$  by  $-1$  and  $(2,6)$  by  $0.5$  ... This will give me the new vector.
- I can describe all vectors in this way



# Orthonormal Basis

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- In CG we shall be making use of orthonormal basis ...
- For such a basis, consisting of base vectors  $u_0, \dots, u_{n-1}$  the following must hold:

$$u_i \cdot u_j = \begin{cases} 0, & i \neq j, \\ 1, & i = j \end{cases}$$

- What's important here is that each pair of basis vectors must be orthogonal and have unit length.
- The vectors  $(1,0,0)$   $(0,1,0)$  and  $(0,0,1)$  form an orthonormal basis which we refer to as the standard basis.
- The standard basis is **orthogonal**

# Cross Product

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- Suppose we have two vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  .... And we need to generate a new vector which is orthogonal (perpendicular) to both vectors.
- The operation that computes this is the cross product.
- This property has many uses in computer graphics (as we shall see) one of which is a method for calculating a surface normal at a particular point given two distinct tangent vectors.



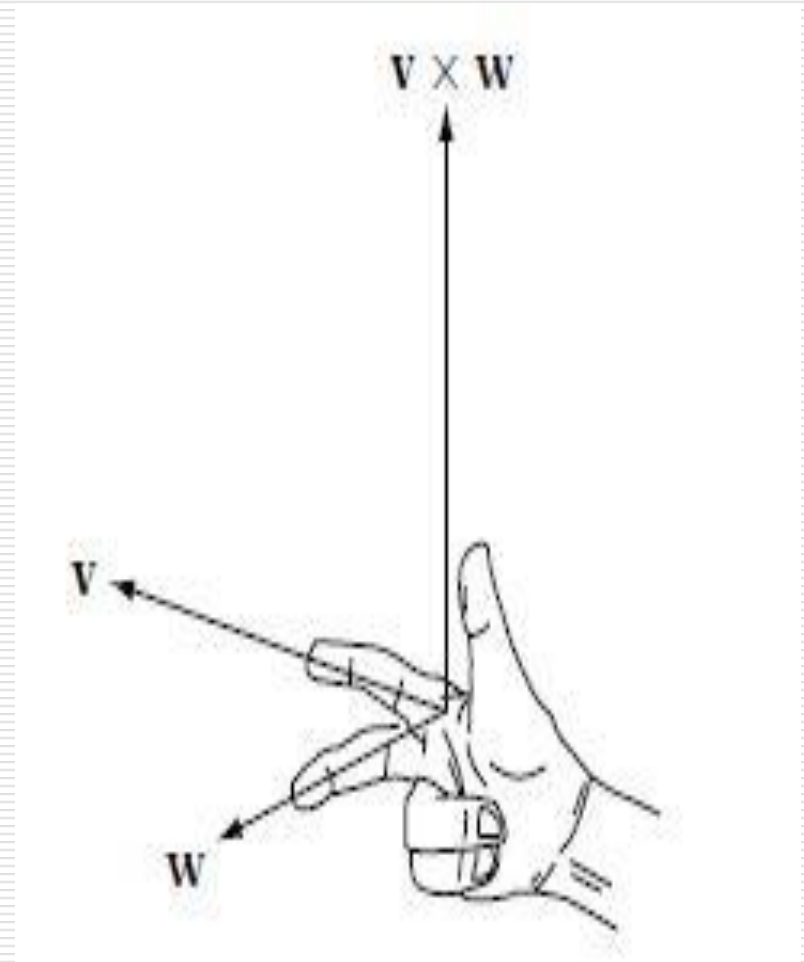
# Cross Product (Definition)

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- The cross product of two vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ , is another vector whose components are defined as follows:
- $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = (u_y v_z - u_z v_y, u_z v_x - u_x v_z, u_x v_y - u_y v_x)$
- There a two vectors that are perpendicular to  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$  ... which are  $\mathbf{w}$  and  $-\mathbf{w}$ . One the negation of the other.
- The one we choose is determined by what we refer to as the right hand rule .... (in which you use your right hand obviously)

# *Right-Hand Rule*

- With your right hand ... align
- Forefinger with  $\mathbf{v}$ ,
- Middle finger with  $\mathbf{w}$ ,
- The cross product will point in the direction of the thumb.
  
- If you negate  $\mathbf{w}$ , then the direction of the cross product changes as well.



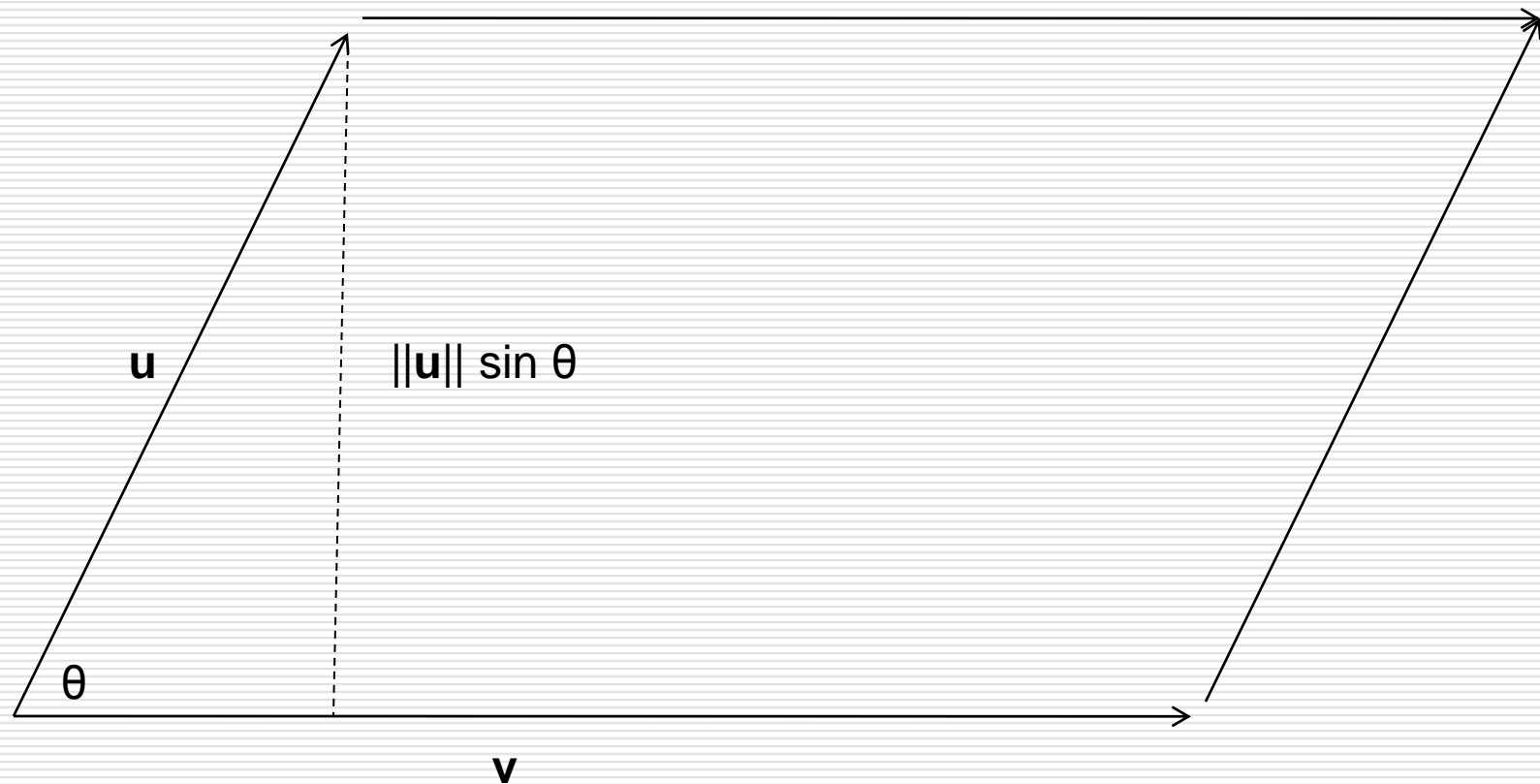
# *Cross Product (Magnitude of ...)*

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- The length of the cross product of two vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  is equal to the area of the parallelogram extended by the two vectors.
- This can be computed using the formula
- $\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\| = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \sin \theta$
- Where  $\theta$  is the angle between the vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$

# *Cross Product (Magnitude of $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ )*

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# *Cross Product (Properties of ...)*

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- The cross product is not commutative (i.e. order is important)
  - $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = -(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u})$
- $\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) + (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w})$
- $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}) + (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$
- $a(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) = (a\mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v} \times (a\mathbf{w})$
- $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$       and       $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$

# Cross Product *(Small Proof of correctness)*

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- We can use the result from the dot product to show that the cross product of two vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  is correct (i.e. it is perpendicular to both vectors)
- Let  $u$  and  $v$  be any two 3D vectors. Then  $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$  and  $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$
- $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{u} = (u_y v_z - u_z v_y, u_z v_x - u_x v_z, u_x v_y - u_y v_x) \cdot \mathbf{u}$
- $= u_x u_y v_z - u_x u_z v_y + u_y u_z v_x - u_y u_x v_z + u_x v_y u_z - u_y v_x u_z$
- $= 0$

# Matrices

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- **Matrices in 3D computer graphics are ubiquitous !!**
- “Matrices are the mathematical currency for 3D graphics”  
– OpenGL Bible
- We shall be using matrices to move (transform) points and direction vectors ...
- Matrices provide us with a tool to manipulate vectors and points.
- We shall be looking at a semi-formal mathematical description of matrices in the next few slides.

# Matrices (Definition)

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- A matrix **M** is described by  $p \times q$  scalars,  $m_{ij}$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq p-1$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq q-1$ , ordered in a rectangular fashion (with  $p$  rows and  $q$  columns) as shown below ...

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{00} & \cdots & m_{0,q-1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ m_{p-1,0} & \cdots & m_{p-1,q-1} \end{pmatrix} = [m_{ij}]$$



# Identity Matrix

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- The identity matrix  $\mathbf{I}$ , is a special matrix which is square and contains ones in the diagonal and zeros everywhere else. Also called the *unit matrix*.
- It is the matrix-form counterpart of the scalar number one.
- The following represents the 3x3 identity matrix ...

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Matrix Addition

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- Matrices add entry-wise. Because of this, the addition of two matrices  $\mathbf{M}$  and  $\mathbf{N}$  is only possible for equal sized matrices ....
- $\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{N} = [m_{ij}] + [n_{ij}] = [m_{ij} + n_{ij}]$
- Pictorially we have :

$$\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{N} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{00} + n_{00} & \cdots & m_{0,p-1} + n_{0,q-1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ m_{p-1,0} + n_{q-1,0} & \cdots & m_{p-1,q-1} + n_{p-1,q-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

# *Matrix Addition Properties*

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- The resulting matrix is of the same size of the operands
- $(\mathbf{L} + \mathbf{M}) + \mathbf{N} = \mathbf{L} + (\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{N})$
- $\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{N} = \mathbf{N} + \mathbf{M}$
- $\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{M}$
- $\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{0}$

# Matrix Scalar Multiplication

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- We can (similar to vectors) multiply our matrix by a scalar quantity.
- A scalar  $a$  and a matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ , can be multiplied as follows:
- $a\mathbf{M} = [am_{ij}]$  .... Pictorially we have:

$$a\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} am_{00} & \cdots & am_{0,p-1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ am_{p-1,0} & \cdots & am_{p-1,q-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

# *Matrix Scalar Multiplication Properties*

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- $0\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{0}$
- $1\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}$
- $a(b\mathbf{M}) = (ab)\mathbf{M}$
- $a\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$
- $(a+b)\mathbf{M} = a\mathbf{M} + b\mathbf{M}$
- $a(\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{N}) = a\mathbf{M} + a\mathbf{N}$

# *Transpose of a Matrix*

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- The transpose of a matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  is referred to as  $\mathbf{M}^T$ .
- If  $\mathbf{M} = [m_{ij}]$  then  $\mathbf{M}^T$  is defined as  $\mathbf{M} = [m_{ji}]$
- In practice we are switching the rows with the columns.
- Hence the transpose of a matrix of size  $n \times m$ , is a matrix with size  $m \times n$ .
- In a square matrix the diagonal scalars remain the same with all the other values are transposed.

# *Transpose of a Matrix (Properties)*

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- $(a\mathbf{M})^T = a\mathbf{M}^T$
- $(\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{N})^T = \mathbf{M}^T + \mathbf{N}^T$
- $(\mathbf{M}^T)^T = \mathbf{M}$
- $(\mathbf{MN})^T = \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{M}^T$

# Matrix Multiplication

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- Matrix multiplication, denoted  $\mathbf{MN}$  between two matrices  $\mathbf{M}$  and  $\mathbf{N}$ , is defined only if the size of  $\mathbf{M}$  is  $p \times q$  and the size of  $\mathbf{N}$  is  $q \times r$
- If this is the case then the resultant matrix  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{MN}$ , would be of size  $p \times r$
- Each cell in the new matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  is computed as follows:

$$T_{pr} = \sum_{k=1}^q M_{pk} N_{kr}$$



# Matrix Multiplication (Pictorially)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{T} = \mathbf{MN} &= \begin{pmatrix} m_{00} & \cdots & m_{0,q-1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ m_{p-1,0} & \cdots & m_{p-1,q-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n_{00} & \cdots & n_{0,r-1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ n_{q-1,0} & \cdots & n_{q-1,r-1} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} m_{0,i} n_{i,0} & \cdots & \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} m_{0,i} n_{i,r-1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} m_{p-1,i} n_{i,0} & \cdots & \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} m_{p-1,i} n_{i,r-1} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

# *Matrix Multiplication with Vector*

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- If we consider a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  as an  $n \times 1$  sized matrix then we can multiply a vector by a matrix using the method in the previous slide.
- Note that this will give us a new vector  $\mathbf{w}$  with dimensions  $m \times 1$ . Pictorially we have :

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m}_0 \cdot \mathbf{v} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{m}_{p-1} \cdot \mathbf{v} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{w}_0 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{w}_{q-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

# *Matrix Multiplication Properties (Imp)*

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- **$(\mathbf{LM})\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{MN})$**
- **$(\mathbf{L}+\mathbf{M})\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{LN} + \mathbf{LM}$**
- **$\mathbf{MI} = \mathbf{IM} = \mathbf{M}$**
- Important: Matrix multiplication is not commutative ... which means that  **$\mathbf{MN} \neq \mathbf{NM}$**  in general (there could be cases where it is)

## *Determinant of a Matrix (i)*

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- An important value associated with every square matrix is the value of its determinant.
- The determinant,  $|\mathbf{M}|$  or  $\det(\mathbf{M})$ , is a scalar quantity derived from the entries of the matrix.
- For 2 x 2 square matrix the determinant is equal to :

$$|\mathbf{M}| = \begin{vmatrix} m_{00} & m_{01} \\ m_{10} & m_{11} \end{vmatrix} = m_{00}m_{11} - m_{01}m_{10}$$

## *Determinant of a Matrix (ii)*

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- In the case of a 3 x 3 matrix, the determinant is equal to:

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{M}| &= \begin{vmatrix} m_{00} & m_{01} & m_{02} \\ m_{10} & m_{11} & m_{12} \\ m_{20} & m_{21} & m_{22} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= m_{00}m_{11}m_{22} + m_{01}m_{12}m_{20} + m_{02}m_{10}m_{21} \\ &\quad - m_{00}m_{12}m_{21} - m_{01}m_{10}m_{22} \\ &\quad - m_{02}m_{11}m_{20} \end{aligned}$$

- We are adding diagonals (from top) going to the right then subtracting diagonals (from top) going to the left.

## *Determinant of a Matrix (iii)*

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- If we assume that the rows in the matrix represent three different vectors, i.e.

$$|\mathbf{M}| = \begin{vmatrix} e_x & e_y & e_z \\ u_x & u_y & u_z \\ u_x & u_y & u_z \end{vmatrix}$$

- $|\mathbf{M}| = (m_x \times m_y) \cdot m_z$

## *Properties of the matrix determinant (i)*

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- For an  $n \times n$  matrix the following apply to determinant calculations:
- $|\mathbf{M}^{-1}| = 1 / |\mathbf{M}|$
- $|\mathbf{MN}| = |\mathbf{M}| |\mathbf{N}|$
- $|a\mathbf{M}| = a|\mathbf{M}|$
- $|\mathbf{M}^T| = |\mathbf{M}|$

## *Properties of the matrix determinant (ii)*

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- If all elements of a row (or column) of a matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  are multiplied by a scalar  $a$ , then the new determinant is  $a|\mathbf{M}|$
- **IMP:** If two rows (or columns) coincide (i.e. the cross product between them is 0) then the determinant of matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ ,  $|\mathbf{M}| = 0$
- This last property is important whenever we need to calculate the inverse of a matrix (as we shall see when working on geometric transformations in 3D pipeline)



## *Subdeterminants (Cofactors) and Adjoints (i)*

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- An adjoint is a form of a matrix.
- The subdeterminant (cofactor) of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ , denoted by  $d_{ij}^{\mathbf{M}}$ , is equal to the determinant (of the resulting  $n-1 \times n-1$  matrix) obtained when deleting row  $i$  and column  $j$  from  $\mathbf{M}$ .

$$d_{02}^{\mathbf{M}} = \begin{vmatrix} m_{10} & m_{11} \\ m_{20} & m_{21} \end{vmatrix}$$

## *Subdeterminants (Cofactors) and Adjoins (ii)*

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- The adjoint of a matrix **M** is obtained by taking the subdeterminants for every component in the matrix, resulting in the following:

$$\text{adj}(M) = \begin{pmatrix} d_{00} & -d_{10} & d_{20} \\ -d_{01} & d_{11} & -d_{21} \\ d_{02} & -d_{12} & d_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

# *Inverse of a Matrix (i)*

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- The multiplicative inverse of a matrix,  $\mathbf{M}$ , denoted by  $\mathbf{M}^{-1}$ , (which is dealt with here), exists only for square matrices with  $|\mathbf{M}| \neq 0$ .
- This is one of the reasons why we need to be able to calculate the determinant of a matrix.
- If  $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{M}^{-1}$  then to prove the inverse is correct it suffices to show that  $\mathbf{NM} = \mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{MN} = \mathbf{I}$
- I.e. a matrix multiplied by its inverse results in the identity matrix ... which produces no effect.

# *Inverse of a Matrix (ii)*

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- The equation outlined in the previous slide can be formulated in a slightly different way ... using vectors.
- If  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{v}$  and the matrix  $\mathbf{N}$  exists such that  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{N}\mathbf{u}$ , then  $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{M}^{-1}$
- This formulation makes it immediately more relevant to computer graphics.
- The adjoint method can be used to calculate the inverse.
- The inverse of a matrix is useful geometrically because it allows us to 'undo' another transformation.

# *Inverse of a Matrix (iii)*

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- In the case of a 2 x 2 matrix we have:

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{M}|} \begin{vmatrix} m_{11} & -m_{01} \\ -m_{10} & m_{00} \end{vmatrix}$$

- In the general case we have the following:

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{M}|} \text{adj}(\mathbf{M})$$

# Orthogonal Matrices

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- A square matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ , with only real elements, is orthogonal if and only if  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^T = \mathbf{M}^T\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}$
- This means that the transpose of  $\mathbf{M}$  is equal to the inverse of  $\mathbf{M}$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \mathbf{M}^T$
- The standard basis is orthonormal, since the basis vectors are orthogonal to each other and of length one (unit vectors). Representing this basis as a matrix  $\mathbf{E} = (\mathbf{e}_x \ \mathbf{e}_y \ \mathbf{e}_z) = \mathbf{I}$ , gives us an orthogonal matrix.

# *Transforms ...*

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- For our next module we'll see how matrices (and their properties) as discussed here are used in CG to describe point and vector transformations.
- Matrices are used to describe
  - Rotations
  - Scaling
  - Translation
- Once that's done we'll be able to start writing some simple programs.