

Vectors and Matrices Review

* Matrix - Vector Multiplication:

$$\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$A = [a_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

m rows, n columns.

$$\vec{y} = A\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

Very important to understand that \vec{y} is a linear combination of the column vectors of A .

$$A = [\vec{a}_1 \vec{a}_2 \dots \vec{a}_n] \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{y} = A\vec{x}$$

\vec{a}_j is the j-th column of A

$$= x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n$$

Thm: Let $F_A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a map defined as

$$F_A(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$$

Then, F_A is a linear map

i.e., $\forall \vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\begin{cases} F_A(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = F_A(\vec{u}) + F_A(\vec{v}) \\ F_A(\alpha \vec{u}) = \alpha F_A(\vec{u}) \end{cases}$$

Conversely, for any linear map $F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, there exists a unique matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ such that $F = F_A$.

Proof:

(\Rightarrow) Show that F_A is linear.

For any $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

- $F_A(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = A(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = A\vec{u} + A\vec{v} = F_A(\vec{u}) + F_A(\vec{v})$
- $F_A(\alpha\vec{u}) = A(\alpha\vec{u}) = \alpha A\vec{u} = \alpha F_A(\vec{u})$.

(\Leftarrow) Let F be a linear map

Let $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$ be the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^n , i.e., $\vec{e}_j = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \downarrow j \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Set $F(\vec{e}_j) = \vec{a}_j \in \mathbb{R}^m$

Let $A = [\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{a}_m] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

Now pick any $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we can always write

$$\vec{x} = x_1 \vec{e}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{e}_n.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow F(\vec{x}) &= x_1 F(\vec{e}_1) + \dots + x_n F(\vec{e}_n) \\ &= x_1 \vec{a}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow F(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x} = F_A(\vec{x})$$

Uniqueness, let $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.

$$F_A(\vec{e}_j) = \vec{a}_j$$

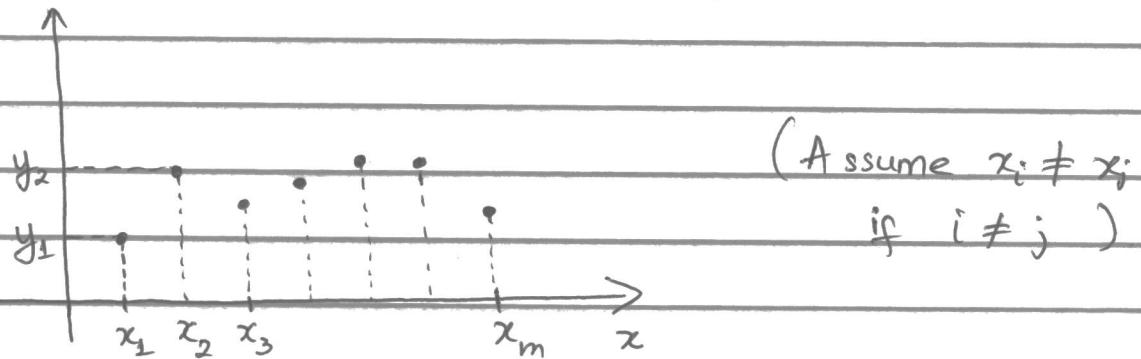
If $F_A = F_B$, Then

$$F_A(\vec{e}_j) = \vec{a}_j = F_B(\vec{e}_j) = \vec{b}_j \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq n$$

$$\Rightarrow A = B.$$

Example: A Vandermonde matrix

Let $\{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$ be a set of sample points



Consider a space of polynomials of degree at most $n-1$:

$$P_{n-1}[x] := \left\{ p(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + \dots + c_{n-1} x^{n-1}, \quad c_j \in \mathbb{R}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1 \right\}$$

It's clear that $P_{n-1}[x]$ is a linear (vector) space since $\# p, q \in P_{n-1}[x]$,
 $p+q \in P_{n-1}[x]$
and $\alpha p \in P_{n-1}[x] \quad \# \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

Hence, a map from a coefficient vector

$$\vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \text{to vectors of sampled polynomial values}$$

$$\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} p(x_1) \\ p(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ p(x_m) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m \quad \text{is } \underline{\text{linear}} !$$

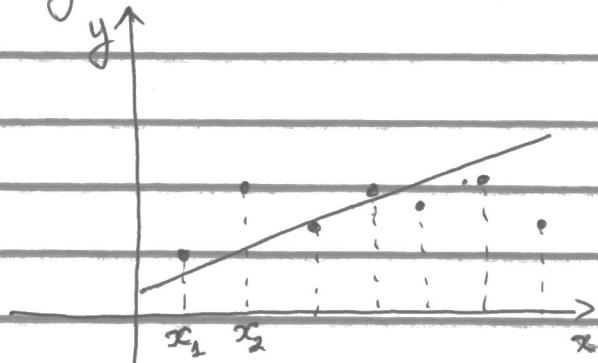
So, $\exists A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ for such linear map F.
what is this matrix A?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^{n-1} \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & x_m & x_m^2 & \dots & x_m^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}.$$

called the $m \times n$ Vandermonde matrix.

$$\vec{y} = A\vec{c} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} p(x_1) \\ p(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ p(x_m) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & \dots & x_1^{n-1} \\ 1 & x_2 & \dots & x_2^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_m & \dots & x_m^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

This matrix is often used in the least squares polynomial fitting to a set of measurements or noisy data.



In the case of a line fitting, ($n = 2$).

But you may have many points, i.e., m large.

Then you might want to find a line s.t.
such that the size of $\vec{y} - A\vec{c}$ is small.
residual error.

In the case of line fitting, $\vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix}$

* Matrix - Matrix Multiplication:

$$C = AB$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$$

$$\Rightarrow C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

Note that

$$[\vec{c}_1 \dots \vec{c}_m] = [\vec{a}_1 \dots \vec{a}_k] [\vec{b}_1 \dots \vec{b}_n]$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{c}_j = A \vec{b}_j \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

\Rightarrow each \vec{c}_j is a linear combination of column vectors of A with the coefficients vector b_j .

E.g. 1) Outer Product.

$$\text{Let } \vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^m = \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$$

$$\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$$

Then the outer product between \vec{u} and \vec{v} is

$$\vec{u} \vec{v}^T = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_m \end{bmatrix} [v_1 \dots v_n] = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 v_1 & \dots & u_1 v_n \\ u_2 v_1 & \dots & u_2 v_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_m v_1 & \dots & u_m v_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

This matrix has rank 1 because $\vec{u} \vec{v}^T = [u_1 \vec{u} \dots u_m \vec{u}]$
 i.e., each column is just a scalar multiple of the same vector \vec{u} .

* Range and Nullspace (or kernel)

Def: Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix.

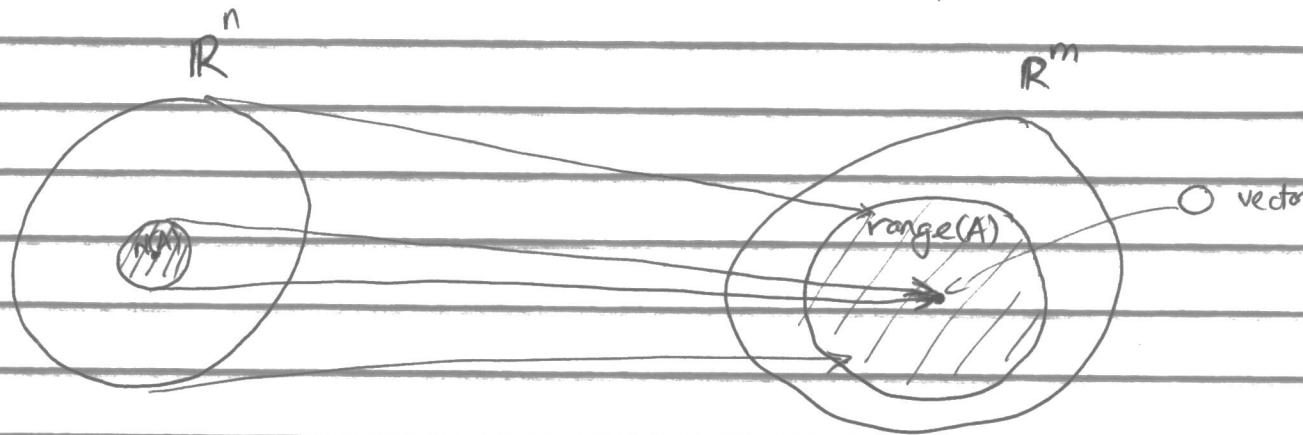
$$\cdot \text{range}(A) := \{ \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \vec{y} = A\vec{x}, \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \}.$$

often written as $\text{Ran}(A)$ or $\underbrace{\text{Im}(A)}$ or $C(A)$
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It's also called the column space of A .

$$\cdot \text{Null}(A) := \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \}.$$

is called the nullspace (or kernel) of A



Thm: $\text{range}(A) = \text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$
 $=$ a set of all possible linear
 combination of $\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$

Pf: Need to show:

- 1) $\text{range}(A) \subset \text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$.
- and. 2) $\text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\} \subset \text{range}(A)$.

1). Pick any $\vec{y} \in \text{range}(A)$. Then $\exists \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 such that $\vec{y} = A\vec{x} = x_1\vec{a}_1 + \dots + x_n\vec{a}_n$
 $\Rightarrow \vec{y} \in \text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$.

2) Take any $\vec{y} \in \text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$.

Then $\vec{y} = x_1 \vec{a}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n$ for some scalars

x_1, \dots, x_n .

$$= A \vec{x}$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{y} \in \text{range}(A)$.

* Linear Independence and Bases

Def: The vectors $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n$ in \mathbb{R}^m are called linearly independent if

$$x_1 \vec{a}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_j = 0, 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

A set of m linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^m is called a basis in \mathbb{R}^m .

\Rightarrow A matrix representation of a basis in \mathbb{R}^m is an $m \times m$ matrix. Note that any vector in \mathbb{R}^m can be written as a linear combination of the m basis vectors in \mathbb{R}^m .

Def: The dimension of $\text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$ is the maximal number of linearly independent vectors among $\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$.

E.g. $\vec{a}_1 = (1, 1, 1)^T$, $\vec{a}_2 = (1, 1, 0)^T$ and $\vec{a}_3 = (0, 0, 1)^T$

In \mathbb{R}^3 , these are linearly dependent

$$\vec{a}_1 = \vec{a}_2 + \vec{a}_3$$

And $\dim \text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3\} = 2$

and $\text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3\} = \text{span}\{\vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3\}$.

We cannot write any vector in \mathbb{R}^3 by a lin. combi. of $\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2\}$

* Rank:

- Def: The column rank of A
 $\quad := \dim(\text{range}(A))$
 $\quad = \text{number of lin. indep. column vectors of } A$
- The rank row rank of A
 $\quad := \dim(\text{range}(A^T))$
 $\quad = \text{number of lin. indep. row vectors of } A$
- $\text{rank}(A) = \dim(\text{range}(A))$
- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is said to be of full rank if
 $\text{rank}(A) = \min\{m, n\}$

Thm: $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $m \geq n$, is of full rank

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \vec{x} \neq \vec{y},$$

$$A\vec{x} \neq A\vec{y}$$

(\Rightarrow) If $\text{rank}(A) = n$, i.e., A is full rank,

$\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$ are lin. indep.

$\Rightarrow \forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\vec{x} \neq \vec{y}$, $\vec{z} = \vec{x} - \vec{y} \neq 0$.

$$A\vec{z} = z_1\vec{a}_1 + \dots + z_n\vec{a}_n \neq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow A\vec{x} \neq A\vec{y}.$$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose A is not of full rank, i.e., $\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\}$ are lin. dependent

$\Rightarrow \exists \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, such that $\vec{x} \neq 0$.
 $\sum_{j=1}^n x_j \vec{a}_j = 0$ or $A\vec{x} = 0$.

Set $\vec{y} = \vec{x} + \vec{c} \neq \vec{x}$

Then $A\vec{y} = A(\vec{x} + \vec{c}) = A\vec{x} + A\vec{c} = A\vec{x}$.
 contradiction!

* Inverse:

Def: A is said to be nonsingular or invertible
 $\Leftrightarrow A$ is square and of full rank.

If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ nonsingular,
 $\Rightarrow \{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_m\}$ form a basis of \mathbb{R}^m .
 \Rightarrow the canonical basis vector $\vec{e}_j \in \mathbb{R}^m$
 can also be written as a lin. combi. of $\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_m\}$
 $\exists z_{ij} \quad \vec{e}_j = \sum_{i=1}^m z_{ij} \vec{a}_i$,

$$\vec{e}_j = A\vec{z}_j \quad \text{where } \vec{z}_j = (z_{1j}, \dots, z_{mj})^T.$$

$$[\vec{e}_1 \mid \vec{e}_2 \mid \dots \mid \vec{e}_m] = [A\vec{z}_1 \mid A\vec{z}_2 \mid \dots \mid A\vec{z}_m]$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{I}} = A\vec{z}$.

$m \times m$ identity matrix

Such matrix $\vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ is called the inverse of A
 and written as A^{-1} .

Any nonsingular matrix has a unique inverse, and
 $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$.

* Thm: (Equivalences of a nonsingular matrix)

For $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, the following statements are equivalent:

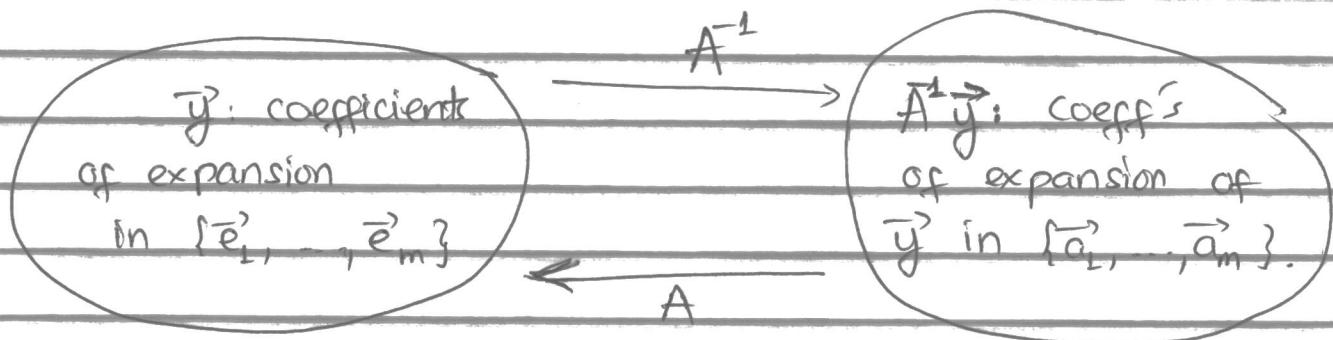
- a) A has an inverse A^{-1} .
- b) $\text{rank}(A) = m$.
- c) $\text{range}(A) = \mathbb{R}^m$.
- d) $\text{Null}(A) = \{0\}$.
- e) 0 is not an eigenvalue of A .
- f) 0 is not a singular value of A .
- g) $\det(A) \neq 0$.

* Matrix inverse times a vector:

$$\vec{y} = A\vec{x} : \quad (\text{A nonsingular})$$
$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{y}$$

This means that $A^{-1}\vec{y}$ represents an expansion coefficients of \vec{y} in the basis of columns of A .

\Rightarrow Multiplication by A^{-1} is a change of basis operation!



Inner Product and Norms

* Inner Product:

- Def: the inner product between two vectors $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is defined as

$$\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \vec{x}^\top \vec{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \quad (\in \mathbb{R})$$

The l^2 -norm of $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is defined as

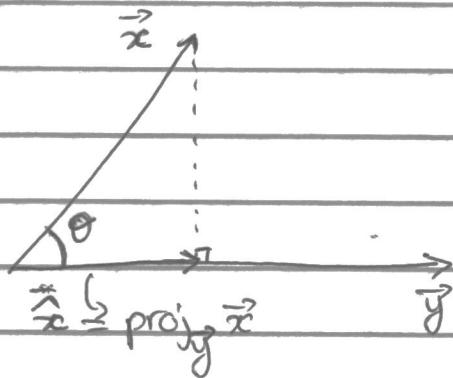
$$\|\vec{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\langle \vec{x}^\top, \vec{x} \rangle} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2}$$

We also denote it by $\|\vec{x}\|$

(This is the Euclidean length of \vec{x} .)

The angle θ between $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ can be computed by

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle}{\|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\|}$$



The projection of \vec{x} onto \vec{y} is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_{\vec{y}} \vec{x} &= \|\vec{x}\| \cos \theta \frac{\vec{y}}{\|\vec{y}\|} \\ &= \frac{\vec{x}^\top \vec{y}}{\|\vec{y}\|^2} \vec{y}. \end{aligned}$$

* Vector norms: to quantify (or measure) the size (or length) of a vector

. Def: A norm is a function

$$\|\cdot\|: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ such that}$$

$$\forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

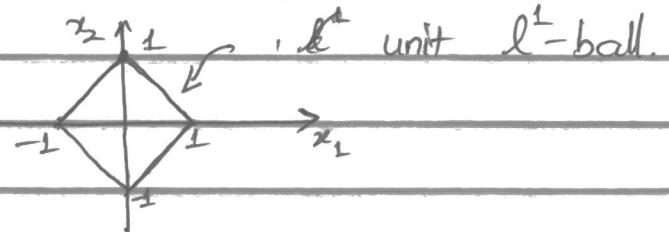
$$1) \|\vec{x}\| \geq 0 \text{ and } \|\vec{x}\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \vec{x} = 0.$$

$$2) \|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\| \leq \|\vec{x}\| + \|\vec{y}\| \quad (\text{the triangle inequality})$$

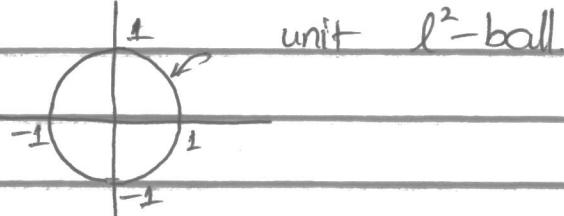
$$3) \|\alpha \vec{x}\| = |\alpha| \|\vec{x}\|.$$

Examples: p -norms (ℓ^p -norms)

$$\|\vec{x}\|_1 := \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$$

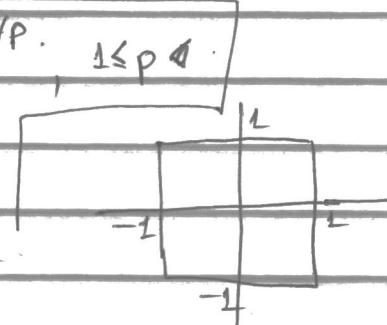


$$\|\vec{x}\|_2 := \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$



$$\|\vec{x}\|_p := \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}, \quad 1 \leq p < \infty$$

$$\|\vec{x}\|_\infty := \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|$$



Exercise: what is the vector $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ that achieves $\max \|b\|_1$, subject to $\|\vec{x}\|_\infty = 1$?