Rotations and Eigenstuff



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- Let's say our 'data' is the Mona Lisa
- Our base vectors are $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ (in green) and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.





original

transformed

• We can stretch along the y-axis and squish along the x-axis with the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$





 ${\rm original}$

transformed

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To see this, calculate $\begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5x \\ 2y \end{pmatrix}$

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original

 ${\it transformed}$

• We rotate counterclockwise

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$





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• We can also perform a so-called shear mapping

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
. Here $m \approx 1$.





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■ To see this, calculate $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x + my \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

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Notice what happened to the vector $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$? Nothing.





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- Notice what happened to the vector $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$? Nothing.
- When a vector doesn't change its direction after multiplying with a matrix, then it's an eigenvector.



original



transformed

- In our stretching example from earlier, both vectors were actually eigenvectors.
- They didn't change the direction.
- However, they change the length.
- The value by which is changed the length is called the eigenvalue λ .



original



transformed

- The largest eigenvalue is $\lambda_1 = 2$ and the second largest here is $\lambda_2 = 0.5$.
- The corresponding eigenvectors are $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.





original

 ${\it transformed}$

■ What is an eigenvector for the matrix

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?





original

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• We can see that $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ must be one. What's the formula?

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Formula

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- Consider $\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.
- We can verify that $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\lambda_1 = 4$:

$$\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1$$

The second eigenvector is $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ what's λ_2 ?