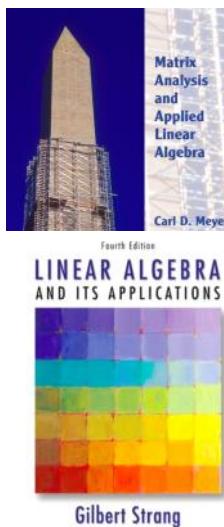


## Lecture 13: Rotations and scaling (class)

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### Concepts

Vector space  
Basis

Inner products/Norm/Orthogonality

Linear transformations

Projections  
Rank

### Techniques

Gaussian elimination

### Decompositions

LU decomp.

Gram-Schmidt

QR decomp.

### Next

Singular values

→ Singular-value decomposition

Eigenvalues/vectors

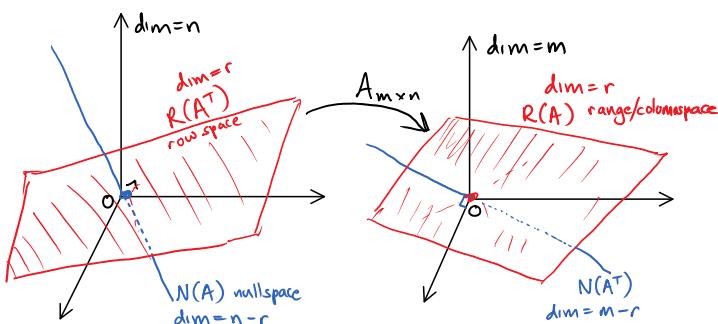
→ Spectral decomposition

This week: **SINGULAR VALUE DECOMPOSITION**

### Theoretical motivation:

Any linear transformation  $A$  maps points in the rowspace  $R(A^T)$  to distinct points in the columnspace  $R(A)$ . [Rank-Nullity Thm.]

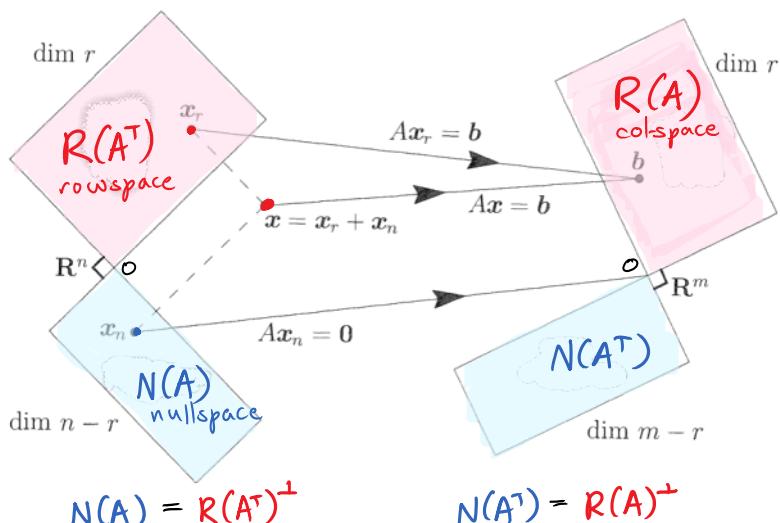
How??



$$\dim R(A^T) = \dim R(A)$$

$$\dim N(A) + \dim R(A^T) = \text{total dimension } n$$

$$\dim R(A) + \dim N(A^T) = \text{total dimension } m$$



Practical motivation: Many applications, including

\* Solving linear equations  
 $Ax = b$

What is the **sensitivity**,  
e.g., to numerical errors?

Find the **shortest solution**

When there is no solution,  
find  $x$  to minimize  $\|Ax - b\|$

**Least-squares regression analysis**

\* Rank minimization

**Principal Component Analysis (PCA)**

Data mining, clustering, recommendation systems,...

## SINGULAR-VALUE DECOMPOSITION (SVD)

Informally: Any linear transformation can be split into:

- a **rotation**, followed by

- **scaling** vectors in or out

Before stating the theorem formally, we'll consider these pieces.

## ISOMETRIES

Definition: An **isometry** is a linear transformation

that **preserves length**. ( $\text{iso} = \text{same}$ )

(That is,  $\|A\vec{x}\| = \|\vec{x}\|$  for all  $\vec{x}$ .) ( $\text{metric} = \text{length/distance}$ )

Examples:

- Identity matrix  $I$

- **Rotations**, e.g.,  $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & +\sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$

- **Reflections**, e.g.,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

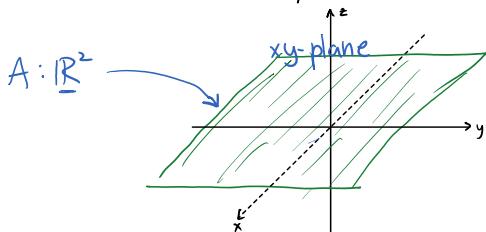
- Reflections, e.g.,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- Products of isometries and reflections

$$\forall x, \|Ax\| = \|x\|$$

- Isometric "embeddings", e.g.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{puts } \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ into } \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ as the } xy\text{-plane}$$



$$\mathbb{R}^2 \not\cong \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \checkmark$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

also maps  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to the  $xy$ -plane of  $\mathbb{R}^3$   
but does not preserve lengths

Ex: Give an isometric embedding of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  into  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$V = N((1, 1, 1)) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\text{Answer: } = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x+y+z=0 \right\}$$

$$= \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{This is NOT an isometry}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

- Not an isometry: anything that reduces the dimension

with  $m < n$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) = \# \text{ lin. indep. rows} \leq m$

$$\Rightarrow \dim N(A) = n - \text{rank}(A) > 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  lengths of nonzero vectors in  $N(A)$  are sent to  $0$  — not preserved.

Claim: Preserves length  $\Rightarrow$  preserves angles.

Proof: Recall the angle  $\theta$  between real vectors  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$

satisfies  $\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{\|\vec{x}\| \cdot \|\vec{y}\|}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  We have to show that dot products are preserved.

Assume  $A$  is an isometry. Goal:  $\forall x, y \quad (Ax) \cdot (Ay) = x \cdot y \quad \checkmark$

Trick: Look at  $x+y$

$$\|x+y\|^2 = (x+y) \cdot (x+y) = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 + \underbrace{x \cdot y + y \cdot x}_{2 \cdot \text{Re}(x \cdot y)}$$

$$\|x+y\|^2 = (A(x+y)) \cdot (A(x+y)) = \|Ax\|^2 + \|Ay\|^2 + \underbrace{Ax \cdot Ay + Ay \cdot Ax}_{\text{Re}(Ax \cdot Ay)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|A(x+y)\|^2 &= (A(x+y)) \cdot (A(x+y)) = \|Ax\|^2 + \|Ay\|^2 + \underbrace{Ax \cdot Ay + Ay \cdot Ax}_{2\operatorname{Re}(Ax) \cdot (Ay)} \\
 &= (\underline{Ax+Ay}) \cdot (Ax+Ay) \\
 \Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}(x \cdot y) &= \operatorname{Re}(Ax \cdot Ay) \quad ; (a+bi) - i(b-a) \\
 \|x+iy\|^2 &= \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 + \underbrace{i x \cdot y - i y \cdot x}_{-2\operatorname{Im}(x \cdot y)} = -2b \\
 \|A(x+iy)\|^2 &= \|Ax\|^2 + \|Ay\|^2 - 2\operatorname{Im}(Ax \cdot Ay) \Rightarrow \operatorname{Im}(x \cdot y) \\
 &= \operatorname{Im}(Ax \cdot Ay) \\
 \Rightarrow Ax \cdot Ay &= x \cdot y \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

How to tell if a matrix is an isometry?

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \\ | & | & | \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{j=1}^n \vec{v}_j \vec{e}_j^T \quad A^T A = \sum_{j,k} (v_j e_j^T)^T (v_k e_k^T) = \sum_{j,k} e_j v_j^T \cdot (\vec{v}_j \cdot \vec{v}_k)$$

Claim:  $A$  is an isometry  $\Leftrightarrow$  The columns are orthonormal

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Proof: } &\Leftarrow: \text{Assume } v_j \cdot v_k = \delta_{jk} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j=k \\ 0 & \text{if } j \neq k \end{cases} \\
 &\text{Consider any } \vec{x} = \sum_j x_j \vec{e}_j, \quad \|\vec{x}\|^2 = \sum_j x_j^2 \\
 &\|A\vec{x}\|^2 = \left\| \sum_j x_j \vec{v}_j \right\|^2 = \sum_j x_j^2 = \|\vec{x}\|^2 \Rightarrow A \text{ is isometry} \checkmark \\
 &\Rightarrow: \text{Assume } A \text{ isometry. Goal: Show columns orthonormal!} \\
 &\text{Why? } \|e_j\| = 1 \Rightarrow \|Ae_j\| = \|v_j\| \\
 &\text{if } j \neq k: \quad e_j \cdot e_k = 0 = (Ae_j) \cdot (Ae_k) = v_j \cdot v_k
 \end{aligned}$$

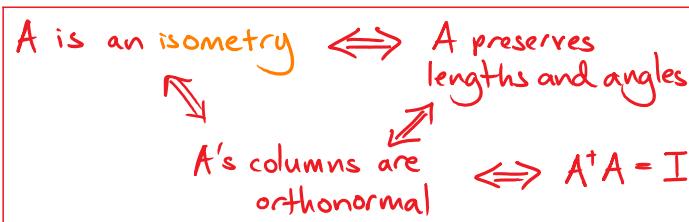
In matrix notation:

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \\ \hline A^+ \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \\ \hline v_1 & \cdots v_n \\ \hline A \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{cccc} v_1 \cdot v_1 & v_1 \cdot v_2 & v_1 \cdot v_3 & \cdots \\ v_2 \cdot v_1 & v_2 \cdot v_2 & v_2 \cdot v_3 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{array} \right) = I$$

Thus an isometry takes one orthonormal set of vectors (the standard basis) into another orthonormal set (the columns).

Exercise: Prove the converse implication:

If the columns of  $A$  are orthonormal, then  $A$  is an isometry.



Examples:  $\begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & 0 & -\sin\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin\theta & 0 & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Exercise: Give an isometry from  $\mathbb{R}$  to the line  $L = \{(x, y, z) | x = y = z\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ .

Answer: The line  $L$  consists of all multiples of the unit vector  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1, 1, 1)$ . Therefore, the matrices

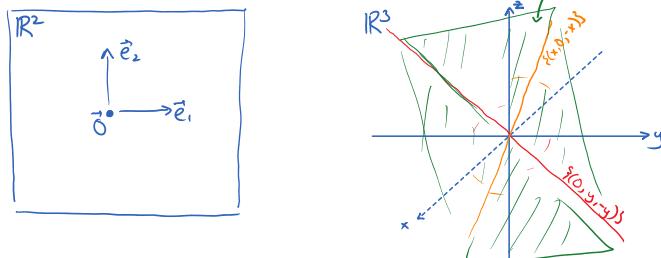
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

are both isometries from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $L$ .

(And these are the only such isometries.) ✓

Exercise: Give an isometry from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to the plane  $V = \{(x, y, z) | x + y + z = 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ .

Answer: Here's a picture:



To map the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$  isometrically into the plane  $V$ , we just need to map  $\vec{e}_1$  and  $\vec{e}_2$  into two perpendicular unit vectors in  $V$ . The isometry will take

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{e}_1 &\mapsto \text{first unit vector in } V = \vec{u} \\ \vec{e}_2 &\mapsto \text{2nd unit vector in } V = \vec{v} \end{aligned}$$

How to find  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ ?

- $\vec{u}$  can be an arbitrary unit vector  
e.g., start with  $(1, 1, 0) \in V$ ,

and normalize:

$$\vec{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, -1, 0).$$

- $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$  has to lie in  $V$  and be perpendicular to  $\vec{u}$ :

$$v_1 + v_2 + v_3 = 0 \quad (\vec{v} \in V)$$

$$v_1 - v_2 = 0 \quad (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} = 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v} = (1, 1, -2)/\sqrt{6} \quad \text{works}$$

↑ normalization

What is the matrix for our isometry?

$$\vec{e}_1 \mapsto \vec{u}, \vec{e}_2 \mapsto \vec{v}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{u} & \vec{v} \\ | & | \\ \vec{u} & \vec{v} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ 0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

(Of course, this answer is not unique. We can also rotate or reflect the plane.)

Short answer:

An orthonormal basis for  $V$  is

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, -1, 0), \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(1, 1, -2).$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ 0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix} \text{ isometrically maps } \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ onto } V.$$

Of course, this answer is not unique. We could have rotated things around — and used any orthonormal basis for  $V$ .  $\checkmark$

## ORTHOGONAL AND UNITARY MATRICES

Definition: An "orthogonal" matrix is a square matrix isometry (i.e.,  $n \times n$ ).

Recall: The columns of an isometry are orthonormal,  
 $A^T A = I$ .

Proposition: The rows of an orthogonal matrix are also orthonormal,  
 $A A^T = I$ .

Corollary:

Orthogonal matrix  
 $A^T = A^{-1}$

change of basis  
matrices

that preserve lengths

rows are not orthogonal for isometric embeddings like  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Proof: Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \cdots & \vec{v}_n \\ | & | & \cdots & | \end{pmatrix}$

$A$  maps  $\vec{e}_i$  to  $\vec{v}_i$

Equivalently, in more compact notation,

$$A = \sum_{j=1}^n \vec{v}_j \vec{e}_j^T \quad \left( \vec{v}_j \leftarrow \vec{e}_j^T \right)$$

Why? Check it:

$$\begin{aligned} A\vec{e}_i &= \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \vec{v}_j \vec{e}_j^T \right) \vec{e}_i \\ &= \sum_j \vec{v}_j (\vec{e}_j^T \vec{e}_i) \\ &= \sum_j \vec{v}_j (\vec{e}_j \cdot \vec{e}_i) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ if } i=j \\ 0 \text{ if } i \neq j \end{array} \right. \\ &= \vec{v}_i \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T A = \left( \sum_j v_j e_j^T \right)^T \left( \sum_k v_k e_k^T \right)$$

$$= \sum_{j,k} e_j v_j^T \underbrace{v_k e_k^T}_{v_j \cdot v_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j=k \\ 0 & \text{if } j \neq k \end{cases}}$$

$$= \sum_j e_j e_j^T$$

$$\text{Note: } e_i e_i^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (1 \ 0 \ 0 \ \cdots) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e_2 e_2^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (0 \ 1 \ 0 \ \cdots 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow e_1 e_1^T + e_2 e_2^T + \cdots + e_n e_n^T = I \text{ the identity!}$$

Next let's compute  $A A^T$ :

$$\begin{aligned} A A^T &= \begin{pmatrix} | & \cdots & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \cdots & \vec{v}_n \\ | & \cdots & | \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} - & v_1^T & - \\ - & \vdots & - \\ - & v_n^T & - \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \left( \sum_j v_j e_j^T \right) \left( \sum_k v_k e_k^T \right)^T \\ &= \sum_{j,k} v_j (e_j \cdot e_k) v_k^T \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n v_j v_j^T \end{aligned}$$

Claim: This is the identity again.

Why?

Call it  $M$ .

For any  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,

$$M \vec{v}_i = \sum_j v_j v_j^T v_i = \vec{v}_i \quad \checkmark$$

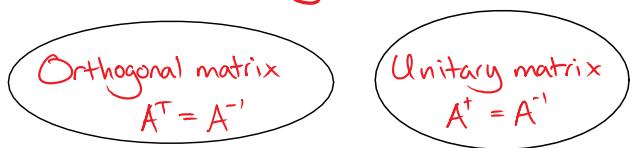
so the vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  are all left alone.

Any other vector can be expanded out in terms of them, like

$$\vec{u} = \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \cdots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n$$

$$\Rightarrow M \vec{u} = \alpha_1 M \vec{v}_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n M \vec{v}_n \quad A^T = A^{-1} \quad \square$$

Definition: An  $n \times n$  complex isometry is called "unitary".



More examples:

- Permutation matrices, e.g.,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : \begin{array}{l} e_1 \mapsto e_2 \\ e_2 \mapsto e_3 \\ e_3 \mapsto e_4 \\ e_4 \mapsto e_1 \end{array}$$

- Rotations, e.g.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \text{ rotates the plane } \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ counterclockwise by angle } \theta$$

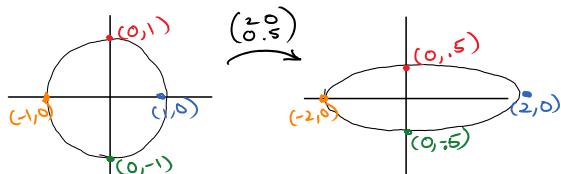
$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ rotates } \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ by } \theta \text{ about the z-axis}$$

- $\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1+i & 1-i \\ 1+i & -1+i \end{pmatrix} \checkmark$

## SCALING I.

$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  scales every vector up by 2

$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$  scales by different amounts



Need not be axis-aligned...

Exercise: Give a  $2 \times 2$  matrix that maps

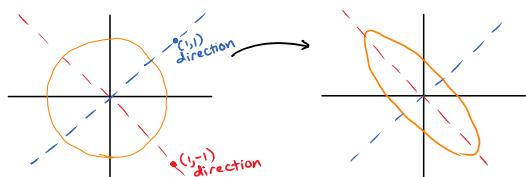
$$\begin{array}{rcl} (1, -1) & \mapsto & (2, -2) \\ + \nearrow & & \checkmark \\ (1, 1) & \mapsto & (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \end{array}$$

Better answer:

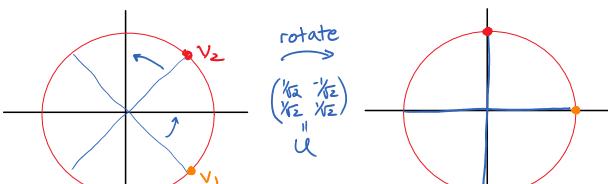
$$\vec{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer: We want



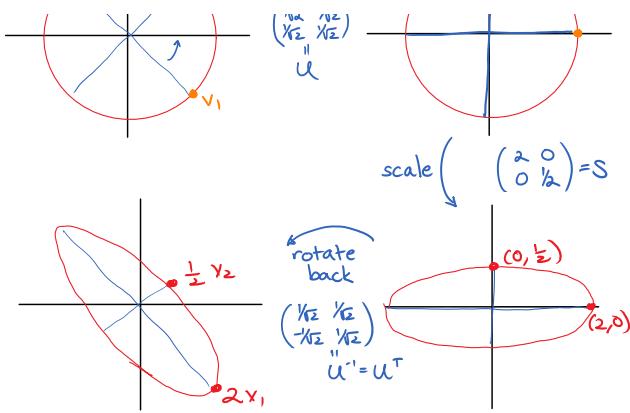
This is the same as above, but rotated by  $\pi/4$ .



$$A = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \vec{v}_1 \vec{v}_1^\top + 2 \vec{v}_2 \vec{v}_2^\top}_{\text{More generally, let } v_1, \dots, v_n \text{ be an orthonormal basis}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5/4 & -3/4 \\ -3/4 & 5/4 \end{pmatrix}$$

let  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{let } A = \sum \sigma_i \vec{v}_i \vec{v}_i^\top \checkmark \quad [A] = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & \sigma_2 & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$



$\Rightarrow U^T S U$  works

Alternative answer:

## SCALING II: MATRIX NORM

Definition: The spectral norm of a linear transformation

A is given by

$$\|A\| = \max_{\vec{x} \neq 0} \frac{\|A\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|}.$$

(It measures the maximum stretch of the matrix.)  
(In finite dimensions, the max exists, is  $<\infty$ .)

Note: Often denoted  $\|A\|_2$ , for  $\ell_2$ /Euclidean norm.

$$\frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|} = \frac{\|A \cdot c\vec{x}\|}{\|c\vec{x}\|}$$

for any  $c \neq 0$

### Properties I:

- For any vector  $\vec{x}$  (of appropriate dimension),  $\|A\vec{x}\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|\vec{x}\|$ . Why?

$$\frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|} \leq \max_{z \neq 0} \frac{\|Az\|}{\|z\|} = \|A\|$$

- For any real/complex number  $\alpha$ ,  $\|\alpha A\| = |\alpha| \cdot \|A\|$ .

$$\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|B\|$$

- Triangle inequality:  $\|A+B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$ .

$$\|ABC\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|B\| \cdot \|C\| = \|B\|$$

Proof:  $\|A+B\| = \max_{x: \|x\|=1} \|Ax+Bx\|$   
 $\leq \max_{\|x\|=1} (\|Ax\| + \|Bx\|)$  ( $\Delta$  ineq. for vectors)  
 $\leq (\max_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\|) + (\max_{\|y\|=1} \|By\|)$   
 $= \|A\| + \|B\|.$

□

### Examples:

- $\|I\| = 1$

any isometry  $\| = 1$

any projection  $\| = 1$ , unless the projection is

- What is  $\left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon & 1 \end{array}\right)\| = 1+\varepsilon?$

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon & 1 \end{array}\right) = I + \varepsilon \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array}\right)$$

If A and C are isometries

$$\|ABC\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|B\| \cdot \|C\| = \|B\|$$

but  $\|ABC\| < \|B\|$

is possible!

If C is unitary/orthogonal,  
then  $\|ABC\| = \|B\|$ .

Exercise: Check this.

$$\|A\| \leq \|I\| + |\varepsilon| \cdot \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 1 + |\varepsilon|$$

Exercise: Check this.

$$\|A\| \geq \frac{\|A\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} \text{ for any } \vec{x} \neq \vec{0}, \quad \|A\| \geq \|A\vec{e}_1\| = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \varepsilon \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{1+\varepsilon^2}$$

$$\approx 1 + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2 + O(\varepsilon^4)$$

Exact calculation:

$$\|A\|^2 = \max_{\substack{\vec{x}, \|\vec{x}\|=1}} \|A\vec{x}\|^2 = \max_{\theta \in [0, 2\pi]} \left\| A \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2$$

$$(c + \varepsilon s)^2 + (\varepsilon c + s)^2 = \left( c^2 + \varepsilon^2 s^2 \right) + \left( \varepsilon^2 c^2 + s^2 \right) + 2\varepsilon c s$$

$$= 1 + \varepsilon^2 + 4\varepsilon c \cos \theta \cdot s \sin \theta$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \\ = 1 + \varepsilon^2 + 4|\varepsilon| \cdot \frac{1}{2} = (1 + |\varepsilon|)^2 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \|A\| = 1 + |\varepsilon| \quad \checkmark$$

Observe:  $\|A\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ \varepsilon \end{smallmatrix}\right)\| = 1 + \varepsilon > \|A\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)\| = \|A\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right)\| = \sqrt{1 + \varepsilon^2}$

Moral: Spreading out is good!

Problem: What are the operator norms of

a)  $\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 100 \end{pmatrix} \right\|$       b)  $\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|$  ?

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & & & \\ & a_2 & 0 & \\ & 0 & a_3 & \\ & & & a_4 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \max_j |a_j| \quad \checkmark$$

Proof:  $\|A\| \geq \|A\vec{e}_j\| = |a_j|$

$$\|A\|^2 = \max_{\substack{\vec{x}, \|\vec{x}\|=1}} \|A\vec{x}\|^2 = \max \sum_j a_j^2 x_j^2$$

s.t.  $\sum_j x_j^2 = 1$

Observe:

- In (a), you don't want to spread out, since there is no interaction between the two blocks of the matrix.

- In general,

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \max \{ \|A\|, \|B\| \}$$

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & B & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \max \{ \|A\|, \|B\|, \|C\| \}, \text{ etc.}$$

- In (b), even though  $\|A\vec{e}_2\| = \varepsilon \ll \|A\vec{e}_1\| = 1$ , you still want to spread between the two columns to maximize the norm.

eg.  $\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \varepsilon \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \max \{ \|A\|, \|B\| \}$

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} A & \varepsilon C \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} \right\| > \max \{ \|A\|, \|B\| \}$$

- Also, in general,  
spectral matrix norm of a  $1 \times n$  matrix  
= Euclidean norm of the row vector  
(to maximize  $|\vec{v} \cdot \vec{x}|$ , let  $\vec{x} = \vec{v}/\|\vec{v}\|$ )
- & spectral norm of an  $n \times 1$  matrix  
= Euclidean norm of the column vector  
(just set  $\vec{x} = (1)$ )

Example: What is the spectral norm of  
 $m \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  the  $m \times n$  all-ones matrix?

Answer:

① Experiment numerically:

```
octave:1> m = 10;
octave:2> n = 15;
octave:3> A = ones(m,n)
A =
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1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
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1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
```

```
octave:4> norm(A)
ans = 12.247
octave:5> norm(A)^2
ans = 150.00
```

$\Rightarrow$  maybe  $\|A\| = \sqrt{m \cdot n}$  ?

Mathematica code:

```
In[25]:= Table[
  Norm[ConstantArray[1, {m, n}]]^2,
  {m, 1, 5}, {n, 1, 5}
] // MatrixForm
```

]

```
I[25]//MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 & 10 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 & 12 & 15 \\ 4 & 8 & 12 & 16 & 20 \\ 5 & 10 & 15 & 20 & 25 \end{pmatrix}$$

```

② Guess the best input:

Since the columns are all the same, it makes sense to spread out across them all, and equally:

Let  $\vec{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (1, 1, 1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$\Rightarrow \|\vec{x}\| = 1$ .

$$A\vec{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (n, n, n, \dots, n) \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\Rightarrow \|A\vec{x}\|^2 = m \cdot n \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow \|A\| \geq \sqrt{m \cdot n}$$

③ Prove that  $\|A\| = \sqrt{m \cdot n}$ :

One approach is to argue by symmetry that the above  $\vec{x}$  is optimal.

Alternatively, notice that  $\text{rank}(A) = 1$ .

Since all columns are the same,

$$\text{rank}(A) = \dim R(A) = \#\text{linearly independent columns} = 1.$$

$A$  factors as

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | & | \\ | & | & | & | \\ \vdots & & & \\ | & & & | \end{pmatrix} (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ \cdots \ 1) = \vec{u} \vec{v}^T$$

$\forall i \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\Rightarrow A\vec{x} = (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{x})\vec{u}$$

$$\|A\vec{x}\| = |\vec{v} \cdot \vec{x}| \cdot \|\vec{u}\|,$$

which reaches its maximum,  $\|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\|$ ,

for  $\vec{x} = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \|A\| = \|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{m} \cdot \sqrt{n}.$$

Observe: Any rank-one matrix  $A$  can be factored as

$$A = \vec{u} \vec{v}^T$$

for some vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ . Hence  $\|A\| = \|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\|$ .

### Spectral norm Properties II.

- $\|A\| \geq 0$ , and  $\|A\|=0 \Leftrightarrow A=0$

- $\|A\vec{x}\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|\vec{x}\|$

matrix norm      vector/matrix norm

- $\|\alpha A\| = |\alpha| \cdot \|A\|$  for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$

- $\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|B\|$

(the amount you can stretch an input by applying  $AB$  is at most the stretch from applying  $B$  times the stretch from applying  $A$ .)

- If  $U$  and  $V$  are unitary,  $\|U\| = \|V\| = 1$  and  $\|UAV\| = \|A\|$

(because unitaries don't change lengths).

- $\left\| \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \max \{ \|A\|, \|B\| \}$

eg., if  $A$  is a diagonal matrix,  
 $\|A\| = \max_i |a_{ii}|$ .

- If  $\text{rank}(A)=1$ , with  $A = \vec{u} \vec{v}^T$ ,  $\|A\| = \|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\|$ .

(extra material)

A fast (crude) estimate for the spectral norm:

Claim: For any  $m \times n$  matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$ ,

$$\max_{i,j} |a_{ij}| \leq \|A\| \leq \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2} \leq \sqrt{m \cdot n} \cdot \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|.$$

Observe: For the all-ones matrix, the upper bound ( $\sqrt{mn}$ ) is tight, though the lower bound (1) is terrible.

Proof: Start by showing the lower bound,  $\|A\| \geq \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$ .

Let  $i^*, j^*$  be such that  $|a_{i^*j^*}| = \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$ .

Let  $\hat{x} = \hat{e}_{j^*}$ . Then  $\|\hat{x}\| = 1$ , so

$$\begin{aligned}\|A\| &\geq \|Ax\| \\ &= \|(a_{1j^*}, a_{2j^*}, \dots, a_{nj^*})\| \\ &= \sqrt{\sum_i |a_{ij^*}|^2} \\ &\geq \max_i |a_{ij^*}| \\ &= |a_{i^*j^*}|\end{aligned}$$

Next, let us show the upper bound,  $\|A\| \leq \sqrt{m \cdot n} \cdot \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\|A\|^2 &= \max_{x: \|x\|=1} \|Ax\|^2 \\ (\text{Write } A &= \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ r_m \end{pmatrix}, \text{ so } Ax = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \cdot x \\ r_2 \cdot x \\ \vdots \\ r_m \cdot x \end{pmatrix}) \\ &= \max_{x: \|x\|=1} \sum_{i=1}^m |r_i \cdot x|^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^m \|r_i\|^2 \\ &= \sum_i \sum_j |a_{ij}|^2\end{aligned}$$

□

When is a perturbed matrix invertible?

Lemma: If  $\|A\| < 1$ , then  $(I+A)^{-1}$  exists.

Proof:

$I+A$  is not invertible  $\Leftrightarrow N(I+A) \neq \{0\}$

$\Leftrightarrow (I+A)x = 0$  for some  $x \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow Ax = -x$

$\Rightarrow \|A\| \geq 1$ , a contradiction. □

Lemma: Let  $A$  be an invertible matrix.

If  $\|B\| < \frac{1}{\|A^{-1}\|}$ , then  $A+B$  is invertible.

Proof:  $A+B = A(I+A^{-1}B)$ . Now apply the previous lemma, □  
with  $\|A^{-1}B\| \leq \|A^{-1}\| \cdot \|B\|$

Example:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

so if  $\|B\| < \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $A+B$  is invertible.

Lemma: If  $\|A\| < 1$ , then

$$(I+A)^{-1} = I + A + A^2 + A^3 + A^4 + \dots$$

Proof: Exercise.

## OTHER MATRIX NORMS (extra material)

Just as we have defined multiple vector norms, like

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{\sum_i |v_i|^2} \quad \text{Euclidean}$$

$$\|v\|_1 = \sum_i |v_i| \quad l_1 \text{ norm}$$

$$\|v\|_p = \left( \sum_i |v_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \quad l_p \text{ norm},$$

we can define many different matrix norms.

Example:

$$\bullet \|A\|_r = \max_{x: \|x\|_p=1} \|Ax\|_r$$

- see ea.. arXiv: 1205.4484

Example:

- $\|A\|_r = \max_{x: \|x\|_p=1} \|Ax\|_r$
- $\|A\|_{p \rightarrow q} = \max_{x: \|x\|_p=1} \|Ax\|_q$  see, e.g., or Xir: 1205.4484

Exercise: What is the matrix  $l_1$  norm,  $\|A\|_1$ , for

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 9 \\ -6 & 1 \end{pmatrix} ?$$

What is it in general?

Answer:

$$\|A\|_1 = \max_{x: \|x\|_1=1} \|Ax\|_1$$

To evaluate this, there are two steps:

- ① First, we need to find an upper bound,  $\|A\|_1 \leq K$ .
- ② Second, we need to show that this bound is achieved, i.e., find  $x$  with  $\|x\|_1=1$  so  $\|Ax\|_1 = K$ .

$$\begin{aligned} ① \|A\|_1 &= \max_{\substack{x_1, x_2 \\ |x_1|+|x_2|=1}} ((5x_1 + 9x_2) + |-6x_1 + 1x_2|) \\ &\leq \max_{\substack{x_1, x_2 \\ |x_1|+|x_2|=1}} (5+6)|x_1| + (9+1)|x_2| \\ &\leq \max \{ 5+6, 9+1 \} \\ &= 11 \\ \Rightarrow \|A\|_1 &\leq 11 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ② \text{The bound is achieved, } \|Ax\|_1 &= 11, \text{ for } x = (1, 0). \\ \Rightarrow \|A\|_1 &= 11. \end{aligned}$$

In general,  $\|A\|_1 = \max_{\text{columns } j} \sum_i |a_{ij}|$   
the maximum  $l_1$  norm of a column. ✓

General properties of matrix norms:

All the above norms satisfy:

- $\|A\| \geq 0$ , and  $\|A\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow A = 0$
- $\|\alpha A\| = |\alpha| \cdot \|A\|$  for all scalars  $\alpha$
- triangle inequality:  $\|A+B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$  for same-size matrices
- sub-multiplicativity:  $\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|B\|$  whenever  $AB$  is defined

Exercise: Is  $f(A) = \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$  a matrix norm?

That is, does it satisfy the above properties?

Answer: It does satisfy the first three properties.

But sub-multiplicativity is harder

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = (2)$$

$$f(AB) = 2 \quad f(A) = f(B) = 1. \quad \checkmark$$

So NO,  $f$  is not sub-multiplicative.

Example: Frobenius norm

$$\|A\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2} \quad \leftarrow \text{easy to compute!}$$

Example: Frobenius norm  
 $\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2}$  ↪ easy to compute!

Exercise: This does satisfy sub-multiplicativity and the other properties.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Observe: } \|A\|_F^2 &= \text{Trace } (A^T A) \\
 &\quad (\text{sum of diagonal elements}) \\
 &= \sum_{i,i} (A^T A)_{i,i} \\
 &= \sum_{i,j} (A^T)_{j,i} (A)_{i,j} \\
 &= \sum_{i,j} \underbrace{a_{j,i}^* a_{i,j}}_{|a_{ij}|^2} \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

Fact: The trace is cyclic:

$$\boxed{\text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA)}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } \text{Tr}(AB) &= \sum_{i,j} (AB)_{ij} \\ &= \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} b_{ji} \\ &= \sum_{j,i} b_{ji} a_{ij} = \text{Tr}(BA) \end{aligned}$$

Corollary: The Frobenius norm is basis-independent,

$$\text{i.e., } \|A\|_F = \|U A U^T\|_F$$

for any unitary/orthogonal matrix  $U$ .

(The Frobenius norm is the same in all orthonormal bases.)

Proof: Since  $U$  is unitary,  $U^\dagger = U^{-1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\|UAU^\dagger\|_F &= \text{Tr}((UAU^\dagger)^\dagger(UAU^\dagger)) \\ &= \text{Tr}(U A^\dagger U^\dagger U A U^\dagger) \quad \text{since } (AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger \\ &= \text{Tr}(A^\dagger U^\dagger U A U^\dagger U) \quad \text{cyclic trace} \\ &= \text{Tr}(A^\dagger A) \quad \text{since } U^\dagger U = I \quad \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

The spectral norm is also basis-independent,  $\|A\|_2 = \|U A U^\dagger\|_2$ , for any unitary  $U$ , since unitaries don't change lengths.

## Relationships between matrix norms:

Any two matrix norms are the same up to dimension-dependent factors.

Example: For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \|A\|_F \leq \min\{m, n\} \cdot \|A\|_2$$

Proof:

We have already shown  $\|A\|_2 \leq \|A\|_F$ .

$$\|A\|_F \leq \min\{m, n\} \cdot \|A\|_2$$

We can't prove this yet! Fortunately, it is less important.

Later, it will follow since

$$\|A\|_F^2 = \text{Tr}(A^T A) = \text{sum of eigenvalues of } A^T A$$

$$\|A\|_2^2 = \text{largest eigenvalue of } A^T A$$

*See* [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matrix\\_norm#Equivalence\\_of\\_norms](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matrix_norm#Equivalence_of_norms)

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