

## Lecture 1: Motivation for linear algebra

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### MOTIVATION FOR LINEAR ALGEBRA

Theory: Linear transformations are everywhere!

- ~ Signals: Fourier transform is linear
- ~ Physics: Quantum time evolution is linear
- ~ Calculus: Integration and **differentiation** are linear

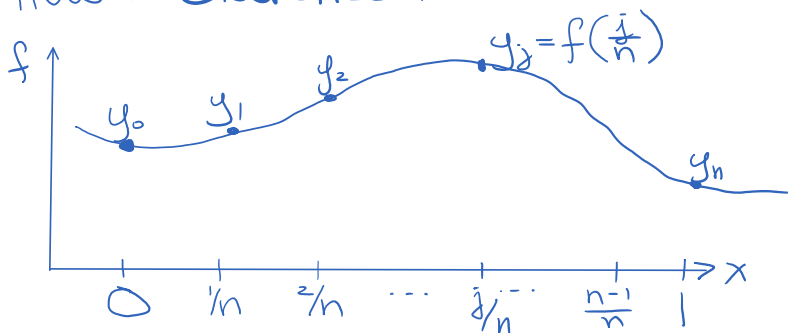
Applications: countless...

Application: Solving differential equations

example:

$$\text{Solve } f'(x) = g(x) \quad \forall x \in [0, 1] \\ f(0) = f_0$$

How? Discretize it



$n+1$  variables:  $y_j$   $j=0, \dots, n$

equations:  $y_0 = f_0$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\delta) - f(x)}{\delta} = g(x) \\ \approx \frac{f(x + \frac{1}{n}) - f(x)}{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow n(y_{j+1} - y_j) \approx g(j/n), \quad j=0, \dots, n-1$$

$n+1$  equations

Aside:

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{1}{1/n} (f(x + \frac{1}{n}) - f(x))$$

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{1}{2/n} (f(x + \frac{1}{n}) - f(x - \frac{1}{n})) \leftarrow \text{better discretization}$$

Example: ECMWF 10-day weather forecasts



9km horizontal,

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9km horizontal,  
137 vertical levels  
↓  
 $10^9$  grid points  
(~100 vars at each point)

<https://www.ecmwf.int/en/about/media-centre/news/2016/new-forecast-model-cycle-brings-highest-ever-resolution>

Application: Solving linear equations

eg., 
$$\begin{cases} 2x - y = 3 \\ -x + y = -2 \end{cases}$$
 adding gives  

$$(2-1)x + (-1+1)y = 3-2$$
  

$$\Rightarrow x = 1$$
  

$$\Rightarrow y = -1$$

Matlab

<https://matlab.mathworks.com/>

```
>> A = [2 -1; -1 1]
```

```
A =
```

```
     2     -1
    -1      1
```

```
>> b = [3; -2]
```

```
b =
```

```
     3
    -2
```

```
>> A \ b
```

```
ans =
```

```
    1.0000
   -1.0000
```

Python

<https://colab.research.google.com/>

```
[1] import numpy as np
```

```
A = [[2,-1], [-1,1]]
```

```
b = [3,-2]
```

```
np.linalg.solve(A, b)
```

```
array([ 1., -1.])
```

- but most applications are for large systems

we need fast, approximate solutions

often we solve the same system repeatedly

eg.,  $f'(x) = g(x)$

$f'(x) = h(x)$

$\Rightarrow n(y_{j+1} - y_j) = g(\delta/h)$

$\Rightarrow n(y_{j+1} - y_j) = h(\delta/h)$

same coefficients of  $y_0, \dots, y_n$

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- what if #equations > #variables?

eg.  $\begin{cases} x = 1 \\ x = 2 \end{cases}$   
 ↑  
 no solution!

eg.  $\begin{cases} 2x - y = 3 \\ -x + y = -2 \\ x + y = 4 \end{cases}$   
 ↑  
 no solution!

Matlab

```
>> A = [1; 1];
>> b = [1; 2];
>> A \ b
ans =
    1.5000
```

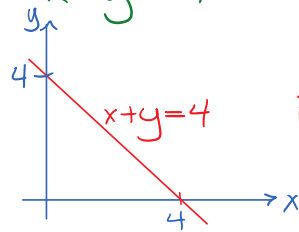
```
>> A = [2 -1; -1 1; 1 1];
>> b = [3; -2; 4];
>> A \ b
ans =
```

```
    2.4286
    1.2857
```

It tries to get as close as possible to a solution.  
 We'll see more examples below.

- what if #equations < #variables?

Example:  $x + y = 4$



infinitely many solutions!

Matlab

<https://matlab.mathworks.com/>

```
>> A = [1 1];
>> b = [4];
>> A \ b
```

ans =

4  
0

Python

<https://colab.research.google.com/>

```
import numpy as np
```

```
A = [[1,1]]
b = [4]
np.linalg.solve(A, b)
```

```
-----
LinAlgError                                Traceback (most
<ipython-input-4-bc599599071c> in <module>()
      3 A = [[1,1]]
      4 b = [4]
----> 5 np.linalg.solve(A, b)

<_array_function__ internals> in solve(*args, **kwargs)
```

```
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1 frames
/usr/local/lib/python3.6/dist-packages/numpy/linalg/linalg
211     m, n = a.shape[-2:]
212     if m != n:
--> 213         raise LinAlgError('Last 2 dimensions of
214
215 def _assert_finite(*arrays):
```

LinAlgError: Last 2 dimensions of the array must be square

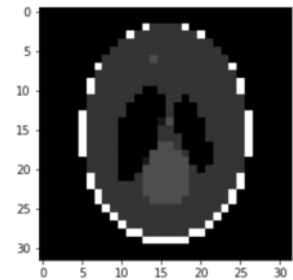
Example: "Compressed Sensing"

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
w = 32
I = phantom(n=w)
```

```
imgplot = plt.imshow(I, cmap='gray')
imgplot
```

```
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```



```
import numpy as np
```

```
x = np.ndarray.flatten(I)
```

```
n = len(x)
m = int(.7 * n)
print(m, n)
```

```
A = np.random.rand(m, n)
```

```
b = A.dot(x)
```

```
716 1024
```

716 equations  
on  $32^2 = 1024$  variables

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shepp-Logan\\_phantom](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shepp-Logan_phantom)

## Shepp-Logan phantom

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Shepp-Logan phantom** is a standard test image created by Larry Shepp and Benjamin F. Logan for their 1974 paper *The Fourier Reconstruction of a Head Section*.<sup>[1]</sup> It serves as the model of a human head in the development and testing of image reconstruction algorithms.<sup>[2][3][4]</sup>



Image of the Shepp-Logan Phantom

```
y = np.linalg.solve(A, b)
```

```
LinAlgError                                Traceback (most recent call last):
<ipython-input-4-9087bf01a13c> in <module>()
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```

```
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```
LinAlgError: Last 2 dimensions of the array must be square
```

<https://numpy.org/doc/stable/reference/generated/numpy.linalg.lstsq.html>

## numpy.linalg.lstsq

```
numpy.linalg.lstsq(a, b, rcond='warn')
```

[source]

Return the least-squares solution to a linear matrix equation.

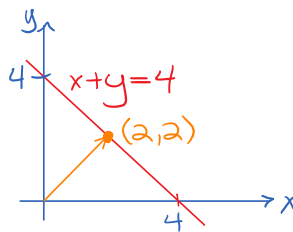
Computes the vector  $x$  that approximatively solves the equation  $a @ x = b$ . The equation may be under-, well-, or over-determined (i.e., the number of linearly independent rows of  $a$  can be less than, equal to, or greater than its number of linearly independent columns). If  $a$  is square and of full rank, then  $x$  (but for round-off error) is the "exact" solution of the equation. Else,  $x$  minimizes the Euclidean 2-norm  $\|b - ax\|$ .

example:

```
import numpy as np
```

```
A = [[1,1]]
b = [[4]]
np.linalg.lstsq(A, b, rcond=None)[0]
```

```
array([[2.],
       [2.]])
```

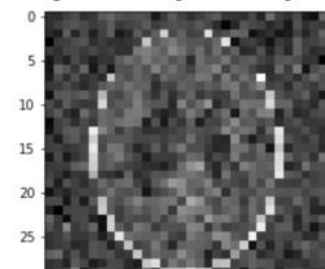


```
y = np.linalg.lstsq(A, b, rcond=None)[0]
```

```
y = np.resize(y, (w,w))
```

```
plt.imshow(y, cmap='gray')
```

```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7f4c922...
```



## What is CVXPY?

<https://www.cvxpy.org>

CVXPY is a Python-embedded modeling language for convex optimization problems. It automatically transforms the problem into standard form, calls a solver, and unpacks the results.

```
import cvxpy as cp
```

```
# Construct the problem
```

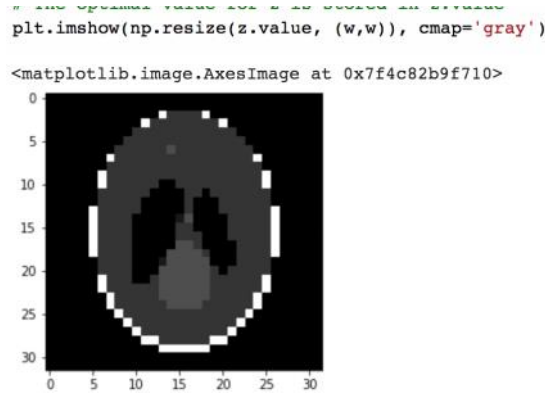
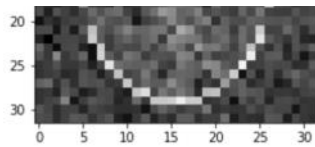
```
z = cp.Variable(n)
objective = cp.Minimize(cp.sum_squares(A*z - b))
constraints = [0 <= z] # can also try [0 <= z, z <= 1]
problem = cp.Problem(objective, constraints)
```

```
# Solve it
```

```
result = problem.solve()
# The optimal value for z is stored in z.value
plt.imshow(np.resize(z.value, (w,w)), cmap='gray')
```

```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7f4c82b9f710>
```

```
0
```



Moral: For some applications we can solve for  $n$  variables with  $< n$  equations!

"Compressed Sensing"

for sparse solutions  
(in some basis)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Compressed\\_sensing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Compressed_sensing)

#### Applications

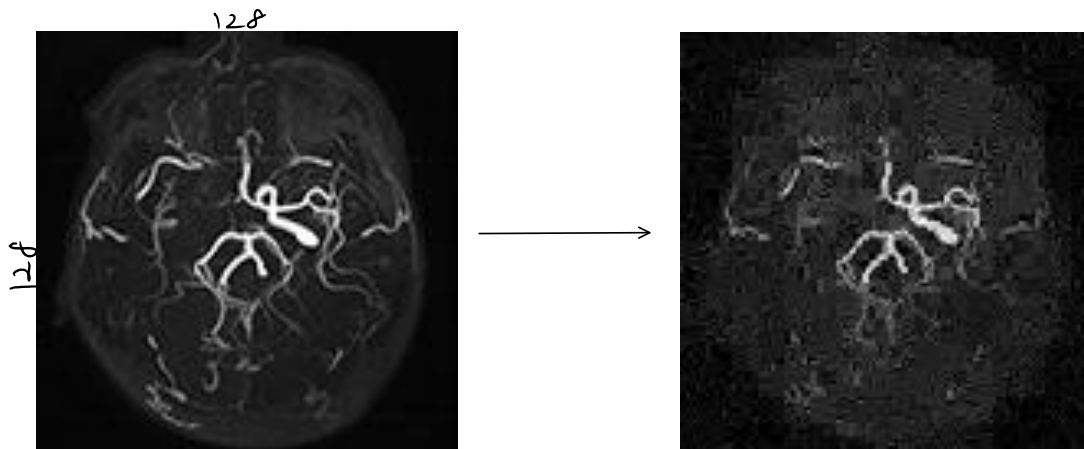
- 4.1 Photography
- 4.2 Holography
- 4.3 Facial recognition
- 4.4 Magnetic resonance imaging
- 4.5 Network tomography
- 4.6 Shortwave-infrared cameras
- 4.7 Aperture synthesis in radio astronomy
- 4.8 Transmission electron microscopy

#### Magnetic resonance imaging

Compressed sensing has been used<sup>[36][37]</sup> to shorten magnetic resonance imaging scanning sessions on conventional hardware.<sup>[38][39][40]</sup> Reconstruction methods include

- ISTA
- FISTA
- SISTA
- ePRESS<sup>[41]</sup>
- EWISTA<sup>[42]</sup>
- EWISTARS<sup>[43]</sup> etc.

Compressed sensing addresses the issue of high scan time by enabling faster acquisition by measuring fewer Fourier coefficients. This produces a high-quality image with relatively lower scan time. Another application (also discussed ahead) is for CT reconstruction with fewer X-ray projections. Compressed sensing, in this case, removes the high spatial gradient parts – mainly, image noise and artifacts. This holds tremendous potential as one can obtain high-resolution CT images at low radiation doses (through lower current-mA settings).<sup>[44]</sup>



# of variables  
 $n = 128^2 = 16384$

# of observations  
 $m = 4480 = 0.27n$

15 minutes  
in l1 magic

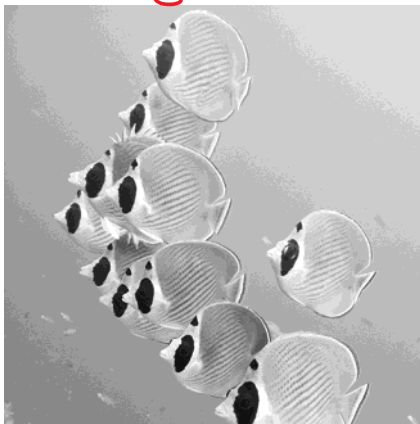
## Themes

- Geometry
  - linear transformations
  - hyperplanes
- High dimensions
  - sparse matrices
  - dimension reduction

- Systems of linear equations
    - Computer-assisted linear algebra
      - Matlab      - python/numpy
- DIY: how they work

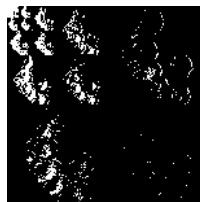
Application: Image compression

Original

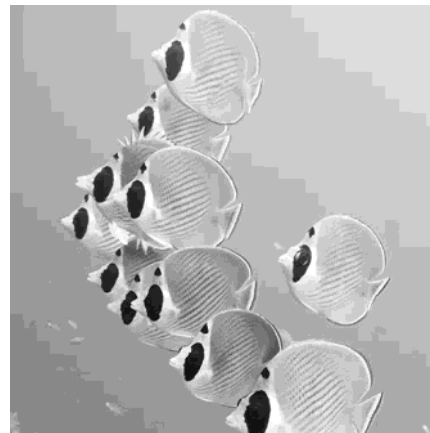


not sparse!

Keep the largest 10% of coefficients in the Hadamard basis



Result



sparse (in H basis)

Theme:  
Sparse matrices



$$f'(x) = g(x)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$y_{j+1} - y_j = \frac{1}{n} g(\frac{j}{n}), \quad j = 0, \dots, n-1$$

↑ only 2 nonzero coefficients per equation

```
from scipy import sparse
```

```
n = 100
```

```
A = sparse.diags([1, -1], offsets=[1, 0], shape=(n, n+1))
```

```
print(A)
```

```
(0, 1)      1.0
(1, 2)      1.0
(2, 3)      1.0
(3, 4)      1.0
(4, 5)      1.0
(5, 6)      1.0
...
(99, 100)   1.0
```

```
A_denserep = A.toarray()
```

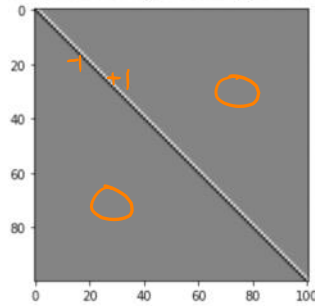
```
print(A_denserep)
```

```
[[-1.  1.  0. ...  0.  0.  0.]
 [ 0. -1.  1. ...  0.  0.  0.]
 [ 0.  0. -1. ...  0.  0.  0.]
 ...
 [ 0.  0.  0. ...  1.  0.  0.]
 [ 0.  0.  0. ... -1.  1.  0.]
 [ 0.  0.  0. ...  0. -1.  1.]]
```

```
# Sparse representations use less memory (and are faster to use)
print( A.size, A_denserep.size )
```

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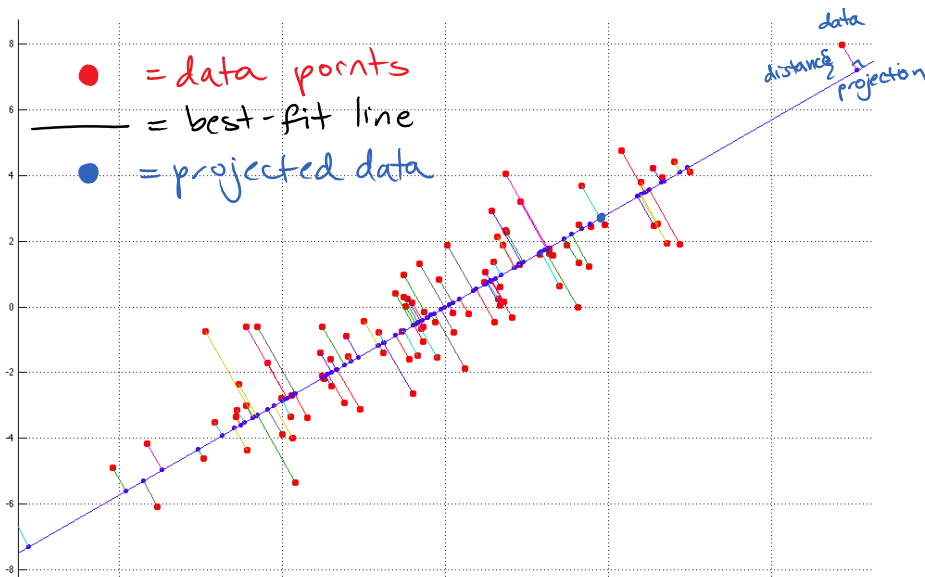
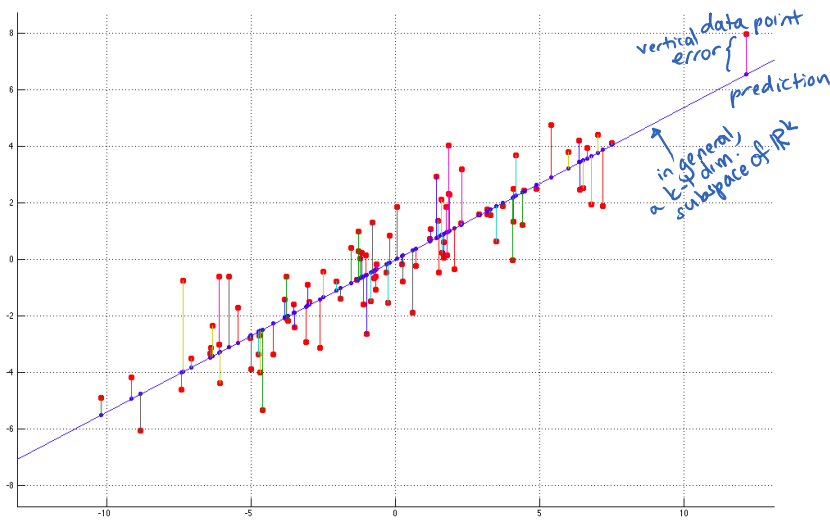
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.imshow(A_denserep, cmap='gray')
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```



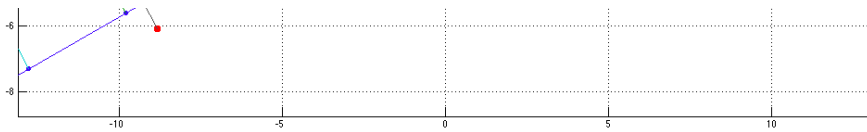
Theme:  
Dimension reduction

Applications: Least-squares fitting  
Principal component analysis (PCA)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Principal\\_component\\_analysis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Principal_component_analysis)

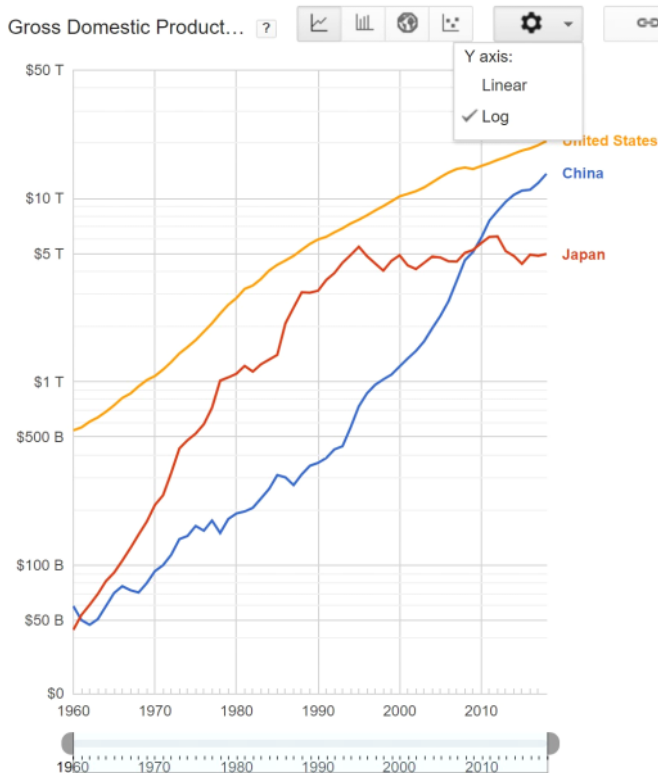
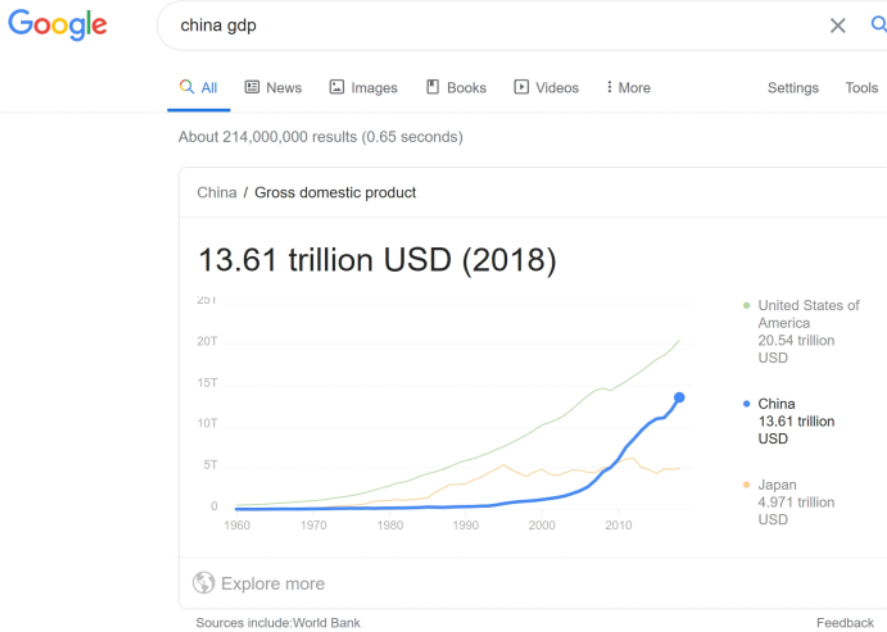






**Example:** Predict China's gross domestic product (GDP) in 2030.

Answer:



$$G_t = G_0 e^{rt}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\log G_t = (\log G_0) + rt$$

straight line

An exponential should fit the data better



```
# Download the GDP data from the World Bank using pandas
```

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

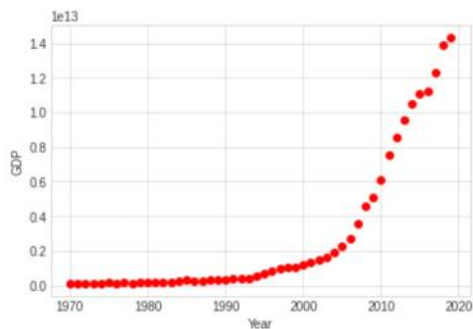
country = 'chn'
download_url = 'http://api.worldbank.org/v2/sources/2/country/' \
    + country + '/series/NY.GDP.MKTP.CD?format=json'
data = pd.read_json(download_url)
data = data['source']['data']

years = np.array([int(term['variable'][2]['value']) for term in data])
values = np.array([float(term['value']) for term in data])
```

```
# Plot the data using matplotlib
```

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.style.use('seaborn-whitegrid')

plt.scatter(years, values, color='red')
plt.xlabel('Year')
plt.ylabel('GDP')
plt.show()
```



```
import numpy as np

A = np.vstack(( np.ones(len(years)), years )).transpose()
print(A.shape)

fit = np.linalg.pinv(A).dot( np.log(values) )
print(fit)

prediction = np.exp( fit.dot([1, 2030]) )
print("Prediction for 2030:", prediction)

(50, 2)
[-1.87647466e+02  1.07871187e-01]
Prediction for 2030: 40448200246701.36 = $40 trillion
```

```
# Can also use the "built-in" least-squares function
```

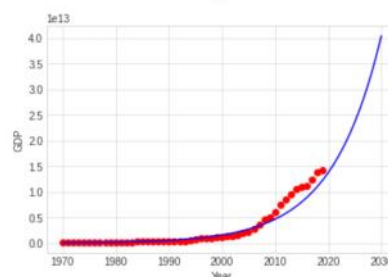
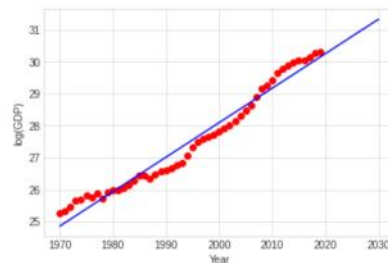
```
np.linalg.lstsq(A, np.log(values), rcond=None)[0]

array([-1.87647466e+02,  1.07871187e-01])
```

```
pred_years = np.arange(1970, 2031)
y = np.exp( [fit.dot([1, year]) for year in pred_years] )
```

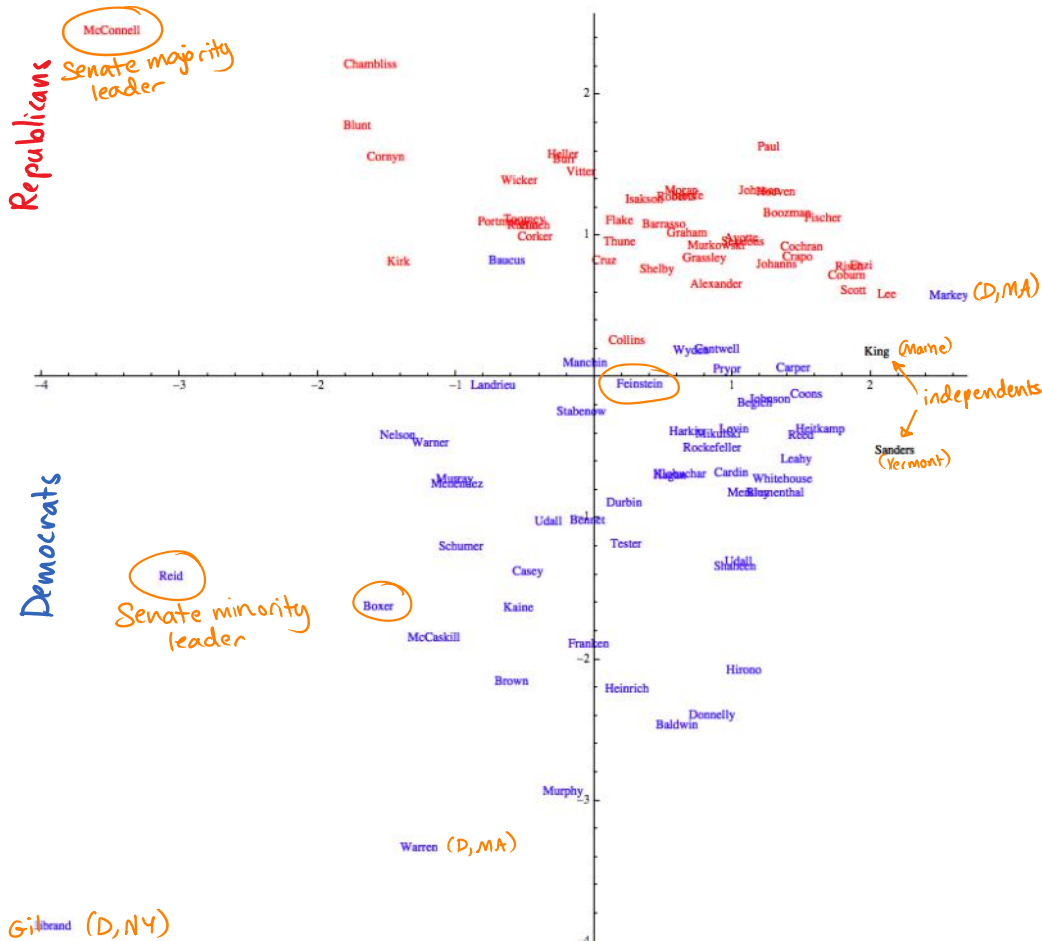
```
plt.scatter(years, np.log(values), color='red')
plt.plot(pred_years, np.log(y), color='blue')
plt.xlabel('Year')
plt.ylabel('log(GDP)')
plt.show()
```

```
plt.scatter(years, values, color='red')
plt.plot(pred_years, y, color='blue')
plt.xlabel('Year')
plt.ylabel('GDP')
plt.show()
```



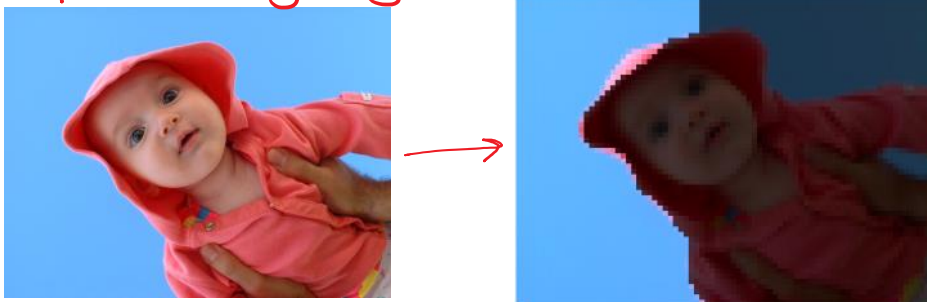
# Principal component analysis (PCA)

```
ListPlot[{#} & /@ dataprojectedmanually, AspectRatio -> 1, PlotMarkers -> data[[All, 1, 1]],
PlotStyle -> (data[[All, 1, 3]]) /. {"D" -> Blue, "R" -> Red, "I" -> Black}]
{97, 17}
{17, 2}
```



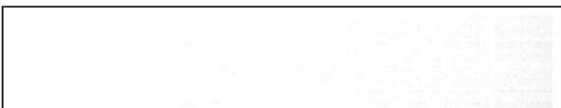
- Even purely combinatorial applications

## Spectral image segmentation

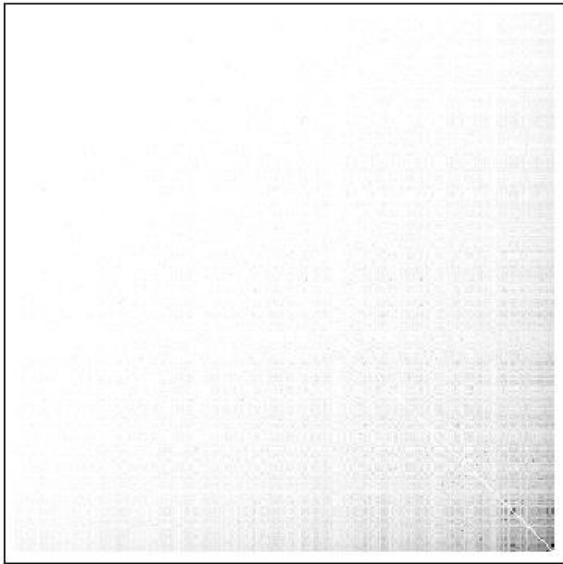


## Spectral clustering

```
matrix = Import["/Users/breic/Desktop/adjacencymatrix.txt", "Table"];
matrix += Transpose[matrix];
matrix // ArrayPlot
```



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matrix += Transpose[matrix];
matrix // ArrayPlot
```



```
laplacian = DiagonalMatrix[Plus@@# & /@ matrix] - matrix // N;
di = DiagonalMatrix[(1/Plus@@#) & /@ matrix // N];
evs = Eigensystem[Sqrt[di].laplacian.Sqrt[di]] // Transpose // Reverse;

coordinates = evs[[2 ;; 9, 2]] // Transpose;
numclusters = 16;
```

→ embedding into  $\mathbb{R}^d$

```
ClusteringComponents[coordinates, numclusters, 1, Method -> "PAM"]
```

Indiana Jones and the L	A Walk to Remember	Bend It Like Beckham	Con Air
Lord of the Rings: The	Coyote Ugly	Bridget Jones's Diary	Double Jeopardy
Lord of the Rings: The	Dirty Dancing	Frida	Gone in 60 Seconds
Lord of the Rings: The	How to Lose a Guy in 10	Life Is Beautiful	Independence Day
Raiders of the Lost Ark	Maid in Manhattan	Love Actually	Lethal Weapon 4
Star Wars: Episode IV:	Pretty Woman	Moulin Rouge	Men in Black II
Star Wars: Episode VI:	Sister Act	My Big Fat Greek Weddin	Pearl Harbor
Star Wars: Episode V: T	The Princess Diaries 2:	Pride and Prejudice	The Fast and the Furiou
The Lord of the Rings:	The Princess Diaries (W	Rabbit-Proof Fence	The Patriot
	The Wedding Planner	Shakespeare in Love	Tomb Raider
	What Women Want	Whale Rider	Twister
12 Angry Men	A Bug's Life	Amelie	2001: A Space Odyssey
Airplane!	Breakfast at Tiffany's	American Beauty	All the President's Men
American Pie	City of Angels	Being John Malkovich	Blade Runner
American Pie 2	Ever After: A Cinderell	Crouching Tiger	Gandhi
Austin Powers in Goldme	Finding Nemo (Widescree	Election	Jaws
Austin Powers: Internat	Grease	Eternal Sunshine of the	L.A. Confidential
Austin Powers: The Spy	Harry Potter and the Ch	High Fidelity	Lawrence of Arabia
Interview with the Vamp	Harry Potter and the Pr	Lock	Lord of the Rings: The
Liar Liar	Harry Potter and the So	Lost in Translation	One Flew Over the Cucko
Meet the Parents	Runaway Bride	Magnolia	Seven Samurai
Ransom	The Lion King: Special	Run Lola Run	The Aviator
Spaceballs	The NeverEnding Story	Rushmore	The Exorcist
Spider-Man	The Princess Bride	Sideways	The Godfather
Wayne's World	The Sound of Music	The Royal Tenenbaums	The Graduate
	Willy Wonka & the Choco	Y Tu Mama Tambien	The Great Escape
			The Maltese Falcon

