

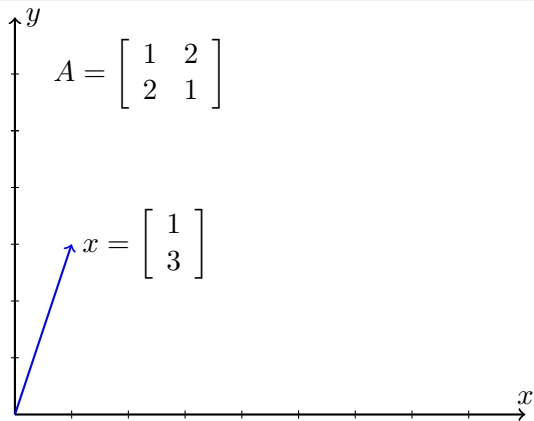
CS7015 (Deep Learning) : Lecture 6

Eigen Values, Eigen Vectors, Eigen Value Decomposition, Principal Component Analysis, Singular Value Decomposition

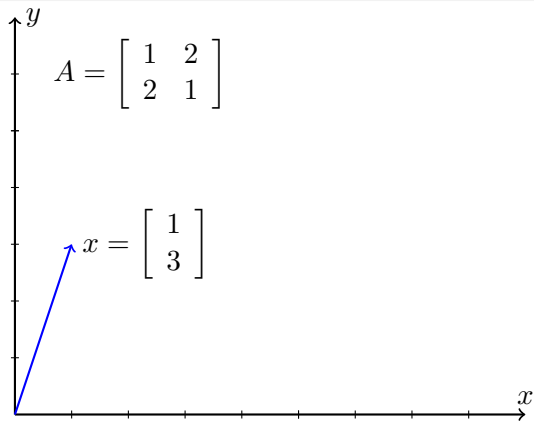
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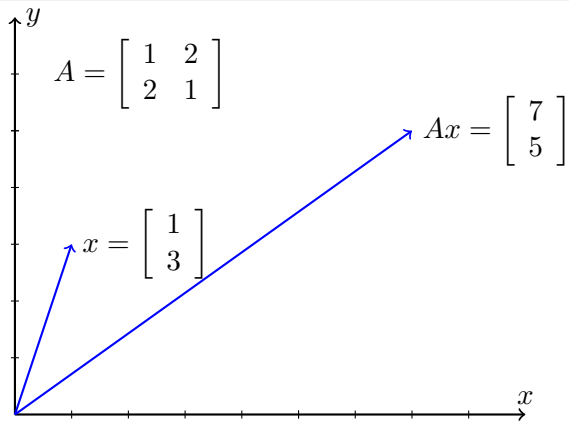
Module 6.1 : Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors



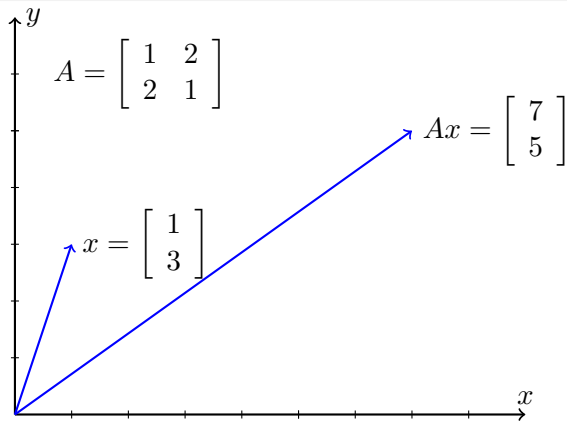
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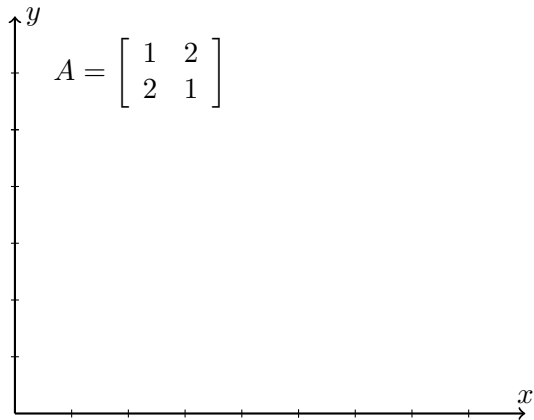
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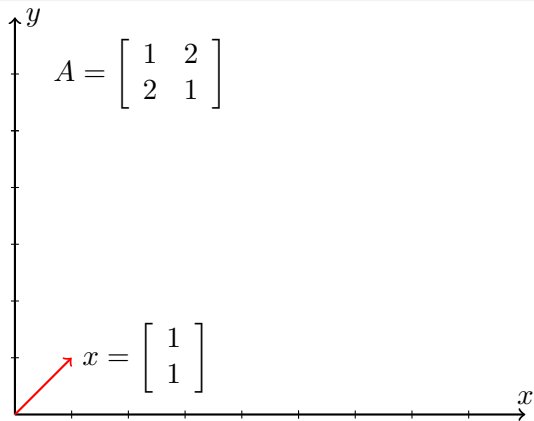
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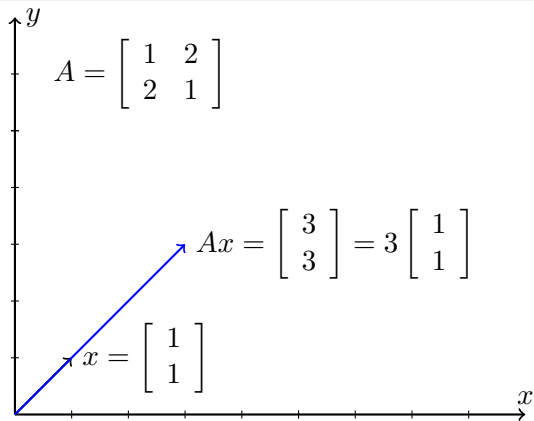
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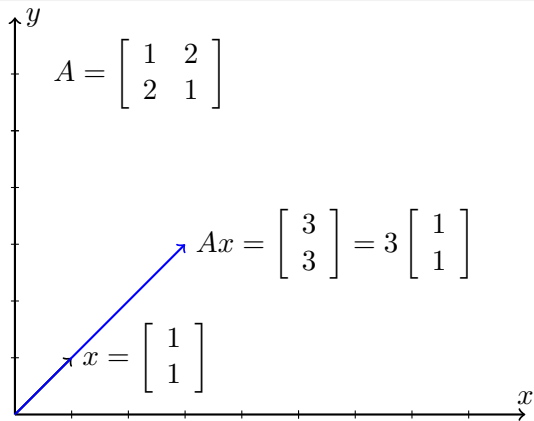
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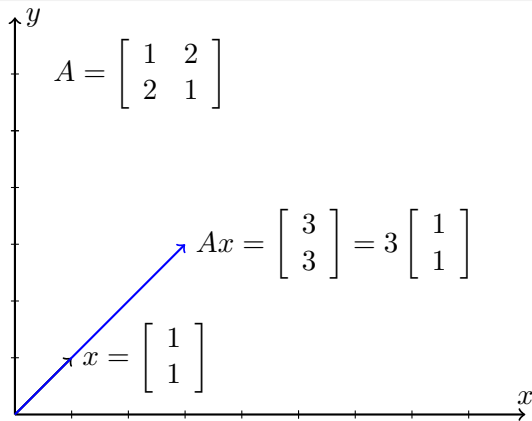
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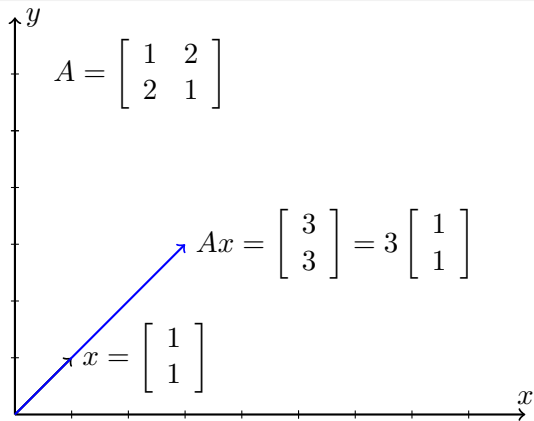


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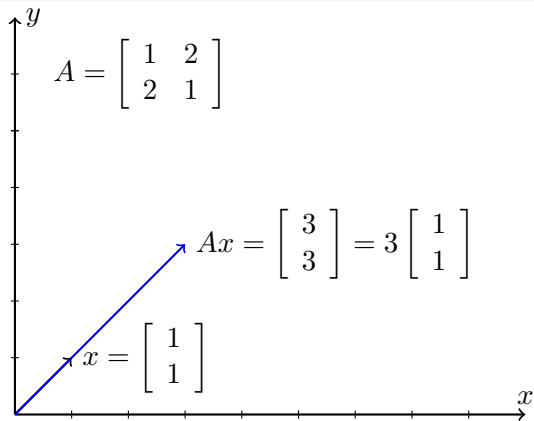


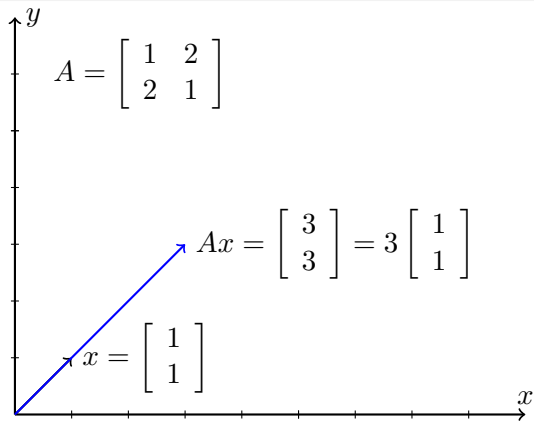
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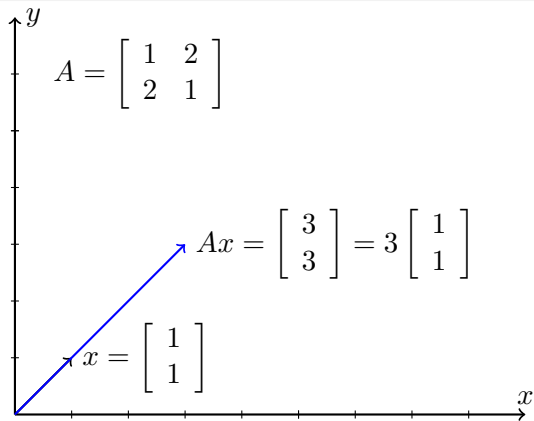


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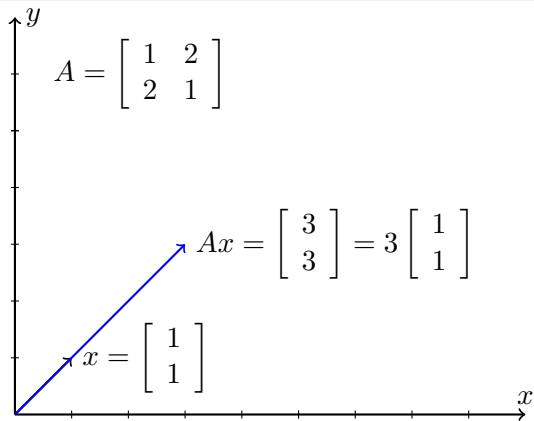




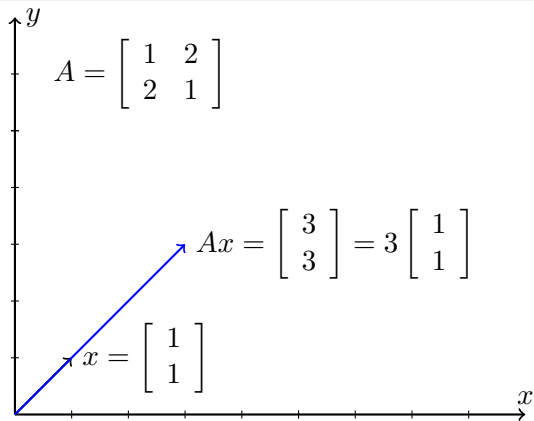
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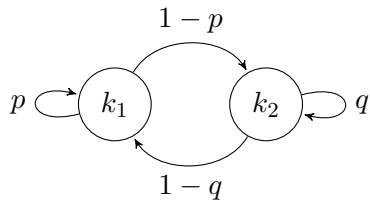
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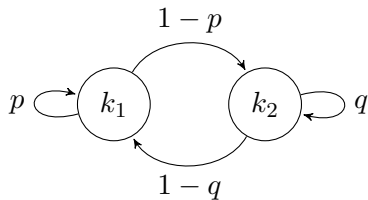
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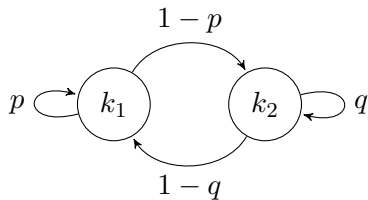
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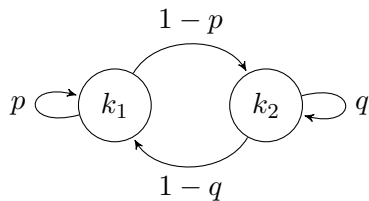


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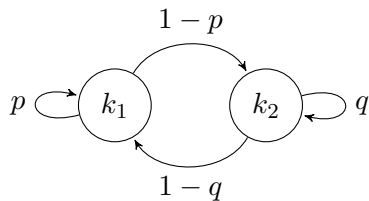


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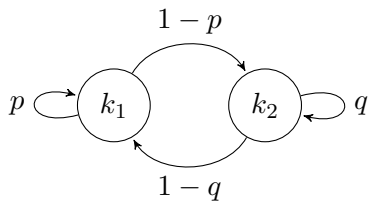




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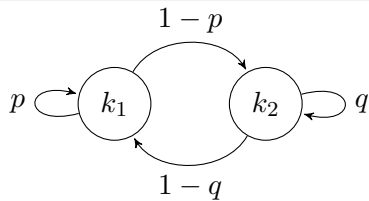
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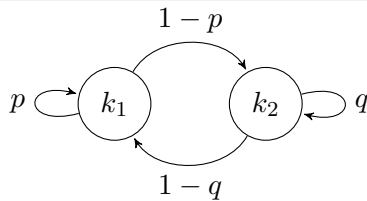
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(the theorem is slightly misstated here for ease of explanation)

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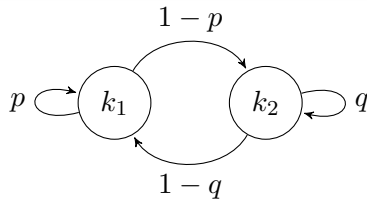


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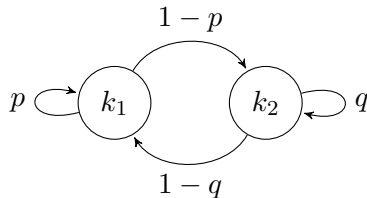


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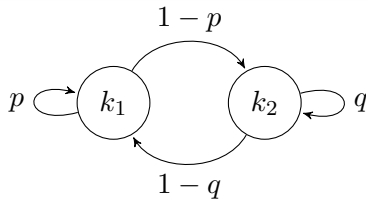
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Module 6.2 : Linear Algebra - Basic Definitions

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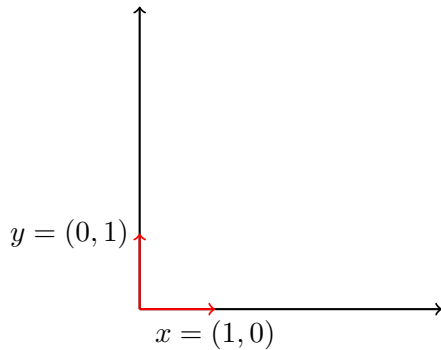
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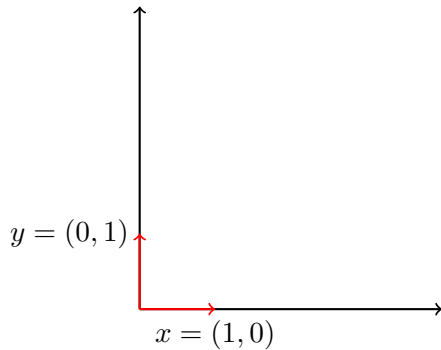
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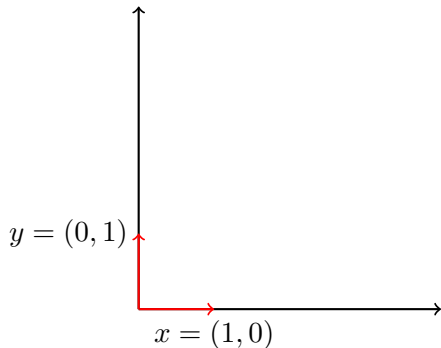
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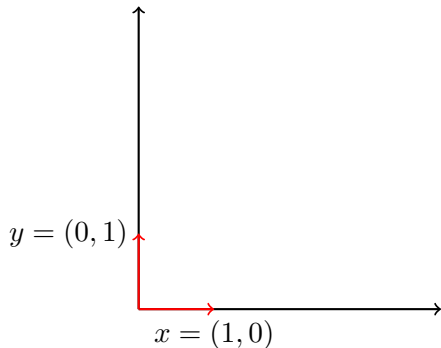


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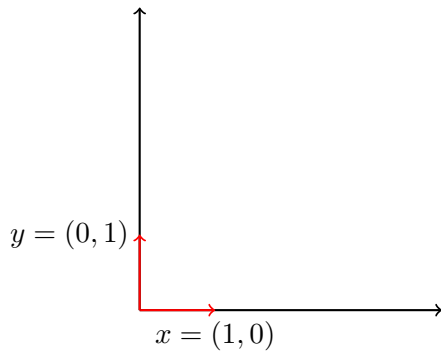
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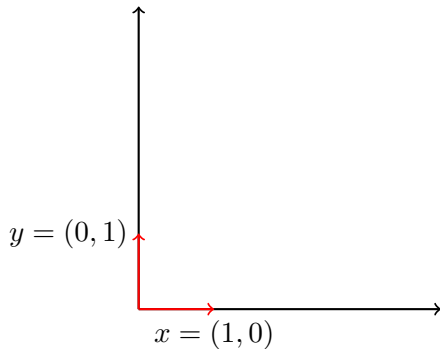
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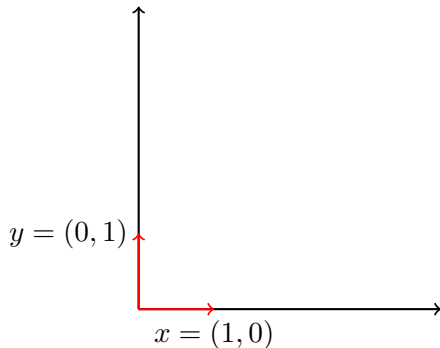
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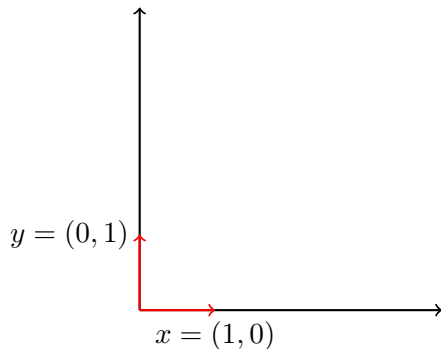




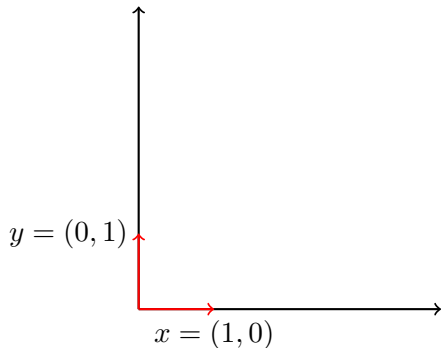
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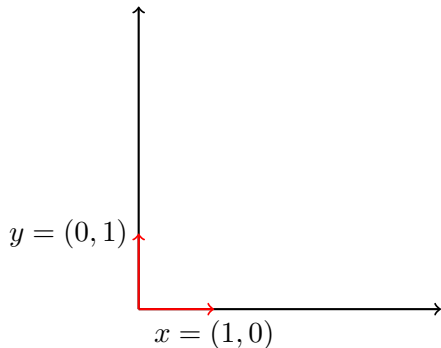
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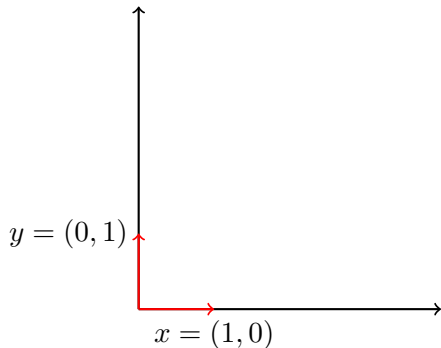


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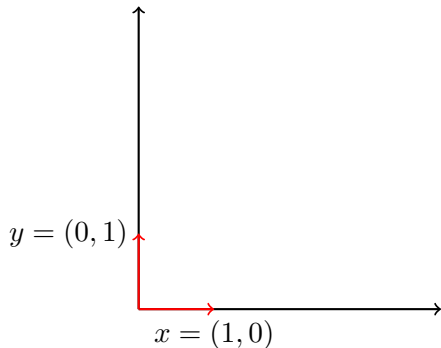
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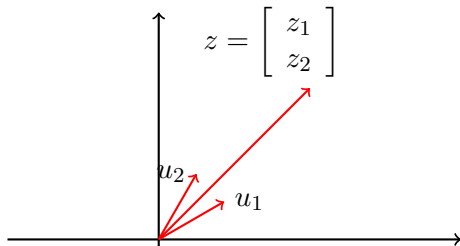
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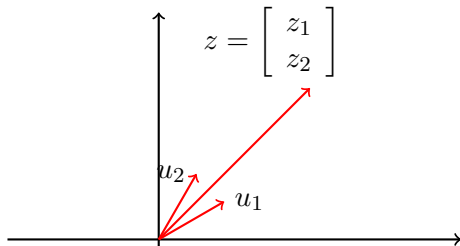
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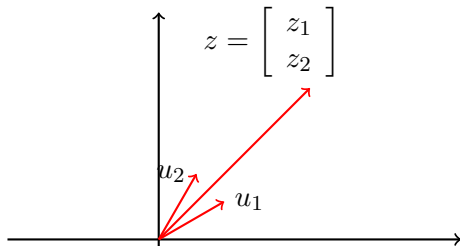


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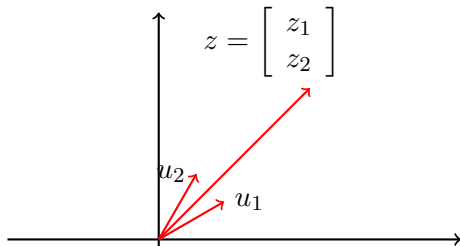
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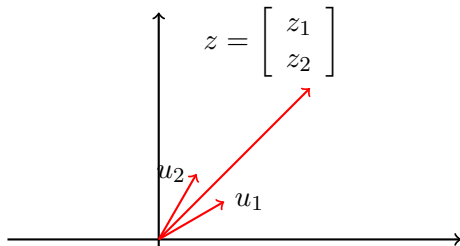
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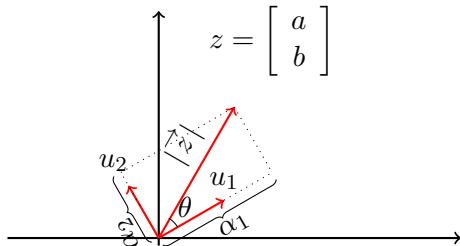
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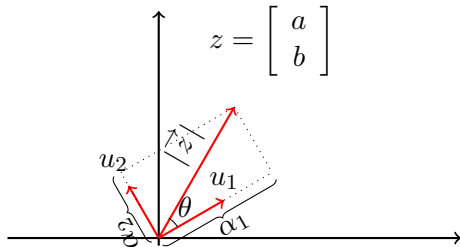
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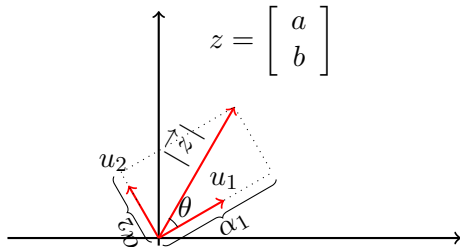
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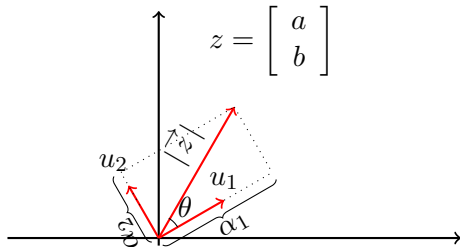


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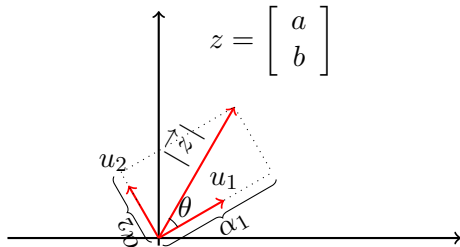
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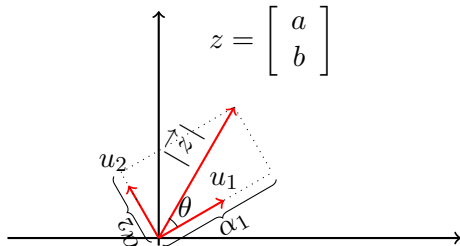


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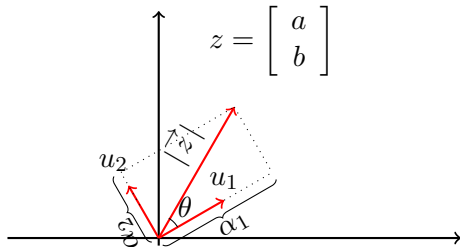
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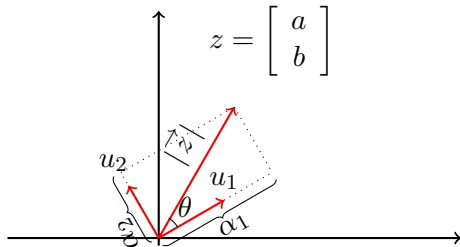
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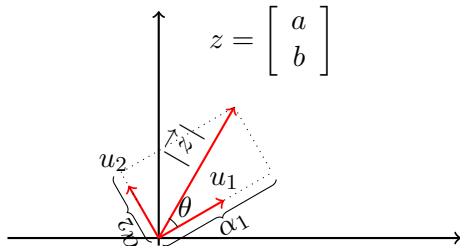


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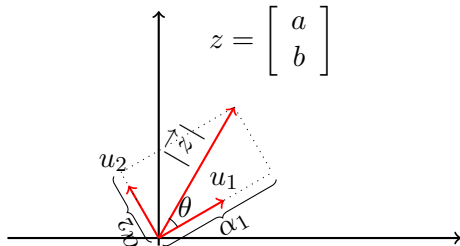
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Something to think about

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what can you say about the sequence x_0, Ax_0, A^2x_0, \dots in terms of the eigenvalues of A .
(Hint: You should arrive at the same conclusion we saw earlier)

Theorem (one more important property of eigenvectors)

If A is a square symmetric $N \times N$ matrix, then the solution to the following optimization problem is given by the eigenvector corresponding to the largest eigenvalue of A .

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Proof: Next slide.

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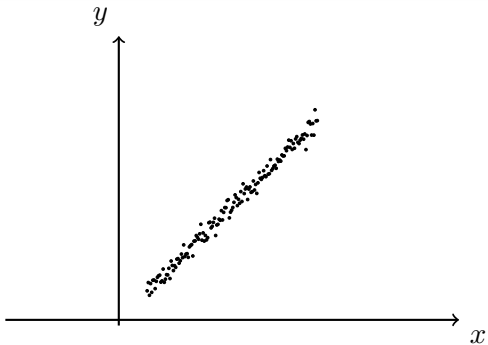
Module 6.4 : Principal Component Analysis and its Interpretations

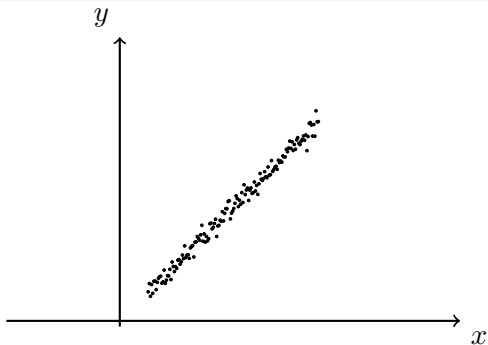
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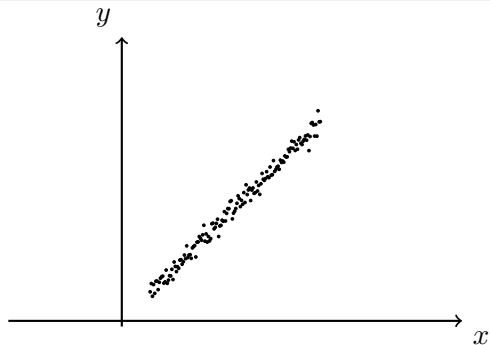
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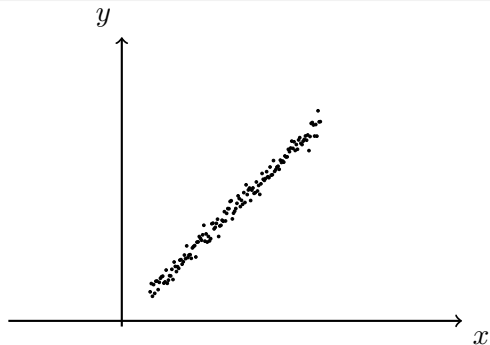




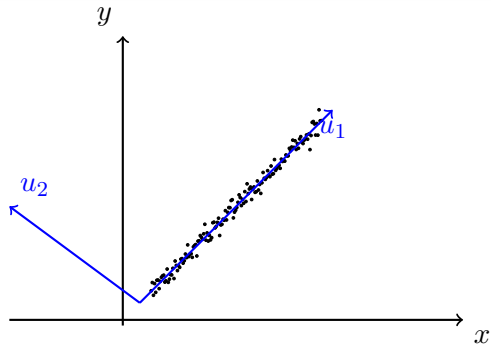
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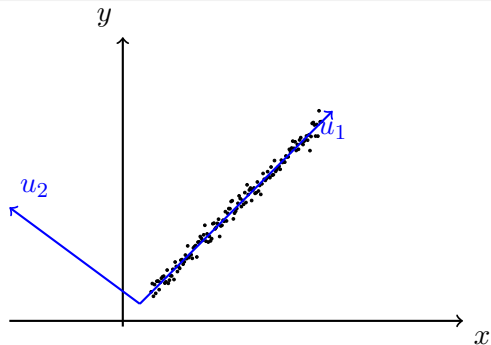
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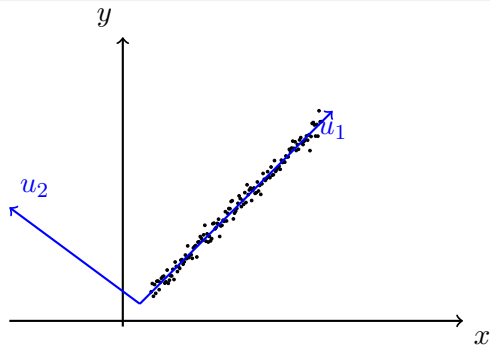
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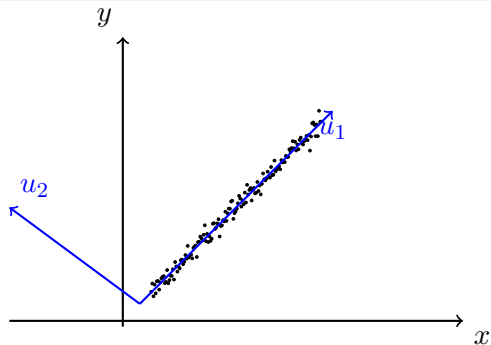


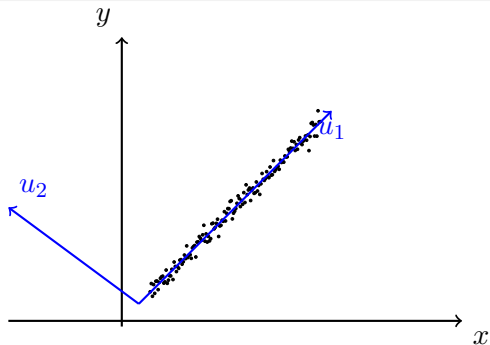
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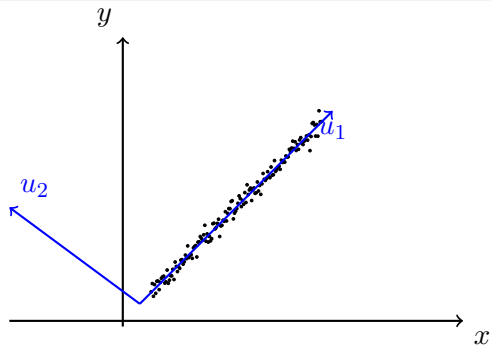
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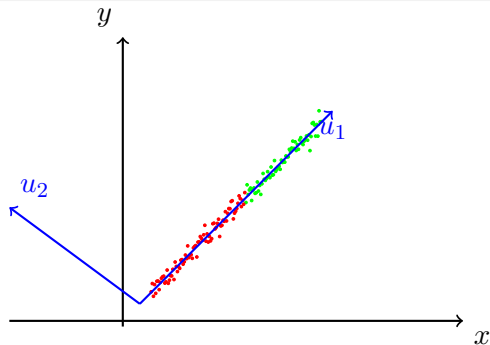




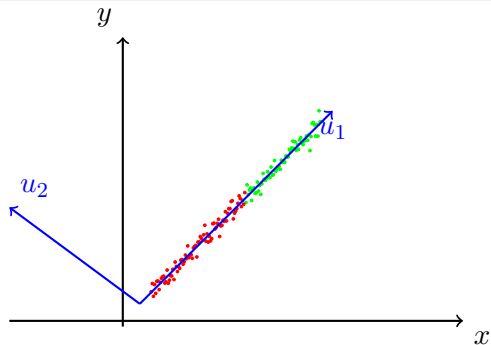
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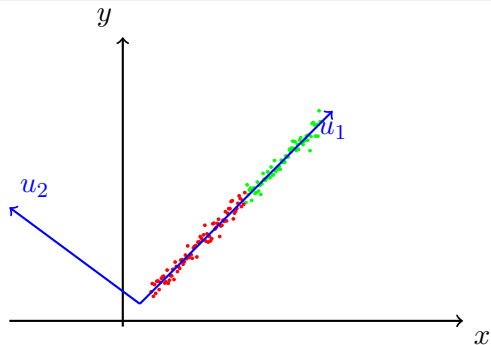
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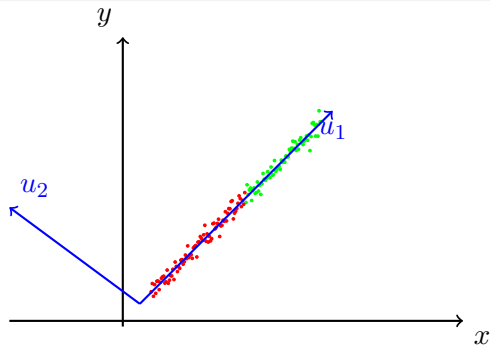
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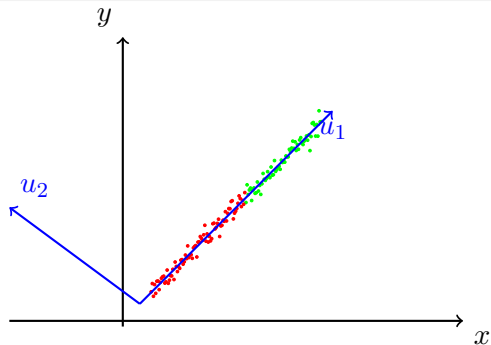
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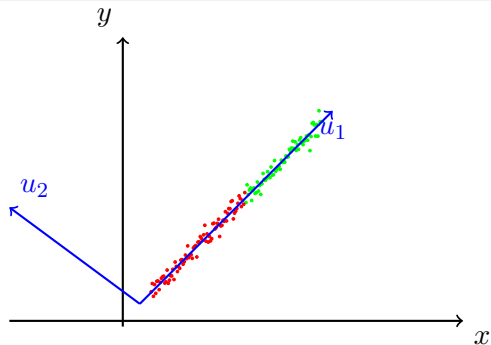
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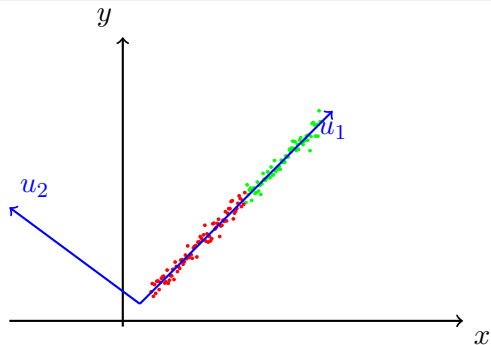
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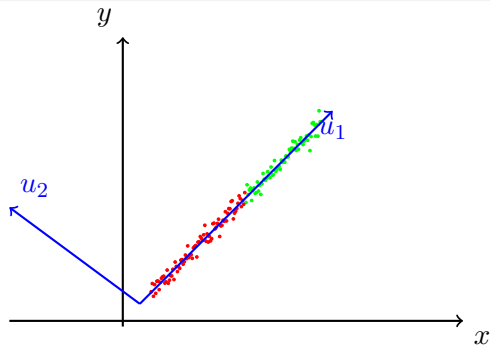
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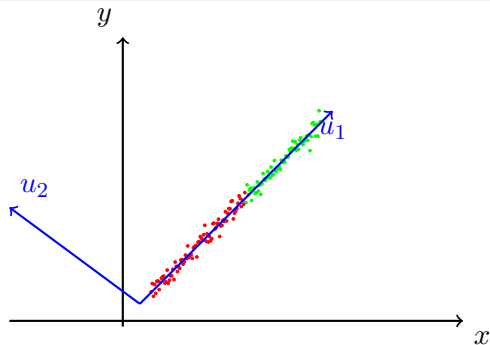
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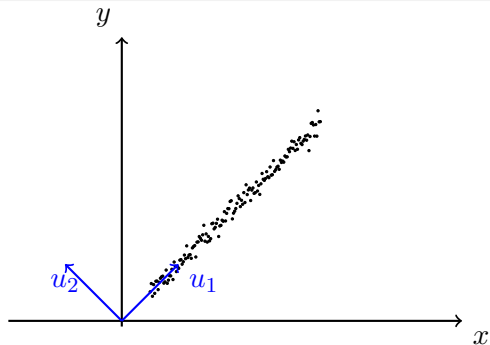
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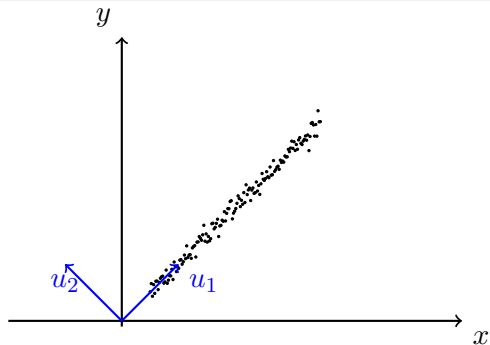
Key Idea

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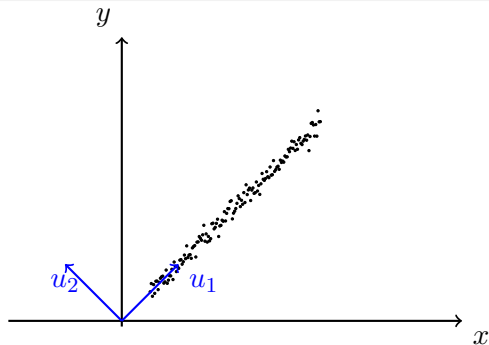
*Let's look at the '**Reconstruction Error**' in the context of our toy example*



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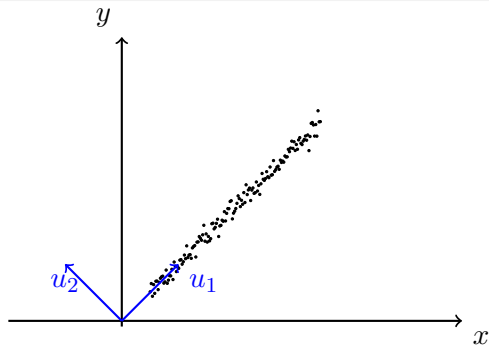


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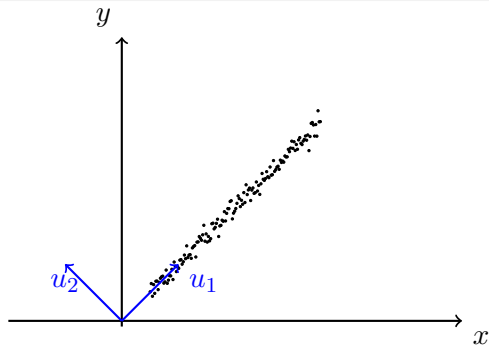
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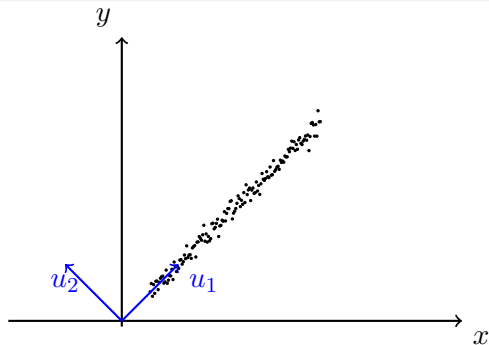
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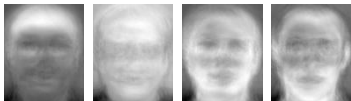
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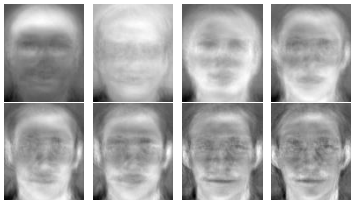
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Module 6.8 : Singular Value Decomposition

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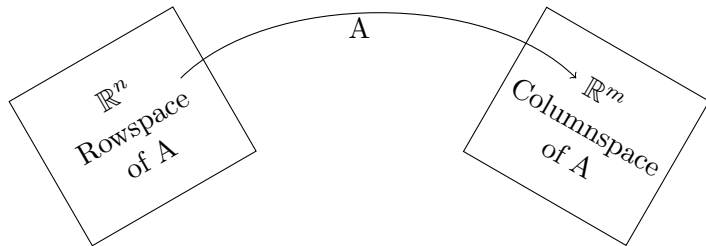
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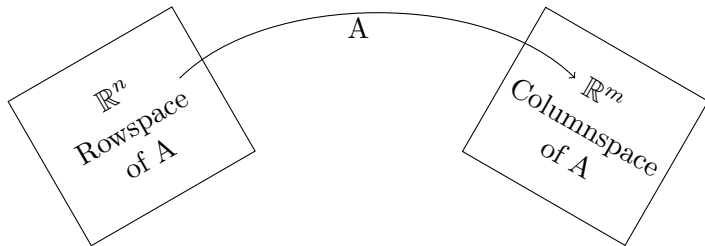
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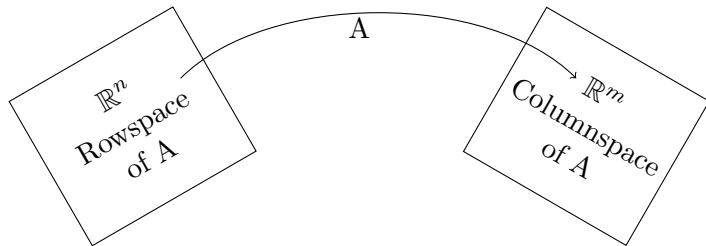
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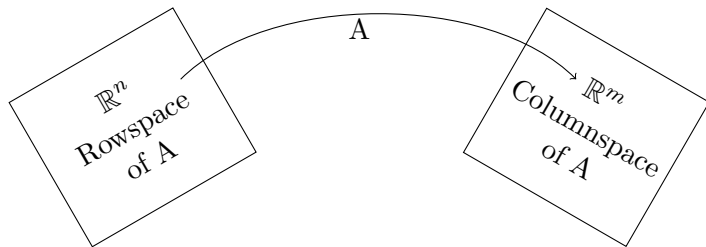
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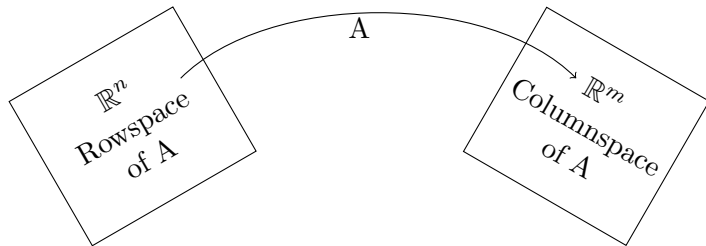
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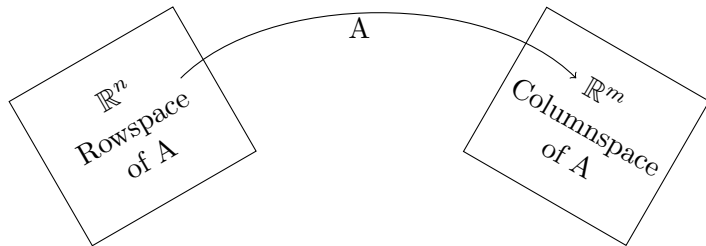
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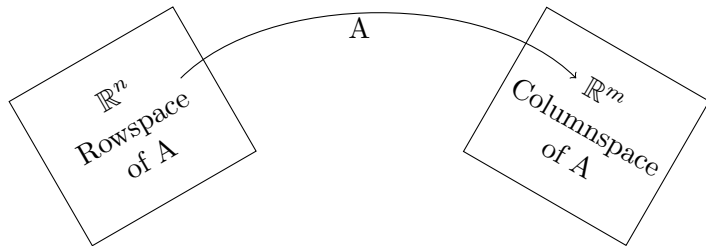
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- Thus U and V are the eigen vectors of $A A^T$ and $A^T A$ respectively and $\Sigma^2 = \Lambda$ where Λ is the diagonal matrix containing eigen values of $A^T A$

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$\min \|A - B\|_F^2$ is given by :

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