

## 1 Vectors

### D 1.4 (Linear Combination):

- let  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^m, \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i v_i$  are scaled combinations of  $n$  vectors  $v_i$ .

### D 1.7 (Combination types):

- **Affine Combination:**  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$

**Conic Combination:** if  $\lambda_j \geq 0$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$

**Convex Combination:** Affine + Conic

### D 1.9 (Scalar/dot product):

- $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} := \sum_{i=1}^m v_i w_i$ , alternative notation:  $[z_i]_{i=1}^m := [v_i + w_i]_{i=1}^m$

### D 1.11 (Euclidean norm, squared norm, unit vector):

- $\|\mathbf{v}\| := \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} = \sqrt{\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{v}}$ , **Squared norm:**  $\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 := \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{v}$ ,

**Unit vector:**  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = 1 = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \mathbf{v}$  (for any vector  $\mathbf{v} \neq 0$ )

### L 1.12 (Cauchy-Schwarz inequality):

- $|\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\|$  for any two vectors  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

### D 1.14 (Angle between vectors):

- $\cos(\alpha) = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\|} \in [-1, 1]$

### D 1.16 (Hyperplane through origin):

- Let  $\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \mathbf{d} \neq 0, H_d = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m : \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d} = 0\}$

### L 1.16 (Triangle inequality):

- $\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\|$

### D 1.21 (Linear (in)dependence):

- vectors are linearly dependent if one of them is linear combination of the others:  $\mathbf{v}_k = \sum_{j=1, j \neq k}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{v}_j$

$\Leftrightarrow$  There are scalars  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  besides  $0, 0, \dots, 0$  such that  $\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{v}_j = \mathbf{0}$ . We also say that  $\mathbf{0}$  is a nontrivial linear combination of the vectors.

$\Leftrightarrow$  At least one of the vectors is a linear combination of the previous ones.

### D 1.25 (Span):

- Span of vectors is a set of all linear combinations of those vectors:  $\text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n) := \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{v}_j : \lambda_j \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for all } j \in [n] \right\}$

### Construction of vectors with standard unit vectors:

- Every target vector can be written as:  $\mathbf{u} = \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \mathbf{e}_i$ , where  $\mathbf{e}$  is a standard unit vector.

## 2 Matrices

### D 2.1 (Matrix):

- $A = [a_{ij}]_{i=1, j=1}^{m, n}$  -  $m$  rows,  $n$  columns (*Zeilen zuerst, Spalten später*)

### D 2.2 (Matrix addition, scalar multiplication):

- Addition:  $A + B = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}]_{i=1, j=1}^{m, n}$

- Scalar multiplication:  $\lambda A = [\lambda a_{ij}]_{i=1, j=1}^{m, n}$

### Matrix types:

- **Identity matrix** ( $a_{ii} = 1$  for all  $i$ ):  $I$

- **Diagonal matrix** ( $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ ):  $\text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_n)$

- **Upper triangular matrix** ( $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i > j$ ):  $U$

- **Lower triangular matrix** ( $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i < j$ ):  $L$

- **Symmetric matrix** ( $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$  for all  $i, j$ ):  $A = A^\top$

- **Skew-symmetric matrix** ( $a_{ij} = -a_{ji}$  for all  $i, j$ ):  $A = -A^\top$

### D 2.4 (Matrix-vector product):

- Rows of matrix ( $m \times n$ ) with vector ( $n$  elements), i.e.

$u_1 = \sum_{i=1}^m a_{1,i} v_i, Ix = x$ ; **Trace:** Sum of the diagonal entries.

### D 2.9 (Column space):

- The column space  $C(A)$  of  $A$  is the span (set of all linear combinations) of the columns:  $C(A) := \{Ax : x \in \mathbb{R}^n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$

### D 2.10 (Rank):

- $\text{rank}(A) :=$  the number of linearly independent column vectors of  $A$ .

### D 2.11 (Transpose):

- Mirror the matrix along its diagonal.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow A^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$(A^\top)^\top = A$$

### D 2.13 (Row space):

- $R(A) := C(A^\top)$

### D 2.17 (Nullspace):

- Nullspace contains all input vectors that lead to output vector  $\mathbf{0}$ .

$$N(A) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax = \mathbf{0}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

### D 2.27 (Kernel & Image):

- **Kernel:**  $N(A) = \text{Ker}(T) := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  (If  $A$  is the unique  $m \times n$  matrix such that  $T = TA$ )

- **Image:**  $C(A) = \text{Im}(T) := \{T(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  (If  $A$  is the unique  $m \times n$  matrix such that  $T = TA$ ), the set of all outputs that  $T$  can produce.

### 2.2.2 Working with linear transformations:

- A matrix can be understood as a re-mapping of the unit vectors, scaling and re-orienting them. Each column vector can then be understood as the new unit vector  $e_i$ , hence essentially adding another coordinate system to the original one, which is moved and rotated a certain way. The rotation matrix under 2 is such an example. To prove that  $T$  is a linear transformation, use  $T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y)$  and  $T(\lambda x) = \lambda T(x)$ . Then insert the linear transformation given by the task and replace  $x$  (or whatever variable there is) with  $x+y$  or  $\lambda x$ .  $Ax = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i v_i$ , where  $v_i$  is the  $i$ -th column of  $A$ .

### O 2.39 (Matrix multiplication):

- $A \times B = C, c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}$ . Dimension restrictions:  $A$  is  $m \times n$ ,  $B$  is  $n \times p$ , result is  $m \times p$ . For each entry, multiply the  $i$ -th row of  $A$  with the  $j$ -th column of  $B$ .

Not commutative, but associative & distributive.

### L 2.40 Matrix multiplication with transposition:

$$\bullet (AB)^\top = B^\top A^\top$$

### D 2.44 Outer product:

- $\text{rank}(A) = 1 \iff \exists$  non-zero vectors  $v \in \mathbb{R}^m, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $A$  is an outer product, i.e.  $A = vw^\top$ , thus  $\text{rank}(vw^\top) = 1$ .

### T 2.46 (CR decomposition):

- $A = CR$ . Get  $R$  from (reduced) row echelon form.  $C$  is the columns from  $A$  where there is a pivot in  $R$ .  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}, R \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n}$  (in RREF),  $r = \text{rank}(A)$ .

**Row Echelon Form:** To find REF, try to create pivots:  $R_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Use Gauss-Jordan elimination to find it (row transformations). **Reduced REF:** RREF is simply REF without any zero rows (i.e. in  $R_0$ ,  $R$  (in RREF) would be  $R_0$  without the last row).

### O 2.5.6 (Invertible matrix):

- Matrix  $A$  is invertible if it is square and there is  $B$  such that:

$$AB = I \Leftrightarrow BA = I \Leftrightarrow AB = BA = I$$

### D 2.57 (Inverse matrix and its properties):

- If  $AB = I$  for invertible  $A$ , then  $B$  is its inverse and denoted as  $A^{-1}$ .
- $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A \quad \bullet (AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1} \quad \bullet (A^\top)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^\top$

## 4 Four Fundamental Subspaces

### 4.1 Vector Spaces

#### D 4.1 (Vector Space):

- Vector space is a triple  $(V, +, \cdot)$  where  $V$  is a set (the vectors) with two operations  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$ . They are based on algebras called fields and satisfy axioms: *commutativity*, *associativity*, *zero vector*, *negative vector*, *identity element*, *compatibility of multiplications of vectors and scalars* ( $\in \mathbb{R}$ ), *distributivity over  $\oplus$*  both for vectors and scalars ( $\in \mathbb{R}$ )).

#### D 4.8 (Subspace):

- Let  $V$  be a vector space. A nonempty subset  $U \subseteq V$  is a subspace of  $V$  if following axioms are true  $\forall \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in U$  and  $\forall \lambda \mathbf{v} \in U$ :

$$\bullet \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \in U \quad \bullet \lambda \mathbf{v} \in U$$

They guarantee that vector addition and scalar multiplication "doesn't take us outside of a subspace".

#### L 4.9 (Subspace always has 0):

- Let  $U \subseteq V$  be a subspace of a vector space  $V$ . Then  $\mathbf{0} \in U$  (at least).

#### L 4.11 (Column space is a subspace):

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , then  $C(A) = \{Ax : x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$  is subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

$$\Rightarrow R(A) = C(A^\top)$$

#### E 4.13 (The nullspace is a subspace):

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . Then the nullspace  $N(A) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

#### L 4.14 (Subspaces are vector spaces):

- $V$  is a vector space and  $U$  is its subspace. Then  $U$  is also a vector space with the same  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$  as  $V$ .

## 4.2 Bases and dimension

### D 4.18 (Basis):

- Let  $V$  be a vector space. A subset  $B \subseteq V$  is called a basis of  $V$  if  $B$  is linearly independent and it spans  $V$ :  $\text{Span}(B) = V$ .

### L 4.19 (Independent columns is a basis):

- Independent columns form basis of column space  $C(A)$ .

### O 4.20 (Non-uniqueness of basis):

- Every set  $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  of  $m$  linearly independent vectors is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

### D 4.21 (Finitely generated vector space):

- There is a finite subset  $G \subseteq V$  with  $\text{Span}(G) = V$ . Then  $V$  has a basis  $B \subseteq G$ .

### T 4.22 (Finitely generated VS has a basis):

- If  $V$  is finitely generated, then  $V$  has a basis  $B \subseteq V$ .

### L 4.23 (Steinitz exchange lemma):

- "exchanging elements between  $G$  and  $F$ "

$V$  is finitely generated vector space,  $F \subseteq V$  a finite set of lin. independent vectors, and  $G \subseteq V$  a finite set of vectors with  $\text{Span}(G) = V$ , then:

- $|V| \leq |G|$  and  $\exists E \subseteq G$  of size  $|G| - |F|$  such that  $\text{Span}(F \cup E) = V$ .

### T 4.24 (All bases have the same size):

- All bases have the same size:  $B, B' \in V \Rightarrow |B| = |B'|$ .

### D 4.25 (Dimension):

- $\dim(V)$  - the dimensions of  $V$ . It has a size of arbitrary basis  $B$  of  $V$ .

### D 4.26 (Linear transformation between vector spaces):

- Let  $V, W$  be vector spaces. A function  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is linear if, for all  $x_1, x_2 \in V$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $T(\lambda_1 x_1 + \lambda_2 x_2) = \lambda_1 T(x_1) + \lambda_2 T(x_2)$ .

### L 4.27 (Bijective lin. transformations preserve basis):

- If  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a bijective linear map, then  $B \subseteq V$  is a basis of  $V \Leftrightarrow T(B)$  is a basis of  $W$ , and hence  $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$ .

### D 4.28 (Isomorphic vector spaces):

- $V \cong W \Leftrightarrow \exists T : V \rightarrow W$  linear and bijective.

### T 4.29 (Basis writes vectors as a unique lin. combination):

- Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space with basis  $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$ . Then every  $v \in V$  can be written uniquely as  $v = \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \mathbf{v}_j$ , for unique scalars  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$ .

### L 4.30 (Less than $\dim(V)$ vectors do not span $V$ ):

- If  $|G| < \dim V$ , then  $\text{span}(G) \neq V$ .

## 4.3 Computing the three fundamental subspaces

### T 4.31 (Basis of $C(A)$ : Pivots columns of RREF):

- $R$  is RREF of  $A$ , then all columns at pivots of  $R$  form a basis of  $C(A)$ :  $\dim(C(A)) = \text{rank}(A) = r$

### T 4.32 (Basis of $R(A)$ : Nonzero rows of RREF( $A$ )):

- Nonzero rows of RREF( $A$ ) form a basis of  $R(A)$ , so,  $\dim(R(A)) = r$ .

### T 4.33 (Row rank equals columns rank):

$$\bullet \text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^\top)$$

### C 4.34 (Rank is at most min of the matrix dimensions):

- $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix with rank  $r \Rightarrow r \leq \min(n, m)$ .

### L 4.35 (Nullspace isomorphism):

- $R = \text{RREF}(A)$ , then  $T : N(R) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n-r}$  is an isomorphism between  $N(R)$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{n-r} \Rightarrow \dim(N(R)) = n - r$ .

### T 4.36 (Basis of $N(A)$ : Non-pivot columns of RREF( $A$ )):

- If  $\text{rank}(A) = r$ , then  $\dim(N(A)) = n - r$ .

## 4.4 All solutions of $Ax = b$

### D 4.37 (Solution space):

- Solution space of  $Ax = b$ :

$$\text{Sol}(A, b) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax = b\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

### T 4.38 (Solution space from shifting the nullspace):

- Let  $s$  be some solution of  $Ax = b$ , then:

$$\text{Sol}(A, b) := \{s + x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x \in N(A)\}.$$

We can also compute  $\text{Sol}(A, b)$ , although it is not a subspace.

### T 4.39 (Dimension of a solution space):

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with rank  $r$ . If  $Ax = b$  is solvable, then:  $\dim(\text{Sol}(A, b)) = n - r$ , and  $\dim(\text{Sol}(A, b)) := \dim(N(A))$ .

### T 4.40 (Systems of rank $m$ are solvable):

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with rank  $A = m$ ,  $Ax = b$  is solvable for all  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

### T 4.41 (Systems of rank less than $m$ are typ. unsolvable):

- Systems of rank  $r < m$  are typically unsolvable.

### D 4.42 (Types of systems):

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . The system  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is called:
    - $m = n \Rightarrow$  square ( $A$  is a square matrix)  $\star$  typ. solvable
    - $m < n \Rightarrow$  underdetermined ( $A$  is a wide matrix)  $\star$  typ. solvable
    - $m > n \Rightarrow$  overdetermined ( $A$  is a tall matrix)  $\star$  typ. unsolvable
- "Typical" matrices are with  $m \leq n$  and have rank  $r = m$ .

## 5 Orthogonality and Projections

### 5.1 Definition

#### Orthogonality:

- A geometric and algebraic tool in order to be able to decompose a space into subspaces.

### D 5.1.1 (Orthogonal subspaces):

- Two vectors are orthogonal if their scalar product is 0:  $v^\top w = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i w_i = 0$ . Two subspaces are orthogonal if all  $v$  and  $w$  are orthogonal.

### L 5.1.2 (Orthogonality of bases):

- Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  be bases of subspaces  $W$  and  $V$ .  $W$  and  $V$  are orthogonal  $\Leftrightarrow$  all  $v_i$  orthogonal to all  $w_j$

### L 5.1.3 (Combinations and interaction of subspaces):

- The set of vectors  $\{v_1, \dots, v_2, w_1, \dots, w_2\}$  are linearly independent.
- The union of bases of two subspaces gives a basis for the new subspace:  $V \cup W = V + W = \{\lambda v + \mu w \mid \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}, v \in V, w \in W\}$ .
- If  $V$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $V + W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- $V \cap W = \{0\}$  if subspaces are orthogonal.
- $\dim(V) = k$  and  $\dim(W) = l$ , then  $\dim(V + W) = k + l \leq n$ .

### D 5.1.5 (Orthogonal complement):

- Let  $V$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , its **orthogonal complement**:  $V^\perp = \{w \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid w^\top v = 0 \text{ for all } v \in V\}$ .

### T 5.1.6 (Relations between subspaces):

- $N(A) = C(A^\top)^\perp = R(A)^\perp$  and  $C(A^\top) = N(A)^\perp$

### T 5.1.7 (Vector decomposition by orth. complements):

- $W = V^\perp \Leftrightarrow \dim(V) + \dim(W) = n \Leftrightarrow$  every  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $u = v + w$ ,  $v$  and  $w$  are unique.

### L 5.1.10 (Justification of exist. of sol. for normal eq.):

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . Then  $N(A) = N(A^\top A)$  and  $C(A^\top) = C(A^\top A)$ .

## 5.2 Projections

### D 5.2.1 (Projection):

- Projection** of  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  on a subspace  $S$  (of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ) is the point in  $S$  that is closest to  $b$ :  $\text{proj}_S(b) = \arg \min_{p \in S} \|b - p\|$ .

### L 5.2.2 (One-dimensional Projection Formula):

- Projection of  $b$  on  $S = \{\lambda a \mid \lambda \in \mathbb{R}\} = C(a)$ :  $\text{proj}_S(b) = \frac{aa^\top}{a^\top a} b$ .
- "Error vector" ( $e = b - p$ ) is perpendicular projection:  $(e = b - \text{proj}_S(b)) \perp \text{proj}_S(b)$ .

### L 5.2.3 (General Projection Formula):

- Let  $S$  be a subspace in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  with a basis  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  that span  $S$ . Let  $A$  be the matrix with column vectors  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ .

- The general formula:  $\text{proj}_S(b) = A\hat{x}$ , where  $\hat{x}$  is  $A^\top A\hat{x} = A^\top b$ .

### L 5.2.4 (Properties of $A^\top A$ ):

- $A^\top A$  is invertible  $\Leftrightarrow A$  has linearly independent columns.  $\Rightarrow A^\top A$  is a square matrix, symmetric, invertible.

### T 5.2.5 (Projection in terms of projection matrix):

- $\text{proj}_S(b) = Pb$  with projection matrix  $P = A(A^{-1}A)A^\top$ .  $A$  is matrix given in a task.

## 6 Applications of Orthogonality and Projections

### 6.1 Least Squares Approximation

#### Least Squares:

- Approximate a solution to System of equations: find  $x$  for which  $Ax$  is as close as possible to  $b$ :  $\min_{\hat{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|A\hat{x} - b\|^2$

#### Usage:

- find  $M = A^\top A$ ,  $b' = A^\top b$ , solve  $M\hat{x} = b'$

#### Linear Regression:

- Fitting a parabola

$$(t_k, b_k) = \{(0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 5)\}, b_k \approx \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 t_k + \alpha_2 t_k^2$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \hat{\alpha} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \hat{b}(t) = 1 + t^2.$$

### L 6.1.2:

- Matrix  $A$  ( $m \times 2$ ) has linearly dependent columns  $\Leftrightarrow t_i = t_j \forall i \neq j$ .

## 6.2 The set of all solutions to a system of linear equations

### L 6.2.1 (Injectivity of $A$ on $C(A^\top)$ , uniqueness of sol.):

- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $x, y \in C(A^\top) : Ax = Ay \Leftrightarrow x = y$

This leads to:  $C(A^\top) \cap N(A) = \{0\}$

### T 6.2.2 (Set of all solution of linear equations):

- Set of all sol. :  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | Ax = b\} \neq \emptyset$ , then:

$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | Ax = b\} = x_1 + N(A)$ ,  $x_1 \in R(A)$  is unique s.t.  $Ax_1 = b$ .

### T 6.2.4 (Linear equations with no solution):

- Linear equations has no solution:

$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | Ax = b\} = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow \{z \in \mathbb{R}^m | A^T z = 0, b^T z = 1\} \neq \emptyset$ .

## 6.3 Orthonormal Bases and Gram Schmidt

### D 6.3.1 (Orthonormal vectors):

- $q_i^\top q_j = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases}$  (orthogonal and have norm 1)

### D 6.3.3 (Orthogonal Matrix):

- A square matrix  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is an *orthogonal matrix* when  $Q^\top Q = I$ . If it is square, then,  $QQ^\top = I$ ,  $Q^{-1} = Q^\top$ , and the columns of  $Q$  form an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

- Orthogonal (rotation) matrix example:  $R_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$ .

### P 6.3.6 (Preserving qualities of orthogonal matrices):

- Orthogonal matrices preserve norm and inner product of vectors:  $\|Qx\| = \|x\|$  and  $(Qx)^\top (Qy) = x^\top y$

### P 6.3.7 (Least square solution to $Qx = b$ ):

- The least square solution to  $Qx = b$ , where  $Q$  is the matrix whose columns are the vectors forming the orthonormal basis of  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ , is given by  $\hat{x} = Q^\top b$  and the projection matrix is given by  $QQ^\top$ .

### D 6.3.8 (Gram-Schmidt algorithm):

- **Gram-Schmidt:** used to construct orthonormal bases.

We have linearly independent vectors  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  that span a subspace  $S$ , then we can construct their orthonormal basis  $q_1, \dots, q_n$  by:

- $q_1 = \frac{a_1}{\|a_1\|}$ .
- For  $k = 2, \dots, n$  do  $q'_k = a_k - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (a_k^\top q_i) q_i$ ,
- normalise  $q_k = \frac{q'_k}{\|q'_k\|}$ .

### D 6.3.10 (QR-Decomposition):

- $A = QR$ , where  $R = Q^\top A$ , and  $Q$  is a matrix with orthonormal columns produced by Gram-Schmidt.

### D 6.3.11 (Well-Defined QR Decomposition):

- $R$  - upper-triangular and invertible matrix  $\Rightarrow QQ^\top A = A$ , and hence,  $A = QR$  is well-defined.

### Simplicity of calculation with $Q$ :

- **Projection:**  $\text{proj}_{C(A)}(b) = QQ^\top b$ , **Least Squares:**  $R\hat{x} = Q^\top b$

This is possible because  $C(A) = C(Q)$  and  $R$  is triangular - we can use back-substitution with it.

## 6.4 Pseudoinverses

### D 6.4.1 (Left pseudoinverse):

- For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with full-column rank( $A$ ) =  $n$ , we get pseudoinverse  $A^\dagger \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  as  $A^\dagger = (A^\top A)^{-1} A^\top$ .  $A^\dagger$  is a left inverse:  $A^\dagger A = I$

### D 6.4.3 (Right pseudoinverse):

- For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with full row rank rank( $A$ ) =  $m$  we get  $A^\dagger \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  as  $A^\dagger = A^\top (AA^\top)^{-1}$ .  $A^\dagger$  is a right inverse:  $AA^\dagger = I$

### D 6.4.7 (CR decomposition with pseudoinverses):

- For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with rank( $A$ ) =  $r$  and a CR-decomposition  $A = CR$ , we define  $A^\dagger = R^\dagger C^\dagger$ . In general,  $A^\dagger = R^T (RR^T)^{-1} (C^T C)^{-1} C^T = R^T (C^T C R R^T)^{-1} C^T = R^T (C^T A R^T)^{-1} C^T$ .

### L 6.4.8 (Unique solution of least sq. with pseudoinverses):

- For any matrix  $A$  and vector  $b \in C(A)$ , the unique solution of the least squares problem is given by a vector  $\hat{x} \in C(A^\top)$  satisfying  $A\hat{x} = b$ . The solution is  $\hat{x} = A^\dagger b$ , with  $A\hat{x} = b$ , and in the general case  $A^\dagger = R^\dagger C^\dagger = R^T (C^T A R^T)^{-1} C^T$ .

### P 6.4.9 (TS decomposition):

- For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with rank( $A$ ) =  $r$ , let  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$ ,  $T \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n}$  such that  $A = ST$ . Then  $A^\dagger = T^\dagger S^\dagger$ .

### T 6.4.10 (Pseudoinverses properties):

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . Then  $AA^\dagger A = A$ ,  $A^\dagger AA^\dagger = A^\dagger$ ,  $(A^\dagger)^T = (A^T)^\dagger$ .  $AA^\dagger$  is symmetric  $\Rightarrow$  projection matrix onto  $C(A)$ ,  $A^\dagger A$  is symmetric  $\Rightarrow$  projection matrix onto  $C(A^\top)$ . Moreover,  $AA^\dagger = CRR^T(RR^T)^{-1}(C^T C)^{-1}C^T = C(C^T C)^{-1}C^T$ , which is the projection onto  $C(A)$ , and  $(AA^\dagger)^T = AA^\dagger$ .

## 7 The Determinant

### 7.1 2 times 2

#### D 7.1.1 (2 × 2 Determinant):

- For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\det(A) = ad - bc$ .

#### L 7.1.2 (Multiplication of determinants):

- $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$ .

Hence, for an LU-decomposition,  $\det(A) = \det(L)\det(U)$ .

#### D 7.2.1 (Permutation sign):

- The sign of a permutation is defined as the number of swaps of rows or columns.  $\det(\text{permuted matrix}) = (-1)^k \det(\text{original matrix})$ , where  $k$  is the number of swaps. Even number of swaps  $\Rightarrow +1$ , odd number  $\Rightarrow -1$ .

$\text{sgn}(\sigma \circ \gamma) = \text{sgn}(\sigma) \text{sgn}(\gamma)$ . For all  $n \geq 2$ , half of the permutations have sign +1, half have sign -1.

## 7.2 General case:

### D 7.2.3 (Determinant big formula):

- For a square matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\det(A) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Pi_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n A_{i,\sigma(i)}$ . (Number of permutations:  $n!$ )

### • Determinant Properties:

1. Matrix  $T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is triangular, then  $\det(T) = \prod_{k=1}^n T_{kk}$ , in particular  $\det(I) = 1$ .
2. Matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\det(A) = \det(A^\top)$ .
3. Matrix  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is orthogonal  $\Leftrightarrow \det(Q) = 1$  or  $\det(Q) = -1$ .
4. Matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is invertible  $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$ .
5. Matrices  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$ , in particular  $\det(A^n) = \det(A)^n$ .
6. Matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$ .
7.  $\det(\lambda A) = \lambda^n \det(A)$ .

### P 7.2.4 (Determinant of orthogonal matrices):

- $1 = \det(I) = \det(Q^\top Q) = \det(Q^\top) \det(Q) = \det(Q)^2$ , so  $\det(Q) = \pm 1$ . If  $\det(Q) = 1$ , then  $Q$  is a rotation matrix. If  $\det(Q) = -1$ , then  $Q$  is a reflection matrix.

### P 7.3.2 (Cofactor determinant calculation):

#### • Co-factor method:

$\det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} C_{ij}$ , where cofactors are  $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{ij})$ .

#### P 7.3.5 (Cramer's Rule):

- **Cramer's Rule:** For  $Ax = b$  with  $\det(A) \neq 0$ ,  $x_j = \frac{\det(\mathcal{B}_j)}{\det(A)}$ , where  $\mathcal{B}_j$  is the matrix obtained from  $A$  by replacing the  $j$ -th column with  $b$ .

#### P 7.3.7 (Linearity of a determinant):

- The determinant is linear in each row (and column). For example,  $\det \begin{bmatrix} a_0 a_0^T + a_1 a_1^T \\ a_2 a_2^T \end{bmatrix} = a_0 \det \begin{bmatrix} a_0^T \\ a_2^T \end{bmatrix} + a_1 \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T \\ a_2^T \end{bmatrix}$ .

## 8 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

### 8.1 Complex Numbers

1. Solve  $x^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{-1} \Rightarrow \mathbb{C} = \{a + ib : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
2.  $(a + ib) + (x + iy) = (a + x) + i(b + y)$ ,
3.  $(a + ib)(x + iy) = (ax - by) + i(ay + bx)$ ,
4.  $(a + ib)(a - ib) = a^2 + b^2$ .
5.  $\frac{a+ib}{x+iy} = \frac{(a+ib)(x-iy)}{x^2+y^2} = \frac{ax+by}{x^2+y^2} + i \frac{bx-ay}{x^2+y^2}$ .
6.  $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ ,  $z = a + ib$ ,
7.  $a + ib = a - ib$ .

### R 8.1.1 (Euler's formula):

- For  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \Rightarrow e^{i\pi} = -1$

### Polar form of a complex number:

- $z = re^{i\theta}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $r > 0$  is the modulus of  $z$ ,  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$ .

### T 8.1.2 (Fundamental Theorem of Algebra):

- Any degree  $n$  non-constant ( $n \geq 1$ ) polynomial  $P(z) = \alpha_n z^n + \alpha_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + \alpha_1 z + \alpha_0$ , ( $\alpha_n \neq 0$ ) has a zero: there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $P(\lambda) = 0$ .

$\Rightarrow$  A degree- $n$  polynomial has at most  $n$  distinct zeros (roots).

### C 8.1.3 (Algebraic multiplicity, num. of 0 in polynomial):

- Any degree  $n$  non-constant ( $n \geq 1$ ) polynomial has  $n$  zeros  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $P(z) = \alpha_n(z - \lambda_1)(z - \lambda_2) \cdots (z - \lambda_n)$ . The number of times  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  appears in the expression is called the *algebraic multiplicity* of the zero.

### Inner product on $\mathbb{C}^n$ :

- The inner product on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is given by  $\langle v, w \rangle = w^* v$ .

### Conjugate transpose:

- $A^* = \bar{A}^T$ .

## 8.2 Introduction to Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

### D 8.2.1 (EW/EV pair):

- Given  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , we say  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is an *eigenvalue* of  $A$  and  $v \in \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \{0\}$  is an *eigenvector* of  $A$  associated with  $\lambda$  when  $Av = \lambda v$ .  $(\lambda, v)$  is an eigenvalue–eigenvector pair. If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , then we have a real eigenvalue–eigenvector pair.

### L 8.2.3 (Real EW/EV):

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Then  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  is a real eigenvalue of  $A$  if and only if  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ . A vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  is an eigenvector associated with  $\lambda$  if and only if  $v \in \mathcal{N}(A - \lambda I)$ .

### D 8.3.4 (Characteristic Polynomial):

- The characteristic polynomial:  $(-1)^n \det(A - zI) = \det(zI - A) = (z - \lambda_1)(z - \lambda_2) \cdots (z - \lambda_n)$ . The coefficient of  $z^n$  is  $(-1)^n$ .

### T 8.2.5 (Existence of EW):

- Every matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  has an eigenvalue (possibly complex-valued).

### P 8.2.7 (EW of orthogonal matrix):

- If  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is orthogonal and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is an eigenvalue of  $Q$ , then  $|\lambda| = 1$ .

### L 8.2.8 (Complex EW exist in conjugate pairs for real A):

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . If  $(\lambda, v)$  is an eigenvalue–eigenvector pair, then  $(\bar{\lambda}, \bar{v})$  is also an eigenvalue–eigenvector pair.

## 8.3 Properties of Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

### P 8.3.1 (EW modifications based on types of a matrix):

- If  $(\lambda, v)$  is an eigenvalue–eigenvector pair of  $A$ , then  $(\lambda^k, v)$  is an eigenvalue–eigenvector pair of  $A^k$  for  $k \geq 1$ .

- If  $(\lambda, v)$  is an eigenvalue–eigenvector pair of  $A$  with  $\lambda \neq 0$ , then  $(\frac{1}{\lambda}, v)$  is an eigenvalue–eigenvector pair of  $A^{-1}$ .

### L 8.3.2 (Linear independence):

- If  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  are all distinct, the corresponding eigenvectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent.

### T 8.3.3 (Existence of a basis from EV):

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with  $n$  distinct real eigenvalues. Then there exists a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ , made of eigenvectors of  $A$ .

### D 8.3.4 (Trace of a matrix):

- The trace of  $A$  is defined by  $\text{Tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ii}$ .

### L 8.3.5 (Transposition equality of EW):

- The eigenvalues of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  are the same as those of  $A^T$ .

### L 8.3.6 (Determinant and Trace via EW):

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  be its eigenvalues as they appear in the characteristic polynomial. Then

$$\det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i, \quad \text{Tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i.$$

### L 8.3.7 (Cyclic invariance of the trace):

- For  $A, B, C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ :

$$\text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA), \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Tr}(ABC) = \text{Tr}(BCA) = \text{Tr}(CAB).$$

## 9 Diagonalizable Matrices, Singular Value Decomposition

### 9.1 Diagonalization

#### T 9.1.1 (Diagonalization Theorem, ability changing basis):

- $A = V\Lambda V^{-1}$ , where  $V$ 's columns are its eigenvectors and  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix with  $\Lambda_{ii} = \lambda_i$  and all other entries 0.  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and has to have a complete set of real eigenvectors (eigenbasis).

Equivalently,  $\Lambda = V^{-1}AV$ , since  $V$  is invertible.

$$\text{Std. coord.} \xrightarrow{V^{-1}} \text{EV. coord.} \xrightarrow{\Lambda} \text{EV. coord.} \xrightarrow{V} \text{Std. coord.}$$

### D 9.1.2 (Diagonalizable matrix):

- A matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is called *diagonalizable* if there exists an invertible matrix  $V$  such that  $V^{-1}AV = \Lambda$ , where  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix.

### D 9.1.3 (Complete set of EV):

- If we can find eigenvectors forming a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for  $A$ , we say that  $A$  has a *complete set of real eigenvectors*.

### P 9.1.6 (Projection and EW/EV):

- Let  $P$  be a projection matrix onto a subspace  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $P$  has two eigenvalues, 0 and 1, and a complete set of real eigenvectors.

### D 9.1.7 (Similar matrices):

- Matrices  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  are called *similar* if there exists an invertible matrix  $S$  such that  $B = S^{-1}AS$ . **P 9.1.8:** Similar matrices have the same eigenvalues.

### D 9.1.10 (Geometric multiplicity):

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $A$ . Then  $\dim \mathcal{N}(A - \lambda I)$  is called the *geometric multiplicity* of  $\lambda$ .

### L 9.1.11 (Complete set of real EV):

- A matrix has a complete set of real eigenvectors if and only if all its eigenvalues are real and the geometric multiplicities equal the algebraic multiplicities for all eigenvalues.

## 9.2 Symmetric Matrices, Spectral Theorem

### T 9.2.1 (Spectral Theorem):

- Any symmetric matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  has  $n$  real eigenvalues and an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $A$ .

### C 9.2.2 (Eigendecomposition):

- For any symmetric matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , there exists an orthogonal matrix  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  (whose columns are eigenvectors of  $A$ ) such that  $A = V\Lambda V^T$ , where  $\Lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is diagonal with diagonal entries equal to the eigenvalues of  $A$ , and  $V^T V = I$ . This decomposition is called the *eigendecomposition*.

### C 9.2.4 (Rank of real symmetric matrix):

- If  $A$  is a real symmetric matrix, then  $\text{rank}(A)$  is the number of nonzero eigenvalues of  $A$  (counting repetitions).
- For a general  $n \times n$  matrix,  $\text{rank}(A) = n - \dim \mathcal{N}(A)$ , so the geometric multiplicity of the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 0$  equals  $\dim \mathcal{N}(A)$ .

### P 9.2.6 (Rank-One Spectral Decomposition):

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be symmetric, and let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors of  $A$  (the columns of  $V$ ), with associated eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ . Then  $A = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k v_k v_k^T$ .

A *real symmetric matrix is a weighted sum of orthogonal projections onto its eigenvector directions, with weights given by the eigenvalues*.

### L 9.2.7 (Orthogonality of EV):

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be symmetric and let  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  be two distinct eigenvalues of  $A$  with corresponding eigenvectors  $v_1, v_2$ . Then  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are orthogonal.

### L 9.2.8 (Symmetric matrix has real EW):

- A symmetric matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  has only real eigenvalues:  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \Rightarrow \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Indeed, if  $Av = \lambda v$ :

$$\lambda \|v\|^2 = \bar{\lambda} v^* v = (\lambda v)^* v = (Av)^* v = v^* A^* v = v^* Av = v^* \lambda v = \lambda \|v\|^2.$$

$\Rightarrow$  every symmetric matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  has a real eigenvalue. (C 9.2.9)

### P 9.2.10 (Rayleigh Quotient):

- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is symmetric. For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ , the Rayleigh quotient  $R(x) = \frac{x^T Ax}{x^T x}$ .

The minimum of  $R = R(v_{\min}) = \lambda_{\min}$ , and the maximum  $R(v_{\max}) = \lambda_{\max}$ . Here  $\lambda_{\max}/\lambda_{\min}$  are the largest/smallest eigenvalues of  $A$ , and  $v_{\max}/v_{\min}$  their associated eigenvectors.

### D 9.2.11 (PSD and PD matrices):

- $A = A^T \bullet A \succeq 0$  (PSD)  $\Leftrightarrow \lambda_i(A) \geq 0$   $\bullet A \succ 0$  (PD)  $\Leftrightarrow \lambda_i(A) > 0$ .

### P 9.2.12 (Positivity of the quadratic form):

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be symmetric. Then  $A \succeq 0 \iff x^T Ax \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

and  $A \succ 0 \iff x^\top Ax > 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0$ .

### D 9.2.13 (Gram Matrix):

- Given vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , their *Gram matrix* is  $G \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  defined by  $G_{ij} = v_i^\top v_j$ . If  $V = [v_1 \dots v_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , then  $G = V^\top V$ .
- If  $A = [a_1 \dots a_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , one also calls  $AA^\top$  a Gram matrix; note that  $AA^\top = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i a_i^\top$ . It is  $m \times m$  matrix.

### P 9.2.15 (Same EV of transposed matrices):

- For a real matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , the non-zero eigenvalues of  $A^\top A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $AA^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  are the same. Also both are symmetric and PSD.

### P 9.2.16 (Cholesky Decomposition):

- Every symmetric PSD matrix  $M$  is a Gram matrix of upper-triangular matrix  $C$ :  $M = C^\top C$ .

## 9.3 Singular Value Decomposition

### D 9.3.1 (Singular Value Decomposition):

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . There exist orthogonal matrices  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  and  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and a diagonal matrix  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with nonnegative diagonal entries  $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_{\min(m,n)}$  such that

$$A = U\Sigma V^\top.$$

The columns of  $U$  and  $V$  are called the left and right singular vectors of  $A$ , and the diagonal entries of  $\Sigma$  are the singular values of  $A$ .

### R 9.3.2 (Compact form of SVD):

- If  $\text{rank}(A) = r$ , then the SVD can be written as

$$A = U_r \Sigma_r V_r^\top,$$

where  $U_r \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$  and  $V_r \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$  have orthonormal columns, and  $\Sigma_r = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r)$ . This representation stores  $r(m + n + 1)$  real numbers instead of  $mn$ . For small  $r$ , this yields substantial savings and motivates low-rank approximations.

### T 9.3.3 (Every matrix has SVD):

- Every matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  has SVD:  $A = U\Sigma V^\top$ . Equivalently, every linear transformation is diagonal in orthonormal bases of singular vectors.

### P 9.3.4 (SVD as a sum of rank-one matrices):

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  have rank  $r$ , with singular values  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r$  and corresponding singular vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_r$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_r$ . Then

$$A = \sum_{k=1}^r \sigma_k u_k v_k^\top.$$

Main idea: We can write any rank- $r$  matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  as a sum of  $r$  rank-1 matrices.

## Algorithms

### Gaussian Elimination.

Given  $Ax = b$ , form the augmented matrix  $[A | b]$  and apply elementary row operations to reach row echelon form (REF): pivot  $\rightarrow$  swap  $\rightarrow$  eliminate below  $\rightarrow$  repeat. If a row  $(0 \dots 0 | c)$  with  $c \neq 0$  appears, the system is inconsistent; otherwise solve by back-substitution.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow (x, y) = (1, 2).$$

### Gauss-Jordan Elimination.

Starting from  $[A | b]$ , apply Gaussian elimination, then normalize each pivot to 1 and eliminate all other entries in the pivot columns. The resulting reduced row echelon form (RREF) gives the solution directly.

Solve:

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 3, \\ 2x + y = 4. \end{cases} \iff \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

Row-reduce to RREF:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow -R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right].$$

$x = 1, \quad y = 2.$

### Inverse via Gauss-Jordan.

To compute  $A^{-1}$ , form the augmented matrix  $[A | I]$  and apply Gauss-Jordan elimination. If

$$[A | I] \longrightarrow [I | B],$$

then  $B = A^{-1}$ . If  $I$  cannot be obtained on the left,  $A$  is not invertible.

$$\begin{aligned} [A | I] &= \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 3R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow -\frac{1}{2}R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 2R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

### Fitting a line with least squares.

$$\hat{\alpha} = \arg \min_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^2} \|A\alpha - b\|^2 = (A^\top A)^{-1} A^\top b, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & t_m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \hat{\alpha} = (A^\top A)^{-1} A^\top b = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{6} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \hat{b}(t) = \frac{7}{6} + \frac{1}{2}t.$$

## Forming orthonormal basis via Gram-Schmidt.

Gram-Schmidt used to construct orthonormal bases.

We have linearly independent vectors  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  that span a subspace  $S$ , then we can construct their orthonormal basis  $q_1, \dots, q_n$  by:

- $q_1 = \frac{a_1}{\|a_1\|}$ .
- For  $k = 2, \dots, n$  do  $q'_k = a_k - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (a_k^\top q_i) q_i$ ,
- normalize  $q_k = \frac{q'_k}{\|q'_k\|}$ .

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

## Notes from correction

### Notes and ideas

#### Pythagorean theorem:

- If two vectors are orthogonal, then their squared lengths add:  $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{x}^\top \underbrace{\mathbf{y}}_{=0} + \mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{y} = \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2$

#### Linearity Proof:

- To prove linearity insert arbitrary  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  to  $f(\mathbf{v} + \alpha \mathbf{w})$

#### Non-trivial nullspace and solutions:

- When  $m < n$  then there exists a nontrivial null space, which prevents uniqueness of a solution. Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , then there exists  $\mathbf{x} \neq 0$  but  $A\mathbf{x} = 0$ :

$$\text{rank}(A) \leq m < n \Rightarrow \dim(N(A)) = n - \text{rank}(A) \geq 1$$

#### Linear dependence:

- The vectors  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  are *linearly dependent* if there exist scalars  $a_1, a_2, a_3$ , not all zero, such that  $a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + a_3 v_3 = \mathbf{0}$ .

#### Invertible matrix properties:

- $A$  is invertible
- $\Leftrightarrow A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a unique solution for every  $\mathbf{b}$
- $\Leftrightarrow N(A) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$
- $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(A) = n$
- $\Leftrightarrow$  columns of  $A$  are lin. independent

#### Homogenous system solutions:

- A homogenous system  $A\mathbf{x} = 0$  has either one solution  $x = 0$  or infinitely many solutions: all scaled  $\alpha \mathbf{x}$ .

#### Square a sum:

- $(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i)^2 = (\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i)(\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j)$   
 $= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_i \lambda_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} \lambda_i \lambda_j$

That is why  $\text{Tr}(A^2) \leq \text{Tr}(A)^2$ . When all eigenvalues are zero or at most one is not zero, then this becomes equal.

#### Dot product concept:

- Dot product tells you how much two vectors point in the same direction.

- $u^T w < 0$ : pointing opposite to  $w$
- $u^T w = 0$ : perpendicular to  $w$
- $u^T w > 0$ : pointing partly in the same direction as  $w$

#### Prove the dimension of a subspace:

- Write the general matrix, apply the constraints, deconstruct into linear combination of independent variables, prove that they span the space, show that they are linearly independent.

#### Singular Values inversion:

- Since  $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n > 0$ , it follows that  $\frac{1}{\sigma_1} \leq \dots \leq \frac{1}{\sigma_n}$ , and therefore, when ordered decreasingly, the singular values of  $A^{-1}$  are  $\frac{1}{\sigma_n}, \dots, \frac{1}{\sigma_1}$ .

#### Invertible matrix singular values:

- Invertible matrix singular values are strictly positive.

#### Creative Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality:

- To prove  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i^2}{b_i} \geq \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n b_i}$ , apply the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to the vectors  $(\frac{a_1}{\sqrt{b_1}}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{\sqrt{b_n}})$  and  $(\sqrt{b_1}, \dots, \sqrt{b_n})$ . Their dot product is  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i$ , and their squared norms are  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i^2}{b_i}$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n b_i$ . By Cauchy-Schwarz,  $(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)^2 \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i^2}{b_i}\right) (\sum_{i=1}^n b_i)$ , which rearranges by division with a sum of  $b$  to the desired inequality.

#### Matrix Representation of a Linear Map:

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$$f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}), \quad f(a, b) = \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = \{B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4\}$$

$$f(a, b) = aB_1 + bB_2 + 0B_3 + 2aB_4$$

$$[f(a, b)]_{\mathcal{B}_1} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ 0 \\ 2a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = [f(a, b)]_{\mathcal{B}_1}, \quad F = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Columns of  $F = [f(e_1)]_{\mathcal{B}_1}, [f(e_2)]_{\mathcal{B}_1}$

#### Why $\text{Tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$ :

- Eigenvalues are the roots of the characteristic polynomial.
- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ . The characteristic polynomial is

$$\chi_A(z) = (-1)^n \det(A - zI) = \det(zI - A) = \prod_{i=1}^n (z - \lambda_i).$$

**Determinant.** Evaluating at  $z = 0$  gives

$$\det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i.$$

**Trace.** Expanding  $\chi_A(z)$ ,

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (z - \lambda_i) = z^n - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \right) z^{n-1} + \dots$$

Hence the coefficient of  $z^{n-1}$  is  $-\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$ .

On the other hand, using the determinant expansion,

$$\det(zI - A) = (z - A_{11})(z - A_{22}) \cdots (z - A_{nn}) + \dots,$$

where the remaining terms correspond to non-identity permutations and have degree at most  $z^{n-2}$ . Therefore, the coefficient of  $z^{n-1}$  is

$$-\sum_{i=1}^n A_{ii} = -\text{Tr}(A).$$

Comparing coefficients yields

$$\text{Tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i.$$

## 9.4 Quiz

#### Determining when matrix returns to identity:

- If  $A^m = I$  and  $A^n = I$ , then

$$A^{\gcd(m, n)} = I.$$

Proof sketch to template:

Let  $d = \gcd(m, n)$ . Then there exist integers  $x, y$  with  $d = xm + yn$  (Bézout). Assuming  $A$  is invertible (true in any group; for matrices this means  $A \in GL$ ),

$$A^d = A^{xm+yn} = (A^m)^x (A^n)^y = I^x I^y = I.$$

**When can you conclude  $A = I$ ?** You can conclude  $A = I$  if  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ , because then  $A^1 = A = I$ . Otherwise, you can only conclude that the order of  $A$  divides  $\gcd(m, n)$  (i.e.,  $A$  is a root of unity of that exponent).

#### Pairwise linear independence:

- Pairwise independence is weaker than (joint) linear independence.  $\Rightarrow$  Linear independence is a global property: checking vectors two at a time is not enough. Collectively, they might still fail independence. Geometrically in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ : you can have infinitely many vectors that are pairwise non-collinear, but at most two vectors can be linearly independent.

#### Linear Dependence Criterion via Dimension:

- In a vector space of dimension  $n$ , any set of more than  $n$  vectors is linearly dependent. More formally:
- Let  $V$  be a vector space with  $\dim V = n$ . Then any set of  $n+1$  (or more) vectors in  $V$  is linearly dependent.

#### Complex expression and geometric Interpretation:

- Using  $z\bar{z} = |z|^2$ , the condition reduces to  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ , which describes the unit circle.

#### SVD validity check:

- To verify whether a proposed factorization  $A = U\Sigma V^\top$  is a valid SVD, it suffices to check the following:

- **Orthogonality:**  $U$  (and  $V$ ) has orthonormal columns, i.e.  $U^\top U = I$  and  $V^\top V = I$ ;

- **Singular values:**  $\Sigma$  is diagonal with non-negative entries;

- **Dimensions:** if  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , then  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ .

**Invertible matrix and EW:**

- A matrix is invertible iff 0 is not an eigenvalue.

- $A = A^T \Rightarrow A$  has real eigenvalues  $\Rightarrow \lambda + i \neq 0 \Rightarrow \det(A + iI) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \det(A + iI)$  is invertible