

# Linear Algebra II

CS771: Introduction to Machine Learning

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# Recap of Last Lecture

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## Linear combination of vectors

*Special cases: affine combinations, convex combinations*

*Span of a set of vectors  $S$ : all vectors obtainable as linear combinations of  $S$*

*Incremental trick to finding convex hull/span of a set of vectors*

## Notions of a set of vectors being linearly dependent/independent

*Other definitions e.g. only null combination yields null vector are equivalent*

*Basis of a set  $S$ : a linearly independent set  $B$  s.t.  $\text{span}(B) \supseteq S$*

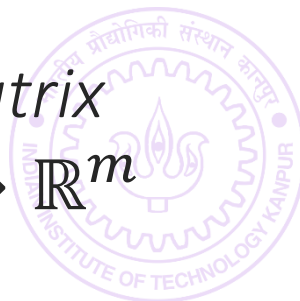
*Gram-Schmidt process to identify an orthonormal basis for a finite set  $S$*

## Linear Maps/Transformations

*Every linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  corresponds uniquely to a  $k \times d$  matrix*

*Every  $m \times n$  matrix corresponds uniquely to a linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$*

*Special kinds of linear maps: scaling maps, rotation maps*



# More on Compositional Linear Maps

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Matrix operations assume very natural interpretations as linear maps

Let  $f, g: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  be linear maps corresp. to matrices  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$

*Matrix addition:*  $A + B$  corresponds to the map  $p(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq f(\mathbf{x}) + g(\mathbf{x}), \forall \mathbf{x}$

*Matrix multiplication:*  $AB$  corresponds to the map  $q(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq f(g(\mathbf{x})), \forall \mathbf{x}$

*Identity matrix:* corresponds to the map  $i(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}, \forall \mathbf{x}$

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*You may verify that all the above compositional maps are indeed linear maps!*

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## Matrix op

Note that this makes the result  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$  almost immediately intuitive. If we applied a map  $g$  then a map  $f$ , then to invert/undo this composite map, we must first undo  $f$  then undo  $g$  😊

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Can you see why some of the other commonly known results also make sense this way? For example why  $(A + B)^{-1} \neq A^{-1} + B^{-1}$  or why  $c \cdot (A + B) = c \cdot A + c \cdot B$  or why  $(c + d) \cdot A = c \cdot A + d \cdot A$  or why  $A + B = B + A$

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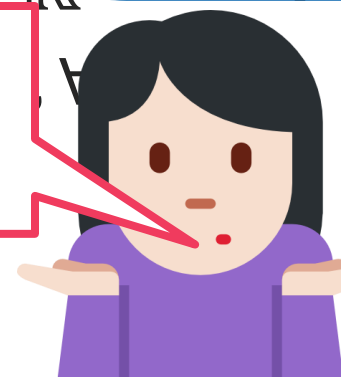
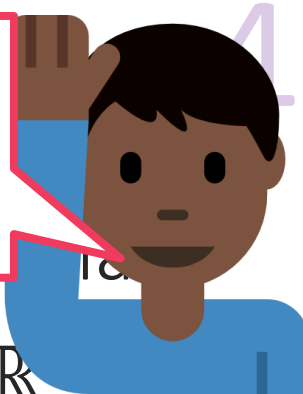
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A vector (column by default)  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$  is a map from  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

*It maps a scalar  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  to a vector  $c \cdot \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$*

A row vector  $\mathbf{u}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$  is a map from  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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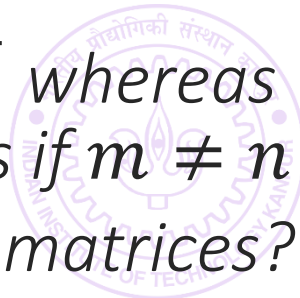
*Thus, inner (aka dot) products can be seen as the application of a linear map!*

**Outer product:** given a col. vector  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and row vector  $\mathbf{u}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$ , can think of  $\mathbf{v}\mathbf{u}^T$  as a composition map from  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  i.e. from  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . Indeed, for any  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  we have  $\mathbf{v}\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

*Not surprising then that  $U = \mathbf{v}\mathbf{u}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is a matrix*

*Example for matmul not symmetric:  $UU^T = \mathbf{v}\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T = (\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T$  whereas  $U^T U = \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}\mathbf{u}^T = (\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T$ .  $UU^T$  and  $U^T U$  not even same dims if  $m \neq n$*

*Can you show above identities using the linear map interpretation of matrices?*



# Column Space

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**Recall:** every linear map  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  is represented by a matrix, say  $A$  of col. vectors telling us how  $f$  maps canonical vectors i.e.  $\mathbf{e}_i, i \in [d]$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} f(\mathbf{e}_1) & f(\mathbf{e}_2) & \dots & f(\mathbf{e}_d) \end{bmatrix}$$

**Note:**  $\sum_{i=1}^d v_i \cdot f(\mathbf{e}_i)$  is the same as  $A\mathbf{v}$  where  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$

This means as  $\mathbf{v}$  takes all possible values  $\in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $A\mathbf{v}$  will take all possible values in  $\text{span}(f(\mathbf{e}_1), \dots, f(\mathbf{e}_d))$  – called the *column space* of  $A$

The column space of  $A$  tells us all possible outputs that map can give!



# Rank

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Given a set of vectors  $S$ , the **number** of vectors in its basis is called the *rank* of the set  $S$  – often written as  $\text{rank}(S)$  or even  $\text{dim}(S)$

*Warning:* a set of vectors can have more than one basis. However, all of them will have the same size. Gram-Schmidt will also give a basis of that same size

**Special case 1:**  $\text{dim}(S) = 0$ . This can happen only if the set contains only one element (or many copies of it) and that element is the zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$

**Special case 2:**  $\text{dim}(S) = 1$ . This happens when vectors in  $S$  all lie along a line that passes through origin, even if the vectors are  $d$ -dimensional for  $d > 1$

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For example, vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^5$  lying on a 3-dimensional subspace





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Can you see why we must always have  $\dim(S) = \dim(\text{span}(S))$ ?  
Can you see why we must always have  $\dim(S) \leq |S|$ ?

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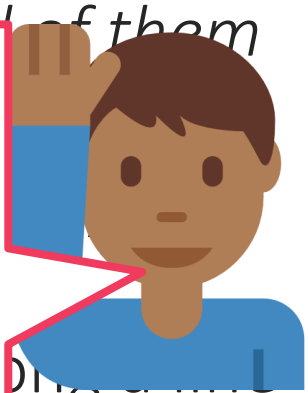
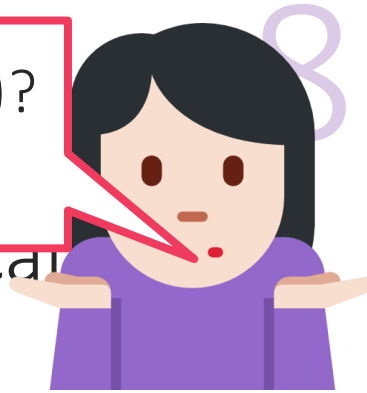
Be careful about lines/planes that do not pass through origin. The rank of a line that does not pass through the origin is 2 not 1. Verify this yourself by thinking of the line  $x + y = 1$ . It contains the points  $(1,0)$  as well as  $(0,1)$  which means the span of points on this line is the entire space  $\mathbb{R}^2$  i.e. its rank is 2. Similarly, a plane in 3D that does not pass through the origin has rank 3 not 2

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For a matrix  $A$ , rank of its set of columns is called *column rank* of  $A$

For a matrix  $A$ , rank of its set of rows (can be defined as the column rank of  $A^T$  whose cols are rows of  $A$ ) is called *row rank* of  $A$

**Claim without proof:** the row rank and the column rank of any matrix are always the same so we simply talk about the *rank* of  $A$

A matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  for which rank is equal to either the # of rows or the # of columns i.e.  $\text{rank}(A) = \min\{m, n\}$  is called a *full-rank* matrix

*Remember, for every set  $S$ , we always have  $\dim(S)$  (aka  $\text{rank}(S)$ )  $\leq |S|$*

A matrix that is not full rank is often called *rank-deficient*



# “Spaces”

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Term used a lot in linalg – vector *space*, column *space*, *subspace*

A *space* is simply a set of vectors that is “self-contained” in two senses

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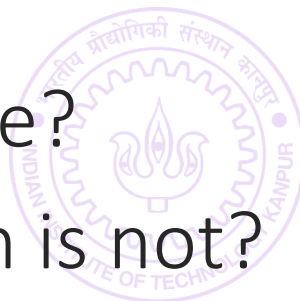
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Can you see why every line passing through the origin is a space?

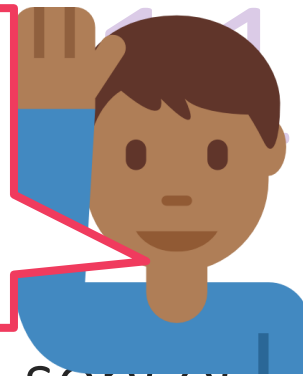
Can you see why a line segment/line not passing through origin is not?



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Term used

Vector spaces like  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^d$  etc are all spaces. Spaces can contain other spaces too (the contained spaces are called *subspaces*). For example, the set  $\{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^5: \sum_{j=1}^5 v_j = 0\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  (verify)



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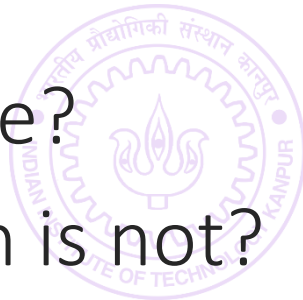
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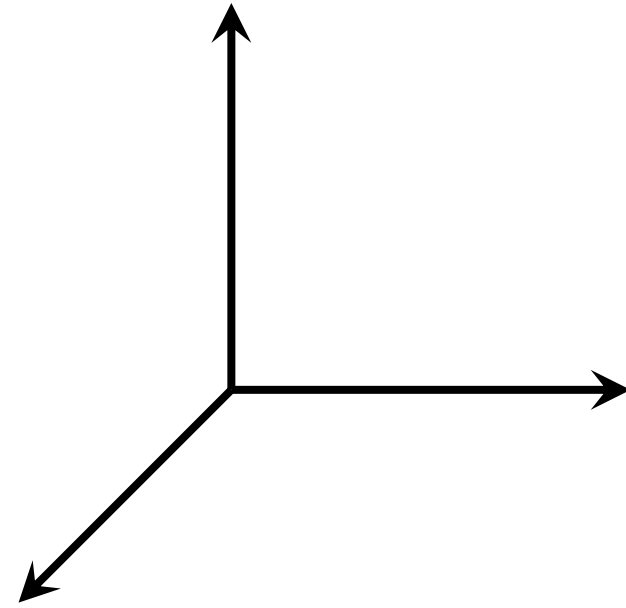
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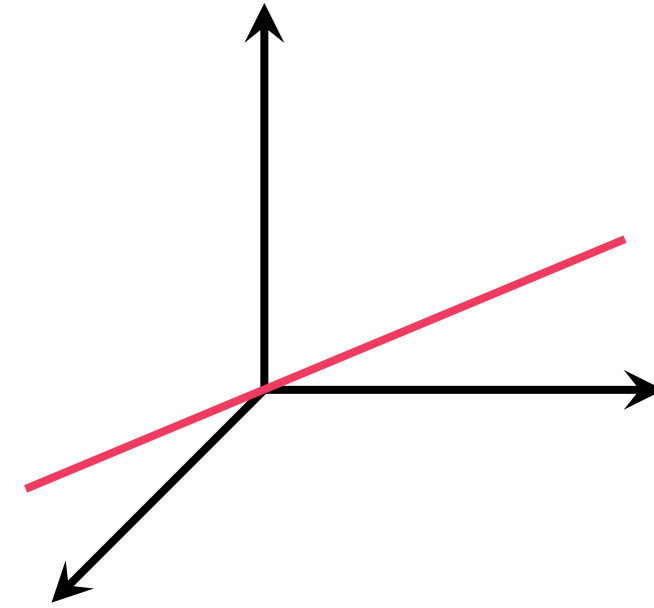
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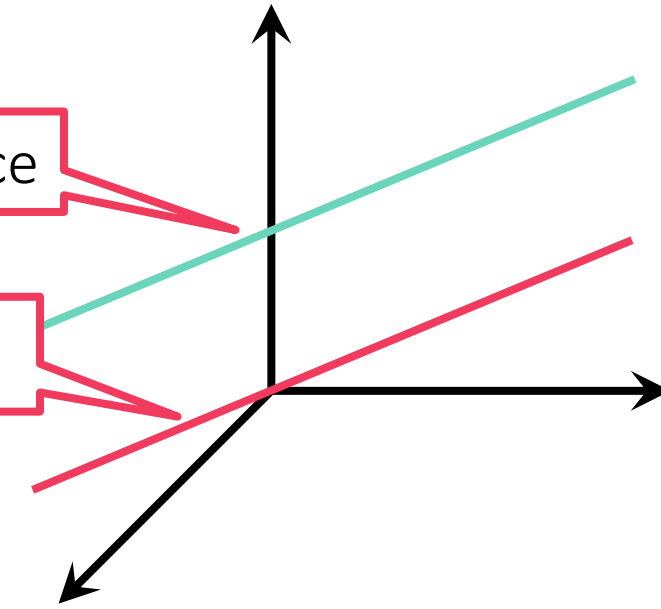
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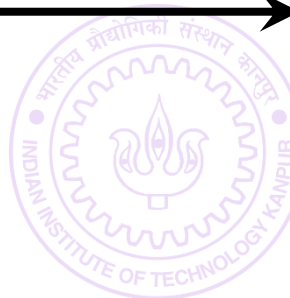
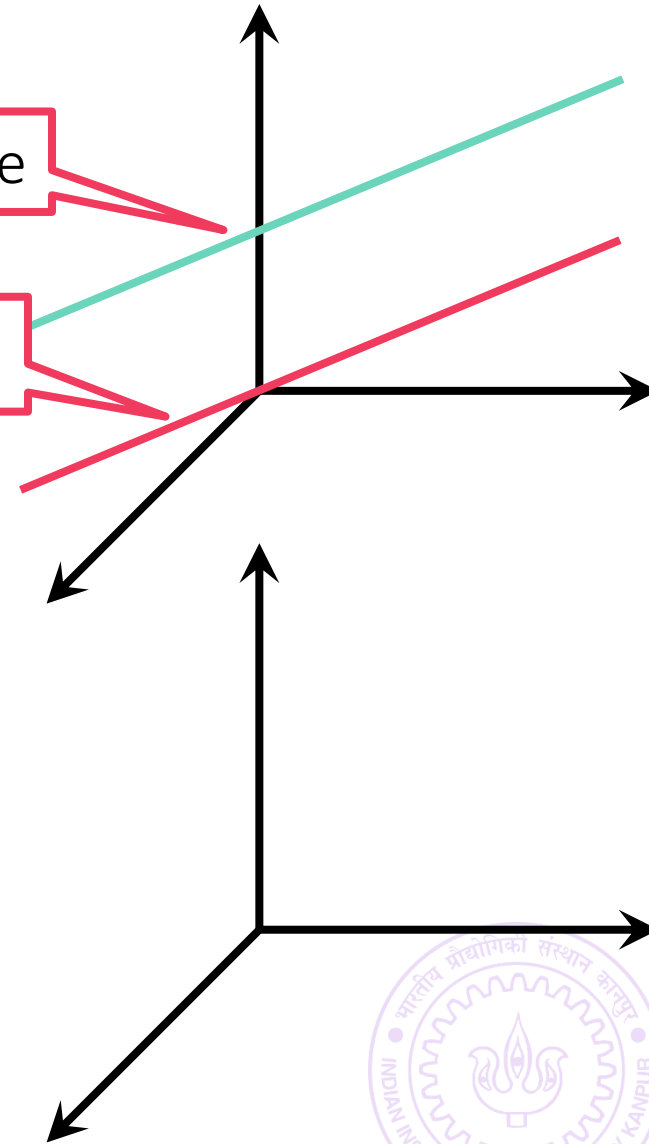
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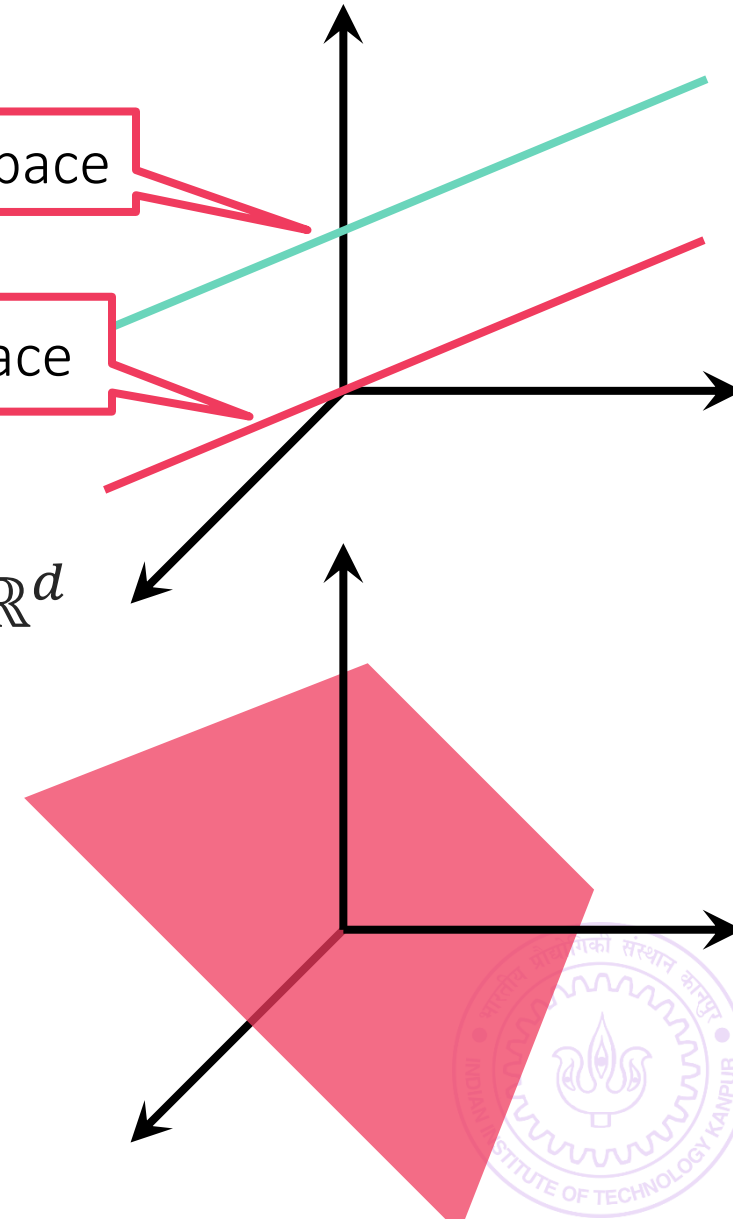
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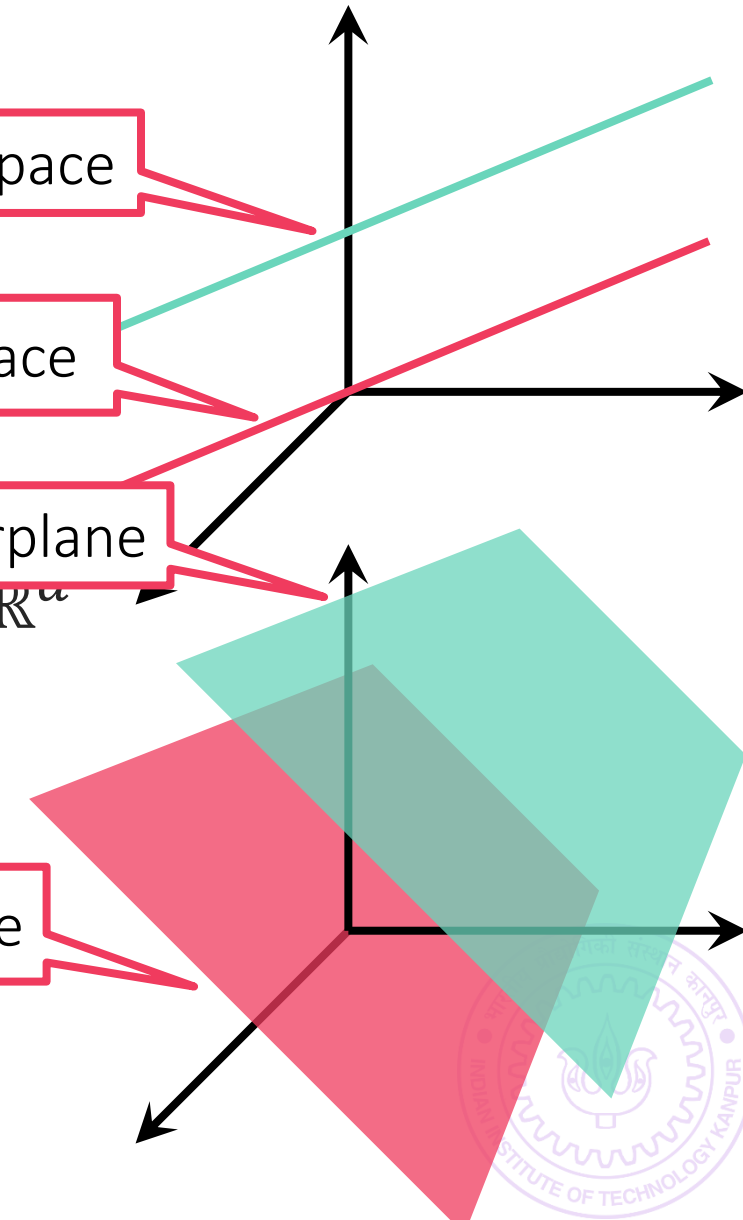
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# Null Space

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For any linear map  $\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  with matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$ , its *null space* (aka *kernel*) is the set of inputs that get mapped to zero vector

$$\ker(A) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d : A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$$

*Can you show that  $\ker(A)$  is always a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ?*

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$$A\mathbf{u} = A(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \text{ for any } \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^d \text{ and any } \mathbf{v} \in \ker(A).$$

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Note that if  $\dim(\ker(A)) > 0$ , this means that the kernel has an infinite number of elements which means that for any  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , there exist infinitely many other vectors  $\tilde{\mathbf{u}} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  such that  $A\mathbf{u} = A\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$ . Each such  $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$  is found by adding a kernel element to  $\mathbf{u}$  (to see this, note  $A\mathbf{u} = A\tilde{\mathbf{u}} \Rightarrow A(\mathbf{u} - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}) = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{u} - \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \in \ker(A)$ )

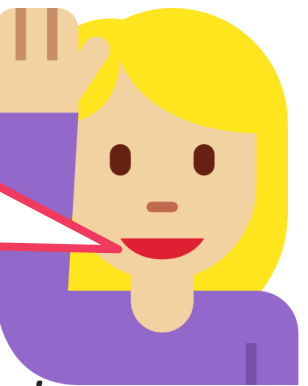
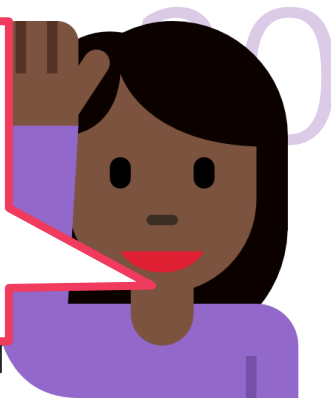
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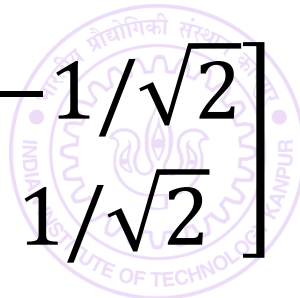
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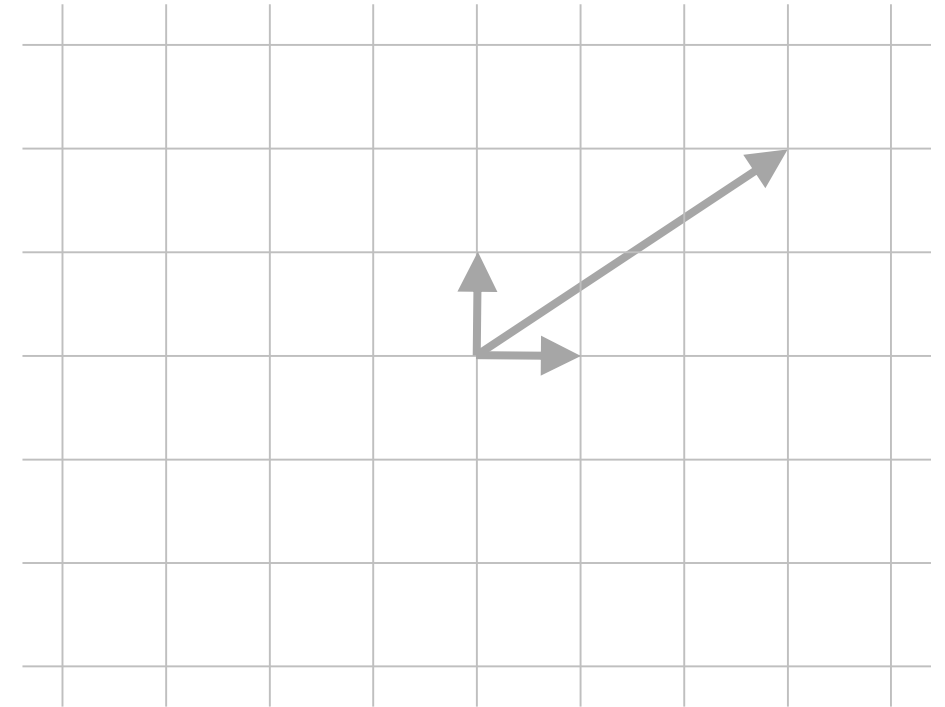
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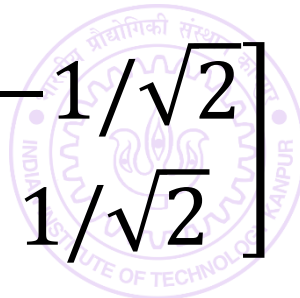
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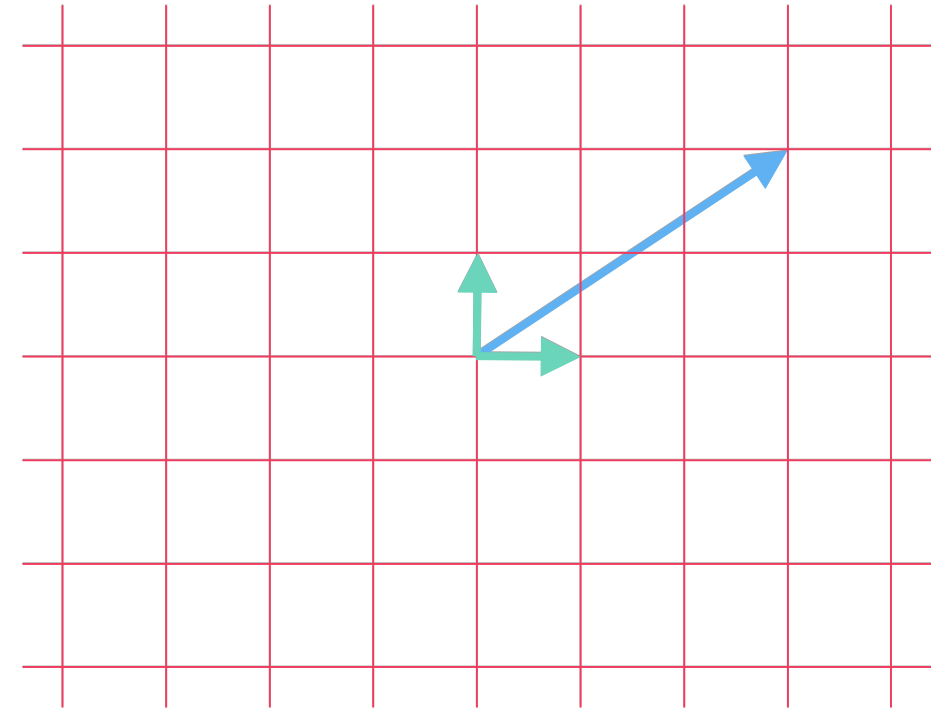
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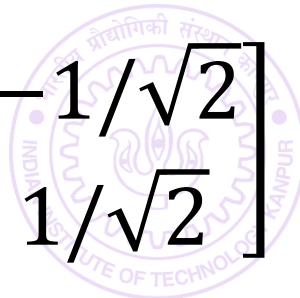
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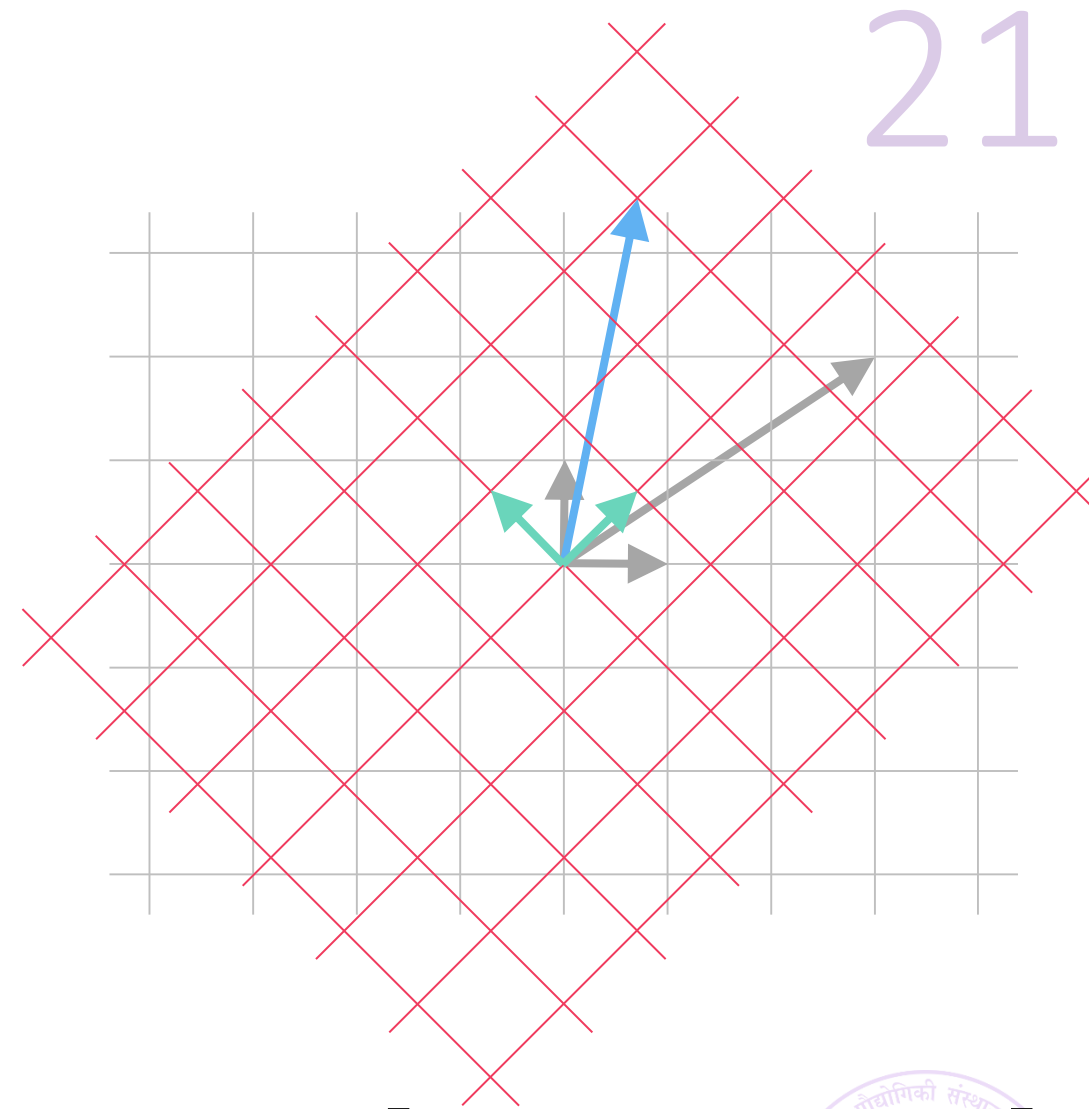
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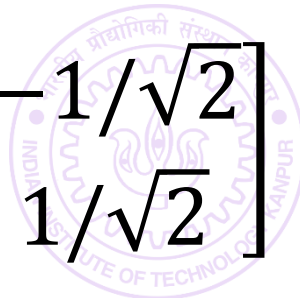
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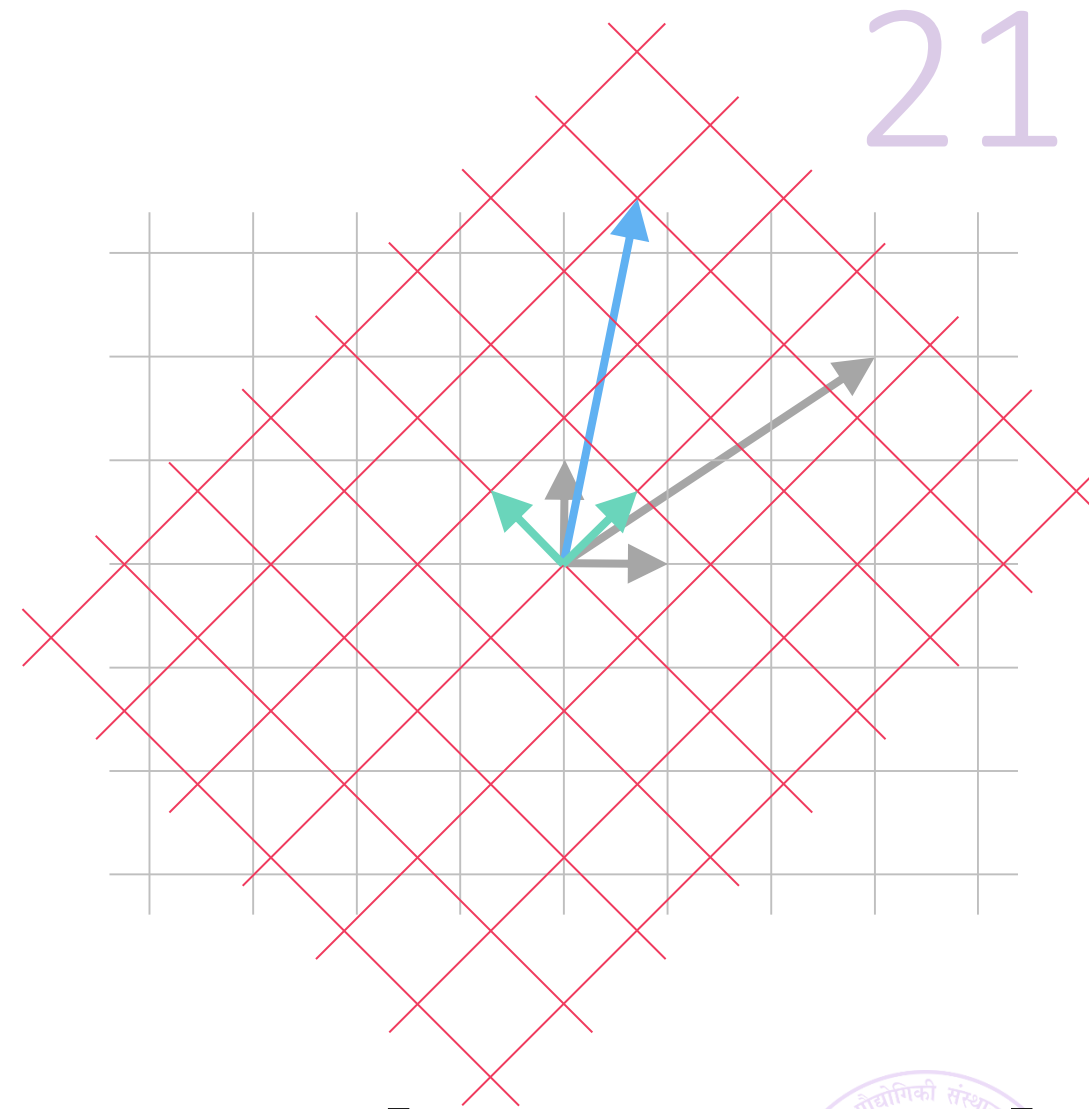
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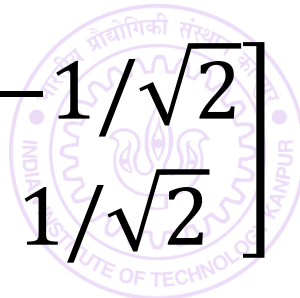
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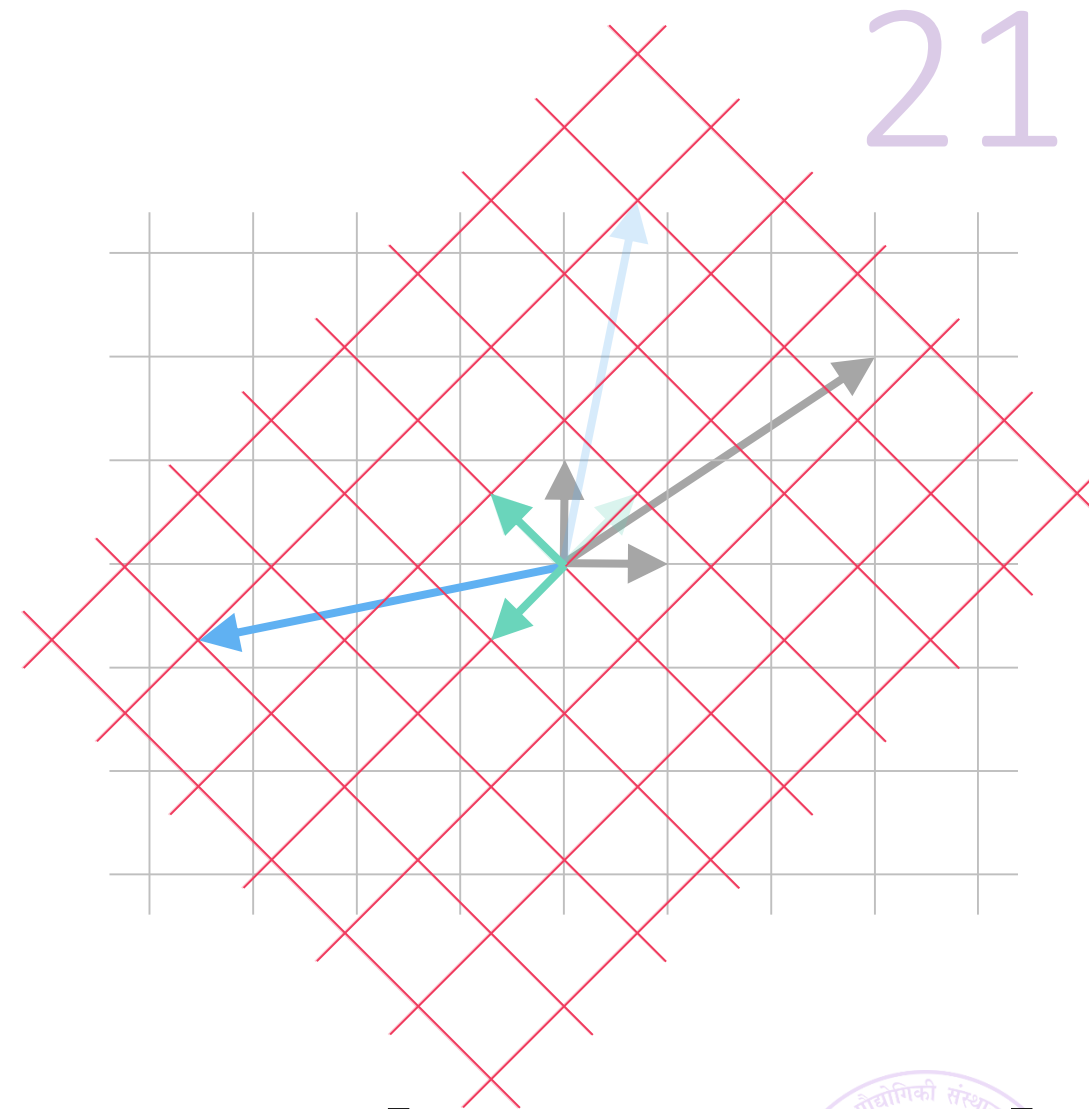
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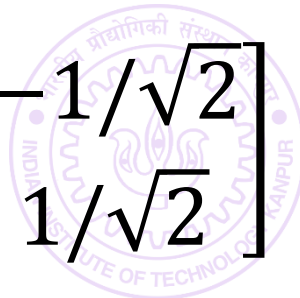
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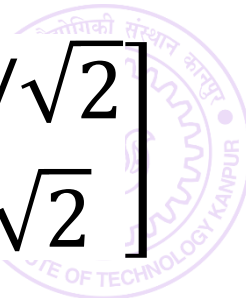
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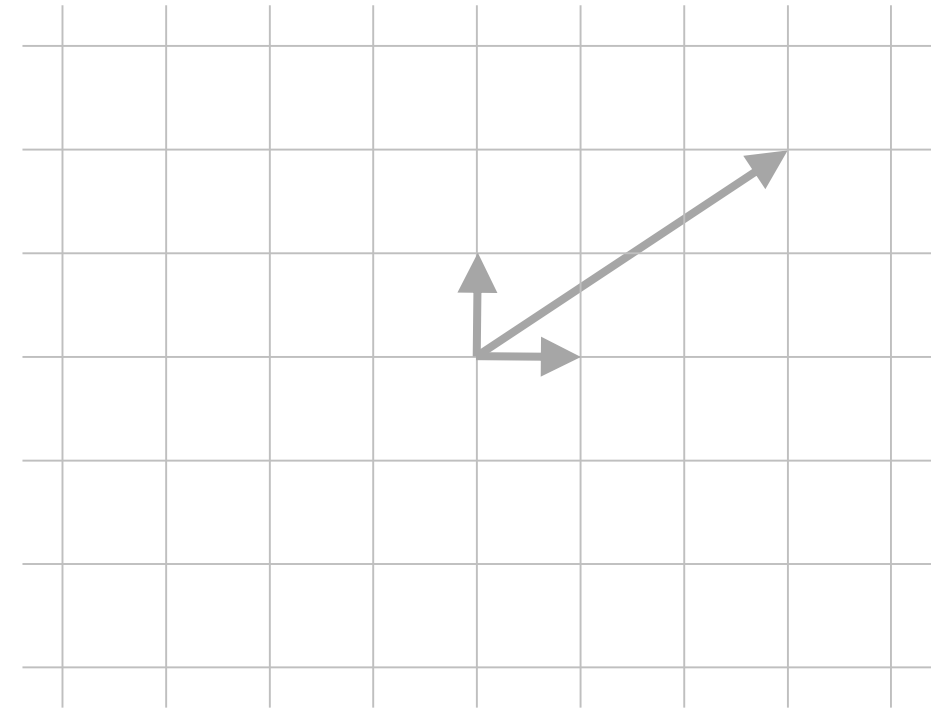
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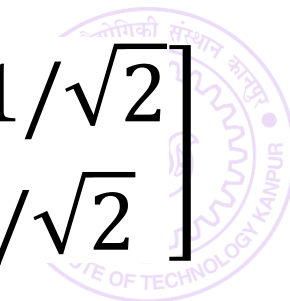
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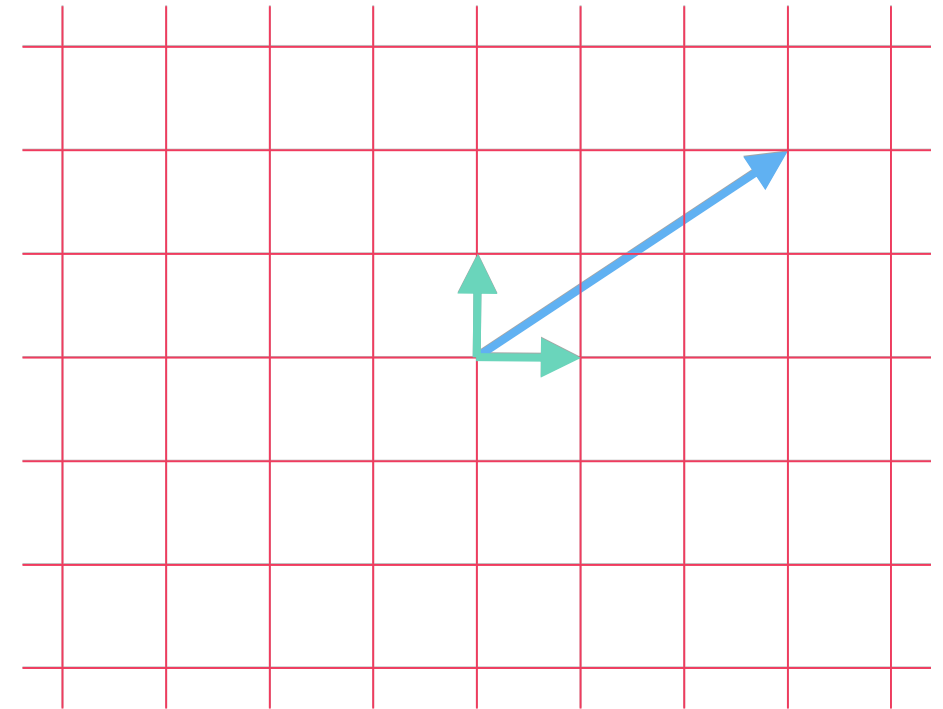
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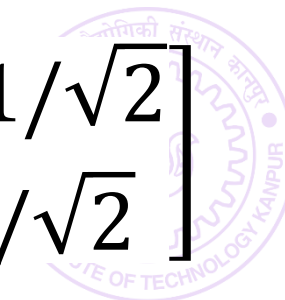
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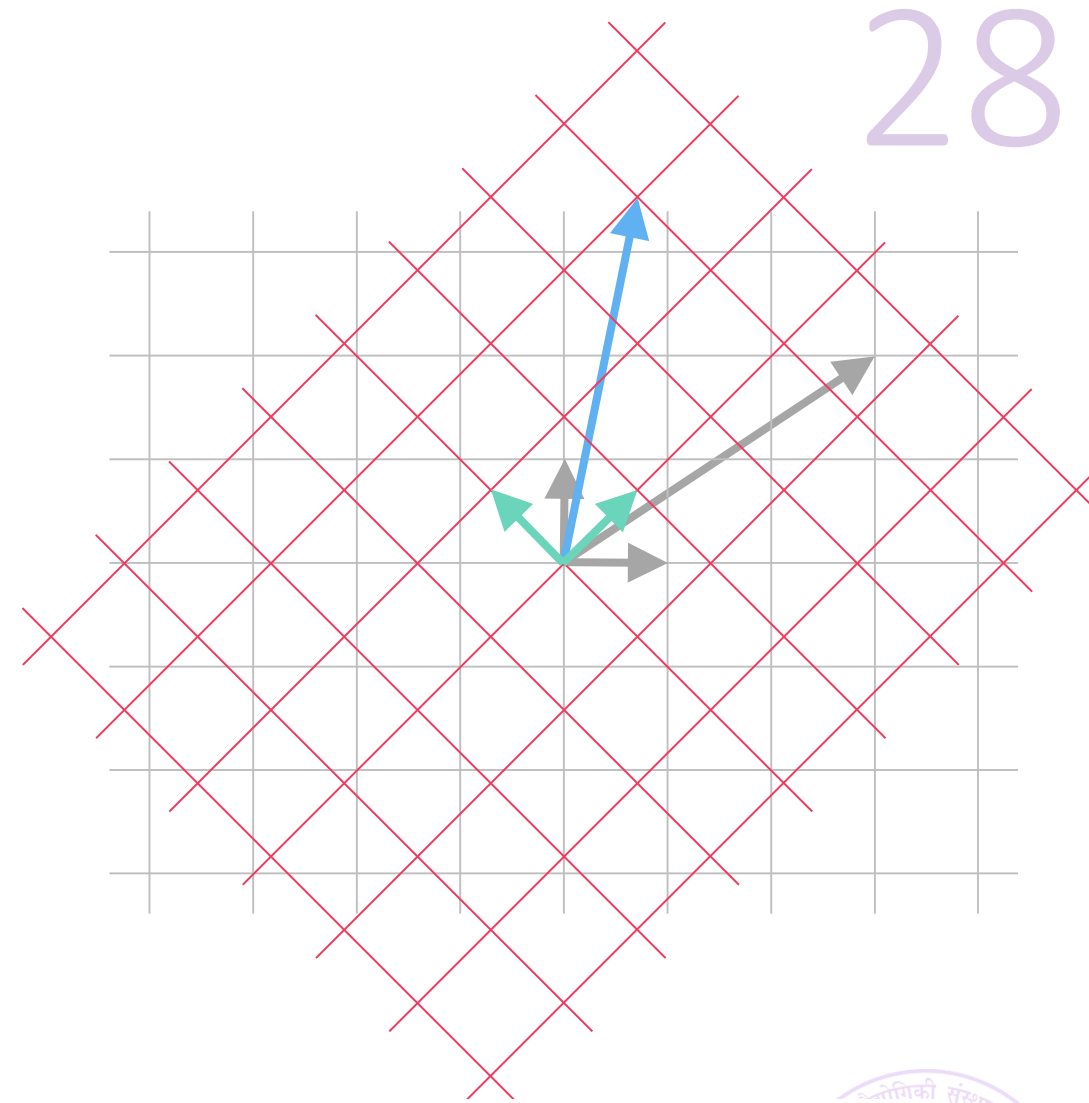
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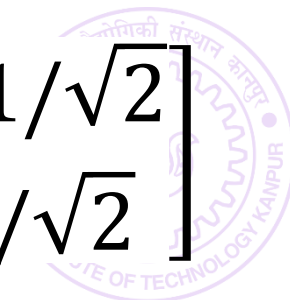
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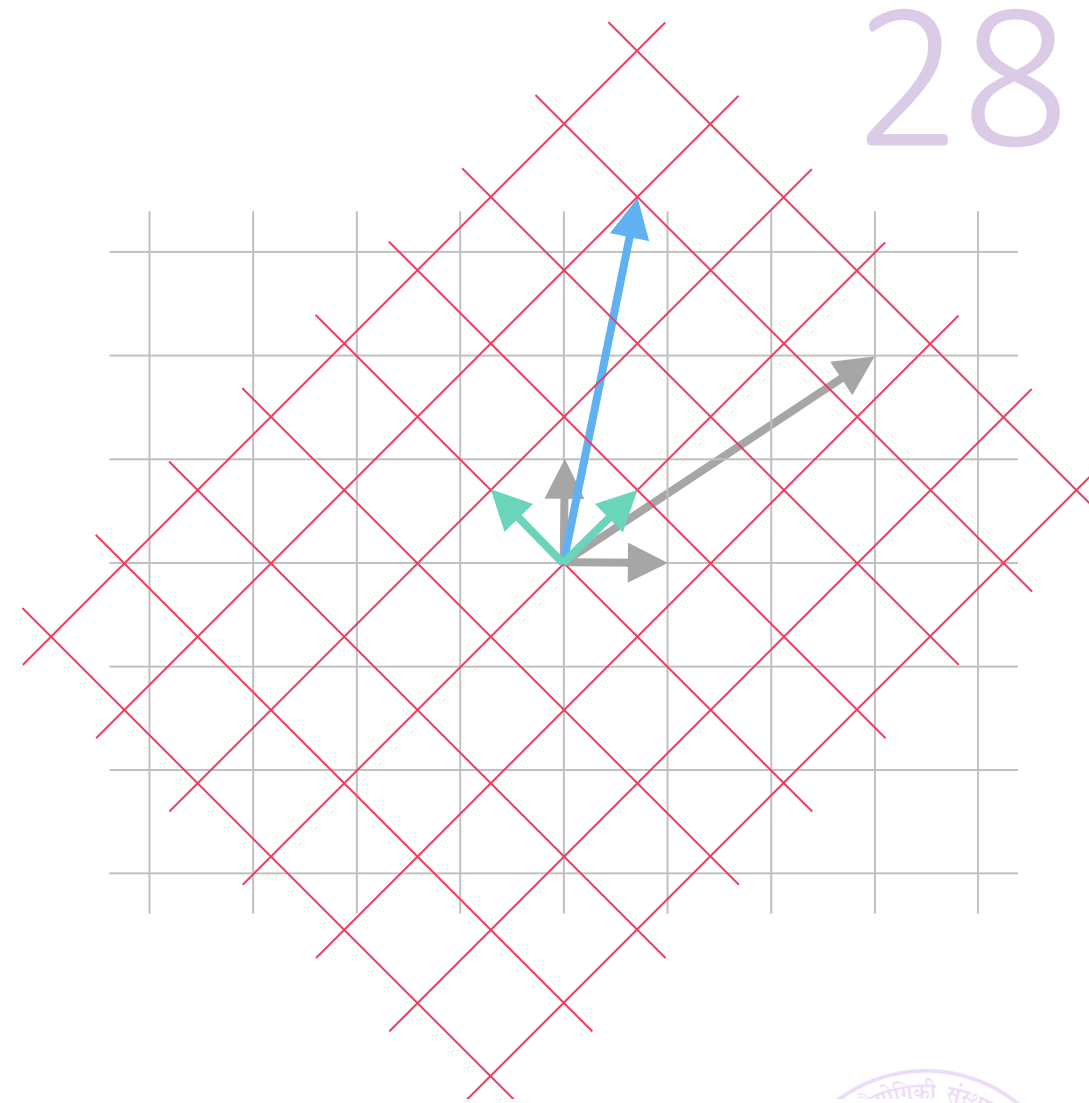
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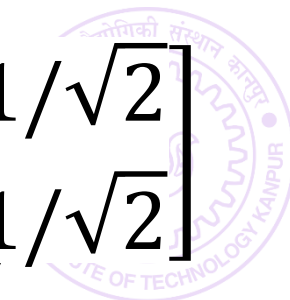
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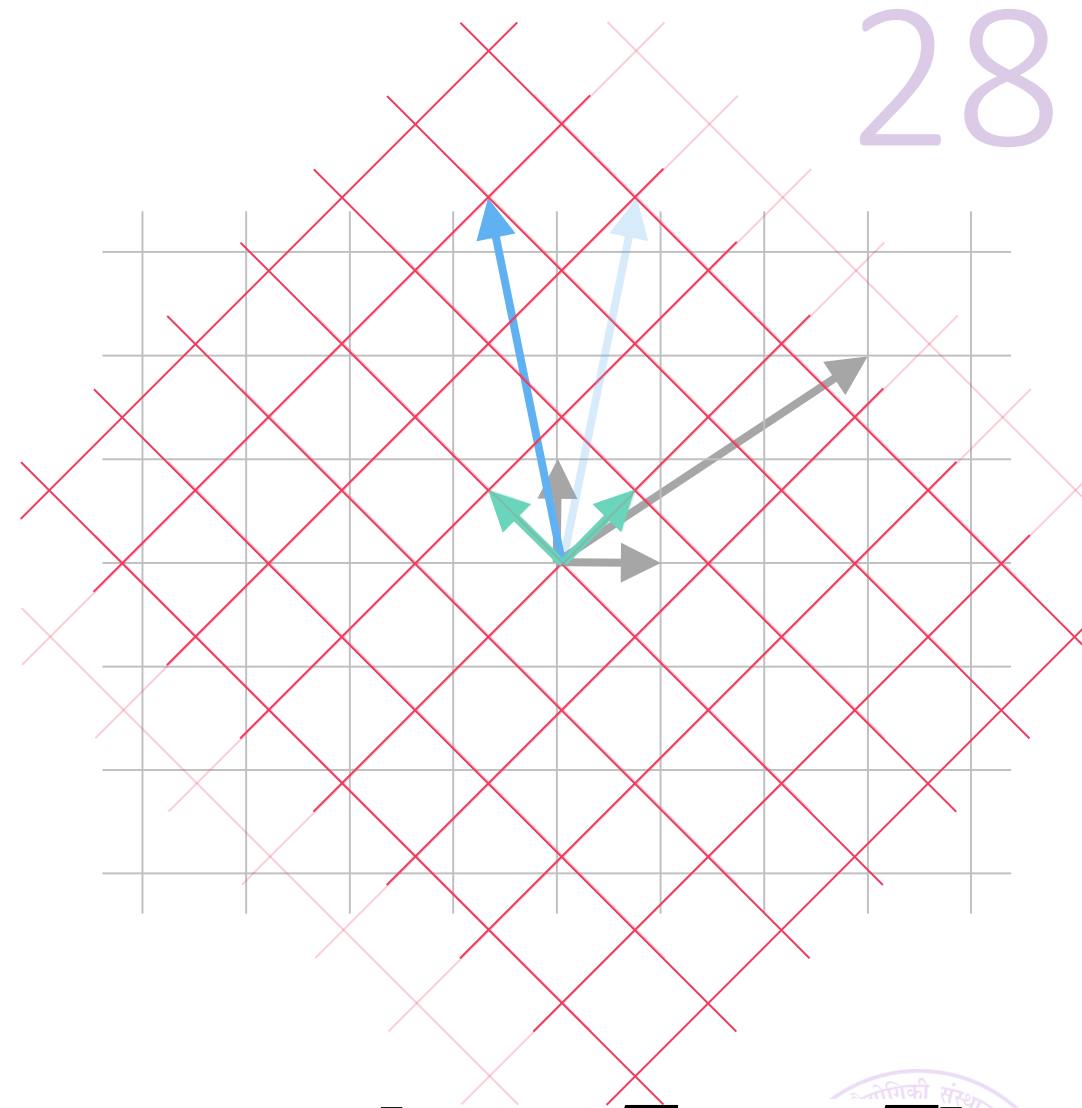
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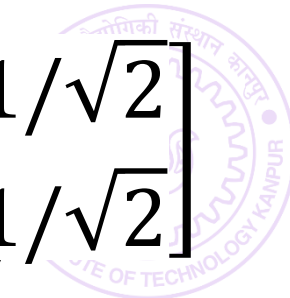
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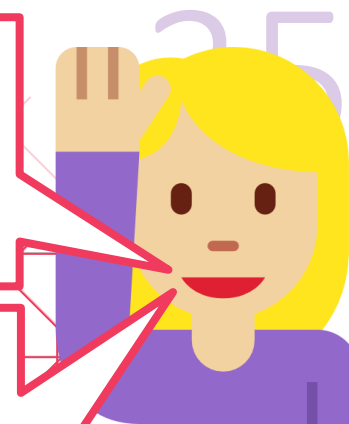
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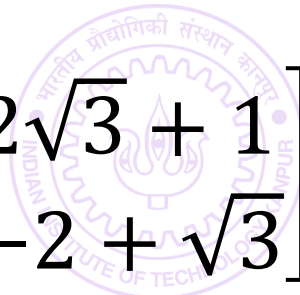
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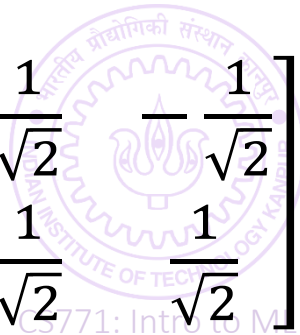
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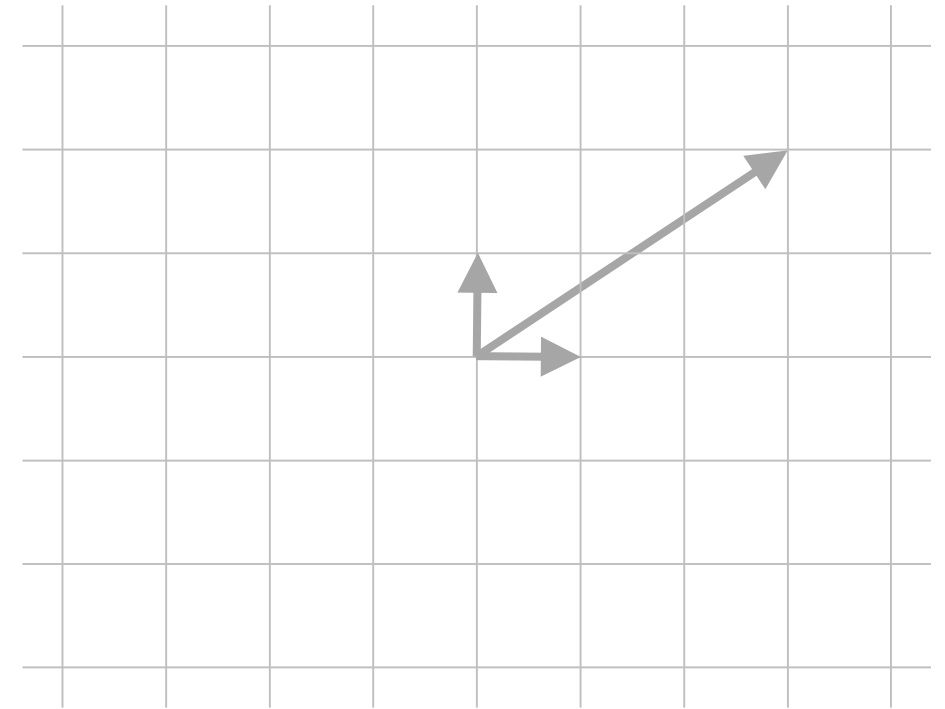
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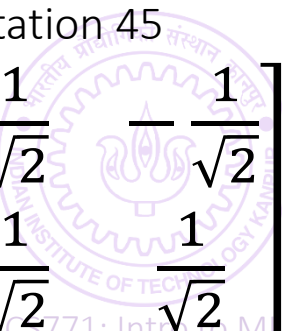


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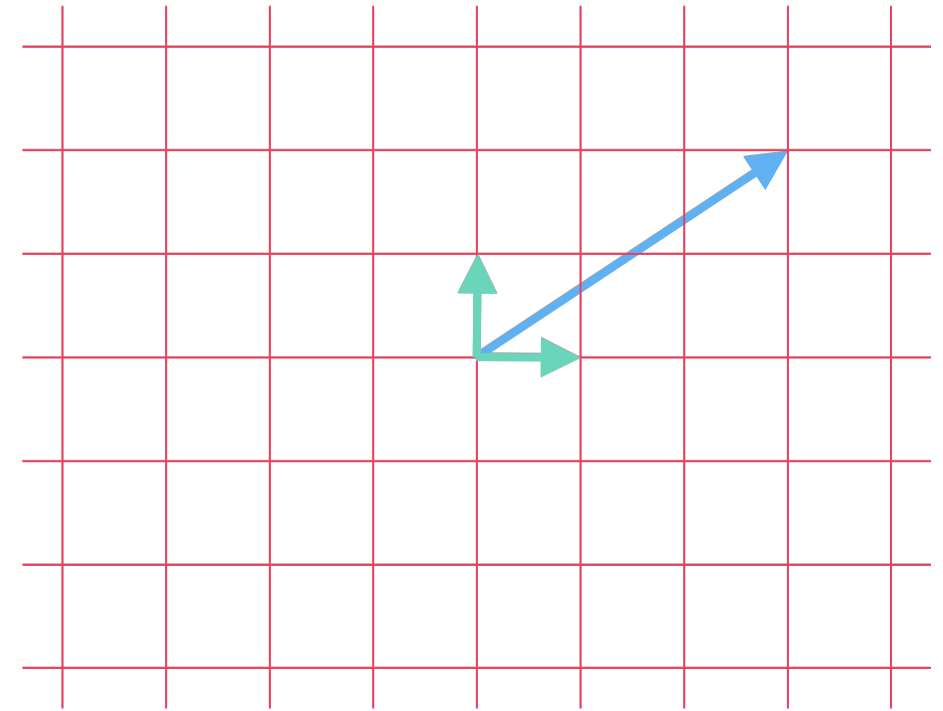
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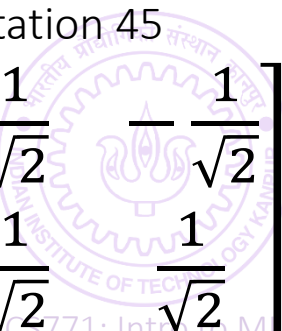


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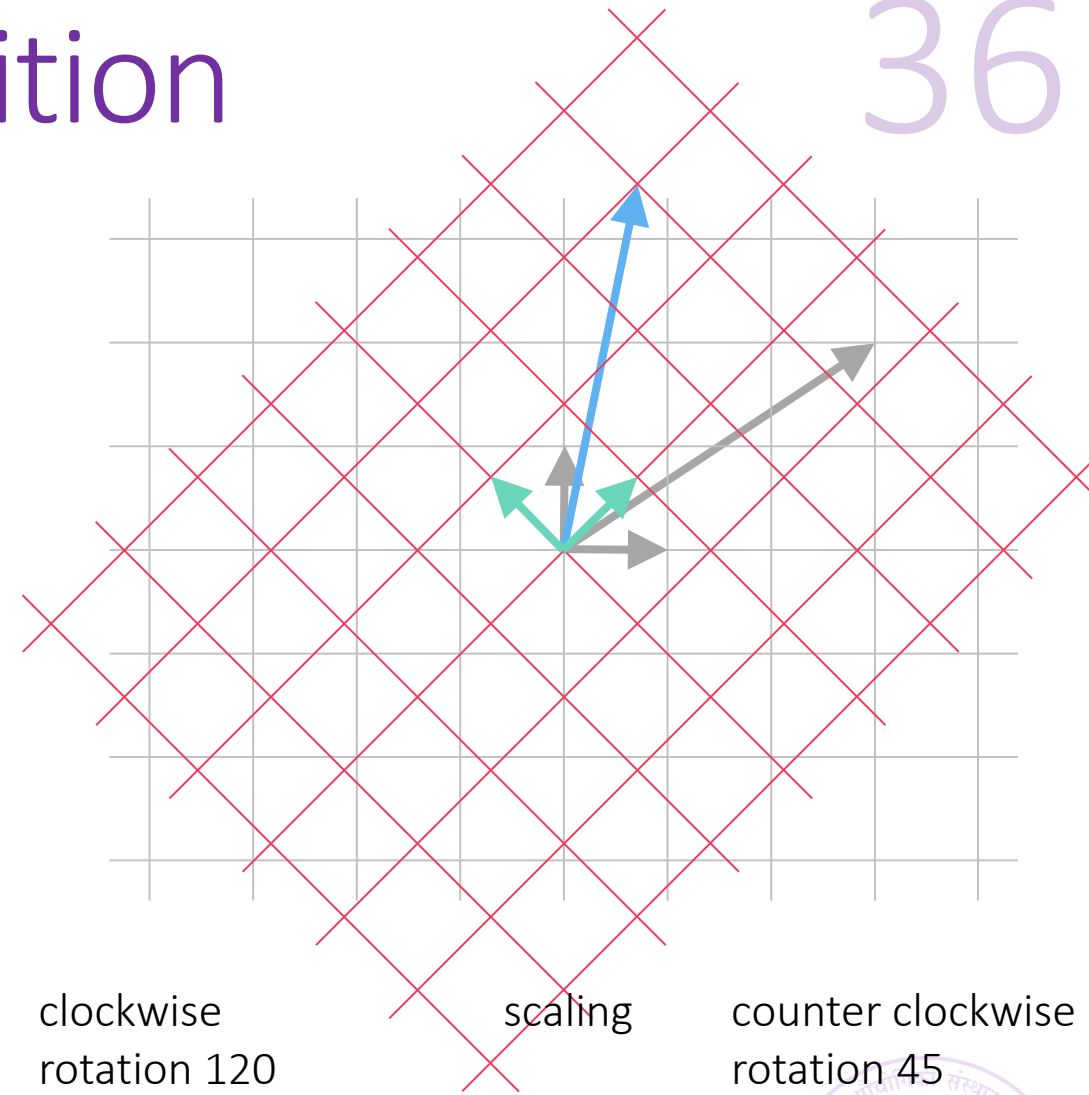
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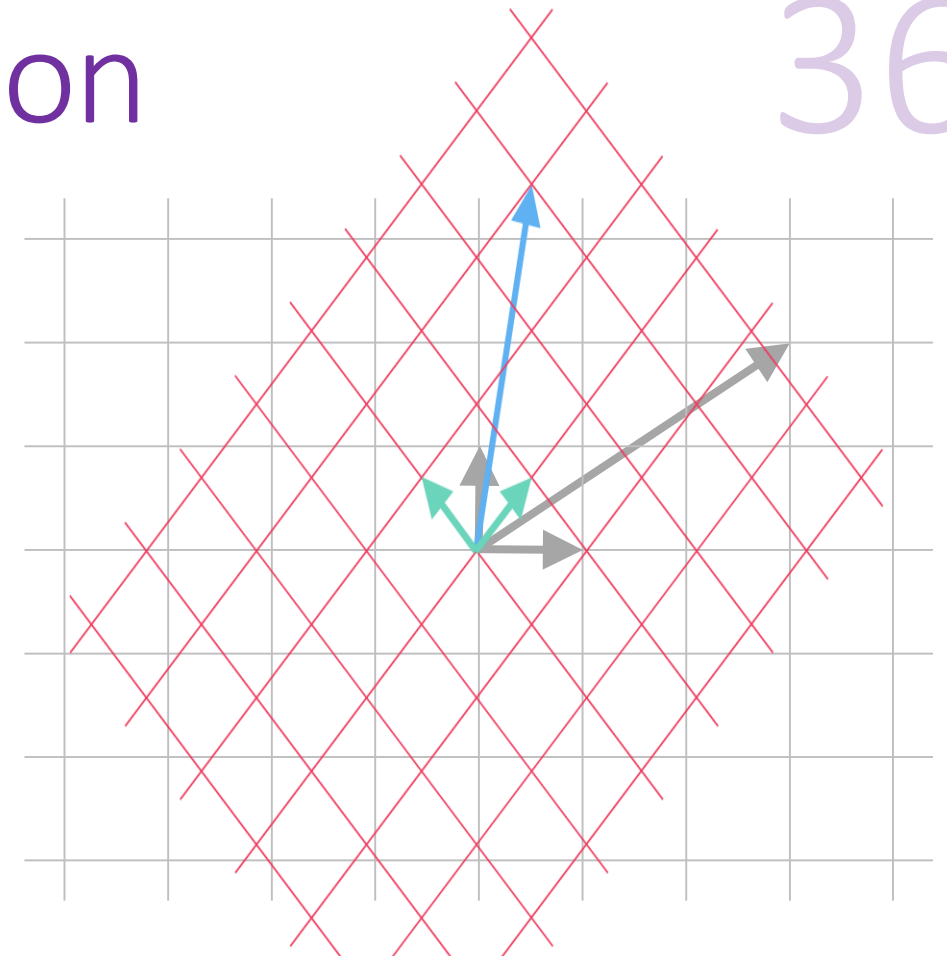
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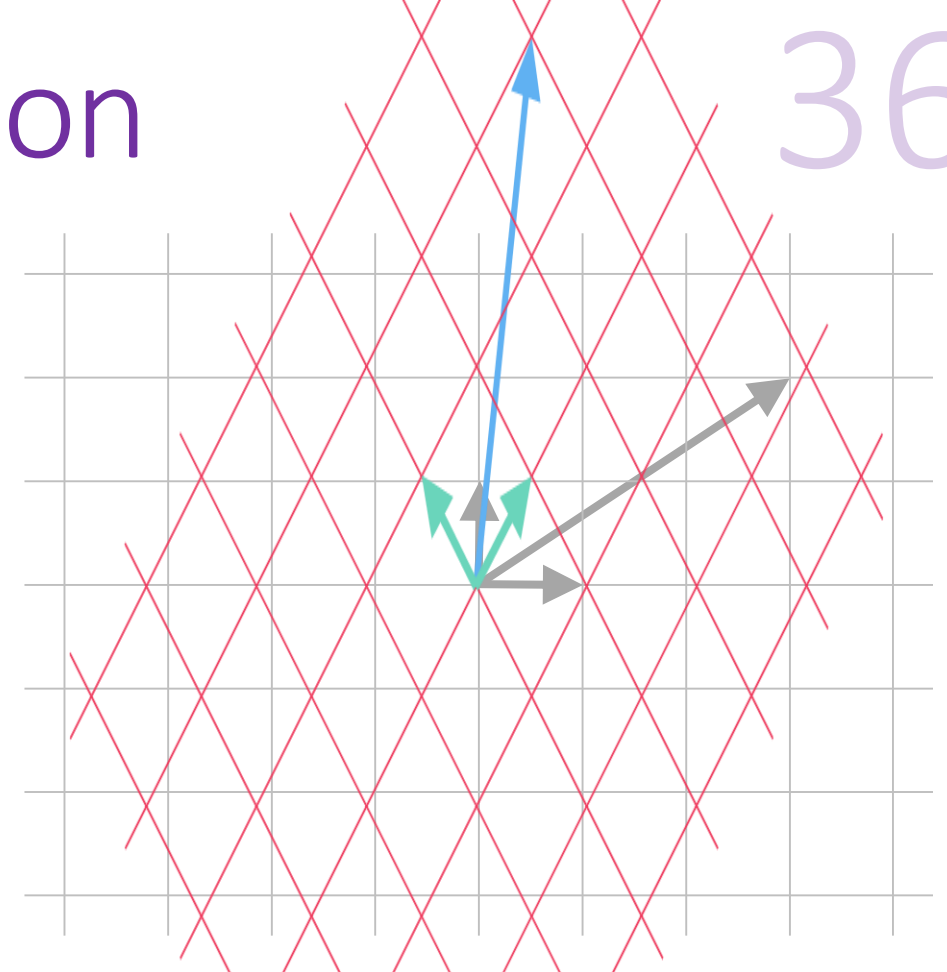
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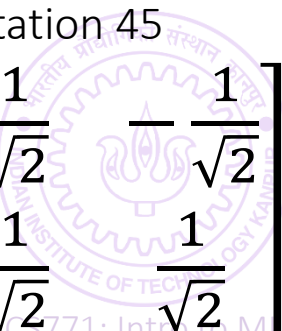


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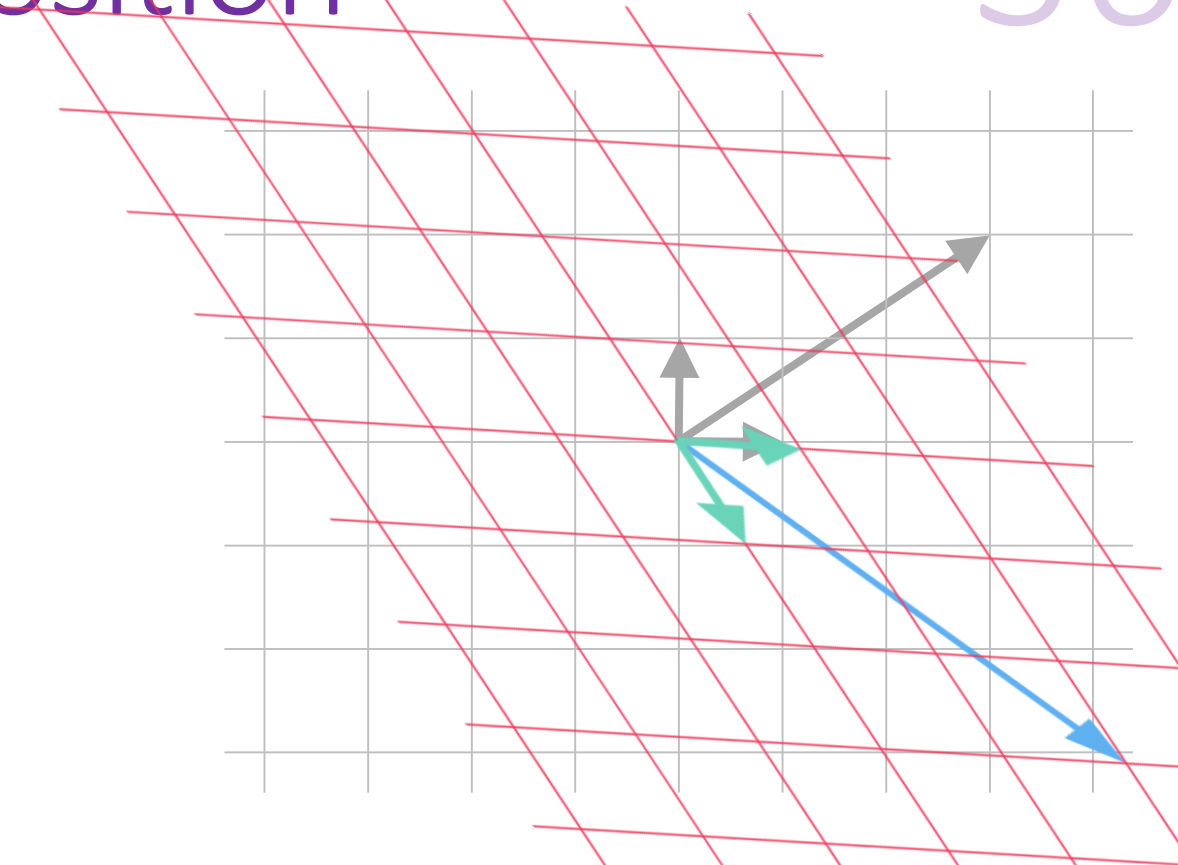
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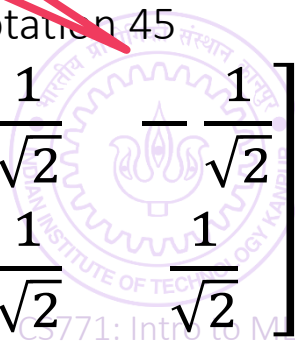
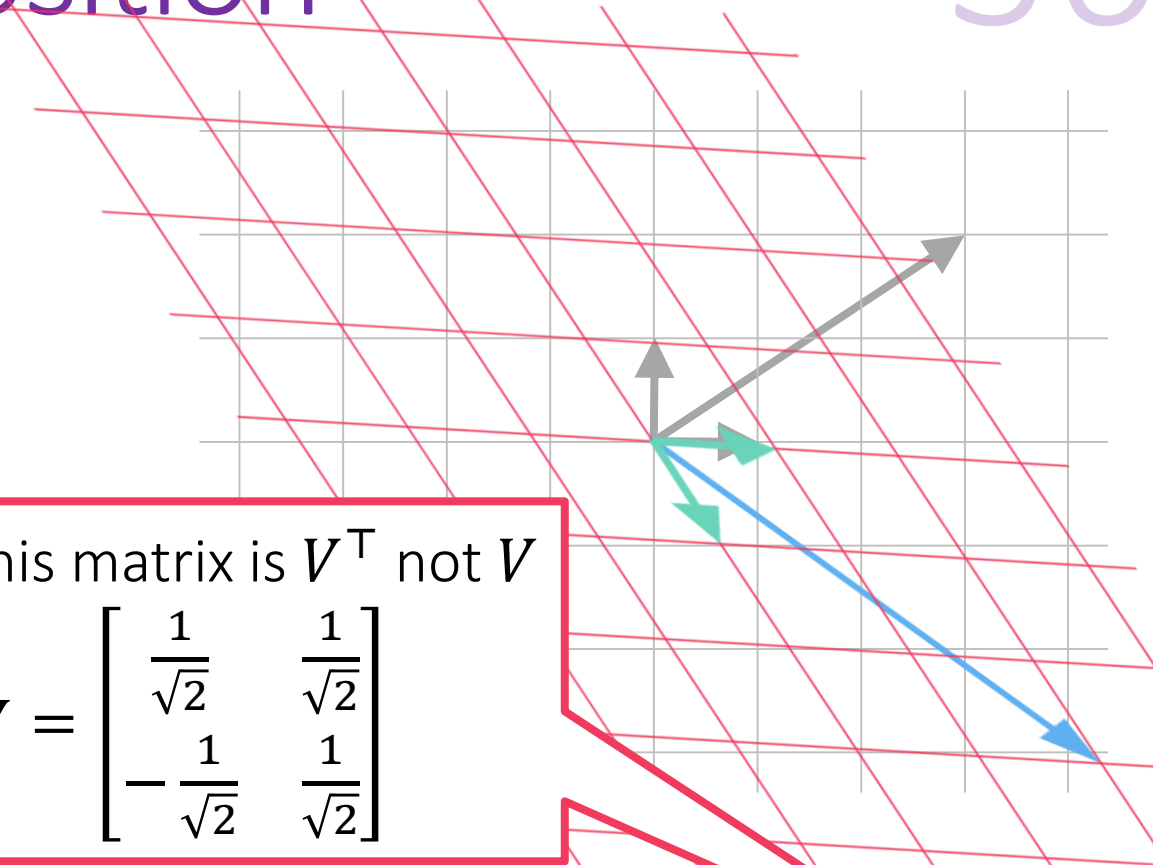
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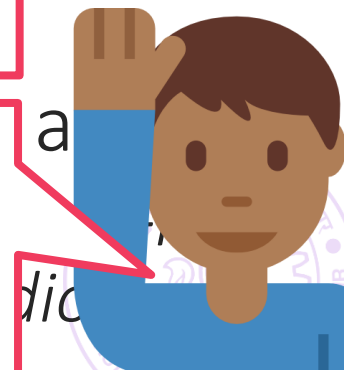
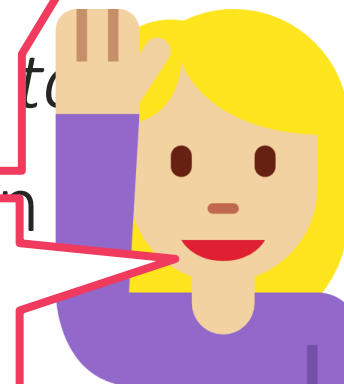
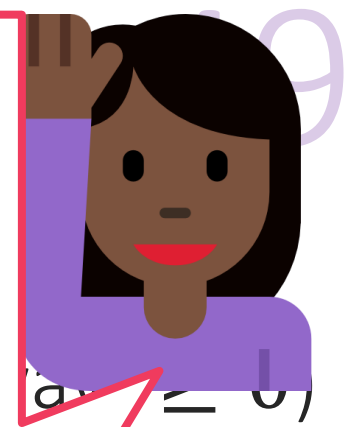
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Can you find an expression for rows of  $A$  too?



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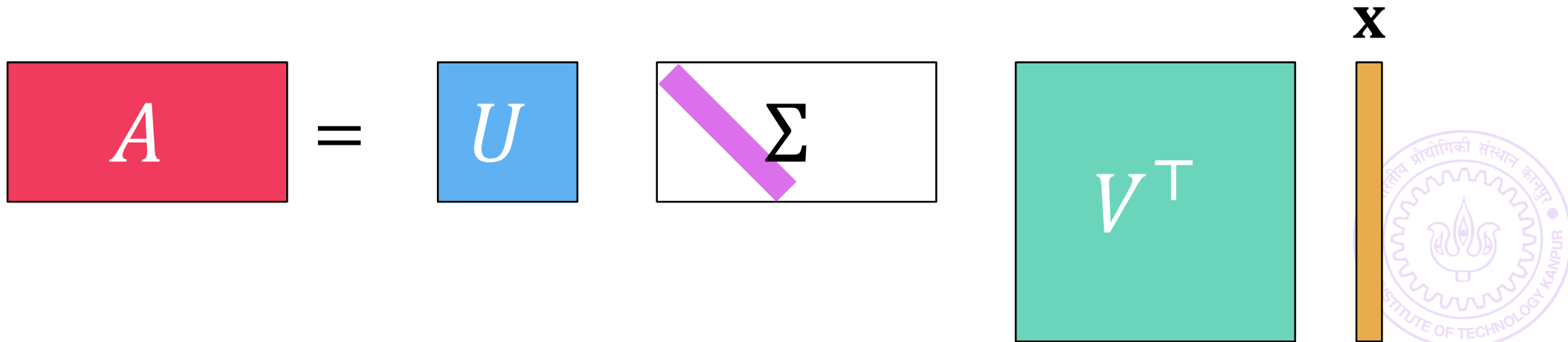
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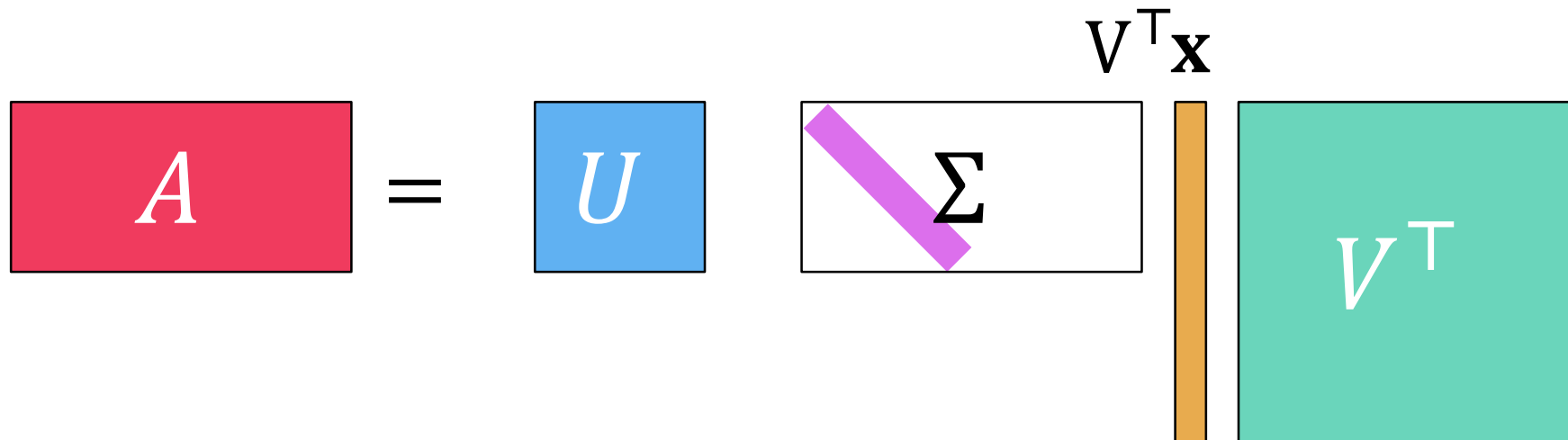
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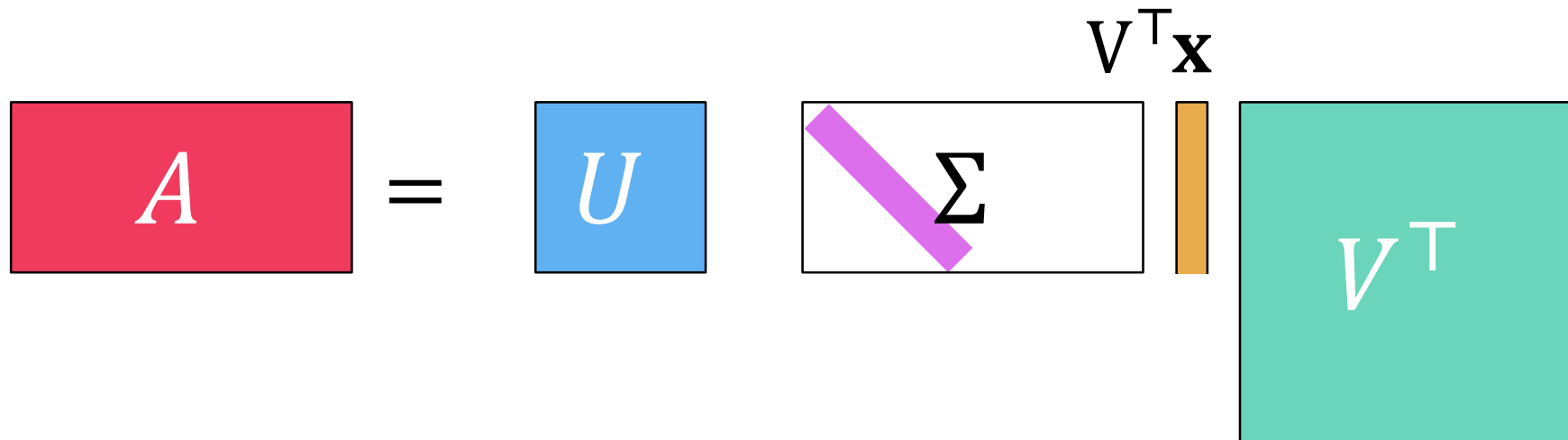
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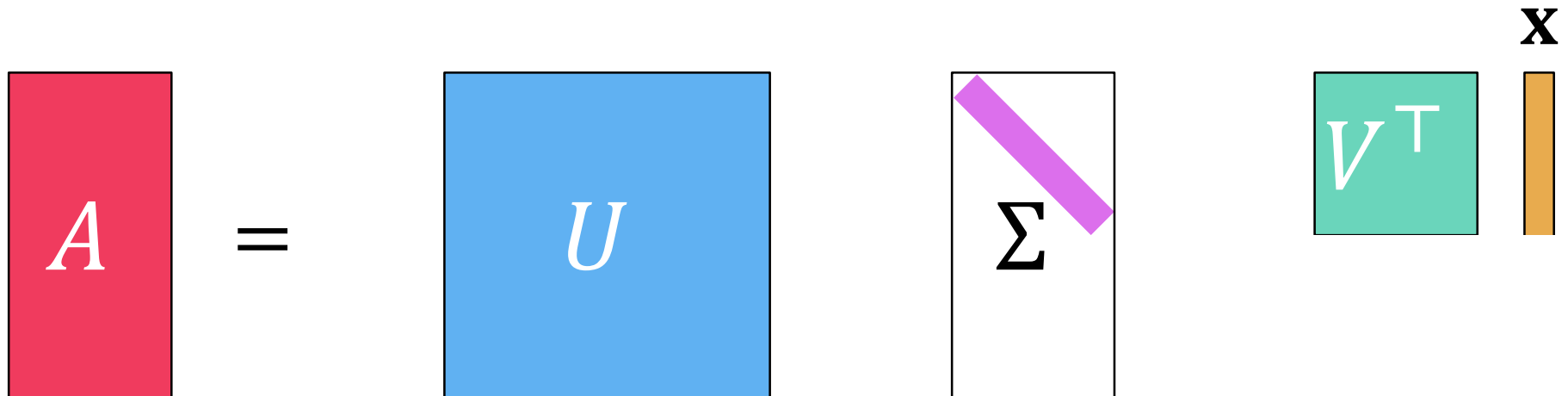
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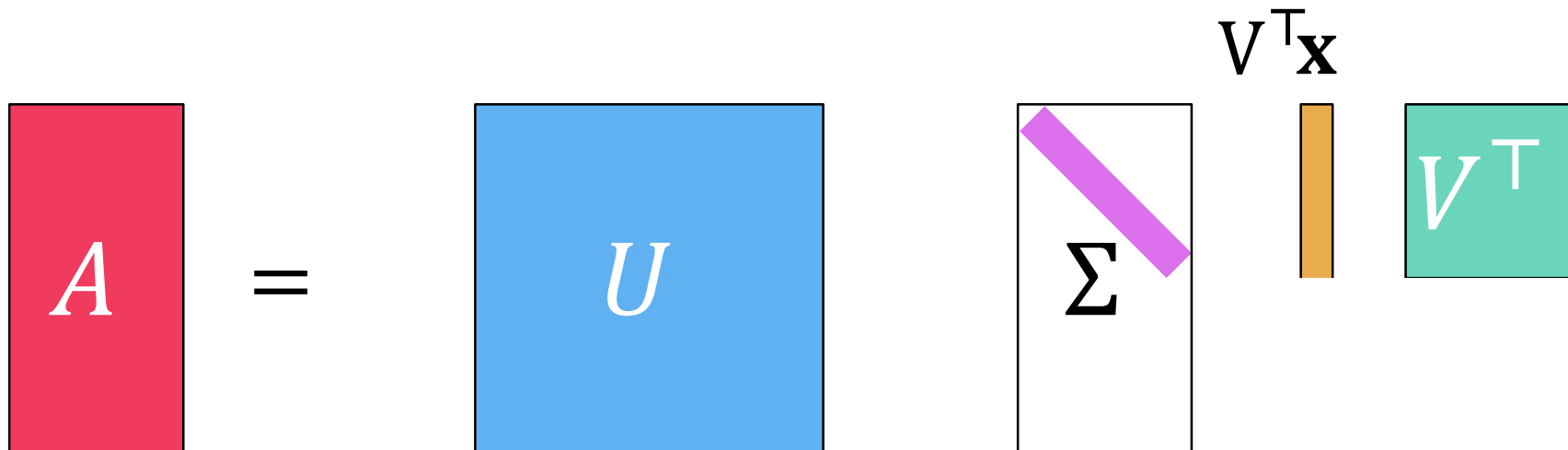
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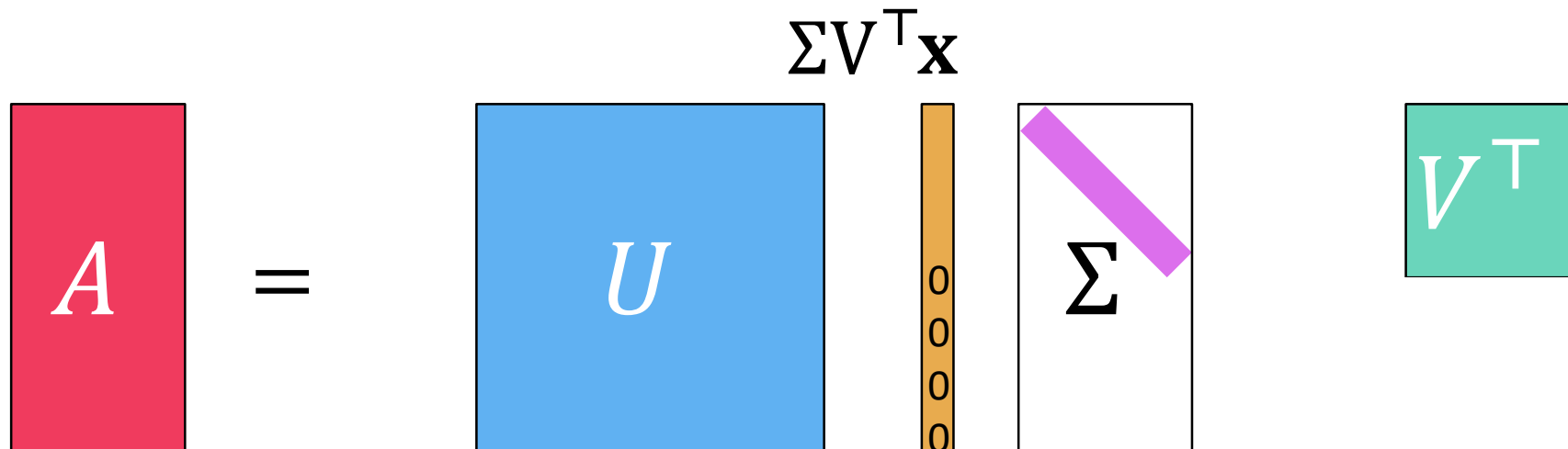
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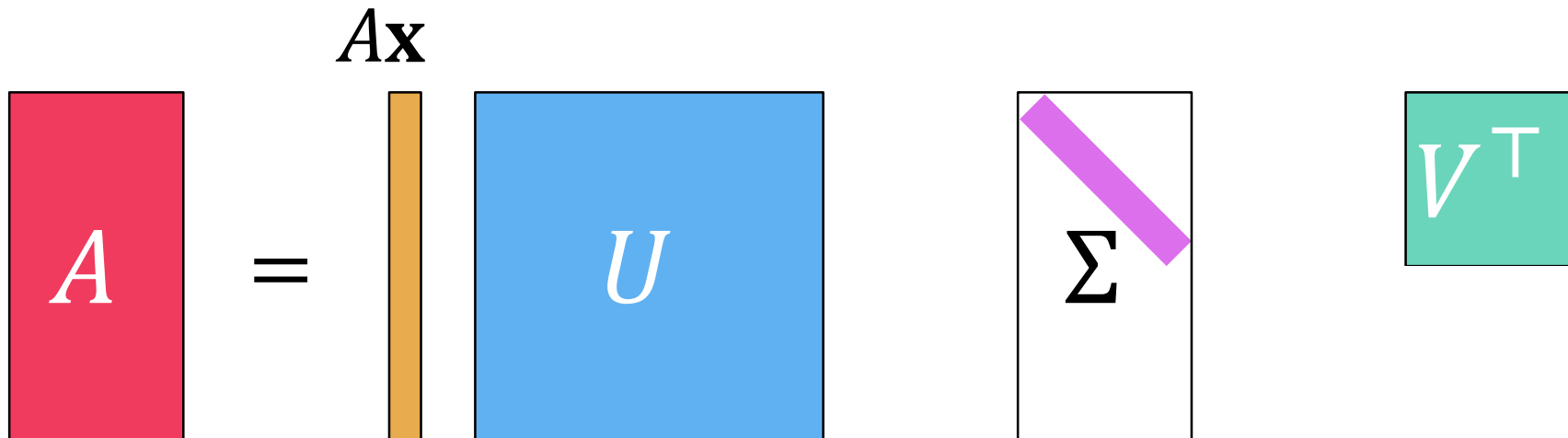
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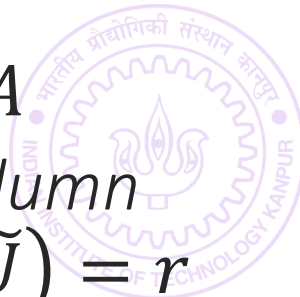
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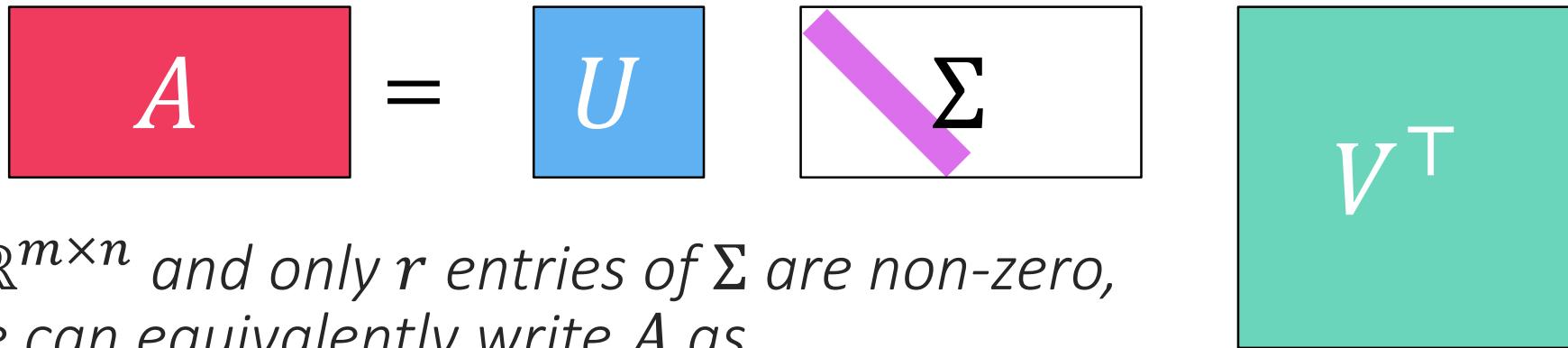
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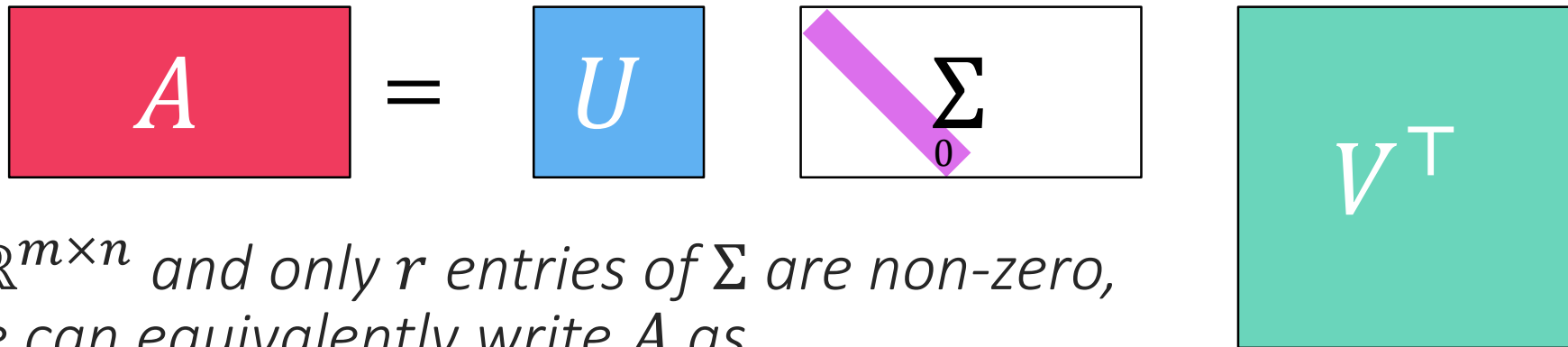
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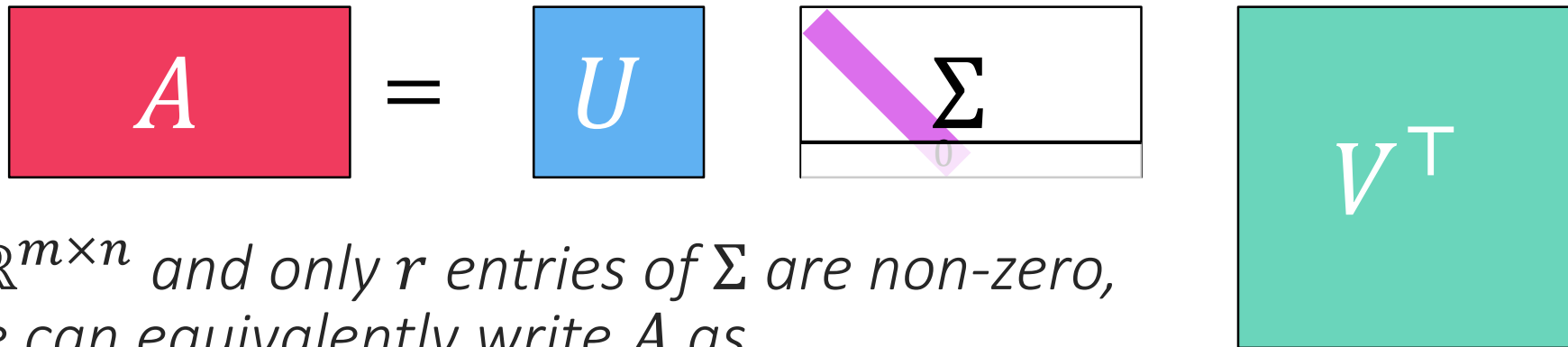
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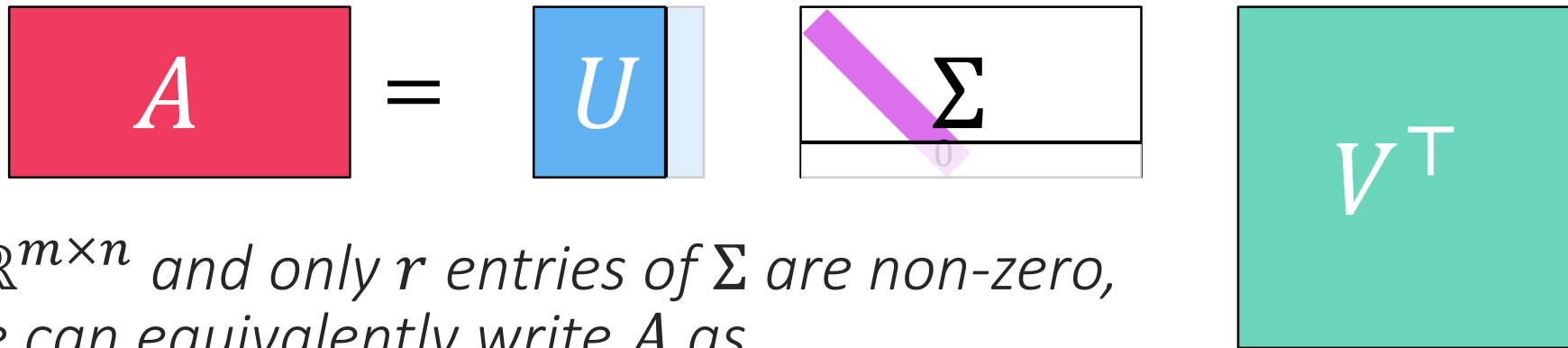
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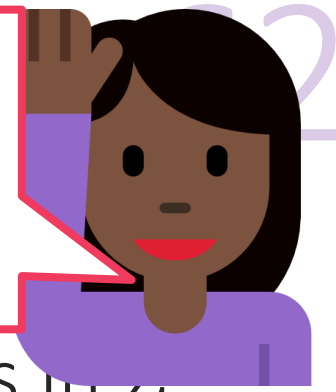
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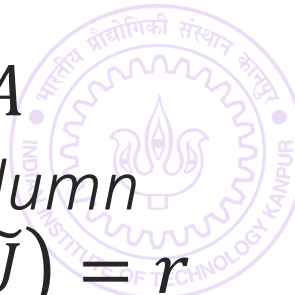
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# Trace and Determinant

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Trace and determinant are defined only for square matrices

**Trace:** For a square matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ ,  $\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{j=1}^d A_{jj}$

*Can use SVD to get another definition of trace*

Trace has a funny property:  $\text{tr}(PQ) = \text{tr}(QP)$  for any  $P, Q \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$

*Trace also satisfies linearity properties if  $P, Q \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , then we have  $\text{tr}(P + Q) = \text{tr}(P) + \text{tr}(Q)$  and  $\text{tr}(c \cdot P) = c \cdot \text{tr}(P)$ . This gives us*

$$\begin{aligned}\text{tr}(A) &= \text{tr}\left(\sum_{j=1}^d \sigma_j \mathbf{u}^j (\mathbf{v}^j)^\top\right) = \sum_{j=1}^d \sigma_j \cdot \text{tr}\left(\mathbf{u}^j (\mathbf{v}^j)^\top\right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^d \sigma_j \cdot \text{tr}(\langle \mathbf{u}^j, \mathbf{v}^j \rangle) = \sum_{j=1}^d \sigma_j \cdot \langle \mathbf{u}^j, \mathbf{v}^j \rangle\end{aligned}$$

**Determinant:** For a square matrix  $A$ ,  $|\det(A)| = \prod_j \sigma_j$

Sign of the  $\det(A)$  depends on how many axes did  $U, V$  flip/swap



A square matrix  $A$  is invertible iff all its singular values are non-zero

*A singular value being zero means that  $A$  squishes vectors along some direction to the origin. This means that multiple input vectors map to the same output vector. This means that we cannot undo the linear map of  $A$*

*Note that this means  $A$  is invertible iff  $\det(A) \neq 0$*

If  $A = U\Sigma V^T$  is invertible, then we always have  $A^{-1} = V\Sigma^{-1}U^T$

*Nice because inverse of a diagonal matrix is simply element wise inverse*

*If  $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_d)$ , then  $\Sigma^{-1} = \text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{\sigma_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{\sigma_d}\right)$*

*Recall that we do insist  $\sigma_i \neq 0$  i.e.  $\sigma_i > 0$  and so  $1/\sigma_i$  is well defined*

*Indeed  $A^{-1}A = V\Sigma^{-1}U^T A = V\Sigma^{-1}U^T U\Sigma V^T = V\Sigma^{-1}\Sigma V^T = VV^T = I$*

*Verify that  $AA^{-1} = I$  as well*



# Pseudo Inverse

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Even if a matrix  $A = U\Sigma V^T \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is not invertible (even if  $A$  is not square), we can still define the Moore-Penrose inverse of  $A$

$$A^+ = V\Sigma^+U^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$$

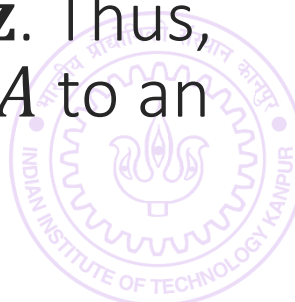
if  $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , where  $k = \min\{m, n\}$  we define  $\Sigma^+ = \text{diag}(\tilde{\sigma}_1, \dots, \tilde{\sigma}_k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  where  $\tilde{\sigma}_i = 1/\sigma_i$  if  $\sigma_i > 0$  else  $\tilde{\sigma}_i = 0$

The pseudo inverse satisfies a few nice properties

*If  $A$  is indeed invertible then  $A^+ = A^{-1}$*

*If  $A = [\mathbf{a}^1, \dots, \mathbf{a}^n]$  with  $\mathbf{a}^j \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , then  $AA^+\mathbf{a}^j = \mathbf{a}^j$  i.e.  $AA^+$  acts as identity for columns of  $A$ . This means that  $AA^+A\mathbf{z} = A\mathbf{z}$  for all  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . However this means that if  $\mathbf{u} = A\mathbf{z}$ , then  $A^+\mathbf{u}$  is a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  such that  $A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} = A\mathbf{z}$ . Thus,  $A^+$  does invert the map of  $A$  by sending a valid output  $\mathbf{u}$  of the map  $A$  to an input  $\mathbf{v}$  which does indeed generate that very output with that map.*

Can be shown that  $\mathbf{v}$  is the vector with smallest L2 norm s.t.  $A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}$



# Pseudo Inverse

Even if a matrix  $A = U\Sigma V^T$  (not square), we can still define the Moore-Penrose inverse of  $A$

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*If  $A = [\mathbf{a}^1, \dots, \mathbf{a}^n]$  with  $\mathbf{a}^i \in \mathbb{R}^m$  for columns of  $A$ . This means that  $\mathbf{a}^i \neq 0$  for all  $i$ . However, we can have  $\mathbf{a}^i = 0$  for some  $i$ .*

In fact, even if there exists no  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , s.t.  $\mathbf{u} = A\mathbf{z}$ , even then,  $A^+\mathbf{u}$  returns the solution which has the smallest error i.e.

$\|AA^+\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}\|_2^2 = \arg \min \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{u}\|_2^2$  and among all vectors with this smallest error,  $A^+\mathbf{u}$  is the one with smallest L2 norm

Indeed, the pseudo inverse always gives us the “least squares” solution. If  $\mathbf{u} = A\mathbf{z}$ , then

$$A^+\mathbf{u} = \arg \min \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \text{ s.t. } A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{u}$$

Least squares?? Does this have anything to do with the least squares we did in regression?

It sure does. If  $X^T X$  is invertible, then we can show that  $X^+ = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T$

Thus, least squares solution simply gives us  $X^+\mathbf{y}$

