

# Linear Algebra for Computer Science

An incremental document:

**From Systems and Matrices to Eigenvalues and  
Eigenvectors**

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Notes based on the text

**“Elementary Linear Algebra” by Larson and Falvo, 6th edition**

## Formulating & Solving Linear Systems

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vs non-Linear

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Eigenvectors/values and transformations

Finding eigenpairs Eigenspaces

Quadratic forms and their rotation

Similarity & Diagonalization

Graph  
characterization  
& PageRank

Matrix exponentiation

Systems of Differential equations

Solving an Homogeneous  
System per eigenvalue

For largest eigenvalue  
NO NEED OF system solving

$$A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$$

Each eigenvalue determines a  
subspace  
and the dimensions indicate  
whether A is diagonalizable

Eigenpairs allow both lossless and  
lossy changes of basis (PCA)

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Eigenvectors and eigenvalues  
Define rotation matrices/axes  
In 2D and 3D

Symmetric Matrices have  
Real eigenvalues and are  
diagonalizable

Diagonalization enables new operations  
In matrices , e.g.  $\expm()$ ,  $\logm()$ ,  $\sin()$ , some  
of them are useful in graphs

Spectra define the DNA of graphs &  
eigenvectors give the steady state  
of random walks

# 1. Formulating and solving linear systems

Linearity vs non-linearity, examples of applications, Gauss and Gauss-Jordan reduction, Echelon form, Homogeneous systems :

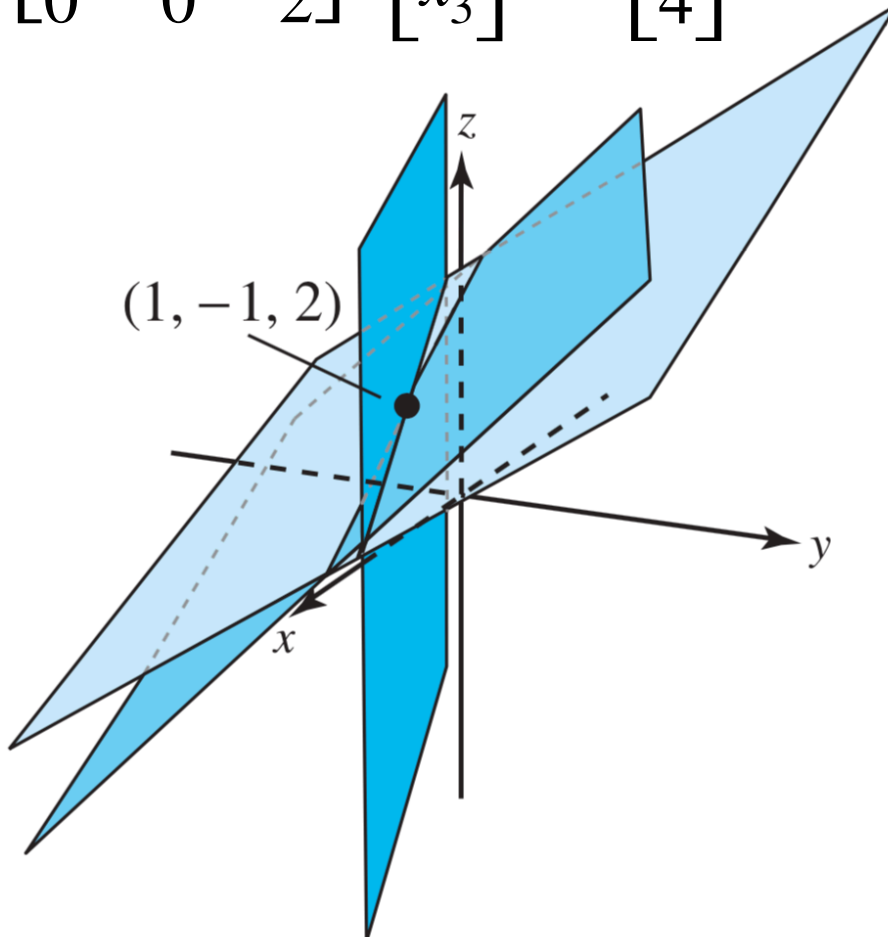
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Linear Systems are  
Geometric configurations

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

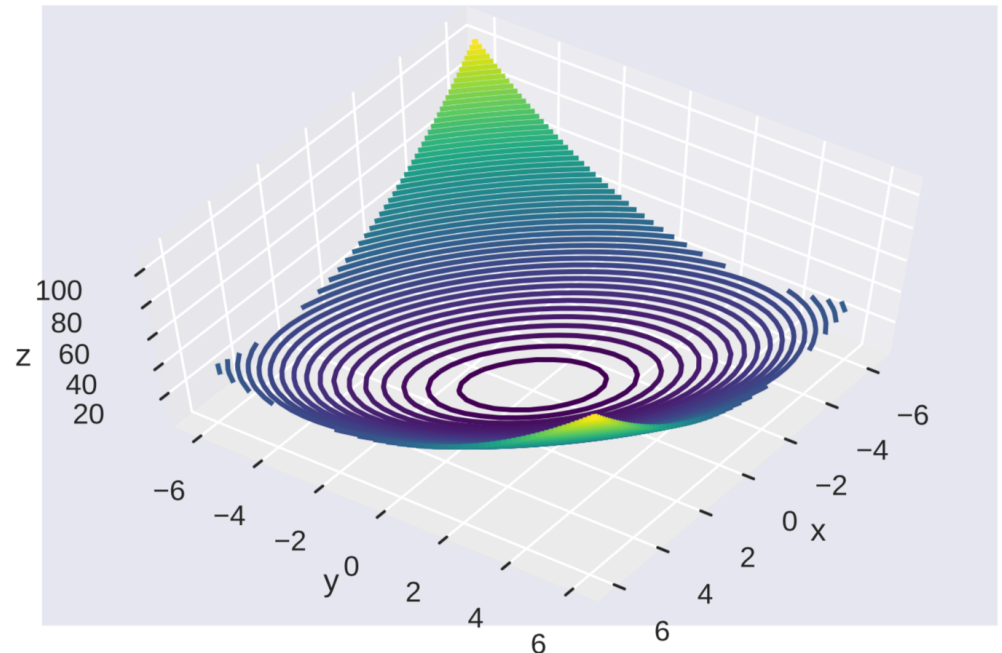


Functions are  
QUADRATIC FORMS

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

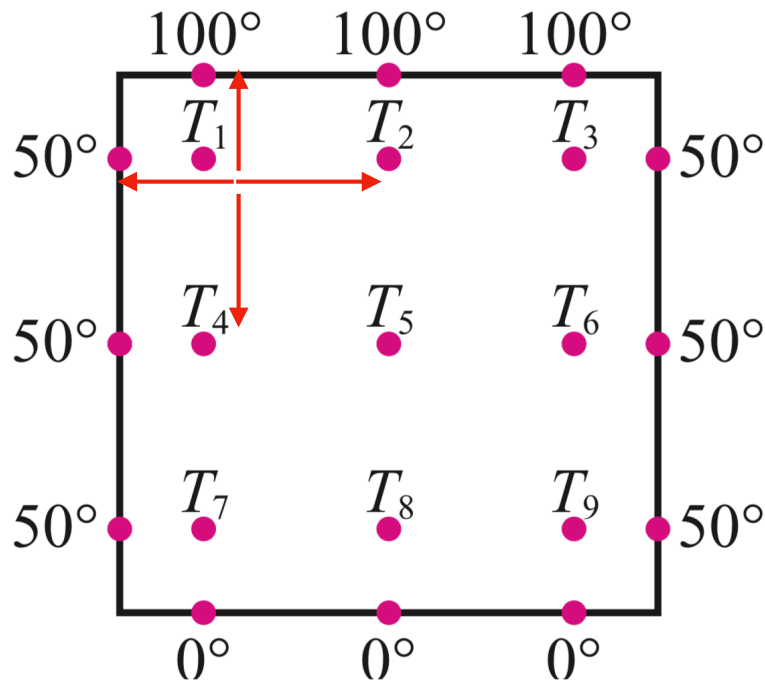
$$f(x, y) = x^2 + xy + y^2$$



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Harmonic Analysis

When the UNKNOWNs are the INNER NODES GIVEN THE KNOWN ONES



Harmonic (Linear)  
hypothesis:

$$T_i = \frac{1}{|N_i|} \sum_{j \in N_i} T_j$$

Find the Temperature in  $T_i$   
Given those of the border

$$T_1 = \frac{1}{4}(50 + 100 + T_2 + T_4)$$

$$T_2 = \frac{1}{4}(T_1 + 100 + T_3 + T_5)$$

$$T_3 = \frac{1}{4}(T_2 + 100 + 50 + T_6)$$

$$T_4 = \frac{1}{4}(50 + T_1 + T_5 + T_7)$$

$$T_5 = \frac{1}{4}(T_4 + T_2 + T_6 + T_8)$$

$$T_6 = \frac{1}{4}(T_5 + T_3 + 50 + T_9)$$

$$T_7 = \frac{1}{4}(50 + T_4 + T_8 + 0)$$

$$T_8 = \frac{1}{4}(T_7 + T_5 + T_9 + 0)$$

$$T_9 = \frac{1}{4}(T_8 + T_6 + 50 + 0)$$

Unique solution in this case. Why?

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## Curve Fitting

When the UNKNOWNs are the COEFFICIENTS OF A CURVE

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$$

$$x_i, p(x_i) = \{(1,4), (2,0), (3,12)\}$$

$$p(x_1) = a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_1^2$$

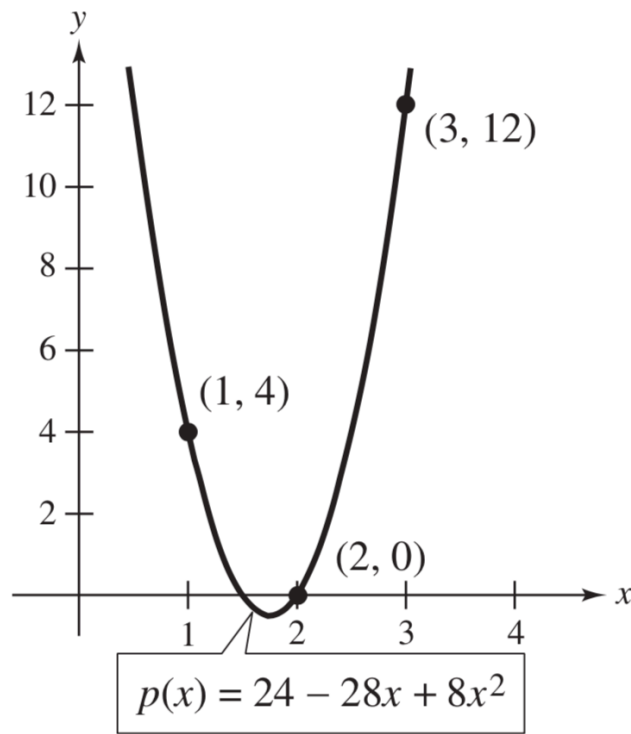
$$p(x_2) = a_0 + a_1x_2 + a_2x_2^2$$

$$p(x_3) = a_0 + a_1x_3 + a_2x_3^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 \\ 1 & x_3 & x_3^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p(x_1) \\ p(x_2) \\ p(x_3) \end{bmatrix}$$

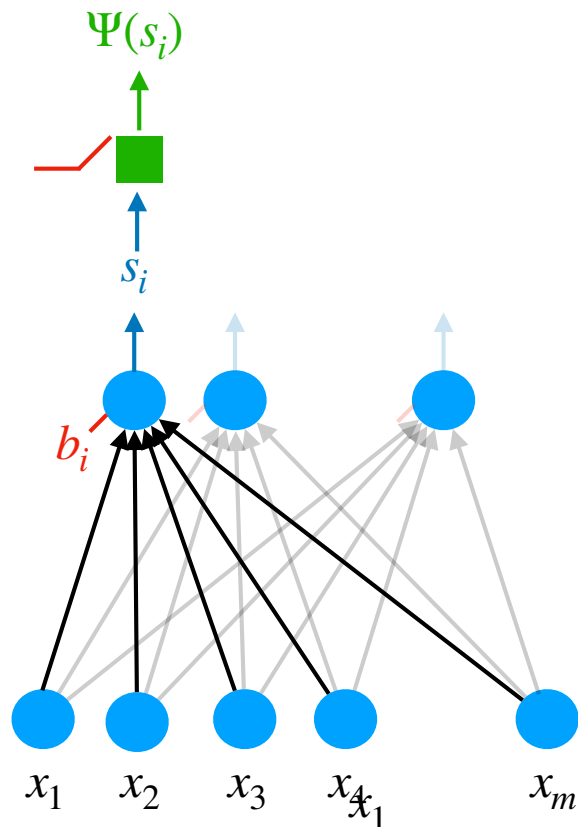
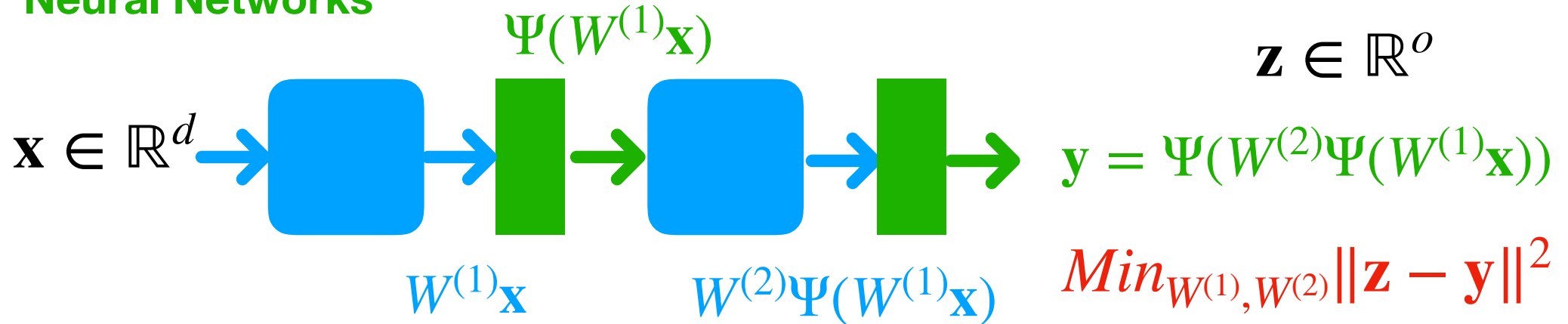
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1^2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2^2 \\ 1 & 3 & 3^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Solution} = (24, -28, 8)$$



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## Neural Networks



$$\Psi(S) = \Psi(W\mathbf{x})$$

$$\Psi(s_i) = \max(0, s_i)$$

$$s_i = W_{i1}x_1 + W_{i2}x_2 + \dots + W_{im}x_m + b_i$$

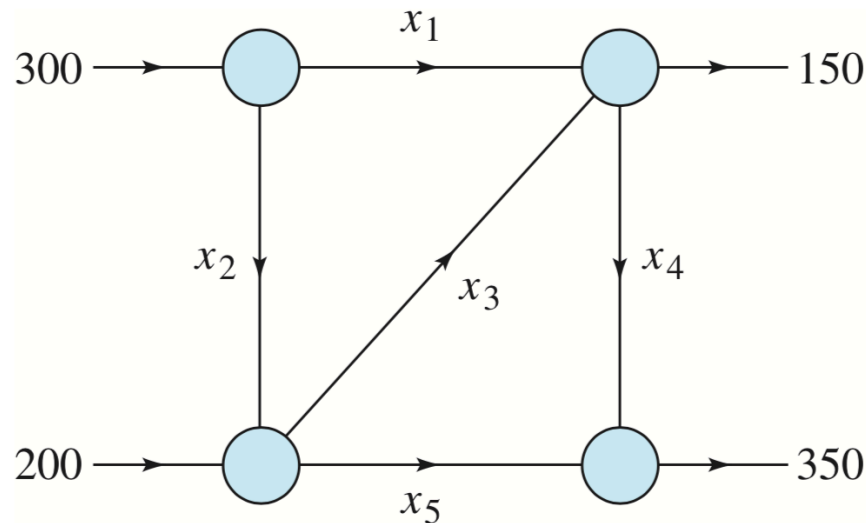
$$S = \begin{bmatrix} W_{11} & W_{12} & \dots & W_{1m} & b_1 \\ W_{21} & W_{22} & \dots & W_{2m} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ W_{n1} & W_{n2} & \dots & W_{nm} & b_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix}$$



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## Network flows

When the EQUATIONS are GIVEN BY JUNCTIONS



$$300 = x_1 + x_2$$

$$200 = x_2 - x_3 - x_5$$

$$150 = x_1 + x_3 + x_4$$

$$350 = x_4 + x_5$$

**Solution in SymPy:**

**A.gauss\_jordan\_solve(b)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 300 \\ 200 \\ 150 \\ 350 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} \tau_0 + 150 \\ 150 - \tau_0 \\ -350 \\ 350 - \tau_0 \\ \tau_0 \end{bmatrix}, [\tau_0] \right)$$

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## Solving with SymPy

Desarrollos optativos para subir nota (NOTA EXTRA)



SymPy

<https://live.sympy.org/>

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```
>>> f, g, h = symbols('f g h', cls=Function)
```

Warning: this shell runs with SymPy 1.4 and so examples pulled from other documentation may provide unexpected results.  
Documentation can be found at <http://docs.sympy.org/1.4>.

```
>>> def example_flow():
...     from sympy.interactive.printing import init_printing
...     init_printing(use_unicode=False, wrap_line=False)
...     from sympy.matrices import Matrix
...     A= Matrix([[1,1,0,0,0],[0,-1,-1,0,-1],[1,0,1,1,0],[0,0,0,1,1]])
...     b=Matrix([300,200,150,350])
...     sol,params=A.gauss_jordan_solve(b)
...     return sol
>>> example_flow()
[tau0 + 150]
[          ]
[150 - tau0]
[          ]
[   -350   ]
[          ]
[350 - tau0]
[          ]
[   tau0   ]
[          ]
>>>
```

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## Matrices (linear algebra)

### Creating Matrices

The linear algebra module is designed to be as simple as possible. First, we import and declare our first `Matrix` object:

Run code block in SymPy Live

```
>>> from sympy.interactive.printing import init_printing
>>> init_printing(use_unicode=False, wrap_line=False)
>>> from sympy.matrices import Matrix, eye, zeros, ones, d
>>> M = Matrix([[1,0,0], [0,0,0]]); M
[1  0  0]
[  0  0  0]
>>> Matrix([M, (0, 0, -1)])
[1  0  0 ]
[  0  0  0 ]
[0  0  0 ]
[0  0 -1]
>>> Matrix([[1, 2, 3]])
[1 2 3]
>>> Matrix([1, 2, 3])
[1]
[ ]
[2]
[ ]
[3]
```

In addition to creating a matrix from a list of appropriately sized lists

<https://docs.sympy.org/latest/modules/matrices/matrices.html#linear-algebra>

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