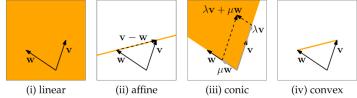


Vectors

D 1.4 Linear Combinations: $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i$ scaled combinations of n vectors \mathbf{v}_i .

D 1.7 Combination Types:

- (i) **Affine:** $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$
- (ii) **Conic:** $\lambda_i \geq 0$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$
- (iii) **Convex:** Both Affine and Conic.



D 1.11 Euclidean norm, squared norm, unit vector: $\|\mathbf{v}\| := \sqrt{\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{v}} = \sqrt{\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{v}}$, **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 $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Equality if $\mathbf{v} \lambda = \mathbf{w}$ or $\mathbf{w} \lambda = \mathbf{v}$.

D 1.14 Angles: $\cos(\alpha) = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{w}\|} \in [-1, 1]$ If $\mathbf{v} \perp \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, then $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$.

D 1.16 Hyperplane through origin: Let $\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $\mathbf{d} \neq 0$, $H_{\mathbf{d}} = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m : \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d} = 0\}$

L 1.17 Triangle inequality: $\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\| + \|\mathbf{w}\|$

D 2.1 Linear (in)dependence: Vectors are linearly **independent** if:

- a) No vector is a linear combination of the others.
- b) There are no λ_i (except all 0), such that $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i = 0$.

Linearly dependent: At least one vector is a linear combination of the others. For matrices: $\exists \mathbf{x} \neq 0 : A\mathbf{x} = 0$ means columns are linearly independent.

L 2.2 Other definitions of linear dependence: Let $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Statements are equivalent:

- (i) At least one vector is a linear combination of the others.
- (ii) There are scalars $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ besides 0, ..., 0, such that $\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{v}_j = 0$ (0 is a non-trivial linear combination of the vectors)
- (iii) At least one of the vectors is a linear combination of the previous ones.

D 2.25 Span: Set of all linear combinations of a vector:

$$\text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n) := \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \mathbf{v}_j : \lambda_j \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for all } j \in [n] \right\}$$

L 2.26: Given a set of vectors: $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear combination of those vectors, then adding this combination does not change the span:

$$\text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n) = \text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n, \mathbf{v})$$

Construction of vectors with standard unit vectors: Every vector in a vector space (D 4.1) can be written as: $\mathbf{u} = \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{e}_i$, where \mathbf{e} is a standard unit vector (just one component being 1, all others 0).

L 2.28 Span of m linearly independent vectors is \mathbb{R}^m : Let $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m \in \mathbb{R}^m$ be linearly independent. Then $\text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m) = \mathbb{R}^m$.

2 Matrices

D 2.1 Matrix: $A = [a_{ij}]_{i=1}^m \cdot_{j=1}^n$ - m rows, n columns (first rows, then columns)

D 2.2 Matrix addition, scalar multiplication: **Addition:** $A + B = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}]_{i=1}^m \cdot_{j=1}^n$,

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

D 2.3 Square matrices: **Identity matrix:** quadratic matrix, diagonals 1, $A = AI = IA$;

Diagonal matrix: $a_{ij} = 0$ if $i \neq j$; **Triangle matrix:** **lower** if a_{ij} , **upper** else;

Symmetric matrix: $a_{ij} = a_{ji} \forall i, j$, $A^\top = A$; **Skew-symmetric matrix:** $a_{ij} = -a_{ji} \forall i, j$, $A = -A^\top$

D 2.4 Matrix-Vector Product: Rows of matrix ($m \times n$) with vector (n elements), i.e. $\mathbf{u}_1 = \sum_{i=1}^m a_{1,i} \mathbf{v}_i$, $I\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$; **Trace:** Sum of the diagonal entries of a matrix.

O 2.5: Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. (i) A vector $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is a linear combination of the columns of A iff. there's a vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ (of suitable scalars), such that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$. (ii) The columns of A are linearly independent iff. $\mathbf{x} = 0$ is the only vector such that $A\mathbf{x} = 0$.

D 2.9 Column space: $\mathbf{C}(A) := \{A\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$, i.e.: the span (set of all linear combinations) of the column vectors.

D 2.10 Rank: $\text{rank}(A) :=$ the number of linearly independent column vectors, also sometimes called column rank.

L 2.11 Independent columns span the column space: Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix with r independent columns, and let C be the $m \times r$ submatrix containing the independent columns. Then $\mathbf{C}(A) = \mathbf{C}(C)$.

D 2.12 Transpose: Mirror the matrix along its diagonal. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow A^\top = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

O 2.13 Transpose twice & transposing symmetric matrices: $(A^\top)^\top = A$ Moreover, a square matrix A is symmetric iff. $A = A^\top$

D 2.14 Row Space: $\mathbf{R}(A) := \mathbf{C}(A^\top)$. With the row rank of A , being the column rank of A^\top .

D 2.17 Nullspace: Nullspace contains all input vectors that lead to output vector 0. $\mathbf{N}(A) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\mathbf{x} = 0\}$. It can easily be obtained from RREF by setting $\mathbf{b} = 0$ in $R\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$. If there are any free variables, choose any real (or complex) number satisfying the condition.

To find the basis, rewrite and apply this Lemma: $R\mathbf{x} = 0 \Leftrightarrow I \cdot x(I) + Q \cdot x(Q) = 0$ e.g. for $R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ to $I[x_1, x_3] + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} [x_2 \\ x_4] = 0 \Leftrightarrow x(I) = -Q \cdot x(Q)$.

We may then freely choose to the **free variables** $x(Q)$, then find **basis variables** $x(I)$ using the above, typically choose e_1, \dots, e_k for $x(Q)$ to get the k th vector of basis ($k = \text{number of columns of } Q$). Finally, combine the vectors into one.

D 2.27 Kernel and Image:

- **Kernel:** $\mathbf{N}(A) = \text{Ker}(T) := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : T(\mathbf{x}) = 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ (If A is the unique $m \times n$ matrix, such that $T = T_A$)
- **Image:** $\mathbf{C}(A) = \text{Im}(T) := \{T(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ (If A is the unique $m \times n$ matrix, such that $T = T_A$, the set of all outputs that T can produce.)

L 2.23: A function $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m / T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a **linear transformation / linear functional** iff. these two linearity axioms hold for all $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$:

- (i) $T(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}') = T(\mathbf{x}) + T(\mathbf{x}')$
- (ii) $T(\lambda \mathbf{x}) = \lambda T(\mathbf{x})$

Visualizing linear transformations: A matrix can be seen as a re-mapping of the unit-vectors $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}, \dots$, scaling and re-orienting them. Each column vector can be seen as the new unit vector \mathbf{e}_i . For example, $R(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$ would be a rotation matrix, that rotates the plane counterclockwise by θ .

To prove that a transformation T is linear, use **Lemma 2.23**. $A\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{v}_i$, where \mathbf{v}_i is the i th column of A .

O 2.39 Matrix multiplication: $A \times B = C$, $c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{i,k} b_{k,j}$. Dimension restrictions: A is an $m \times n$ matrix, B is $n \times p$, the result C will be $m \times p$. For each entry, multiply the i th row of A with the j th column of B .

This is NOT commutative, but associative & distributive. The right-to-left order matters, not the position of any parenthesis.

L 2.40 Matrix multiplication with transposition: $(AB)^\top = B^\top A^\top$, $(AT)^\top = A$

D 2.44 Outer product: $\text{rank}(A) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \exists \text{ non-zero vectors } \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ such that } A \text{ is an outer product, i.e. } A = \mathbf{v}\mathbf{w}^\top$, thus $\text{rank}(\mathbf{v}\mathbf{w}^\top) = 1$.

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), $r = \text{rank}(A)$.

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.

RREF is simply REF without any zero rows. (i.e. in R_0 , R (in RREF would be R_0 without the last row).

3 Linear Equations

Solving $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$: Overview: Get the system into $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ form. (Use this if ranks are easy to determine; otherwise proceed with Gaussian Elimination below.) Three outcomes:

- **No solution:** $\text{rank}(A) < \text{rank}([A|\mathbf{b}])$ (inconsistent)
- **Unique solution:** $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}([A|\mathbf{b}])$. Also requires consistency check: $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}([A|\mathbf{b}])$.
- **Infinite solutions:** $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}([A|\mathbf{b}]) < n$ (underdetermined)

Gaussian Elimination / Gauss-Jordan Method: Transform A into upper-triangle (REF) or fully reduced (RREF) via row operations.

- **Augment:** $[A|\mathbf{b}]$
- **Row reduce using:** swap rows, multiply by scalar, add multiple of one row to another
- **Back-substitute or read off free variables**
- **Runtime:** $\mathcal{O}(m^3)$ for square matrices

O 2.56 Invertible matrix: Matrix A is invertible, if it is square and there exists B , such that: $AB = I \Leftrightarrow BA = I \Leftrightarrow AB = BA = I$

D 2.57 Inverse matrix: If $AB = I$ for invertible A , then B is its inverse, denoted as A^{-1} .

O 2.58 Inverse of the inverse: $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$

L 2.59: If A and B are invertible $m \times m$ matrices, AB is also invertible, and $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$

L 2.60: If A is an invertible $m \times m$ matrix, its transpose is also invertible, and $(A^\top)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^\top$

D 2.13 Reduced Row Echelon Form: Let $R = [r_{ij}]_{i=1}^m \cdot_{j=1}^n$ be an $m \times n$ matrix. R is in RREF, if there is some natural number $r \leq m$ and column indices $1 \leq j_1 \leq j_2 \leq \dots \leq n$ (*the indices of the "downward step"*) such that the following two conditions hold:

- (i) For every $i \in [r]$, column j_i of R is the standard unit vector \mathbf{e}_i .
- (ii) All entries r_{ij} "below the staircase" are 0.

L 3.14: A matrix R in RREF (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_r) has independent columns j_1, j_2, \dots, j_r and therefore rank r .

Gauss-Jordan elimination: Makes Gaussian elimination possible for $m \times n$ matrices and works similarly. Transform the augmented matrix $[A|\mathbf{b}]$ into RREF:

1. Swap rows, so the entry with the largest absolute value is the pivot a_{ij}
2. For each row, use the pivot to clear all entries *below* it using $R_i \leftarrow R_i - \left(\frac{\text{target}}{\text{pivot}} \right) R_{\text{pivot}}$.
3. Normalize all pivots to 1 by dividing the entire row by the pivot value.
4. Clear all entries **above** the pivots using row additions.

After reaching RREF, check the last row(s) $[0 \dots 0 | c]$:

- **No Solution:** $0 = c$ (where $c \neq 0$)
- **Unique Solution:** A square identity matrix on the left, the right side are the solved variables \mathbf{b}_i .
- **Infinite Solutions:** Row of zeroes $[0 \dots 0 | 0]$

A general RREF Structure:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & b_n \end{array} \right]$$

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 of vectors, satisfying the vector space axioms, **commutativity**, **associativity**, **existence of zero and negative vectors** and **identity element** (1), **compatibility of \oplus with \cdot (in \mathbb{R})**, **distributivity over \oplus** ($\lambda(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \lambda\mathbf{v} + \lambda\mathbf{w}$) and **distributivity over $+$ (in \mathbb{R})** ($(\lambda + \mu)\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v} + \mu\mathbf{v}$).

To define a **vector space**, we need to define addition and scalar multiplication for the elements in a **canonical** way (according to the accepted standard).

D 4.8 Subspace: Let V be a vector space. A nonempty subset $U \subseteq V$ is a subspace of V if these two axioms are true $\forall \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in U$ and $\forall \lambda \mathbf{v} \in U$:

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

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

L 4.9 Subspace always has 0: Let $U \subseteq V$ be a subspace of V . Then $0 \in U$.

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 a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m . Moreover, $R(A) = C(A^\top)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

E 4.13 Nullspace is a subspace: Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. Then the nullspace $N(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax = 0\}$ 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: Set of vectors that are linearly independent and span B , the subspace of V . For \mathbb{R}^m , the set of unit vectors is a basis. For a matrix, all linearly independent columns form a basis of the column space $C(A)$. **Calculating:** If we have a matrix with full column / row rank, then the basis are all column / row vectors.

O 4.20 Non-uniqueness of basis: Every set $B = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ of m linearly independent vectors is a basis of \mathbb{R}^m .

D 4.21 Finitely generated vector space: A vector space V is called finitely generated if there exists 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: Let $F \subseteq V$ be a finite set of linearly independent vectors, $G \subseteq V$ a finite set of vectors with $\text{Span}(G) = V$. Then: $|F| \leq |G|$, \exists subset $E \subseteq G$ 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: If V is finitely generated, then $d = \dim(V)$ is the size of any 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 linear 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 unique linear combinations: Let V be a finitely generated vector space with basis $B = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$, then every $v \in V$ can be written uniquely as $v + \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j v_j$, for unique scalars $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m \in \mathbb{R}$.

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: If 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 $R(A)$: Non-zero rows of RREF of A : Non-zero rows of RREF of A form a basis of $R(A)$, so $\dim(R(A)) = r$

T 4.33 Row rank equals column rank: $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^\top)$

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: Set of all solutions of $Ax = b$, thus $\text{Sol}(A, b) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax = b\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.

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. To describe all solutions, we need *some* solutions.

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 typically 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 $Ax = b$ is called:

- $m = n \Rightarrow$ square (A is a square matrix) — **typically solvable**.
 - $m < n \Rightarrow$ underdetermined (A is a wide matrix) — **typically solvable**.
 - $m > n \Rightarrow$ overdetermined (A is a tall matrix) — **typically 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, v_2, \dots, v_k and w_1, w_2, \dots, w_l be bases of subspaces V and W . V and W are orthogonal iff. v_i and w_j are orthogonal for all $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ and $j \in \{1, \dots, l\}$.

L 5.1.3 Linear independence of bases of orthogonal subspaces: Let V and W be two orthogonal subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n with the bases $v_1, \dots, v_k, w_1, \dots, w_l$. The set of vectors $\{v_1, \dots, v_k, w_1, \dots, w_l\}$ is linearly independent.

C 5.1.4 Combinations of subspaces: Let V and W be orthogonal subspaces. Then $V + W$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n , and $V \cap W = \{0\}$ and their union is $V \cup W = \{\lambda v + \mu w : \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}, v \in V, w \in W\}$. If $\dim(V) = k$ and $\dim(W) = l$, then $\dim(V \cup W) = k + l \leq n$, for $V, W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.

D 5.1.5 Orthogonal Complement: Let V be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n , its **orthogonal complement**: $V^\perp = \{w \in \mathbb{R}^n | w^\top v = 0, \forall v \in V\}$

T 5.1.6 Relations between subspaces: $N(A) = C(A^\top) = R(A)^\perp$ and $C(A^\top) = N(A)^\perp$

T 5.1.7 Vector decomposition by orthogonal complements: $W = V^\perp \Leftrightarrow \dim(V) + \dim(W) = n \Leftrightarrow u = v + w, \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with unique vectors $v \in V, w \in W$.

L 5.1.10 Justification of existing solutions for normal equations: 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 Projections: Projecting a vector onto a subspace is done with $\text{proj}_S(b) = \text{argmin}_{p \in S} \|b - p\|$, and yields the closest point in the new subspace S .

L 5.2.2 One-dimensional projection formula: Projection of b on $S = \{\lambda a | \lambda \in \mathbb{R}\} = C(a)$: $\text{proj}_S(b) = \frac{aa^\top}{a^\top a} b$, where $a \in \mathbb{R}^m \setminus \{0\}$. We note, that $(b - \text{proj}_S(b)) \perp \text{proj}_S(b)$, i.e. the "error-vector" is perpendicular.

L 5.2.3 General Projection Formula: Let S be a subspace in \mathbb{R}^m with 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: $\text{proj}_S(b) = Ax$, where $\hat{x} = A^\top A \hat{x} = A^\top b$.

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, and 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 a matrix given in a task.

6 Applications of Orthogonality and Projections

6.1 Least Squares Approximation

Least Squares: Approximate a solution to a system of equations. Find x for which Ax is as close as possible to b : $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|Ax - b\|^2$. Using the normal equations, we get $A^\top A \hat{x} = A^\top b$.

- (i) Calculate $M = A^\top A$
- (ii) Calculate $b' = A^\top b$
- (iii) Solve resulting System of Equations $M \hat{x} = b'$ as usual.

Linear regression: Application of least squares problem, in which it is to find A and b such that we can solve the system. We define a matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & t_n \end{bmatrix}$ and a result vector $b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$ where n is the total number of data points and t_i is the slope of the i th function, where b_i is its output. The first column is all 1s because the constant element has no scalar. This comes from the following concept: $f(t) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 t$, so if the first data point is $(1, 2)$, we get $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \cdot 1 = 2$, which will then transform into a SLE with other equations.

L 6.1.2: If A has linearly dependent columns, $t_i = t_j, \forall i \neq j$.

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 solutions: $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, x, y \in C(A^\top) : Ax = Ay \Leftrightarrow x = y$, which leads to: $C(A^\top) \cap N(A) = \{0\}$

T 6.2.2 Set of all solutions of linear equations: Suppose the set of all solutions, $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | Ax = b\} \neq \emptyset$, then $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | Ax = b\} = x_1 + N(A), x_1 \in R(A)$ is unique such that $Ax_1 = b$.

C 6.2.3: Suppose that $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | Ax = b\} \neq \emptyset$. Then there exists a unique vector $x_1 \in C(A^\top A)$ such that $Ax_1 = b$.

T 6.2.4 Linear equations with no solution: For linear equations that have no solutions, these statements are equivalent:

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

6.3 Orthogonal Bases and Gram Schmidt

D 6.3.1 Orthogonal vectors: $q_i^\top q_i = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases}$, with δ_{ij} being the Kronecker delta.

D 6.3.2 Orthogonal matrix: A square matrix $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ 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 orthogonal basis for \mathbb{R}^n .

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 Squares solution to $Qx = b$, where Q is the matrix whose columns are the vectors forming the orthogonal 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: This algorithm is used to construct orthogonal bases. We have linearly independent vectors a_1, \dots, a_n , that span a subspace S , then Gram-Schmidt constructs q_1, \dots, q_n by:

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

D 6.3.10 QR Decomposition: $A = QR$, where $R = Q^\top A$ and Q is obtained from the Gram-Schmidt process, is made up of the vectors q_i as columns.

L 6.3.11 Well-Defined QR Decomposition: R is an upper triangular matrix and invertible. Moreover, $QQ^\top A = A$, and hence $A = QR$ is well-defined.

P 6.3.12: This greatly simplifies calculations involving projections and least squares, since $C(A) = C(Q)$, so $\text{proj}_{C(A)}(b) = QQ^\top b$ and for least squares, we have $R\hat{x} = Q^\top b$. This can efficiently be solved using back-substitution because R is triangular.

6.4 Pseudoinverse

D 6.4.1 Left Pseudoinverse (Full column rank): 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 (Full row rank): 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 pseudoinverse: For $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ with rank(A) = r and a CR-decomposition $A = CR$, we define $A^\dagger = R^\top C^\top$. In general, $A^\dagger = R^\top (C^\top C)^{-1} = R^\top (C^\top CRR^\top)^{-1} C^\top = R^\top (C^\top AR^\top)^{-1} C^\top$.

L 6.4.8 Unique solution of least squares with pseudoinverse: For any matrix A and vector $x \in \mathcal{C}(A)$, then unique solution of the least squares problem is given by a vector $\hat{x} \in \mathcal{C}(A)$ satisfying $A\hat{x} = b$. The solution is $\hat{x} = A^\dagger b$, with $A\hat{x} = b$, and in the general case $A^\dagger = R^\top C^\top = R^\top (C^\top AR^\top)^{-1} C^\top$.

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 Properties of Pseudoinverse: Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.

- $AA^\dagger A = A$ and $A^\dagger AA^\dagger = A^\dagger$ and $(A^\dagger)^\dagger = (A^\dagger)^\top$.
- AA^\dagger is symmetric, and the projection matrix for the projection on $\mathcal{C}(A)$.
- $A^\dagger A$ is symmetric, and the projection matrix for the projection on $\mathcal{C}(A^\top)$. Moreover, $AA^\dagger = CRR^\top(RR^\top)^{-1}(C^\top C)^{-1}C^\top = C(C^\top C)^{-1}C^\top$, which is the projection onto $\mathcal{C}(A)$, and $(AA^\dagger)^\top = AA^\dagger$.

7 The Determinant

The determinant can be understood as a number that corresponds to *how much* the associated linear transformation scales space. For example, a 2D linear transformation with a determinant 2, will scale any area in the space up by 2 after the linear transformation has been applied.

7.1 2 times 2

D 7.1.1 2 × 2 Determinant: For $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$, $\det = ad - bc$.

L 7.1.2 Multiplication of determinants: $\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$

L 7.1.3 Invertibility related to the determinant: A matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ is invertible iff. $\det(A) \neq 0$.

D 7.2.1 Permutation sign: The sign of a permutation is defined as the number of swaps of rows or columns. $\det(\text{permutation matrix}) = (-1)^k \det(\text{original matrix})$, where k is the number of swaps. Even number of swaps $\Rightarrow +1$, odd number $\Rightarrow -1$.

$$\text{sgn}(\sigma) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \{(i, j) \in \{1, \dots, n\} \times \{1, \dots, n\} \text{ such that } i < j \text{ and } \sigma(i) > \sigma(j)\} \text{ even} \\ -1 & \text{if } \{(i, j) \in \{1, \dots, n\} \times \{1, \dots, n\} \text{ such that } i < j \text{ and } \sigma(i) > \sigma(j)\} \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

7.2 General case

D 7.2.3 Determinant big formula: For a square matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, $\det(A) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Pi_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n A_{i,\sigma(i)}$. (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 $\iff \det(Q) = 1$ or $\det(Q) = -1$.
4. Matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is invertible $\iff \det(A) \neq 0$
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:

- a) Given a permutation matrix $P \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ corresponding to a permutation σ , then $\det(P) = \text{sgn}(\sigma)$. We sometimes also write $\text{sgn}(P)$.
- b) Given a triangular (either upper- or lower) matrix $T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ we have $\det(T) = \prod_{k=1}^n T_{kk}$, in particular, $\det(I) = 1$.
- c) If $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is an orthogonal matrix then $\det(Q) = 1$ or $\det(Q) = -1$. $1 = \det(I) = \det(Q^\top Q) = \det(Q^\top) \det(Q) = \det(Q)^2$, so $\det(Q) = \pm 1$. If the determinant is 1, then Q is a rotation matrix. If the determinant is -1 it's a reflection matrix.

P 7.3.2 Cofactor determinant calculation: Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, for any $1 \leq i \leq n$, $\det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} C_{ij}$, where the co-factors are $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{ij})$

P 7.3.5 Cramer's Rule: The idea here is that we solve a linear system of type $Ax = b$, then, due to the determinant being multiplicative, we get $\det(A)x_1 = \det(\mathcal{B})$, where \mathcal{B} is the matrix obtained from A by replacing the first column with b . So, the solution $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ for $Ax = b$ is given by $x_j = \frac{\det(\mathcal{B}_j)}{\det(A)}$

P 7.3.6 Swapping rows permutation matrix: If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and P is a permutation matrix that swaps two elements, meaning that PA corresponds to swapping two rows of A , then $\det(PA) = -\det(A)$.

P 7.3.7 Linearity of the determinant: The determinant is linear in each row (and column). For example:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 a_0^\top & \alpha_1 a_1^\top \\ a_2^\top & \end{bmatrix} = \alpha_0 \det \begin{bmatrix} a_0^\top \\ a_2^\top \end{bmatrix} + \alpha_1 \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1^\top \\ a_2^\top \end{bmatrix}$$

8 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

8.1 Complex Numbers

Operations: $i^2 = -1$ (NOT $i = \sqrt{-1}$, since otherwise $1 = -1$). Complex number $z_j = a_j + b_k i$. Addition, Subtraction $(a_1 \pm a_2) + (b_1 \pm b_2)i$. Multiplication $(a_1 a_2 - b_1 b_2) + (a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1)i$. Division $\frac{a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2}{b_1^2 + b_2^2} + \frac{a_2 b_1 - a_1 b_2}{b_1^2 + b_2^2}i$

Parts: $\Re(a + bi) := a$ (Real part), $\Im(a + bi) := b$ (imaginary part), $|z| := \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ (modulus), $\overline{a+bi} := a - bi$ (complex conjugate)

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 $P(z) = \alpha_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$, $(\alpha_n \neq 0)$ has a zero: there exist $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $P(\lambda) = 0$. A degree n polynomial has at most n distinct zeros (roots).

C 8.1.3 Algebraic multiplicity, number 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 $P(z) = \alpha_n(z - \lambda_1)(z - \lambda_2) \dots (z - \lambda_n)$. The number of times $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ appears in the expression is called the *algebraic multiplicity* of zero.

Inner product on \mathbb{C}^n and Conjugate Transpose: The inner product on \mathbb{C}^n is given by $\langle v, w \rangle = \overline{w^\top v}$. $A^* = A^\top$

8.2 Introduction to Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

D 8.2.1 Eigenvector / Eigenvalue 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 λ when $Av = \lambda v$. (λ, v) is an *eigenvalue-eigenvector pair*. If $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, then we have a real eigenvalue-eigenvector pair. Imagine the eigenvectors to be the normalized vectors that *don't change* when applying a linear transformation.

L 8.2.3 Real Eigenvalues / Eigenvectors: 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 λ if and only if $v \in N(A - \lambda I)$.

To find an Eigenvalue and Eigenvector of a matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, simply calculate the eigenvalue first, using the zeros of the polynomial obtained from calculating $\det(M - \lambda I)$, which is obtained from

L 8.2.3 $\det(M - \lambda I) = 0$. This means, we simply need to calculate the determinant of $M - \lambda I$, which is fairly straightforward. We can then try to find the eigenvectors v such that $Mv = \lambda v$, or in other words a non-zero element of $N(M - \lambda I) \setminus \{0\}$, i.e. the null space of $M - \lambda I$. This means we try to find a solution such that $0 = (m - \lambda I)v$, where v is not the zero vector.

P 8.2.4 Characteristic polynomial: $(-1)^n \det(A - \lambda I) = \det(\lambda I - A) = (\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2) \dots (\lambda - \lambda_n)$. The coefficient of the λ^n term is $(-1)^n$. Usually determined from $\det(M - \lambda I)$.

T 8.2.5 Existence of eigenvalue: Every matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ has an eigenvalue (perhaps complex-valued).

P 8.2.7 Eigenvalue of orthogonal matrix: If $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be an orthogonal matrix. If $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ is an eigenvalue of Q , then $|\lambda| = 1$.

L 8.2.8 Complex Eigenvalues exist on conjugate pairs of real A : Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. If (λ, v) is an eigenvalue-eigenvector pair, then $(\bar{\lambda}, \bar{v})$ is an eigenvalue-eigenvector pair.

8.3 Properties of Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

P 8.3.1 Eigenvalue modifications based on the type of matrix:

- If (λ, v) is an eigenvalue-eigenvector pair of A , then (λ^k, v) is an eigenvalue-eigenvector pair of A^k for $k \geq 1$.
- If (λ, 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 basis from Eigenvalues: Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with n distinct real eigenvectors. 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 Eigenvalues: The eigenvalues of $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ are the same as those of A^\top .

L 8.3.6 Determinant and Trace via Eigenvalues: 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, $\det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$, $\text{Tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$.

L 8.3.7 Cyclic invariance of the trace: For $A, B, C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$: $\text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA)$, then $\text{Tr}(ABC) = \text{Tr}(BCA) = \text{Tr}(CAB)$.

Change of basis: With the linear transformation $L : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ (given by e.g. $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow A\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$), for which we want to find a matrix B that maps it from a basis $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$ to another one $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$. Now that B helps us map a vector α to a vector β , which has the different basis. We now define U as the matrix whose columns are the first basis and V as the matrix whose columns are the second basis. Now, if $L(\mathbf{x}) = V\beta$ and $\mathbf{x} = U\alpha$, so $\beta = V^{-1}AU\alpha$, now $\beta = V^{-1}AU$.

9 Diagonalization, 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 Λ 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.

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 Λ is a diagonal matrix.

D 9.1.3 Complete set of Eigenvectors: 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 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors of a projection matrix: Let P be the projection matrix on the subspace $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. 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 and invertible matrix S , such that $B = S^{-1}AS$.

P 9.1.8 Similar matrices have the same eigenvalues: Similar matrices $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $B = S^{-1}AS \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ have the same eigenvalues. The matrix A has a complete set of real eigenvectors iff. B does.

D 9.1.10 Geometric multiplicity: Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and let λ be an eigenvalue of A . Then $\dim(\mathcal{N}(A - \lambda I))$ is called the *geometric multiplicity* of λ .

L 9.1.11 Complete set of real Eigenvectors: A matrix has a complete set of real eigenvectors iff. 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 orthogonal basis of \mathbb{R}^n consisting of eigenvectors A .

C 9.2.2 Eigendecomposition: For any symmetric matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, there exists and orthogonal matrix $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ (whose columns are eigenvectors of A) such that $A = V\Lambda V^\top$, where $\Lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is diagonal with diagonal entries equal to the eigenvalues of A , and $V^\top V = I$. This decomposition is called the *eigendecomposition*.

C 9.2.4 Rank of real symmetric matrices:

- If A is a real symmetric matrix, then $\text{rank}(A)$ is the number of non-zero 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 $\dim(\mathcal{N}(A))$.

R 9.2.5: For general $n \times n$ (non-symmetric) matrices, the rank is n minus the dimension of the nullspace, so it is n minus the geometric multiplicity of $\lambda = 0$. Since symmetric matrices always have a complete set of eigenvalues and eigenvectors, the geometric multiplicities are always the same as algebraic multiplicities.

$$\dim(\mathcal{N}(A)) + \text{rank}(A) = n$$

P 9.2.6 Rank-One Spectral Decomposition: Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be symmetric, and let $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ be an orthogonal basis of eigenvectors of A (the columns of V), with associated eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$. Then $A = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k \mathbf{v}_k \mathbf{v}_k^\top$.

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 Eigenvectors: 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 $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$. Then, \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 are orthogonal.

L 9.2.8 Symmetric matrix has real Eigenvalues: A symmetric matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ has only real eigenvalues $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \Rightarrow \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. If $A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$:

$$\bar{\lambda}\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \bar{\lambda}\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{v} = (\lambda\mathbf{v})^\top \mathbf{v} = (\lambda\mathbf{v})^\top \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^\top A^* \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^\top A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^\top \lambda\mathbf{v} = \lambda\|\mathbf{v}\|^2$$

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

P 9.2.10 Rayleigh Quotient: Given a symmetric matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, the Rayleigh Quotient, defined for $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$, as $R(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathbf{x}^\top A \mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x}}$. The maximum of it is at $R(\mathbf{v}_{\max}) = \lambda_{\max}$ and the minimum correspondingly at the smallest eigenvalue, with λ and \mathbf{v} being the respective minimum and maximum eigenvalue-eigenvector pairs.

D 9.2.11 Positive Semidefinite (PSD) and Positive definite (PD) matrices: A symmetric matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is said to be PSD if all its eigenvalues are non-negative. If all the eigenvalues of A are strictly positive (no eigenvalue is zero), then we say A is PD.

P 9.2.12 Positivity of the quadratic form: A symmetric matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is PSD iff. $\mathbf{x}^\top A \mathbf{x} \geq 0$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Analogously, its PD iff. $\mathbf{x}^\top A \mathbf{x} > 0$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

D 9.2.13 Gram Matrix: Given vectors $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$, their Gram matrix is $G \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ defined by $G_{ij} = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \mathbf{x}_j$. We have $i, j \leq n$ because $G \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. If $V = [\mathbf{v}_1 \dots \mathbf{v}_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, 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 (although abuse of notation). Note, that $AA^\top = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i a_i^\top$, which will be an $m \times m$ matrix.

P 9.2.15 Same Eigenvalues of transposed matrices: Given 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 an upper triangular matrix C , so that $M = C^\top C$.

9.3 Singular Value Decomposition

D 9.3.1 Singular Value Decomposition: Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. There exists orthogonal matrices $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ and $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ such that $A = U = U\Sigma V^\top$, where $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is a diagonal matrix, in the sense that $\Sigma_{ij} = 0$ when $i \neq j$, and the diagonal elements are non-negative and ordered in descending order. $U^\top U = I$ and $V^\top V = I$.

The columns of U and V are called the left and right singular vectors of A , and the diagonal entries of Σ are the singular values of A , ordered as $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_{\min\{m,n\}}$.

R 9.3.2 Compact form of SVD: If A has rank 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 $\Sigma_r \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$ is a diagonal matrix with first r singular values. 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 an SVD: Every matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has an SVD: $A = U\Sigma V^\top$. Equivalently, every linear transformation is diagonal in orthonormal bases of singular vectors and can be understood in 3 separate steps (the three composing matrices, V^\top, Σ, U).

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 $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_r$ and $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r$. Then

$$A = \sum_{k=1}^r \sigma_k \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{v}_k^\top$$

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

10 Strategies

10.1 Systems of Equations

General Solution:

- Form the augmented matrix $[A|b]$.
- Perform **Gauss-Jordan Elimination** to get to RREF.
- Consistency Check:** If any row looks like $[0 \dots 0 | non-zero]$, there is **no solution**.
- Identify variables: **Pivot variables:** Columns with leading 1s; **Free variables:** Columns without leading 1s.
- General Solution:** $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_p = \mathbf{x}_h + \mathbf{x}_p$: Set free variables to 0, solve for pivots; \mathbf{x}_h : Write pivot variables in terms of free variables. Extract free variables as coefficients.

Calculate Inverse Matrix A^{-1} :

- Form the augmented matrix $[A|I]$.
- Perform **Gauss-Jordan Elimination**.
- Once $[I|B]$ is reached, then $B = A^{-1}$. If you get a row of zeros on the left side, A is not invertible (singular).

Linear Independence:

- To check if vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ are linearly independent:
- Form matrix $A = [\mathbf{v}_1 \dots \mathbf{v}_n]$.
 - Perform **Gaussian Elimination** to get REF.
 - If every column has a pivot (no free variables), they are *independent*; otherwise, they are *dependent*.

Calculating the Determinant:

- Method A** (2×2): $\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = ad - bc$.
- Method B (Triangular):** Product of diagonal entries.
- Method C (General $n \times n$):**
 - Use row operations to convert A to an upper triangular matrix U .
 - Track changes:** Row swap: multiply det by -1 ; Row subtraction ($R_i - kR_j$): det does **not** change; Scalar multiplication (kR_i): multiply det by k .
 - $\det(A) = (\text{corresponding factors}) \times \prod \mathbf{u}_{ii}$.

10.2 Fundamental Spaces

Quick Rank Reference:

- $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^\top)$ (row rank = column rank)
- $\text{rank}(A) \leq \min(m, n)$ (limited by dimensions)
- $\text{rank}(A) = r \Rightarrow \dim(\mathcal{C}(A)) = r, \dim(\mathcal{R}(A)) = r$
- $\text{rank}(A) = r \Rightarrow \dim(\mathcal{N}(A)) = n - r$ (nullity)
- Full column rank: $\text{rank}(A) = n \Rightarrow$ columns are linearly independent, $\mathcal{N}(A) = \{0\}$
- Full row rank: $\text{rank}(A) = m \Rightarrow Ax = b$ is solvable for all b
- Full rank: $\text{rank}(A) = m = n \Rightarrow A$ is invertible

Basis for Column Space $C(A)$:

- Perform **Gaussian Elimination** on A to get R (no need for full RREF).
- Identify indices of the **pivot columns** in R (e.g. col 1, 3, 4).
- Result:** Select the corresponding columns from the **original** matrix A .

Basis for Row Space $R(A)$: $R(A) = C(A^\top)$

- Perform **Gaussian Elimination** on A to get R .
- Result:** The non-zero rows of R (transposed to be column vectors) from the basis.

Basis for Nullspace $N(A)$:

- Solve $A\mathbf{x} = 0$ using **Gauss-Jordan** to get RREF.
- Express pivot variables in terms of free variables.
- Result:** The vectors multiplying the free variables form the basis.
- Dimension:** $\dim(N(A)) = n - r$ (Columns minus Rank).

10.3 Orthogonality, Projections & Least Squares

Quick Projection of \mathbf{b} onto \mathbf{a} :

- To project a vector \mathbf{b} onto the line spanned by \mathbf{a} :
- Formula:** $\mathbf{p} = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{b}) = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a}} \mathbf{a} = \frac{\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \mathbf{a}$.
 - Step 1 (Scalar Part):** Calculate the "overlap": $s = \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b}$.
 - Step 2 (Normalization):** Calculate squared norm: $n = \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{a}$.
 - Step 3 (Result):** Multiply vector \mathbf{a} by the fraction: $\mathbf{p} = \frac{s}{n} \mathbf{a}$.

Check: The error vector $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p}$ must be orthogonal to \mathbf{a} ($\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{e} = 0$).

Least Squares Approximation Problem: $Ax = b$ has no solution ($m > n$). Find \hat{x} that minimizes $\|Ax - b\|^2$.

1. Calculate matrix $M = A^\top A$.
 2. Calculate vector $d = A^\top b$
 3. Solve the system $M\hat{x} = d$ (using Gaussian elimination)
- Note: If columns of A are independent, $\hat{x} = (A^\top A)^{-1}A^\top b$.

Projection of b onto Subspace S :

1. Find a basis for S and put them as columns in matrix A .
2. Calculate \hat{x} using Least Squares.
3. **Result:** The projection $p = Ax$.
4. **Projection Matrix:** $P = A(A^\top A)^{-1}A^\top$.

Gram-Schmidt (Orthonormal Basis):

- **Input:** Independent vectors a_1, \dots, a_n
- **Output:** Orthonormal vectors q_1, \dots, q_n .
- Follow Definition 6.3.8

10.4 Eigenvalues & Decomposition

Find Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors:

1. **Eigenvalues** (λ): Solve characteristic equation $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$.
2. **Eigenvectors** (v): For each found λ :
 - Form matrix $(A - \lambda I)$
 - Find the Nullspace basis of this matrix (solve $(A - \lambda I)v = 0$)

Diagonalization ($A = V\Lambda V^{-1}$):

1. Find eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$.
2. Find n independent eigenvectors v_1, \dots, v_n (If you cannot find n independent vectors, A is not diagonalizable).
3. **Construct Matrices:**
 - Λ : Diagonal matrix with λ_i on diagonal.
 - V : Matrix with eigenvectors v_i as columns (order must match λ_i).

Spectral Decomposition (Symmetric Matrices): Condition: $A = A^\top$; Solved similar to Diagonalization, but:

1. Eigenvalues will be *real*.
2. Eigenvectors for different λ are automatically orthogonal.
3. **Important:** Normalize the eigenvectors to length 1.
4. **Result:** $A = Q\Lambda Q^\top$ (where Q is orthogonal matrix of normalized eigenvectors).

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD): Goal: $A = U\Sigma V^\top$.

1. Compute $M = A^\top A$.
2. Find eigenvalues of $M : \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r$ (sorted high to low).
3. **Singular Values:** $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$, and place these in diagonal Σ .
4. **Find Singular Vectors (V):** Calculate orthonormal vectors of $A^\top A$. These are columns of V .
5. **Left Singular vectors (U):** For non-zero σ_i , calculate $u_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} A v_i$.
6. (if needed) compute U to be an orthonormal basis using Gram-Schmidt if A is not square / full-rank.

10.5 Quick Sanity Checks

- **Trace:** $\text{Tr}(A) = \sum a_{ii} = \sum \lambda_i$ (Sum of diagonal = sum of eigenvalues).
- **Determinant:** $\det(A) = \prod \lambda_i$ (Product of eigenvalues).
- **Rank:** Rank = Dimension of $C(A)$ = Dimension of $R(A)$ = Number of non-zero singular values.
- **Symmetry:** If A is symmetric, eigenvalues are real, eigenvectors are orthogonal.
- **Orthogonal matrix Q :** $Q^\top Q = I$. Determinant is ± 1 . Preserves lengths ($\|Qx\| = \|x\|$).
- A is invertible iff no eigenvalue is zero.
- Eigenvalues of A^k : λ_i^k for each eigenvalue λ_i .
- Eigenvalues of A^{-1} : $\frac{1}{\lambda_i}$ for each eigenvalue $\lambda_i \neq 0$.
- **Skew-symmetric** ($A = -A^\top$): all eigenvalues are purely imaginary.

10.6 Proof Toolkit (Standard Strategies)

How to prove U is a Subspace (D 4.8):

1. **Check 1 (Zero):** Show $0 \in U$. (Usually easy, if fails \rightarrow not a subspace).
 2. **Check 2 (Closure):** Let $u, v \in U$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Show $\lambda u + v \in U$.
- Counter-example:* To disprove, find specific vectors where closure fails or show $0 \notin U$.

How to prove Linear Independence (D 2.1/4.17):

- To prove $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ are L.I.:
1. Set up equation: $\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i v_i = 0$.
 2. Show that this implies $\lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_k = 0$.
 3. **Matrix way:** Form $A = [v_1 \dots v_k]$. Show $N(A) = \{0\}$ (e.g. rank k).

How to prove Surjectivity / Injectivity:

- Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be linear (matrix A).
- **Injective (1-to-1):** Show $\text{Ker}(T) = \{0\}$. (Solve $Ax = 0 \implies x = 0$).
 - **Surjective (Onto):** Show $\text{Im}(T) = W$. (Rank = $\dim(W)$).
 - **Bijective:** Show both (or if $\dim(V) = \dim(W)$, just one is enough).

Proving Matrix Properties:

- **Symmetric:** Show $A^\top = A$. (Use $(AB)^\top = B^\top A^\top$).
- **Orthogonal:** Show $Q^\top Q = I$. (Cols are orthonormal).
- **Positive Definite:** Show $x^\top Ax > 0$ for all $x \neq 0$.

10.7 Advanced Calculation Strategies

Fitting a Polynomial (Least Squares):

Task: Fit $p(t) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 t + \dots + \alpha_k t^k$ to points $(t_1, y_1), \dots, (t_m, y_m)$.

1. Setup $Ax = b$ where unknowns $x = (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_k)^\top$.
2. Matrix A (Vandermonde structure):

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_1 & t_1^2 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & t_m & t_m^2 & \dots \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Solve Normal Equations: $A^\top Ax = A^\top b$.

Change of Basis:

Let $B_{old} = \{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$ and $B_{new} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$. Let T be a transformation with matrix A in standard basis.

- Matrix of T relative to B_{new} is: $D = V^{-1}AV$
- Where $V = [v_1 \dots v_n]$ (Cols are basis vectors).
- If B_{new} are eigenvectors, $D = \Lambda$ (Diagonal).

Computing SVD Step-by-Step:

Target: $A = U\Sigma V^\top$. (Rank r).

1. **Right Singular Vectors (V):** Compute $M = A^\top A$. Find eigenvalues λ_i and orthonormal eigenvectors v_i of M . Sort $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r \geq 0$. $V = [v_1 \dots v_r]$.
2. **Singular Values (Σ):** $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$. Matrix Σ has σ_i on diagonal.
3. **Left Singular Vectors (U):** For $i = 1 \dots r$: $u_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} Av_i$. For $i > r$: Extend to orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^m (Gram-Schmidt on Nullspace of A^\top).

10.8 Spectral Theory & Properties

Algebraic vs Geometric Multiplicity:

For eigenvalue λ :

- **Alg. Mult.** (n_λ): Number of times λ is root of $\det(A - \lambda I)$.
- **Geo. Mult.** (n_g): $\dim(N(A - \lambda I))$ (Num. of independent eigenvectors).
- **Property:** $1 \leq n_g \leq n_\lambda$.
- **Diagonalizable:** iff $\sum n_g = n$ (i.e. $n_g = n_\lambda$ for all λ).

Tricks for 2×2 Eigenvalues:

$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$. Char Poly: $\lambda^2 - \text{Tr}(A)\lambda + \det(A) = 0$.

- $\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{\text{Tr} \pm \sqrt{\text{Tr}^2 - 4\det}}{2}$.
- **Real Eigenvalues:** iff Discriminant $D \geq 0$.
- **One Real Eigenvalue:** iff $D = 0$.
- **Complex Eigenvalues:** iff $D < 0$ (conjugate pair $a \pm bi$).

Positive Definite Matrices (Symmetric A):

Check one of these (all equivalent):

1. All eigenvalues $\lambda_i > 0$.
 2. $x^\top Ax > 0$ for all $x \neq 0$.
 3. All pivots (from Gaussian Elim without swap) are > 0 .
 4. **Sylvester's Criterion:** All upper-left sub-determinants > 0 .
- Note:* For Positive Semidefinite, replace $>$ with \geq .

10.9 Matrix Algebra Hacks

Standard Basis Matrices:

$E_{ij} = e_i e_j^\top$ (Matrix with 1 at i, j , else 0).

- Product: $E_{ij} E_{kl} = (e_i e_j^\top)(e_k e_l^\top) = e_i (e_j^\top e_k) e_l^\top$.
- $e_j^\top e_k = \delta_{jk}$ (1 if $j = k$, else 0).
- So $E_{ij} E_{kl} = \delta_{jk} E_{il}$. (Zero unless "inner indices" match).

Block Matrices:

If $M = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{bmatrix}$ (Block triangular):

- $\det(M) = \det(A) \cdot \det(D)$.
- Eigenvalues of M are eigenvalues of $A \cup$ eigenvalues of D .

Rank Properties:

- $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \min(\text{rank}(A), \text{rank}(B))$.
- $\text{rank}(A+B) \leq \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B)$.
- **Sylvester:** $\text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B) - n \leq \text{rank}(AB)$ (where $A : m \times n$, $B : n \times k$).

11 Typical Exercises

11.1 Projections onto Column Spaces

Exercise: Find projection $p \in C(Q)$ that minimizes $\|b - p\|$: Given: Matrix Q and vector b .

Approach:

1. Recognize this is asking for $p = \text{proj}_{C(Q)}(b)$ (orthogonal projection onto column space)
2. Use the formula: $p = Q(Q^\top Q)^{-1}Q^\top b$
3. If Q has orthonormal columns: $p = QQ^\top b$ (much simpler!)
4. Verify: The residual $b - p$ should be orthogonal to all columns of Q
5. Check: $\|b - p\| = \sqrt{\|b\|^2 - \|p\|^2}$

11.2 Proofs with Skew-Symmetric Matrices

Exercise: Prove $x^\top Sx = 0$ for all x where $S^\top = -S$: Key Insight: Scalar products are always symmetric.

Approach:

1. Start with: $x^\top Sx$ (this is a scalar, so equals its transpose)
2. Write: $x^\top Sx = (x^\top Sx)^\top = x^\top S^\top x$
3. Substitute the given condition $S^\top = -S$: $x^\top Sx = x^\top (-S)x = -x^\top Sx$
4. Conclude: Only a scalar equal to its negative is 0, so $x^\top Sx = 0$

11.3 Least Squares Fitting

Exercise: Minimize $\sum_{k=1}^n (f(x_k) - y_k)^2$ for $f(x) = ax^2 + b$: Given: Data points (x_k, y_k) and a model $f(x) = ax^2 + b$.

Approach:

1. Form the design matrix: $A = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 & 1 \\ x_2^2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n^2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, with $y = [y_1, \dots, y_n]^\top$
2. Solve the normal equations: $A^\top Ax = A^\top y$
3. Solve for $\hat{x} = [a, b]^\top$ (can use Gaussian elimination or inversion)
4. Verify with given squared error: Compute $\sum_k (f(x_k) - y_k)^2$

11.4 Matrix Equations from Eigenvector Conditions

Constructing A from orthonormal input-output pairs: Given

$$Av_1 = w_1, \quad Av_2 = w_2$$

with $\{v_1, v_2\}$ orthonormal.

- Form $Q = [v_1 \mid v_2]$ (orthogonal $\Rightarrow Q^{-1} = Q^\top$).
- Form $W = [w_1 \mid w_2]$.
- Then

$$A = WQ^\top.$$

- A is unique.

11.5 Cauchy-Schwarz and Inequality Proofs

Exercise: Prove $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i^2}{b_i} \geq \frac{(a_1 + \dots + a_n)^2}{b_1 + \dots + b_n}$ for $b_i > 0$: **Key Insight:** Recognize this as a weighted Cauchy-Schwarz problem.

Approach:

1. Define vectors: $\mathbf{u} = [\frac{a_1}{\sqrt{b_1}}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{\sqrt{b_n}}]$ and $\mathbf{v} = [\sqrt{b_1}, \dots, \sqrt{b_n}]$
2. Apply Cauchy-Schwarz: $|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}|^2 \leq \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$
3. Compute LHS: $(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})^2 = (\sum_i a_i^2)$
4. Compute RHS: $\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = \sum_i \frac{a_i^2}{b_i}$ and $\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \sum_i b_i$
5. Rearrange to get the desired inequality

11.6 Singular Values and Decompositions

Exercise: Find a non-zero singular value of a given matrix: **Given:** A matrix A , possibly with special structure.

Approach (Method 1 - Slow):

1. Compute $A^\top A$
2. Find eigenvalues of $A^\top A$ (these are σ_i^2)
3. Take square roots to get singular values σ_i

Approach (Method 2 - Faster):

1. If A has a special structure (e.g., orthogonal rows/columns), use that
2. For a rank-1 matrix: $\sigma = \|A\mathbf{v}\|$ for any non-zero \mathbf{v} in the column space
3. Use $\sigma_{\max} = \|A\|$ (spectral norm) = $\sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A^\top A)}$

12 Requirements Checklist

When can I use this method?

- Gaussian Elimination: Any matrix.
- Matrix Inversion (A^{-1}): A must be square ($n \times n$) AND $\det(A) \neq 0$ (Full rank).
- CR Decomposition: Any matrix A .
- QR Decomposition: A must have linearly independent columns (full column rank) for the standard Gram-Schmidt process.

Diagonalization ($A = V\Lambda V^{-1}$): Requirements: $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ must have n linearly independent eigenvectors.

• Sufficient (but not necessary): A has n distinct eigenvalues.

• Necessary and Sufficient: For every eigenvalue λ , geometric multiplicity = algebraic multiplicity.

Orthogonal Diagonalization ($A = Q\Lambda Q^\top$): Requirements: A must be **Symmetric** ($A = A^\top$). Note: If A is symmetric, it is always diagonalizable with real eigenvalues and orthogonal eigenvectors.

Cholesky Decomposition ($A = LL^\top$): Requirements: A must be **Symmetric AND Positive Definite** (all $\lambda > 0$ / all pivots > 0).

SVD ($A = U\Sigma V^\top$): Requirements: No restrictions! Every matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has an SVD.

Least Squares ($A^\top A\hat{x} = A^\top b$): Unique Solution Requirements: Columns of A must be linearly independent (Full column rank, $N(A) = \{0\}$). If not, infinitely many least-squares solutions exist (use Pseudoinverse).

13 Quick Facts & Properties

Symmetric Matrices ($A = A^\top$):

- Eigenvalues are always **real**.
- Eigenvectors from different eigenspaces are **orthogonal**.
- Always orthogonally diagonalizable: $A = Q\Lambda Q^\top$.
- $\text{rank}(A) = \text{number of non-zero eigenvalues}$ (counted with multiplicity).
- $\text{Tr}(A) = \sum_i \lambda_i$, $\det(A) = \prod_i \lambda_i$.
- A is positive definite \iff all eigenvalues > 0 .

Orthogonal Matrices ($Q^\top Q = I$):

- Columns form an orthonormal basis for $C(Q)$.
- Preserves norms: $\|Q\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$.
- Preserves dot products: $(Q\mathbf{x}) \cdot (Q\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$.
- $\text{rank}(Q) = n$ (Full column rank).
- Q^\top is the left-inverse ($Q^\top Q = I$).

Only if Square (Q is $n \times n$):

- Q is invertible and $Q^{-1} = Q^\top$.
- $QQ^\top = I$ (Rows are also orthonormal).
- $\det(Q) = \pm 1$.
- Eigenvalues satisfy $|\lambda| = 1$.

Skew-Symmetric Matrices ($A^\top = -A$):

- Diagonal entries are all 0.
- If n is odd, then $\det(A) = 0$.
- If n is even, $\det(A) \geq 0$.
- Eigenvalues are purely imaginary or 0.
- $\mathbf{x}^\top A\mathbf{x} = 0$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- $\det(A) = \det(-A) = (-1)^n \det(A)$ (useful parity trick).

Projection Matrices ($P^2 = P$):

- Eigenvalues are only 0 or 1.
- Projects onto $C(P)$ along $N(P)$.
- $\text{Tr}(P) = \text{rank}(P)$.
- $I - P$ is also a projection (onto $N(P)$).
- $C(P) \cap N(P) = \{0\}$.

Only if Orthogonal Projection ($P = P^\top$):

- $N(P) = C(P)^\perp$.
- $I - P$ projects onto the orthogonal complement $C(P)^\perp$.
- $\|P\mathbf{x}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|$ for all \mathbf{x} (Non-expansive).

Positive (Semi-)Definite Matrices:

- **Positive definite (PD):** $\mathbf{x}^\top A\mathbf{x} > 0$ for all non-zero \mathbf{x} .
- **Positive semidefinite (PSD):** $\mathbf{x}^\top A\mathbf{x} \geq 0$ for all \mathbf{x} .
- All eigenvalues ≥ 0 (PD \iff all > 0).
- All pivots ≥ 0 (PD \iff all > 0).
- Diagonal entries satisfy $A_{ii} > 0$.
- $\det(A) > 0$ for PD; $\det(A) \geq 0$ for PSD.
- If A is PD, then A^{-1} is also PD.
- $\text{Tr}(A^2) \leq \text{Tr}(A)^2$ for PSD matrices.

13.1 Rapid Operations

Inverse of 2×2 : $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \implies A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$.

Rank Properties:

- $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^\top) = \text{rank}(A^\top A) = \text{rank}(AA^\top)$.
- A invertible $\iff \text{rank}(A) = n$ (square case).
- $\dim N(A) = n - \text{rank}(A)$ (Rank-Nullity).
- Full row rank \implies injective.
- Full row rank \implies surjective.
- If $Au = Av$ with $u \neq v$, then A has a non-trivial nullspace.

Determinant Shifts:

- $\det(A^{-1}) = 1/\det(A)$.
- $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$.
- $\det(kA) = k^n \det(A)$ for $n \times n$ matrices.
- $\det(A^\top) = \det(A)$.
- $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \iff \lambda$ is an eigenvalue.

Trace Tricks:

- $\text{Tr}(A + B) = \text{Tr}(A) + \text{Tr}(B)$.
- $\text{Tr}(kA) = k \text{Tr}(A)$.
- $\text{Tr}(ABC) = \text{Tr}(BCA) = \text{Tr}(CAB)$ (cyclic property).
- $\text{Tr}(A^\top A) = \sum_{i,j} a_{i,j}^2 \geq 0$.
- $\text{Tr}(A) = \sum_i \lambda_i$ (eigenvalue sum).

Block Matrices: For $M = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & D \end{bmatrix}$ (block triangular):

- $\det(M) = \det(A)\det(D)$.
- Eigenvalues of M = eigenvalues of $A \cup$ eigenvalues of D .
- If A, D invertible: $M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1} & -A^{-1}BD^{-1} \\ 0 & D^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$.

For block diagonal $M = \text{diag}(A, D)$: $M^k = \text{diag}(A^k, D^k)$.

Cross Product (in \mathbb{R}^3): $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{bmatrix}$.

- Orthogonal to both \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .
- $\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\|$ = area of parallelogram spanned by \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} .
- $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) = \det([\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}])$ (volume).

Quick Eigenvalue Checks: For 2×2 matrix A :

- $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \text{Tr}(A)$.
- $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = \det(A)$.

If all row sums equal s : s is an eigenvalue with eigenvector 1. If all column sums equal s : s is an eigenvalue of A^\top (hence also of A).

Nilpotent & Idempotent:

- **Nilpotent:** $A^k = 0$ for some k . All eigenvalues are 0; $\det(A) = 0$; $\text{Tr}(A) = 0$; $\text{rank}(A) < n$.
- Nilpotent matrices are not closed under addition or multiplication.
- **Idempotent:** $A^2 = A$. Eigenvalues are only 0 or 1.
- For idempotent A : $\text{Tr}(A) = \text{rank}(A)$.

Linear Systems & Solutions:

- $m < n \implies$ no linear system $Ax = b$ can have a unique solution.
- If $\text{rank}(A) < n$: Existence of one solution \implies infinitely many solutions.
- Homogeneous system $Ax = 0$ has infinitely many solutions $\iff \text{rank}(A) < n$.