

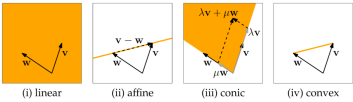
1 Vectors

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 1.9 Scalar/Dot Product:  
 $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} := \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{w}_i$   
Just multiply component wise, add all components together. Results are in  $\mathbb{R}$ .



D 1.11 Euclidean norm, squared norm, unit vector:  $\|\mathbf{v}\| := \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} = \sqrt{\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{v}}$ , Squared Norm:  $\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 := \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{v}$ , Unit Vector:  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = 1 = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \mathbf{v}$  (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 1.21 Linear (in)dependence: Vectors are linearly independent if:  
a) No vector is a linear combination of the others.  
b) There are no  $\lambda_i$  (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:  $\neg \exists \mathbf{x} \neq 0 : A\mathbf{x} = 0$  means columns are linearly independent.

L 1.22 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  $0, \dots, 0$ , 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 1.25 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 1.26: 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 1.28 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:  $A = [a_{ij}]_{i=1, \dots, n}^m$  -  $m$  rows,  $n$  columns (first rows, then columns)

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

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.  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1,i} \mathbf{v}_i, I\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$ ; 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  $I[x_1, x_3] + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Leftrightarrow x(I) = -Q \cdot x(Q)$ .  
We may then freely choose 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 ( $k$  = 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 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  $\theta$ .

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:  $(AB)^\top = B^\top A^\top, (A^\top)^\top = A$

D 2.44 Outer product:  $\text{rank}(A) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \exists$  non-zero vectors  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $A$  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:  $\text{rank}(A) = n$  (full column rank,  $m \geq n$ ). 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 3.13 Reduced Row Echelon Form: Let  $R = [r_{ij}]_{i=1, \dots, n}^m$  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:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & \text{free} & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & \text{free} & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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  $\mathbf{C}(A) = \{A\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Moreover,  $\mathbf{R}(A) = \mathbf{C}(A^\top)$  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  $\mathbf{N}(A) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\mathbf{v} = 0\}$  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  $\mathbf{C}(A)$ . **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  $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  of  $m$  linearly independent vectors is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

**D 4.21 Finitely generated vector space:** 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  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \in V$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $T(\lambda_1\mathbf{x}_1 + \lambda_2\mathbf{x}_2) = \lambda_1 T(\mathbf{x}_1) + \lambda_2 T(\mathbf{x}_2)$ .

**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  $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$ . then every  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  can be written uniquely as  $\mathbf{v} + \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \mathbf{v}_j$ , 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  $\mathbf{C}(A)$ : Pivots columns of RREF:** If  $R$  is RREF of  $A$ , then all columns at pivots of  $R$  form a basis of  $\mathbf{C}(A)$ :  $\dim(\mathbf{C}(A)) = \text{rank}(A) = r$

**T 4.32 Basis of  $\mathbf{R}(A)$ : Non-zero rows of RREF of  $A$ :** Non-zero rows of RREF of  $A$  form a basis of  $\mathbf{R}(A)$ , so  $\dim(\mathbf{R}(A)) = r$

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

**D 4.37 Solution space:** Set of all solutions of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , thus  $\text{Sol}(A, \mathbf{b}) := \{x\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**T 4.38 Solution space from shifting the nullspace:** Let  $\mathbf{s}$  be some solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , then  $\text{Sol}(A, \mathbf{b}) := \{\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{x} \in N(A)\}$ . We can also compute  $\text{Sol}(A, \mathbf{b})$ , 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  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is solvable, then:  $\dim(\text{Sol}(A, \mathbf{b})) = n - r$ , and  $\dim(\text{Sol}(A, \mathbf{b})) := \dim(N(A))$

**T 4.40 Systems of rank  $m$  are solvable:** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with  $\text{rank}(A) = m$ ,  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is solvable for all  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

**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  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . The system  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is called:  
•  $m = n \Rightarrow$  square ( $A$  is a square matrix) — **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 :  $\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{w}_i = 0$ . Two subspaces are orthogonal if all  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are orthogonal.

**L 5.1.2 Orthogonality of bases:** Let  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$  and  $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_l$  be bases of subspaces  $V$  and  $W$ .  $V$  and  $W$  are orthogonal iff.  $\mathbf{v}_i$  and  $\mathbf{w}_j$  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  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k, \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_l$ . The set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k, \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_l\}$  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  $V \cup W = \{\lambda \mathbf{v} + \mu \mathbf{w} : \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{v} \in V, \mathbf{w} \in W\}$ . 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*:  $V^\perp = \{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n | \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{v} = 0, \forall \mathbf{v} \in V\}$

**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:**  $W = V^\perp \Leftrightarrow \dim(V) + \dim(W) = n \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}, \forall \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with unique vectors  $\mathbf{v} \in V, \mathbf{w} \in W$ .

**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  $\text{proj}_S(\mathbf{b}) = \text{argmin}_{\mathbf{p} \in S} \|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p}\|$ , and yields the closest point in the new subspace  $S$ .

**L 5.2.2 One-dimensional projection formula:** Projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  on  $S = \{\lambda \mathbf{a} | \lambda \in \mathbb{R}\} = C(\mathbf{a})$ :  $\text{proj}_S(\mathbf{b}) = \frac{\mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^\top}{\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b}$ , where  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^m \setminus \{0\}$ . We note, that  $(\mathbf{b} - \text{proj}_S(\mathbf{b})) \perp \text{proj}_S(\mathbf{b})$ , 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  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$  that span  $S$ . Let  $A$  be the matrix with column vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ . The general formula:  $\text{proj}_S(\mathbf{b}) = A \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ , where  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  is  $A^\top A \mathbf{x} = A^\top \mathbf{b}$ .

**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:**  $\text{proj}_S(\mathbf{b}) = P \mathbf{b}$  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  $\mathbf{x}$  for which  $A\mathbf{x}$  is as close as possible to  $\mathbf{b}$ :  $\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|A\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{b}\|^2$ . Using the normal equations, we get  $A^\top A \hat{\mathbf{x}} = A^\top \mathbf{b}$ .  
(i) Calculate  $M = A^\top A$   
(ii) Calculate  $\mathbf{b}' = A^\top \mathbf{b}$   
(iii) Solve resulting System of Equations  $M \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{b}'$  as usual.

**Linear regression:** Application of least squares problem, in which it is to find  $A$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  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  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$  where  $n$  is

the total number of data points and  $t_i$  is the slope of the  $i$ th function, where  $\mathbf{b}_i$  is its output. The first column is all 1s because the constant element has no scalar. This comes from the following concept:  $f(t) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1$ , so if the first data point is  $(1, 2)$ , we get  $\alpha + \alpha_1 \cdot 1 = 2$ , 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:**  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in C(A^\top) : A\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{y} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ , 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,  $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n | A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}\} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n | \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}\} = \mathbf{x}_1 + N(A), \mathbf{x}_1 \in R(A)$  is unique such that  $A\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{b}$ .

**C 6.2.3:** Suppose that  $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n | A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}\} \neq \emptyset$ . Then there exists a unique vector  $\mathbf{x}_1 \in C(A^\top A)$  such that  $A\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{b}$ .

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

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

## 6.3 Orthogonal Bases and Gram Schmidt

**D 6.3.1 Orthogonal vectors:**  $\mathbf{q}_i^\top \mathbf{q}_i = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases}$ , with  $\delta_{ij}$  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:  $\|Q\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$  and  $(Q\mathbf{x})^\top (Q\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{y}$

**P 6.3.7 Least square solution to  $Q\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ :** The Least Squares solution to  $Q\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $Q$  is the matrix whose columns are the vectors forming the orthogonal basis of  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ , is given by  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = Q^\top \mathbf{b}$  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  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ , that span a subspace  $S$ , then Gram-Schmidt constructs  $\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n$  by:

1.  $\mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{a}_1}{\|\mathbf{a}_1\|}$
2. For  $k = 2, \dots, n$ ,  $\mathbf{q}'_k = \mathbf{a}_k - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (\mathbf{a}_k^\top \mathbf{q}_i) \mathbf{q}_i$
3. Finally, normalize:  $\mathbf{q}_k = \frac{\mathbf{q}'_k}{\|\mathbf{q}'_k\|}$

**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  $\mathbf{q}_i$  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  $\text{proj}_{C(A)}(\mathbf{b}) = QQ^\top \mathbf{b}$  and for least squares, we have  $R\hat{\mathbf{x}} = Q^\top \mathbf{b}$ . 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  $\mathbf{x} \in C(A)$ , then unique solution of the least squares problem is given by a vector  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \in C(A)$  satisfying  $A\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{b}$ . The solution is  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = A^\dagger \mathbf{b}$ , with  $A\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{b}$ , 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  $C(A)$ .
- $A^\dagger A$  is symmetric, and the projection matrix for the projection on  $C(A^\top)$ .

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  $C(A)$ , 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  $2 \times 2$  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  $\sigma$ , 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  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , then, due to the determinant being multiplicative, we get  $\det(A)\mathbf{x}_1 = \det(\mathcal{B})$ , where  $\mathcal{B}$  is the matrix obtained from  $A$  by replacing the first column with  $\mathbf{b}$ . So, the solution  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  for  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is given by  $\mathbf{x}_j = \frac{\det(\mathcal{B}_j)}{\det(A)}$

**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:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 \mathbf{a}_0^\top + \alpha_1 \mathbf{a}_1^\top \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_2^\top \end{bmatrix} = \alpha_0 \det \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_0^\top \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_2^\top \end{bmatrix} + \alpha_1 \det \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1^\top \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_2^\top \end{bmatrix}$$

## 8 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

### 8.1 Complex Numbers

**Operations:**  $i^2 = -1$  (**NOT**  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , since otherwise  $1 = -1$ ). Complex number  $z_j = a_j + b_j i$ .  
*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),  $a + bi := a - bi$  (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:**  $z = r e^{i\theta}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $r > 0$  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  $P(z) = \alpha_n z^n + a_{n-1}^{n-1} + \dots + \alpha_1 z + \alpha_0$ , ( $\alpha_n \neq 0$ ) 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  $\langle v, w \rangle = w^* v$ .  
 $A^* = \bar{A}^\top$

### 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  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \{0\}$  is an *eigenvector* of  $A$  associated with  $\lambda$  when  $A\mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$ .  $(\lambda, \mathbf{v})$  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  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  is an eigenvector associated with  $\lambda$  if and only if  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{N}(A - \lambda I)$ .

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  $\mathbf{v}$  such that  $M\mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$ , or in other words a non-zero element of  $\mathcal{N}(M - \lambda I) \setminus \{0\}$ , i.e. the null space of  $M - \lambda I$ . This means we try to find a solution such that  $0 = (M - \lambda I)\mathbf{v}$ , where  $\mathbf{v}$  is not the zero vector.

**P 8.2.4 Characteristic polynomial:**  $(-1)^n \det(A - zI) = \det(zI - A) = (z - \lambda_1)(z - \lambda_2) \dots (z - \lambda_n)$ . The coefficient of the  $\lambda^n$  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  $(\lambda, \mathbf{v})$  is an eigenvalue-eigenvector pair, then  $(\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\mathbf{v}})$  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  $(\lambda, \mathbf{v})$  is an eigenvalue-eigenvector pair of  $A$ , then  $(\lambda^k, \mathbf{v})$  is an eigenvalue-eigenvector pair of  $A^k$  for  $k \geq 1$ .
- If  $(\lambda, \mathbf{v})$  is an eigenvalue-eigenvector pair of  $A$  with  $\lambda \neq 0$ , then  $(\frac{1}{\lambda}, \mathbf{v})$  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  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are linearly independent.

**T 8.3.3 Existence of basis from Eigenvalues:** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with  $n$  distinct real eigenvalues. Then there exists a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  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  $\alpha$  to a vector  $\beta$ , 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  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix with  $\Lambda_{ii} = \lambda_i$  and all other entries 0.  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and has to have a complete set of real eigenvectors (Eigenbasis). Equivalently,  $\Lambda = V^{-1}AV$ , since  $V$  is invertible.

**D 9.1.2 Diagonalizable matrix:** A matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is called *diagonalizable* if there exists an invertible matrix  $V$  such that  $V^{-1}AV = \Lambda$ , where  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix.

**D 9.1.3 Complete set of 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  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $A$ . Then  $\dim(\mathcal{N}(A - \lambda I))$  is called the *geometric multiplicity* of  $\lambda$ .

**L 9.1.11 Complete set of real 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  $A = V\Lambda V^T$ , where  $\Lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is diagonal with diagonal entries equal to the eigenvalues of  $A$ , and  $V^T V = I$ . This decomposition is called the *eigendecomposition*.

**C 9.2.4 Rank of real symmetric 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.

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

**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  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ .

$$\text{Then } A = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k \mathbf{v}_k \mathbf{v}_k^T.$$

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

**L 9.2.7 Orthogonality of 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  $A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$ :

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

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

**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  $R(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}}$ . The maximum of it is at  $R(\mathbf{v}_{\max}) = \lambda_{\max}$  and the minimum correspondingly at the smallest eigenvalue, with  $\lambda$  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.  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} \geq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Analogously, its PD iff.  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**D 9.2.13 Gram Matrix:** Given vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , their *Gram matrix* is  $G \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  defined by  $G_{ij} = \mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_j$ . 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  $G = V^T V$ .  
If  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \dots \mathbf{a}_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , one also calls  $AA^T$  a Gram matrix (although abuse of notation). Note, that  $AA^T = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{a}_i^T$ , 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  $A^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $AA^T \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  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  $M = C^T C$ .

### 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  $U = A = U\Sigma V^T$ , 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.  $U^T U = I$  and  $V^T V = I$ .  
The columns of  $U$  and  $V$  are called the left and right singular vectors of  $A$ , and the diagonal entries of  $\Sigma$  are the singular values of  $A$ , 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  $A = U_r \Sigma_r V_r^T$ , 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:  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ . Equivalently, every linear transformation is diagonal in orthonormal bases of singular vectors and can be understood in 3 separate steps (the three composing matrices,  $V^T, \Sigma, U$ ).

**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

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

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  $[A|\mathbf{b}]$ .
- Perform **Gauss-Jordan Elimination** to get to RREF.
- Consistency Check:** If any row looks like  $[0 \dots 0 | \text{non-zero}]$ , 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** ( $2 \times 2$ ):  $\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = ad - bc$ .
- 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:** For an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  with rank  $r$ :

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

**Basis for Column Space  $\mathbf{C}(A)$ :**

- 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  $\mathbf{R}(A)$ :**  $\mathbf{R}(A) = \mathbf{C}(A^T)$

- 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  $\mathbf{N}(A)$ :**

- 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:**  $\dim(\mathbf{N}(A)) = n - r$  (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:**  $\mathbf{p} = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{b}) = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a}} \mathbf{a} = \frac{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \mathbf{a}$ .
- Step 1 (Scalar Part):** Calculate the "overlap":  $s = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}$ .
- Step 2 (Normalization):** Calculate squared norm:  $n = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a}$ .
- 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  $\mathbf{a}$  ( $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{e} = 0$ ).

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

1. Calculate matrix  $M = A^\top A$ .
2. Calculate vector  $\mathbf{d} = A^\top \mathbf{b}$
3. Solve the system  $M\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{d}$  (using Gaussian elimination)

*Note: If columns of  $A$  are independent,  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (A^\top A)^{-1} A^\top \mathbf{b}$ .*

**Projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto Subspace  $S$ :**

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

**Gram-Schmidt (Orthonormal Basis):**

- **Input:** Independent vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$
- **Output:** Orthonormal vectors  $\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n$ .
- Follow **Definition 6.3.8**

# 10.4 Eigenvalues & Decomposition

**Find Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors:**

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

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

1. Find eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ .
2. Find  $n$  independent eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  (If you cannot find  $n$  independent vectors,  $A$  is not diagonalizable).
3. **Construct Matrices:**
  - $\Lambda$  : Diagonal matrix with  $\lambda_i$  on diagonal.
  - $V$  : Matrix with eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$  as columns (order must match  $\lambda_i$ ).

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

1. Eigenvalues will be *real*
2. Eigenvectors for different  $\lambda$  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  $\Sigma$ .
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  $\sigma_i$ , calculate  $\mathbf{u}_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} A\mathbf{v}_i$ .
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:**  $\text{Tr}(A) = \sum a_{i,i} = \sum \lambda_i$  (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  $\pm 1$ . Preserves lengths ( $\|Q\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$ ).
- $A$  is invertible iff no eigenvalue is zero.
- Eigenvalues of  $A^k$ :  $\lambda_i^k$  for each eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ .
- 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):** To prove  $U \subseteq V$  is a subspace:

1. **Check 1 (Zero):** Show  $0 \in U$ . (Usually easy, if fails  $\rightarrow$  not a subspace).
2. **Check 2 (Closure):** Let  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in U$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show  $\lambda\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \in U$ .

*Counter-example:* To disprove, find specific vectors where closure fails or show  $0 \notin U$ .

**How to prove Linear Independence (D 1.21/4.17):** To prove  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  are L.I.:

1. Set up equation:  $\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i = 0$ .
2. Show that this implies  $\lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_k = 0$ .
3. *Matrix way:* Form  $A = [\mathbf{v}_1 \dots \mathbf{v}_k]$ . 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  $A\mathbf{x} = 0 \implies \mathbf{x} = 0$ ).
- **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  $\mathbf{x}^\top A\mathbf{x} > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \neq 0$ .

# 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  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  where unknowns  $\mathbf{x} = (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_k)^\top$ .
2. Matrix  $A$  (Vandermonde structure):

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

3. Solve Normal Equations:  $A^\top A \hat{\mathbf{x}} = A^\top \mathbf{b}$ .

**Change of Basis:** Let  $B_{old} = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$  and  $B_{new} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ . Let  $T$  be a transformation with matrix  $A$  in standard basis.

- Matrix of  $T$  relative to  $B_{new}$  is:  $D = V^{-1} A V$
- Where  $V = [\mathbf{v}_1 \dots \mathbf{v}_n]$  (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. **1. Right Singular Vectors ( $V$ ):** Compute  $M = A^\top A$ . Find eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  and orthonormal eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$  of  $M$ . Sort  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq 0$ .  $V = [\mathbf{v}_1 \dots \mathbf{v}_n]$ .
2. **2. Singular Values ( $\Sigma$ ):**  $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$ . Matrix  $\Sigma$  has  $\sigma_i$  on diagonal.
3. **3. Left Singular Vectors ( $U$ ):** For  $i = 1 \dots r$  ( $\sigma_i \neq 0$ ):  $\mathbf{u}_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} A\mathbf{v}_i$ . 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  $\lambda$ :

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

**Tricks for  $2 \times 2$  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.  $\mathbf{x}^\top A\mathbf{x} > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \neq 0$ .
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:**  $E_{ij} = \mathbf{e}_i \mathbf{e}_j^\top$  (Matrix with 1 at  $i, j$ , else 0).

- Product:  $E_{ij} E_{kl} = (\mathbf{e}_i \mathbf{e}_j^\top)(\mathbf{e}_k \mathbf{e}_l^\top) = \mathbf{e}_i (\mathbf{e}_j^\top \mathbf{e}_k) \mathbf{e}_l^\top$ .
- $\mathbf{e}_j^\top \mathbf{e}_k = \delta_{jk}$  (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  $\mathbf{p} \in C(Q)$  that minimizes  $\|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{p}\|$ :** **Given:** Matrix  $Q$  and vector  $\mathbf{b}$ .

**Approach:**

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

## 11.2 Proofs with Skew-Symmetric Matrices

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

**Approach:**

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

## 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  $\mathbf{y} = [y_1, \dots, y_n]^\top$
2. Solve the normal equations:  $A^\top A \hat{\mathbf{x}} = A^\top \mathbf{y}$
3. Solve for  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = [a, b]^\top$  (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

$$A\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{w}_1, \quad A\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{w}_2$$

with  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  orthonormal.

- Form  $Q = [\mathbf{v}_1 \mid \mathbf{v}_2]$  (orthogonal  $\implies Q^{-1} = Q^\top$ ).
- Form  $W = [\mathbf{w}_1 \mid \mathbf{w}_2]$ .
- 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:**
- Define vectors:  $\mathbf{u} = [\frac{a_1}{\sqrt{b_1}}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{\sqrt{b_n}}]$  and  $\mathbf{v} = [\sqrt{b_1}, \dots, \sqrt{b_n}]$
  - Apply Cauchy-Schwarz:  $|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}|^2 \leq \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$
  - Compute LHS:  $(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})^2 = (\sum_i a_i)^2$
  - Compute RHS:  $\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = \sum_i \frac{a_i^2}{b_i}$  and  $\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \sum_i b_i$
  - 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):**
- Compute  $A^T A$
  - Find eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  (these are  $\sigma_i^2$ )
  - Take square roots to get singular values  $\sigma_i$
- Approach (Method 2 - Faster):**
- If  $A$  has a special structure (e.g., orthogonal rows/columns), use that
  - For a rank-1 matrix:  $\sigma = \|A\mathbf{v}\|$  for any non-zero  $\mathbf{v}$  in the column space
  - Use  $\sigma_{\max} = \|A\|$  (spectral norm) =  $\sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A^T A)}$

## 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** ( $A = V\Lambda V^{-1}$ ): **Requires:**  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  must have  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors.
- Sufficient (but not necessary):*  $A$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues.
  - Necessary and Sufficient:* For every eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , geometric multiplicity = algebraic multiplicity.

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

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

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

- Least Squares** ( $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$ ): **Unique Solution Requires:** 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** ( $A = A^T$ ):
- Eigenvalues are always **real**.
  - Eigenvectors from different eigenspaces are **orthogonal**.
  - Always orthogonally diagonalizable:  $A = Q\Lambda Q^T$ .
  - $\text{rank}(A)$  = 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** ( $Q^T Q = I$ ):
- 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).
  - $Q^T$  is the left-inverse ( $Q^T Q = I$ ).

- Only if Square** ( $Q$  is  $n \times n$ ):
- $Q$  is invertible and  $Q^{-1} = Q^T$ .
  - $QQ^T = I$  (Rows are also orthonormal).
  - $\det(Q) = \pm 1$ .
  - Eigenvalues satisfy  $|\lambda| = 1$ .

- Skew-Symmetric Matrices** ( $A^T = -A$ ):
- 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.
  - $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} = 0$  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** ( $P = P^T$ ):
- $N(P) = C(P)^\perp$ .
  - $I - P$  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):**  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} > 0$  for all non-zero  $\mathbf{x}$ .
  - Positive semidefinite (PSD):**  $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} \geq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x}$ .
  - All eigenvalues  $\geq 0$  (PD  $\iff$  all  $> 0$ ).
  - All pivots  $\geq 0$  (PD  $\iff$  all  $> 0$ ).
  - Diagonal entries satisfy  $A_{ii} \geq 0$ .
  - $\det(A) > 0$  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  $2 \times 2$ :  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \implies A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$ .

- Rank Properties:**
- $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T) = \text{rank}(A^T A) = \text{rank}(A A^T)$ .
  - $A$  invertible  $\iff \text{rank}(A) = n$  (square case).
  - $\dim N(A) = n - \text{rank}(A)$  (Rank-Nullity).
  - Full column 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.
  - $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$ .
  - $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \iff \lambda$  is an eigenvalue.

- Trace Tricks:**
- $\text{Tr}(A + B) = \text{Tr}(A) + \text{Tr}(B)$ .
  - $\text{Tr}(kA) = k \text{Tr}(A)$ .
  - $\text{Tr}(AB C) = \text{Tr}(B C A) = \text{Tr}(C A B)$  (cyclic property).
  - $\text{Tr}(A^T A) = \sum_{i,j} a_{ij}^2 \geq 0$ .
  - $\text{Tr}(A) = \sum_i \lambda_i$  (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  $2 \times 2$  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  $\mathbf{1}$ . If all column sums equal  $s$ :  $s$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^T$  (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  $\iff \text{rank}(A) < n$ .