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# Review of Linear Algebra

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# 1. Notation & Basic Operations

1. Vector & Matrix
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# Vector & Matrix

- By  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we denote a vector with  $n$  entries.

1-D array of numbers

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$x^T = [x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n]$$

- By  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  we denote a matrix with  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns, where the entries of  $A$  are real numbers.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ a^1 & a^2 & \cdots & a^n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} - & a_1^T & - \\ - & a_2^T & - \\ - & \vdots & - \\ - & a_m^T & - \end{bmatrix}.$$

2-D array of numbers

a set of column vectors

a set of row vectors



# Tensor

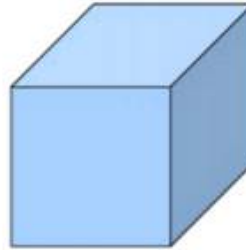
Multi-dimensional array of numbers



1d-tensor



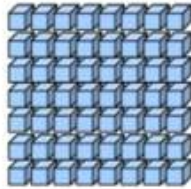
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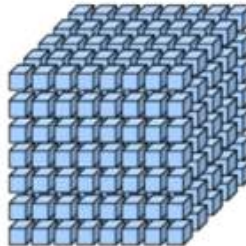
3d-tensor



4d-tensor

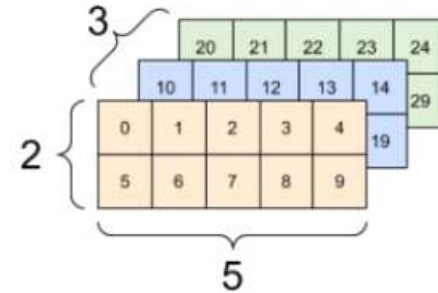


5d-tensor



6d-tensor

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 [25 26 27 28 29]]], shape=(3, 2, 5)
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# Product of Vectors

"row  $\times$  column"

*inner product or dot product*

$$x^T y \in \mathbb{R} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i = y^T x$$

*outer product*

$$xy^T \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \cdots & y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 y_1 & x_1 y_2 & \cdots & x_1 y_n \\ x_2 y_1 & x_2 y_2 & \cdots & x_2 y_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_m y_1 & x_m y_2 & \cdots & x_m y_n \end{bmatrix} = (yx^T)^T$$



# Special Matrices – Zero

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## The Zero Matrix

$$0 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Special Matrices – *Identity*

## The Identity Matrix

$$I \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

~ collection of **unit vectors** in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Has the property that for any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

$$AI = A = IA$$





# Special Matrices – *Diagonal*

## Diagonal Matrices

For  $d \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\text{diag}(d) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & d_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- For example, the identity is given by  $I = \text{diag}(1)$

$$1 \in \mathbb{R}^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Scalar Operations: $aA+b$

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A scalar can be added to a matrix.

A matrix can be multiplied by a scalar.

$$B = aA + b \quad \Rightarrow \quad B_{i,j} = aA_{i,j} + b$$



# Matrix Addition: $A+B$

- For two matrices *of the same size and type*,  
 $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  addition is just sum of  
corresponding elements

$$A + B = C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \iff C_{ij} = A_{ij} + B_{ij}$$

Addition is *undefined* for matrices of different  
sizes  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$

(Note: Numpy's *broadcasting* allows addition of different sized arrays)



# Matrix-Vector Multiplication: $Ax$

- If we write  $A$  by rows, then we can express  $Ax$  as,

$$y = Ax = \begin{bmatrix} - & a_1^T & - \\ - & a_2^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & a_m^T & - \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T x \\ a_2^T x \\ \vdots \\ a_m^T x \end{bmatrix}.$$

- If we write  $A$  by columns, then we have:

$$y = Ax = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ a^1 & a^2 & \cdots & a^n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a^1 \end{bmatrix} x_1 + \begin{bmatrix} a^2 \end{bmatrix} x_2 + \cdots + \begin{bmatrix} a^n \end{bmatrix} x_n.$$

$y$  is a linear combination of the *columns* of  $A$ .



# Vector-Matrix Multiplication: $x^T A$

- If we write  $A$  by columns, then we can express  $x^T A$  as,

$$y^T = x^T A = x^T \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ a^1 & a^2 & \dots & a^n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x^T a^1 & x^T a^2 & \dots & x^T a^n \end{bmatrix}$$

- expressing  $A$  in terms of rows we have:

$$\begin{aligned} y^T = x^T A &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} - & a_1^T & - \\ - & a_2^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & a_m^T & - \end{bmatrix} \\ &= x_1 \begin{bmatrix} - & a_1^T & - \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} - & a_2^T & - \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x_m \begin{bmatrix} - & a_m^T & - \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$y^T$  is a linear combination of the *rows* of  $A$ .

# Matrix Multiplication: $AB$

- For two matrices  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ , their product is

$$AB = C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p} \iff C_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} B_{kj}$$

Multiplication is undefined when number of columns in  $A$  doesn't equal number of rows in  $B$   
(one exception:  $cA$  for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  taken to mean scaling  $A$  by  $c$ )



# Matrix Multiplication – *Different Views*

1. As a set of vector-vector products

$$C = AB = \begin{bmatrix} - & a_1^T & - \\ - & a_2^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & a_m^T & - \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ b^1 & b^2 & \dots & b^p \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T b^1 & a_1^T b^2 & \dots & a_1^T b^p \\ a_2^T b^1 & a_2^T b^2 & \dots & a_2^T b^p \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_m^T b^1 & a_m^T b^2 & \dots & a_m^T b^p \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. As a sum of outer products

$$C = AB = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ a^1 & a^2 & \dots & a^n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} - & b_1^T & - \\ - & b_2^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & b_n^T & - \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n a^i b_i^T.$$



# Matrix Multiplication – *Different Views (cont'd)*

3. As a set of matrix-vector products.

$$C = AB = A \begin{bmatrix} \left| \begin{smallmatrix} b^1 \\ b^2 \\ \vdots \\ b^p \end{smallmatrix} \right| \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \left| \begin{smallmatrix} Ab^1 \\ Ab^2 \\ \vdots \\ Ab^p \end{smallmatrix} \right| \end{bmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

Here the  $i$ th column of  $C$  is given by the matrix-vector product with the vector on the right,  $c_i = Ab_i$ . These matrix-vector products can in turn be interpreted using both viewpoints given in the previous subsection.

4. As a set of vector-matrix products.

$$C = AB = \begin{bmatrix} - & a_1^T & - \\ - & a_2^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & a_m^T & - \end{bmatrix} B = \begin{bmatrix} - & a_1^T B & - \\ - & a_2^T B & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & a_m^T B & - \end{bmatrix}.$$





# Matrix Multiplication – *Diagonal Matrix*

- Multiplying  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  by a diagonal matrix  $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  on the right scales the *columns* of  $A$

$$AD = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} & & & \\ d_1 a_1 & d_2 a_2 & \cdots & d_n a_n \\ & & & \end{array} \right]$$

→ column scalar  
(diagonal on the right)

- Multiplying by a diagonal matrix  $D \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  on the left scales the *rows* of  $A$

$$DA = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} - & d_1 a_1^T & - \\ - & d_2 a_2^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & d_m a_m^T & - \end{array} \right]$$

→ row scalar  
(diagonal on the left)

# Matrix Multiplication – *Important Properties*

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- Associative: ( $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$ )

$$A(BC) = (AB)C$$

- Distributive: ( $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $B, C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ )

$$A(B + C) = AB + AC$$

- *NOT* commutative: (the dimensions might not even make sense, but this doesn't hold even when the dimensions are correct)

$$AB \neq BA$$



# Transpose ~ flipping

The *transpose* of a matrix results from "flipping" the rows and columns. Given a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , its transpose, written  $A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ , is the  $n \times m$  matrix whose entries are given by

$$(A^T)_{ij} = A_{ji}.$$

– The mirror image across a diagonal line

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{1,1} & A_{1,2} & A_{1,3} \\ A_{2,1} & A_{2,2} & A_{2,3} \\ A_{3,1} & A_{3,2} & A_{3,3} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A^T = \begin{bmatrix} A_{1,1} & A_{2,1} & A_{3,1} \\ A_{1,2} & A_{2,2} & A_{3,2} \\ A_{1,3} & A_{2,3} & A_{3,3} \end{bmatrix}$$

The following properties of transposes are easily verified:

- $(A^T)^T = A$
- $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$
- $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$



# Special Matrices – Symmetric

## Symmetric Matrices

- Symmetric matrix:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with  $A = A^T$
- Arise naturally in many settings

Symmetric matrix examples

- distance matrix
- covariance matrix

- For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $A^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is symmetric

Gram matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \quad (m \times n) \quad \rightarrow \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1^T & - \\ -a_2^T & - \\ \vdots & \\ -a_n^T & - \end{bmatrix} \quad (n \times m)$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T a_1 & a_1^T a_2 & \dots & a_1^T a_n \\ a_2^T a_1 & a_2^T a_2 & \dots & a_2^T a_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_n^T a_1 & a_n^T a_2 & \dots & a_n^T a_n \end{bmatrix} \quad (n \times n)$$

$$(A^T A)^T = A^T A \quad \therefore \text{symmetric}$$

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# Trace ~ *sum of diagonals*

The **trace** of a square matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , denoted  $\text{tr}A$ , is the sum of diagonal elements in the matrix:

$$\text{tr}A = \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ii}.$$

The trace has the following properties:

- For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{tr}A = \text{tr}A^T$ .
- For  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\text{tr}(A + B) = \text{tr}A + \text{tr}B$ .
- For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\text{tr}(tA) = t \text{tr}A$ .
- For  $A, B$  such that  $AB$  is square,  $\text{tr}AB = \text{tr}BA$ .
- For  $A, B, C$  such that  $ABC$  is square,  $\text{tr}ABC = \text{tr}BCA = \text{tr}CAB$ , and so on for the product of more matrices.



## 2. Linear Independence & Inverse

1. Linear Independence
2. Span & Linear Transform
3. Rank & Inverse
4. Solving Linear Equations



# Linear Independence

A set of vectors  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  is said to be *(linearly) dependent* if one vector belonging to the set can be represented as a linear combination of the remaining vectors; that is, if

$$x_n = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i x_i$$

for some scalar values  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-1} \in \mathbb{R}$ ; otherwise, the vectors are *(linearly) independent*.

Example:

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

are linearly dependent because  $x_3 = -2x_1 + x_2$ .



# Span

The **span** of a set of vectors  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  is the set of all vectors that can be expressed as a linear combination of  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ . That is,

$$\text{span}(\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}) = \left\{ v : v = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

- Note that the **span** of  $n$  **linearly independent** vectors is  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .



# Linear Transform: $v = Ax$

## ◆ $v = Ax$

- An  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  maps an  $n$ -dimensional vector  $x$  into an  $m$ -dimensional vector  $v$ .

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow[A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}]{v = Ax} v \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

- If the mapping  $v = Ax$  is **linear**, it is called a **linear transform**.

For  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$A(\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2) = \alpha(Ax_1) + \beta(Ax_2)$$

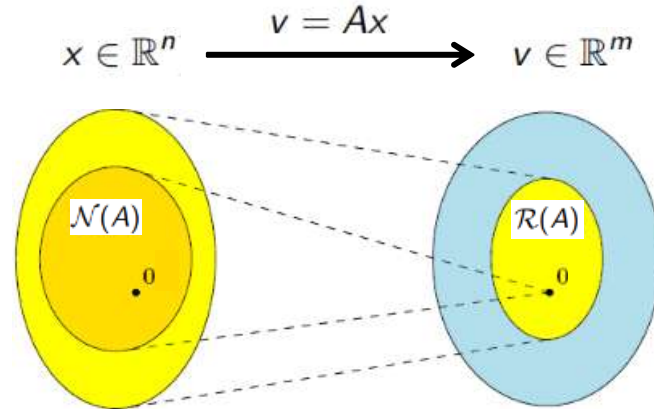
# Range & Null Space: $\mathcal{R}(A)$ & $\mathcal{N}(A)$

The *range* or the columnspace of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , denoted  $\mathcal{R}(A)$ , is the the span of the columns of  $A$ .

$$\mathcal{R}(A) = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^m : v = Ax, x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}. \quad (\text{image})$$

The *nullspace* of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , denoted  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  is the set of all vectors that equal 0 when multiplied by  $A$ , i.e.,

$$\mathcal{N}(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax = 0\}. \quad (\text{kernel})$$



# Rank ~ # of lin. ind. columns (rows)

The **column rank** of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is the size of the largest subset of columns of  $A$  that constitute a linearly independent set.

The **row rank** is the largest number of rows of  $A$  that constitute a linearly independent set.

For any matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , it turns out that the column rank of  $A$  is equal to the row rank of  $A$  (prove it yourself!), and so both quantities are referred to collectively as the **rank** of  $A$ , denoted as  $\text{rank}(A)$ .

## Properties of the Rank

- For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\text{rank}(A) \leq \min(m, n)$ . If  $\text{rank}(A) = \min(m, n)$ , then  $A$  is said to be **full rank**.
- For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T)$ .
- For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ ,  $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \min(\text{rank}(A), \text{rank}(B))$ .
- For  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\text{rank}(A + B) \leq \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B)$ .



# Inverse

The *inverse* of a square matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is denoted  $A^{-1}$ , and is the unique matrix such that

$$A^{-1}A = I = AA^{-1}.$$

$A^{-1}$  exists  $\iff Ax \neq 0$  for all  $x \neq 0$

- We say that  $A$  is invertible or non-singular if  $A^{-1}$  exists and non-invertible or singular otherwise.
- In order for a square matrix  $A$  to have an inverse  $A^{-1}$ , then  $A$  must be full rank.

Properties (Assuming  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  are non-singular):

- $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$
  - $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$
  - $(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1}$ . For this reason this matrix is often denoted  $A^{-T}$ .
- $$(A + B)^{-1} \neq A^{-1} + B^{-1}$$



# Solving Linear Equations: *Using Inverse*

- ◆ If exists, *the inverse can be used* to solve a system of linear equations

- Two linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} 4x_1 - 5x_2 &= -13 \\ -2x_1 + 3x_2 &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

- In vector form,  $Ax = b$ , with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} -13 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Solution using inverse

$$\begin{aligned} Ax &= b \\ A^{-1}Ax &= A^{-1}b \\ x &= A^{-1}b \end{aligned}$$

$$Ax = b \iff A^T Ax = A^T b \iff x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

- ◆ Note that the inverse may not exist
- ◆ Even exists, *the inverse is not used* in practice
  - It cannot be represented with sufficient precision
- ◆ Gaussian elimination also has disadvantages
  - It has numerical instability (division by small no.)  
 $O(n^3)$  for  $n \times n$  matrix
- ◆ Iterative algorithms are used instead
  - Many different decompositions can be used depending on the characteristics of  $A$ ,  $x$ , and  $b$



# Solving Linear Equations: *Using Gaussian Elimination*

1. Find a particular solution to  $Ax = b$
2. Find all solutions to  $Ax = 0$
3. Combine the solutions from 1. and 2. to the general solution.

$A(m \times n)$ :  $m$  equations with  $n$  unknowns

- Under-determined:  $m < n$
- Over-determined:  $m > n$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 8 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 42 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Reduced Row Echelon Form}$$

*Remark (Gaussian Elimination).* Gaussian elimination is an algorithm that performs elementary transformations to bring a system of linear equations into reduced row echelon form.  $\diamond$

1. a solution is  $[42, 8, 0, 0]^T$

$$2. \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 8 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_1(8e_1 + 2e_2 - e_3) = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 8 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 12 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_2(-4e_1 + 12e_2 - e_4) = 0$$



3.

$$\left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x = \begin{bmatrix} 42 \\ 8 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 12 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

*non-pivot* columns are expressed as a combination of the *pivot* columns

# 3. Norm, Orthogonality & Projections

1. Norm
2. Angle
3. Orthogonality
4. Projection & Least Squares



# Norm ~ *length of a vector*

A **norm** of a vector  $\|x\|$  is informally a measure of the “length” of the vector.

More formally, a norm is any function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that satisfies 4 properties:

1. For all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f(x) \geq 0$  (non-negativity).
2.  $f(x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$  (definiteness).
3. For all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(tx) = |t|f(x)$  (homogeneity).
4. For all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f(x + y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$  (triangle inequality).

▪ Note:  $\|x - y\|$  is a measure of the “**distance**” of the two vectors.





# p-Norms

- $\ell_2$  norm (Euclidean norm)

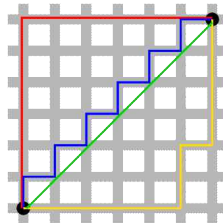
$$\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{x^T x} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$$

- $\ell_1$  norm (Manhattan norm)

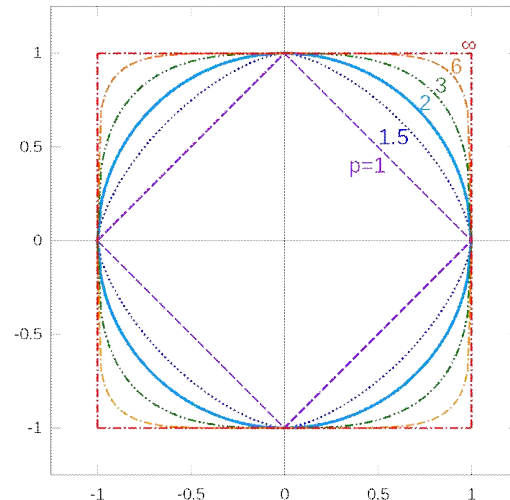
$$\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$$

- $\ell_\infty$  norm (Max norm)

$$\|x\|_\infty = \max_{i=1, \dots, n} |x_i|$$



Illustrations of unit circles in  $\mathbb{R}^2$   
(length-one vectors from the origin)



In fact, all three norms presented so far are examples of the family of  $\ell_p$  norms, which are parameterized by a real number  $p \geq 1$ , and defined as

$$\|x\|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

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# Frobenius Norm ~ a norm for matrices

$$\mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}^2} = \sqrt{\text{tr}(A^T A)}.$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & \dots & A_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ A_1 & A_2 & \dots & A_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix}$$

(m x n)

$$A_1^T A_1 = A_{11}^2 + A_{21}^2 + \dots + A_{m1}^2$$

$$A_2^T A_2 = A_{12}^2 + A_{22}^2 + \dots + A_{m2}^2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$A_n^T A_n = A_{1n}^2 + A_{2n}^2 + \dots + A_{mn}^2$$

$$\rightarrow A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1^T A_1 & A_1^T A_2 & \dots & A_1^T A_n \\ A_2^T A_1 & A_2^T A_2 & \dots & A_2^T A_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_n^T A_1 & A_n^T A_2 & \dots & A_n^T A_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{tr}(A^T A) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}^2$$

Cf. Frobenius norm is used for

$$\text{reg} \begin{matrix} \dots \\ \dots \end{matrix} J_R = J + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^L \|W^{(i)}\|_F$$



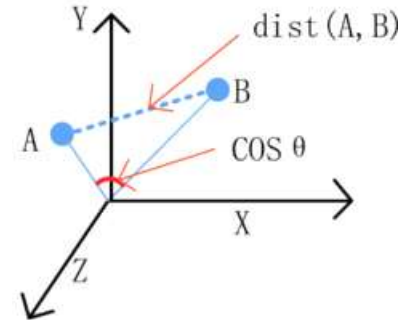
# Angle *between* Vectors

Dot product of two vectors can be written in terms of their  $L^2$  norms and angle  $\theta$  between them

$$x^T y \Rightarrow \|x\|_2 \|y\|_2 \cos \theta$$

**Cosine** between two vectors is a measure of their (*orientation*) **similarity**

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x^T y}{\|x\|_2 \|y\|_2}$$



# Orthogonal Vectors

- Two vectors  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are *orthogonal* if

$$x^T y = 0$$

$$(\cos(\theta) = 0 \text{ or } \theta = \pi/2)$$

$$x \perp y$$

- They are *orthonormal* if, in addition,

$$\|x\|_2 = \|y\|_2 = 1$$

A vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is ***normalized*** if  $\|x\|_2 = 1$ .



# Orthogonal *Matrices*

- A matrix  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is orthogonal if all it's columns are orthonormal, i.e.,

$$U^T U = I = U U^T \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{all its columns are orthogonal to each other}$$

$U^T = U^T$  (linearly independent)

Transformations with orthogonal matrices preserve Euclidean **distances** and **angles**!

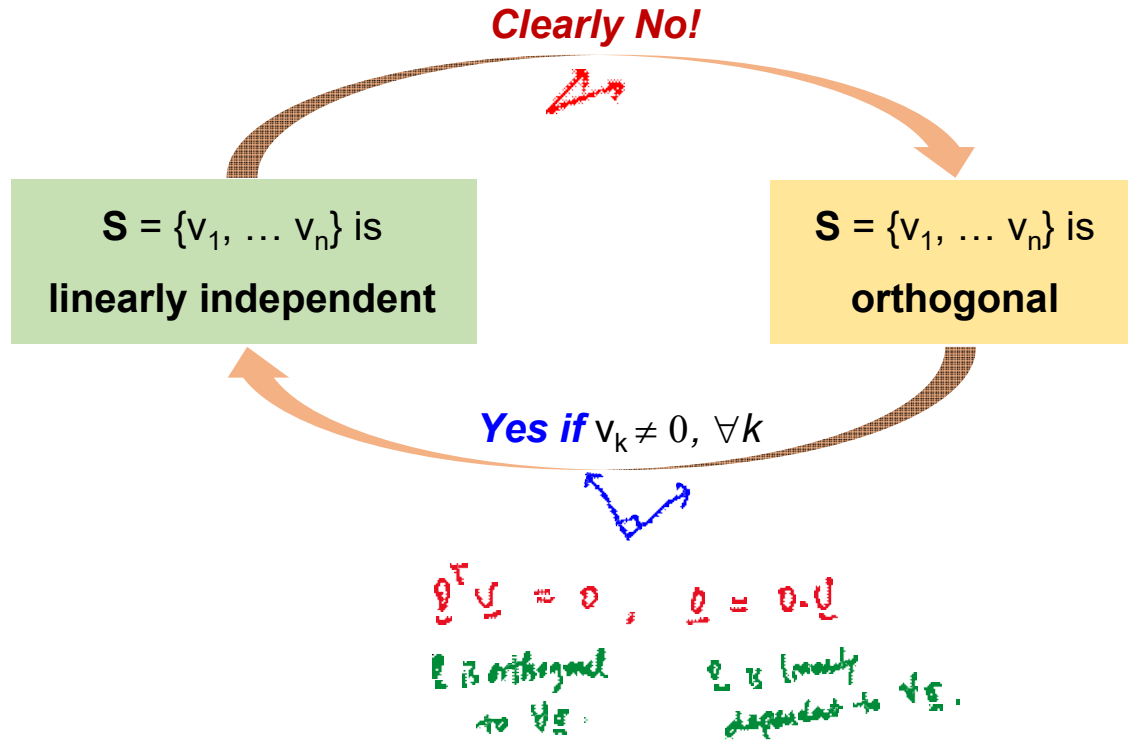
$$\|Ax\|^2 = (Ax)^T (Ax) = x^T A^T Ax = x^T I x = x^T x = \|x\|^2$$

$$\cos \omega = \frac{(Ax)^T (Ay)}{\|Ax\| \|Ay\|} = \frac{x^T A^T Ay}{\sqrt{x^T A^T A x y^T A^T A y}} = \frac{x^T y}{\|x\| \|y\|}$$



# Linear Independence vs. Orthogonality

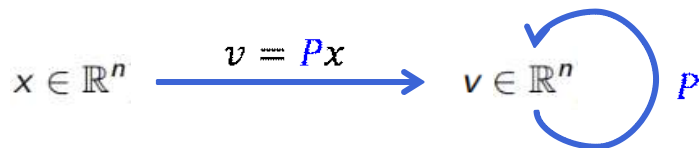
Consider a set of vectors  $\mathbf{S} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$



# Projection

## ◆ Definition: Idempotence

- A **projection matrix**  $P$  is a linear transformation from a vector space to itself such that  $P^2 = P$ .
- Such mapping is called a **projection**.



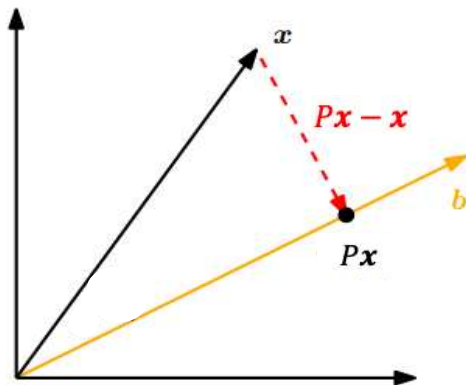
## ◆ Examples

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \alpha & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Projection onto 1-D Subspaces

Assume we are given a line (1-dimensional subspace) through the origin with basis vector  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . The line is a one-dimensional subspace  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  spanned by  $\mathbf{b}$ . When we project  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $U$ , we seek the vector  $\mathbf{v} = P\mathbf{x} \in U$  that is closest to  $\mathbf{x}$ .



(a) Projection of  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  onto a subspace  $U$  with basis vector  $\mathbf{b}$ .

The projection  $\mathbf{v} = P\mathbf{x}$  is closest to  $\mathbf{x}$ .

$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}\|$  is minimal.

$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{P}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x})$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{b}$ .

$$\Rightarrow P = \frac{\mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}^T}{\|\mathbf{b}\|^2}$$

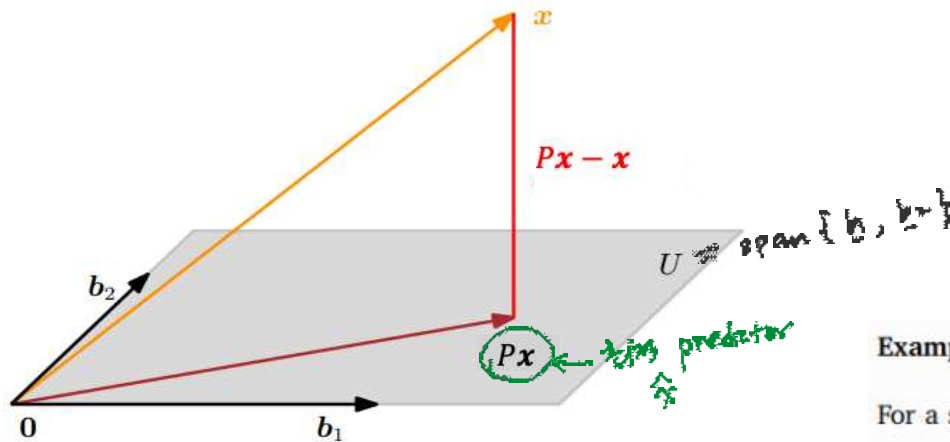


# Projection onto General Subspaces

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

lower-dimensional subspaces  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\dim(U) = m$

Assume that  $(b_1, \dots, b_m)$  is an ordered basis of  $U$ .



$$B = [b_1, \dots, b_m] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m},$$

$$P = B(B^T B)^{-1} B^T.$$

Example 3.11 (Projection onto a Two-dimensional Subspace)

For a subspace  $U = \text{span}\left[\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right] \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$

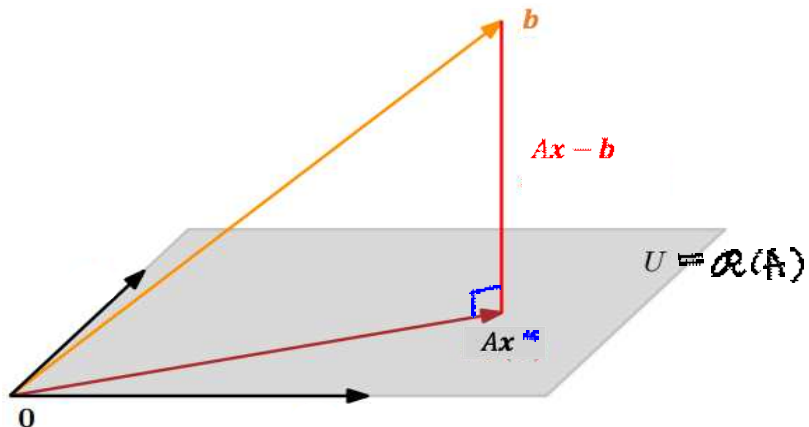
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{x} = Px = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Projection & Least Squares

Using projections, we can find approximate solutions to linear equations  $Ax = b$ .

- Suppose  $b$  does not lie in the span of  $A$ . Given that the linear equation cannot be solved exactly.
- We can find an approximate solution by computing the **orthogonal projection** of  $b$  onto the span of  $A$ .



Orthogonality:  $(Ax)^T (Ax - b) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^* = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b}$$

$$A\mathbf{x}^* \perp \mathbf{b}$$

This problem arises often in practice, and the solution is called the **least-squares solution** of an over-determined system.

Squared Error

$$\|Ax - b\|^2 = (Ax - b)^T (Ax - b)$$

$$= x^T A^T A x - b^T A x - x^T A^T b + b^T b$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \|Ax - b\|^2 = 2A^T A x - 2A^T b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b}$$

Least Square Solution  
(min ||Ax - b||)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

## 4. Determinant, Decomposition, Quadratic Forms

1. Determinant
2. Eigenvector & Eigenvalue
3. Eigendecomposition
4. Quadratic Forms
5. Positive Definite
6. Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)



# Determinant ~ volume

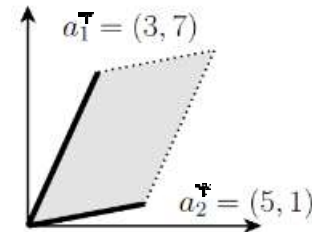
The **determinant** of a square matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  
is a function det:  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and is denoted  $|A|$  or  $\det A$ .

Measures how much multiplication by  
the matrix expands or contracts space

Given a matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} - & a_1^T & - \\ - & a_2^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & a_n^T & - \end{bmatrix}$ , consider the set of points  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  as follows:

$$S = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^n : v = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i a_i \text{ where } 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq 1, i = 1, \dots, n\}.$$

The absolute value of the determinant of  $A$ ,  
is a measure of the “volume” of the set  $S$



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$|\det A|$  is the area of the parallelogram

# Determinant: *Definition*

- Can be formally defined by three properties

1. Determinant of identity is one:  $\det I = 1$

2. Multiplying a row by scalar  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  scales determinant:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} - & ta_1^T & - \\ - & a_2^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & a_n^T & - \end{bmatrix} = t \det A$$

3. Swapping rows negates determinant:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} - & a_2^T & - \\ - & a_1^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & a_n^T & - \end{bmatrix} = -\det A$$

In case you are wondering, it is not immediately obvious that a function satisfying the above three properties exists. In fact, though, such a function does exist, and is unique (which we will not prove here).



# Determinant: *Properties*

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- Important properties

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

- $\det A = \det A^T$
- $\det AB = \det A \det B$
- $\det A = 0 \Leftrightarrow A$  singular (non-invertible)
- $\det A^{-1} = 1 / \det A$



# Determinant: Formula

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $A_{\setminus i, \setminus j} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-1) \times (n-1)}$  be the *matrix* that results from deleting the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column from  $A$ .

The general (recursive) formula for the determinant is

$$\begin{aligned}|A| &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i-j} a_{ij} |A_{\setminus i, \setminus j}| \quad (\text{for any } j \in 1, \dots, n) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i-j} a_{ij} |A_{\setminus i, \setminus j}| \quad (\text{for any } i \in 1, \dots, n)\end{aligned}$$

with the initial case that  $|A| = a_{11}$  for  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 1}$ . If we were to expand this formula completely for  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , there would be a total of  $n!$  ( $n$  factorial) different terms. For this reason, we hardly ever explicitly write the complete equation of the determinant for matrices bigger than  $3 \times 3$ .

However, the equations for determinants of matrices up to size  $3 \times 3$  are fairly common, and it is good to know them:

$$\begin{aligned}|[a_{11}]| &= a_{11} \\ \left| \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \right| &= a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} \\ \left| \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \right| &= a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} \\ &\quad - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31}\end{aligned}$$

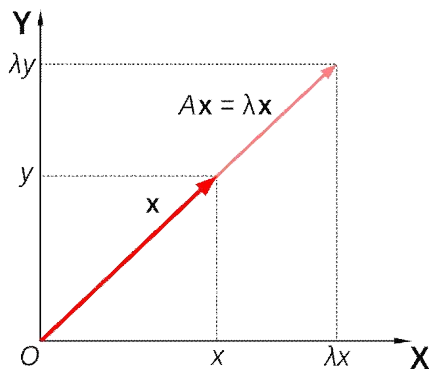


# Eigenvector & Eigenvalue

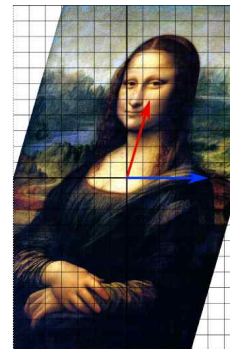
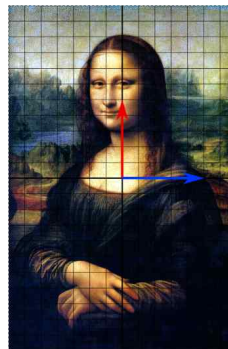
Given a square matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , we say that  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is an *eigenvalue* of  $A$  and  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is the corresponding *eigenvector* if

$$Ax = \lambda x, \quad x \neq 0.$$

Intuitively, this definition means that multiplying  $A$  by the vector  $x$  results in a new vector that points in the same direction as  $x$ , but scaled by a factor  $\lambda$ .



Matrix  $A$  acts by stretching the vector  $x$ , not changing its direction, so  $x$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ .



In this shear mapping, the red arrow changes direction, but the blue arrow does not. Thus the blue arrow is an eigenvector of this mapping.

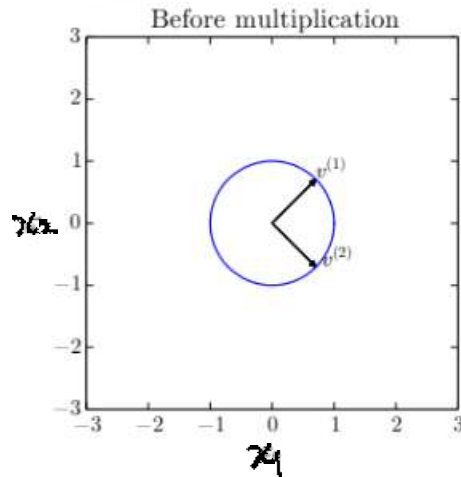
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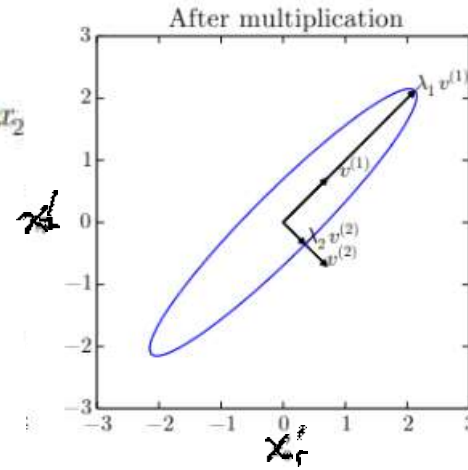
# Eigenvector & Eigenvalue (cont'd)

- Example of  $2 \times 2$  matrix
- Matrix  $A$  with two orthonormal eigenvectors
  - $v^{(1)}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ ,  $v^{(2)}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_2$

Plot of unit vectors  $u \in \mathbb{R}^2$   
(circle)



Plot of vectors  $Au$   
(ellipse)



# Characteristic Polynomial

We can rewrite the equation above to state that  $(\lambda, x)$  is an eigenvalue-eigenvector pair of  $A$  if,

$$(\lambda I - A)x = 0, \quad x \neq 0.$$

But  $(\lambda I - A)x = 0$  has a non-zero solution to  $x$  if and only if  $(\lambda I - A)$  has a non-empty nullspace, which is only the case if  $(\lambda I - A)$  is singular, i.e.,

$$|(\lambda I - A)| = 0. \quad = (\lambda_1 - \lambda)(\lambda_2 - \lambda) \dots (\lambda_n - \lambda)$$

We can now use the previous definition of the determinant to expand this expression  $|(\lambda I - A)|$  into a (very large) polynomial in  $\lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  will have degree  $n$ . It's often called the characteristic polynomial of the matrix  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad |A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 3 - 4\lambda + \lambda^2 \quad \begin{matrix} \lambda=1, \\ \lambda=3 \end{matrix} \quad v_{\lambda=1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, v_{\lambda=3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Eigendecomposition

- Suppose that matrix  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors  $\{v^{(1)}, \dots, v^{(n)}\}$  with eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$
- Concatenate eigenvectors to form matrix  $V$
- Concatenate eigenvalues to form vector  $\lambda = [\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n]$
- Eigendecomposition of  $A$  is given by

$$A = V \text{diag}(\lambda) V^{-1}$$

$$\begin{cases} A v_1 = \lambda_1 v_1 \\ A v_2 = \lambda_2 v_2 \\ \vdots \\ A v_n = \lambda_n v_n \end{cases}$$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ v^{(1)} & \dots & v^{(n)} \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \lambda_1 v^{(1)} & \dots & \lambda_n v^{(n)} \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AV = V \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ & \ddots \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

columns  
scalar  
(diagonal  
on the  
right)

$$\Rightarrow A = \boxed{V \Lambda V^{-1}}$$

# Properties of Eigenvalues

$$- \text{tr } A = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

$$- \det A = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

$$- \text{rank}(A) = \text{number of non-zero eigenvalues}$$

Matrix is singular  $\Leftrightarrow$  any eigenvalue is zero

$$- \text{Eigenvalues of } A^{-1} \text{ are } 1/\lambda_i, i = 1, \dots, n, \\ \text{eigenvectors are the same}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{tr}(V \Lambda V^{-1}) &= \text{tr}(\Lambda V^{-1} V) = \text{tr}(\Lambda) \\ \therefore \det(V \Lambda V^{-1}) &= \det V \cdot \det \Lambda \cdot \det V^{-1} \\ &= \det \Lambda \end{aligned} \quad \left( \begin{aligned} \det V^{-1} \\ = \frac{1}{\det V} \end{aligned} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore Ax &= \lambda x \\ x &= x A^{-1} \\ \frac{1}{\lambda} x &= A^{-1} x \end{aligned}$$



# Eigendecomposition of *Real Symmetric Matrices*

let's assume that  $A$  is a symmetric real matrix

- Every real symmetric matrix  $A$  can be decomposed into real-valued eigenvectors and eigenvalues

$$A = Q\Lambda Q^T$$

where  $Q$  is an orthogonal matrix composed of eigenvectors of  $A$ :  $\{v^{(1)}, \dots, v^{(n)}\}$

$\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix of eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$

- By convention order entries of  $\Lambda$  in descending order:
- Decomposition is not unique when two eigenvalues are the same



# Quadratic Forms

Given a square matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and a vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the scalar value  $x^T A x$  is called a quadratic form. Written explicitly, we see that

$$x^T A x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i (A x)_i = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_j \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_i x_j .$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^T A x &= A_{11} x_1^2 + A_{12} x_1 x_2 + A_{13} x_1 x_3 + \dots \\ &+ A_{21} x_2 x_1 + A_{22} x_2^2 + A_{23} x_2 x_3 + \dots \\ &+ A_{31} x_3 x_1 + A_{32} x_3 x_2 + A_{33} x_3^2 + \dots \\ &+ \dots \end{aligned}$$

a **quadratic form** is a polynomial with terms all of degree two

$$4x^2 + 2xy - 3y^2 = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N(x | \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \underbrace{(x - \mu)^T}_{x^T} \underbrace{\Sigma^{-1}}_A \underbrace{(x - \mu)}_x \right\}$$

# Positive Definite

A symmetric matrix  $A \in \mathbb{S}^n$  is:

- **positive definite** (PD), denoted  $A \succ 0$  if for all non-zero vectors  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x^T A x > 0$ .
- **positive semidefinite** (PSD), denoted  $A \succeq 0$  if for all vectors  $x^T A x \geq 0$ .
- **negative definite** (ND), denoted  $A \prec 0$  if for all non-zero  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x^T A x < 0$ .
- **negative semidefinite** (NSD), denoted  $A \preceq 0$  if for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x^T A x \leq 0$ .
- **indefinite**, if it is neither positive semidefinite nor negative semidefinite — i.e., if there exists  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $x_1^T A x_1 > 0$  and  $x_2^T A x_2 < 0$ .

One important property of positive definite and negative definite matrices is that they are always full rank, and hence, invertible.

Given any matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  (not necessarily symmetric or even square), the matrix  $G = A^T A$  (sometimes called a **Gram matrix**) is always positive semidefinite. Further, if  $m \geq n$  and  $A$  is full rank, then  $G = A^T A$  is positive definite.

$$\begin{aligned}\|Ax\|^2 &\geq 0 \\ &= (Ax)^T Ax \\ &= x^T \underline{A^T A} x\end{aligned}$$





# Definiteness & Eigenvalue Signs

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1. If all  $\lambda_i > 0$ , then the matrix  $A$  is positive definite
2. If all  $\lambda_i \geq 0$ , it is positive semidefinite
3. Likewise, if all  $\lambda_i < 0$  or  $\lambda_i \leq 0$ , then  $A$  is negative definite or negative semidefinite respectively.
4. Finally, if  $A$  has both positive and negative eigenvalues, say  $\lambda_i > 0$  and  $\lambda_j < 0$ , then it is indefinite.





# Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

- SVD is more general than eigendecomposition

- If  $A$  is not square, eigendecomposition is undefined
- Every real matrix has a SVD

$$A = UDV^T$$

- $U$  and  $V$  are orthogonal matrices
- $D$  is a diagonal matrix not necessarily square
  - Elements of Diagonal of  $D$  are called *singular values* of  $A$
  - Columns of  $U$  are called left singular vectors
  - Columns of  $V$  are called right singular vectors
- Left singular vectors of  $A$  are eigenvectors of  $AA^T$
- Right singular vectors of  $A$  are eigenvectors of  $A^T A$
- Nonzero singular values of  $A$  are square roots of eigenvalues of  $A^T A$ . Same is true of  $AA^T$

## Use of SVD in ML

1. SVD is used in generalizing matrix inversion
  - Moore-Penrose inverse (discussed next)
2. Used in Recommendation systems
  - Collaborative filtering (CF)



# Moore-Penrose Pseudoinverse

[illegible]

- Solution to  $y = Ax$  (using the pseudoinverse):  $x = A^+y$

If the equation has:

- Exactly one solution: this is the same as the inverse.
- No solution: this gives us the solution with the smallest error  $\|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{y}\|_2$ .
- Many solutions: this gives us the solution with the smallest norm of  $\mathbf{x}$ .