## Mathematics for Machine Learning

Linear Algebra: Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors, Eigenspaces, Cholesky
 Decomposition & Diagonalization

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### Credits for the resource

- The slides are based on the textbooks:
  - Marc Peter Deisenroth, A. Aldo Faisal, and Cheng Soon Ong: Mathematics for Machine Learning. Cambridge University Press. 2020.
  - Howard Anton, Chris Rorres, Anton Kaul: Elementary Linear Algebra. Wiley. 2019.
- We could partially refer to the monograph: Francesco Orabona: A Modern Introduction to Online Learning. https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.13213

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- Three matrix decompositions will be introduced.

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## Eigenvalue Equation

#### Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors

Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be a square matrix. Then

- $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  is an eigenvalue of **A** and
- $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$  is the corresponding eigenvector of A

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

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x} \iff (\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

#### Equivalent statements:

- $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .
- There exists an  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$  with  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}$  (i.e.,  $(\mathbf{A} \lambda \mathbf{I}_n)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ ) that can be solved non-trivially (i.e.,  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ).
- $\operatorname{rank}(\boldsymbol{A} \lambda \boldsymbol{I}_n) < n$ .
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#### Eigenspace

For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , the set of all eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$  associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  spans the eigenspace of  $\mathbf{A}$  (denoted by  $E_{\lambda}$ ).

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## Eigenspectrum (Spectrum)

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- Denote by  $P = [U \ V]$  for  $U = [\mathbf{v}_1 \cdots \mathbf{v}_k]$  and  $V = [\mathbf{v}_{k+1} \cdots \mathbf{v}_n]$  (note: P is invertible).

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• Note that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{A}[\mathbf{v}_1 \cdots \mathbf{v}_k] = [\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_1 \cdots \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_k] = [\lambda \mathbf{v}_1 \cdots \lambda \mathbf{v}_k] = \lambda \mathbf{U}$ .

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## The Case of the Identity Matrix

### **Exercise:** The Case of the Identity Matrix

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

- what is  $p_I(\lambda)$ ?
- What are its eigenvalues and the associated eigenvectors?
- What are the eigenspaces?

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#### Theorem (4.13)

The eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  of a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with n distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  are linearly independent.

#### Theorem (4.14)

Given a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , we can always obtain a symmetric, positive semidefinite matrix  $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  by defining

$$S := A^{\top}A$$
.

If rank( $\boldsymbol{A}$ ) = n, then  $S := \boldsymbol{A}^{\top} \boldsymbol{A}$  is symmetric, positive definite.

#### **Theorem**

If  ${m A}$  is symmetric, then eigenvectors to different eigenvalues are orthogonal.

#### Proof.

- Assume that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{w} = \mu\mathbf{w}$  for two eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V$  corresponding to eigenvalues  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  such that  $\lambda \neq \mu$ .
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The equalities hold only if  $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0$ .



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 Use Gram-Schmidt algorithm to construct an orthogonal basis for span(x<sub>1</sub>, x<sub>2</sub>)!

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$$= -\frac{1}{2}\begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\-2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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## Example of Cholesky Factorization

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We have

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- Let  $\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n$  be a set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
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# Eigendecomposition (Diagonalization)

### ${\sf Theorem}$ [Eigendecomposition (Diagonalization)]

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$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1},$$

where  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and D is a diagonal matrix whose diagonal entries are the eigenvalues of A

if and only if

the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

### Put it concisely

#### **Theorem**

For a square matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- A is diagonalizable.
- **A** has *n* linearly independent eigenvectors.

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#### Remarks

- A square matrix can have a zero eigenvalue, but never has zero eigenvectors.
- A zero matrix **O** is diagonalizable, too.
  - All nonzero vectors are eigenvectors since all vectors  ${\bf v}$  satisfy  ${\bf O}{\bf v}=0{\bf v}.$

# **Discussions**