

EECS 545 - Fall 2019 – 220 Chrysler

# Machine Learning

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## Lecture 2

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# Tutorial sessions this week

Monday, Sept 9: (Linear Algebra & Probability 1)

7 - 9 pm in Chrysler

Tuesday, Sept 10: ( Python 1)

8 - 10 pm in Chrysler

Wednesday, Sept 11: (Linear Algebra & Probability 2)

8 - 10 pm in Chrysler

Thursday, Sept 12: (Python 2) 7 - 9 pm in 1571 GG Brown

# Mathematical notation

- Predictor and predictee variables are respectively mapped to vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and scalar  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}$$

- $\mathbf{x}$  is called an input, pattern, signal, instance, example, or feature vector.
- $y$  is called an output, response or label.

# Basic mathematical framework for ML

- $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ : output variable, response variable, label variable
- $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}$ : input variable, feature variable, covariate
- $h \in \mathcal{H}$ : set of predictor functions  $h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ .
- $l(h(\mathbf{x}), y)$ : loss or error function, characterizing goodness of fit of  $h$
- $S = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ : a training sample, the available data.

# A concise definition of ML

The objective of Machine Learning is to design a prediction function  $h$  using training data  $S = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  in such a way that it can be applied in the future to accurately predict the unobserved label  $y$  of an observation  $\mathbf{x}$ .

In particular, given a loss function  $l(h, y)$ , the prediction function  $h$  should produce a prediction  $h(\mathbf{x})$  that incurs low loss

$$l(h(\mathbf{x}), y)$$

for most  $y$ .



# Nomenclature

Some adjectives are used to describe ML algorithms. Recall that ML uses a training set  $S = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  to produce a prediction function  $h$  for future application to a novel sample  $\mathbf{x}$ .

- **Distributional assumptions:** a machine learning algorithm is called generative if it is based on the full probabilistic model for the data  $S$ . It is discriminative if it assumes only a partial or no probabilistic model.
- **Computational form:** A machine learning algorithm is linear if it produces a linear/affine function  $h$ , otherwise it is non-linear.
- **Model complexity:** A learning algorithm has growing complexity in  $n$  if evaluation of  $h(\mathbf{x})$  requires access to the entire sample  $S$ . It has fixed complexity in  $n$  if evaluation of  $h(\mathbf{x})$  only requires access to a low dimensional summarization of  $S$ , with dimension not growing with  $n$ .

# The k Nearest Neighbor (kNN) classifier

- Given labeled training data  $S = \{\mathbf{x}_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^n$
- For any out-of-sample data point  $\mathbf{x}^* \notin S$ 
  1. Compute the  $n$  distances  $d_{i,*} = \|\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}_i\|$
  2. Rank order  $d_{i,*}$ 's and keep track of rank indices

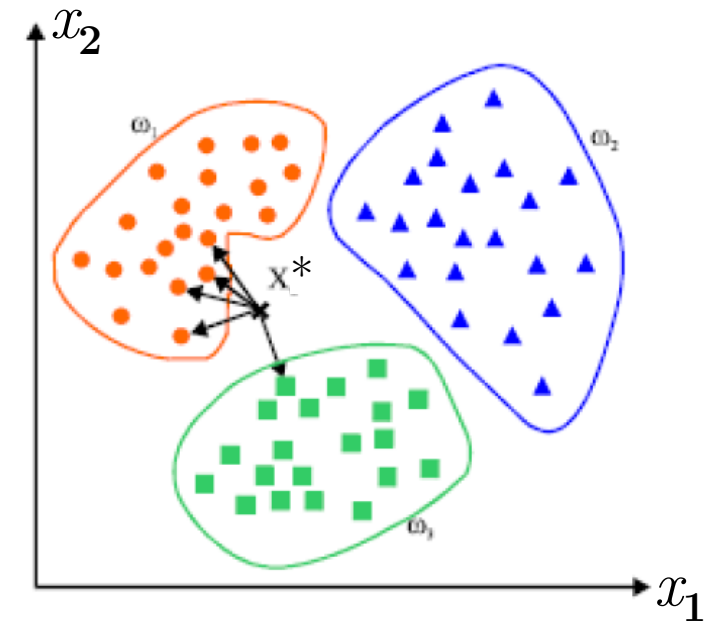
$$d_{i_1,*} < d_{i_2,*} < \dots < d_{i_n,*}$$

3. Select top  $k$  indices in this rank ordering
4.  $h_{kNN}(\mathbf{x}^*) :=$ most common label in  $y_{i_1}, \dots, y_{i_k}$   
(majority vote assignment rule)

kNN algorithm is specified by one parameter  $k$

Training the kNN has computational complexity of order  $dn^2$

$C=3$  classes

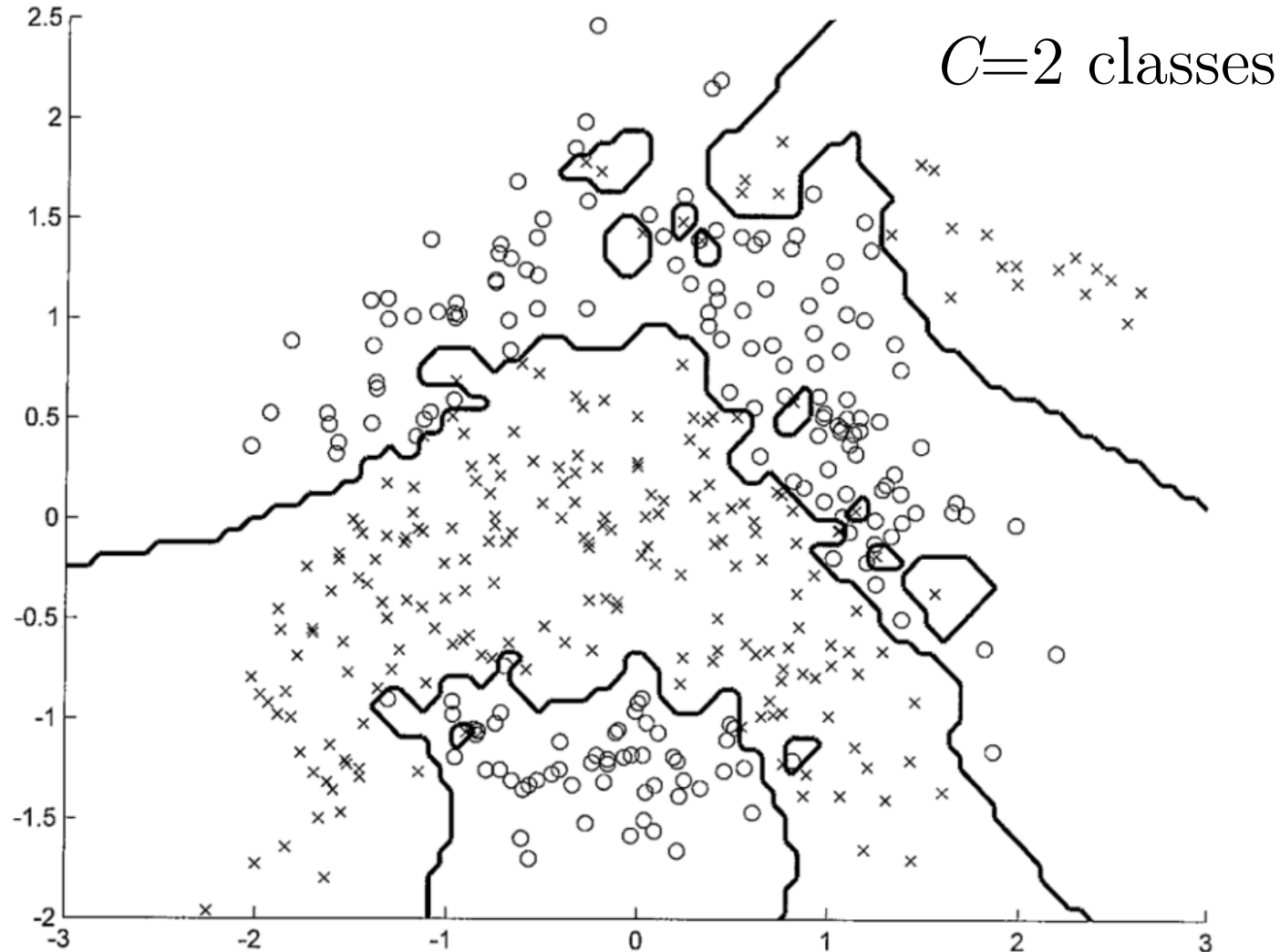


kNN classifier

$$\mathbf{x}^* = (x_1, x_1)$$

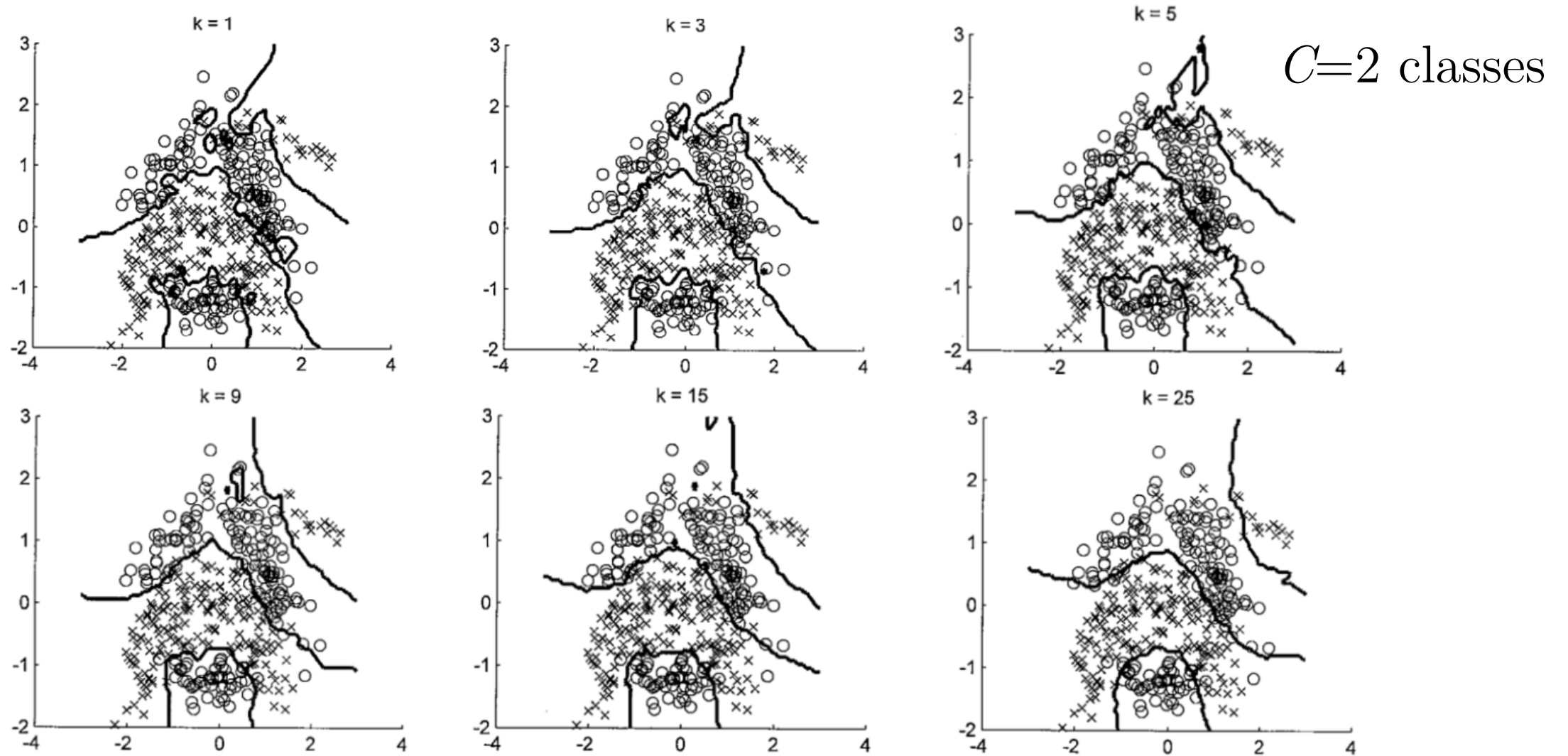
# Illustration: kNN for $k=1$ (NN)

- NN classifier: assigns to  $\mathbf{x}$  the same label as that of the closest  $\mathbf{x}_i$



# Illustration: kNN for $k > 1$

- kNN classifier:  $\mathbf{x}$  gets the majority label of the  $k$  closest  $\mathbf{x}_i$  in  $S$



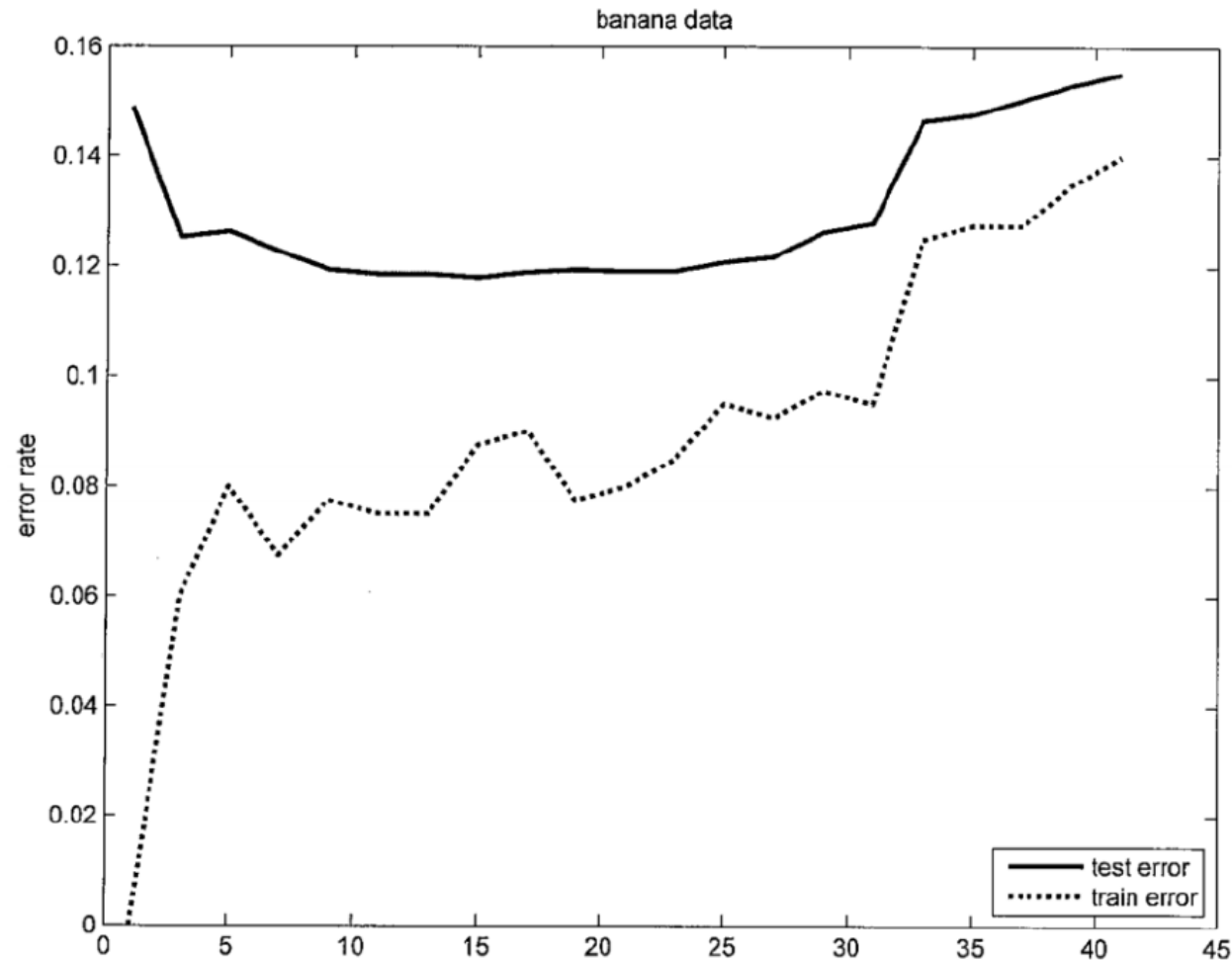
# Group exercise

Introduce yourself to the people around you. Form groups of about 3 or 4 people. I may call on groups at random so be prepared.

- Is k-NN discriminative or generative? Fixed complexity or growing complexity? Linear or non-linear?
- How would you expect the k-NN classifier to scale (large  $d$ /large  $n$ )?
- For what value of  $k$  does the k-NN classifier minimize the observed classification error on the training set?
- How do you think  $k$  might be chosen for k-NN to do well on a novel  $\mathbf{x}$ ?

# The error observed on training data is optimistic

- $k$  is a **parameter** that affect smoothness of the classifier. Larger  $k$  means more smoothness.  $k$  controls the tradeoff between **underfitting** & **overfitting**.



# Matrix representation of the data

- It will be convenient to work with the feature samples as a matrix
- Most aspects of ML are best understood in terms of matrices
  - Feature transformations: standardization, PCA, dimensionality reduction
  - ML procedures: LDA, QDA, SVM, probabilistic graphical models, ...
- This is where linear matrix algebra enters the scene!

# Matrix algebra: cast of characters

- Actor: generic vector (a feature vector, a single feature over time)
- Actor: Indicator vector
- Actor: Ones vector
- Scene 1: Linear vector spaces and subspaces
- Scene 2: Inner product and outer product of vectors
- Scene 3: Sums of vector outer products=matrices
- Scene 4: Projections and projection matrices
- Scene 5: The feature matrix and response vector for ML



# Vectors and linear vector spaces

A linear vector space  $V$  is a set of objects  $\{\mathbf{v}\}$  (vectors) that is closed under linear combinations over a field  $F$  of scalars  $\{a\}$

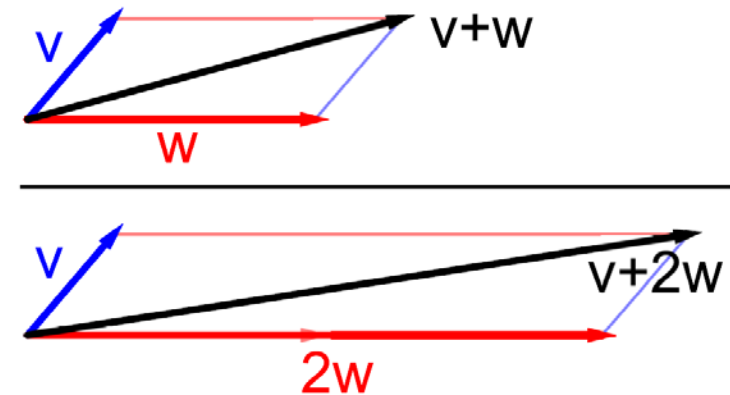
$$\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V \Rightarrow a\mathbf{v} + b\mathbf{w} \in V \quad \text{for any } a, b \in F$$

Two vectors  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  are linearly independent if

$$a\mathbf{v} + b\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow a, b = 0$$

Ex: Real Euclidean space of dimension  $n$ :

- $V = \mathbb{R}^n$
- $F = \mathbb{R}$



# Linear subspaces

- A linear subspace  $U$  of  $V$  satisfies:
  1.  $U \subset V$
  2.  $U$  is itself a linear vector space (closed under linear combinations)

- Generating a subspace  $U$  from a set of vectors (called a *basis* for  $U$ ):

Let  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_d \in V$  be linearly independent ( $d \leq n$ ). The linear span is

$\text{span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_d\} =$  the set of all linear combination of  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_d$

This subspace of  $V$  has *dimension*  $d$

# Vector inner product = scalar

$\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  have inner (dot) product, denoted  $\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x} \rangle$  or  $\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}$ :

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = \begin{matrix} [w_1, \dots, w_n] \\ \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i$$

# Norm, angle and orthogonality

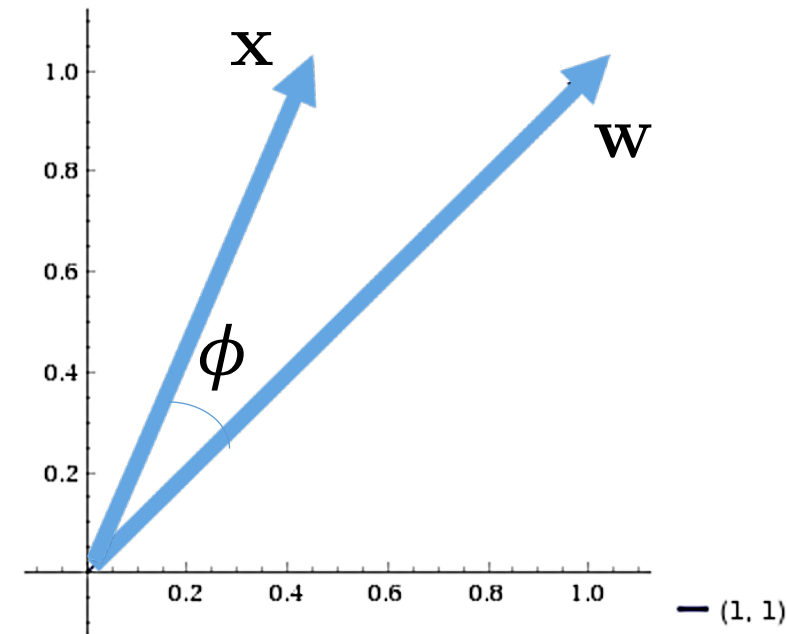
- Euclidean norm of  $\mathbf{x}$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 \dots + x_n^2}$$

- Angle between  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ :

$$\cos(\phi) = \frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{w}\|}$$

- If  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{w} = 0$  then  $\mathbf{x} \perp \mathbf{w}$  (orthogonal vectors)



# Vector outer product=rank 1 matrix

Outer product of  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is rank one matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$

$$\mathbf{w}\mathbf{x}^T = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_d \end{bmatrix} [x_1, \dots, x_n] = [x_1 \mathbf{w}, \dots, x_n \mathbf{w}] = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 x_1 & \cdots & w_1 x_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ w_d x_1 & \cdots & w_d x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\text{colspan}(\mathbf{w}\mathbf{x}^T) = \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}\} = \{\mathbf{u} : \mathbf{u} = a\mathbf{w}, a \in \mathbb{R}\}$ : 1 dimensional space
- Column rank of  $\mathbf{w}\mathbf{x}^T$  equals 1

# Outer product decomposition of matrices

Summing  $d$  linearly independent outer products gives  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  of rank  $d$

$$\mathbf{A} = \sum_{i=1}^d \sigma_i \mathbf{w}_i \mathbf{x}_i^T, \quad \sigma_i \neq 0$$

- $\text{colspan}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_d\}$
- This form is called the singular value decomposition (SVD) of  $\mathbf{A}$  when
  - $\sigma_i$  are singular values:  $\sigma_i > 0$
  - $\mathbf{w}_i = \mathbf{u}_i$  are left singular vectors:  $\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_j = \delta_{ij}$  and  $\|\mathbf{u}_i\| = 1$
  - $\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{v}_i$  are right singular vectors:  $\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_j = \delta_{ij}$  and  $\|\mathbf{v}_i\| = 1$

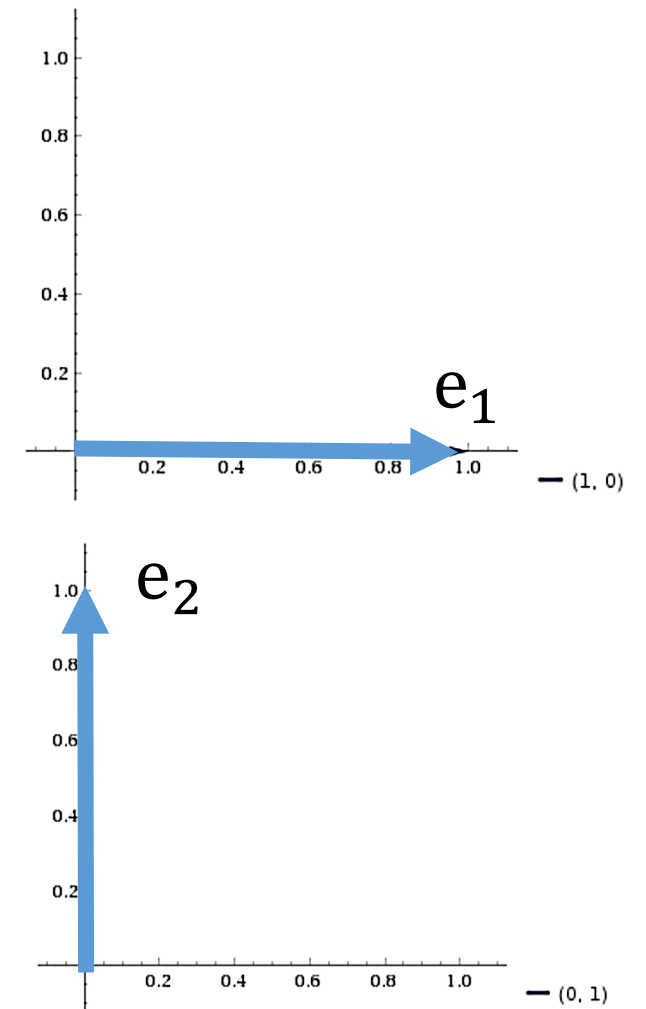
$$\text{NB: } \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

# Indicator vector

- aka spike vector, selection vector, standard basis vector

$$\mathbf{e}_k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{e}_k^T = [0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]$$

- Norm is 1:  $\|\mathbf{e}_k\| = 1$
- Identity matrix:  $\mathbf{I} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{e}_i \mathbf{e}_i^T$
- Indicator property:  $\mathbf{e}_k^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{e}_k = x_k$

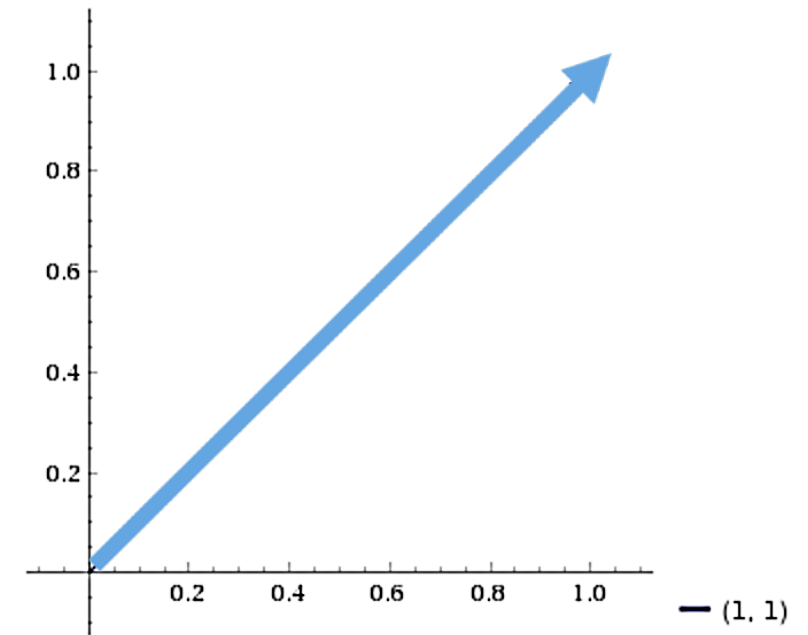


# Ones vector

- Aka constant vector, replication vector, aggregation vector

$$\mathbf{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{1}^T = [1, \dots, 1, 1, 1, \dots, 1]$$



- Norm of  $\mathbf{1} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $\|\mathbf{1}\| = \sqrt{n}$ .



- When used in inner product,  $\mathbf{1}$  acts as an *aggregator*

$$\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{1} = \begin{matrix} [x_1, \dots, x_n] \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

- When used in outer product,  $\mathbf{1}$  acts as a *replicator*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{1} \mathbf{x}^T &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} [x_1, \dots, x_n] \end{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_1 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}^T \end{bmatrix} \\ &\hspace{15em} (d \times n) \\ \mathbf{x} \mathbf{1}^T &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} [1, \dots, 1] \end{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_n & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}, \dots, \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} \\ &\hspace{15em} (n \times d) \end{aligned}$$

- When right multiply matrix  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  with  $\frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1}$

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{1} \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{a}_j \quad (\mathbf{A}'\text{s column average})$$

- Matrix  $\mathbf{\Pi} = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}^T$  is a matrix of constants with  $\text{colspace}(\mathbf{\Pi}) = \text{span}\{\mathbf{1}\}$

$$\frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}^T = \frac{1}{n} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

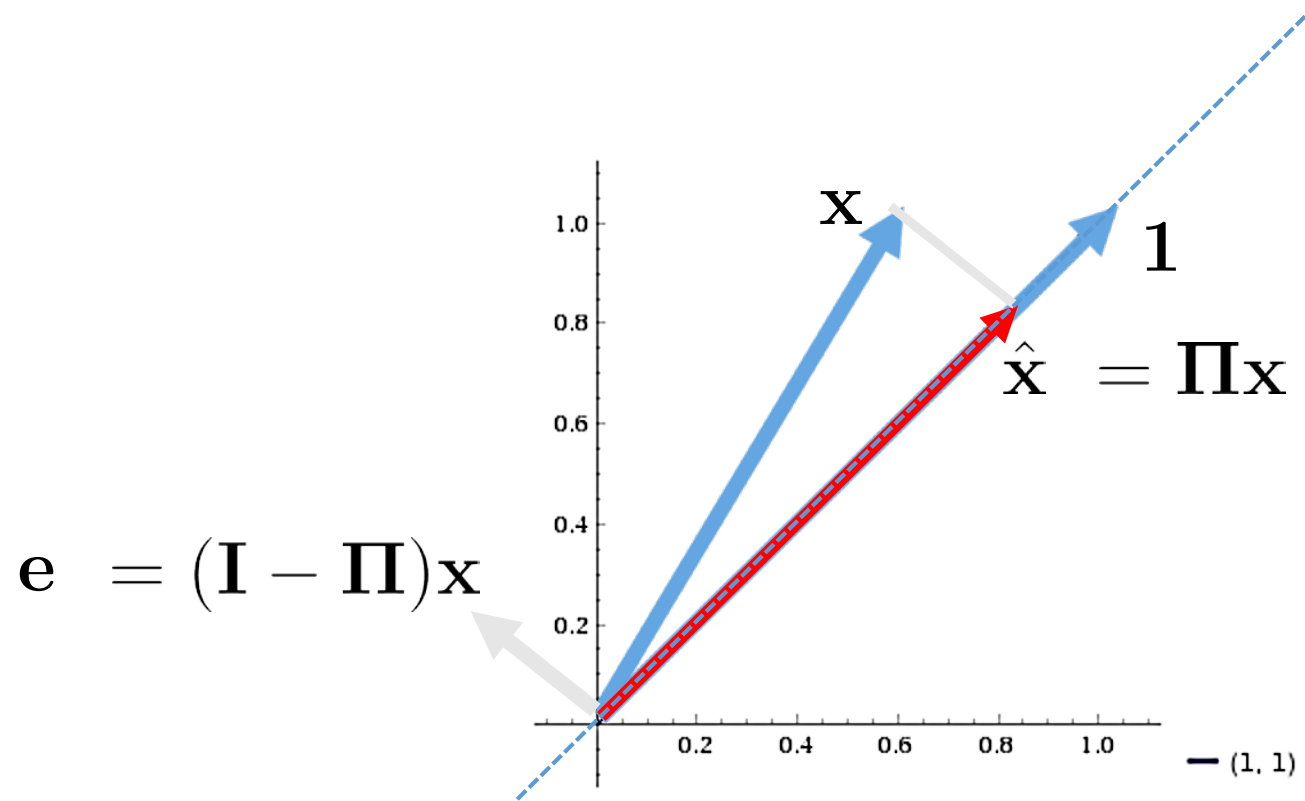
- Action of  $\mathbf{\Pi}$  and  $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{\Pi}$  on constant vectors  $[a, \dots, a]^T = \mathbf{1}a$ :

$$\mathbf{\Pi}(\mathbf{1}a) = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1} \underbrace{\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{1}}_{\|\mathbf{1}\|^2 = n} a = \mathbf{1}a, \quad (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{\Pi})(\mathbf{1}a) = \mathbf{0}$$

- $\Pi = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T$  orthogonally projects vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  onto  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{1}\}$

$$\Pi\mathbf{x} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}} \perp \mathbf{e}, \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{e} = (\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}) = (\mathbf{I} - \Pi)\mathbf{x}$$

- $\mathbf{I} - \Pi$  orthogonally projects onto space orthogonal to  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{1}\}$ .



# General projection matrices

- $\mathbf{\Pi} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is a projection matrix that projects orthogonally onto  $\text{colspan}(\mathbf{\Pi})$  if it satisfies

$$(1) \mathbf{\Pi}^2 = \mathbf{\Pi}, \quad (2) \mathbf{\Pi}^T = \mathbf{\Pi}$$

- Example:  $\mathbf{\Pi}\mathbf{x}$  projects  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  onto the one dimensional line:  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{u}\}$  where  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$\mathbf{\Pi} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T$$

# Additional reading

- For breezy ML introduction and overview – Murphy Ch 2.
- For slides 11-13 – “kNN classifier:” Sec. 2.3 of [HTF]
- For linear algebra – see the handouts in “files” on canvas
  - A. Hero, Machine Learning Notes– main\_EECS545\_F2019.pdf
  - Z. Kolter, Linear algebra review and reference – linalgreview.pdf
  - P. Olver, Inner products and norms – Olver\_NumericalLinearAlgebra\_Notes\_inner...pdf
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