



# Essential Mathematical Methods for Engineers

Lecture 7:  
Linear algebra 2

# Outline

- orthogonality
  - projections
  - least squares approximation
  - Gram-Schmidt
- eigenvalues and eigenvectors
  - diagonalisation
  - symmetric matrices
  - singular value decomposition (SVD)
- numerical linear algebra
  - iterative methods
  - norms and condition number
  - ill conditioning

# Orthogonality

- the row space is perpendicular to the nullspace
  - every row of  $A$  is perpendicular to every solution of  $Ax = 0$
- the column space is perpendicular to the left nullspace
  - every column of  $A$  is perpendicular to every solution of  $A^T y = 0$
- two spaces are perpendicular when
  - $v \cdot w = 0$  or  $v^T w = 0$  for all  $v$  in  $V$  and  $w$  in  $W$
- about the left nullspace
  - it is never reached by  $Ax$
  - when  $b$  is outside the column space we cannot solve  $Ax = b$
  - the left nullspace contains the error in the least squares solution

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra

- the fundamental subspaces are not only orthogonal
  - they are orthogonal complements

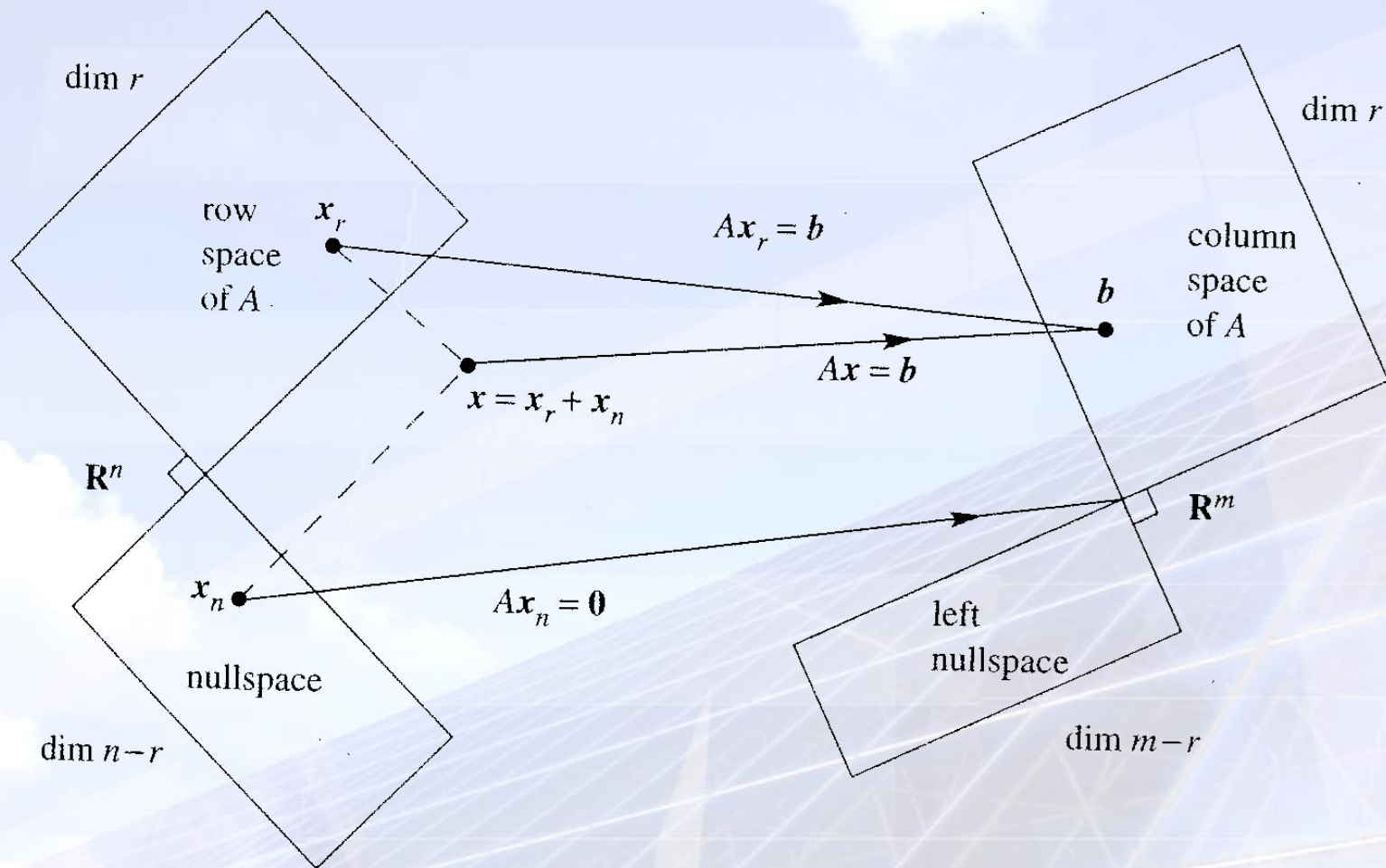
the nullspace is the orthogonal complement  
of the row space (in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ )

the left nullspace is the orthogonal complement  
of the column space (in  $\mathbf{R}^m$ )

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra

- every vector  $x$  can be split into
  - row space component  $x_r$
  - nullspace component  $x_n$so we really have  $A(x_r + x_n)$ 
  - $Ax_r = Ax$
  - $Ax_n = 0$
- every vector goes to the column space
  - every vector in the column space comes from one and only one vector in the row space
  - there is an invertible matrix hiding in  $A$ 
    - the pseudoinverse

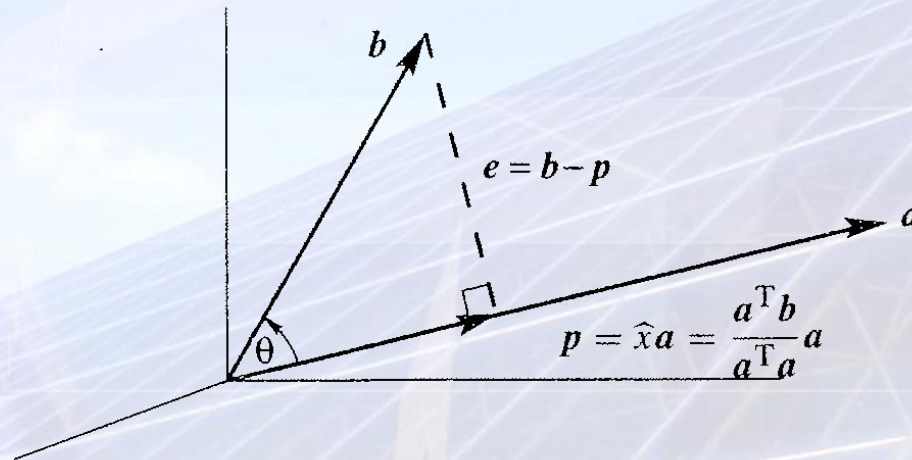
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# Projections

- we are given
  - a point  $b = (b_1, \dots, b_m)$  in  $m$ -dimensional space
  - a line through the origin  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_m)$
- we want the point  $p$  on  $a$  that is closest to  $b$ 
  - the line connecting  $p$  and  $b$  is perpendicular to  $a$



subspaces &  
column spaces

# Projections

- $p$  is a multiple of  $a$  :  $p = \hat{x}a$

- the dotted line  $b - p$  is :  $b - p = b - \hat{x}a$

- noting perpendicularity

$$a \cdot (b - \hat{x}a) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad a \cdot b - \hat{x}a \cdot a = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \hat{x} = \frac{a \cdot b}{a \cdot a} = \frac{a^T b}{a^T a}$$

- the projection of  $b$  onto the line through  $a$  is the vector

$$p = \hat{x}a = \frac{a^T b}{a^T a} a$$

- the length of the line is  $\|p\| = \|b\| \cos \theta$



# Projections

- the projection matrix is given by

$$p = a\hat{x} = a \frac{a^T b}{a^T a} = Pb \quad \text{thus} \quad P = \frac{aa^T}{a^T a}$$

- what is the rank of  $P$ ?
- two special cases
  - if  $b = a$  then  $\hat{x} = 1$  —  $a$  is projected onto itself
  - if  $b$  is perpendicular to  $a$  then  $a^T b = 0$

## Example

Find the projection matrix onto the line through  $a = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

# Projections

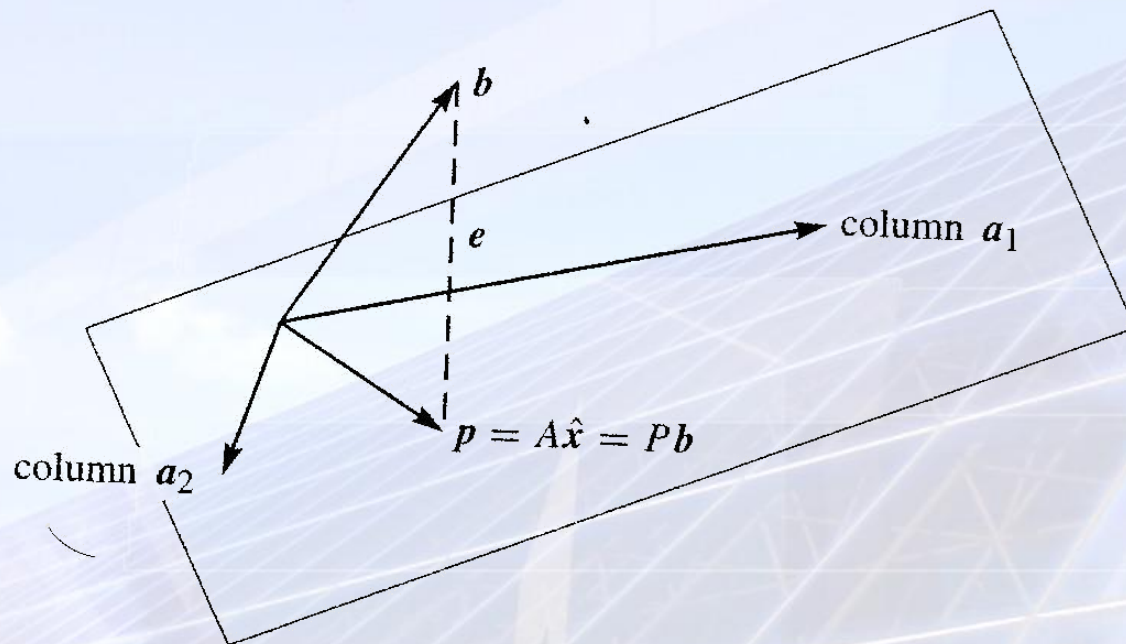
## *Example*

Project  $b = [1 \ 1 \ 1]^T$  onto  $a = [1 \ 2 \ 2]^T$  to find  $p$

What happens if we project this new vector again?

# Projections onto a subspace

- with  $n$  linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^m$  find the combination that is closest to a given vector  $b$ 
  - each  $b$  in  $\mathbf{R}^m$  is projected onto  $a$ 's subspace



# Projections onto a subspace

- $e$  goes from  $b$  to the nearest point  $A\hat{x}$  in the subspace
  - the error vector  $e = b - A\hat{x}$  is perpendicular to the subspace
  - it makes a right angle with all the vectors  $a_1, \dots, a_n$

$$\begin{array}{l} a_1^T (b - A\hat{x}) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_n^T (b - A\hat{x}) = 0 \end{array} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -a_1^T & - \\ \vdots & \\ -a_n^T & - \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b - A\hat{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T (b - A\hat{x}) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad A^T A\hat{x} = A^T b$$

- $A^T A$  is symmetric and it's invertible if the  $a$ 's are independent

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

- the projection of  $b$  onto the subspace is the vector

$$p = A\hat{x} = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

- and the  $n \times n$  projection matrix that produces  $p = Pb$  is

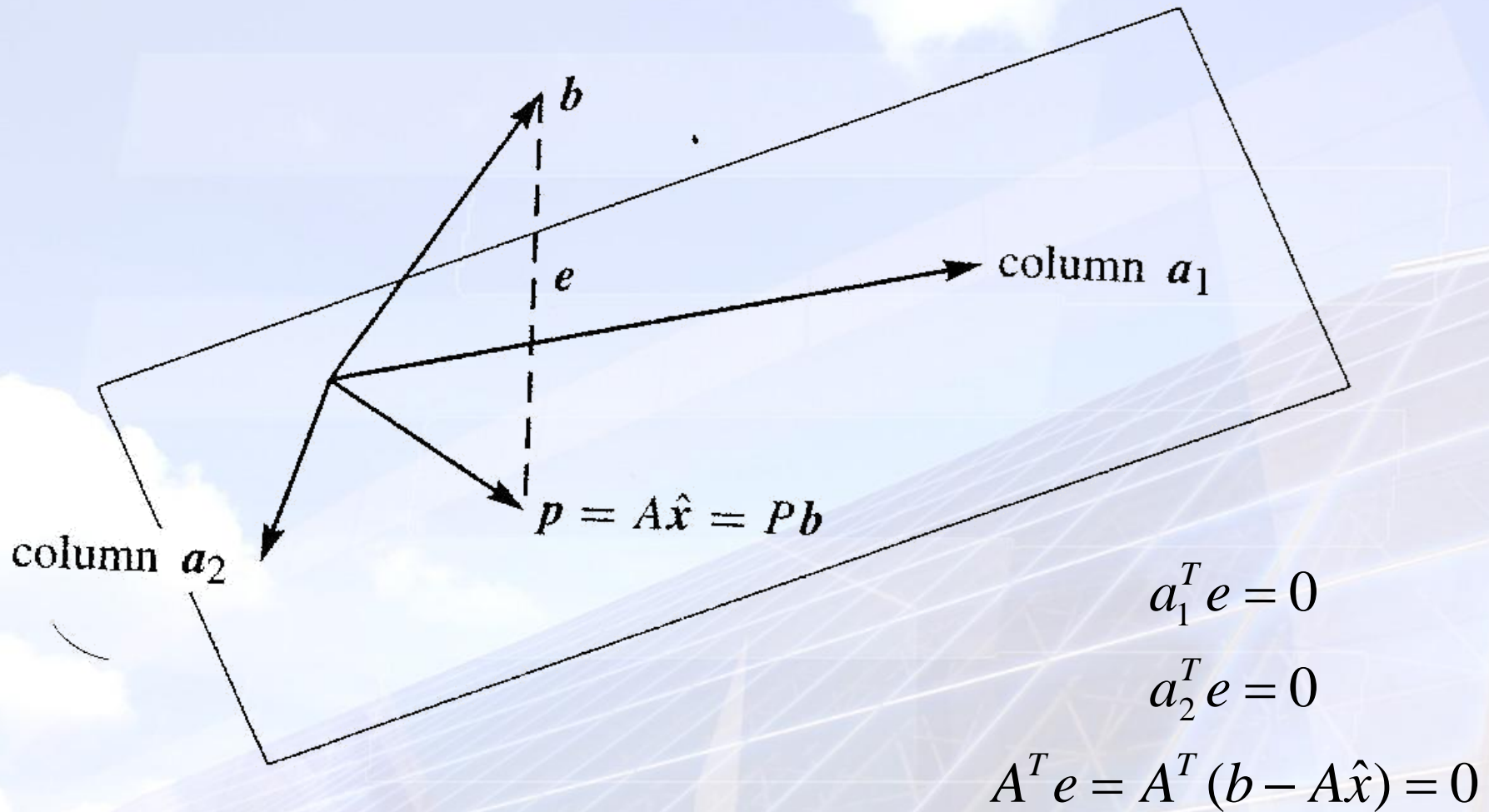
$$P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$$

# Projections onto a subspace

- the key equation  $A^T(b - A\hat{x}) = 0$  is given by linear algebra
  - the subspace is the column space of  $A$
  - $e = b - A\hat{x}$  is perpendicular to the column space
  - $b - A\hat{x}$  is in the left nullspace, therefore  $A^T(b - A\hat{x}) = 0$
- thus the left nullspace is important in projections and contains the error vector  $e = b - A\hat{x}$ 
  - $b$  is split into the projection  $p$  and the error  $e = b - p$



# Projections onto a subspace



# Projections onto a subspace

## Example

Find  $\hat{x}$ ,  $p$  and  $P$  when

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Question

What is the effect of multiplying a projected vector by the same  $P$  again?

# Least squares approximation

- sometimes, for example when we have too many equations, there is no solution to  $Ax = b$ 
  - e.g. when  $m > n$ , the  $n$  columns span a small part of the  $m$ -dimensional space
  - unless all measurements are perfect  $e = b - Ax \neq 0$ 
    - when  $e = 0$ ,  $x$  is an exact solution to  $Ax = b$
    - when  $\|e\|$  is as small as possible  $\hat{x}$  is a least squares solution
- when there is no solution, we instead solve  $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$ 
  - every vector in  $b$  has a part in the column space ( $p$ ) and another perpendicular part in the left nullspace ( $e$ ) – so remove  $e$

$Ax = b = p + e$  is impossible;  $Ax = p$  is solvable

# Least squares approximation

- the solution  $\hat{x}$  to  $Ax = p$  makes the error as small as possible because for any  $x$

$$\|Ax - b\|^2 = \|Ax - p\|^2 + \|e\|^2$$

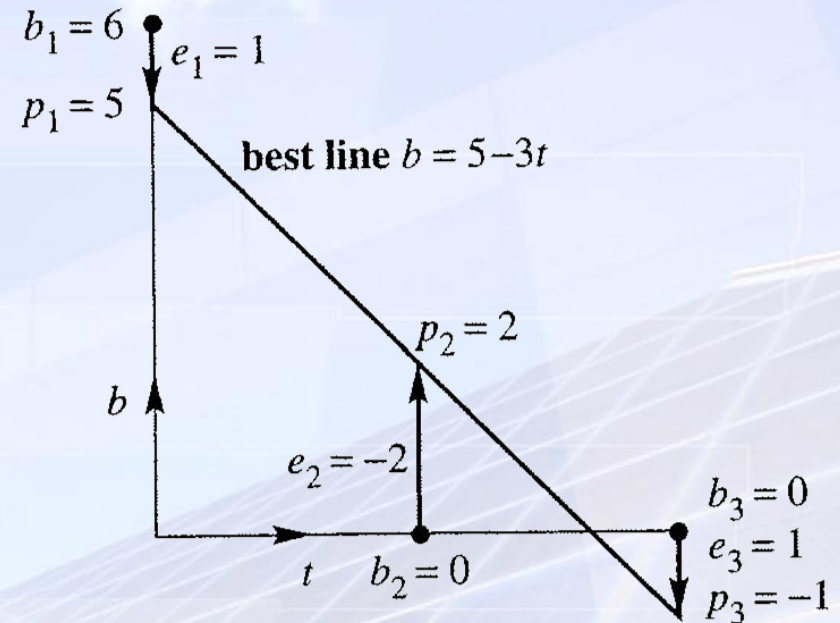
this is simply  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$  for a right angle triangle

- vector  $Ax - p$  in the column space is perpendicular to  $e$  in the left nullspace
- $Ax - p$  is reduced to zero by choosing  $x$  to be  $\hat{x}$ 
  - this leaves the smallest possible error, i.e.  $e$

# Least squares approximation

## Example

Find a line  $b = C + Dt$  through the three points  $(0,6)$ ,  $(1,0)$  and  $(2,0)$ .

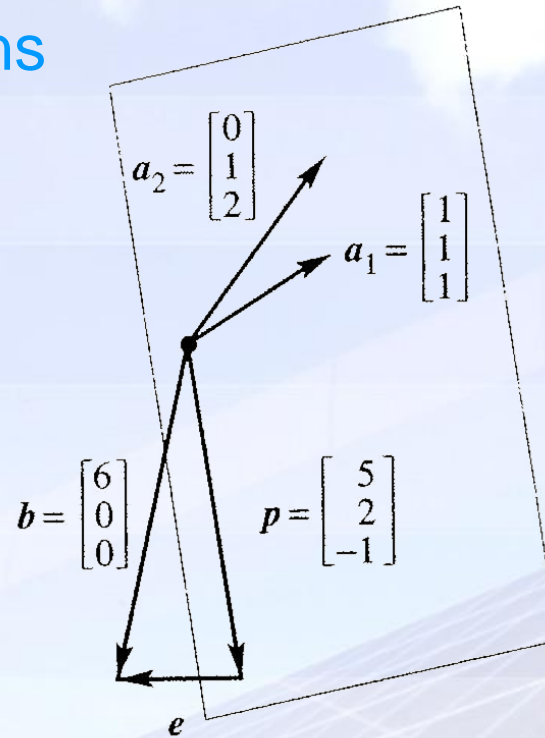


- the solution is  $C = 5$  and  $D = -3$ , i.e.  $b = 5 - 3t$  is the best line
  - note the vertical error distances  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  chosen to minimise the total error  $E = e_1^2 + e_2^2 + e_3^2$



# Least squares approximation

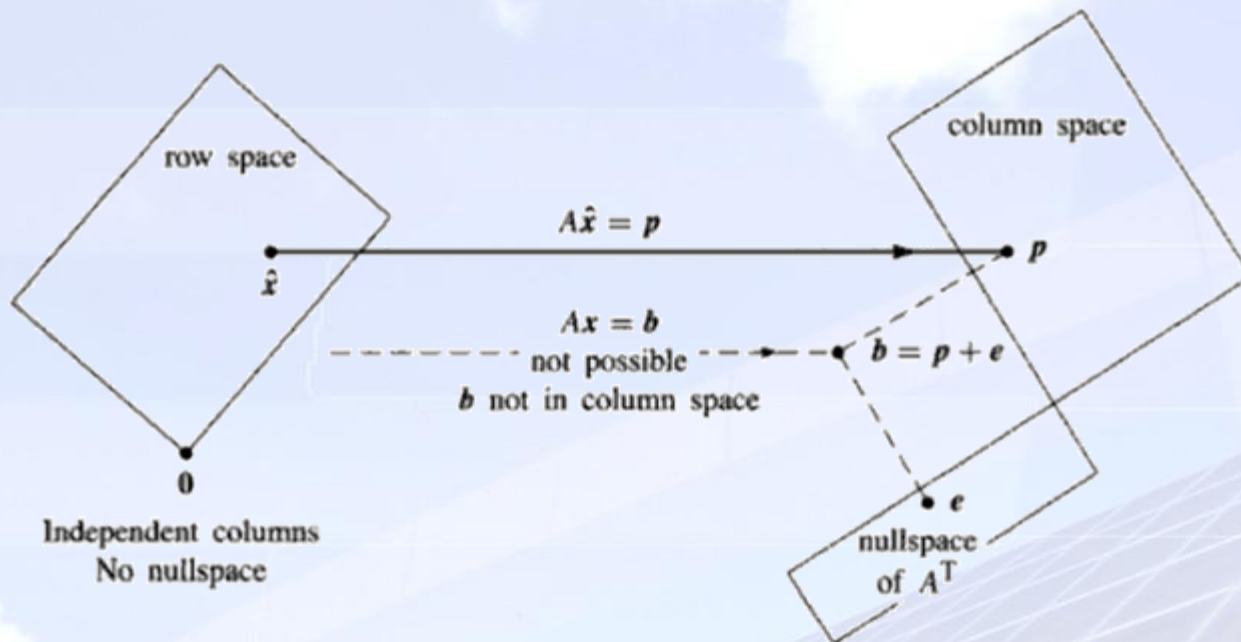
- and in 3 dimensions



$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$$

- $b$  is not in the column space of  $A$  – hence there's no solution
  - the smallest error is  $e = b - A\hat{x}$  which is perpendicular to the plane

# Least squares approximation



- here we are splitting up  $b$ 
  - instead of solving  $Ax = b$  we solve  $A\hat{x} = p$
  - error  $e = b - p$

# Fitting a straight line

- we wish to fit a line to some points  $(t_i, b_i)$

$$Ax = b \quad \text{is} \quad \begin{array}{l} C + Dt_1 = b_1 \\ C + Dt_2 = b_2 \\ \vdots \\ C + Dt_m = b_m \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_1 \\ 1 & t_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & t_m \end{bmatrix}$$

the column space is so thin that  $b$  most probably lies outside

- components of  $e$  are the vertical distances  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  to the closest line which has heights  $p_1, \dots, p_m$
- the equations  $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$  give  $\hat{x} = (C, D)$ 
  - the errors are  $e_i = b_i - C - Dt_i$

# Fitting a straight line

- $b = C + Dt$  exactly fits the data points if

$$\begin{array}{l} C + Dt_1 = b_1 \\ \vdots \\ C + Dt_m = b_m \end{array} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & t_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

- the columns are independent so we multiply by  $A^T$  to get

$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ t_1 & \cdots & t_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & t_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m & \Sigma t_i \\ \Sigma t_i & \Sigma t_i^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ t_1 & \cdots & t_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma b_i \\ \Sigma t_i b_i \end{bmatrix}$$

# Fitting a straight line

- the line  $C + Dt$  which minimises  $e_1^2 + \dots + e_m^2$  is determined by

$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} m & \sum t_i \\ \sum t_i & \sum t_i^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum b_i \\ \sum t_i b_i \end{bmatrix}$$

- the vertical errors at the  $m$  points on the line are the components of  $e = b - p = b - A\hat{x}$  which is perpendicular to the columns of  $A$
- it is in the nullspace of  $A^T$  and the best  $\hat{x} = (C, D)$  minimises the total error  $E$ , the sum of the squares

$$E(x) = \|Ax - b\|^2 = (C + Dt_1 - b_1)^2 + \dots + (C + Dt_m - b_m)^2$$



# Fitting a parabola

- problems with parabolas  $b = C + Dt + Et^2$  are still problems in linear algebra
- e.g. fitting  $b_1, \dots, b_m$  at times  $t_1, \dots, t_m$  to such a parabola

$$\begin{array}{l} C + Dt_1 + Et_1^2 = b_1 \\ \vdots \\ C + Dt_m + Et_m^2 = b_m \end{array} \quad \text{has the } m \text{ by } 3 \text{ matrix } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_1 & t_1^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & t_m & t_m^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

the best parabola chooses  $\hat{x} = (C, D, E)$  to satisfy the three normal equations

$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$$

# Orthogonal bases and Gram-Schmidt

- orthogonal vectors are good
  - can make  $A^T A$  diagonal
- we want to be able to choose orthogonal vectors
- vectors  $q_1, \dots, q_n$  are orthogonal when their dot products are zero, i.e.  $q_i \cdot q_j$  or  $q_i^T q_j = 0$  for  $i \neq j$
- they are orthonormal if for each  $i$ ,  $\|q_i\| = 1$
- the matrix of orthonormal vectors is written  $Q$ 
  - $Q$  is easy to work with since  $Q^T Q = I$  and  $Q^T = Q^{-1}$
  - if its only orthogonal then it's still diagonal

# Orthogonal bases and Gram-Schmidt

- $Q$  matrices are important for numerical computation because

$$\|Qx\|^2 = \|x\|^2$$

$$\text{because } (Qx)^T (Qx) = x^T Q^T Qx = x^T Ix = x^T x$$

numbers can never grow too large when vectors of fixed length are used – computer codes which use  $Q$  matrices are numerically stable

# Projections using orthogonal bases

- when we have  $Q$  instead of  $A$  projection formulae become

$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b \qquad \hat{x} = Q^T b$$

$$p = A \hat{x} \qquad p = Q \hat{x}$$

$$P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \qquad P = Q Q^T$$

and there are no matrices to invert

- there are  $n$  separate 1-dimensional projections and there is no coupling ( $A^T A$ ) from  $A$  matrices

$$p = Q \hat{x} = Q Q^T b = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ q_1 & \cdots & q_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_1^T b \\ \vdots \\ q_n^T b \end{bmatrix} = q_1 (q_1^T b) + \cdots + q_n (q_n^T b)$$

# Projections using orthogonal bases

- when  $Q$  is square the subspace is the whole space
  - $Q^T = Q^{-1}$  and  $\hat{x} = Q^T b$  is equal to  $x = Q^{-1}b$
  - $b$ 's projection onto the whole space is  $b$  itself
  - $P = QQ^T = I$  and the solution is exact!

- when  $p = b$  the formulae decomposes  $b$  into its constituent 1-dimensional projections

$$b = q_1(q_1^T b) + \cdots + q_n(q_n^T b)$$

the vector is decomposed into perpendicular components

- Fourier!



# Projections using orthogonal bases

## Example

The orthogonal matrix has orthonormal columns  $q^1$ ,  $q^2$  and  $q^3$

$$Q = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has first column } q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

the separate projections of  $b = (0, 0, 1)$  onto the columns is

$$q_1(q_1^T b) = \frac{2}{3} q_1 \quad \text{and} \quad q_2(q_2^T b) = \frac{2}{3} q_2 \quad \text{and} \quad q_3(q_3^T b) = -\frac{1}{3} q_3$$

their sum is the projection of  $b$  onto the whole space,  $b$

$$\frac{2}{3} q_1 + \frac{2}{3} q_2 - \frac{1}{3} q_3 = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} -2 + 4 - 2 \\ 4 - 2 - 2 \\ 4 + 4 + 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = b$$

# The Gram-Schmidt Process

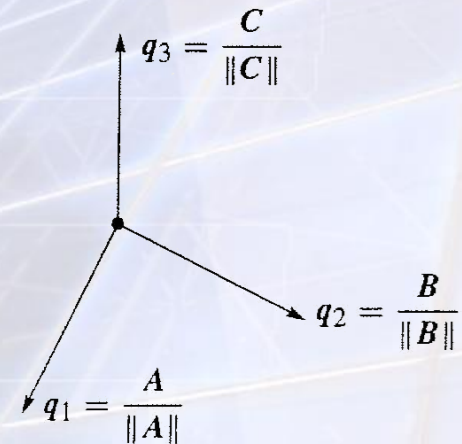
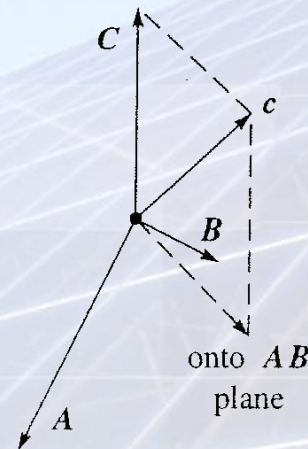
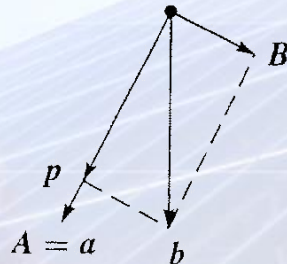
- a means of obtaining orthonormal vectors
- we start with (e.g. 3) vectors  $a, b, c$  and want to determine a number of orthonormal bases, say  $A, B, C$
- begin by choosing  $A = a$  as the first direction
- the next direction  $B$  must be perpendicular to  $A$ 
  - start with  $b$  and remove its projection onto  $A$

$$B = b - \frac{A^T b}{A^T A} A$$

# The Gram-Schmidt Process

- by taking dot products we can verify that  $A$  and  $B$  are perpendicular,  $A^T B = 0$
- $B$  is the error vector  $e$ , that is perpendicular to  $A$
- the third direction starts with  $c$

$$C = c - \frac{A^T c}{A^T A} A - \frac{B^T c}{B^T B} B$$



# The Gram-Schmidt Process

## **Example**

Calculate an orthonormal basis for the three vectors

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad c = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# The factorisation $A = QR$

- there is a matrix connecting  $A$  and  $Q$
- we can see it easily already

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_1^T a & q_1^T b & q_1^T c \\ q_2^T a & q_2^T b & q_2^T c \\ q_3^T a & q_3^T b & q_3^T c \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad A = QR$$

- e.g. from the last example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & -2/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{18} \\ 0 & \sqrt{6} & -\sqrt{6} \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} = QR$$



# The factorisation $A = QR$

- the square matrix  $R$  is upper triangular with positive diagonal

- it's useful for least squares

$$A^T A = R^T Q^T Q R = R^T R$$

- the least squares equation simplifies to

$$R^T R \hat{x} = R^T Q^T b \quad \text{or} \quad R \hat{x} = Q^T b$$

- instead of solving  $Ax = b$ , which is impossible, we solve  $R \hat{x} = Q^T b$  by back substitution – which is very fast

# The factorisation $A = QR$

## Example

Determine the  $QR$  decomposition of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -51 & 4 \\ 6 & 167 & -68 \\ -4 & 24 & -41 \end{bmatrix}$$

For your own time if you wish  
- you will **not** have a question  
like this in your exam, but you  
**should** understand the  
concepts.

# Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- take a matrix and look at its powers

$A$	$A^2$	$A^3$	$A^{100}$
$\begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.3 \\ 0.2 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.45 \\ 0.3 & 0.55 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.650 & 0.525 \\ 0.350 & 0.475 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.6000 & 0.6000 \\ 0.4000 & 0.4000 \end{bmatrix}$

- $A^{100}$  was found by looking at eigenvalues
- certain special vectors  $x$  do not change direction when multiplied by  $A$  – they are the eigenvectors of  $A$
- they can, however, change their length and do so according to the corresponding eigenvalue,  $\lambda$

# Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- the basic equation

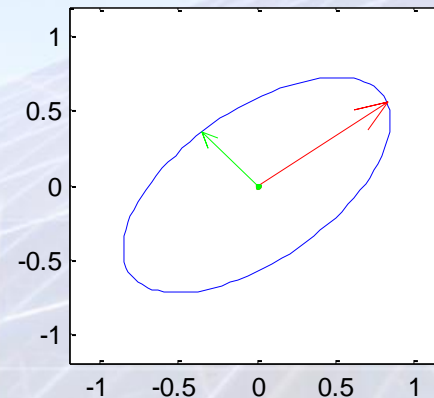
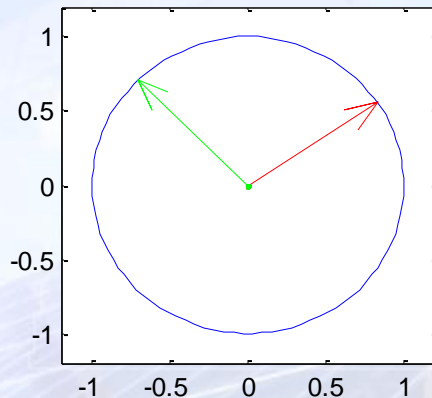
$$Ax = \lambda x$$

- example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.3 \\ 0.2 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

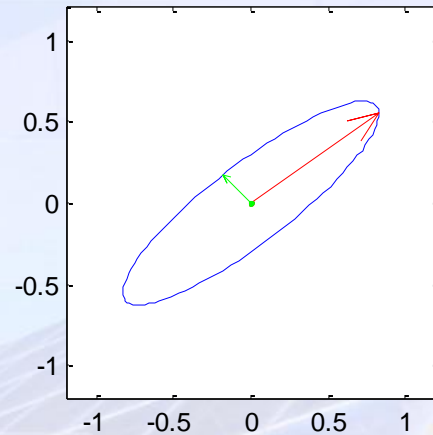
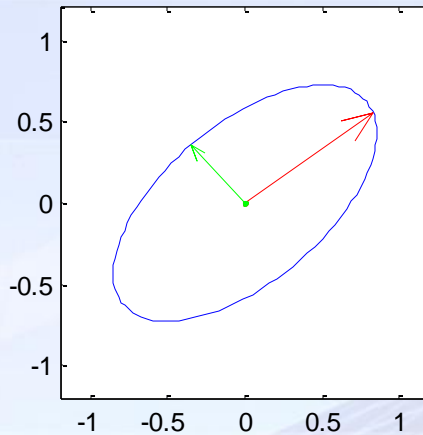
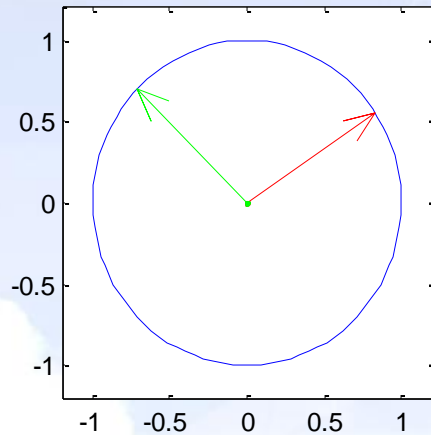
$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 1 \\ 0.4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- what happens if we multiply by  $A$  again?



$$A^{99} \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is really } x_1 + (0.2) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{99} x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 \\ 0.4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \text{very} \\ \text{small} \\ \text{number} \end{bmatrix}$$



# Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- eigenvector  $x_1$  is a steady-state that doesn't change
  - $\lambda_1 = 1$
- eigenvector  $x_2$  is a decaying mode
  - $\lambda_1 = 0.5$
- the higher the power of  $A$  the closer its columns approach the steady state
- $A$  is a Markov matrix
  - largest eigenvalue of 1
  - $[0.6 \ 0.4]'$  is the steady state

# Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

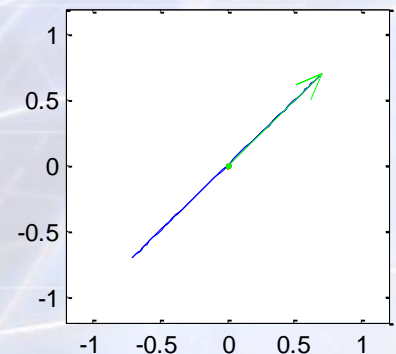
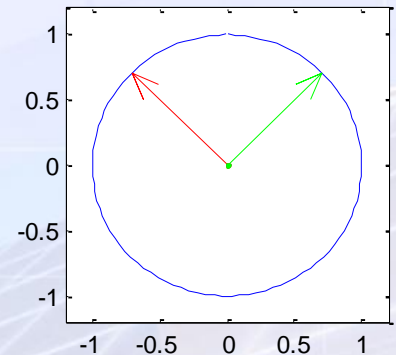
## Example

The projection matrix  $P$  has eigenvalues of 0 and 1. Its eigenvectors are  $x_1=(1,1)$  and  $x_2=(1,-1)$ .

- each column of  $P$  adds up to 1, so  $\lambda = 1$  is an eigenvalue
- $P$  is singular, so  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue
- $P$  is symmetric, so  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are perpendicular

What can you say about nullspace and the column space?

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$



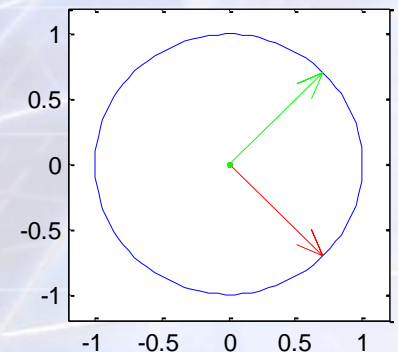
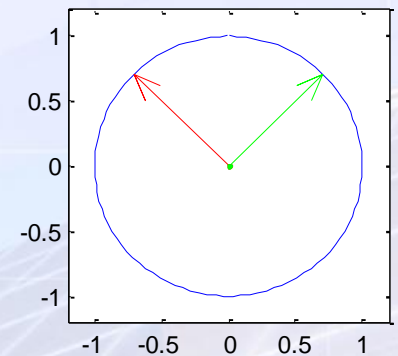
# Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

## Example

The reflection matrix  $R$  has eigenvalues of 1 and -1.

- eigenvector  $x_1=(1,1)$  is unchanged
- eigenvector  $x_2=(-1,1)$  is reflected
- the eigenvectors are the same as for  $P$

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



# The eigenvalue problem

- refers to the seeking of non-trivial solutions to

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

$$(\lambda I - A)x = 0$$

values of the scalar  $\lambda$  are the eigenvalues and the corresponding values of  $x \neq 0$  are the eigenvectors which make up the nullspace of  $A - \lambda I$

- a non-trivial solution exists if  $A - \lambda I$  is not invertible, or if  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$
- for a matrix  $A$  of size  $n \times n$ , there will be  $n$  eigenvalues
- each eigenvalue leads to a corresponding eigenvector

# The eigenvalue problem

## Example

Calculate the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

## Example

Calculate the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where we have repeated eigenvalues



# Properties of eigenvalues for $n \times n$ matrices

## ■ Property 1

The sum of the eigenvalues:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = \text{trace } A = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

## ■ Property 2

The product of the eigenvalues:

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

## ■ Property 3

The eigenvalues of the inverse, if it exists, are:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_1}, \frac{1}{\lambda_2}, \dots, \frac{1}{\lambda_n}$$

## ■ Property 4

The eigenvalues of the transpose are:

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$$

## ■ Property 5

If  $k$  is a scalar then the eigenvalues of  $kA$  are:

$$k\lambda_1, k\lambda_2, \dots, k\lambda_n$$

## ■ Property 6

If  $k$  is a scalar then the eigenvalues of  $A + kI$  are:

$$\lambda_1 \pm k, \lambda_2 \pm k, \dots, \lambda_n \pm k$$

## ■ Property 6

If  $k$  is a positive integer then the eigenvalues of  $A^k$  are:

$$\lambda_1^k, \lambda_2^k, \dots, \lambda_n^k$$

# Diagonalisation

- when  $x$  is an eigenvector multiplication by  $A$  is equivalent to multiplication by a single number:  $Ax = \lambda x$
- it is like having a diagonal matrix
  - the 100<sup>th</sup> power of a diagonal matrix is easy to compute
- here we show that  $A$  turns into a diagonal matrix when the eigenvalues are properly used

# Diagonalisation

- suppose  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors
- if we put them into the columns of an eigenvector matrix,  $S$ , then

$$S^{-1}AS = \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Proof:

$$AS = A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 x_1 & \cdots & \lambda_n x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 x_1 & \cdots & \lambda_n x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} = S\Lambda$$

$$AS = S\Lambda \quad \text{is} \quad S^{-1}AS = \Lambda \quad \text{or} \quad A = S\Lambda S^{-1}$$

# Diagonalisation

- some points:
  - $S$  has an inverse because we assumed the eigenvectors were linearly independent
    - without linearly independent eigenvectors we can't diagonalise the matrix
  - matrices  $A$  and  $\Lambda$  have the same eigenvalues but different eigenvectors
    - the eigenvectors in  $S$  diagonalise  $A$
    - the eigenvectors of  $\Lambda$  are NOT the same as those of  $A$  and are the columns of  $I$ 
      - diagonalisation aligns the new eigenvectors with the coordinate axes

# Diagonalisation

An example for the projection matrix  $P$  which has eigenvalues of 1 and 0 and corresponding eigenvectors  $(1,1)$  and  $(-1,1)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} .5 & .5 \\ -.5 & .5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} .5 & .5 \\ .5 & .5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$S^{-1} \quad P \quad S \quad = \quad \Lambda$

Note that

- $P^2 = P$
- $\Lambda^2 = \Lambda$
- the column space has swung around from  $(1,1)$  to  $(1,0)$
- the nullspace has swung around from  $(-1,1)$  to  $(0,1)$
- diagonalisation lines up the **new** eigenvectors with the co-ordinate axes



# Diagonalisation

- suppose all eigenvalues of  $A$  are different
  - then the eigenvectors are independent
  - then  $A$  is diagonalisable
- the eigenvector matrix is not unique
  - multiplying its columns by any non-zero constant gives the same  $\Lambda$
- to diagonalise  $A$  we must use an eigenvector matrix
- matrices with repeated eigenvalues (too few) are not diagonalisable

proofs in course  
text

# Diagonalisation

- our Markov matrix  $A$  can be diagonalised as follows

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.3 \\ 0.2 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 1 \\ 0.4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0.4 & -0.6 \end{bmatrix} = S\Lambda S^{-1}$$

- note also that, along the same lines as before

$$A^k = S\Lambda^k S^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 1 \\ 0.4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5^k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0.4 & -0.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^\infty = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 1 \\ 0.4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0.4 & -0.6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.6 \\ 0.4 & 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Diagonalisation

- what's the point?
- we've already seen their use in calculating matrix powers
- there are more applications
  - Fibonacci sequences
  - Markov processes
  - differential equations
  - exponential of a matrix
  - quadratic forms

# Symmetric matrices

- $A = S\Lambda S^{-1}$  has particular properties when  $A$  is symmetric
- the spectral theorem tells us that for a symmetric matrix
  - the eigenvalues are real
  - the eigenvectors can be chosen to be orthonormal
- we denote such a diagonalisation by  $A = Q\Lambda Q^{-1} = Q\Lambda Q^T$
- to see that  $Q\Lambda Q^T$  is symmetric take its transpose

$$(Q\Lambda Q^T)^T = (Q^T)^T \Lambda^T Q^T = Q\Lambda Q^T$$

# Symmetric matrices

## **Example**

Obtain the eigenvalues and corresponding orthogonal eigenvectors of the symmetric matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

and show that the normalised eigenvectors form an orthonormal set.



# Singular value decomposition (SVD)

- $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, square or rectangular
  - row space is  $r$ -dimensional in  $\mathbb{R}^n$
  - column space is  $r$ -dimensional in  $\mathbb{R}^m$
  - we will choose orthonormal bases for these spaces
    - row space basis  $v_1, \dots, v_r$
    - column space basis  $u_1, \dots, u_r$
- e.g. for an invertible  $2 \times 2$  matrix where  $m=n=r=2$ 
  - row space is the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$
  - we want  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  to be perpendicular unit vectors
    - an orthogonal basis
  - also want  $Av_1$  and  $Av_2$  to be perpendicular
  - unit vectors  $u_1=Av_1/||Av_1||$  and  $u_2=Av_2/||Av_2||$  will be orthogonal

# Singular value decomposition (SVD)

- for the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

note that

- no single orthogonal basis  $Q$  will make  $Q^{-1}AQ$  diagonal
- we cannot use the eigenvectors of  $A$  to form the basis as they aren't orthonormal
- $A$  is not symmetric and we need two different orthogonal matrices to diagonalise it

# Singular value decomposition (SVD)

- inputs  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  give outputs  $Av_1$  and  $Av_2$ 
  - we want them to line up with  $u_1$  and  $u_2$
- the basis vectors have to give  $Av_1 = \sigma_1 u_1$  and  $Av_2 = \sigma_2 u_2$ 
  - $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are just the lengths  $\|Av_1\|$  and  $\|Av_2\|$
- with  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  as columns

$$A \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots \\ v_1 & v_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots \\ \sigma_1 u_1 & \sigma_2 u_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots \\ u_1 & u_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & \\ & \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AV = U\Sigma$$

# Singular value decomposition (SVD)

$$A \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots \\ v_1 & v_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots \\ \sigma_1 u_1 & \sigma_2 u_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots \\ u_1 & u_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & \\ & \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$AV = U\Sigma$$

- $\Sigma$  is diagonal and like the matrix  $\Lambda$ 
  - $\Lambda$  contained the eigenvalues
  - $\Sigma$  contains the singular values  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$
- when  $U$  and  $V$  both equal  $S$  we have  $AS = S\Lambda$  which gives  $S^{-1}AS = \Lambda$  - it is diagonalised
  - but the vectors in  $S$  are not generally orthogonal

# Singular value decomposition (SVD)

- we require  $U$  and  $V$  to be orthogonal
  - basis vectors in their columns must be orthonormal

$$V^T V = \begin{bmatrix} \cdots & v_1^T & \cdots \\ \cdots & v_2^T & \cdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots \\ v_1 & v_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- thus  $V^T V = I$  which means  $V^T = V^{-1}$ 
  - similarly  $U^T U = I$  and  $U^T = U^{-1}$

- this is the SVD

$$AV = U\Sigma \quad \text{and then} \quad A = U\Sigma V^{-1} = U\Sigma V^T$$

where  $U$  and  $V$  are orthogonal



# Singular value decomposition (SVD)

- to see  $V$  by itself multiply  $A^T$  by  $A$

$$\begin{aligned} A^T A &= (U \Sigma V^T)^T (U \Sigma V^T) = V \Sigma^T U^T U \Sigma V^T \\ &= V \Sigma^T \Sigma V^T \\ &= V \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & \\ & \sigma_2^2 & \\ & & \ddots \end{bmatrix} V^T \end{aligned}$$

which is an ordinary factorisation exactly like  $A = Q \Lambda Q^T$

- except that  $A$  is really  $A^T A$
- the columns of  $V$  are now the eigenvectors of  $A^T A$  !!!

# Singular value decomposition (SVD)

## Example

Show that the SVD of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is given by

$$A = U\Sigma V^T$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2\sqrt{2} & \\ & \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

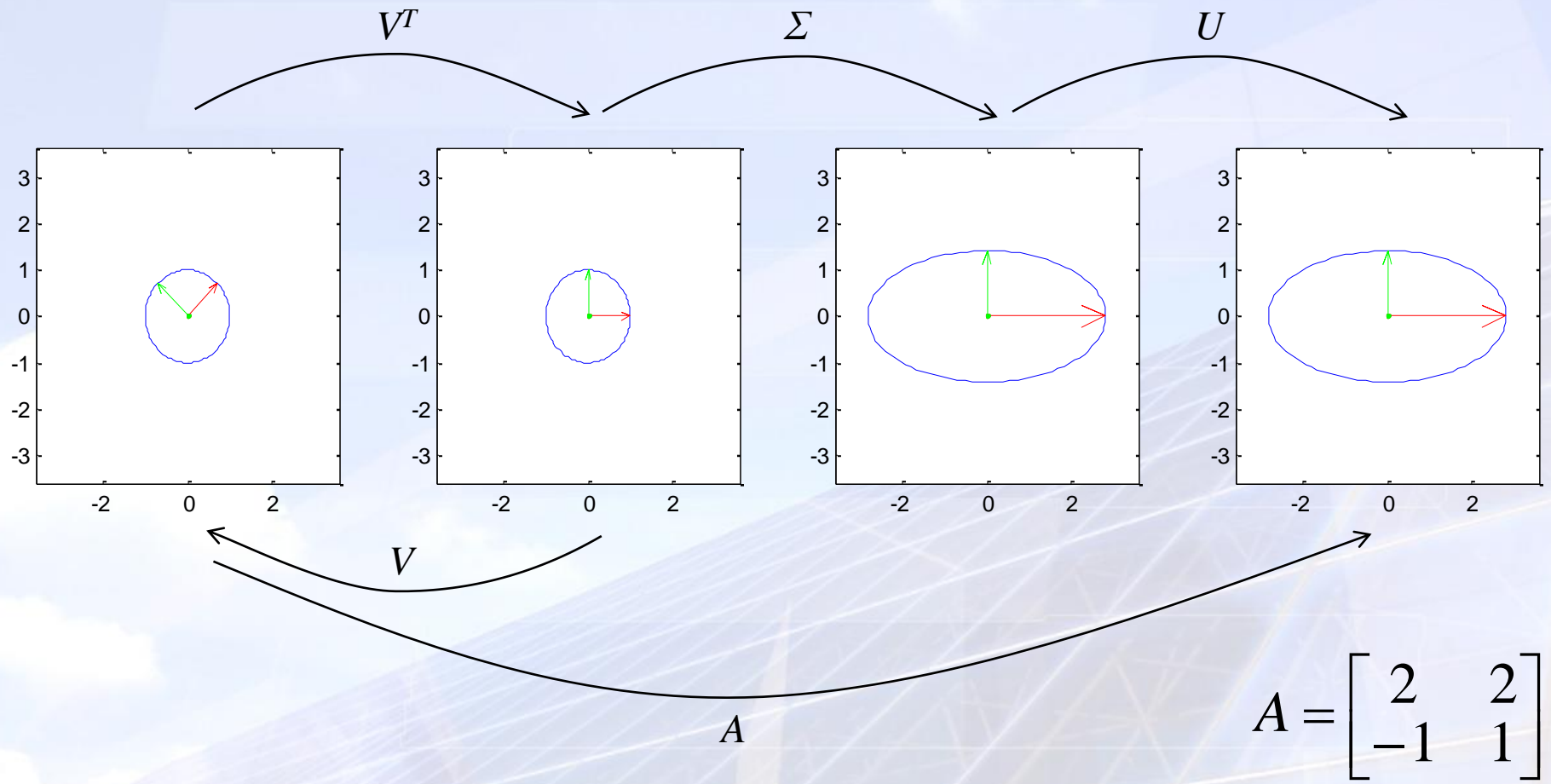
# Singular value decomposition (SVD)

- we can also calculate the  $u$ 's first, then the  $v$ 's

$$\begin{aligned} AA^T &= (U\Sigma V^T)(U\Sigma V^T)^T = U\Sigma V^T V \Sigma^T U^T \\ &= U\Sigma^T \Sigma U^T \\ &= U \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \\ & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix} U^T \end{aligned}$$

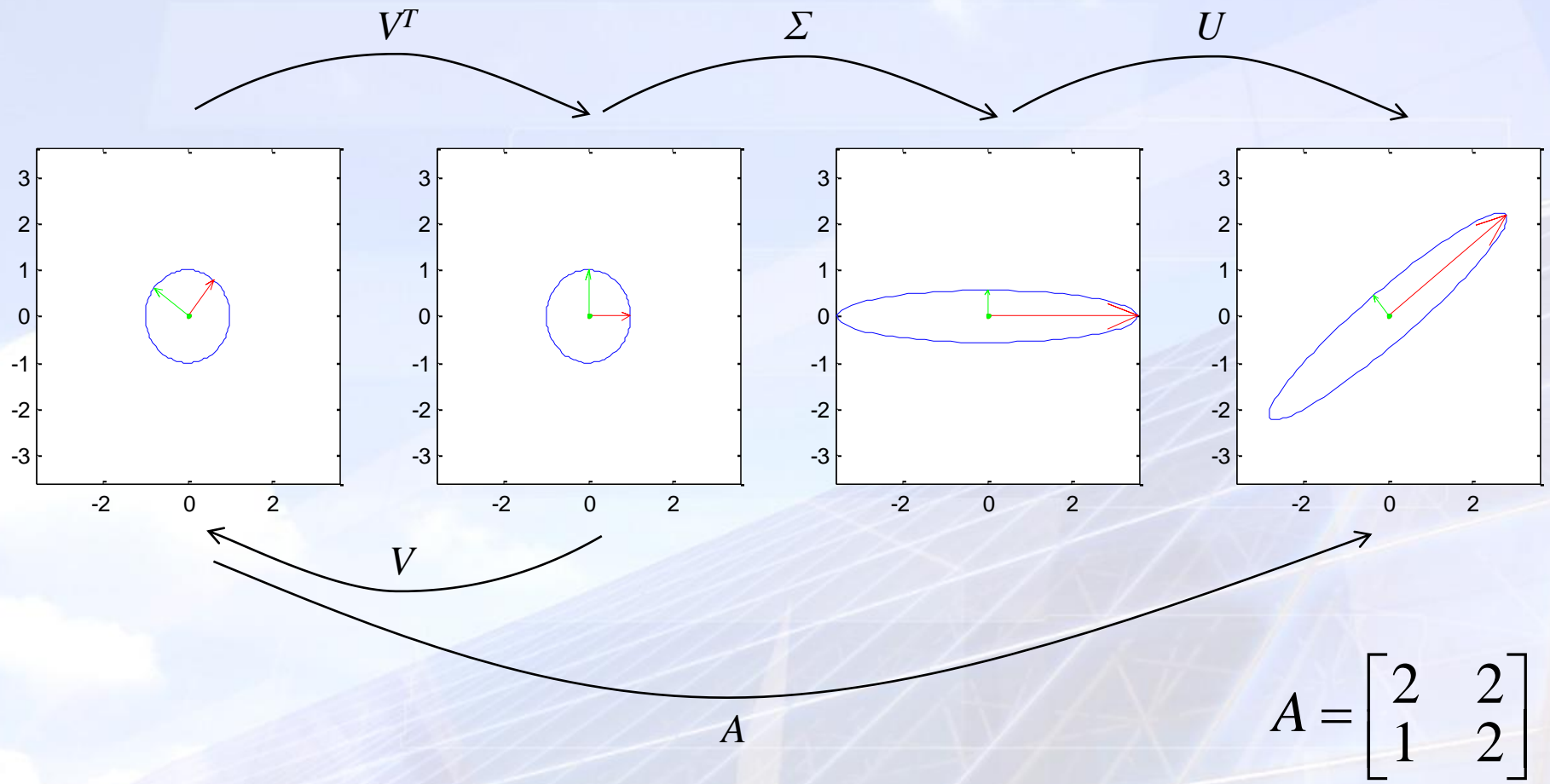
- we have an ordinary factorisation of  $AA^T$ 
  - columns of  $U$  are its eigenvectors
- we can show that it gives the same result as in the previous example

# Singular value decomposition (SVD)



# Singular value decomposition (SVD)

A different example:





# Singular value decomposition (SVD)

## Example

Find the SVD of the following singular matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Remember that it is **singular**!

$$A = U\Sigma V^T$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Singular value decomposition (SVD)

- $U$  and  $V$  contain orthonormal bases for all four subspaces
  - first  $r$  columns of  $V$  : row space of  $A$
  - last  $n-r$  columns of  $V$  : nullspace of  $A$
  - first  $r$  columns of  $U$  : column space of  $A$
  - last  $m-r$  columns of  $U$  : nullspace of  $A^T$
- some points:
  - the  $v$ 's are eigenvectors of  $A^T A$
  - the  $u$ 's are eigenvectors of  $A A^T$
  - $A^T A$  and  $A A^T$  have the same eigenvalues
  - $A v_i$  has to fall in the direction of  $u_i$ ,  $A v_i = \sigma_i u_i$

# Singular value decomposition (SVD)

- starting from  $A^T A v_i = \sigma_i^2 v_i$  and multiplying

- first by  $v_i^T$

$$v_i^T A^T A v_i = \sigma_i^2 v_i^T v_i \quad \text{gives} \quad \|A v_i\|^2 = \sigma_i^2 \quad \text{so that} \quad \|A v_i\| = \sigma_i$$

were we used  $(v_i^T A^T)(A v_i) = \|A v_i\|^2$

- then by  $A$

$$A A^T A v_i = \sigma_i^2 A v_i \quad \text{gives} \quad u_i = A v_i / \sigma_i \quad \text{as a unit eigenvector of } A A^T$$

- this gives us the proof that  $A v_i = \sigma_i u_i$ 
  - $A$  is diagonalised by the two bases

$$A = U \Sigma V^T$$

# Norms

- the norm of a matrix  $A$  is the maximum ratio

$$\|A\| = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|}$$

- e.g. the norm of  $I$  is 1 since the ratio is always  $\|x\|/\|x\|$
- e.g. the norm of a diagonal matrix is its largest entry

The norm of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $\|A\| = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|} = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\sqrt{2^2 x_1^2 + 3^2 x_2^2}}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}} = 3$

its maximum is when  $x_1 = 0$  and  $x_2 = 1$

- $x = (0, 1)^T$  is an eigenvector with  $Ax = (0, 3)^T$
- the eigenvalue is 3 and it equals the norm

# Norms

- for a positive definite symmetric matrix the norm is  $\|A\| = \lambda_{\max}$  - no other vector other than the corresponding eigenvector can make the norm larger
  - $A = Q\Lambda Q^T$  – neither  $Q$  nor  $Q^T$  change the length
  - the ratio to maximise is really  $\|\Lambda x\|/\|x\|$
- for symmetric matrices (not positive definite)  $\|A\| = |\lambda_{\max}|$ 
  - norm is concerned with length,  $\|Ax\| = \|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|x\|$
- for unsymmetric matrices we cannot generally use eigenvalues e.g.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has } \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0 \text{ but } \|A\| = \frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|} = 2$$



# Norms

- so how do we calculate norms generally?
- for the last example vector  $x = (0,1)$  which gives  $Ax = (2,0)$ 
  - $x = (0,1)$  is an eigenvector of  $A^T A$

- the rule is

$$\|A\|^2 = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|^2}{\|x\|^2} = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{x^T A^T A x}{x^T x} = \lambda_{\max}(A^T A)$$

when  $x$  is the eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda_{\max}$  the ratio is  $x^T A^T A x = x^T (\lambda_{\max}) x$  divided by  $x^T x$

- for this particular  $x$ , the ratio equals  $\lambda_{\max}$

# Norms

- the matrix  $A^T A$  has orthonormal eigenvectors  $q_1, \dots, q_n$ 
  - every  $x$  is a combination of these vectors
  - putting this combination into the ratio gives

$$\frac{x^T A^T A x}{x^T x} = \frac{(c_1 q_1 + \dots + c_n q_n)^T (c_1 \lambda_1 q_1 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n q_n)}{(c_1 q_1 + \dots + c_n q_n)^T (c_1 q_1 + \dots + c_n q_n)} = \frac{c_1^2 \lambda_1 + \dots + c_n^2 \lambda_n}{c_1^2 + \dots + c_n^2}$$

- remember that  $q_i^T q_j = 0$
- this ratio cannot be larger than  $\lambda_{\max}$  which occurs when all  $c$ 's are zero except the one that multiplies  $\lambda_{\max}$

# Norms

- the ratio on the last slide is the Rayleigh quotient for the matrix  $A^T A$ 
  - the maximum is the largest eigenvalue  $\lambda_{\max}(A^T A)$
  - the minimum is the smallest eigenvalue  $\lambda_{\min}(A^T A)$
- the norm  $\|A\|$  is equal to the largest singular value  $\sigma_{\max}$  of  $A$  – the singular values are equal to the square roots of the positive eigenvalues of  $A^T A$

# Condition numbers

- indicates sensitivity to errors
    - when  $Ax = b$  and the right side changes to  $b + \Delta b$
    - the solution changes to  $x + \Delta x$  – but how big is  $\Delta x$ ?
- Subtract  $Ax = b$  from  $A(x + \Delta x) = b + \Delta b$  to find  $A(\Delta x) = \Delta b$
- the error is  $\Delta x = A^{-1}\Delta b$ 
    - large when  $A^{-1}$  is large (it's nearly singular)
    - especially large when  $\Delta b$  points in the worst direction
    - the worst error has  $\|\Delta x\| = \|A^{-1}\| \cdot \|\Delta b\|$
  - we really want to know the relative error

# Condition numbers

- we find that the solution error is less than  $c = \|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\|$  times the problem error

$$\frac{\|\Delta x\|}{\|x\|} \leq c \frac{\|\Delta b\|}{\|b\|}$$

- for proof, note that from  $b = Ax$  and  $\Delta x = A^{-1} \Delta b$  we note that  $\|b\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|x\|$  and  $\|\Delta x\| \leq \|A^{-1}\| \cdot \|\Delta b\|$ . Multiplying left and right sides and then dividing by  $\|b\| \cdot \|x\|$ 
  - the left side gives relative error  $\|\Delta x\| / \|x\|$
  - the right side is the equation above



# Condition numbers

- if the error is in  $A$  then

$$\frac{\|\Delta x\|}{\|x + \Delta x\|} \leq c \frac{\|\Delta A\|}{\|A\|}$$

- for proof we subtract  $Ax = b$  from  $(A + \Delta A)(x + \Delta x) = b$  to find  $A(\Delta x) = -(\Delta A)(x + \Delta x)$  and multiply the last equation by  $A^{-1}$  and take norms to reach the above equation

$$\|\Delta x\| \leq \|A^{-1}\| \cdot \|\Delta A\| \cdot \|x + \Delta x\| \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\|\Delta x\|}{\|x + \Delta x\|} \leq \|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\| \frac{\|\Delta A\|}{\|A\|}$$

# Condition numbers

- errors occur either in
  - $b$ : depends on original measurement or computer roundoff
  - $A$ : also depends on elimination steps
    - small pivots tend to produce large errors in  $L$  and  $U$
- errors in  $A$  or in  $b$  are amplified into the solution error  $\Delta x$ 
  - errors are bounded relative to  $x$  by the condition number,  $c$
  - when the condition number is too large errors in the solution can become unacceptable

# Condition numbers

## Example

When  $A$  and  $A^{-1}$  are symmetric,  $c = \|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\|$  comes from the eigenvalues:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has norm } 6. \quad A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \text{ has norm } \frac{1}{2}$$

This  $A$  is symmetric positive definite. Its norm is  $\lambda_{\max} = 6$ . The norm of  $A^{-1}$  is  $1/\lambda_{\min} = 1/2$ . Multiplying these norms gives the condition number:

$$c = \|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\| = \frac{\lambda_{\max}}{\lambda_{\min}} = 3$$

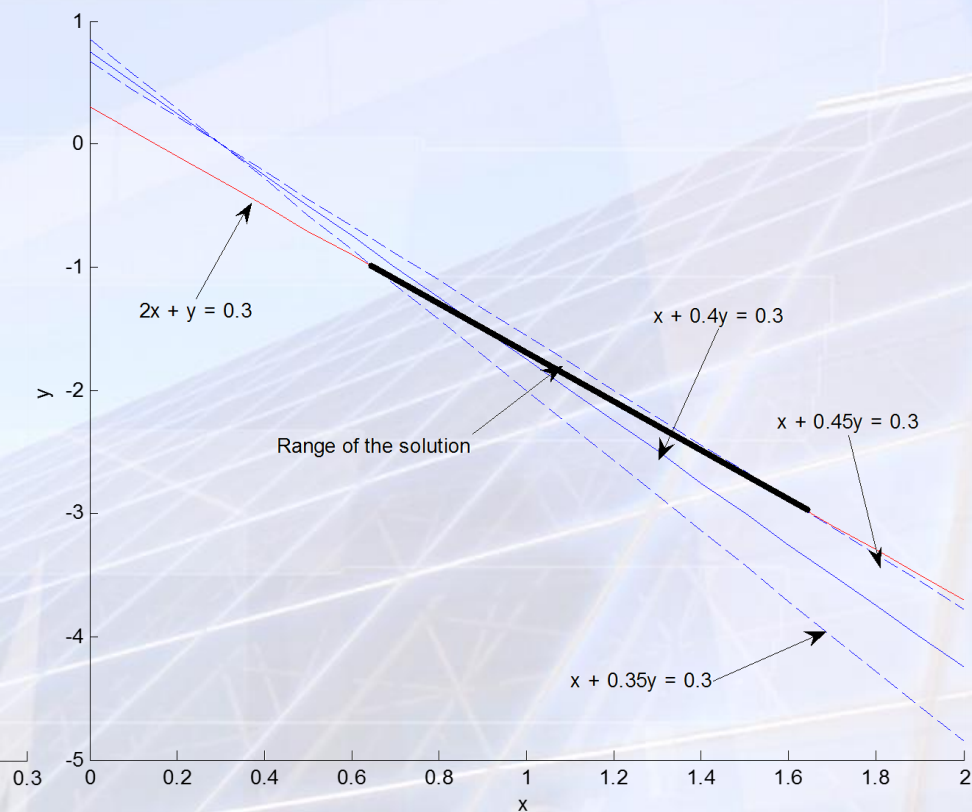
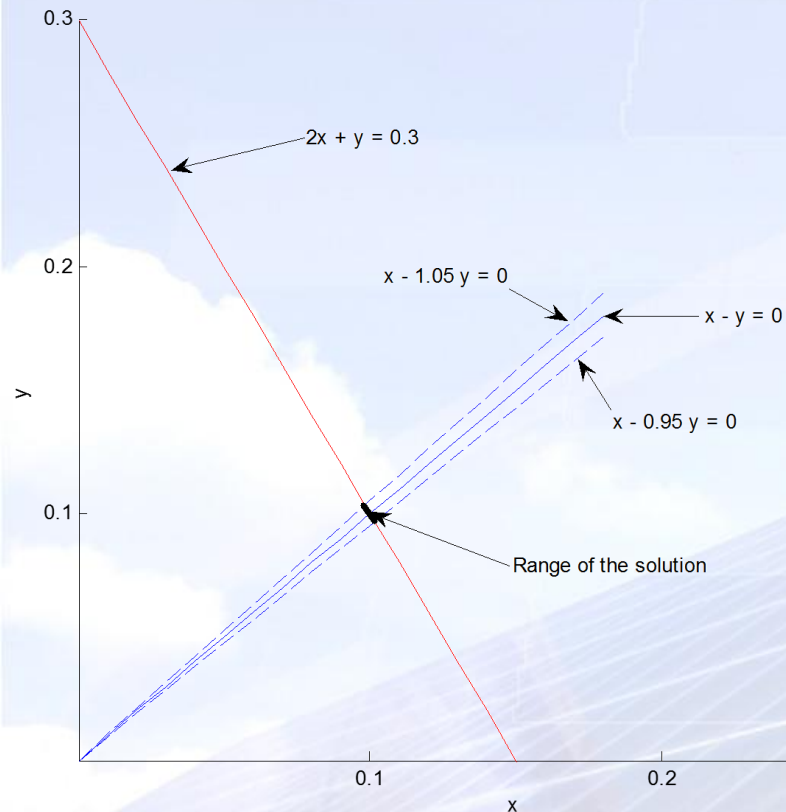
From  $c = \|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\| = 3$  the solution error is less than 3 times the problem error.

# III conditioning

- suppose we have to solve 
$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y &= 0.3 \\ x - \alpha y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$
 where  $\alpha = 1 \pm 0.05$  has some error
- we obtain 
$$\begin{aligned} x &= 0.3\alpha / (1 + 2\alpha) \\ y &= 0.3 / (1 + 2\alpha) \end{aligned}$$
  - so  $0.0983 \leq x \leq 0.1016$  and  $0.0968 \leq y \leq 0.1034$
  - an error of  $\pm 5\%$  in the value of  $\alpha$  produces errors in  $x$  of up to  $\pm 2\%$  and in  $y$  of up to  $\pm 3\%$
- changing to 
$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y &= 0.3 \\ x + \alpha y &= 0.3 \end{aligned}$$
 where  $\alpha = 0.4 \pm 0.05$  we have 
$$\begin{aligned} x &= 0.3(1 - \alpha) / (1 - 2\alpha) \\ y &= -0.3 / (1 - 2\alpha) \end{aligned}$$
  - so  $0.65 \leq x \leq 1.65$  and  $-3 \leq y \leq -1$ .
  - now an error of  $\pm 12.5\%$  in the value of  $\alpha$  produces errors in  $x$  and  $y$  of up to 100%

# III conditioning

- a small change in  $x - \alpha y = 0$  makes only a small difference
- a large difference for  $x + \alpha y = 0.3$  which is almost parallel





# III conditioning

- one means of identifying the problem comes from looking at the determinant
  - the determinants are small thus the associated equations are nearly singular

e.g.:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0.5001 \end{vmatrix} = 0.0002 \qquad \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0.4999 \end{vmatrix} = -0.0002 \qquad \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0.4 \pm 0.05 \end{vmatrix} = -0.2 \pm 0.1$$

# Summary

- You should be able to
  - work comfortably with matrices
  - calculate matrix determinants and inverses
  - solve linear equations via matrix methods
  - understand the concept of a matrix rank
  - understand the principles of orthogonality and the 4 subspaces
  - determine eigenvalues and eigenvectors
  - determine matrix decompositions