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# Linear Algebra

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# Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- **Definition:** An **eigenvector** of a **square** matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is a **nonzero** vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $Ax = \lambda x$  for some scalar  $\lambda$ .  
In this case,  $\lambda$  is called an **eigenvalue** of  $A$ , and  
such an  $x$  is called an **eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda$** .

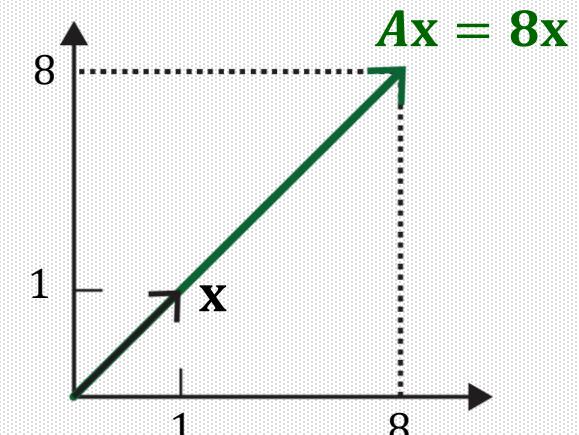
# Transformation Perspective

- Consider a linear transformation  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ .
- If  $\mathbf{x}$  is an eigenvector, then  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ , which means the output vector has **the same direction** as  $\mathbf{x}$ , but the **length** is scaled by a factor of  $\lambda$ .

- **Example:** For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , an eigenvector is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  since

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = 8 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A \quad \mathbf{x} \quad = \quad 8 \quad \mathbf{x}$



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# Computational Advantage

- Which computation is faster between  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $8 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

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# Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- The equation  $Ax = \lambda x$  can be re-written as

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

x zero  
A  
x

- $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  if and only if this equation has a **nontrivial** solution (since  $x$  should be a nonzero vector).

0, x, x, 0, 0가 (eigenvalue)  
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# Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

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

- The set of *all* solutions of the above equation is the **null space** of the matrix  $(A - \lambda I)$ , which we call the **eigenspace** of  $A$  **corresponding to  $\lambda$** .
- The eigenspace consists of the zero vector and all the eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda$ , satisfying the above equation.



# Null Space

- **Definition:** The **null space** of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is the set of all solutions of a homogeneous linear system,  $Ax = 0$ . We denote the null space of  $A$  as  $\text{Nul } A$ .

- For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1^T \\ \mathbf{a}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_m^T \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $x$  should satisfy the following:  
$$\mathbf{a}_1^T x = 0, \mathbf{a}_2^T x = 0, \dots, \mathbf{a}_m^T x = 0$$
- That is,  $x$  should be orthogonal to every row vector in  $A$ .



# Null Space is a Subspace

- **Theorem:** The **null space** of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , denoted as  $\text{Nul } A$  is a **subspace** of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . In other words, the set of all the solutions of a system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- **Note:** An eigenspace thus have a set of **basis vectors** with a **particular dimension**.

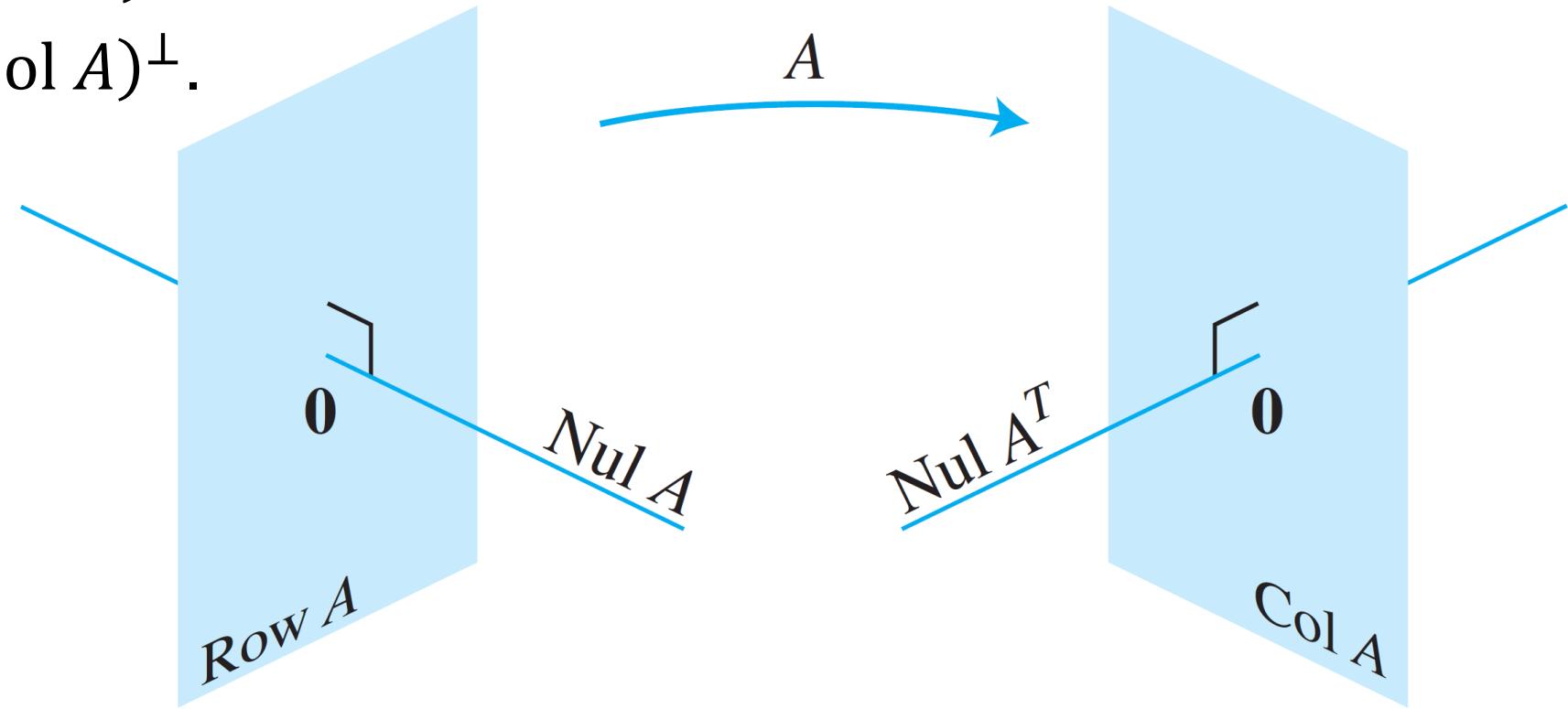


# Orthogonal Complement

- If a vector  $z$  is orthogonal to every vector in a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $z$  is said to be **orthogonal to  $W$** .
- The set of all vectors  $z$  that are orthogonal to  $W$  is called the **orthogonal complement** of  $W$  and is denoted by  $W^\perp$  (and read as “ $W$  perpendicular” or simply “ $W$  perp”).
- A vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is in  $W^\perp$  if and only if  $x$  is orthogonal to every vector in a set that spans  $W$ .
- $W^\perp$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- $\text{Nul } A = (\text{Row } A)^\perp$ .
- Likewise,  $\text{Nul } A^T = (\text{Col } A)^\perp$ .

# Fundamental Subspaces Given by $A$

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- $\text{Nul } A^T = (\text{Col } A)^\perp$ .



**FIGURE 8** The fundamental subspaces determined by an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ .



# Example: Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- **Example:** Show that 8 is an eigenvalue of a matrix

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and find the corresponding eigenvectors.

- **Solution:** The scalar 8 is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if and only if the equation  $(A - 8I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a nontrivial solution:

$$(A - 8I)\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 6 \\ 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

- The solution is  $\mathbf{x} = c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  for any nonzero scalar  $c$ , which is  $\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .



# Example: Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- In the previous example,  $-3$  is also an eigenvalue:

$$(A + 3I)\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

- The solution is  $\mathbf{x} = c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -5/6 \end{bmatrix}$  for any nonzero scalar  $c$ , which is  $\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -5/6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .



# Characteristic Equation

- How can we find the eigenvalues such as 8 and –3?
- If  $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a nontrivial solution, then the columns of  $(A - \lambda I)$  should be noninvertible.
- If it is invertible,  $\mathbf{x}$  cannot be a nonzero vector since
$$(A - \lambda I)^{-1}(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{x} = (A - \lambda I)^{-1}\mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$
- Thus, we can obtain eigenvalues by solving
$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$
called a **characteristic equation**.
- Also, the solution is not unique, and thus  $A - \lambda I$  has linearly dependent columns.



# Example: Characteristic Equation

- In the previous example,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is originally invertible since

$$\det(A) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = 6 - 30 = -24 \neq 0.$$

- By solving the characteristic equation, we want to find  $\lambda$  that makes  $A - \lambda I$  non-invertible:

$$\begin{aligned}\det(A - \lambda I) &= \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 6 \\ 5 & 3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (2 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) - 30 \\ &= -\lambda^2 - 5\lambda - 25 = (8 - \lambda)(-3 - \lambda) = 0 \\ \lambda &= -3 \text{ or } 8\end{aligned}$$



# Example: Characteristic Equation

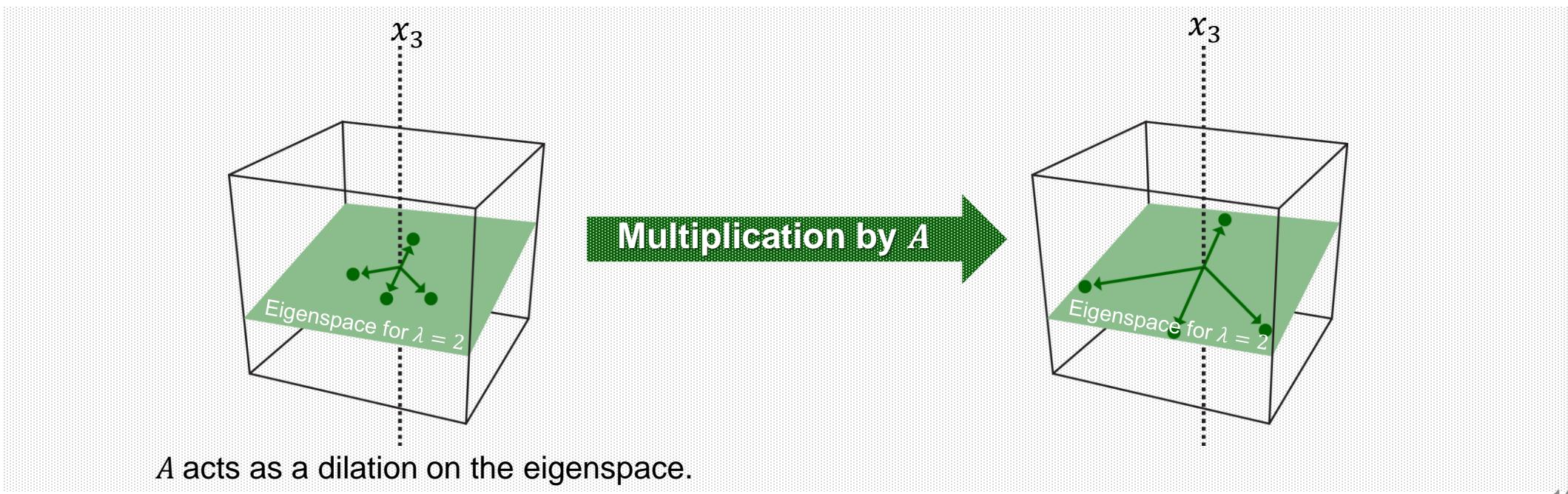
- Once obtaining eigenvalues, we compute the eigenvectors for each  $\lambda$  by solving

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

# Eigenspace

- Note that the dimension of the eigenspace (corresponding to a particular  $\lambda$ ) can be **more than one**. In this case, any vector in the eigenspace satisfies

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$$





# Finding all eigenvalues and eigenvectors

- In summary, we can find all the possible eigenvalues and eigenvectors, as follows.
- First, find all the eigenvalue by solving the **characteristic equation**:

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

- Second, for each eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , solve for  $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  and obtain the set of basis vectors of the corresponding eigenspace.