

# LINEAR ALGEBRA NOTATION

- Vector / Matrix
- Norms
- Solving a set of linear equations  $Ax = b$

# Vectors

- lowercase letters  
(primarily)
- columns
- rows = transpose  
of columns

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

$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  in  $n$  of them  
each element  $x_i$  is a real number

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

# How can you add $n$ numbers?

list:  $X = [1 \ 2 \ 3 \ \dots \ 49]^T$

Option 1: built-in command:  $\text{sum}(X)$

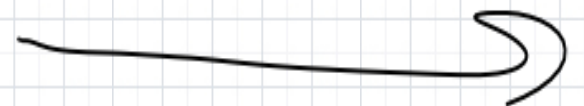
Option 2: Loop

$\text{Sum} = 0;$

for  $ii = 1$  to  $n$

$\text{Sum} = \text{Sum} + X(ii)$

End



# Inner (or dot or scalar) product

$$\underbrace{x^T y} = \underbrace{y^T x} = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k y_k = \langle x, y \rangle = x \cdot y \quad \sim \quad \underline{\text{scalar}}$$

$$(x^T y)^T = y^T x \quad [x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n] \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n$$

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Sum(x)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \underline{x^T \mathbf{1}} = [x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \end{aligned}$$

# Matrices

- Uppercase letters  
(primarily)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ a_{m1} & & & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} i \\ \downarrow \\ m \times n \\ ; A \in \mathbb{R} \end{matrix}$$

Rows
Columns

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} q_1^T \text{---} \\ \text{---} q_2^T \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} q_n^T \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \hat{a}_1 & \hat{a}_2 & \cdots & \hat{a}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

# Vector and Matrix: $Ax = b$

- m simultaneous  
equation

- n unknowns

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ a_{m1} & & & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{n}$

Eqn 1:  $a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$

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Eqn m:  $a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$

# $Ax = b$ : Row and Column Notation

Row

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{--- } a_1^T \text{ ---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{--- } a_m^T \text{ ---} \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T x \\ a_2^T x \\ \vdots \\ a_m^T x \end{bmatrix}$$

Column

$$\begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ \hat{a}_1 & \dots & \hat{a}_n \\ | & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = b$$
$$x_1 \hat{a}_1 + x_2 \hat{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \hat{a}_n = b$$

# Solving $Ax = b$

$$\underline{A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}}$$

$$\underline{b \in \mathbb{R}^m}$$

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

$A$

$$m = n$$

★  $A$  is Full-Rank: Rows & Columns of  $A$  are linearly-independent  
 $\Rightarrow$  Invertible

$$\boxed{x = A^{-1}b} \quad \checkmark$$



# Solving $Ax = b$

-  $A \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $b \in \mathbf{R}^m$  are given

-  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$  is unknown

- if  $A$  is "fat" ( $m < n$ ) - undetermined system

$\Rightarrow$  many solutions

$$\boxed{A} \begin{bmatrix} x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \end{bmatrix}$$

- if  $A$  is "tall" ( $m > n$ ) - overdetermined system

$\Rightarrow$  no solutions

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \end{bmatrix}$$

# 3 Important Norms

- Turn a vector into a constant (compare vectors)

- Euclidean or  $\ell_2$  - Norm

$$\|x\|_2 \text{ or } \|x\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$$

- Sum-absolute-value or  $\ell_1$  - Norm

$$\|x\|^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2$$

- Euclidean or  $\ell_\infty$  - Norm

$$\underline{x^T x = \|x\|^2}$$

# 3 Important Norms

- Sum-absolute-value or  $\ell_1$  - Norm

$$\|x\|_1 = |x_1| + |x_2| + \dots + |x_n|$$

~~- Euclidean or  $\ell_2$  - Norm~~  
Chebyshev - spell?

$$\|x\|_\infty = \max \{ |x_1|, |x_2|, |x_3|, \dots, |x_n| \}$$