

# Some notes on Linear Algebra

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- Basic Operations
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# Vectors, Matrices

• Scalar (1 by 1):  $\alpha$

• Column Vector (m by 1):  $a = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix}$

• Row Vector (1 by n):  $a^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \end{bmatrix}$

• Matrix (m by n):  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \\ a_{13} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix}$

• Matrix **transpose** (n by m):

$$(A^T)_{ij} = (A)_{ji} \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

• A matrix is **symmetric** if  $A = A^T$



# Addition and Scalar Multiplication

- Vector Addition:

$$a + b = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + b_1 \\ a_2 + b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Scalar Multiplication:

$$\alpha b = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha b_1 \\ \alpha b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- These are associative and commutative:

$$A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$$

$$A + B = B + A$$

- Applying them to a set of vectors is called a **linear combination**:

$$c = \alpha_1 b_1 + \alpha_2 b_2 + \dots + \alpha_n b_n$$



# Inner Product

- The **inner product** between vectors of the same length is:

$$a^T b = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \cdots + a_n b_n = \gamma$$

- The inner product is a scalar:

$$(a^T b)^{-1} = 1/(a^T b)$$

- It is commutative and distributive across addition:

$$a^T b = b^T a$$

$$a^T (b + c) = a^T b + a^T c$$

- In general it is not associative (result is not a scalar):

$$a^T (b^T c) \neq (a^T b)^T c$$

- Inner product of non-zero vectors can be zero:

$$a^T b = 0 \quad \text{Here, } a \text{ and } b \text{ are called } \mathbf{orthogonal}$$



# Matrix Multiplication

- We can 'post-multiply' a matrix by a column vector:

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T x \\ a_2^T x \\ a_3^T x \end{bmatrix}$$

- We can 'pre-multiply' a matrix by a row vector:

$$x^T A = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x^T a_1 & x^T a_2 & x^T a_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- In general, we can multiply matrices A and B when the number of columns in A matches the number of rows in B:

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T b_1 & a_1^T b_2 & a_1^T b_3 \\ a_2^T b_1 & a_2^T b_2 & a_2^T b_3 \\ a_3^T b_1 & a_3^T b_2 & a_3^T b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Matrix Multiplication

- Matrix multiplication is associative and distributive across (+):

$$A(BC) = (AB)C$$

$$A(B + C) = AB + AC$$

- In general it is not commutative:

$$AB \neq BA$$

- Transposing product reverses the order (think about dimensions):

$$(AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

- Matrix-vector multiplication always yields a vector:

$$x^T Ay = x^T (Ay) = \gamma = (Ay)^T x = y^T A^T x$$

- Matrix powers don't change the order:  $(AB)^2 = ABAB$



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# Identity Matrix

- The **identity matrix** has 1's on the diagonal and 0's otherwise:

$$I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Multiplication by the identity matrix of the appropriate size yields the original matrix:

$$I_m A = A = A I_n$$

- Columns of the identity matrix are called **elementary vectors**:

$$e_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Triangular/Tridiagonal

- A diagonal matrix has the form:

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \text{diag}(d)$$

- An upper triangular matrix has the form:

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

- 'Triangularity' is closed under multiplication

- A tridiagonal matrix has the form:

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} t_{11} & t_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ t_{21} & t_{22} & t_{23} & 0 \\ 0 & t_{32} & t_{33} & t_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & t_{43} & t_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

- 'Tridiagonality' is lost under multiplication



# Rank-1, Elementary Matrix

- The inner product between vectors is a scalar, the **outer product** between vectors is a **rank-1** matrix:

$$uv^T = \begin{bmatrix} u_1v_1 & u_1v_2 & u_1v_3 \\ u_2v_1 & u_2v_2 & u_2v_3 \\ u_3v_1 & u_3v_2 & u_3v_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The identity plus a rank-1 matrix is called an **elementary matrix**:

$$E = I + \alpha uv^T$$

- These are 'simple' modifications of the identity matrix



# Orthogonal Matrices

- A set of vectors is **orthogonal** if:

$$q_i^T q_j = 0, i \neq j$$

- A set of orthogonal vectors is **orthonormal** if:

$$q_i^T q_i = 1$$

- A matrix with orthonormal columns is called orthogonal
- Square **orthogonal matrices** have a very useful property:

$$Q^T Q = I = Q Q^T$$



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# Linear Combinations

- Given  $k$  vectors, a linear combination of the vectors is:

$$c = \alpha_1 b_1 + \alpha_2 b_2 + \dots + \alpha_n b_n$$

- If all  $\alpha_i = 0$ , the linear combination is **trivial**

- This can be re-written as a matrix-vector product:

$$c = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Conversely, **any matrix-vector product is a linear combination of the columns**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow u \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + v \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Linear Dependence

- A vector is **linearly dependent** on a set of vectors if it can be written as a linear combination of them:

$$c = \alpha_1 b_1 + \alpha_2 b_2 + \dots + \alpha_n b_n$$

- We say that  $c$  is 'linearly dependent' on  $\{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$ , and that the set  $\{c, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$  is 'linearly dependent'
- A set is linearly dependent iff the zero vector can be written as a non-trivial combination:

$$\exists \alpha \neq 0, \text{ s.t. } 0 = \alpha_1 b_1 + \alpha_2 b_2 + \dots + \alpha_n b_n \Rightarrow \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\} \text{ dependent}$$



# Linear Independence

- If a set of vectors is not linearly dependent, we say it is **linearly independent**
- The zero vector cannot be written as a non-trivial combination of independent vectors:

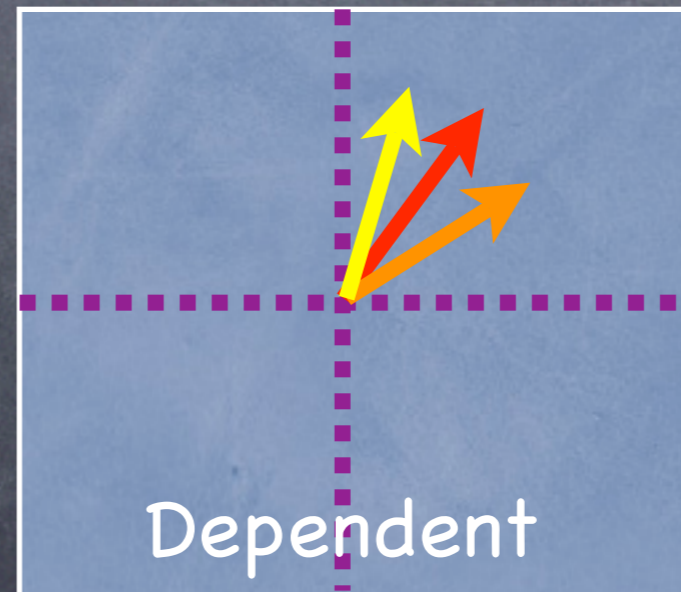
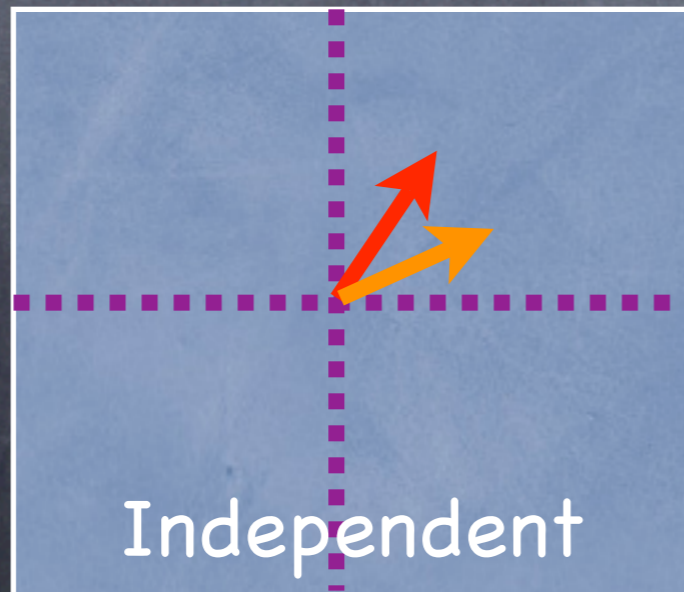
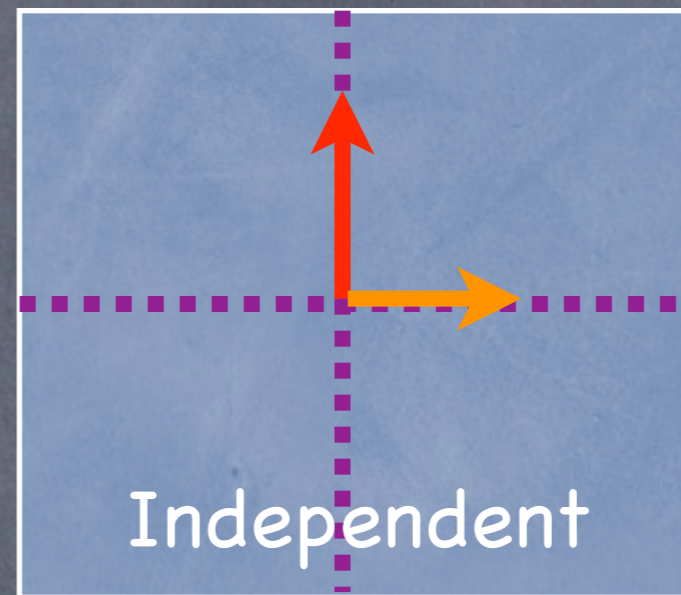
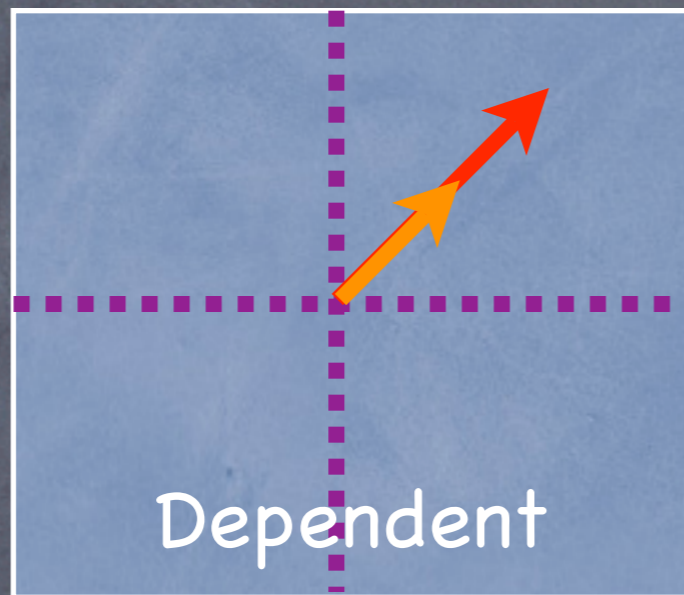
$$0 = \alpha_1 b_1 + \alpha_2 b_2 + \dots + \alpha_n b_n \Rightarrow \alpha_i = 0 \quad \forall_i$$

- A matrix with independent columns has **full column rank**
- In this case,  $Ax=0$  implies that  $x=0$



# Linear [In]Dependence

- Independence in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :





# Vector Space

• A **vector space** is a set of objects called 'vectors', with closed operations 'addition' and 'scalar multiplication' satisfying certain axioms:

1.  $x + y = y + x$
2.  $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$
3. exists a "zero-vector"  $0$  s.t.  $\forall x, x + 0 = x$
4.  $\forall x$ , exists an 'additive inverse'  $-x$ , s.t.  $x + (-x) = 0$
5.  $1x = x$
6.  $(c_1c_2)x = c_1(c_2x)$
7.  $c(x + y) = cx + cy$
8.  $(c_1 + c_2)x = c_1x + c_2x$

• Examples:  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^{mn}$



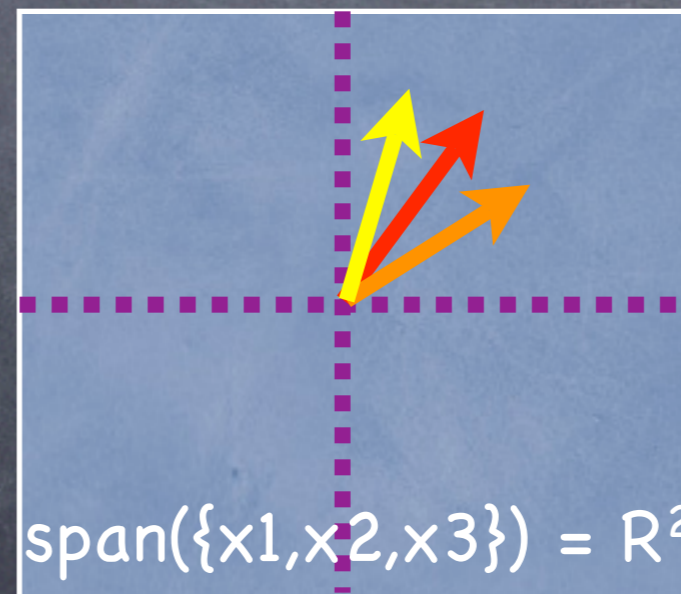
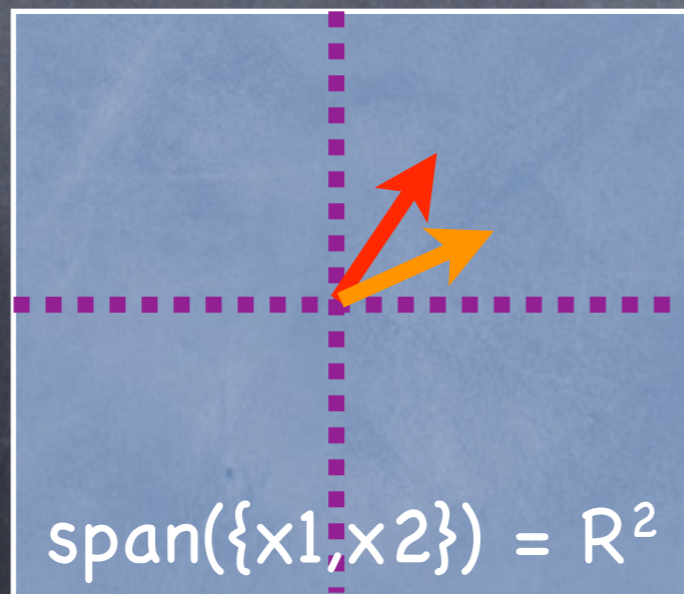
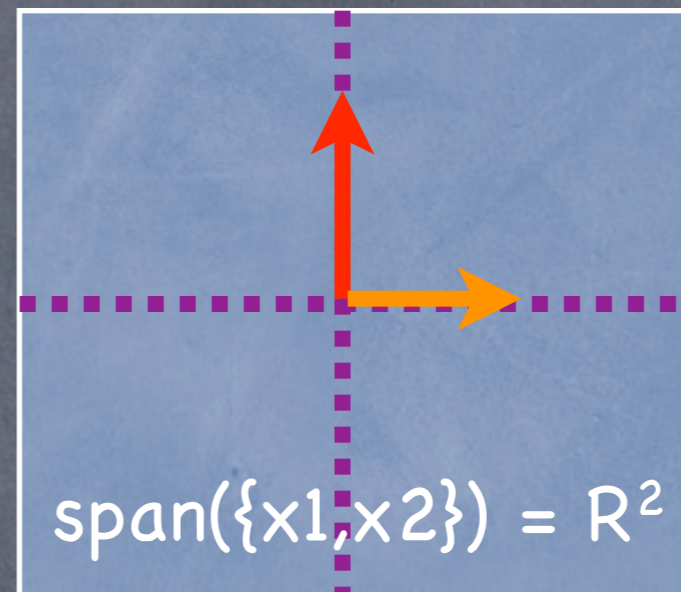
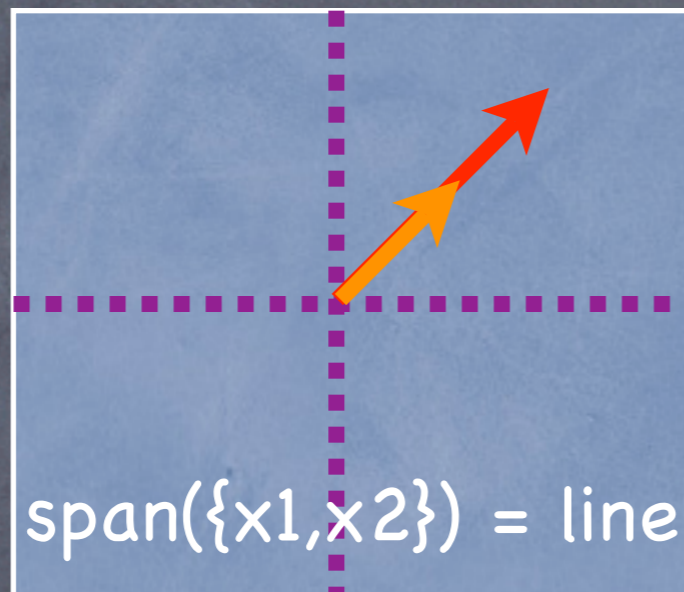
# Subspace

- A (non-empty) subset of a vector space that is closed under addition and scalar multiplication is a **subspace**
- Possible subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :
  - 0 vector (smallest subspace and in all subspaces)
  - any line or plane through origin
  - All of  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- All linear combinations of a set of vectors  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  define a subspace
- We say that the vectors **generate** or **span** the subspace, or that their **range** is the subspace



# Subspace

- Subspaces generated in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

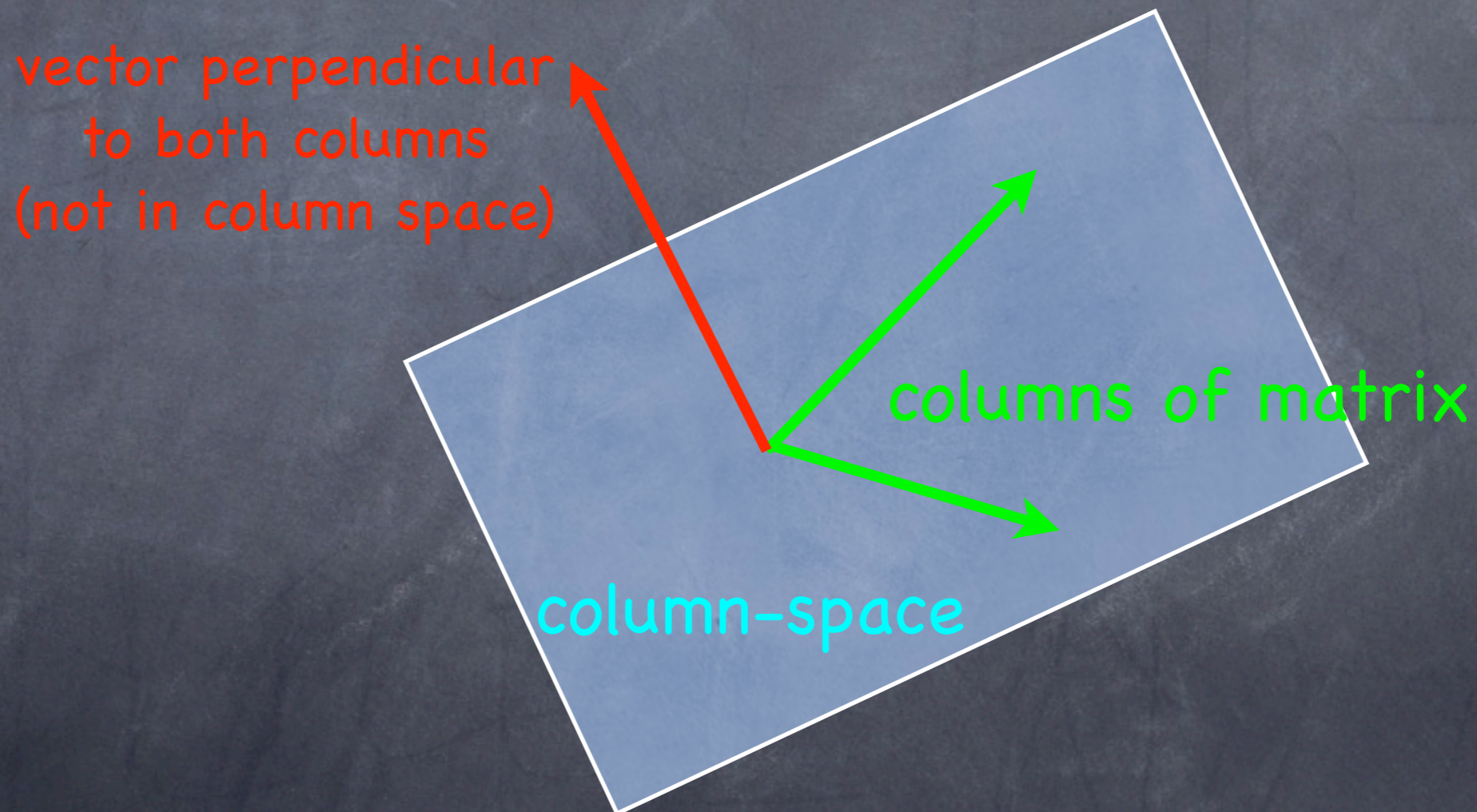




# Column-Space

- The **column-space** (or **range**) of a matrix is the subspace spanned by its columns:

$$\mathcal{R}(A) = \{ \text{All } b \text{ such that } Ax = b \}$$



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- Any product  $Ax$  (and all columns of any product  $AB$ ) must be in the column space of  $A$
- A non-singular square matrix will have  $\mathcal{R}(A) = \mathbb{R}^m$
- We analogously define the **row-space**:

$$\mathcal{R}(A^T) = \{\text{All } b \text{ such that } x^T A = b^T\}$$



# Dimension, Basis

- The vectors that span a subspace are not unique
- However, the **minimum number** of vectors needed to span a subspace is unique
- This number is called the **dimension** or **rank** of the subspace
- A minimal set of vectors that span a space is called a **basis** for the space
- The vectors in a basis must be linearly independent (otherwise, we could remove one and still span space)



# Orthogonal Basis

- Any vector in the subspace can be represented uniquely as a linear combination of the basis
- If the basis is orthogonal, finding the unique coefficients is easy:

$$c = \alpha_1 b_1 + \alpha_2 b_2 + \dots + \alpha_n b_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_1^T c &= \alpha_1 b_1^T b_1 + \alpha_2 b_1^T b_2 + \dots + \alpha_n b_1^T b_n \\ &= \alpha_1 b_1^T b_1 \end{aligned}$$

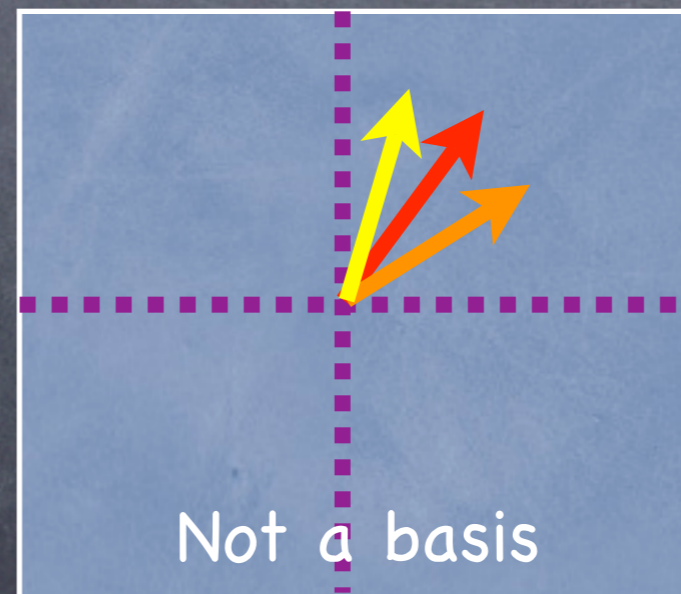
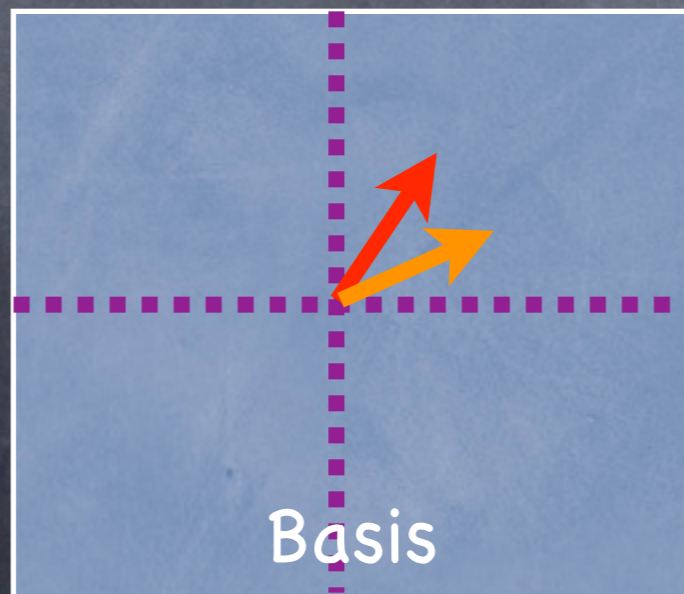
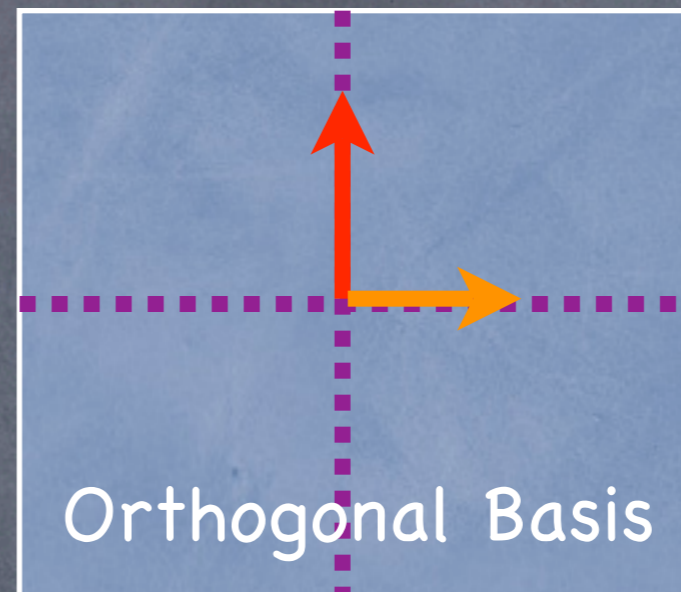
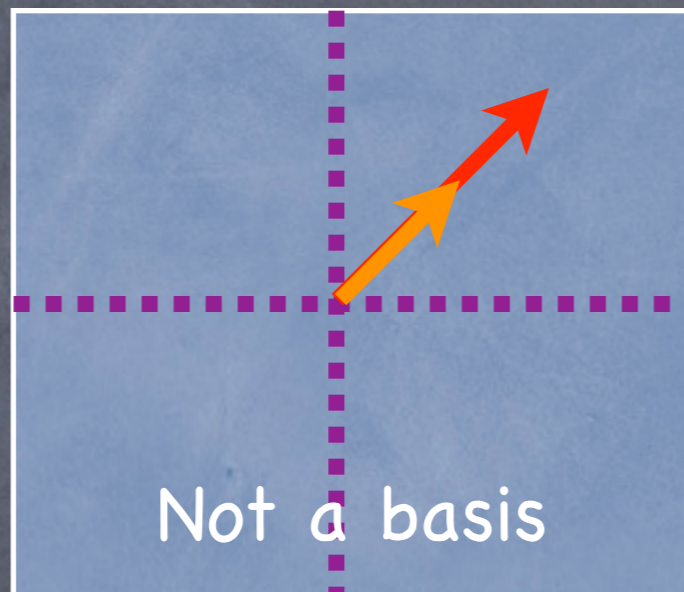
$$\alpha_1 = b_1^T c / b_1^T b_1$$

- The Gram-Schmidt procedure is a way to construct an orthonormal basis.



# Basis

• Basis in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :





# Orthogonal Subspace

- **Orthogonal subspaces:** Two subspaces are orthogonal if every vector in one subspace is orthogonal to every vector in the other
- In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :
  - $\{0\}$  is orthogonal to everything
  - Lines can be orthogonal to  $\{0\}$ , lines, or planes
  - Planes can be orthogonal to  $\{0\}$ , lines (NOT planes)
- The set of ALL vectors orthogonal to a subspace is also a subspace, called the **orthogonal complement**
- Together, the basis for a subspace and its orthogonal complement **span  $\mathbb{R}^n$**
- So if  $k$  is the dimension of the original subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the orthogonal complement has dimension  $n-k$



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# Matrices as Transformation

- Instead of a collection of scalars or (column/row) vectors, a matrix can also be viewed as a **transformation** applied to vectors:

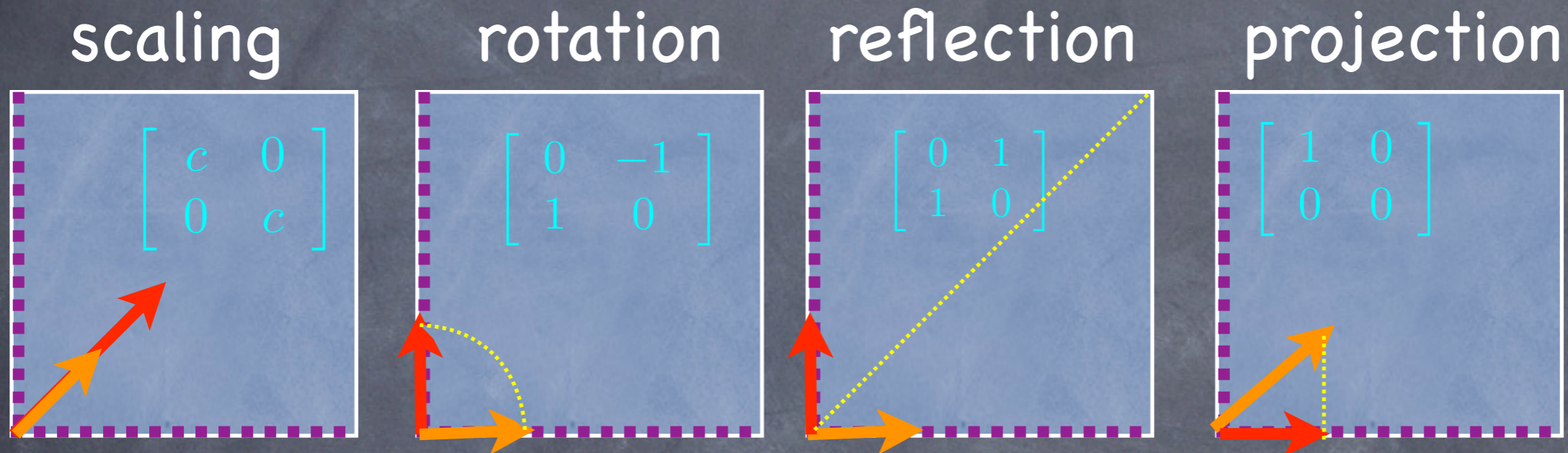
$$T(x) = Ax$$

- The domain of the function is  $\mathbb{R}^m$
- The range of the function is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (the column-space of  $A$ )
- If  $A$  has full column rank, the range is  $\mathbb{R}^n$



# Matrices as Transformation

- Many transformations are possible, for example:



- The transformation must be linear:

$$T(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha T(x) + \beta T(y)$$

- Any linear transformation has a matrix representation



# Null-Space

- A linear transformation can't move the origin:

$$T(0) = A0 = 0$$

- But if  $A$  has linearly dependent columns, there are non-zero vectors that transform to zero:

$$\exists_{x \neq 0} \text{ s.t. } T(x) = Ax = 0$$

- A square matrix with this property is called **singular**
- The set of vectors that transform to zero forms a subspace called the **null-space** of the matrix:

$$\mathcal{N}(A) = \{\text{All } x \text{ such that } Ax = 0\}$$



# Orthogonal Subspaces (again)

- The null-space:

$$\mathcal{N}(A) = \{\text{All } x \text{ such that } Ax = 0\}$$

- Recall the row-space:

$$\mathcal{R}(A^T) = \{\text{All } b \text{ such that } x^T A = b^T\}$$

- The row-Space is orthogonal to Null-Space

- Let  $y$  be in  $\mathcal{R}(A^T)$ , and  $x$  be in  $\mathcal{N}(A)$ :

$$y^T x = z^T Ax = z^T (Ax) = z^T 0 = 0$$



# Fundamental Theorem

- Column-space:  $\mathcal{R}(A) = \{\text{All } b \text{ such that } Ax = b\}$
- Null-space:  $\mathcal{N}(A) = \{\text{All } x \text{ such that } Ax = 0\}$
- Row-space:  $\mathcal{R}(A^T) = \{\text{All } b \text{ such that } x^T A = b^T\}$
- The **Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra** describes the relationships between these subspaces:

$$r = \dim(\mathcal{R}(A)) = \dim(\mathcal{R}(A^T))$$

$$n = r + (n - r) = \dim(\mathcal{R}(A)) + \dim(\mathcal{N}(A))$$

- Row-space is orthogonal complement of null-space
- Full version includes results involving 'left' null-space



# Inverses

- Can we undo a linear transformation from  $Ax$  to  $b$ ?
- We can find the inverse iff  $A$  is square + non-singular (otherwise we either lose information to the null-space or can't get to all  $b$  vectors)
- In this case, the unique **inverse matrix**  $A^{-1}$  satisfies:

$$A^{-1}A = I = AA^{-1}$$

- Some useful identities regarding inverses:

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

$$(\gamma A)^{-1} = \gamma^{-1} A^{-1} \quad (\text{assuming } A^{-1} \text{ and } B^{-1} \text{ exist})$$

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$



# Inverses of Special Matrices

- Diagonal matrices have diagonal inverses:

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad D^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/d_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/d_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/d_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Triangular matrices have triangular inverses:

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Tridiagonal matrices do not have sparse inverses

- Elementary matrices have elementary inverses (same  $uv^T$ ):

$$(I + \alpha uv^T)^{-1} = I + \beta uv^T, \beta = -\alpha / (1 + \alpha u^T v)$$

- The transpose of an orthogonal matrix is its inverse:

$$Q^T Q = I = Q Q^T$$



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# Matrix Trace

- The **trace** of a square matrix is the sum of its diagonals:

$$\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

- It is a linear transformation:

$$\gamma \text{tr}(A + B) = \gamma \text{tr}(A) + \gamma \text{tr}(B)$$

- You can reverse the order in the trace of a product:

$$\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$$

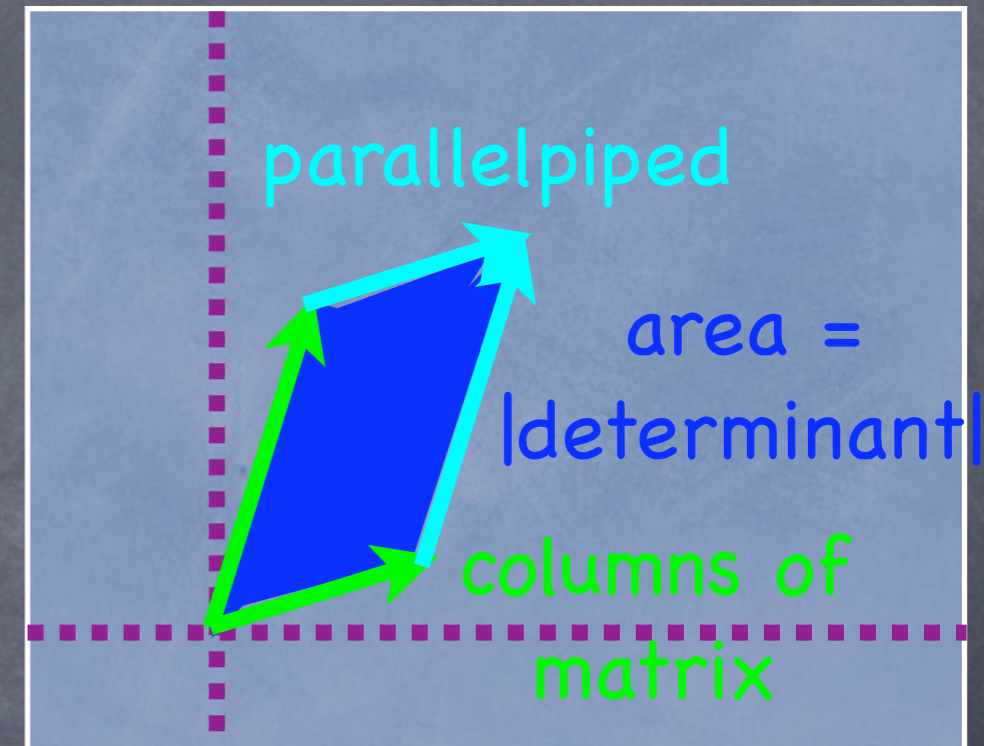
- More generally, it has the cyclic property:

$$\text{tr}(ABC) = \text{tr}(CAB) = \text{tr}(BCA)$$



# Matrix Determinant

- The **determinant** of a square matrix is a scalar number associated with it that has several special properties
- Its absolute value is the volume of the parallelepiped formed from its columns
- $\det(A) = 0$  iff  $A$  is singular
- $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$ ,  $\det(I) = 1$
- $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$ ,  $\det(A^{-1}) = 1/\det(A)$
- exchanging rows changes sign of  $\det(A)$
- Diagonal/triangular: determinant is product(diagonals)
- determinants can be calculated from LU factorization:
  - $A = PLU = \det(P)\det(L)\det(U) = (+/-)\text{prod}(\text{diags}(U))$   
(sign depends on even/odd number of row exchanges)



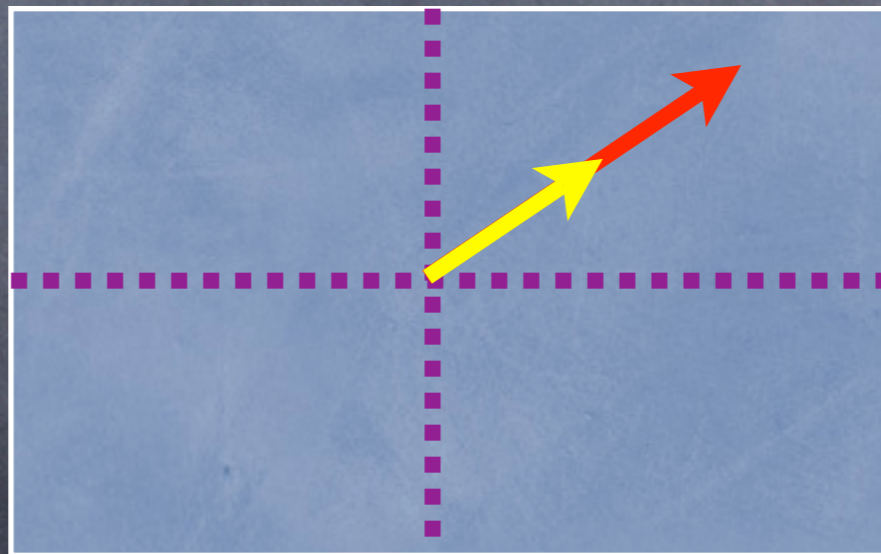


# Eigenvalues

- A scalar lambda is an **eigenvalue** (and  $u$  is an **eigenvector**) of  $A$  if:

$$Au = \lambda u$$

- The eigenvectors are vectors that only change in magnitude, not direction (except sign)



- Multiplication of eigenvector by  $A$  gives exponential growth/decay (or stays in 'steady state' if lambda = 1):

$$AAAAu = \lambda AAAAu = \lambda^2 AAu = \lambda^3 Au = \lambda^4 u$$



# Computation (small A)

- Multiply by I, move everything to LHS:

$$Ax = \lambda x, \quad (A - \lambda I)x = 0$$

- Eigenvector  $x$  is in the null-space of  $(A - \lambda I)$
- Eigenvalues  $\lambda$  make  $(A - \lambda I)$  singular (have a Null-space)
- Computation (in principle):
  - Set up equation  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$  (characteristic poly)
  - Find the roots of the polynomial (eigenvalues)
  - For each root, solve  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$  (eigenvector)
- Problem: In general, no algebraic formula for roots



# Eigenvalues (Properties)

- Eigenvectors are not unique (scaling)
- $\text{sum}(\lambda_i) = \text{tr}(A)$ ,  $\text{prod}(\lambda_i) = \det(A)$ ,  $\text{eigs}(A^{-1}) = 1/\text{eigs}(A)$
- Real matrix can have complex eigenvalues (pairs)

• Eg:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 + 1, \lambda = i, -i$$

- If two matrices have the same eigenvalues, we say that they are **similar**

- For non-singular  $W$ ,  $WAW^{-1}$  is similar to  $A$ :

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

$$AW^{-1}Wx = \lambda x$$

$$WAW^{-1}(Wx) = \lambda(Wx)$$



# Spectral Theorem

- A matrix with  $n$  independent eigenvalues can be diagonalized by a matrix  $S$  containing its eigenvectors

$$S^{-1}AS = \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \lambda_3 & \\ & & & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

- Spectral theorem: for any symmetric matrix:
  - the eigenvalues are real
  - the eigenvectors can be made orthonormal (so  $S^{-1}=S^T$ )
- The maximum eigenvalue satisfies:  $\lambda = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{x^T Ax}{x^T x}$
- The minimum eigenvalue satisfies:  $\lambda = \min_{x \neq 0} \frac{x^T Ax}{x^T x}$
- The spectral radius is eigenvalue with largest absolute value



# Definiteness

• A matrix is called **positive definite** if all eigenvalues are positive

• If this case:  $\forall x \neq 0 \quad x^T A x > 0$

• If the eigenvalues are non-negative, the matrix is called **positive semi-definite** and:

$$\forall x \neq 0 \quad x^T A x \geq 0$$

• Similar definitions hold for negative [semi-]definite

• If A has positive and negative eigenvalues it is **indefinite** ( $x^T A x$  can be positive or negative)



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# Vector Norm

- A **norm** is a scalar measure of a vector's length
- Norms must satisfy three properties:

$$\|x\| \geq 0 \quad (\text{with equality iff } x = 0)$$

$$\|\gamma x\| = |\gamma| \|x\|$$

$$\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\| \quad (\text{the triangle inequality})$$

- The most important norm is the **Euclidean** norm:

$$\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \quad \|x\|_2^2 = x^T x$$

- Other important norms:

$$\|x\|_1 = \sum_i |x_i| \quad \|x\|_\infty = \max_i |x_i|$$



# Cauchy-Schwartz

- Apply law of cosines to triangle formed from  $x$  and  $y$ :

$$\|y - x\|_2^2 = \|y\|_2^2 + \|x\|_2^2 - 2\|y\|_2\|x\|_2 \cos \theta$$

- Use:  $\|y - x\|_2^2 = (y - x)^T (y - x)$

- To get relationship between lengths and angles:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{y^T x}{\|x\|_2 \|y\|_2}$$

- Get **Cauchy-Schwartz inequality** because  $|\cos(\theta)| \leq 1$ :

$$|y^T x| \leq \|x\|_2 \|y\|_2$$

- A generalization is **Holder's inequality**:

$$|y^T x| \leq \|x\|_p \|y\|_q \quad (\text{for } 1/p + 1/q = 1)$$



# Orthogonal Transformations

- Geometrically, an orthogonal transformation is some combination of rotations and reflections
- Orthogonal matrices **preserve lengths and angles:**

$$\|Qx\|_2^2 = x^T Q^T Qx = x^T x = \|x\|_2^2$$

$$(Qx)^T (Qy) = x^T Q^T Qy = x^T y$$



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# Linear Equations

- Given  $A$  and  $b$ , we want to solve for  $x$ :

$$Ax = b \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- This can be given several interpretations:

- By **rows**:  $x$  is the intersection of hyper-planes:

$$2x - y = 1$$

$$x + y = 5$$

- By **columns**:  $x$  is the linear combination that gives  $b$ :

$$x \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Transformation**:  $x$  is the vector transformed to  $b$ :

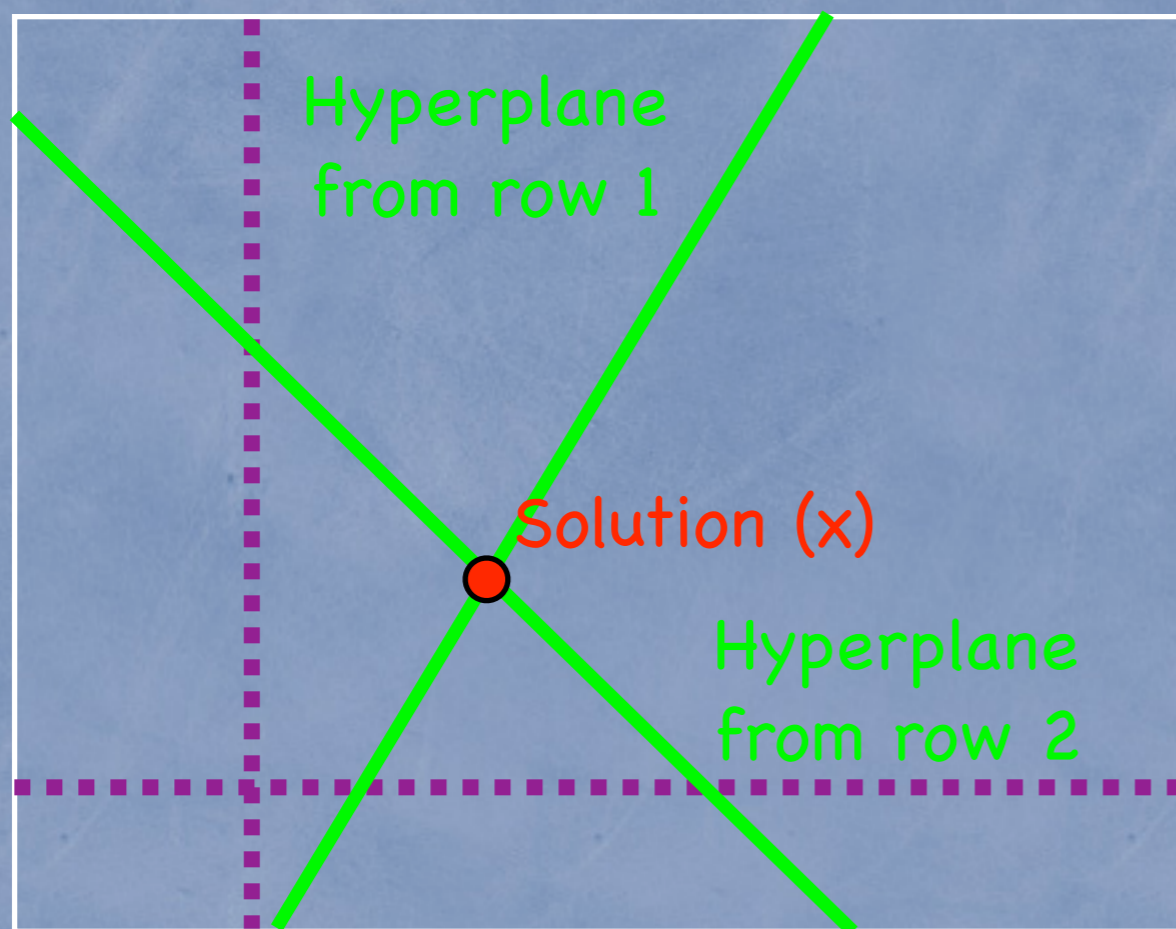
$$T(x) = b$$



# Geometry of Linear Equations

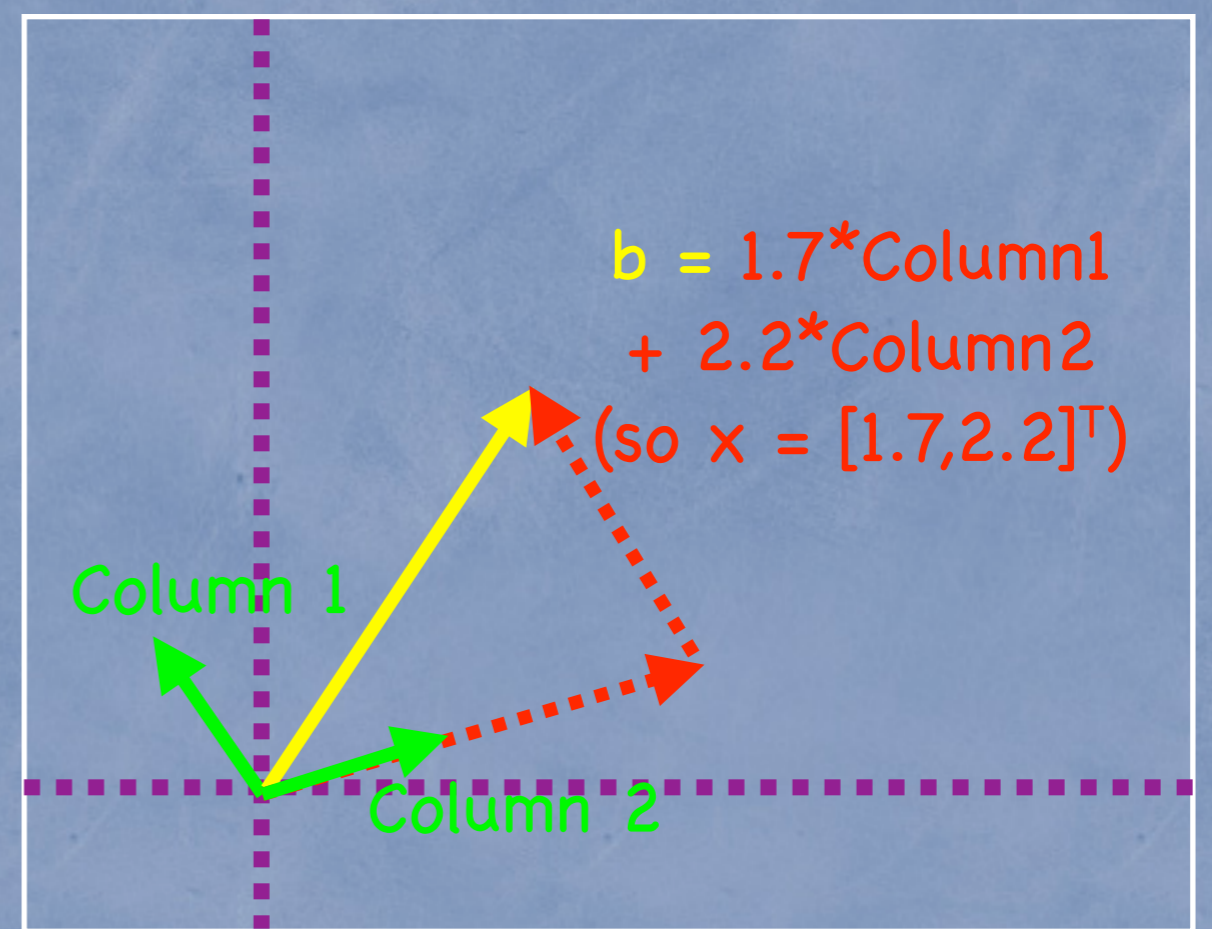
By **Rows**:

Find Intersection of Hyperplanes



By **Columns**:

Find Linear Combination of Columns





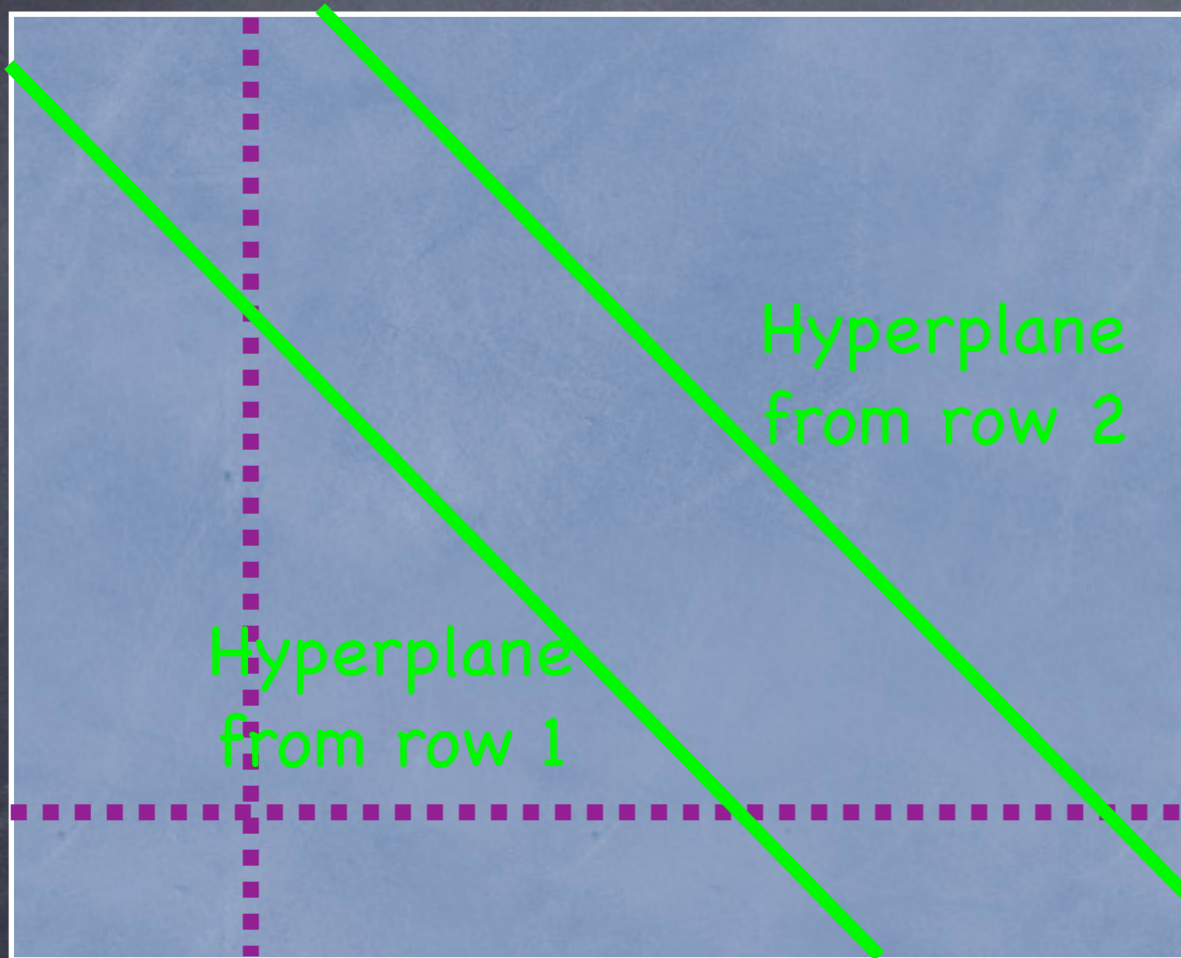
# Solutions to $Ax=b$

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  - Column-space of  $A$  is basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , so there is a unique  $x$  for every  $b$  (ie.  $x = A^{-1}b$ )
- In general, when does  $Ax=b$  have a solution?
  - When  $b$  is in the column-space of  $A$

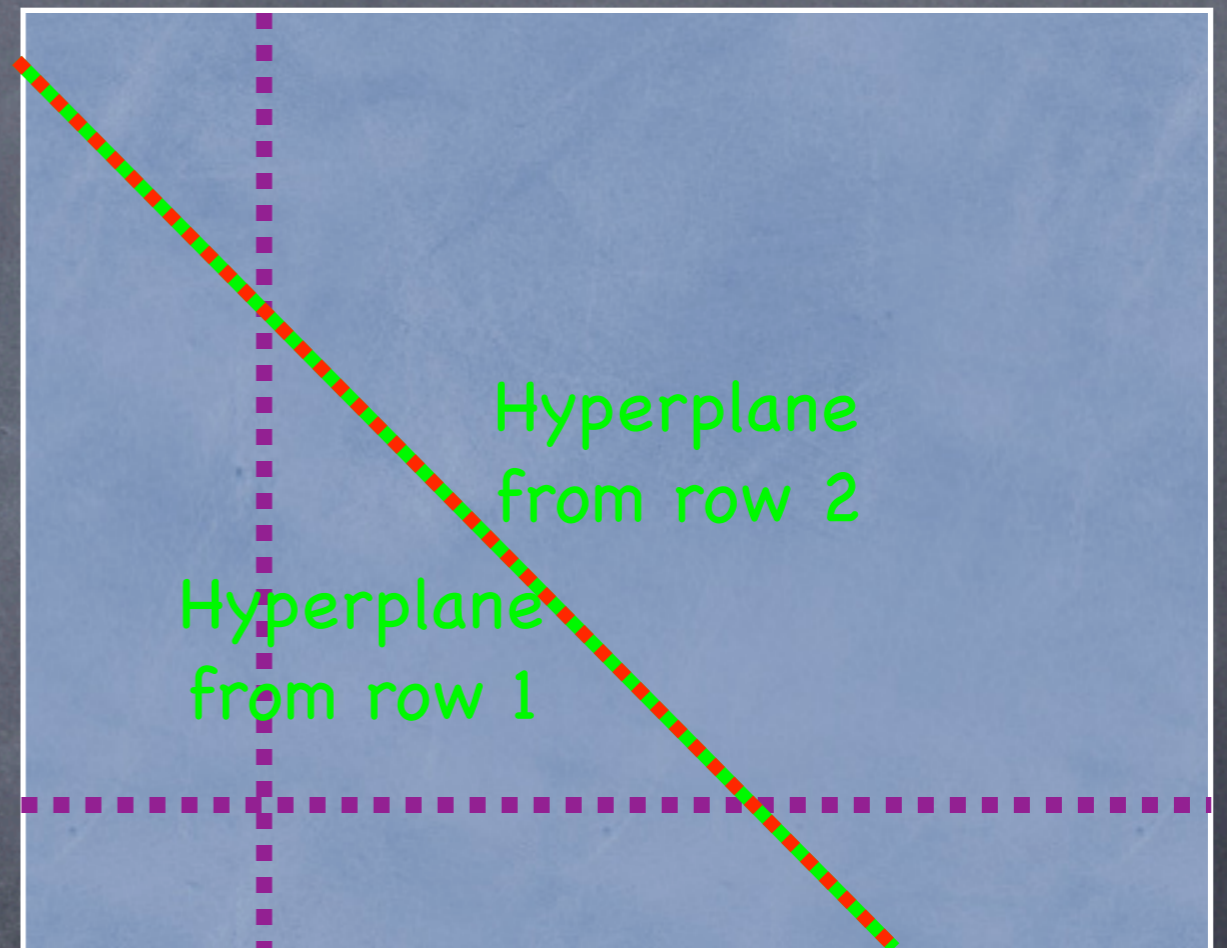


# What can go wrong?

• By Rows:



No Intersection



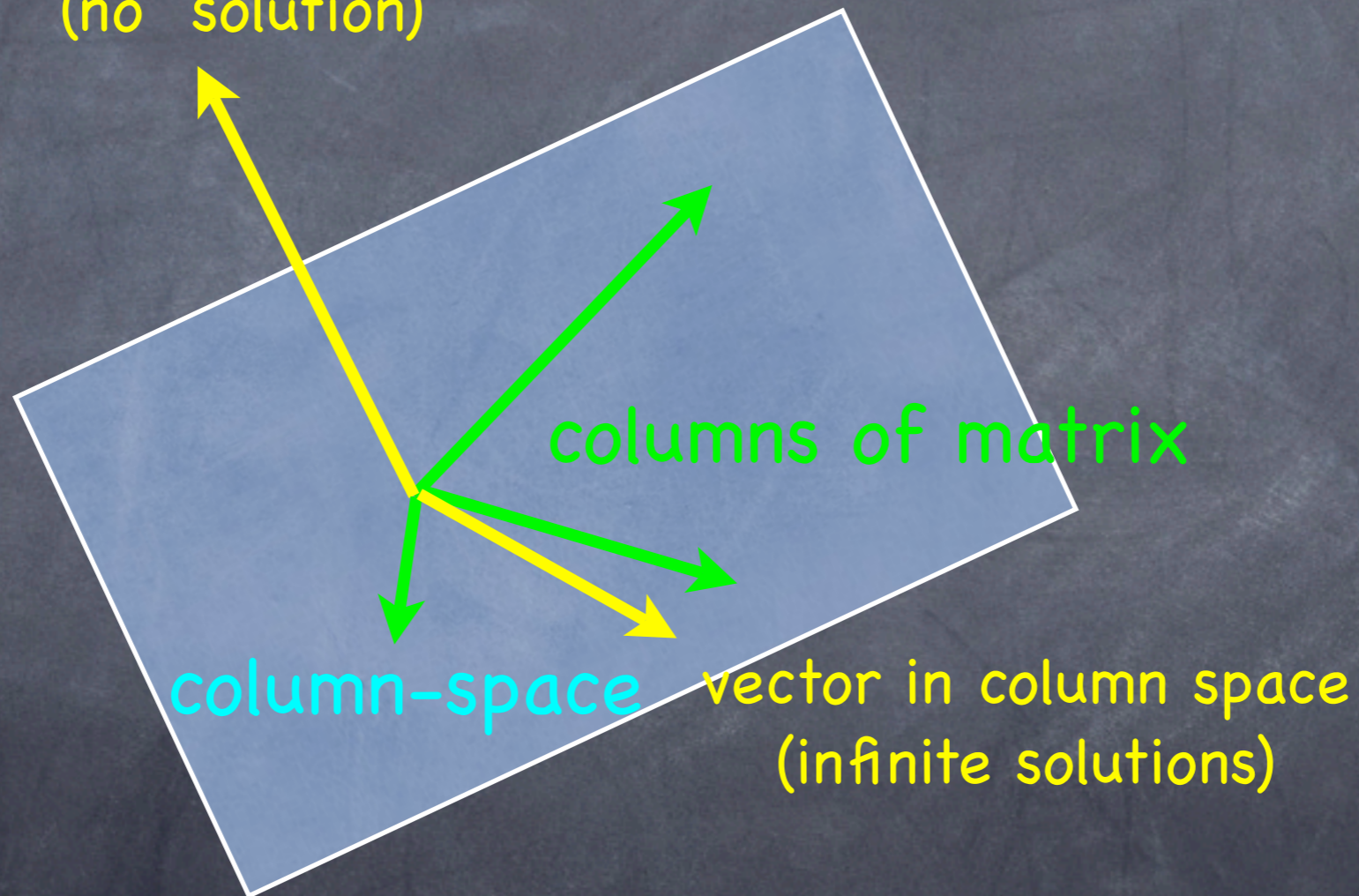
Infinite Intersection



# What can go wrong?

- By Columns:

vector not in column space  
(no solution)





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- In general, when does  $Ax=b$  have a unique solution?
  - When  $b$  is in the column-space of  $A$ , and the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent
  - Note: this can still happen if  $A$  is not square...



# Solutions to $Ax=b$

- This rectangular system has a unique solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $b$  is in the column-space of  $A$  ( $x_1 = 2, x_2 = 3$ )
- columns of  $A$  are independent (no null-space)



# Characterization of Solutions

- If  $Ax=b$  has a solution, we say it is **consistent**
- If it is consistent, then we can find a **particular solution** in the column-space

- But an element of the null-space added to the particular solution will also be a solution:

$$A(x_p + y_n) = Ax_p + Ay_n = Ax_p + 0 = Ax_p = b$$

- So the general solution is:

$$x = (\text{sol'n from col-space}) + (\text{anything in null-space})$$

- By fundamental theorem, independent columns  $\Rightarrow$  trivial null-space (leading to unique solution)



# Triangular Linear Systems

- Consider a square linear system with an upper triangular matrix (non-zero diagonals):

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- We can solve this system bottom to top in  $O(n^2)$

$$u_{33}x_3 = b_3$$

$$x_3 = \frac{b_3}{u_{33}}$$

$$u_{22}x_2 + u_{23}x_3 = b_2$$

$$x_2 = \frac{b_2 - u_{23}x_3}{u_{22}}$$

$$u_{11}x_1 + u_{12}x_2 + u_{13}x_3 = b_1$$

$$x_1 = \frac{b_1 - u_{12}x_2 - u_{13}x_3}{u_{11}}$$

- This is called **back-substitution**  
(there is an analogous method for lower triangular)



# Gaussian Elimination (square)

- Gaussian elimination uses **elementary row operations** to transform a linear system into a triangular system:

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} 2x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & = & 5 \\ 4x_1 & + & -6x_2 & & & = & -2 \\ -2x_1 & + & 7x_2 & + & 2x_3 & = & 9 \end{array}$$



add -2 times first row to second  
add 1 times first row to third

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} 2x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & = & 5 \\ & & -8x_2 & + & -2x_3 & = & -12 \\ & & 8x_2 & + & 3x_3 & = & 14 \end{array}$$



add 1 times second row to third

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} 2x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & = & 5 \\ & & -8x_2 & + & -2x_3 & = & -12 \\ & & & & x_3 & = & 2 \end{array}$$

Diagonals  $\{2, -8, 1\}$  are called the **pivots**




# Gaussian Elimination (square)

- Only one thing can go wrong: 0 in pivot position

Non-Singular Case

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & = & b_1 \\ 2x_1 & + & 2x_2 & + & 5x_3 & = & b_2 \\ 4x_1 & + & 6x_2 & + & 8x_3 & = & b_3 \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & = & \dots \\ & & & & 3x_3 & = & \dots \\ & & 2x_2 & + & 4x_3 & = & \dots \end{array}$$

 Fix with row exchange

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & = & \dots \\ & & 2x_2 & + & 4x_3 & = & \dots \\ & & & & 3x_3 & = & \dots \end{array}$$

Singular Case

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & = & \dots \\ 2x_1 & + & 2x_2 & + & 5x_3 & = & \dots \\ 4x_1 & + & 4x_2 & + & 8x_3 & = & \dots \end{array}$$


$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & = & \dots \\ & & & & 3x_3 & = & \dots \\ & & & & 4x_3 & = & \dots \end{array}$$

Can't make triangular...



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# LU factorization

- Each elimination step is equivalent to multiplication by a lower triangular elementary matrix:

E: add -2 times first row to second

$$EA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- So Gaussian elimination takes  $Ax=b$  and pre-multiplies by elementary matrices  $\{E,F,G\}$  until  $GFEA$  is triangular

F: add 1 times first row to third

G: add 1 times second row to third

$$GFEA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# LU factorization

- We'll use  $U$  to denote the upper triangular GFEA
- Note:  $E^{-1}F^{-1}G^{-1}U = A$ , we'll use  $L$  for  $E^{-1}F^{-1}G^{-1}$ , so  $A = LU$
- $L$  is lower triangular:
  - inv. of elementary is elementary w/ same vectors:

$$EE^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

- product of lower triangular is lower triangular:

$$E^{-1}F^{-1}G^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# LU for Non-Singular

- So we have  $A=LU$ , and linear system is  $LUx = b$
- After compute  $L$  and  $U$ , we can solve a non-singular system:
  - $x = U \setminus (L \setminus b)$  (where  $\setminus$  means back-substitution)
- Cost:  $\sim(1/3)n^3$  for factorization,  $\sim n^2$  for substitution
- Solve for different  $b'$ :  $x = U \setminus (L \setminus b')$  (no re-factorization)
- If the pivot is 0 we perform a row exchange with a permutation matrix:

$$PA = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Notes on LU

- Diagonals of  $L$  are 1 but diagonals of  $U$  are not:
  - $LDU$  factorization: divide pivots out of  $U$  to get diagonal matrix  $D$  ( $A=LDU$  is unique)
- If  $A$  is symmetric and positive-definite:  $L=U^T$ 
  - **Cholesky** factorization ( $A = LL^T$ ) is faster:  $\sim(1/6)n^3$
  - Often the fastest check that symmetric  $A$  is positive-definite
- LU is faster for band-diagonal matrices:  $\sim wn^2$   
(diagonal:  $w=1$ , tri-diagonal:  $w=2$ )
- $LU$  is not optimal, current best:  $O(n^{2.376})$



# QR Factorization

- LU factorization uses lower triangular elementary matrices to make  $A$  triangular
- The **QR factorization** uses orthogonal elementary matrices to make  $A$  triangular
- Householder transformation:
$$H = I - \frac{1}{\beta}ww^T, \beta = \frac{1}{2}\|w\|_2^2$$
- Because orthogonal transformations preserve length, QR can give more numerically stable solutions



# Spectral Decomposition

- Any symmetric matrix can be written as:

$$A = Q\Lambda Q^T = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i q_i q_i^T$$

- Where  $Q$  contains the orthonormal eigenvectors and  $\Lambda$  is diagonal with the eigenvalues as elements
- This can be used to 'diagonalize' the matrix:

$$Q^T A Q = \Lambda$$

- It is also useful for computing powers:

$$A^3 = Q\Lambda Q^T Q\Lambda Q^T Q\Lambda Q^T = Q\Lambda\Lambda\Lambda Q^T = Q\Lambda^3 Q^T$$



# Spectral Decomposition and SVD

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- Where  $Q$  contains the orthonormal eigenvectors and  $\Lambda$  is diagonal with the eigenvalues as elements

- Any matrix can be written as:

$$A = U\Sigma V^T = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$$

- Where  $U$  and  $V$  have orthonormal columns and  $\Sigma$  is diagonal with the 'singular' values as elements (square roots of eigenvalues of  $A^T A$ )



# Singular/Rectangular System

- The general solution to  $Ax=b$  is given by transforming  $A$  to **echelon** form:

Basic Variables (pivot)  $U =$   $\begin{bmatrix} \otimes & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \otimes & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \otimes & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \otimes \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  Free Variables (no pivot)

- 1. Solve with **free variables** 0:  $x_{part}$  (one solution to  $Ax=b$ )
  - If this fails,  $b$  is not in the column-space
- 2. Solve with **free variables**  $e_i$ :  $x_{hom(i)}$  (basis for nullspace)
- 3. Full set of solutions:  $x = x_{part} + \sum \beta_i x_{hom(i)}$   
(any solution) = (one solution) + (anything in null-space)



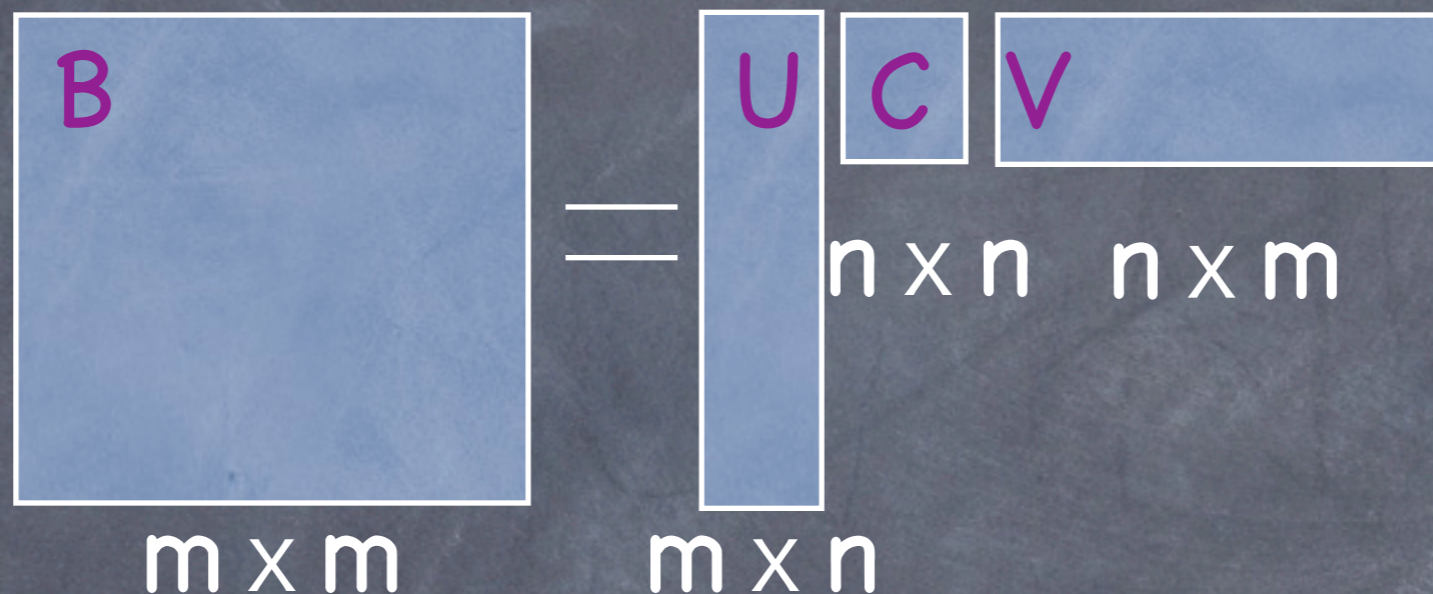
# Pseudo-Inverse

- When  $A$  is non-singular,  $Ax=b$  has the unique solution  $x=A^{-1}b$
- When  $A$  is non-square or singular, the system may be incompatible, or the solution might not be unique
- The **pseudo-inverse** matrix  $A^+$ , is the unique matrix such that  $x=A^+b$  is the vector with minimum  $\|x\|_2$  that minimizes  $\|Ax-b\|_2$
- It can be computed from the SVD:
$$A^+ = V\Omega U^T, \Omega = \text{diag}(\omega), \omega_i = \begin{cases} 1/\sigma_i & \text{if } \sigma_i \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } \sigma_i = 0 \end{cases}$$
- If  $A$  is non-singular,  $A^+ = A^{-1}$



# Inversion Lemma

- Rank-1 Matrix:  $uv^T$  (all rows/cols are linearly dependent)
- Low-rank representation of  $m \times m$  matrix:  $B = UCV$



- Sherman-Morrison-Woodbury **Matrix inversion Lemma**:
  - $(A + UCV)^{-1} = A^{-1} - A^{-1}U(C^{-1} + VA^{-1}U)^{-1}VA^{-1}$
  - If you know  $A^{-1}$ , invert  $(n \times n)$  instead of  $(m \times m)$  (ie. useful if  $A$  is diagonal or orthogonal)



# Some topics not covered

- Perturbation theory, condition number, least squares
- Differentiation, quadratic functions, Wronskians
- Computing eigenvalues, Krylov subspace methods
- Determinants, general vector spaces, inner-product spaces
- Special matrices (Toeplitz, Vandermonde, DFT)
- Complex matrices (conjugate transpose, Hermitian/unitary)