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# 1 Basic definitions

## 1.1 Matrices and Vectors

A matrix is an array of numbers organized in rows and columns.

$A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R})$  is an (n,m)-matrix. It has n rows and m columns.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix}$$

A vector can be seen as a degenerated matrix — a matrix with only one column. Conversely, a matrix with m columns is formed by m column vectors.

$\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector.

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$$

## 1.2 Operations on Matrices and Vectors

### 1.2.1 Addition

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $B \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R})$ , two matrices with the same dimensions. Then, one can define the function

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{M}_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R}) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R}) \\ (A, B) &\longrightarrow A + B \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$\mathbf{A+B} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1m} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \cdots & b_{nm} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & a_{12} + b_{12} & \cdots & a_{1m} + b_{1m} \\ a_{21} + b_{21} & a_{22} + b_{22} & \cdots & a_{2m} + b_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} + b_{n1} & a_{n2} + b_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nm} + b_{nm} \end{bmatrix}$$

### 1.2.2 Multiplication by a scalar

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then one can define the function

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{M}_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R}) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R}) \\ (\lambda, A) &\longrightarrow \lambda \cdot A \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$\lambda \mathbf{A} = \lambda * \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \times a_{11} & \lambda \times a_{12} & \cdots & \lambda \times a_{1m} \\ \lambda \times a_{21} & \lambda \times a_{22} & \cdots & \lambda \times a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda \times a_{n1} & \lambda \times a_{n2} & \cdots & \lambda \times a_{nm} \end{bmatrix}$$

### 1.2.3 Multiplication of matrices

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $B \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times p}(\mathbb{R})$  two matrices. Note that the number of columns in A is equal the number of rows in B. Then, the function:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{M}_{m \times p}(\mathbb{R}) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{n \times p}(\mathbb{R}) \\ (A, B) &\longrightarrow AB \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$\mathbf{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1m} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \cdots & b_{nm} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{k=1}^m a_{1k}b_{k1} & \sum_{k=1}^m a_{1k}b_{k2} & \cdots & \sum_{k=1}^m a_{1k}b_{kp} \\ \sum_{k=1}^m a_{2k}b_{k1} & \sum_{k=1}^m a_{2k}b_{k2} & \cdots & \sum_{k=1}^m a_{2k}b_{kp} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_{k=1}^m a_{nk}b_{k1} & \sum_{k=1}^m a_{nk}b_{k2} & \cdots & \sum_{k=1}^m a_{nk}b_{kp} \end{bmatrix}$$

In sum, element (i,j) in AB is  $\sum_{k=1}^m a_{ik}b_{kj}$ .

### 1.2.4 Transposition

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $A^T$  is obtained by switching the rows and columns indices of A. Hence,  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$

$$\mathbf{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{n1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1m} & a_{2m} & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that the following equalities hold:

- $(A^T)^T = A$ .
- $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$ .
- $(\lambda A)^T = \lambda \cdot A^T$
- $(A \times B)^T = B^T \times A^T$ .

**Exercise:** Let  $u \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Compute  $u^T v$  and  $vu^T$ . How about  $uv$ ?

### 1.2.5 Trace

The trace of a squared matrix is the sum of its diagonal elements. Note that a trace is solely defined for squared matrix.

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ .

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

**Example:**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 7 & 1 & 15 & 12 \\ 6 & 0 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Tr(A) = 1 + 1 + 15 + 0 = 17.$$

### 1.3 Some special matrices

1. A *diagonal matrix* is such that  $a_{ij} = 0, \forall i \neq j$ .
2. An *upper-triangular matrix* is such that  $a_{ij} = 0, \forall i > j$ .

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1m} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix}$$

3. A *lower-triangular matrix* is such that  $a_{ij} = 0, \forall i < j$ .

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

4. The *identity matrix* is a diagonal matrix where  $a_{ii} = 1, \forall i$ .
5. An *idempotent matrix* is a matrix  $A$  such that  $A^2 = AA = A$ .
6. An *involution matrix* is a matrix  $A$  such that  $A^2 = I$ .
7. A *symmetric matrix* is a matrix  $A$  such that  $A = A^T$ .
8. An *antisymmetric matrix* is a matrix  $A$  such that  $A = -A^T$ .
9. An *orthonormal matrix* is a matrix  $A$  such that  $AA^T = I$
10. A *positive semi-definite matrix* is a symmetric matrix such that,  $\forall u \in \mathbb{R}^n, 0 \leq u^T Au$ .
11. A *positive definite matrix* is a symmetric matrix such that,  $\forall u \in \mathbb{R}^n, 0 < u^T Au$ .

## 2 Vector space

### 2.1 Inner Product and Norms

Let  $E$  be a set of vectors. If  $E$  is closed under addition and multiplication by a scalar, we say that  $E$  is a vector space. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector space.

**Exercise:** Check that  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is indeed a vector space.

One can provide the vector space with additional structure, in order to relate two vectors to one another.

An inner-product is a bi-linear (linear in all its components) semi-definite form. It maps two vectors to a scalar.

Let's define the dot product, an inner-product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(u, v) \longrightarrow u^T v = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i$$

The following facts hold:

- For  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle$ .
- For  $t \in \mathbb{R}^n$   $\langle u, v + t \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle + \langle u, t \rangle$ .
- For  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\langle \lambda_1 \cdot u, \lambda_2 \cdot v \rangle = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \langle u, v \rangle$ .
- If  $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$ , the vectors  $u$  and  $v$  are orthogonal.

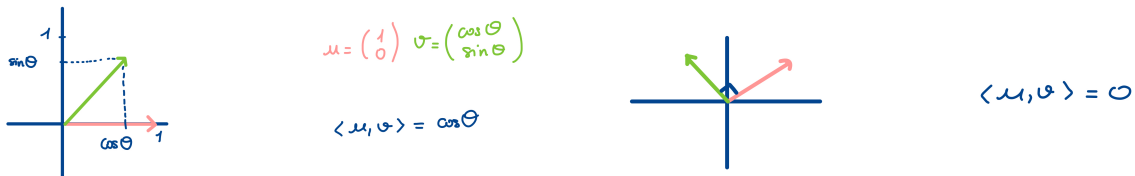


Figure 1: The dot product relates to the angle formed by the vectors.

We can derive the Euclidean norm from the dot product:

$$\|\cdot\|_2 : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$u \longrightarrow \sqrt{\langle u, u \rangle} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2}$$

The Euclidean norm is an intuitive concept. It is the geometric distance we are used to in 2D. Yet, other norms exist. Formally, a norm is a function that is positive, positive definite (the only vector such that the norm is null is the zero vector), absolutely homogeneous and that satisfies the triangular inequality.

$\forall p$ , the following defines a norm:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\cdot\|_p : \mathbb{R}^n &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ u &\longrightarrow \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |u_i|^p\right)^{1/p} \end{aligned}$$

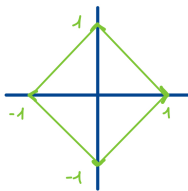
. Further, the infinity norm is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\cdot\|_\infty : \mathbb{R}^n &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ u &\longrightarrow \max_i u_i \end{aligned}$$

$(\mathbb{R}^n, \|\cdot\|_p)$  is then a normed vector space.

The choice of the norm will “shape” the space’s objects. To see this, let us visualize the unit circle in  $(\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_p)$  for  $p = 1, 2$  and  $\infty$ . The unit circle is a sub-space of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that contains the vectors such that  $\|\cdot\|_p = 1$ .

Let  $\mathcal{C}_p = \{u \in \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ s.t. } \|u\|_p = 1\}$ .

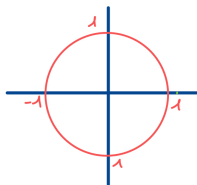


$$\mathcal{C}_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mid |x| + |y| = 1 \right\}$$

$$* \text{ For } x, y > 0, \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{C}_1 \Leftrightarrow y = 1 - x$$

$$* \text{ For } x < 0, y > 0 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{C}_1 \Leftrightarrow y = 1 + x$$

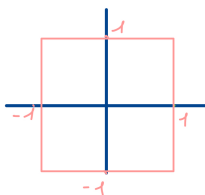
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$$\mathcal{C}_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mid \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = 1 \right\}$$

$$* \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{C}_2 \Leftrightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

*equation of  
a circle with  
unit radius*



$$\mathcal{C}_\infty = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mid \max(|x|, |y|) = 1 \right\}$$

## 2.2 Family of Vectors and Basis

Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{u_1, \dots, u_p\}$  be a family of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

$\mathcal{F}$  **spans** a space if and only if any vector of this space can be written as a linear combination of the vectors in the family. That is, the family  $\mathcal{F}$  of vectors in space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if and only if:

$$\forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n \exists \{c_1, \dots, c_p\} \text{ s.t. } v = c_1 u_1 + \dots + c_p u_p$$

.

The vectors in  $\mathcal{F}$  **are linearly independent** if and only if no vector in the family can be expressed as a linear combination of the others. That is, the vectors in  $\mathcal{F}$  are linearly independent if and only if:

$$\forall \{c_1, \dots, c_p\} \text{ s.t. } c_1 u_1 + \dots + c_p u_p = [0 \dots 0]^T \implies c_1 = \dots = c_p = 0$$

.

A family of vectors  $\mathcal{F}$  that is linearly independent and that spans a vector space is a **basis** of this vector space.

Further, if each pair  $(u_i, u_j)$  of vector in  $\mathcal{F}$  verifies:  $\langle u_i, u_j \rangle = 0$ , the basis is orthogonal. In addition, if  $\|u_i\| = 1$  for all  $i$ , the basis is orthonormal.

**Examples:** Let  $n = 2$ . Let's define

$$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The family  $\{e_1, e\}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^2$  since we can express any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  as a linear combination of  $e_1$  and  $e$ . Further, the vectors are linearly independent, since:  $c_1 e_1 + c_2 e = 0 \implies [c_1 + c_2, c_2] = [0, 0] \implies c_1 = c_2 = 0$ .  $\{e_1, e\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  but it is not an orthogonal basis.
- The family  $\{e_1, e_2\}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and is linearly independent. It is an orthonormal basis.
- The family does not span  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , since the vector  $e_2$ , for instance, cannot be expressed as a linear combination of the vectors in the family. The vectors are obviously not linearly independent.
- The family  $\{e_1, e_2, e\}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , but it is not linearly independent because  $e = e_1 + e_2$ .

### 3 Matrices as linear transformations

#### 3.1 Matrix Rank

Let's go back to our matrices. Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times m}(\mathbb{R})$ .

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \cdots & | \\ v_1 & v_2 & \cdots & v_m \\ | & | & \cdots & | \end{bmatrix}$$

where vector  $v_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is A's  $i$ th column.

The **rank** of A is the number of linearly independent columns of A. A is full-ranked if  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ .

**Examples:**

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\text{rank}(A_1) = 2$ .  $A_1$  is full-ranked.
- $\text{rank}(A_2) = 1$ .
- $\text{rank}(A_3) = 2$ .

#### 3.2 Matrix and its Linear Form

Let's work in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $f$  be a linear transformation, defined as follow:

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that if one defines:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

one can re-write:

$$f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{bmatrix}$$

$f$  and  $A$  are canonically associated. In other words, a matrix  $A$  is always associated with a linear transformation.

In fact,  $A$  is simply the expression of the projection of  $f$  on the canonical basis.

Indeed, let  $\mathcal{B} = (e_1, e_2)$  be the canonical base of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .  $\exists(a, b)$  such that  $f(e_1) = ae_1 + be_2$  since  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis. Similarly,  $\exists(c, d)$  such that  $f(e_2) = ce_1 + de_2$ . The matrix  $A$  is simply the matrix formed by the coefficients of  $f(e_i)$  expressed as a linear combination of  $e_1, e_2$ .



Type	Linear Function	Plot	Matrix
Identity	$f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$		$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
Stretching	$f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 5x \\ 5y \end{bmatrix}$		$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$
Reflection	$f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ x \end{bmatrix}$		$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
Projection	$f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$		$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
Rotation of $\frac{\pi}{2}$	$f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} -y \\ x \end{bmatrix}$		$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Examples:

Let  $E(A) = \{f(x) = Ax \text{ s.t. } x \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$  the space induced by the linear transformation  $f$ . The dimension of the induced space is equal to the matrix  $A$ 's rank.

### 3.3 Determinant of a Matrix

The determinant of  $A$  is related to the volume scaling factor of the linear form canonically associated with  $A$ .

- If  $D$  is diagonal,  $Det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$ .
- If  $T$  is triangular,  $Det(T) = \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$ .
- Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $Det(A) = |ad - bc|$ .

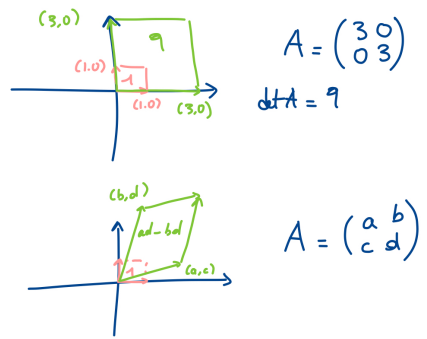


Figure 2: Determinant as a volume

**Examples:**

- $\text{Det}(A_1) = 1$
- $\text{Det}(A_2) = 0$
- $\text{Det}(A_3) = 0$

## 4 Matrix Inversion

### 4.1 Inversion Theorem

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ .  $B \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  is the inverse of  $A$  if and only if  $AB = BA = I_n$  where  $I_n$  is the identity matrix of size  $n$ .

If  $B$  exists, it is unique, and one writes  $B = A^{-1}$ .

The following statements are equivalent:

1.  $A$  is invertible
2.  $\text{Det}(A) \neq 0$
3.  $\text{rank}(A) = n$

#### Examples:

- $\text{Rank}(A_1) = 2$ . Further,  $\text{Det}(A_1) = 1$ .  $A_1$  is invertible.

$$A_1 * A_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+c & b+d \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

. Hence,

$$A_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\text{Rank}(A_2) = 1$  and  $\text{Det}(A_2) = 0$ . Hence,  $A_2$  is not invertible.

### 4.2 Properties

- $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$
- $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$
- If  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible, then:  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$
- $\text{Det}(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\text{Det}(A)}$
- Let  $U$  be an orthonormal matrix (remember, that is  $UU^T = I$ ). Hence, one sees that  $U$  is orthonormal if and only if  $U^{-1} = U^T$ . Note that all the columns of  $U$  are orthonormal.

## 5 Matrix reduction

As we have seen, a squared matrix  $A$  of size  $n$  represents a linear transformation in the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We have also seen that one vector space has many different possible bases. Can we find a basis  $\mathcal{B}$  in which  $A$  is *well-behaved* — that is, in which  $A$  is diagonal? If so, we say that  $A$  is diagonalizable and

$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} * & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & * & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & * \end{bmatrix} = D$$

More precisely,  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if  $\exists P \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , that is  $P^{-1}AP$  is diagonal.

We will explore hereafter the cases where  $A$  is diagonalizable and we will identify the diagonal values.

### 5.1 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ .  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if there exists  $u \in \mathbb{R}^2$  non-null such that  $Au = \lambda u$ . Then,  $u$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

$Ax = \lambda u \implies (A - \lambda I_n)x = 0$ . Since  $x$  is non-null, it implies that  $\text{Det}(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$  is required.

**Exercise:** Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ . Prove that  $\text{Det}(A - \lambda I_n) = \lambda^2 - \lambda \text{Tr}(A) + \text{Det}(A)$ .

$Sp(A) = \{\lambda \text{ s.t. } \text{Det}(A - \lambda I_n) = 0\}$  is the spectrum of  $A$ . It is the set of all eigenvalues of  $A$ .

**Examples:**

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$A_1 - \lambda I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Det}(A_1 - \lambda I_2) = (1 - \lambda)^2 = 0 \implies 1 - \lambda = 1. \quad Sp(A_1) = \{1\}.$$

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$$A_2 - \lambda I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 4 & 2 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Det}(A_2 - \lambda I_2) = (2 - \lambda)^2 - 4 = 0 = -\lambda(4 - \lambda). \quad Sp(A_2) = \{0, 4\}.$$

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$$A_4 - \lambda I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Det}(A_4 - \lambda I_2) = (1 - \lambda) \times (2 - \lambda) = 0 \implies 1 - \lambda = 1 \text{ or } 2. \quad Sp(A_4) = \{1, 2\}.$$

## 5.2 Eigenspaces and Diagonalization

$\forall \lambda \in Sp(A)$ , let  $E_\lambda(A) = \{u \text{ s.t. } Au = \lambda u\}$  be the eigenspace associated with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . It is the space generated by the eigenvectors associated with  $\lambda$ .

**Examples:**

- Trivially,  $Sp(I) = \{1\}$ . The vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  span  $E_1(I)$ .

- $Sp(A_1) = \{1\}$ .

$$A_1 u = 1 \cdot u \implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x+y \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  hence spans  $E_1(A_1)$ .

- $Sp(A_2) = \{0, 4\}$ .

$$A_2 u = 0 \cdot u \implies \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x+y \\ 4x+2y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ -2x \end{bmatrix}$$

The vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  hence spans  $E_0(A_2)$ .

$$A_2 u = 4 \cdot u \implies \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4x \\ 4y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x+y \\ 4x+2y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4x \\ 4y \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 2x \end{bmatrix}$$

The vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  hence spans  $E_4(A_2)$ .

- $Sp(A_4) = \{1, 2\}$ .

$$A_4 u = 1 \cdot u \implies \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x+y \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ -x \end{bmatrix}$$

The vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  hence spans  $E_1(A_4)$ .

$$A_4 u = 2 \cdot u \implies \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x+y \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  hence spans  $E_2(A_4)$ .

Note that vectors that belong to eigenspaces associated with distinct eigenvalues are linearly independent.

A is diagonalizable if and only if the eigenvectors of A constitute a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  
Equivalently, A is diagonalizable if and only if  $\cup_{\lambda \in Sp(A)} E_\lambda(A) = \mathbb{R}^n$ .

If such a basis can be found, the vectors in it are used to form the columns of  $P$ . Then,  $A = PDP^{-1}$ . In the basis formed by A's eigenvectors, A is diagonal.

Note that a sufficient condition for A to be diagonalizable is that A has n distinct eigenvalues.

### Examples:

- $A_1$  is not diagonalizable.
- $Sp(A_2) = \{0, 4\}$ .  $A_2$  is diagonalizable.  $E_0(A) = \text{span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$  and  $E_4(A) = \text{span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ .  $A_2 \sim D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . The modal matrix is obtained by concatenating the eigenvectors of  $A_2$  that span the eigenspaces. Hence,  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . One can check that:  $P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -1/4 \\ 1/2 & 1/4 \end{bmatrix}$  and that  $PDP^{-1} = A_2$ .
- $Sp(A_4) = \{1, 2\}$ .  $A_4$  is diagonalizable.  $E_1(A) = \text{span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$  and  $E_2(A) = \text{span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ .  $A_4 \sim D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . The modal matrix is obtained by concatenating the eigenvectors of  $A_4$  that span the eigenspaces. Hence,  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . One can check that:  $P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and that  $PDP^{-1} = A_4$ .

### 5.3 Specific cases

- Identity matrix has one eigenvalue, 1, that has multiplicity  $n$ . It is trivially diagonalizable.
- The reflection matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has two eigenvalues, 1 and -1. It is then diagonalizable.
- The rotation matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has two eigenvalues,  $i$  and  $-i$ . It is not diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- **Spectral Theorem:** Let  $A$  be a symmetric matrix over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then,  $A$ 's eigenvalues are real and the eigenvectors associated with the eigenvalues are orthogonal and constitute a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Equivalently, there exists an orthonormal matrix  $U$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $A = UDU^T$ . There exist a basis of orthonormal vectors  $\{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$  such that  $A = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i u_i u_i^T$  where the  $\lambda_i$  are real.
- $A$  is positive semi-definite if and only if  $\forall \lambda \in Sp(A), 0 \leq \lambda$ .
- $A$  is positive definite if and only if  $\forall \lambda \in Sp(A), 0 < \lambda$ .

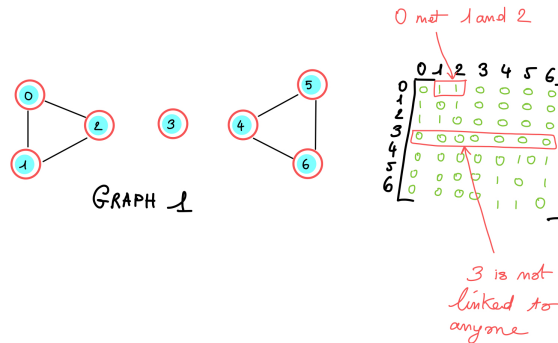
### Exercises:

- Prove that two eigenvectors of a symmetric matrix need to be orthogonal.
- Prove that the eigenvalues of a positive-semi definite matrix are non-negative.

## 6 Application to Networks

Let's see how matrices can help us represent and analyze networks.

Let's represent social ties in a graph as shown below.



### 6.1 Graph

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph with a set of nodes,  $V$ , and a set of edges,  $E$ . Here,  $V = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  and  $E = \{(0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 2), (4, 5), (4, 6), (5, 6)\}$ .

### 6.2 Adjacency matrix

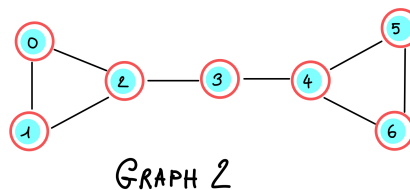
Let  $|V| = n$ . One can represent  $G$  in a matrix form.

Let  $A$  be  $G$ 's adjacency matrix.  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(0, 1)$ .

$$A_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (i, j) \in E \text{ or if } (j, i) \in E \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Here, note that  $(i, j) \in E \implies (j, i) \in E$ . This defines an undirected graph. The adjacency matrix of an undirected graph is symmetric.

**Exercise:** Write the adjacency matrix of the following graph. Verifies that  $A$  is symmetric.



### 6.3 Node's degree

Let's define the degree of a node  $v \in V$  as its number of neighbours.

For  $v \in V$ :

$$\text{deg}(v) = \sum_{i=1}^n A_{v,i}$$

The nodes' degree provides information about the nodes' influence, or centrality in the network. Yet, other centrality measures exist — that you will discover in IDS.131. ☺ You'll see how the adjacency matrix together with linear algebra are very handy tools to analyze a graph.