

# Course Notes: Deep Learning for Visual Computing

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# 1 Linear Algebra Review

## 1.1 Vectors

- A vector can specify a point or a direction in  $n$ -dimensional space
- Notation:  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- A vector comes from a vector space  $\langle \mathbb{R}^n, +, \mathbb{R} \rangle$
- We generally assume column vectors
- Example:

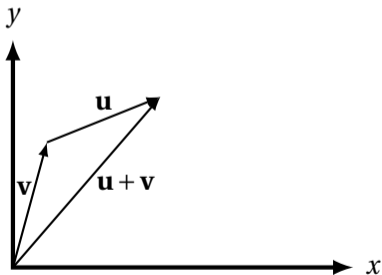
$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

- Length (2-norm):  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$
- Unit vector (normalized vector):  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = 1$
- Zero vector: all components are zeros, e.g.  $(0, 0, 0)^T$
- Vector addition:

- $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ , e.g.:

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ u_3 + v_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Graphical interpretation:

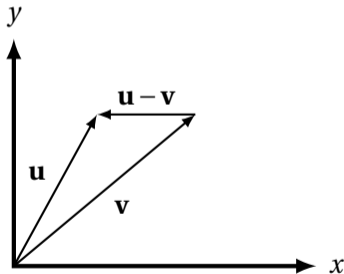


- Vector subtraction:

- $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$ , e.g.:

$$\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 - v_1 \\ u_2 - v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Graphical interpretation:

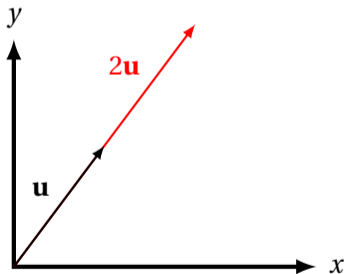


- Multiplication with a scalar:

- Computation:

$$a\mathbf{u} = a \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} au_1 \\ au_2 \\ au_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Graphical interpretation:



- Hadamard product:



- Terms: Hadamard product, Schur product, entrywise product
- Entry-wise multiplication
- Notation:  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \odot \mathbf{v}$
- Computation:

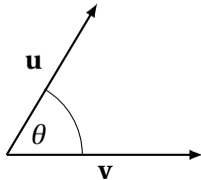
$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \odot \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} \odot \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 v_1 \\ u_2 v_2 \\ u_3 v_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

## 1.1.1 Inner Product

- Terms: dot-product, inner product, scalar product
- Measures how much two vectors are aligned
- Notation:  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$
- Example:

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = (u_1, u_2, u_3) \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3$$

- Graphical interpretation:



- The angle  $\theta$  between two vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  is:

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{u}\|_2 \|\mathbf{v}\|_2}$$

- Two vectors are **perpendicular** or **orthogonal** iff:

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \cos\theta = 0, \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

- Relationship to Euclidean norm:  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle$
- Commutative law:  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle$
- Distributive law:  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$

## 1.1.2 Vector Norms

- A **norm** [\[wiki\]](#) is a function that assigns a strictly positive length or size to each vector in a vector space, except for the zero vector which is assigned a length of zero. A norm must also satisfy certain properties pertaining to **scalability** and **additivity**. The norm is generally denoted as  $\|\cdot\|$ .
- Specifically, a vector norm is a mapping  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , with the properties:
  - **non-negativity**:  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \geq 0, \forall \mathbf{x}$ ;  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$
  - **scalability**:  $\|\alpha \mathbf{x}\| = |\alpha| \|\mathbf{x}\|, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$
  - **additivity**:  $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|$ . (also called **sub-additivity** or **triangle inequality**)
- Example definitions of a norm on a vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ 
  - 1-norm:  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$
  - 2-norm:  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$
  - max-norm:  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|$

- All of the above are special cases of the  $L_p$ -norm (or  $p$ -norm):

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

- Two norms  $\|\cdot\|_\alpha$  and  $\|\cdot\|_\beta$  are equivalent if there exist constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  such that

$$C_1 \|\mathbf{x}\|_\alpha \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_\beta \leq C_2 \|\mathbf{x}\|_\alpha, \forall \mathbf{x}$$

- $\|\cdot\|_1$  and  $\|\cdot\|_2$  are equivalent with  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \leq \sqrt{n} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$$

### 1.1.3 Distance between vectors

- How to measure *distance* between vectors?
  - Obvious answer: the distance between two vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  is  $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$ , where  $\|\cdot\|$  is some vector norm.
  - Alternative: use the *angle* between two vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  to measure the distance between them.
  - How to calculate the angle between two vectors?
  - The cosine of the angle between two vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  can be used to measure the similarity between two vectors: if  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are close, the angle between them is small and  $\cos\theta \approx 1$ ; if  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are orthogonal, i.e.,  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = 0$ ,  $\cos\theta = 0$ ,  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$
- Why not just use the Euclidean distance?
  - Example: term-document matrix
  - Each entry tells how many times a term appears in the document:

	Doc 1	Doc 2	Doc 3
Term 1	10	1	0
Term 2	10	1	0
Term 3	0	1	0

- Using the Euclidean distance Documents 1 and 2 look dissimilar, and Documents 2 and 3 look similar. This is just due to the length of the documents.
- Using the cosine of the angle between document vectors Documents 1 and 2 are similar to each other and dissimilar to Document 3.

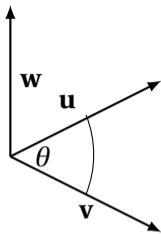
### 1.1.4 Cross Product

- Notation:  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$
- The cross product is a vector
- $\mathbf{w}$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$
- Terms: cross product or vector product
- The direction of  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$  follows the right hand rule:  
 $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$  form a right handed coordinate system
- Magnitude of  $\mathbf{w}$  proportional to the sine of the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ :

$$\|\mathbf{w}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|_2 \|\mathbf{v}\|_2 \sin \theta$$

- graphical interpretation:





- Computation:

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_2 v_3 - u_3 v_2 \\ u_3 v_1 - u_1 v_3 \\ u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Cross product laws:
  - Distributive law:

$$\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}$$

- Commutative law:

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}$$

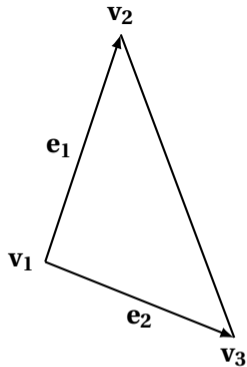
**Note:** minus sign, cross product is not symmetric.

- Associative law:

$$(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{w} \neq \mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$$

**Note:** not associative

- Cross product is related to triangle area:
  - $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ : vertices of the triangle
  - $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2$ : two edges of the triangle
  - $S$ : area of the triangle



$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_1$$

$$\mathbf{e}_2 = \mathbf{v}_3 - \mathbf{v}_1$$

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{e}_1 \times \mathbf{e}_2\|_2$$

## 1.2 Matrices

- Matrices are rectangular arrays that store numbers. An  $m$ -by- $n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  can be written as:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

### 1.3 Special Matrices

- The zero matrix is a matrix where all entries are 0
- The identity matrix  $\mathbf{I}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  has all entries 0, except for the diagonal entries are 1

$$\mathbf{I}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## 1.4 Transpose Matrix

- Notation:  $\mathbf{A}^T$
- The transpose matrix flips the entries across the diagonal
- $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$
- $\mathbf{A}$  has elements  $a_{ij} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^T$  has elements  $a_{ji}$
- Example:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{A}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

## 1.5 Matrix-vector multiplication

- A matrix vector multiplication  $\mathbf{Ax}$  is computed as follows:

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j}x_j \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{2j}x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{mj}x_j \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{y}$$

- Each element of the output vector  $\mathbf{y}$  is an inner product of a matrix row with the vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- Alternative interpretation: The output vector is a linear combination of column vectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ . The weight of column vector  $i$  is given by  $x_i$ :

$$\mathbf{Ax} = (\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n)\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{a}_i x_i$$

## 1.6 Matrix-matrix multiplication

- Let  $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = (b_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$ . Then  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB} = (c_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is defined as follows:

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^p a_{ik}b_{kj}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, m, j = 1, \dots, n$$

- Each column vector in  $\mathbf{B}$  is multiplied  $\mathbf{A}$



## 1.7 Linear Independence

- Given a set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  with  $m \geq n$ , consider the set of linear combinations  $\mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_i$  for arbitrary coefficients  $\alpha_i$ 's.
- The vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  are linearly independent if:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{0}, \text{ if and only if } \alpha_i = 0, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

- A set of  $m$  linearly independent vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is called a **basis** in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ : any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  can be expressed as a linear combination of the basis vectors.

## 1.8 Matrix Rank

- The **rank**([wiki](#)) of a matrix is the maximum number of linearly independent column vectors.
- A square matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with rank  $n$  is called **nonsingular** (also **invertible** or **nondegenerate**).
- A nonsingular matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has an inverse  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  satisfying:

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}_n$$

- A square matrix is **not** invertible is called **singular** or **degenerate**. A square matrix is singular if and only if its determinant is 0.
- What is the rank of an outer-product matrix  $\mathbf{xy}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ?

## 1.9 Range and Null Space

- $\mathbb{V}$  is a **subspace** of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , if and only if  $\alpha \mathbf{v}_1 + \beta \mathbf{v}_2 \in \mathbb{V}$ ,  $\forall \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in \mathbb{V}$  and  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ .
  - Let  $W = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x \geq 0\}$ , i.e.,  $W$  is the set of all vectors  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  in which  $x \geq 0$ . Is this a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?
  - Let  $W = \{(0, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \forall x_2, x_3\}$ . Is this a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?
  - Let  $W = \{(1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \forall x_2, x_3\}$ . Is this a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?
- The **range space**([wiki](#)) (also called **image space** ([wiki](#))) of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is defined by:

$$\text{range}(A) = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m : \mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{x} \text{ for some } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

- The **null space**([wiki](#)) (also called **kernel**) of a matrix  $A$  is defined by:

$$\text{null}(A) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$$

- It follows from the definition that  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{dim}(\text{range}(A))$ .

- The dimension of a space  $\mathbb{V}$  denoted as  $\mathbf{dim}(\mathbb{V})$ , denotes the maximum number of linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{V}$
- Show that  $\forall \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  (this equation is also known as **Rank-nullity theorem** ([wiki](#))):

$$\mathbf{dim}(\mathbf{null}(\mathbf{A})) + \mathbf{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = n$$

## 1.10 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- **Definition:** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. A vector  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$  that satisfies:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$$

for some scalar  $\lambda$  is called an **eigenvector** of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\lambda$  is the **eigenvalue** corresponding to the eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}$ .

- Example:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Check that:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_1 = -\mathbf{v}_1, \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_2 = -2\mathbf{v}_2$$

- Let  $\lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = -2$ , therefore:  $\mathbf{v}_i$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\lambda_i$  is the corresponding eigenvalue.

- Suppose that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  with the corresponding eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}$ . Then if  $k$  is a positive integer,  $\lambda^k$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^k$  with corresponding eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- Suppose  $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})$  is an  $n \times n$  triangular matrix:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Check or convince yourself that the main diagonal entries  $\{a_{ii}\}_{i=1}^n$  are the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a square matrix and further suppose that there exists an invertible matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  (of the same size as  $\mathbf{A}$ ) such that  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}$  is a diagonal matrix. In such a case, we call  $\mathbf{A}$  **diagonalizable**([wiki](#)) and say that  $\mathbf{P}$  diagonalizes  $\mathbf{A}$ .
  - Sufficient condition: if  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues,  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable.

- Let  $P$  be an invertible matrix. Show that  $A$  and  $P^{-1}AP$  contain the same set of eigenvalues.
  - Check:  $\det(I_n - A) = \det(I_n - P^{-1}AP)$

## 1.11 Matrix Norm

- A **matrix norm** ([wiki](#)) is a natural extension of the notion of a vector norm to matrices. Specifically, a matrix norm is a mapping  $\|\cdot\| : \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that satisfies the following properties:
  - $\|\mathbf{A}\| \geq 0$ ,  $\|\mathbf{A}\| = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$
  - $\|\alpha \mathbf{A}\| = |\alpha| \|\mathbf{A}\|$
  - $\|\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| + \|\mathbf{B}\|$
- Matrix norms induced by vector norm
  - Let  $\|\cdot\|$  be a vector norm and  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . The corresponding **matrix norm** is:

$$\|\mathbf{A}\| = \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n: \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}} \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} = \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n: \|\mathbf{x}\|=1} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|$$

- Show that:



- This is indeed a matrix norm (i.e., the non-negativity, scalability and triangle inequality hold).
- $\|\mathbf{Ax}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{x}\|$
- $\|\mathbf{AB}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{B}\|$
- Particularly, the induced matrix norm from the  $p$ -norm for vectors:

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_p = \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n: \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}} \frac{\|\mathbf{Ax}\|_p}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p}$$

- In the special cases of  $p = 1, 2, \infty$ , the induced matrix norms can be computed by:
  - $\|\mathbf{A}\|_1 = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \sum_{i=1}^m |a_{ij}|$ : maximum over columns.
  - $\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})} = \sigma_{\max}(\mathbf{A})$  : square root of the largest eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  or the largest singular value of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
  - $\|\mathbf{A}\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|$ : maximum over rows.

- **Frobenius norm:** does not correspond to any vector norm:

$$\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^2}$$

- Define  $\mathbf{trace}(B) = \sum_{i=1}^n b_{ii}$  for any matrix  $B = (b_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .
- Show that  $\|A\|_F^2 = \mathbf{trace}(A^T A)$

## 1.12 Condition Number

- Let  $\|\cdot\|$  be some matrix norm, the **condition number**([wiki](#)) of a matrix w.r.t this norm is defined as

$$\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|$$

- Particularly, if  $\|\cdot\|$  is the norm induced from the vector's  $L_2$  norm, (i.e.  $\|\cdot\|_2$ ), then

$$\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \frac{\sigma_{\max}(\mathbf{A})}{\sigma_{\min}(\mathbf{A})}$$

where  $\sigma_{\max}(\mathbf{A})$  and  $\sigma_{\min}(\mathbf{A})$  are maximal and minimal singular value of  $\mathbf{A}$  respectively.

- If the condition number of a matrix is very large, then the matrix is called **ill-conditioned**. Practically, such a matrix is almost singular, and the computation of its inverse, or solution of a linear system of equations is prone to large numerical errors. A matrix that is not invertible has condition number equal to infinity.

- Example: consider the following matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  with  $a \neq 1$ .  $\mathbf{A}$  is nonsingular, but this is not enough, since the norm of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  tends to infinity as  $a \rightarrow 1$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{a-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & a \end{pmatrix}$$

## 1.13 Orthogonality

- Two vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are orthogonal, if  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = 0$
- Given a set of **orthogonal** vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  with  $m \geq n$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{v}_j = 0$ ,  $\forall i \neq j$ , then they are linearly independent. Why?
- Let the set of orthogonal vectors  $\mathbf{v}_i, i = 1, \dots, n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  be **normalized**, i.e.,  $\|\mathbf{v}_i\| = 1$ . Then they are **orthonormal**, and constitute an orthonormal basis in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- An **orthogonal matrix**([wiki](#)) is a square matrix whose columns and rows are orthonormal (orthogonal unit vectors). Prove the following properties of an orthogonal matrix:
  - An orthogonal matrix  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  has rank  $m$ .
  - $Q^{-1} = Q^T$ , that is  $QQ^T = Q^T Q = I_m$ .
  - The Euclidean length of a vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is invariant under an orthogonal transformation on  $Q$ , that is:

$$\|Q\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$

- The product of two orthogonal matrices  $Q$  and  $P$  is orthogonal.

## 1.14 Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a symmetric matrix

- The eigenvectors of a symmetric matrix are mutually orthogonal and its eigenvalues are real.
  - $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is a symmetric matrix if  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T$ .
- A symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  can be written in the form  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{U}^T$ , where the columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  ( $\mathbf{U}$  is an orthogonal matrix) are the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\Sigma$  is a diagonal matrix, the diagonal elements of  $\Sigma$  which are the corresponding eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ . This is called the eigendecomposition of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- Example of symmetric matrices: graphs:
  - The adjacency matrix of an undirected graph is a symmetric matrix.
- **Courant-Fischer Min-max Theorem**([wiki](#)):
  - If  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is symmetric, then

$$\lambda_k(\mathbf{A}) = \max_{\dim(\mathbb{V})=k} \min_{\mathbf{0} \neq \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{V}} \frac{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y}}$$

- Assume both  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  are  $n \times n$  symmetric matrices. Show that
  - $\lambda_k(\mathbf{A}) + \lambda_n(\mathbf{E}) \leq \lambda_k(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{E}) \leq \lambda_k(\mathbf{A}) + \lambda_1(\mathbf{E})$
  - $|\lambda_k(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{E}) - \lambda_k(\mathbf{A})| \leq \|\mathbf{E}\|_2$



## 1.15 Positive Semi-definite Matrix and Positive Definite Matrix

- A symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is **positive semi-definite** (denoted as  $\mathbf{A} \geq 0$ ), if and only if  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \geq 0$ , for any  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - All eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are non-negative.
  - $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}$  for any  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  is positive semi-definite.
- A symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is **positive definite** (denoted as  $\mathbf{A} > 0$ ), if and only if  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0$ , for any  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ .
  - All eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are positive.
  - All principal submatrices of  $\mathbf{A}$  are positive definite.
  - All diagonal entries of  $\mathbf{A}$  are positive.