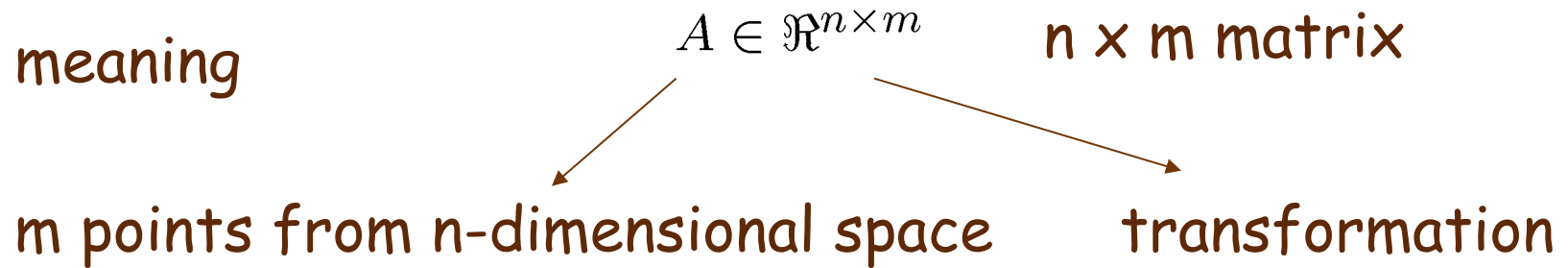


Linear Algebra  
Prerequisites - continued

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# Matrices



$$C = AA^T$$

Example: Covariance matrix - symmetric  
Square matrix associated with  
The data points (after mean  
has been subtracted) in 2D

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_1^n x_i^2 & \sum_1^n x_i y_i \\ \sum_1^n x_i y_i & \sum_1^n y_i^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$$

$$y = Ax$$

Special case  
matrix is square

## Geometric interpretation

Lines in 2D space - row solution  
Equations are considered isolation

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

Linear combination of vectors in 2D  
Column solution

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

We already know how to multiply the vector by scalar

## Linear equations

In 3D

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

When is RHS a linear combination of LHS

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} u + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} v + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} w = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving linear  $n$  equations with  $n$  unknowns

If matrix is invertible - compute the inverse

Columns are linearly independent

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$$

$$\det(A) \neq 0$$

$$A^{-1}A\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{y}$$

## Linear equations

Not all matrices are invertible

- inverse of a 2x2 matrix (determinant non-zero)
- inverse of a diagonal matrix

Computing inverse - solve for the columns

Independently or using Gauss-Jordan method

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 & \mathbf{x}_2 & \mathbf{x}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Vector spaces (informally)

- Vector space in n-dimensional space  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- n-dimensional columns with real entries
- Operations of addition, multiplication and scalar multiplication
- Additions of the vectors and multiplication of a vector by a scalar always produces vectors which lie in the space
- Matrices also make up vector space - e.g. consider all 3x3 matrices as elements of  $\mathbb{R}^9$  space

## Vector subspace

- A subspace of a vector space is a non-empty set of vectors closed under vector addition and scalar multiplication
- Example: over constrained system - more equations than unknowns

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 & v_1 \\ u_2 & v_2 \\ u_3 & v_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The solution exists if  $b$  is in the subspace spanned by vectors  $u$  and  $v$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} x_1 + \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Linear Systems

1. When matrix is square and invertible
2. When the matrix is square and noninvertible
3. When the matrix is non-square with more constraints than unknowns

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

Solution exists when  $\mathbf{b}$  is in column space of  $A$

Special case

All the vectors which satisfy  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  lie in the NULLSPACE of matrix  $A$



# Basis

$n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is invertible if it is of a full rank

- Rank of the matrix - number of linearly independent rows (see definition next page)
- If the rows or columns of the matrix  $A$  are linearly independent - the nullspace contains only 0 vector
- Set of linearly independent vectors forms a basis of the vector space
- Given a basis, the representation of every vector is unique  
Basis is not unique (examples)

# Linear independence

**Definition A.1 (A linear space).** A set (of vectors)  $V$  is considered as a linear space over the field  $\mathbb{R}$ , if its elements, so-called vectors, are closed under two basic operations: scalar multiplication and vector summation. That is, given any two vectors  $v_1, v_2 \in V$  and any two scalars  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , the linear combination  $v = \alpha v_1 + \beta v_2$  is also a vector in  $V$ .

**Definition A.4 (Linearly independence).** A set of vectors  $S = \{v_i\}_{i=1}^m$  is said to be linearly independent if the equation

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \cdots + \alpha_m v_m = 0$$

implies

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \cdots = \alpha_n = 0.$$

**Definition A.5 (Basis).** A set of vectors  $B = \{b_i\}_{i=1}^n$  of a linear space  $V$  is said to be a basis if  $B$  is a linearly independent set and  $B$  spans the entire space  $V$  (i.e.  $V = \text{span}(B)$ ).

## Change of basis

**Fact A.6 (Properties of basis).** *Suppose  $B$  and  $B'$  are two bases for a linear space  $V$ . Then*

2. *Let  $B = \{b_i\}_{i=1}^n$  and  $B' = \{b'_i\}_{i=1}^n$ , then each base vector of  $B$  can be expressed as linear combination of those in  $B'$ , i.e.*

$$b_j = a_{1j}b'_1 + a_{2j}b'_2 + \cdots + a_{nj}b'_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij}b'_i. \quad (\text{A.2})$$

*for some  $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .*

3. *For any vector  $v \in V$ , it can be written as a linear combination of vectors in either of the bases*

$$v = x_1b_1 + x_2b_2 + \cdots + x_nb_n = x'_1b'_1 + x'_2b'_2 + \cdots + x'_nb'_n \quad (\text{A.3})$$

*where the coefficients  $\{x_i \in \mathbb{R}\}_{i=1}^n$  and  $\{x'_i \in \mathbb{R}\}_{i=1}^n$  are uniquely determined and are called the coordinates of  $v$  with respect to each basis.*

## Change of basis (contd.)

$$[b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n] = [b'_1, b'_2, \dots, b'_n] \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$v = [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = [b'_1, b'_2, \dots, b'_n] \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{B' = BA^{-1}, \quad x' = Ax.}$$

# Linear Equations - Rank

Vector space spanned by columns of  $A$   $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} u + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} v + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} w = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$

In general

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

Four basic subspaces

- Column space of  $A$  - dimension of  $C(A)$   
number of linearly independent columns  
 $r = \text{rank}(A)$
- Row space of  $A$  - dimension of  $R(A)$   
number of linearly independent rows  
 $r = \text{rank}(A^T)$
- Null space of  $A$  - dimension of  $N(A)$   $n - r$
- Left null space of  $A$  - dimension of  $N(A^T)$   $m - r$
- Maximal rank -  $\min(n, m)$  - smaller of the two dimensions

# Linear Equations

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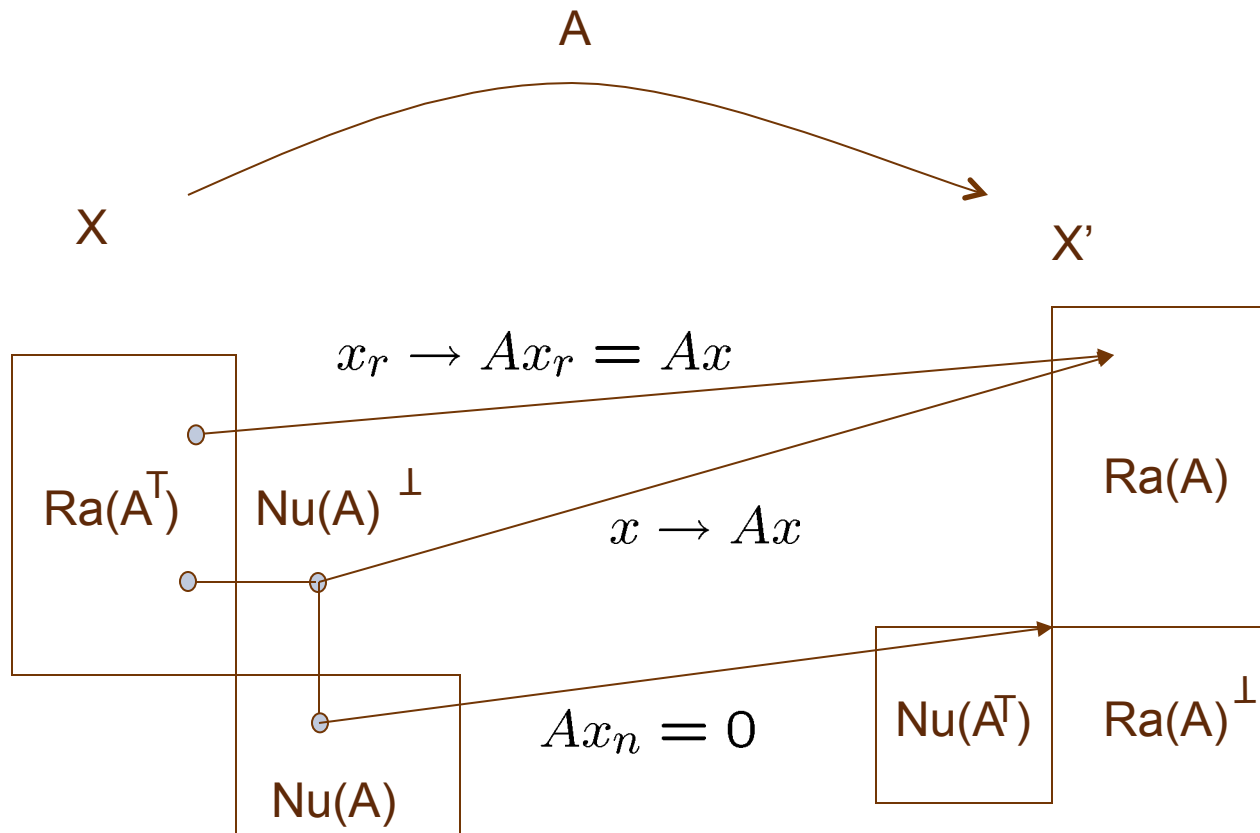
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Four basic possibilities, suppose that the matrix  $A$  has full rank

Then:

- if  $n < m$  number of equations is less than number of unknowns, the set of solutions is  $(m-n)$  dimensional vector subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$
- if  $n = m$  there is a unique solution
- if  $n > m$  number of equations is more than number of unknowns, there is no solution

# Structure induced by a linear map



# Linear Equations - Square Matrices

1.  $A$  is square and invertible
2.  $A$  is square and non-invertible
3. System  $Ax = b$  has at most one solution -  
columns are linearly independent rank =  $n$   
- then the matrix is invertible  $x = A^{-1}y$
2. Columns are linearly dependent rank  $< n$   
- then the matrix is not invertible



# Linear Equations - non-square matrices

Long-tin matrix  
over-constrained  
system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a\mathbf{x} = b$$

The solution exist when  $b$  is aligned with  $[2,3,4]^T$

If not we have to seek some approximation - least squares  
Approximation - minimize squared error

$$e^2 = (2x - b_1)^2 + (3x - b_2)^2 + (4x - b_3)^2$$

Least squares solution - find such value of  $x$  that the error  
Is minimized (take a derivative, set it to zero and solve for  $x$ )

Short for such solution

$$e^2 = \|ax - b\|^2$$

$$a\mathbf{x} = b$$

$$a^T a\mathbf{x} = a^T b$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{a^T b}{a^T a}$$

## Linear equations - non-squared matrices

Similarly when  $A$  is a matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\mathbf{x} = b$$

$$e^2 = \|A\mathbf{x} - b\|^2$$

$$A^T A\mathbf{x} = A^T b$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

- If  $A$  has linearly independent columns  $A^T A$  is square, symmetric and invertible

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

is so called pseudoinverse of matrix  $A$

## Homogeneous Systems of equations

$$A\mathbf{x} = 0$$

When matrix is square and non-singular, there a Unique trivial solution  $\mathbf{x} = 0$

If  $m \geq n$  there is a non-trivial solution when rank of  $A$  is  $\text{rank}(A) < n$

We need to impose some constraint to avoid trivial Solution, for example

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = 1$$

Find such  $\mathbf{x}$  that  $\|A\mathbf{x}\|^2$  is minimized

$$\|A\mathbf{x}\|^2 = \mathbf{x}A^T A\mathbf{x}$$

Solution: eigenvector associated with the smallest eigenvalue

# Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- Motivated by solution to differential equations
- For square matrices  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$   $\dot{\mathbf{u}} = A\mathbf{u}$   $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

For scalar ODE's

$$\dot{u} = au$$

$$u(t) = e^{at}u(0)$$

We look for the solutions  
of the following type exponentials

$$v(t) = e^{\lambda t}y$$

$$w(t) = e^{\lambda t}z$$

Substitute back to the equation

$$\cancel{\lambda e^{\lambda t}y} = 4\cancel{e^{\lambda t}y} - 5\cancel{e^{\lambda t}z}$$

$$\cancel{\lambda e^{\lambda t}z} = 2\cancel{e^{\lambda t}y} - 3\cancel{e^{\lambda t}z}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

# Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

$$\lambda \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

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

A diagram showing the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}$ . Two arrows originate from the term  $\lambda \mathbf{x}$  on the right side of the equation. One arrow points down and to the left towards the word "eigenvalue". The other arrow points down and to the right towards the word "eigenvector".

Solve the equation:  $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{x} = 0$  (1)

$\mathbf{x}$  - is in the null space of  $(A - \lambda I)$

$\lambda$  is chosen such that  $(A - \lambda I)$  has a null space

Computation of eigenvalues and eigenvectors (for dim 2,3)

1. Compute determinant
2. Find roots (eigenvalues) of the polynomial such that determinant = 0
3. For each eigenvalue solve the equation (1)

For larger matrices - alternative ways of computation

# Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

For the previous example

$$\lambda_1 = -1, x_1 = [1, 1]^T \qquad \lambda_2 = -2, x_2 = [5, 2]^T$$

We will get special solutions to ODE  $\dot{\mathbf{u}} = A\mathbf{u}$

$$A\mathbf{u} = e^{\lambda_1 t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{u} = e^{\lambda_2 t} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Their linear combination is also a solution (due to the linearity of  $\dot{\mathbf{u}} = A\mathbf{u}$ )

$$\mathbf{u} = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

In the context of diff. equations - special meaning  
Any solution can be expressed as linear combination  
Individual solutions correspond to modes

# Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

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

Only special vectors are eigenvectors

- such vectors whose direction will not be changed by the transformation  $A$  (only scale)
- they correspond to normal modes of the system act independently

Examples

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

eigenvalues      eigenvectors

2, 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Whatever  $A$  does to an arbitrary vector is fully determined by its eigenvalues and eigenvectors

$$A\mathbf{x} = 2\lambda_1 v_1 + 5\lambda_2 v_2$$

# Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors - Diagonalization

- Given a square matrix  $A$  and its eigenvalues and eigenvectors - matrix can be diagonalized

$$A = S\Lambda S^{-1} \quad A = S\Lambda S^{-1}$$

Matrix of eigenvectors  $\swarrow$   $\searrow$  Diagonal matrix of eigenvalues

$$AS = \Lambda S$$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 x_1 & \lambda_2 x_2 & \dots & \lambda_n x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 x_1 & \lambda_2 x_2 & \dots & \lambda_n x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = S\Lambda S^{-1}$$

- If some of the eigenvalues are the same, eigenvectors are not independent



# Trace

- Only defined for square matrices
- Sum of the elements on the main diagonal

$$\text{tr}(A) = a_{11} + a_{22} + \cdots + a_{nn} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

- Sum of eigenvalues  $\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$

It is a linear operator with the following properties

- Additivity:  $\text{tr}(A + B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B)$
- Homogeneity:  $\text{tr}(c \cdot A) = c \cdot \text{tr}(A)$
- Pairwise commutative:  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$ ,  $\text{tr}(ABC) \neq \text{tr}(ACB)$

Trace is similarity invariant  $\text{tr}(P^{-1}AP) = \text{tr}((AP^{-1})P) = \text{tr}(A)$

Trace is transpose invariant  $\text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(A^T)$

# Diagonalization

- If there are no zero eigenvalues - matrix is invertible
- If there are no repeated eigenvalues - matrix is diagonalizable
- If all the eigenvalues are different then eigenvectors are linearly independent

## For Symmetric Matrices

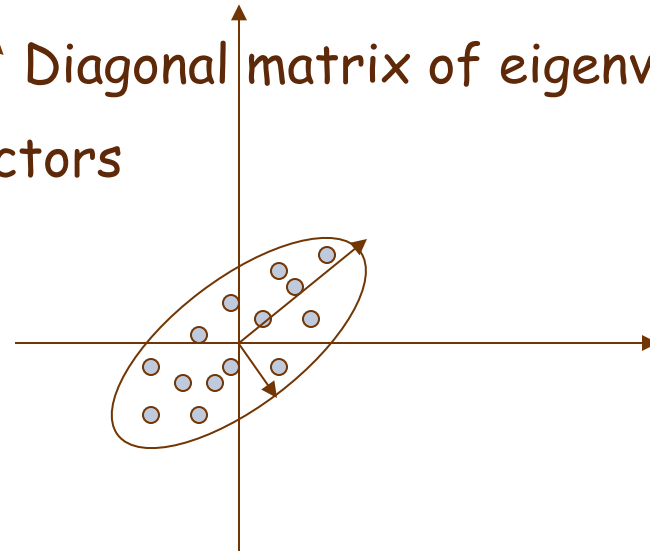
If  $A$  is symmetric

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

orthonormal matrix of eigenvectors

Diagonal matrix of eigenvalues

i.e. for a covariance matrix  
or some matrix  $B = A^{-1}TA$



## Symmetric matrices (contd.)

$$A^T A = V \text{diag}\{\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2\} V^T$$

$$\|A\|_f = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} a_{ij}^2}$$

$$\|A\|_f \doteq \sqrt{\text{trace}(A^T A)} = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \dots + \sigma_n^2}$$

## Example - line fitting

Equation of a line  $ax + by = d$

Line normal  $\mathbf{n} = [a, b]$

Distance to the origin  $d$

Error function  $e(a, b, d) = \sum_{i=1}^n (ax_i + by_i - d)^2$

Differentiate with respect to  $a, b, d$

set the first derivative to 0 and solve for the parameters