

EECS 245, Spring 2026

LEC 6

Matrices ; Exam Review

↑  
not on MT1!

→ Read: Ch. 5.1-5.2

# Agenda

- ① Review problems
- ② Introduce matrices
  - Why do we need them?
  - Addition, scalar mult.
  - Multiplication
  - Transpose, identity

matrices (Ch. 5) are not  
on Midterm 1

# Announcements

- Exam tomorrow, 1-3PM  
in 1690 BBB
- HW 4 + Lab 5 solutions up
- Will post HW 5 after exam
- OH slots available tomorrow  
morning!

$$R_{sq}(w) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - w)^2$$

$$w^* = \bar{y}$$

$$R_{sq}(w^*) = R_{sq}(\bar{y}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

= variance  
 $\sigma_y^2$

$$\log(a) + \log(b) = \log(ab)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i) &= \log(x_1 x_2 \dots x_n) \\ &= \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right) \end{aligned}$$

# Homework 4, Problem 4

a)  $7x - 3y + 4z = 0$

$$\text{span} \left( \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right)$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \mid 7x - 3y + 4z = 0 \right\}$$

infinitely many possible pairs

b)

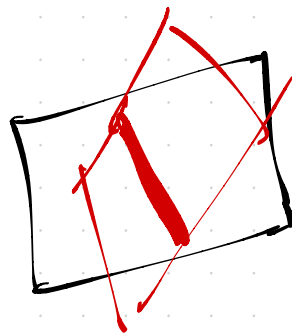
$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1.  $\text{span}(\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}) : x + y - 3z = 0$
2.  $\text{span}(\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_3\}) : -3x - y + 10z = 0$
3. Intersection of planes?

found using  
cross  
product



$$x + y - 3z = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$-3x - y + 10z = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$(1) + (2)$$

$$-2x + 7z = 0$$

$$7z = 2x$$

$$\frac{7}{2}z = x$$

$$z \begin{bmatrix} 7/2 \\ -1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{7}{2}z + y - \frac{6}{2}z = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{into (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}z + y = 0 \quad \Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{2}z$$

set of solutions

$$= \left\{ z \begin{bmatrix} 7/2 \\ -1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ a \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \text{span}(\{ \vec{v}_1 \}) !$$

parametric form of line / plane

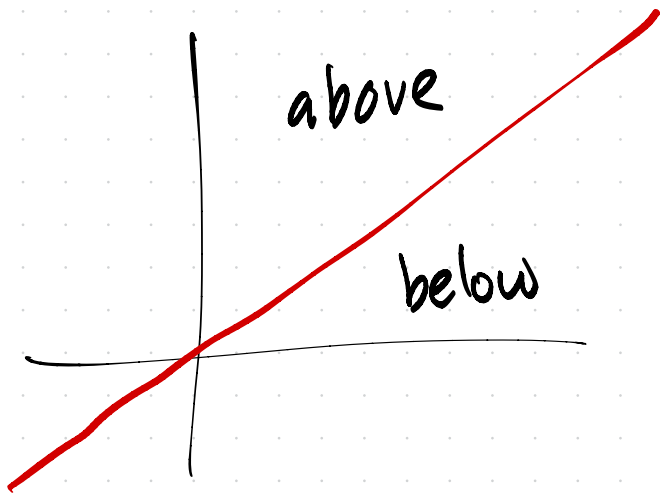
formal:  $L = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} a \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

informal:  $L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} t, t \in \mathbb{R}$

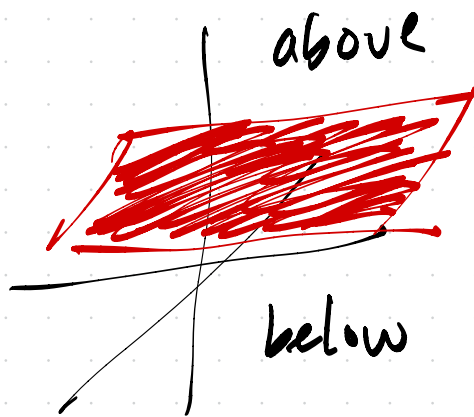
is this the span of a vector?  
no but if the 3 was a 2, yes

hyperplane : dimension of  $n-1$  subspace  
of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (or shifted)

line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$



plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$



$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \pi \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\text{span}(\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_5\})$  is a **2**-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

linearly independent subset  
with same span as  
all 5

$$: \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \}$$

$$\{ \vec{v}_4, \vec{v}_5 \}$$

basis for  
subspace  
spanned by  
 $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_5\}$

$$a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

If there exists a solution for  $a, b, c$ ,

then  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is in

the span of the first 3 vectors

# Activity 1: Formal Definition of Linear Independence

Suppose  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_d \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and that  $\vec{b} \in \text{span}(\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_d\})$ .

- b) Suppose that  $a_1\vec{v}_1 + a_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + a_d\vec{v}_d = \vec{b}$  and  $c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_d\vec{v}_d = \vec{b}$ , where at least one of the  $a_i$ 's is different from its corresponding  $c_i$ .

Using the formal definition of linear independence from [Chapter 4.2](#), determine whether or not  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_d$  are linearly independent, and prove your answer.

$$a_1\vec{v}_1 + a_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + a_d\vec{v}_d = \vec{b} \quad (1)$$

$$c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_d\vec{v}_d = \vec{b} \quad (2)$$

$$(1) - (2)$$

$$(a_1 - c_1)\vec{v}_1 + (a_2 - c_2)\vec{v}_2 + \dots + (a_d - c_d)\vec{v}_d = \vec{0}$$

at least one  $a_i - c_i \neq 0$ !  
so,  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_d$  are linearly dependent

Find another set of coefficients  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_d$  such that

$$k_1\vec{v}_1 + k_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + k_d\vec{v}_d = \vec{b}$$

and at least one of the  $k_i$ 's is different from its corresponding  $a_i$  or  $c_i$ .

By doing this, you're showing that if there is at least one way to write  $\vec{b}$  as a linear combination of a set of vectors, then there are infinitely many ways to write  $\vec{b}$  as a linear combination of those vectors; there can't just be two or three ways to do it.

$$a_1\vec{v}_1 + a_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + a_d\vec{v}_d = \vec{b} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_d\vec{v}_d = \vec{b} \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\frac{(a_1 + c_1)}{2}\vec{v}_1 + \frac{(a_2 + c_2)}{2}\vec{v}_2 + \dots + \frac{(a_d + c_d)}{2}\vec{v}_d = \frac{2\vec{b}}{2}$$

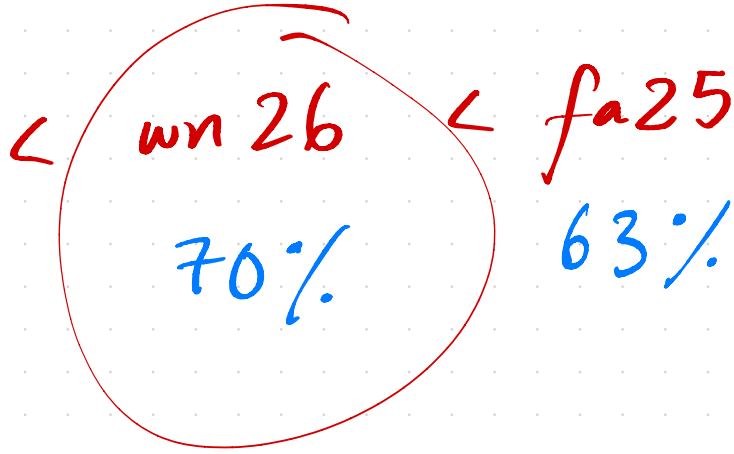
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & -6 & 4 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 & 3 \\ 8 & 2 & -6 & -8 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

4 columns, each of which is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^5$

5 rows, each in  $\mathbb{R}^4$

difficulty:

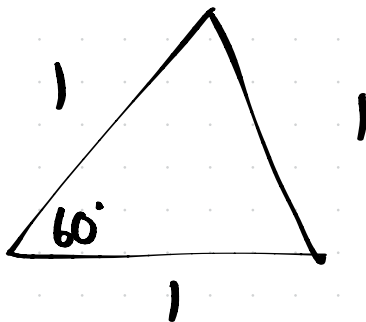
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do this yourself tonight!

b) (6 pts) Suppose  $\vec{w}, \vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Given that  $\|\vec{w}\| = \|\vec{z}\| = \|\vec{w} - \vec{z}\| = 1$ , find  $\|\vec{w} + \vec{z}\|$ . Show your work, and circle your final answer, which should be a number with no variables.

$$\|\vec{w}\| = \|\vec{z}\| = \|\vec{w} - \vec{z}\| = 1$$

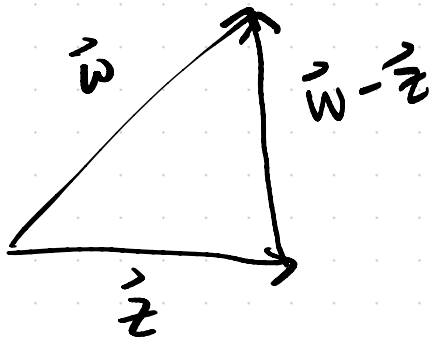


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$$\|\vec{w} + \vec{z}\| = ?$$

remember:

$$\|\vec{x}\|^2 = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}$$



$$\|\vec{w} - \vec{z}\|^2 = 1$$

$$(\vec{w} - \vec{z}) \cdot (\vec{w} - \vec{z}) = 1$$

$$\underbrace{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}}_{\| \vec{w} \|^2} - 2\vec{w} \cdot \vec{z} + \underbrace{\vec{z} \cdot \vec{z}}_{\| \vec{z} \|^2} = 1$$

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$$\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w} - 2\vec{w} \cdot \vec{z} + \vec{z} \cdot \vec{z} = 1$$

$$1^2 - 2\vec{w} \cdot \vec{z} + 1^2 = 1$$

$$-2\vec{w} \cdot \vec{z} = 1 - 2 = -1$$

$$\vec{w} \cdot \vec{z} = 1/2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\vec{w} + \vec{z}\|^2 &= (\vec{w} + \vec{z}) \cdot (\vec{w} + \vec{z}) \\ &= \vec{w} \cdot \vec{w} + 2\vec{w} \cdot \vec{z} + \vec{z} \cdot \vec{z} \\ &= 1 + 2 \cdot 1/2 + 1 = 3\end{aligned}$$

$$\|\vec{w} + \vec{z}\| = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \cos \theta$$

### Problem 3: Spreading Your Wings (12 pts)

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Consider a dataset of  $n$  points,  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ , where

- the means of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  are 15 and 5, respectively
- the variances of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  are  $\sigma_x^2$  and  $\sigma_y^2$ , respectively
- the correlation coefficient between  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  is  $r$

We define a new set of values,  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$ , as follows:

$$z_i = 3x_i - y_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

key:  $z_i$  depends on both  $x_i, y_i$ !

- a) (4 pts) Suppose we fit a simple linear regression line to the dataset  $(x_1, z_1), (x_2, z_2), \dots, (x_n, z_n)$  by minimizing mean squared error. Note that  $z$  is the variable being predicted, not  $y$ . Let  $h(x_i)$  represent the corresponding line.

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum z_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum (3x_i - y_i)$$

What is the value of  $h(15)$ ? Your answer should be a number with no variables.

$$z_i = 3x_i - y_i$$

$h(15) =$  40

= average of  $z_i$ 's

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{z} &= 3\bar{x} - \bar{y} \\ &= 3 \cdot 15 - 5 \\ &= 40 \end{aligned}$$

- b) (8 pts)  $\sigma_z^2$ , the variance of  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$ , can be written in the form  $\sigma_z^2 = 9\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 + C$ .

(i) What is the value of  $C$ ?

- $-6\sigma_x\sigma_y$    
   $6\sigma_x\sigma_y$    
   $-6r\sigma_x\sigma_y$    
   $6r\sigma_x\sigma_y$    
   $-6nr\sigma_x\sigma_y$    
   $6nr\sigma_x\sigma_y$

Recall:  $\bar{x} = 15, \bar{y} = 5, z_i = 3x_i - y_i$   $a(x+y+z) = ax+ay+az$

Given:  $\sigma_z^2 = 9\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 + C$

Find C

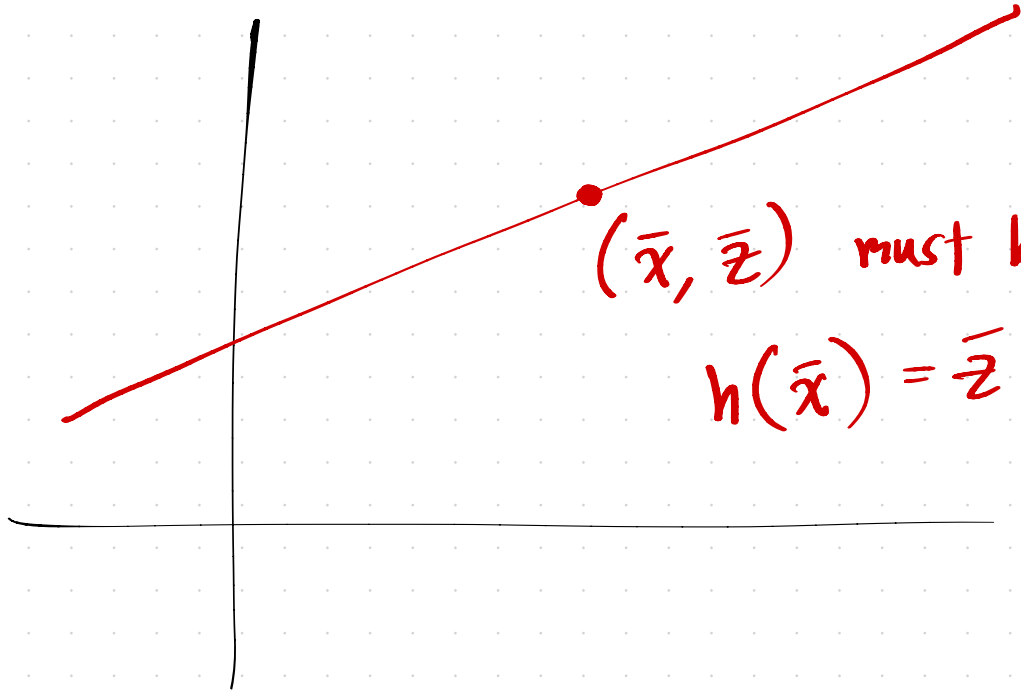
$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_z^2 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \bar{z})^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (3x_i - y_i - (3\bar{x} - \bar{y}))^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\underbrace{3(x_i - \bar{x})}_{\square} - \underbrace{(y_i - \bar{y})}_{\Delta})^2 \quad \square^2 - 2\square\Delta + \Delta^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (9(x_i - \bar{x})^2 - 6(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) + (y_i - \bar{y})^2) \\ &= 9 \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \right) - \frac{6}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2\end{aligned}$$

$$= 9 \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \right) - \frac{6}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$
$$= 9\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 - 6(r\sigma_x\sigma_y)$$

Recall:

$$r = \frac{1}{n\sigma_x\sigma_y} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})$$

$$r\sigma_x\sigma_y = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})$$

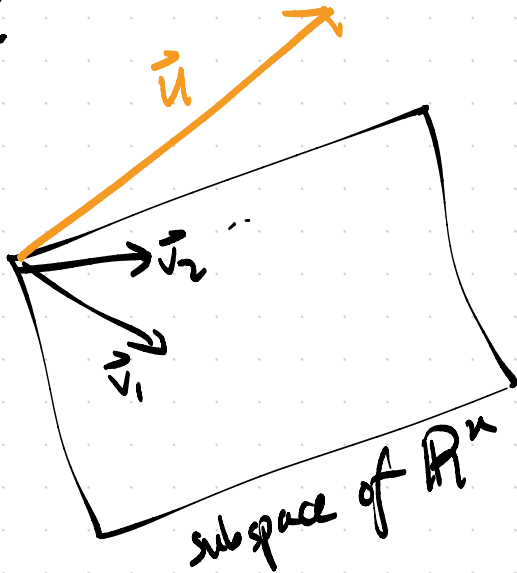


$(\bar{x}, \bar{z})$  must be on line!

$$h(\bar{x}) = \bar{z}$$

New content: matrices

why?



which vector in  
 $\text{span}(\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_d\})$   
is closest to  $\vec{u}$ ?

→ to answer, we need matrices

Matrix : Rectangular array of numbers

capital letters

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{v}_1$        $\vec{v}_2$        $\vec{v}_3$        $4 \times 3$

default interpretation: column vectors written

4 rows,  
3 columns

$4 \times 3$  "4 by 3"

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 3}$$

$A_{ij} = a_{ij}$  = row  $i$ ,  
column  $j$

$$a_{23} = 9$$

next to  
each other

In general,  $A$  is  $n \times d$ .

↑ rows      ↑ columns

$n > d$   
[ ]  
"tall"

$n = d$   
[ ]  
"square"

$n < d$   
[ ]  
"wide"

# Addition and scalar multiplication

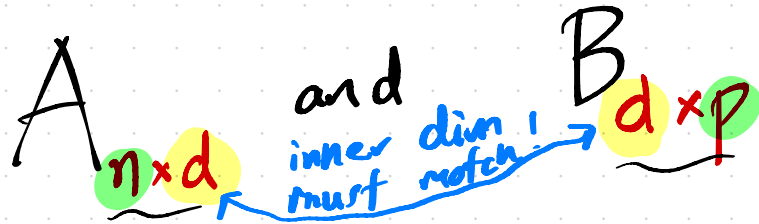
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 3}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 10 & 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 3}$$

$$3A - B = \begin{bmatrix} & & 9_{1,3} \\ & & \\ -11_{3,2} & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 3}$$

"Golden Rule" for matrix multiplication

→ In order to be able to multiply



# columns in A = # rows in B  
 $d$   $d$

$AB$  has shape  $n \times p$  (outer dimensions)

# Matrix-vector multiplication

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$4 \times 3$

$$\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$
$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$3 \times 1$

$$A \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 29 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$4 \times 3$   $3 \times 1$   $4 \times 1$

dot products of  $\vec{x}$   
with rows of  $A$ !!!

$\vec{x} A$  not legal!  
 $3 \times 1$   $4 \times 3$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{x} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 29 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Important :

$A\vec{x}$  is a linear combination  
of  $A$ 's columns  
with coefficients  
coming from  $\vec{x}$ !

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} 4 \times 3$$

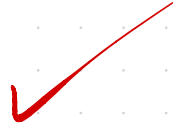
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} 3 \times 2$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 29 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 21 \\ \vdots \\ -7 \\ \vdots \end{matrix} 4 \times 2$$

in general,  
col  $j$  of  $AB$   
 $= A \times$  col  $j$   
of  $B$

# Properties

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



associative

-  $(A+B)C = AC+BC$



distributive

- Not commutative!

In general,

$$AB \neq BA!$$

$$A_{n \times d} \quad B_{d \times p}$$

$AB$  is a valid product

$$B_{d \times p} \quad A_{n \times d}$$

just because  $AB$  is valid,  
doesn't mean  $BA$  is!

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 2}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 3}$$

$AB$  : output is  $3 \times 3$

$BA$  : output is  $2 \times 2$

even if  
 $AB$  and  $BA$   
both exist,  
they don't  
need to have  
same shape!

what if  $A, B$  both square?

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

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 19 & 22 \\ 43 & 50 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 23 & - \\ - & - \end{bmatrix}$$

even then,  $AB \neq BA$  in general

# Identity matrix

$$I_2 = I_{2 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I_{3 \times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I_{4 \times 4} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1's on diagonal

$$a_{ii} = 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

"diagonal"

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{I_{2 \times 2}} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

equivalent  
of multiplying  
by  $I$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & \pi & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 7 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & \pi & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 7 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Activity 4.1 in Ch 5.1

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 16 \\ 3 \\ 36 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D(P\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 36 \\ 16 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D(P\vec{x}) = D \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 48 \\ 2 \\ 18 \end{bmatrix}$$