

# LINEAR ALGEBRA

## Appendix A in Stoica & Moses

### Ch. 2.3 in Hayes

Here, we follow Ch. 2.3 in Hayes.

#### 2.3.1 Vectors

Let signal be represented by scalar values  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$ . Then, the vector notation is

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix}.$$

Vector transpose:

$$\mathbf{x}^T = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N].$$

Hermitian transpose:

$$\mathbf{x}^H = (\mathbf{x}^T)^* = [x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_N^*].$$

Sometimes, it is convenient to consider sets of vectors, for

example:

$$\mathbf{x}(n) = \begin{bmatrix} x(n) \\ x(n-1) \\ \vdots \\ x(n-N+1) \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Note:** Stoica and Moses use “\*” to denote the Hermitian transpose.

Magnitude of a vector?

Vector Euclidean norm:

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N |x_i|^2 \right\}^{1/2} = \sqrt{\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{x}}$$

Scalar (inner) product of two complex vectors  $\mathbf{a} = [a_1, \dots, a_N]^T$  and  $\mathbf{b} = [b_1, \dots, b_N]^T$ :

$$\mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i^* b_i.$$

Cauchy-Schwartz inequality

$$|\mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{b}| \leq \|\mathbf{a}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{b}\|,$$

where equality holds only iff  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are colinear (i.e.  $\mathbf{a} = \alpha \mathbf{b}$ ).

Orthogonal vectors:

$$\mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}^H \mathbf{a} = 0.$$

**Example:** Consider the output of a linear time-invariant (LTI) system (filter):

$$y(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} h(k)x(n-k) = \mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{x}(n)$$

where

$$\mathbf{h} = \begin{bmatrix} h(0) \\ h(1) \\ \vdots \\ h(N-1) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}(n) = \begin{bmatrix} x(n) \\ x(n-1) \\ \vdots \\ x(n-N+1) \end{bmatrix}.$$

### 2.3.2 Linear Independence, Vector Spaces, and Basis Vectors

A set of vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  is said to be *linearly independent* if

$$\alpha_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{0} \quad (1)$$

implies that  $\alpha_i = 0$  for all  $i$ . If a set of nonzero  $\alpha_i$  can be found so that (1) holds, the vectors are *linearly dependent*. For

example, for nonzero  $\alpha_1$ ,

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \beta_2 \mathbf{x}_2 + \cdots + \beta_n \mathbf{x}_n.$$

### Example 2.3.2:

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{linearly independent}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{linearly dependent}$$

because  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{x}_2 + 2\mathbf{x}_3$ .

Given  $N$  vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_N$ , consider the set of all vectors  $\mathcal{V}$  that may be formed as a linear combination of the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$ :

$$\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_i.$$

This set forms a *vector space* and the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$  are said to *span* the space  $\mathcal{V}$ .

If  $\mathbf{v}_i$ 's are linearly independent, they are said to form a *basis* for the space  $\mathcal{V}$  and the number of basis vectors  $N$  is referred to as the space *dimension*. The basis for a vector space is not unique!

## 2.3.3 Matrices

$n \times m$  matrix:

$$A = \{a_{ij}\} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2m} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \cdots & a_{3m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix},$$

If  $n = m$ , then  $A$  is a *square* matrix. *Symmetric* matrix:

$$A^T = A.$$

*Hermitian* matrix:

$$A^H = A.$$

Some properties [apply to transpose  $T$  as well]:

$$(A + B)^H = A^H + B^H, \quad (A^H)^H = A, \quad (AB)^H = B^H A^H.$$

Column and row representations of an  $n \times m$  matrix:

$$A = [\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \cdots, \mathbf{c}_m] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1^H \\ \mathbf{r}_2^H \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{r}_n^H \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

## 2.3.4 Matrix Inverse

**Rank Discussion:** The *rank* of  $A \equiv \#$  of linearly independent columns in (2)  $\equiv \#$  of linearly independent row vectors in (2) [i.e.  $\#$  of linearly independent vectors in  $\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_n\}$ ]. Important property:

$$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(AA^H) = \text{rank}(A^H A).$$

For any  $n \times m$  matrix  $A$ :  $\text{rank}(A) \leq \min\{n, m\}$ .

If  $\text{rank}(A) = \min\{n, m\}$ ,  $A$  is said to be of *full rank*.

If  $A$  is a square matrix of full rank, then there exists a unique matrix  $A^{-1}$ , called the *inverse* of  $A$ :

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

where

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

is called the *identity matrix*.

If a square matrix  $A$  (of size  $n \times n$ ) is not of full rank [i.e.  $\text{rank}(A) < n$ ], then it is said to be *singular*.

Properties:  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ ,  $(A^H)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^H$ .

# Useful Matrix Inversion Identities

## Matrix Inversion Lemma:

$$(A + BCD)^{-1} = A^{-1} - A^{-1}B(C^{-1} + DA^{-1}B)^{-1}DA^{-1}$$

for *arbitrary square nonsingular*  $A$  and  $C$ . In the special case where  $C$  is a scalar,  $B = \mathbf{b}$  is a column vector and  $D = \mathbf{d}^H$  is a row vector. For  $C = 1$ , we obtain the Woodbury identity:

$$(A + \mathbf{b}\mathbf{d}^H)^{-1} = A^{-1} - \frac{A^{-1}\mathbf{b}\mathbf{d}^H A^{-1}}{1 + \mathbf{d}^H A^{-1}\mathbf{b}}.$$

## 2.3.5 The Determinant and the Trace

The determinant of an  $n \times n$  matrix (for any  $i$ ):

$$\det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} \det(A_{ij})$$

where  $A_{ij}$  is the  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix formed by deleting the  $i$ th row and the  $j$ th column of  $A$ .

**Example:**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= a_{11} \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} - a_{12} \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad + a_{13} \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

**Property:** an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is invertible (nonsingular) iff its determinant is nonzero,

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



Properties of the determinant (for  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}\det(AB) &= \det(A) \det(B), & \det(\alpha A) &= \alpha^n \det A \\ \det(A^{-1}) &= \frac{1}{\det A}, & \det(A^T) &= \det A.\end{aligned}$$

Another important function of a matrix is *trace*:

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

## 2.3.6 Linear Equations

Many practical DSP problems [e.g. signal modeling, Wiener filtering, etc.] require solving a set of linear equations:

$$\begin{aligned}a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1m}x_m &= b_1 \\a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2m}x_m &= b_2 \\&\vdots \\a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{nm}x_m &= b_n\end{aligned}$$

In matrix notation:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}, \quad (3)$$

where

- $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix with entries  $a_{ij}$ ,
- $\mathbf{x}$  is an  $m$ -dimensional vector of  $x_i$ 's, and
- $\mathbf{b}$  is an  $n$ -dimensional vector of  $b_i$ 's.

For  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \cdots, \mathbf{a}_m]$ , we can view (3) as an expansion of  $\mathbf{b}$ :

$$\mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i \mathbf{a}_i.$$

**Square matrix**  $A : m = n$ . The nature of the solution depends upon whether or not  $A$  is singular.

*Nonsingular case:*

$$\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}.$$

*Singular case: no solution or many solutions.*

**Example:**

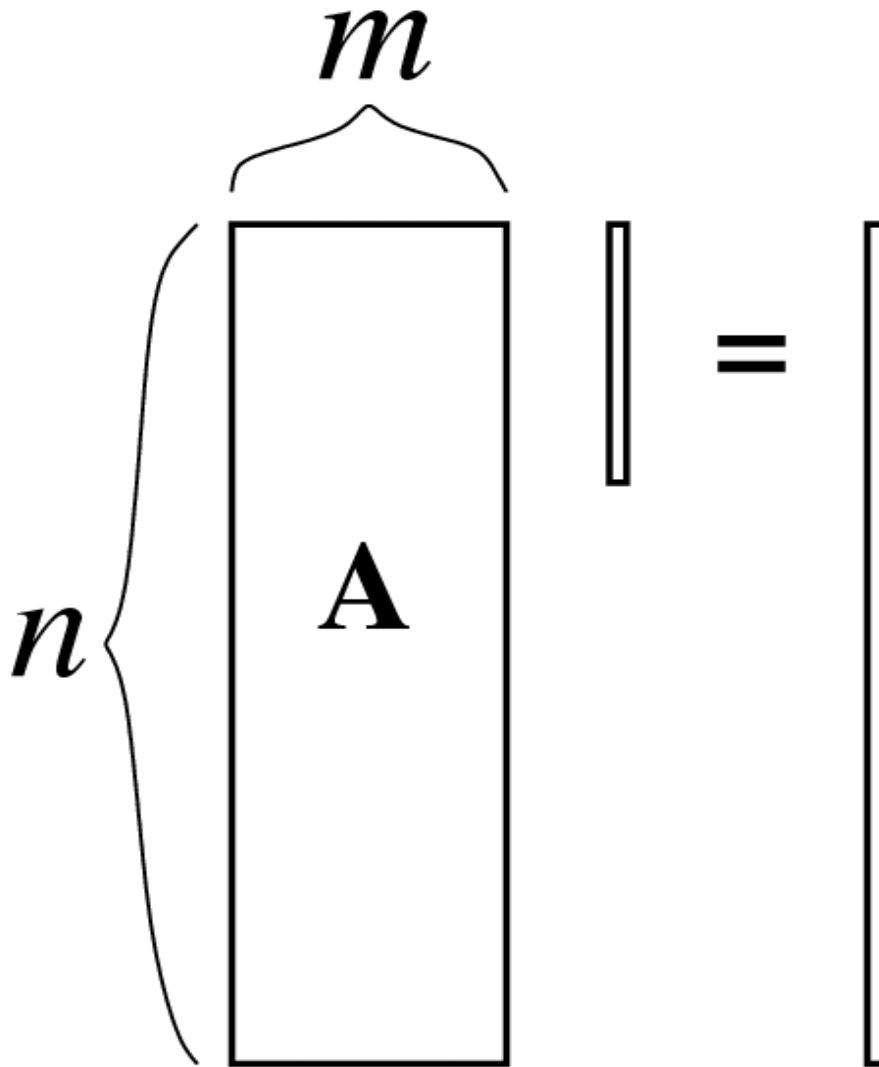
$$x_1 + x_2 = 1$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 2, \quad \text{no solution.}$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 1$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 1, \quad \text{many solutions.}$$

**Rectangular matrix**  $A : m < n$ . More equations than unknowns and, in general, *no solution exists*. The system is called *overdetermined*.



When  $A$  is a full-rank matrix and, therefore,  $A^H A$  is nonsingular, a common approach is to find the *least-squares solution*, i.e. the vector  $x$  that minimizes the Euclidean norm of the error vector:

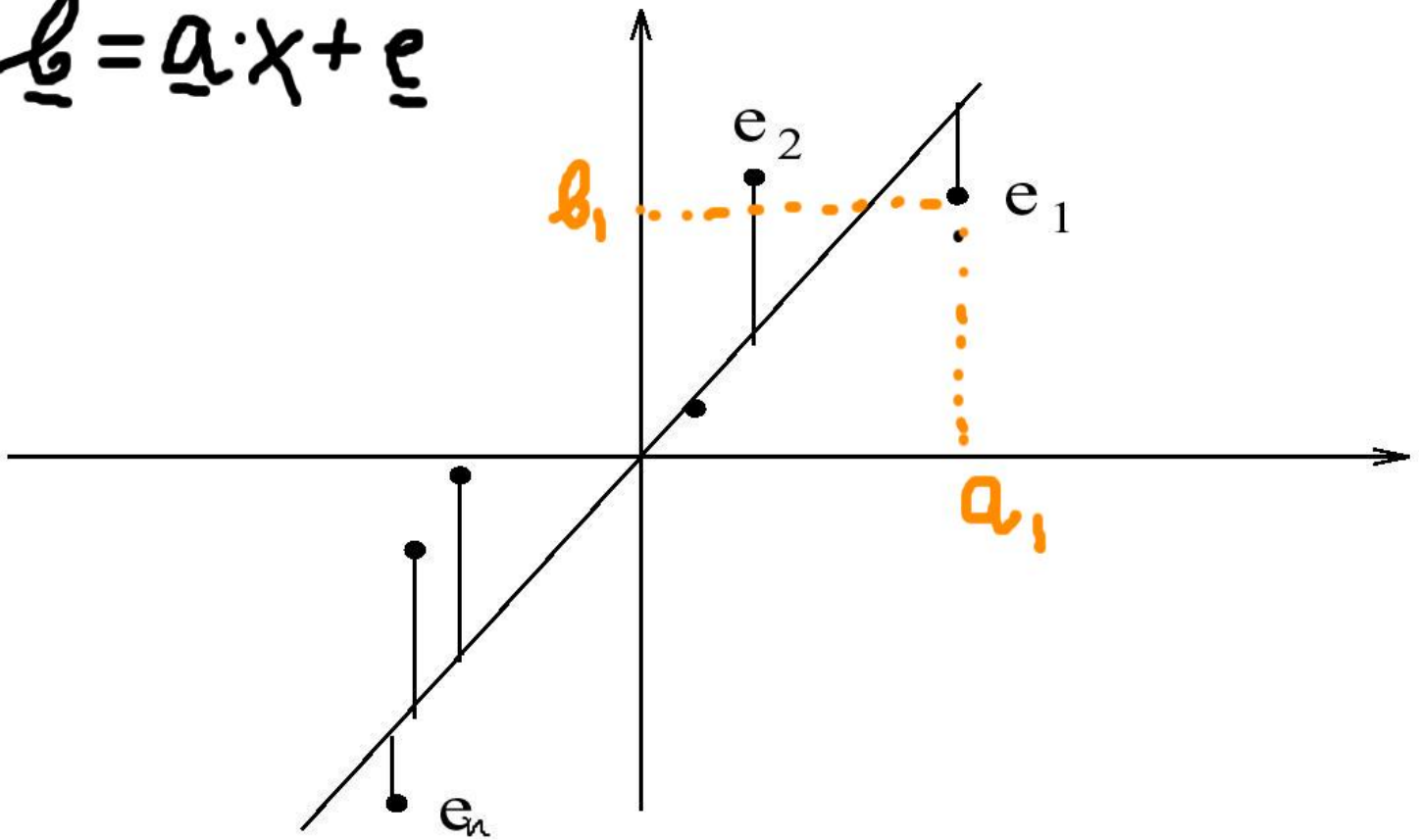
$$\|e\|^2 = \|b - Ax\|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x})^H (\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}) \\
&= \mathbf{b}^H \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{x}^H A^H \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}^H A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^H A^H A\mathbf{x} \\
&= [\mathbf{x} - (A^H A)^{-1} A^H \mathbf{b}]^H A^H A [\mathbf{x} - (A^H A)^{-1} A^H \mathbf{b}] \\
&\quad + [\mathbf{b}^H \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}^H A (A^H A)^{-1} A^H \mathbf{b}].
\end{aligned}$$

The second term is *independent* of  $\mathbf{x}$ . Therefore, the LS solution is

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{LS}} = (A^H A)^{-1} A^H \mathbf{b}.$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{b}} = \underline{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{x}} + \underline{\mathbf{e}}$$



The best (LS) approximation  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$  to  $\mathbf{b}$  is given by

$$\hat{\mathbf{b}} = A\mathbf{x}_{LS} = A(A^H A)^{-1}A^H \mathbf{b} = P_A \mathbf{b},$$

where

$$P_A = A(A^H A)^{-1}A^H$$

is called the *projection matrix* with properties:

$$P_A \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a}$$

if the vector  $\mathbf{a}$  belongs to the column space of  $A$ , and

$$P_A \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{0}$$

if  $\mathbf{a}$  is orthogonal to the column space of  $A$ .

The minimum LS error:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \|\mathbf{e}\|^2 &= \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}_{LS}\|^2 \\ &= \|(I - A(A^H A)^{-1}A^H)\mathbf{b}\|^2 \\ &= \|(I - P_A)\mathbf{b}\|^2 = \|P_A^\perp \mathbf{b}\|^2 = \mathbf{b}^H P_A^\perp \mathbf{b}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $P_A^\perp = I - P_A$  is the projection matrix onto the subspace orthogonal to the column space of  $A$ .

Alternatively, the LS solution is found from the *normal equations*:

$$A^H Ax = A^H \mathbf{b}.$$

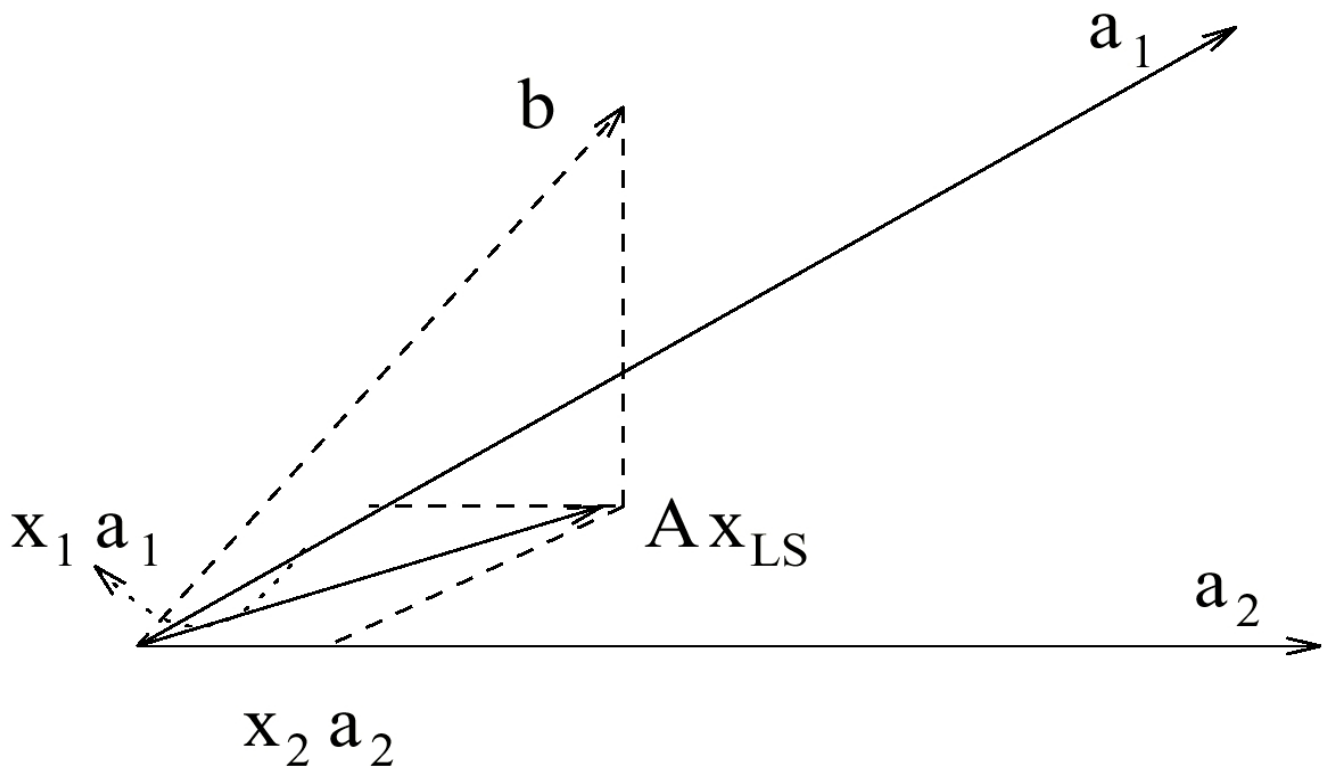
which follow from the *orthogonality principle*:

$$A^H \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}.$$

# Illustration of LS Solutions

Consider

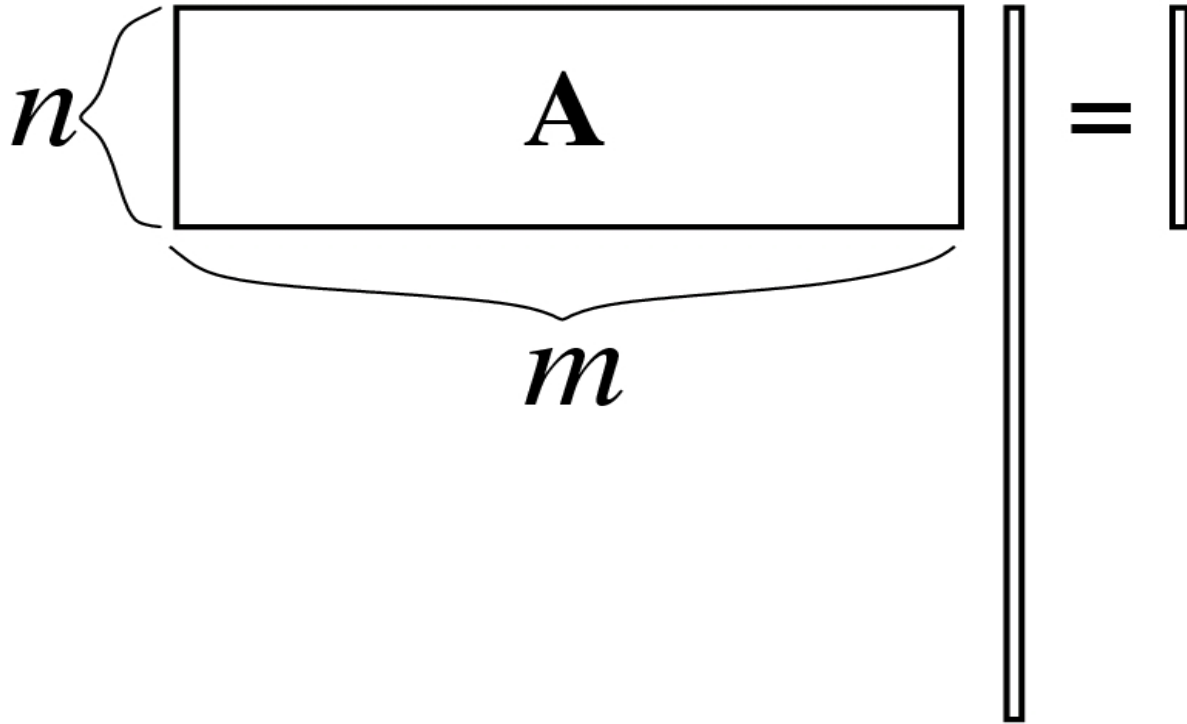
$$A = [\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2],$$
$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{LS}} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$





## 2.3.6 Linear Equations

**Rectangular matrix**  $A : n < m$ . Fewer equations than unknowns and, provided the equations are consistent, there are *many solutions*. The system is called *underdetermined*.



## 2.3.7 Special Matrix Forms

*Diagonal (square) matrix:*

$$A = \text{diag} \{a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn}\} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} .$$

*Exchange matrix:*

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} .$$

*Toeplitz matrix:*

$$a_{ik} = a_{i+1,k+1} \quad \text{for all } i, k < n.$$

Example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 7 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 7 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} .$$

## 2.3.8 Quadratic and Hermitian Forms

*Quadratic form* of a real symmetric square matrix  $A$ :

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}.$$

Similarly, *Hermitian form* of a Hermitian square matrix  $A$ :

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^H A \mathbf{x}.$$

Symmetric (Hermitian) matrices are *positive semidefinite* if  $Q(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$  for all nonzero  $\mathbf{x}$ . If  $Q(\mathbf{x}) > 0$  for all nonzero  $\mathbf{x}$ , then  $A$  is said to be *positive definite*.

**Example:** Matrix  $A = \mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^H$  is positive semidefinite, where  $\mathbf{y}$  is an arbitrary complex vector:

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^H \mathbf{x} = \|\mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{y}\|^2 \geq 0.$$

## 2.3.9 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Consider the *characteristic equation* of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ :

$$A\mathbf{u} = \lambda\mathbf{u},$$

which is equivalent to the following set of homogeneous linear equations:

$$(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}.$$

For a nontrivial solution,  $A - \lambda I$  needs to be singular. Hence,

$$p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) = 0.$$

$p(\lambda)$  is called the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ , and the  $n$  roots,  $\lambda_i, i = 1, \dots, n, \equiv$  the *eigenvalues* of  $A$ .

For each eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ , the matrix  $A - \lambda_i I$  is singular, and there will be at least one nonzero *eigenvector* that solves the equation

$$A\mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{u}_i.$$

Since, for any eigenvector  $\mathbf{u}_i$ ,  $\alpha\mathbf{u}_i$  will also be an eigenvector, eigenvectors are often normalized:

$$\|\mathbf{u}_i\| = 1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

**Property 1:** The eigenvectors  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$  corresponding to *distinct* eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are linearly independent.

**Property 2:** If  $\text{rank}(A) = m$ , then there will be  $n - m$  independent solutions to the homogeneous equation  $A\mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{0}$ . These solutions form the (so-called) *null space* of  $A$ .

**Property 3:** The eigenvalues of a Hermitian matrix are *real*.

**Proof.** From the characteristic equation  $A\mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{u}_i$ , we have:

$$\mathbf{u}_i^H A \mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i^H \mathbf{u}_i.$$

Applying  $^H$  to the above equation, we get

$$\mathbf{u}_i^H A^H \mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i^* \mathbf{u}_i^H \mathbf{u}_i.$$

Since  $A$  is Hermitian ( $A = A^H$ ), we have

$$\lambda_i^* \mathbf{u}_i^H \mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{u}_i^H A^H \mathbf{u}_i \quad \underbrace{A = A^H}_{=} \quad \mathbf{u}_i^H A \mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i^H \mathbf{u}_i.$$

Thus,  $\lambda_i = \lambda_i^*$ , i.e.  $\lambda_i$  must be *real*.  $\square$

**Property 4:** A Hermitian matrix is *positive definite* ( $A > 0$ ) iff the eigenvalues of  $A$  are positive.

Similar property holds for negative definite and positive (negative) semi-definite matrices.

A useful relationship between matrix determinant and eigenvalues:

$$\det\{A\} = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i.$$

Therefore, a matrix is nonsingular (invertible) iff *all* of its eigenvalues are nonzero.

**Property 5:** The eigenvectors of a Hermitian matrix corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are *orthogonal*, i.e. if  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_k$ , then  $\mathbf{u}_i^H \mathbf{u}_k = 0$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_k$  be two distinct eigenvalues of  $A$ . Then

$$A\mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{u}_i, \quad A\mathbf{u}_k = \lambda_k\mathbf{u}_k.$$

Multiplying the above equations by  $\mathbf{u}_k^H$  and  $\mathbf{u}_i^H$ , respectively, we get

$$\mathbf{u}_k^H A\mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{u}_i, \quad \mathbf{u}_i^H A\mathbf{u}_k = \lambda_k\mathbf{u}_i^H \mathbf{u}_k.$$

Taking the Hermitian transpose of the second equation and using the fact that  $A$  is Hermitian (i.e.  $A^H = A$  and  $\lambda_k^* = \lambda_k$ ), yields

$$\mathbf{u}_k^H A\mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_k\mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{u}_i,$$

leading to

$$0 = (\lambda_i - \lambda_k)\mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{u}_i.$$

Since  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_k$ , we have

$$\mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{u}_i = 0.$$

□

**Remark:** Although verified above only for the case of distinct eigenvalues, it is also true that, for any  $n \times n$  Hermitian matrix, there exists a set of  $n$  orthonormal eigenvectors.

For any  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  having *a set of linearly independent eigenvectors*, we may perform an eigenvalue decomposition (EVD):

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

by rewriting the set of equations

$$A \mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

in the form

$$A[\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n] = [\lambda_1 \mathbf{u}_1, \lambda_2 \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \lambda_n \mathbf{u}_n],$$

or, equivalently

$$AU = U \Lambda, \tag{4}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} U &= [\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n], \\ \Lambda &= \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since we have assumed that  *$U$  is nonsingular*, we can right-multiply the equation (4) by  $U^{-1}$ .



## 2.3.9 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors (Hermitian matrix)

For a Hermitian matrix, we can *always* find an orthonormal set of eigenvectors:

$$U^H U = I.$$

Hence,  $U$  is *unitary* (i.e.  $U^H = U^{-1}$ ), and the EVD becomes

$$A = U \Lambda U^H$$

or, equivalently,

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^H.$$

This result is known as the *spectral theorem*.

Using the unitary property of  $U$ , it is easy to find the inverse of a nonsingular Hermitian matrix via EVD:

$$A^{-1} = (U \Lambda U^H)^{-1} = (U^H)^{-1} \Lambda^{-1} U^{-1} = U \Lambda^{-1} U^H$$

or, equivalently,

$$A^{-1} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\lambda_i} \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^H.$$

Hence, the inverse does not affect eigenvectors, but transforms eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  to  $1/\lambda_i$ .

In many DSP applications, matrices may be very close to singular (*ill-conditioned*—one or more eigenvalues are close to zero), and, therefore, their inverse may be unstable. We may stabilize the problem by adding a constant to each term along the diagonal (so-called *diagonal loading*):

$$A = B + \alpha I.$$

This operation *leaves eigenvectors unchanged*, but *changes eigenvalues*:

$$A\mathbf{u}_i = B\mathbf{u}_i + \alpha\mathbf{u}_i = (\lambda_i + \alpha)\mathbf{u}_i,$$

where  $\lambda_i$  and  $\mathbf{u}_i$  are the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $B$ :

$$B\mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{u}_i.$$

## 2.3.9 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors — Trace

We can write the trace of  $A$  in terms of its eigenvalues:

$$\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i.$$

Similarly,

$$\text{tr}(A^{-1}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\lambda_i}.$$

This property can be easily shown using the EVD and  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$ .

Denoting the maximum eigenvalue of  $A$  by  $\lambda_{\text{MAX}}$ , if  $A$  is positive semi-definite Hermitian, then

$$\lambda_{\text{MAX}} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = \text{tr}(A).$$

# Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

For a rectangular  $n \times m$  matrix  $A$ , we may perform the SVD instead of EVD:

$$A = U \Lambda V^H$$

where  $UU^H = U^H U = I$  and  $VV^H = V^H V = I$  and

$$A = \begin{cases} [\Lambda(n), 0], & n < m \\ \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda(m) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, & n > m \end{cases},$$
$$\Lambda(m) = \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m\},$$

and  $\lambda_i$ 's are non-negative. Equivalently,

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^H \quad \text{if } n < m$$

or

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^H \quad \text{if } n > m$$

where  $\mathbf{u}_i$  and  $\mathbf{v}_i$  are the  $n \times 1$  and  $m \times 1$  *left* and *right singular vectors*, respectively, and  $\lambda_i$ 's are *singular values*.

Pictorial representation of the SVD:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 n \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \overbrace{\mathbf{A}}^m \\ \mathbf{A} \end{array} \right. = \mathbf{U} \begin{array}{c} \Lambda \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \mathbf{0} \end{array} \mathbf{V}^H \\
 n < m
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 n \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \overbrace{\mathbf{A}}^m \\ \mathbf{A} \end{array} \right. = \mathbf{U} \begin{array}{c} \Lambda \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \mathbf{0} \end{array} \mathbf{V}^H \\
 n > m
 \end{array}$$

# Computational Aspects of LS

Solving Normal Equations:

$$A^H A \mathbf{x}_{\text{LS}} = A^H \mathbf{b}.$$

Define

$$C = A^H A, \quad \mathbf{g} = A^H \mathbf{b}.$$

Solve

$$C \mathbf{x}_{\text{LS}} = \mathbf{g},$$

where  $C$  is a positive definite Hermitian matrix.

# Cholesky Decomposition

Also known as the  $LDL^H$  decomposition:

$$C = LDL^H,$$

where

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ l_{n1} & l_{n2} & l_{n3} & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{lower triangular matrix})$$

and  $D = \text{diag}\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\}$ ,  $d_i > 0$ .

Back-substitution to solve:

$$LDL^H x_{\text{LS}} = g.$$

**Cholesky Decomposition Approach to Solving LS:** Define  $y = DL^H x_{\text{LS}}$ . Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ l_{n1} & l_{n2} & l_{n3} & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} g_1 \\ g_2 \\ \vdots \\ g_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$y_1 = g_1,$$

$$y_2 = g_2 - l_{21}y_1,$$

$$y_k = g_k - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} l_{ki}y_i, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & l_{21}^* & \cdots & l_{n1}^* \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & l_{n2}^* \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = L^H \mathbf{x}_{LS} = D^{-1} \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{y_1}{d_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{y_n}{d_n} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$x_n = \frac{y_n}{d_n},$$

$$x_k = \frac{y_k}{d_k} - \sum_{i=k+1}^n l_{ik}^* x_i, \quad k = n-1, \dots$$

**Note:** Solving normal equations using this approach may be sensitive to numerical errors.



# QR Decomposition Approach to Solving LS

$A$  can be factored as

$$A = QR = [Q_1 \ Q_2] \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = Q_1 R_1,$$

where  $Q$  is unitary (i.e.  $QQ^H = Q^H Q$ ) and  $R_1$  is square upper triangular (Matlab: `qr`). Then

$$(A^H A)^{-1} A^H = R_1^{-1} Q_1^H$$

and  $\mathbf{x}_{LS}$  is obtained by solving the following triangular system:

$$R_1 \mathbf{x}_{LS} = Q_1^H \mathbf{b}.$$

**Note:** Numerically more robust than Cholesky. For a large number of overdetermined equations, the QR method needs about  $2\times$  more computations compared with Cholesky.