

$$\underline{u} = \underline{A} \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 \\ 0 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{y} = \underline{B} \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 \\ 1 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $\underline{A}$  be a square matrix, then if there exists a vector  $\underline{x}$  and a number  $\lambda$  such that  $\underline{A} \underline{x} = \lambda \underline{x}$  then  $\lambda$  is called eigenvalue and  $\underline{x}$  is called eigenvector.

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

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} - \lambda \underline{x} = \underline{0} \quad \swarrow \text{zero vector}$$

Identity matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a$$

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\underline{I}} = \underline{\underline{I}} \underline{\underline{A}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{x} - \lambda \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{x} - \lambda \underline{\underline{I}} \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

$$(\underline{\underline{A}} - \lambda \underline{\underline{I}}) \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

homogeneous linear  
system of equations

This system has always the trivial **0** solution. However, we are interested in the case of non trivial solutions. This holds when

$$\det(\underline{\underline{A}} - \lambda \underline{\underline{I}}) = 0$$

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

$$\det(\underline{\underline{A}} - \lambda \underline{\underline{I}}) = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 4 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(1 - \lambda)(4 - \lambda) - 4 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 4) - 4 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + \cancel{4} - \cancel{4} = 0$$

$$\lambda(\lambda - 5) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 0 \quad \checkmark \quad \lambda = 5$$

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$$(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

$$(\underline{A} - 5 \underline{I}) \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-5 & 2 \\ 2 & 4-5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4x_1 + 2x_2 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} -4x_1 + 2x_2 = 0 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 - x_2 = 0 \\ \underline{2x_1 - x_2 = 0} \end{cases}$$

$$x_2 = 2x_1$$

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This equation admits infinite solutions. This is not surprising because since the very beginning we have imposed the condition to have non-trivial solutions, i.e.,  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ . This means that there are infinite vectors such that if they are multiplied by the matrix  $A$ , the result will be a vector that will be five times the original one.

For example,  $x_1 = 1$ , then  $x_2 = 2$

$$\underline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{this is one eigen vector}$$

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

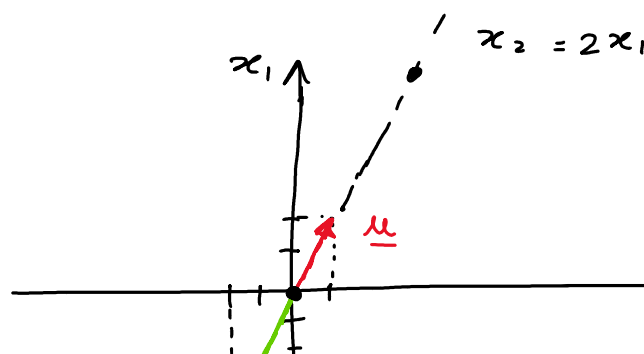
$$\underline{A} \underline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 \\ 2 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 5 \underline{u}$$

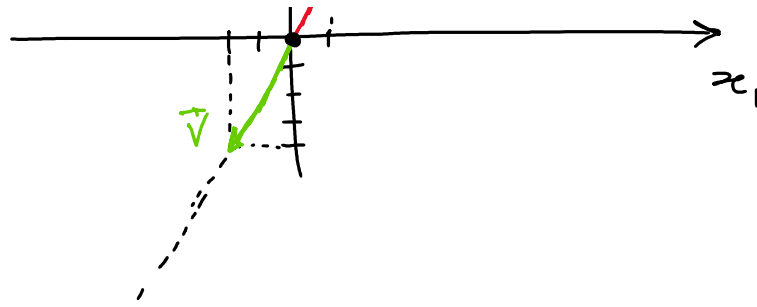
If  $x_1 = -2$ , then  $x_2 = -4$

$$\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{A} \underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1(-2) + 2(-4) \\ 2(-2) + 4(-4) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ -20 \end{bmatrix} = 5 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} =$$

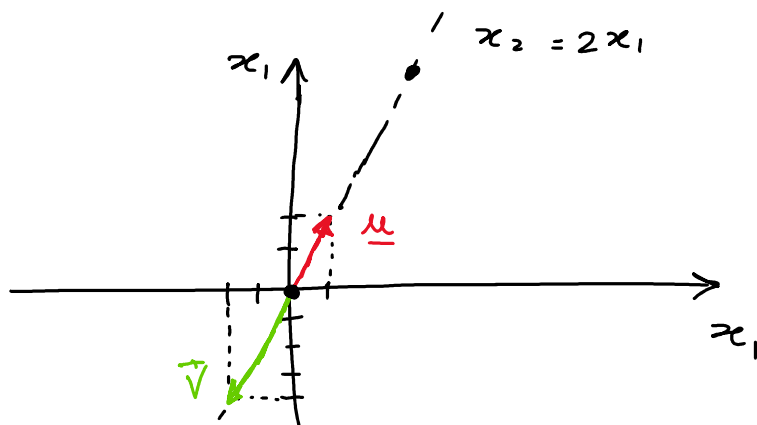
$$= 5 \underline{v}$$



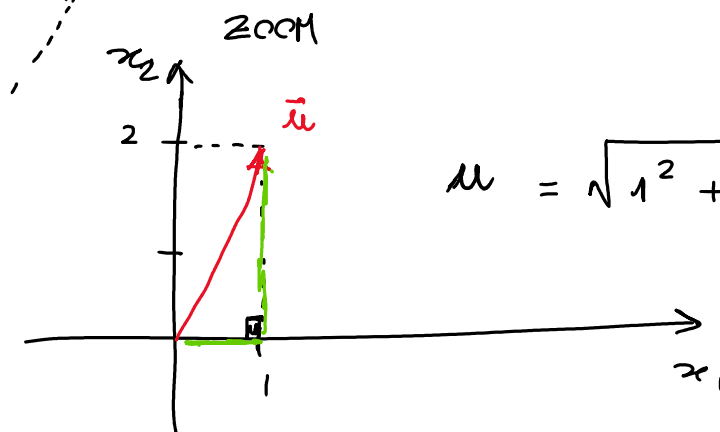


A Versor: is a vector whose modulus is equal to 1.

If you divide a non-zero vector by its modulus, you get an associated versor (with the same direction and verse).



$$\underline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$u = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

In general, if you have a vector

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$$x = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$$

This quantity is also defined as the norm of vector  $\underline{x}$  and can also be denoted as

$$\|\underline{x}\|, |\underline{x}|, \|\vec{x}\| \text{ or } |\vec{x}|$$

So, given a vector  $\underline{x}$ , its associated

version is  $\frac{\underline{x}}{\|\underline{x}\|}$

$$\underline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\hat{\underline{u}}$   $\swarrow$  circumflex accent

$$\hat{\underline{u}} = \frac{\underline{u}}{\|\underline{u}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{normalized eigenvector}$$

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% Compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors
[V, L] = eig(A)
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is an eigenvector associated to the eigenvalue 5

L is a matrix having the eigenvalues on the main diagonal

Diagonalization:

$$\underline{\underline{A}} = \underline{\underline{V}}^{-1} \underline{\underline{L}} \underline{\underline{V}}$$

3) It can be proved that if **A is symmetric** then it admits only real eigenvalues.

That is also why it is better to express a quadratic form with a symmetric matrix **A**.

**TH. on CLASSIFICATION OF QUADRATIC FORMS.** Consider a quadratic form  $Q$  and let  $A$  be the matrix associated to  $Q$ . Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  be the eigenvalues of  $A$ . Then  $Q$  is

**Positive definite** iff all the eigenvalues of  $A$  are positive,

**Negative definite** if all the eigenvalues of  $A$  are negative,

**Positive semidefinite** if all the eigenvalues of  $A$  are not negative and at least one is zero

**Negative semidefinite** if all the eigenvalues of  $A$  are not positive and at least one is zero

**Indefinite** if  $A$  admits both positive and negative eigenvalues

$$Q_1 = 2x_1^2 - 5x_2^2 + 3x_3^2, \quad =$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -5-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

The eigenvalues are  $2, -5, 3$ .  
Indefinite.

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Ex (\*)

$$Q4 = 4x_1x_2 - x_1x_3 - 6x_2x_3 =$$

$$= 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2x_1 - \frac{1}{2}x_1x_3 - \frac{1}{2}x_3x_1 - 3x_2x_3 - 3x_3x_2 =$$

$$[x_1, x_2, x_3] \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 2 & 0 & -3 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

ans =

-3.3881  
-0.4602  
3.8483

indefinite.

Definition: let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. A  $k \times k$  submatrix of  $\mathbf{A}$  formed by deleting  $n - k$  columns, say columns  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{n-k}$  and the same  $n - k$  rows from  $\mathbf{A}$  is called a  $k$ -th order principal submatrix of  $\mathbf{A}$ . The determinant of a  $k \times k$  principal submatrix is called a  $k$ -th order principal minor of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

$i_1$  I mean  $i_1$   
 $i_{n-k}$   $i_{m-k}$

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

$$m = 4$$

For example, I choose  
 $k = 2$

I choose column 1 and 4



I choose column 1 and 4

$$i_1 = 1$$

$$i_2 = 4$$

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

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The result is the submatrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

This is a 2<sup>nd</sup> order principal submatrix of  $\underline{A}$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot 2 - 2 \cdot 1 = 0$$

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minor of  $\underline{A}$ .