



## EECS 16A

Page Rank, Eigenvalues and  
Eigenspaces

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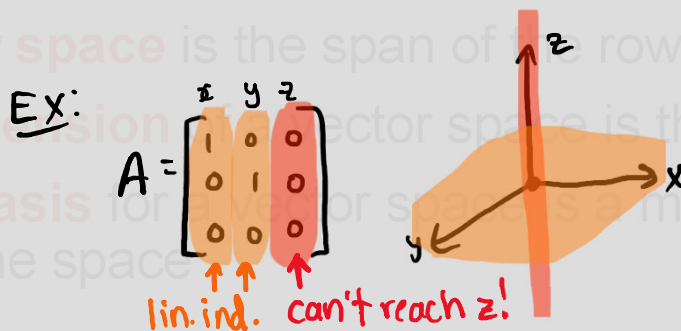
"Full rank"  
means rank is max  
possible ( $\min(M,N)$ )

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 $\dim(\text{colspan}(A)) =$  the # of independent cols  
 $=$  # of cols with pivots  
 $= \dim(\text{rowspan}(A))$
  - **nullspace** of matrix  $A$  is the set of solutions to  $Ax=0$
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- Ex.  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \\ e & f \end{bmatrix}$   
3x2 mtx can have max rank of 2!
- # independent cols of  $A =$  # independent rows of  $A$

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Definition:  $N(A) \equiv \left\{ \vec{x} \mid A\vec{x} = \vec{0}, \underbrace{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N}_{\text{size of input vectors}} \right\}$   
 "the Null space of  $A$ "  
 is defined as  
 vectors that solve



$$\begin{aligned} \dim(\text{colspace}(A)) &= 2 \\ \dim(\text{nullspace}(A)) &= 1 \\ \hline 2 + 1 &= 3 \leftarrow \dim(A) \end{aligned}$$

Rank-Nullity Theorem

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- Vector Addition

- Associative:  $\vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w}$  for any  $\vec{v}, \vec{u}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{V}$ .
- Commutative:  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$  for any  $\vec{v}, \vec{u} \in \mathbb{V}$ .
- Additive Identity: There exists an additive identity  $\vec{0} \in \mathbb{V}$  such that  $\vec{v} + \vec{0} = \vec{v}$  for any  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{V}$ .
- Additive Inverse: For any  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{V}$ , there exists  $-\vec{v} \in \mathbb{V}$  such that  $\vec{v} + (-\vec{v}) = \vec{0}$ . We call  $-\vec{v}$  the additive inverse of  $\vec{v}$ .
- Closure under vector addition: For any two vectors  $\vec{v}, \vec{u} \in \mathbb{V}$ , their sum  $\vec{v} + \vec{u}$  must also be in  $\mathbb{V}$ .

- Scalar Multiplication

- Associative:  $\alpha(\beta\vec{v}) = (\alpha\beta)\vec{v}$  for any  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{V}$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- Multiplicative Identity: There exists  $1 \in \mathbb{R}$  where  $1 \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v}$  for any  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{V}$ . We call  $1$  the multiplicative identity.
- Distributive in vector addition:  $\alpha(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = \alpha\vec{u} + \alpha\vec{v}$  for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{V}$ .
- Distributive in scalar addition:  $(\alpha + \beta)\vec{v} = \alpha\vec{v} + \beta\vec{v}$  for any  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{V}$ .
- Closure under scalar multiplication: For any vector  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{V}$  and scalar  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , the product  $\alpha\vec{v}$  must also be in  $\mathbb{V}$ .

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**Definition 8.1 (Subspace):** A subspace  $\mathbb{U}$  consists of a subset of the vector space  $\mathbb{V}$  that satisfies the following three properties:

- Contains the zero vector:  $\vec{0} \in \mathbb{U}$ .
- Closed under vector addition: For any two vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \in \mathbb{U}$ , their sum  $\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2$  must also be in  $\mathbb{U}$ .
- Closed under scalar multiplication: For any vector  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{U}$  and scalar  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , the product  $\alpha\vec{v}$  must also be in  $\mathbb{U}$ .

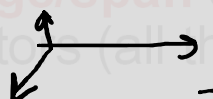
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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dim(\text{cols}(A)) = 3$$

spans  $\mathbb{R}^3$

rank = 3 (full rank)

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

3x2  
max rank

$$\dim(\text{cols}(B)) = 2$$

spans 2D plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

rank = 2 (full rank)

Is there Null space? Yes  $\vec{0}$ .  
 $\dim(\text{Null}(B)) = 0$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 10 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

2x4  
max rank

$$\dim(\text{cols}(C)) = \cancel{2} 1$$

rank = 1

spans a line in  $\mathbb{R}^4$

$\dim(\text{Null}(C)) = 1$

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# Today's jargon!

· hypervolume?  
· volume'

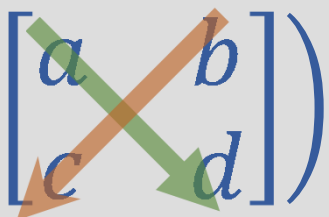
- **Determinant** is the 'area' of a matrix
- Eigenvalue
- Eigenvector
- New example: PageRank

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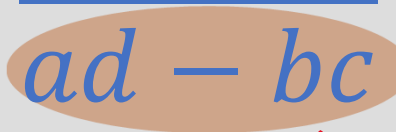
# The Determinant

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

$$\det(A) = \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = ad - bc$$


When  $\det(A) \neq 0$ ,  $A$  is invertible

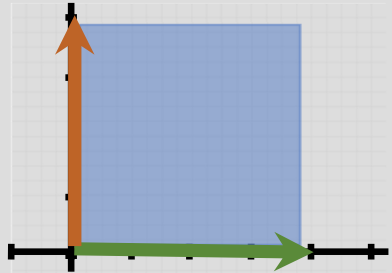
Recall:

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$


↖ determinant! can't be zero!

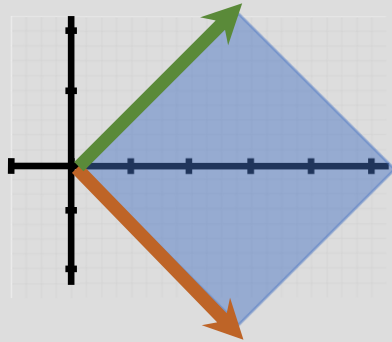
# Interpretation of Determinant of a Matrix in $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

- Area of a parallelogram

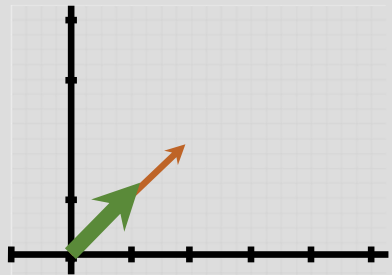


$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{Area} \neq 0$$

$$\det(A) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = ad - bc$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{Area} \neq 0$$

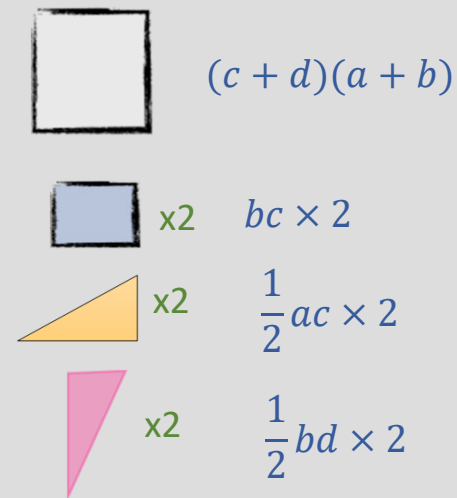
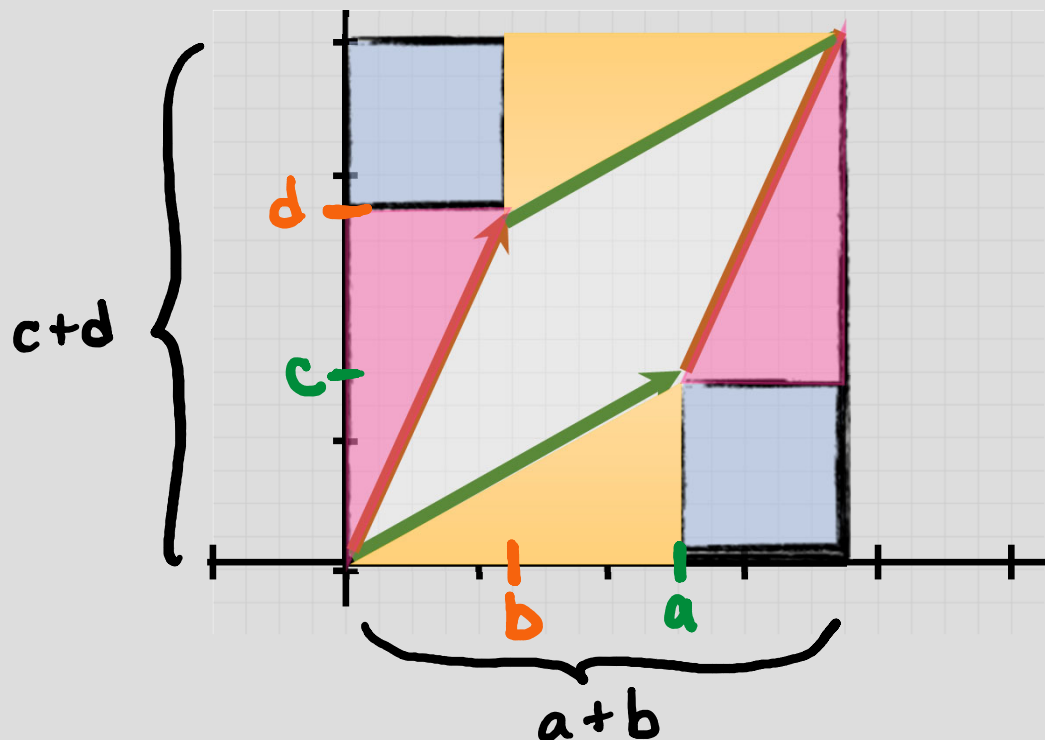


$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{Area} = 0$$

# Interpretation of Determinant of a Matrix in $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

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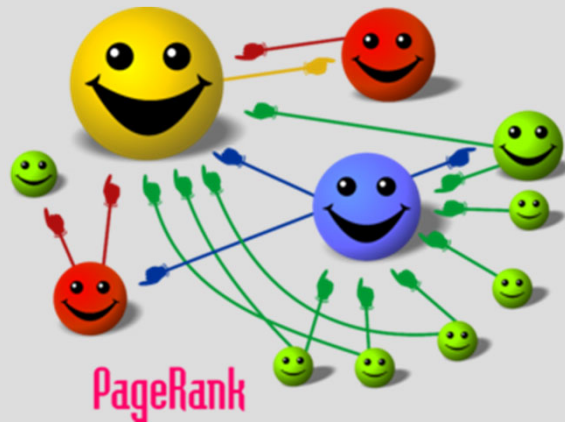
$$\begin{aligned} \text{area} &= (a+b)(c+d) - 2bc - ac - bd \\ &= \cancel{ac} + ad + \cancel{bc} + \cancel{bd} - 2bc - \cancel{ac} - \cancel{bd} \\ &= ad - bc \end{aligned}$$

## Determinant in $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{a} \times \\ \left| \begin{array}{cc} \mathbf{e} & \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{h} & \mathbf{i} \end{array} \right| \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{b} \times \\ \left| \begin{array}{cc} \mathbf{d} & \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{g} & \mathbf{i} \end{array} \right| \end{array} \right] + \left[ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{c} \times \\ \left| \begin{array}{cc} \mathbf{d} & \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{g} & \mathbf{h} \end{array} \right| \end{array} \right]$$

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- **New example: PageRank**

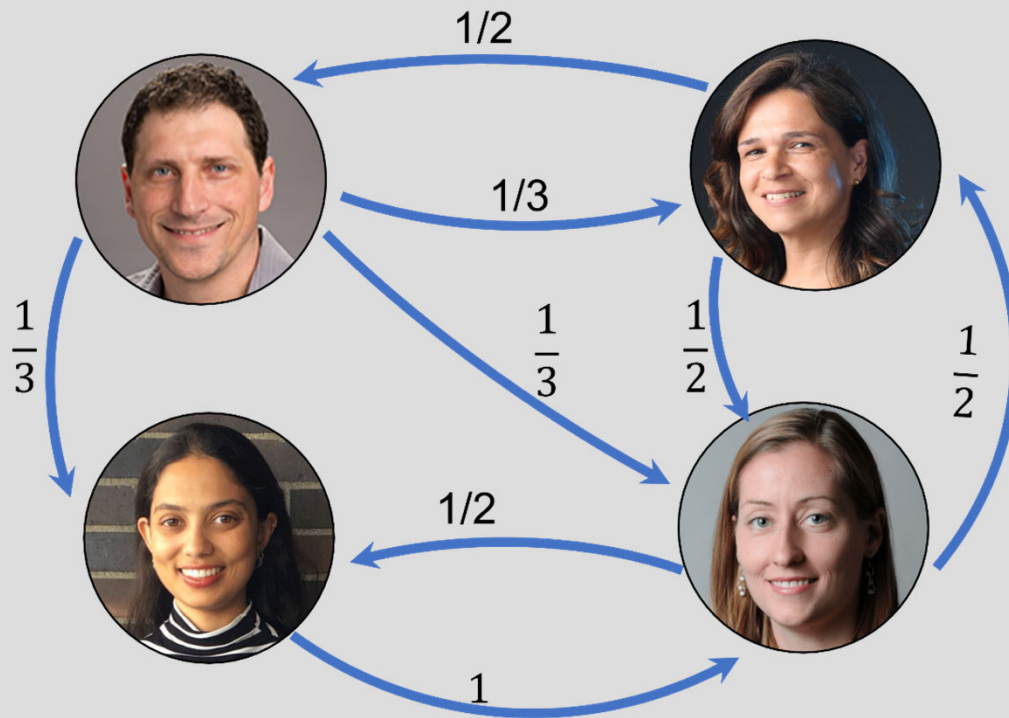


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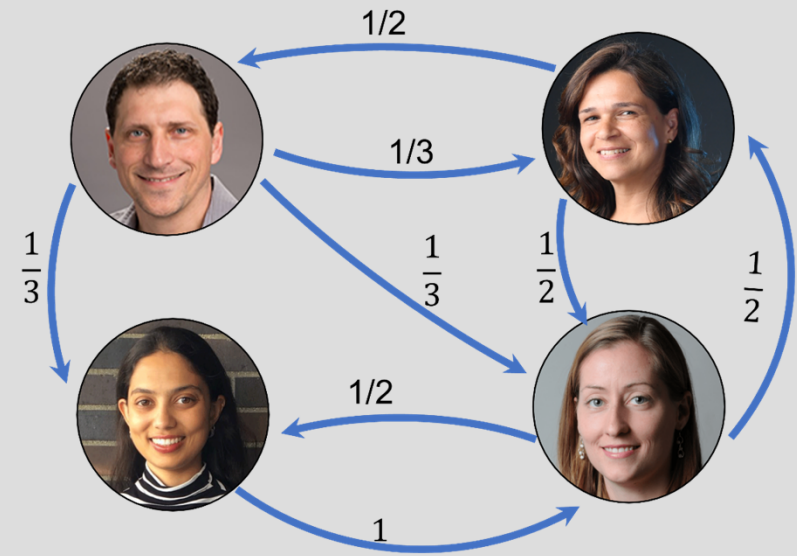
# PageRank

- Ranks websites based on how many high-ranked pages link to them



# PageRank

		From			
					
To		0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0
		$\frac{1}{3}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
		$\frac{1}{3}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
		$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0

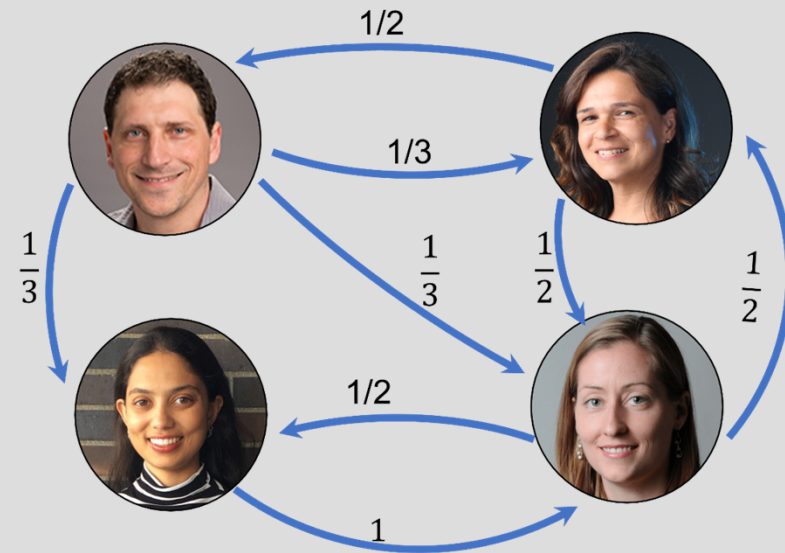




# PageRank

$$\vec{x}(t+1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}(t)$$

↑  
"Page Rank"

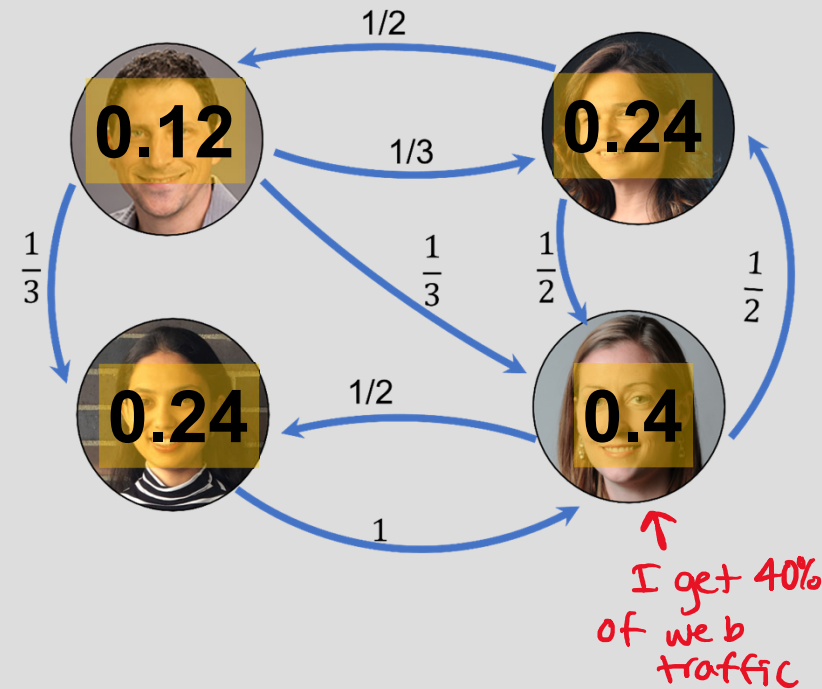


Let's start equal

$$\vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1/4 \\ 1/4 \\ 1/4 \\ 1/4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x}(1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.125 \\ 0.208 \\ 0.208 \\ 0.458 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x}(2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.104 \\ 0.271 \\ 0.271 \\ 0.354 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x}(100) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.12 \\ 0.24 \\ 0.24 \\ 0.4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x}(101) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.12 \\ 0.24 \\ 0.24 \\ 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

# PageRank steady state

$$\vec{x}(t + 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}(t)$$



What does it mean when  $\vec{x}(t + 1) = \vec{x}(t)$ ?

**That Laura is the most important!**

(also, we have converged to a steady state)

check:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/3 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/3 & 1/2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.12 \\ 0.24 \\ 0.24 \\ 0.4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.12 \\ 0.24 \\ 0.24 \\ 0.4 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$

$$\vec{x}(100) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.12 \\ 0.24 \\ 0.24 \\ 0.4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x}(101) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.12 \\ 0.24 \\ 0.24 \\ 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Judge me by my  
**PageRank**, do you?



*Pirillo & Fitz*

# General Steady-state solution

What if it doesn't converge until  $t=1,000,000$ ?

Do I need to compute every step?

$$\vec{x}_{SS} = Q \cdot \vec{x}_{SS}$$

$$Q \cdot \vec{x}_{SS} - \vec{x}_{SS} = \vec{0}$$

$$(Q - I) \vec{x}_{SS} = \vec{0}$$

$$Q \cdot \vec{x}_{SS} - I \vec{x}_{SS} = \vec{0}$$

$$(Q - I) \vec{x}_{SS} = \vec{0}$$

The  $\text{Null}(Q - I)$  is the steady state solution!

We can find it with.... Gaussian Elimination!

# Example:

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

$$\vec{x}^* = P \vec{x}^* \quad \text{if equilibrium exists, then input = output}$$

↑  
steady-state solution

$$P \vec{x}^* - I \vec{x}^* = \vec{0}$$

↑ doesn't change eqn, but matches up dims.

$$(P - I) \vec{x}^* = \vec{0}$$

A  $\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  form!

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/6 & 1/3 \\ 1/2 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} x_1^* \\ x_2^* \\ x_3^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1/2 & 1/6 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 1/2 & -2/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & -1/3 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

↓ G.E.

infinite solutions

$$\vec{x}^* = \begin{bmatrix} 8\alpha \\ 6\alpha \\ 9\alpha \end{bmatrix} \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

Pick  $\alpha = 1$

$$\vec{x}^* = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 6 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

steady state sol'n

check

$$P \vec{x}^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/6 & 1/3 \\ 1/2 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 6 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 6 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark \quad \text{input is same as output!}$$

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- **Eigenvalue**
- **Eigenvector**
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# Eigen Values

We saw an example for a steady-state vector

$$Q \cdot \vec{x}_{SS} = 1 \cdot \vec{x}_{SS}$$

*can scale*

Direction, and size of the vector did not change!

*by any real cause its a SPACE*

We will now look at the more general case

$$Q \cdot \vec{x} = \lambda \cdot \vec{x}$$

In this case, we say that

$\vec{x}$  is an **Eigen** Vector of  $Q$  with Eigen Value  $\lambda$  and  $\text{span}\{\vec{x}\}$  is the associated Eigen-space

*self in German*

*anything in  $\text{span}(\vec{x})$  satisfies this*

# Eigen Values

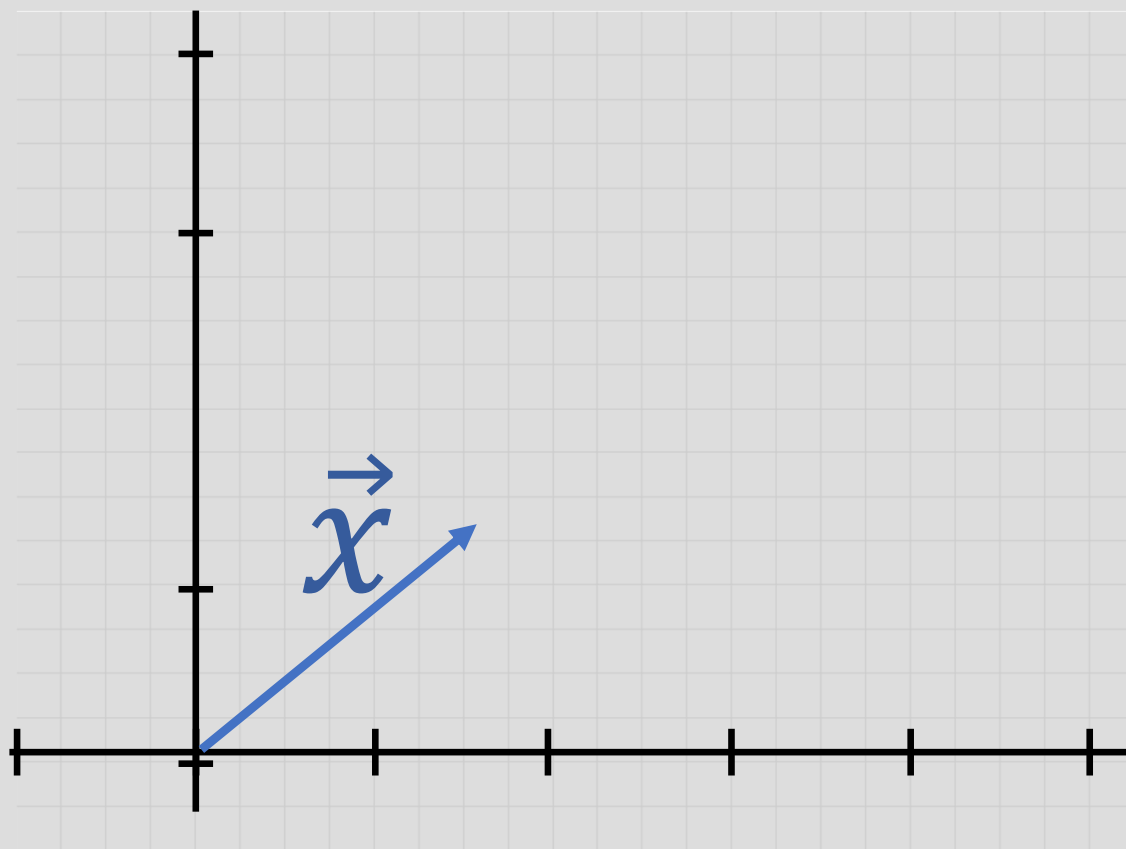
$$Q \cdot \vec{x} = \lambda \cdot \vec{x}$$

What happens if,

$\lambda = 1$ ?

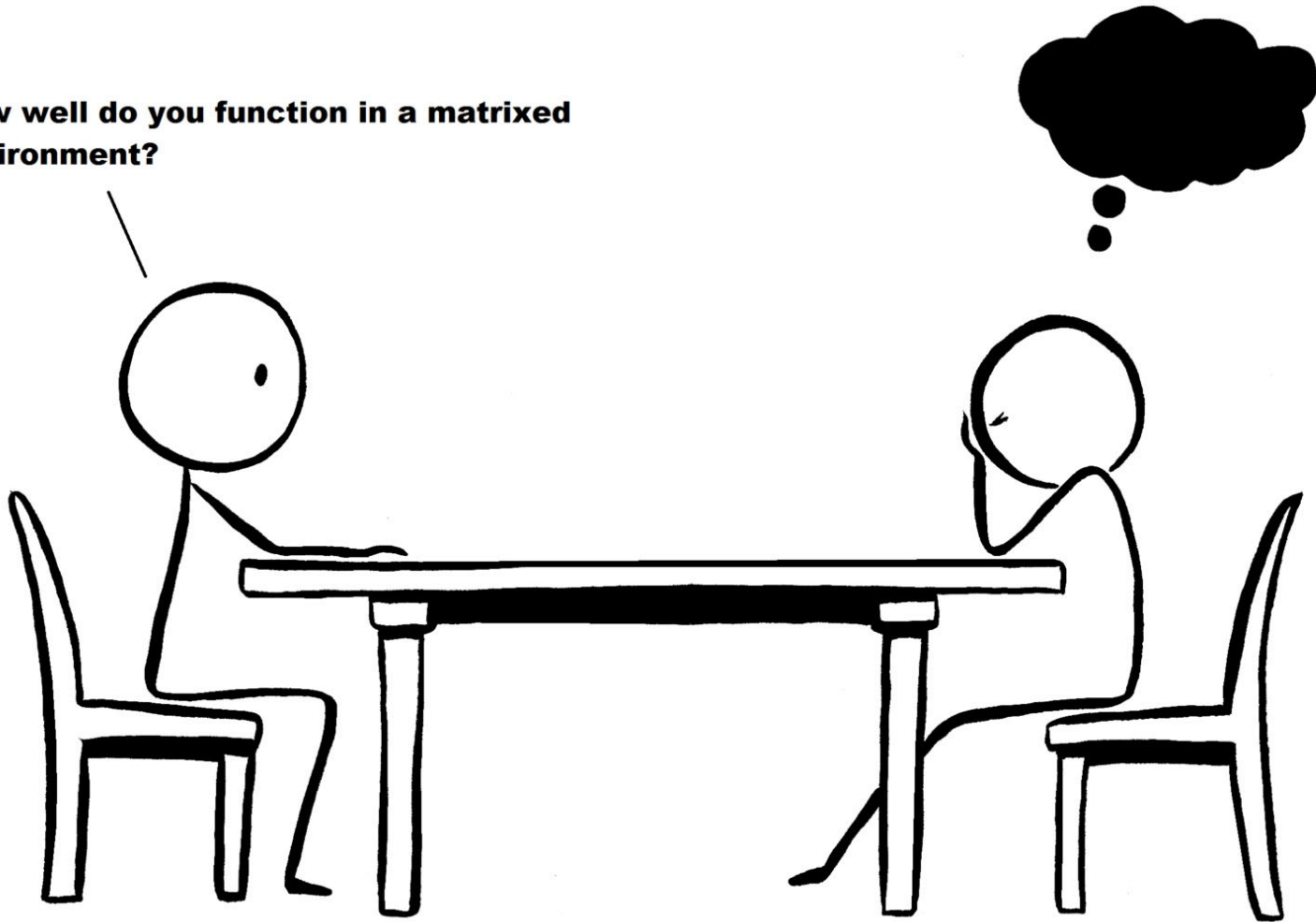
$\lambda > 1$ ?

$\lambda < 1$ ?





**How well do you function in a matrixed environment?**



**\* So long as my eigenvalue is always 1, just fine.**

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**Take a break and watch the official EECS band, called “the Positive Eigenvalues”, singing the Cure:**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEHXEJ-ctpY>

# Finding the eigenvalues and eigenvectors (in that order)

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Want to find  $\lambda, \vec{x}$  such that  $Q\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$

$$Q\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$$

$$Q\vec{x} - \lambda\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$(Q - \lambda I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\text{Find } \vec{x} \in \text{Null}(Q - \lambda I): Q - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 - \lambda & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

There will only be a non-trivial nullspace if  $\det(Q - \lambda I) = 0$

$$\det(Q - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$(1/2 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) - (0) \cdot 1/2 = 0$$

$$(1/2 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1/2, \lambda_2 = 1$$

Characteristic polynomial 

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Characteristic polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} \det(Q - \lambda I) &= 0 \\ (1/2 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) - (0) \cdot 1/2 &= 0 \\ (1/2 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) &= 0 \\ \lambda_1 = 1/2, \lambda_2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

When  $\lambda_1 = 1/2$ ,  $Q - \lambda I = \vec{0}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 - \lambda & 0 & | & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1 - \lambda & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_1 + x_2 = 0 \rightarrow x_1 = -x_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{x}_1 \in \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

eigenspace

Eigenvector  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

For eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 1/2$

$$Q\vec{v} = 1/2\vec{v}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \cdot 2 + 0(-2) \\ 1/2 \cdot 2 + 1(-2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvector  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

for eigenvalue  $\lambda_2 = 1$

$$Q\vec{u} = 1\vec{u}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\lambda_2 = 1 \\ &\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 - 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1 - 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{x}_2 = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{x}_2 \in \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$

# Summary: Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

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

Must be square!



What if  
lambda = 0?

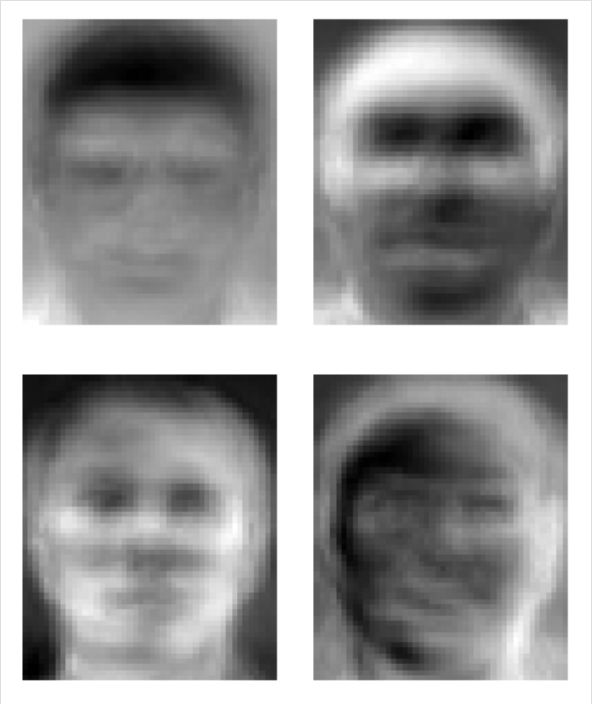
Any number!

Non-zero!  
 $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$



**Cute! But what's it good for?**

# Eigen-faces for human face recognition



# Eigen Values and Eigen Vectors

can be complex  
 $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , but not  
in EECS16A  
↓

• Definition: Let  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  be a square matrix, and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

if  $\exists \vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$  such that  $Q\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$ ,

then  $\lambda$  is an **eigenvalue** of  $Q$ ,  $\vec{x}$  is an **eigenvector**

and  $\text{Null}(Q - \lambda I)$  is its **eigenspace**.



## Disciplined Approach:

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

1. Form  $B_\lambda = A - \lambda I$
2. Find all the  $\lambda$ s resulting in a non-trivial null space for  $B_\lambda$ 
  - Solve:  $\det(B_\lambda) = 0$
  - $\Rightarrow$   $N^{\text{th}}$  order characteristic polynomial with  $N$  solutions
  - Each solution is an eigenvalue!
3. For each  $\lambda$  find the vector space  $\text{Null}(B_\lambda)$

# Solutions for the Characteristic Polynomial

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} a - \lambda & b \\ c & d - \lambda \end{bmatrix}\right) = (a - \lambda)(d - \lambda) - bc = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - (a + d)\lambda + (ad - bc) = 0$$

- Three cases:
  - Two real distinct eigenvalues
  - Single repeated eigenvalue
  - Two complex-valued eigenvalues