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Spectral Analysis

Eigenpairs

If, given a matrix A we find a real λ and a vector $\mathbf{e}$ s.t.

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

then λ and $\mathbf{e}$ will be an eigenpair of A.

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In principle, if A has rank n there should be n such pairs.

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In practice, eigenpairs

- are always *costly* to find.

- they might have $\lambda = 0$: no information, or
- λ might not be a real number: no interpretation.

Conditions for ***good*** eigen-

A square matrix A is called *positive semidefinite* when for any $\mathbf{x}$ we have

$$\mathbf{x}^T A\mathbf{x} \geq 0$$

In such case its eigenvalues are non-negative: $\lambda_i \geq 0$.

Underlying idea, I

In Geometry, applying a matrix to a vector, $A\mathbf{x}$, creates all sorts of alteration to the space, e.g,

- rotation
- deformation

Eigenvectors, i.e., solutions to $A\mathbf{e} = \lambda\mathbf{e}$

describe the direction along which matrix A operates an **expansion**

Example: shear mapping

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A = [[1, .27],
     [0,   1]
    ]
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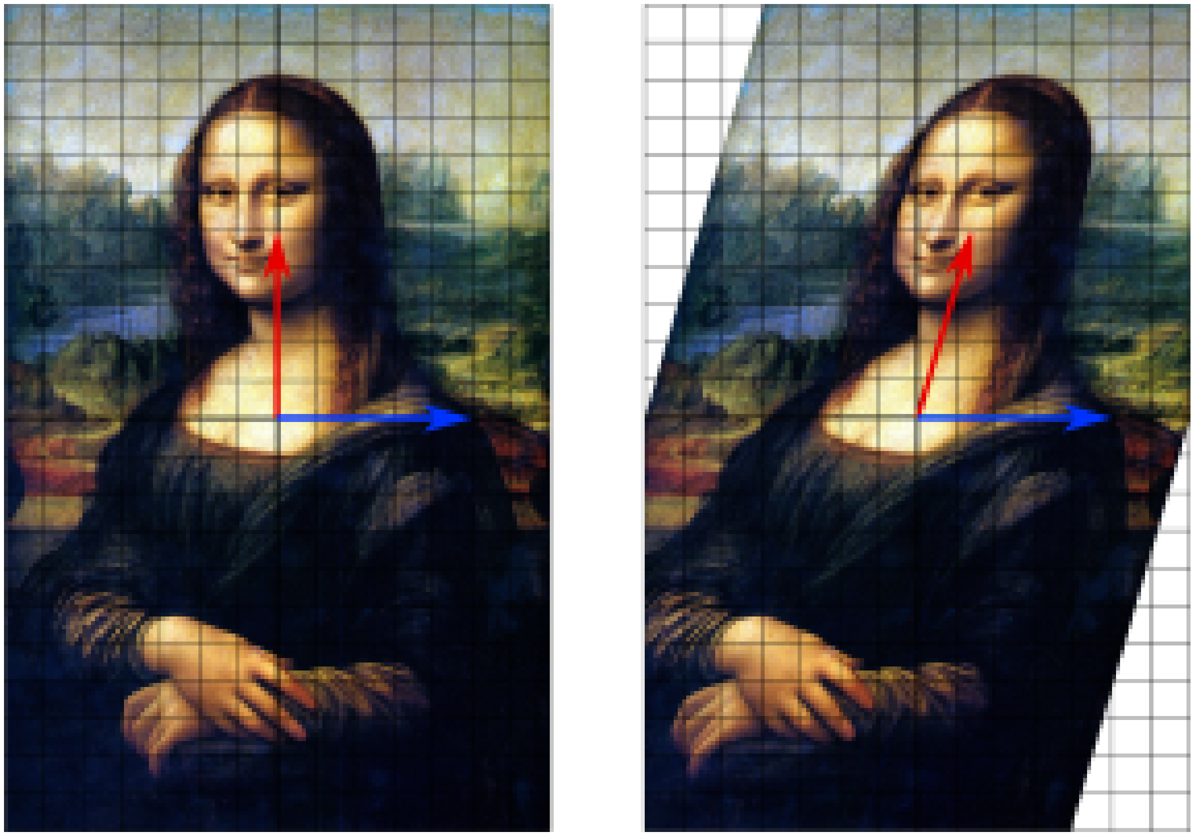
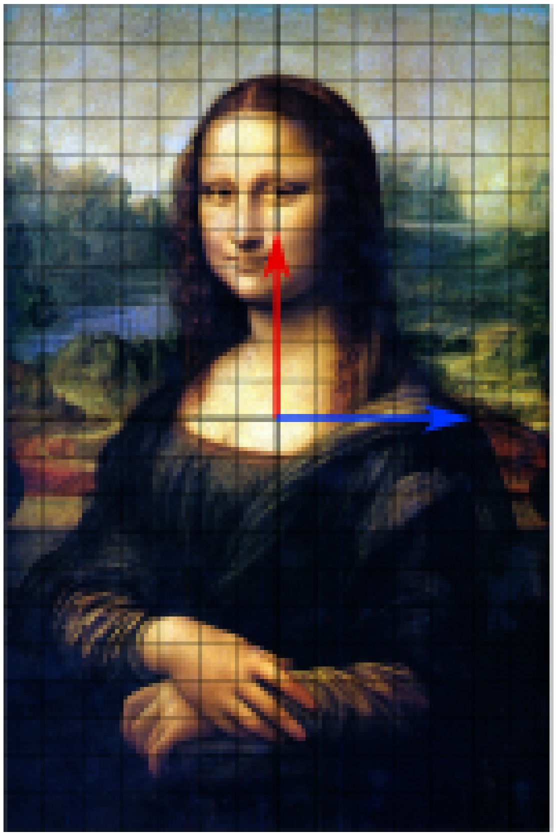
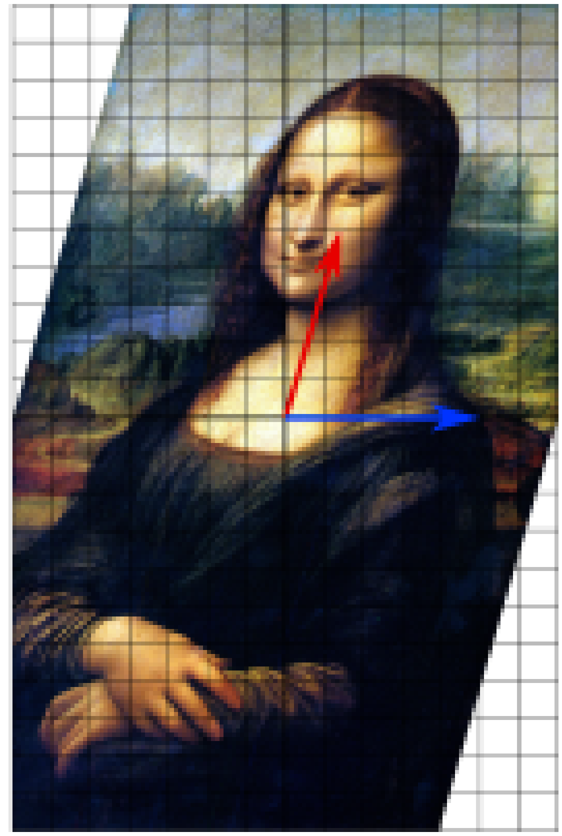
deforms a vector by increading the first dimension by a quantity proportional to the value of the second dimension:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x + \frac{3}{11}y \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$



The blue line is unchanged:

- an $[x, 0]^T$ eigenvector
- corresponding to $\lambda = 1$

Activity matrices, I

Under certains conditions:

-the eigenpairs exists,

-e-values are real, non-negative numbers (0 is ok), and

-e-vectors are orthogonal with each other:

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User-activity matrices normally meet those conditions!

Activity matrices, II

If an activity matrix has *good* eigenpairs,

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each e-vector represents a *direction*

we interpret those directions as *topics* that hidden (latent) within the data.

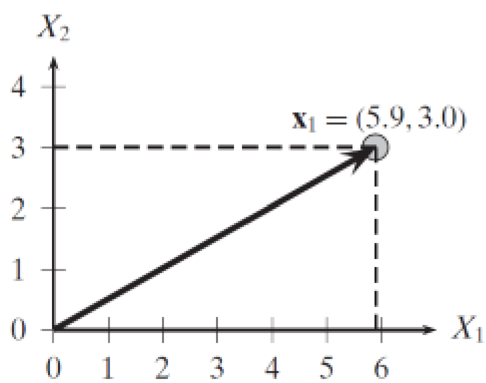
e-values *expand* one's affiliation to a specific *topic*.

Norms and distances

Euclidean norm

Pythagora's theorem, essentially.

$||\mathbf{x}|| = \sqrt{\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{x}} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{m} x_i^2}$



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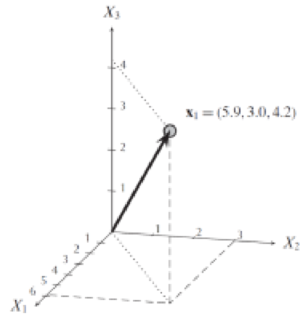
Generalisation:

$||\mathbf{x}||_p = (|x_1|^p + |x_1|^p + ... |x_m|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} = (\sum_{i=1}^{m} |x_i|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$



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The Frobenius norm $||\cdot||_F$ extends $||\cdot||_2$ to matrices:

$||\mathbf{A}||_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{m}\sum_{j=1}^{n}|a_{ij}|^2}$

Also used in practice:

$||\mathbf{x}||_0 = \#$ of non-zero scalar values in $\mathbf{x}$

$||\mathbf{x}||_\infty = max\{|x_i|\}$

Normalization

The *unit* or *normalized* vector of $\mathbf{x}$

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{x}}{||\mathbf{x}||} = (\frac{1}{||\mathbf{x}||})\mathbf{x}$$

- has the same direction of the original
- its norm is constructed to be 1.

Computing Eigenpairs

With Maths

$$M\mathbf{e} = \lambda\mathbf{e}$$

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Handbook solution: solve the equivalent system

$$(M - \lambda\mathbf{I})\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$$

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Either of the two factors should be 0. Hence, a non-zero vector **e** is associated to a solution of

$$|M - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0$$

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In Numerical Analysis many methods are available.

Their general algorithmic structure:

-find the λs that make $|\ldots| = 0$, then

-for each λ find its associated vector **e**.

With Computer Science

At the scale of the Web, few methods will still work!

Ideas:

1. find the e-vectors first, with an iterated method.
2. interleave iteration with control on the *expansion in value*

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$\mathbf{x_0} = [1, 1, \ldots 1]^T$

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$\mathbf{x_{k+1}} = \frac{M\mathbf{x}_k}{||M\mathbf{x}_k||}$

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until an approximate fix point: $x_{l+1} \approx x_l$.

Now, eliminate the contribution of the first eigenpair:

$$M^* = M - \lambda_1' \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1^T$$

(since $\mathbf{x}_1$ is a column vector, $\mathbf{x}_1^T \mathbf{x}_1$ will be a scalar: its norm. Vice versa, $\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1^T$ will be a matrix)

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Now, we repeat the iteration on M^* to find the second eigenpair.

Times are in $\Theta(dn^2)$.

For better scalability, we will cover Pagerank later.

Eigenpairs in Python

E-pairs with Numpy

```
import numpy as np

# this is the specific submodule
from numpy import linalg as la
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```
# create a 'blank' matrix
m = np.zeros([7, 5])

m = [[1, 1, 1, 0, 0],
     [3, 3, 3, 0, 0],
     [4, 4, 4, 0, 0],
     [5, 5, 5, 0, 0],
     [0, 0, 0, 4, 4],
     [0, 0, 0, 5, 5],
     [0, 0, 0, 2, 2]
    ]
```

```python
def find_eigenpairs(mat):
    """Test the quality of Numpy eigenpairs"""
    n = len(mat)

    # is it squared?
    m = len(mat[0])

    if n==m:
      eig_vals, eig_vects = la.eig(mat)
    else:
      # force to be squared
      eig_vals, eig_vects = la.eig(mat@mat.T)

    # they come in ascending order, take the last one on the right
    dominant_eig = abs(eig_vals[-1])
    return dominant_eig
```

Older versions:

E-values come normalized: $\sqrt{\lambda_1^2 + ... \lambda_n^2} = 1$; hence we later multiply them by $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

```python
# lambda_1 = find_eigenpairs(m)

# lambda_1
```