

Glossary: A Dictionary for Linear Algebra

Adjacency matrix of a graph Square matrix with $a_{ij} = 1$ when there is an edge from node i to node j ; otherwise $a_{ij} = 0$. $A = A^T$ for an undirected graph.

Affine transformation $T(v) = Av + v_0 =$ linear transformation plus shift.

Associative Law $(AB)C = A(BC)$ Parentheses can be removed to leave ABC .

Augmented matrix $[A \ b]$ $Ax = b$ is solvable when b is in the column space of A ; then $[A \ b]$ has the same rank as A . Elimination on $[A \ b]$ keeps equations correct.

Back substitution Upper triangular systems are solved in reverse order x_n to x_1 .

Basis for V Independent vectors v_1, \dots, v_d whose linear combinations give every v in V . A vector space has many bases!

Big formula for n by n determinants $\det(A)$ is a sum of $n!$ terms, one term for each permutation P of the columns. That term is the product $a_{1\alpha} \cdots a_{n\omega}$ down the diagonal of the reordered matrix, times $\det(P) = \pm 1$.

Block matrix A matrix can be partitioned into matrix blocks, by cuts between rows and/or between columns.

Block multiplication of AB is allowed if the block shapes permit (the columns of A and rows of B must be in matching blocks).

Cayley-Hamilton Theorem $p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$ has $p(A) = \text{zero matrix}$.

Change of basis matrix M The old basis vectors v_j are combinations $\sum m_{ij}w_i$ of the new basis vectors. The coordinates of $c_1v_1 + \cdots + c_nv_n = d_1w_1 + \cdots + d_nw_n$ are related by $d = Mc$. (For $n = 2$, set $v_1 = m_{11}w_1 + m_{21}w_2$, $v_2 = m_{12}w_1 + m_{22}w_2$.)

Characteristic equation $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ The n roots are the eigenvalues of A .

Cholesky factorization $A = CC^T = (L\sqrt{D})(L\sqrt{D})^T$ for positive definite A .

Circulant matrix C Constant diagonals wrap around as in cyclic shift S . Every circulant is $c_0I + c_1S + \cdots + c_{n-1}S^{n-1}$. $Cx =$ **convolution** $c * x$. Eigenvectors in F .

Cofactor C_{ij} Remove row i and column j ; multiply the determinant by $(-1)^{i+j}$.

Column picture of $Ax = b$ The vector b becomes a combination of the columns of A . The system is solvable only when b is in the column space $C(A)$.

Column space $C(A)$ Space of all combinations of the columns of A .

Commuting matrices $AB = BA$ If diagonalizable, they share n eigenvectors.

Companion matrix Put c_1, \dots, c_n in row n and put $n - 1$ 1s along diagonal 1. Then $\det(A - \lambda I) = \pm(c_1 + c_2\lambda + c_3\lambda^2 + \cdots)$.

Complete solution $x = x_p + x_n$ to $Ax = b$ (Particular x_p) + (x_n in nullspace).

Complex conjugate $\bar{z} = a - ib$ for any complex number $z = a + ib$. Then $z\bar{z} = |z|^2$.

Condition number $\text{cond}(A) = \kappa(A) = \|A\| \|A^{-1}\| = \sigma_{\max} / \sigma_{\min}$ In $Ax = b$, the relative change $\|\delta x\| / \|x\|$ is less than $\text{cond}(A)$ times the relative change $\|\delta b\| / \|b\|$. Condition numbers measure the *sensitivity* of the output to change in the input.

Conjugate Gradient Method A sequence of steps to solve positive definite $Ax = b$ by minimizing $\frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - x^T b$ over growing Krylov subspaces.

Covariance matrix Σ When random variables x_i have mean = average value = 0, their covariances Σ_{ij} are the averages of $x_i x_j$. With means \bar{x}_i , the matrix $\Sigma = \text{mean of } (x - \bar{x})(x - \bar{x})^T$ is positive (semi)definite; it is diagonal if the x_i are independent.

Cramer's Rule for $Ax = b$ B_j has b replacing column j of A , and $x_j = |B_j| / |A|$.

Cross product $u \times v$ in \mathbf{R}^3 Vector perpendicular to u and v , length $\|u\| \|v\| |\sin \theta| =$ parallelogram area, computed as the "determinant" of $[i \ j \ k; u_1 \ u_2 \ u_3; v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3]$.

Cyclic shift S Permutation with $s_{21} = 1, s_{32} = 1, \dots$, finally $s_{1n} = 1$. Its eigenvalues are n th roots $e^{2\pi i k/n}$ of 1; eigenvectors are columns of the Fourier matrix F .

Determinant $|A| = \det(A)$ Defined by $\det I = 1$, sign reversal for row exchange, and linearity in each row. Then $|A| = 0$ when A is singular. Also $|AB| = |A||B|$, $|A^{-1}| = 1/|A|$, and $|A^T| = |A|$. The big formula for $\det(A)$ has a sum of $n!$ terms, the cofactor formula uses determinants of size $n - 1$, volume of box = $|\det(A)|$.

Diagonal matrix D $d_{ij} = 0$ if $i \neq j$. **Block-diagonal:** zero outside square blocks D_{ii} .

Diagonalizable matrix A Must have n independent eigenvectors (in the columns of S ; automatic with n different eigenvalues). Then $S^{-1}AS = \Lambda =$ eigenvalue matrix.

Diagonalization $\Lambda = S^{-1}AS$ Λ = eigenvalue matrix and S = eigenvector matrix. A must have n independent eigenvectors to make S invertible. All $A^k = S\Lambda^k S^{-1}$.

Dimension of vector space $\dim(\mathbf{V})$ = number of vectors in any basis for \mathbf{V} .

Distributive Law $A(B+C) = AB+AC$ Add then multiply, or multiply then add.

Dot product $x^T y = x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n$ Complex dot product is $\bar{x}^T y$. Perpendicular vectors have zero dot product. $(AB)_{ij} = (\text{row } i \text{ of } A) \cdot (\text{column } j \text{ of } B)$.

Echelon matrix U The first nonzero entry (the pivot) in each row comes after the pivot in the previous row. All zero rows come last.

Eigenvalue λ and eigenvector x $Ax = \lambda x$ with $x \neq 0$, so $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$.

Eigshow Graphical 2 by 2 eigenvalues and singular values (MATLAB or Java).

Elimination A sequence of row operations that reduces A to an upper triangular U or to the reduced form $R = \text{rref}(A)$. Then $A = LU$ with multipliers ℓ_{ij} in L , or $PA = LU$ with row exchanges in P , or $EA = R$ with an invertible E .

Elimination matrix = Elementary matrix E_{ij} The identity matrix with an extra $-\ell_{ij}$ in the i, j entry ($i \neq j$). Then $E_{ij}A$ subtracts ℓ_{ij} times row j of A from row i .

Ellipse (or ellipsoid) $x^T A x = 1$ A must be positive definite; the axes of the ellipse are eigenvectors of A , with lengths $1/\sqrt{\lambda}$. (For $\|x\| = 1$ the vectors $y = Ax$ lie on the ellipse $\|A^{-1}y\|^2 = y^T (AA^T)^{-1} y = 1$ displayed by eigshow; axis lengths σ_i .)

Exponential $e^{At} = I + At + (At)^2/2! + \dots$ has derivative Ae^{At} ; $e^{At}u(0)$ solves $u' = Au$.

Factorization $A = LU$ If elimination takes A to U without row exchanges, then the lower triangular L with multipliers ℓ_{ij} (and $\ell_{ii} = 1$) brings U back to A .

Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) A factorization of the Fourier matrix F_n into $\ell = \log_2 n$ matrices S_i times a permutation. Each S_i needs only $n/2$ multiplications, so $F_n x$ and $F_n^{-1} c$ can be computed with $n\ell/2$ multiplications. Revolutionary.

Fibonacci numbers 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, ... satisfy

$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} = (\lambda_1^n - \lambda_2^n)/(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)$. Growth rate $\lambda_1 = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$ the largest eigenvalue of the Fibonacci matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Four fundamental subspaces of A $C(A)$, $N(A)$, $C(A^T)$, $N(A^T)$.

Fourier matrix F Entries $F_{jk} = e^{2\pi ijk/n}$ give orthogonal columns $\bar{F}^T F = nI$. Then $y = Fc$ is the (inverse) Discrete Fourier Transform $y_j = \sum c_k e^{2\pi ijk/n}$.

Free columns of A Columns without pivots; combinations of earlier columns.

Free variable x_i Column i has no pivot in elimination. We can give the $n - r$ free variables any values, then $Ax = b$ determines the r pivot variables (if solvable!).

Full column rank $r = n$ Independent columns, $N(A) = \{0\}$, no free variables.

Full row rank $r = m$ Independent rows, at least one solution to $Ax = b$, column space is all of \mathbf{R}^m . *Full rank* means full column rank or full row rank.

Fundamental Theorem The nullspace $N(A)$ and row space $C(A^T)$ are orthogonal complements (perpendicular subspaces of \mathbf{R}^n with dimensions r and $n - r$) from $Ax = 0$. Applied to A^T , the column space $C(A)$ is the orthogonal complement of $N(A^T)$.

Gauss-Jordan method Invert A by row operations on $[A \ I]$ to reach $[I \ A^{-1}]$.

Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization $A = QR$ Independent columns in A , orthonormal columns in Q . Each column q_j of Q is a combination of the first j columns of A (and conversely, so R is upper triangular). Convention: $\text{diag}(R) > 0$.

Graph G Set of n nodes connected pairwise by m edges. A **complete graph** has all $n(n - 1)/2$ edges between nodes. A **tree** has only $n - 1$ edges and no closed loops. A **directed graph** has a direction arrow specified on each edge.

Hankel matrix H Constant along each antidiagonal; h_{ij} depends on $i + j$.

Hermitian matrix $A^H = \overline{A}^T = A$ Complex analog of a symmetric matrix: $\overline{a_{ji}} = a_{ij}$.

Hessenberg matrix H Triangular matrix with one extra nonzero adjacent diagonal.

Hilbert matrix $\text{hilb}(n)$ Entries $H_{ij} = 1/(i + j - 1) = \int_0^1 x^{i-1}x^{j-1}dx$. Positive definite but extremely small λ_{\min} and large condition number.

Hypercube matrix P_L^2 Row $n + 1$ counts corners, edges, faces, ..., of a cube in \mathbf{R}^n .

Identity matrix I (or I_n) Diagonal entries = 1, off-diagonal entries = 0.

Incidence matrix of a directed graph The m by n edge-node incidence matrix has a row for each edge (node i to node j), with entries -1 and 1 in columns i and j .

Indefinite matrix A symmetric matrix with eigenvalues of both signs (+ and -).

Independent vectors v_1, \dots, v_k No combination $c_1v_1 + \dots + c_kv_k = \text{zero vector}$ unless all $c_i = 0$. If the v 's are the columns of A , the only solution to $Ax = 0$ is $x = 0$.

Inverse matrix A^{-1} Square matrix with $A^{-1}A = I$ and $AA^{-1} = I$. No inverse if $\det A = 0$ and $\text{rank}(A) < n$, and $Ax = 0$ for a nonzero vector x . The inverses of AB and A^T are $B^{-1}A^{-1}$ and $(A^{-1})^T$. Cofactor formula $(A^{-1})_{ij} = C_{ji}/\det A$.

Iterative method A sequence of steps intended to approach the desired solution.

Jordan form $J = M^{-1}AM$ If A has s independent eigenvectors, its “generalized” eigenvector matrix M gives $J = \text{diag}(J_1, \dots, J_s)$. The block J_k is $\lambda_k I_k + N_k$ where N_k has 1s on diagonal 1. Each block has one eigenvalue λ_k and one eigenvector $(1, 0, \dots, 0)$.

Kirchhoff’s Laws *Current law*: net current (in minus out) is zero at each node.
Voltage law: Potential differences (voltage drops) add to zero around any closed loop.

Kronecker product (tensor product) $A \otimes B$ Blocks $a_{ij}B$, eigenvalues $\lambda_p(A)\lambda_q(B)$.

Krylov subspace $K_j(A, b)$ The subspace spanned by $b, Ab, \dots, A^{j-1}b$. Numerical methods approximate $A^{-1}b$ by x_j with residual $b - Ax_j$ in this subspace. A good basis for K_j requires only multiplication by A at each step.

Least-squares solution \hat{x} The vector \hat{x} that minimizes the error $\|e\|^2$ solves $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$. Then $e = b - A\hat{x}$ is orthogonal to all columns of A .

Left inverse A^+ If A has full column rank n , then $A^+ = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ has $A^+ A = I_n$.

Left nullspace $N(A^T)$ Nullspace of $A^T =$ “left nullspace” of A because $y^T A = 0^T$.

Length $\|x\|$ Square root of $x^T x$ (Pythagoras in n dimensions).

Linear combination $cv + dw$ or $\sum c_j v_j$ Vector addition and scalar multiplication.

Linear transformation T Each vector v in the input space transforms to $T(v)$ in the output space, and linearity requires $T(cv + dw) = cT(v) + dT(w)$. Examples: Matrix multiplication Av , differentiation in function space.

Linearly dependent v_1, \dots, v_n A combination other than all $c_i = 0$ gives $\sum c_i v_i = 0$.

Lucas numbers $L = 2, 1, 3, 4, \dots$, satisfy $L_n = L_{n-1} + L_{n-2} = \lambda_1^n + \lambda_2^n$, with eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = (1 \pm \sqrt{5})/2$ of the Fibonacci matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Compare $L_0 = 2$ with Fibonacci.

Markov matrix M All $m_{ij} \geq 0$ and each column sum is 1. Largest eigenvalue $\lambda = 1$. If $m_{ij} > 0$, the columns of M^k approach the steady-state eigenvector $Ms = s > 0$.

Matrix multiplication AB The i, j entry of AB is (row i of A) \cdot (column j of B) $= \sum a_{ik} b_{kj}$. By columns: column j of $AB = A$ times column j of B . By rows: row i of A multiplies B . Columns times rows: $AB =$ sum of (column k)(row k). All these equivalent definitions come from the rule that AB times x equals A times Bx .

Minimal polynomial of A The lowest-degree polynomial with $m(A) =$ zero matrix. The roots of m are eigenvalues, and $m(\lambda)$ divides $\det(A - \lambda I)$.

Multiplication $Ax = x_1(\text{column } 1) + \dots + x_n(\text{column } n) =$ combination of columns.

Multiplicities AM and GM The algebraic multiplicity AM of an eigenvalue λ is the number of times λ appears as a root of $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$. The geometric multiplicity GM is the number of independent eigenvectors (= dimension of the eigenspace for λ).

Multiplier ℓ_{ij} The pivot row j is multiplied by ℓ_{ij} and subtracted from row i to eliminate the i, j entry: $\ell_{ij} = (\text{entry to eliminate})/(\text{jth pivot})$.

Network A directed graph that has constants c_1, \dots, c_m associated with the edges.

Nilpotent matrix N Some power of N is the zero matrix, $N^k = 0$. The only eigenvalue is $\lambda = 0$ (repeated n times). Examples: triangular matrices with zero diagonal.

Norm $\|A\|$ of a matrix The “ ℓ^2 norm” is the maximum ratio $\|Ax\|/\|x\| = \sigma_{\max}$. Then $\|Ax\| \leq \|A\|\|x\|$, $\|AB\| \leq \|A\|\|B\|$, and $\|A + B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$. **Frobenius norm** $\|A\|_F^2 = \sum \sum a_{ij}^2$; ℓ^1 and ℓ^∞ norms are largest column and row sums of $|a_{ij}|$.

Normal equation $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$ Gives the least-squares solution to $Ax = b$ if A has full rank n . The equation says that (columns of A) $\cdot (b - A\hat{x}) = 0$.

Normal matrix N $NN^T = N^T N$, leads to orthonormal (complex) eigenvectors.

Nullspace matrix N The columns of N are the $n - r$ special solutions to $As = 0$.

Nullspace $N(A)$ Solutions to $Ax = 0$. Dimension $n - r = (\# \text{ columns}) - \text{rank}$.

Orthogonal matrix Q Square matrix with orthonormal columns, so $Q^T Q = I$ implies $Q^T = Q^{-1}$. Preserves length and angles, $\|Qx\| = \|x\|$ and $(Qx)^T(Qy) = x^T y$. All $|\lambda| = 1$, with orthogonal eigenvectors. Examples: Rotation, reflection, permutation.

Orthogonal subspaces Every v in \mathbf{V} is orthogonal to every w in \mathbf{W} .

Orthonormal vectors q_1, \dots, q_n Dot products are $q_i^T q_j = 0$, if $i \neq j$ and $q_i^T q_i = 1$. The matrix Q with these orthonormal columns has $Q^T Q = I$. If $m = n$, then $Q^T = Q^{-1}$ and q_1, \dots, q_n is an **orthonormal basis** for \mathbf{R}^n : every $v = \sum (v^T q_j) q_j$.

Outer product is uv^T column times row = rank-1 matrix.

Partial pivoting In elimination, the j th pivot is chosen as the largest available entry (in absolute value) in column j . Then all multipliers have $|\ell_{ij}| \leq 1$. Roundoff error is controlled (depending on the *condition number* of A).

Particular solution x_p Any solution to $Ax = b$; often x_p has free variables = 0.

Pascal matrix $P_S = \text{pascal}(n)$ The symmetric matrix with binomial entries $\binom{i+j-2}{i-1}$. $P_S = P_L P_U$ all contain Pascal's triangle with $\det = 1$ (see index for more properties).

Permutation matrix P There are $n!$ orders of $1, \dots, n$; the $n!$ P 's have the rows of I in those orders. PA puts the rows of A in the same order. P is a product of row exchanges P_{ij} ; P is *even* or *odd* ($\det P = 1$ or -1) based on the number of exchanges.

Pivot columns of A Columns that contain pivots after row reduction; not combinations of earlier columns. The pivot columns are a basis for the column space.

Pivot d The first nonzero entry when a row is used in elimination.

Plane (or hyperplane) in \mathbf{R}^n Solutions to $a^T x = 0$ give the plane (dimension $n - 1$) perpendicular to $a \neq 0$.

Polar decomposition $A = QH$ Orthogonal Q , positive (semi)definite H .

Positive definite matrix A Symmetric matrix with positive eigenvalues and positive pivots. Definition: $x^T A x > 0$ unless $x = 0$.

Projection matrix P onto subspace S Projection $p = Pb$ is the closest point to b in S , error $e = b - Pb$ is perpendicular to S . $P^2 = P = P^T$, eigenvalues are 1 or 0, eigenvectors are in S or S^\perp . If columns of $A =$ basis for S , then $P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$.

Projection $p = a(a^T b/a^T a)$ onto the line through a $P = aa^T/a^T a$ has rank 1.

Pseudoinverse A^+ (Moore-Penrose inverse) The n by m matrix that “inverts” A from column space back to row space, with $N(A^+) = N(A^T)$. $A^+ A$ and AA^+ are the projection matrices onto the row space and column space. $\text{rank}(A^+) = \text{rank}(A)$.

Random matrix $\text{rand}(n)$ or $\text{randn}(n)$ MATLAB creates a matrix with random entries, uniformly distributed on $[0 \ 1]$ for rand , and standard normal distribution for randn .

Rank 1 matrix $A = uv^T \neq 0$ Column and row spaces = lines cu and cv .

Rank $r(A)$ Equals number of pivots = dimension of column space = dimension of row space.

Rayleigh quotient $q(x) = x^T A x/x^T x$ For $A = A^T$, $\lambda_{\min} \leq q(x) \leq \lambda_{\max}$. Those extremes are reached at the eigenvectors x for $\lambda_{\min}(A)$ and $\lambda_{\max}(A)$.

Reduced row echelon form $R = \text{rref}(A)$ Pivots = 1; zeros above and below pivots; r nonzero rows of R give a basis for the row space of A .

Reflection matrix $Q = I - 2uu^T$ The unit vector u is reflected to $Qu = -u$. All vectors x in the plane $u^T x = 0$ are unchanged because $Qx = x$. The “Householder matrix” has $Q^T = Q^{-1} = Q$.

Right inverse A^+ If A has full row rank m , then $A^+ = A^T(AA^T)^{-1}$ has $AA^+ = I_m$.

Rotation matrix $R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$ rotates the plane by θ , and $R^{-1} = R^T$ rotates back by $-\theta$. Orthogonal matrix, eigenvalues $e^{i\theta}$ and $e^{-i\theta}$, eigenvectors $(1, \pm i)$.

Row picture of $Ax = b$ Each equation gives a plane in \mathbf{R}^n planes intersect at x .

Row space $C(A^T)$ All combinations of rows of A . Column vectors by convention.

Saddle point of $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ A point where the first derivatives of f are zero and the second derivative matrix $(\partial^2 f / \partial x_i \partial x_j = \mathbf{Hessian\ matrix})$ is indefinite.

Schur complement $S = D - CA^{-1}B$ Appears in block elimination on $\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$.

Schwarz inequality $|v \cdot w| \leq \|v\| \|w\|$ Then $|v^T A w|^2 \leq (v^T A v)(w^T A w)$ if $A = C^T C$.

Semidefinite matrix A (Positive) semidefinite means symmetric with $x^T A x \geq 0$ for all vectors x . Then all eigenvalues $\lambda \geq 0$; no negative pivots.

Similar matrices A and B $B = M^{-1} A M$ has the same eigenvalues as A .

Simplex method for linear programming The minimum cost vector x^* is found by moving from corner to lower-cost corner along the edges of the feasible set (where the constraints $Ax = b$ and $x \geq 0$ are satisfied). Minimum cost at a corner!

Singular matrix A A square matrix that has no inverse: $\det(A) = 0$.

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) $A = U \Sigma V^T = (\text{orthogonal } U) \text{ times (diagonal } \Sigma) \text{ times (orthogonal } V^T)$ First r columns of U and V are orthonormal bases of $C(A)$ and $C(A^T)$, with $A v_i = \sigma_i u_i$ and singular value $\sigma_i > 0$. Last columns of U and V are orthonormal bases of the nullspaces of A^T and A .

Skew-symmetric matrix K The transpose is $-K$, since $K_{ij} = -K_{ji}$. Eigenvalues are pure imaginary, eigenvectors are orthogonal, e^{Kt} is an orthogonal matrix.

Solvable system $Ax = b$ The right side b is in the column space of A .

Spanning set v_1, \dots, v_m , for \mathbf{V} Every vector in \mathbf{V} is a combination of v_1, \dots, v_m .

Special solutions to $As = 0$ One free variable is $s_i = 1$, other free variables = 0.

Spectral theorem $A = Q \Lambda Q^T$ Real symmetric A has real λ_i and orthonormal q_i , with $A q_i = \lambda_i q_i$. In mechanics, the q_i give the *principal axes*.

Spectrum of A The set of eigenvalues $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m\}$. **Spectral radius** = $|\lambda_{\max}|$.

Standard basis for \mathbf{R}^n Columns of n by n identity matrix (written i, j, k in \mathbf{R}^3).

Stiffness matrix K When x gives the movements of the nodes in a discrete structure, Kx gives the internal forces. Often $K = A^T C A$, where C contains spring constants from Hooke's Law and $Ax =$ stretching (strains) from the movements x .

Subspace \mathbf{S} of \mathbf{V} Any vector space inside \mathbf{V} , including \mathbf{V} and $\mathbf{Z} = \{\text{zero vector}\}$.

Sum $\mathbf{V} + \mathbf{W}$ of subspaces Space of all $(v \text{ in } \mathbf{V}) + (w \text{ in } \mathbf{W})$. **Direct sum:**
 $\dim(\mathbf{V} + \mathbf{W}) = \dim \mathbf{V} + \dim \mathbf{W}$, when \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{W} share only the zero vector.

Symmetric factorizations $A = LDL^T$ and $A = Q\Lambda Q^T$ The number of positive pivots in D and positive eigenvalues in Λ is the same.

Symmetric matrix A The transpose is $A^T = A$, and $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$. A^{-1} is also symmetric. All matrices of the form $R^T R$ and LDL^T and $Q\Lambda Q^T$ are symmetric. Symmetric matrices have real eigenvalues in Λ and orthonormal eigenvectors in Q .

Toeplitz matrix T Constant-diagonal matrix, so t_{ij} depends only on $j - i$. Toeplitz matrices represent linear time-invariant filters in signal processing.

Trace of A Sum of diagonal entries = sum of eigenvalues of A . $\text{Tr}AB = \text{Tr}BA$.

Transpose matrix A^T Entries $A_{ij}^T = A_{ji}$. A^T is n by m , $A^T A$ is square, symmetric, positive semidefinite. The transposes of AB and A^{-1} are $B^T A^T$ and $(A^T)^{-1}$.

Triangle inequality $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$ For matrix norms, $\|A + B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$.

Tridiagonal matrix T $t_{ij} = 0$ if $|i - j| > 1$. T^{-1} has rank 1 above and below diagonal.

Unitary matrix $U^H = \overline{U}^T = U^{-1}$ Orthonormal columns (complex analog of Q).

Vandermonde matrix V $Vc = b$ gives the polynomial $p(x) = c_0 + \dots + c_{n-1}x^{n-1}$ with $p(x_i) = b_i$ at n points. $V_{ij} = (x_i)^{j-1}$, and $\det V = \text{product of } (x_k - x_i) \text{ for } k > i$.

Vector addition $v + w = (v_1 + w_1, \dots, v_n + w_n) = \text{diagonal of parallelogram}$.

Vector space \mathbf{V} Set of vectors such that all combinations $cv + dw$ remain in \mathbf{V} . Eight required rules are given in Section 2.1 for $cv + dw$.

Vector v in \mathbf{R}^n Sequence of n real numbers $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n) = \text{point in } \mathbf{R}^n$.

Volume of box The rows (or columns) of A generate a box with volume $|\det(A)|$.

Wavelets $w_{jk}(t)$ or vectors w_{jk} Rescale and shift the time axis to create $w_{jk}(t) = w_{00}(2^j t - k)$. Vectors from $w_{00} = (1, 1, -1, -1)$ would be $(1, -1, 0, 0)$ and $(0, 0, 1, -1)$.