

Mathematical tools for pharmacometrics: Linear algebra

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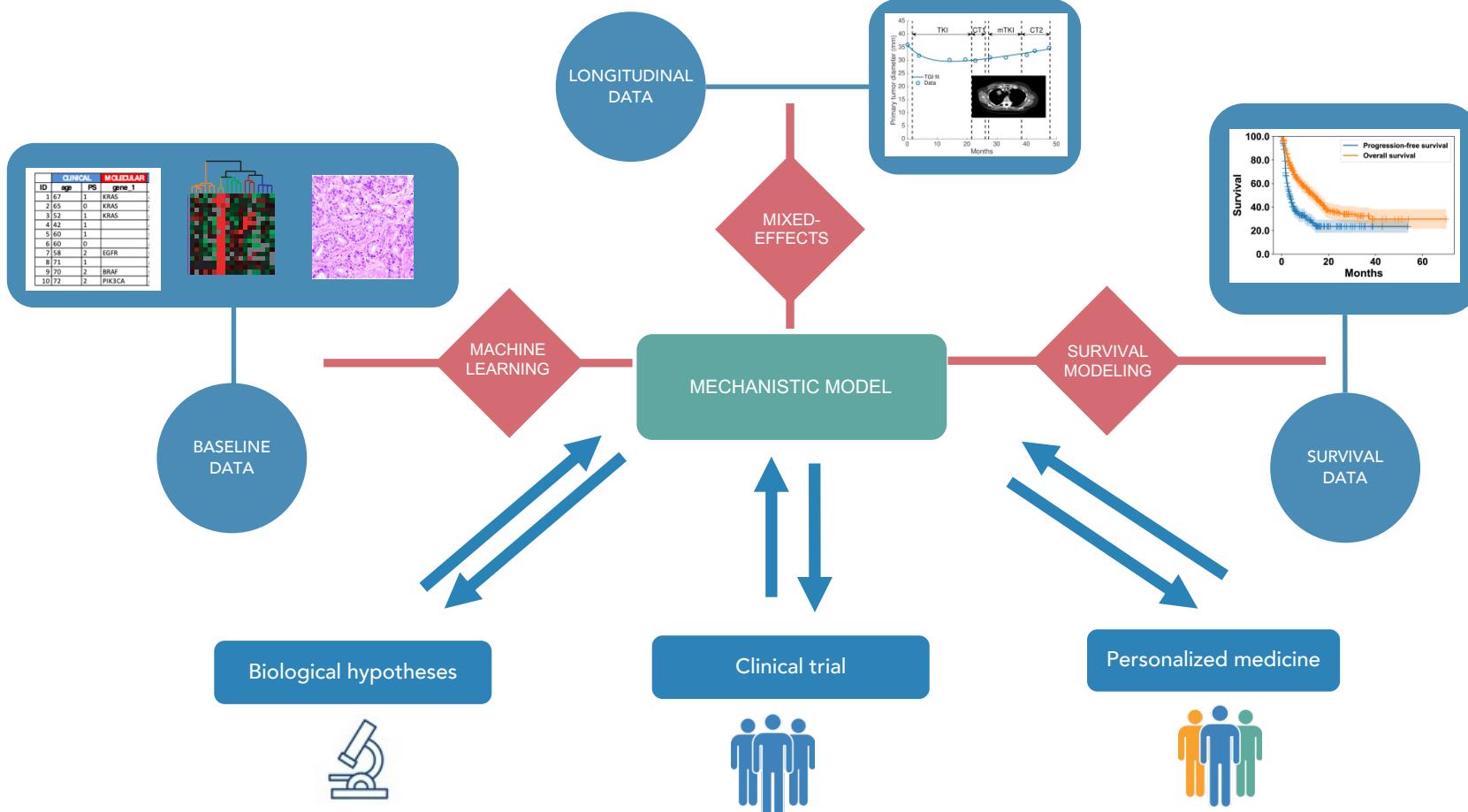
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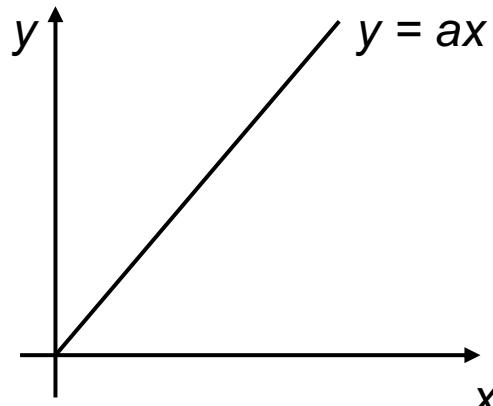
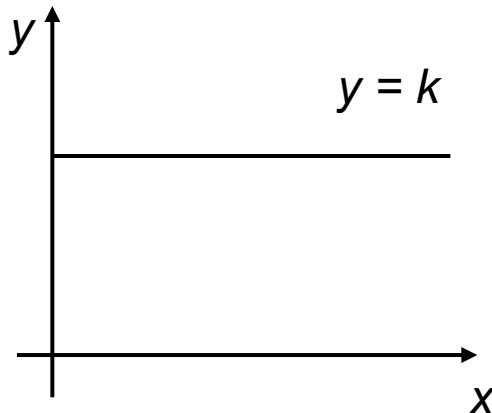


Outline

1. Vectors
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3. Linear systems
4. Quadratic forms
5. Eigenvalues

Linearity: the simplest mathematical relationship

- Variable y (ex: Cmax) that depends on variable x (ex: dose)

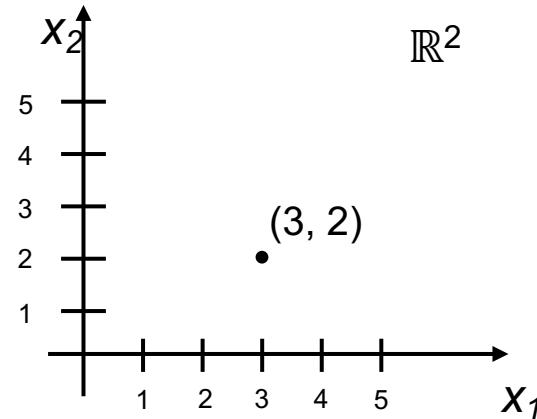


How to extend linearity to several variables (x_1, \dots, x_n) ? (ex: dose, weight,...)

Multiple variables = vectors

- a single (real) number is called a **scalar** : 1, -2, 3.5, 5/7, π , etc...
- an ordered set of numbers is called a **vector**: (x_1, x_2, x_3) , $(2, -1, 5) \neq (-1, 2, 5)$
- mathematically, it's an element of \mathbb{R}^n , n is called the **dimension**
- a vector can be written as **row** or **column**

$$(2, -1, 5) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$



Examples

- All covariates of one patient

SEX	AGE	WEIGHT	BSA	CREA
1	64	76	2	53
x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5

- One covariate in all patients

WEIGHT	x^1	x^2	\vdots	x^n
76				
57				
62				
77				
82				
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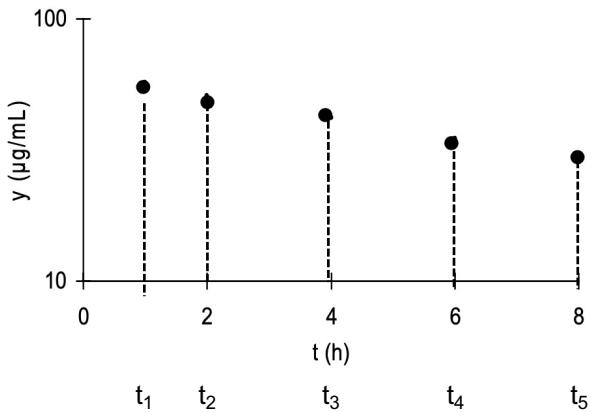
- Individual parameters

$$\theta^i = (Cl^i, V^i)$$

- Sampling times and observations

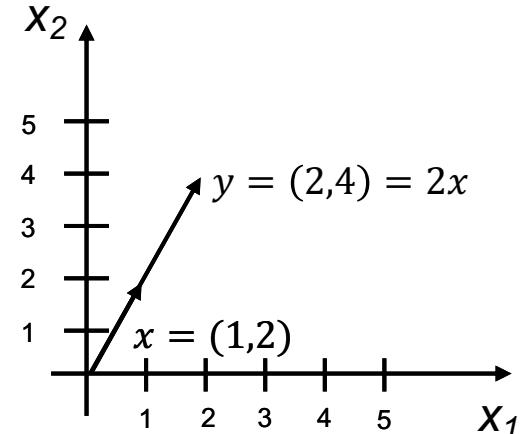
(t_1, \dots, t_n)

(y_1, \dots, y_n)



Colinearity

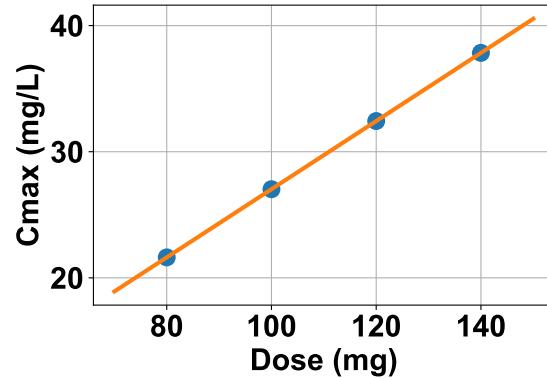
- If two vectors x and y are such that $y = \lambda x$ for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, y and x are proportional or **colinear**



- Ex: one-compartment model: $C(t) = \frac{D}{V}e^{-kt}$, $C_{max} = C(0) = \frac{1}{V} \times D$

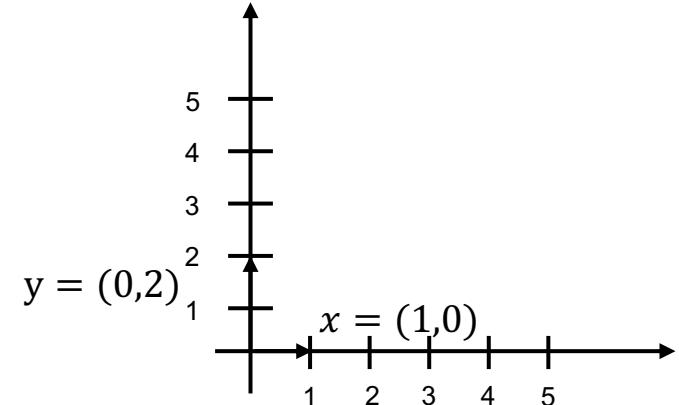
x	y
D (mg)	C_{max} (mg/L)
80	21.6
100	27
120	32.4
140	37.8

$$\times \frac{1}{V}$$

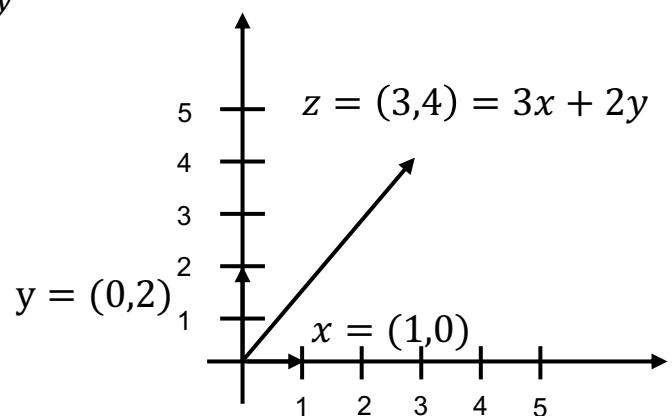


Linear combination

- If two vectors x and y are NOT colinear they are independent



- Linear combination of two vectors x and y : $z = \lambda x + \mu y$



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Matrices

- A matrix is a **rectangular array** of numbers with a given number of **rows** (m) and **columns** (n)

3 columns

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 5 \\ -2 & 12 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

2 rows

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n \\ a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ 2 & a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ 3 & a_{31} & a_{32} & \dots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ m & a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{matrix} = (a_{i,j})$$

- A $m \times n$ matrix can be applied to a vector in \mathbb{R}^n and gives a vector in \mathbb{R}^m

$$\begin{matrix} 2 \text{ rows} & \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 5 \\ -2 & 12 & -7 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} & 3 \text{ rows} \\ & \text{3 columns} & & \end{matrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot 3 + 0 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 5 \\ -2 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot (-1) + (-7) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} M : & \mathbb{R}^n & \rightarrow & \mathbb{R}^m \\ & x & \mapsto & M \cdot x \end{matrix}$$

Elementary operations

- Similarly as vectors, we can define **addition** and **multiplication by a scalar**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 5 \\ -2 & 12 & -7 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 8 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad 2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 5 \\ -2 & 12 & -7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -2 & 10 \\ -4 & 24 & -14 \end{pmatrix}$$

⇒ the set of m -by- n matrices is a **vector space** $M_{m,n}$ of dimension $m.n$

- Transposition**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 5 \\ -2 & 12 & -7 \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 5 \\ -2 & 12 & -7 \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 12 \\ 5 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Matrix multiplication

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{2 columns} \\ \text{2 rows} \end{array} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 5 \\ -2 & 12 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{3 rows} \\ \text{2 columns} \end{array} \quad = \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \times 3 + 0 \times (-1) + 2 \times 5 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 13 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{2 rows} \\ \text{2 columns} \end{array}$$

Diagram illustrating matrix multiplication. The first matrix has 2 rows and 3 columns. The second matrix has 3 rows and 2 columns. Red arrows show the mapping from the columns of the first matrix to the rows of the second matrix. The result is a matrix with 2 rows and 2 columns.

- The number of **rows of the second matrix** must be the same as the number of **columns of the first matrix**
- It is only possible to multiply a matrix in $M_{m,n}$ by a matrix in $M_{n,p}$ and it gives a $M_{m,p}$ matrix

Special matrices

- **Square** matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n,1} & \cdots & a_{n,n} \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Symmetric** matrix: $M^T = M$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & -3 \\ 5 & 2 & -1 \\ -3 & -1 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Diagonal** matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} d_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & d_n \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Identity** matrix

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\forall M \in M_{n,n}, \quad M \cdot I = I \cdot M = M$$

Example 1: data array

n columns (covariates)

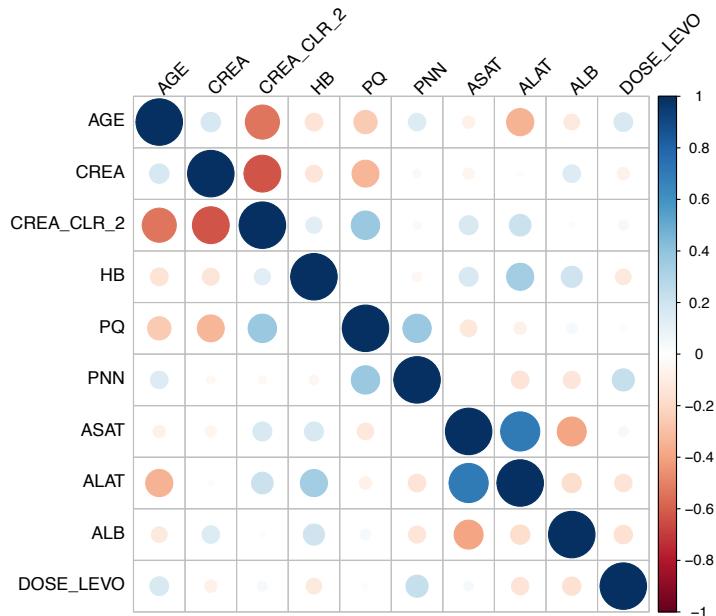
m patients

AGE	BSA	CREA	CREA CLR 2	HB	PQ	PNN	ASAT	ALAT	ALB	DOSE LEVO
64	2	53	140	106	225	10.4	93	101	25.6	450
37	1.5	37	195	152	185	5.75	25	70	44	300
61	1.75	30	200	112	428	24.71	34	32	34.8	5600
49	2	71.6	120	86	138	14.06	15	23	38.1	1250
49	2	56	136	78	103	4.03	30	67	36.1	0
33	1.79	54	211	79	441	16.95	22	34	36.6	0
33	1.79	71	152	119	300	5.42	30	54	34.3	0
33	1.79	52	177	105	146	4.86	21	34	34.3	0
36	1.87	67	128	129	279	4.76	45.5	118	39.1	0
47	2	56	149	85	400	8.76	15	15	35.4	3450
47	2	77	130	101	501	8.76	12	19	35.2	0
47	2	73	154	99	202	6.92	82	16	35.4	3140
59	1.83	71	125	86	22	0.2	35	85	37.4	2700

Example 2: correlation matrix

(x_1, \dots, x_n) n vectors, $C_{i,j} = \text{corr}(x_i, x_j)$

	AGE	CREA	CREA_CLR_2	HB	PQ	PNN	ASAT	ALAT	ALB	DOSE_LEVO
AGE	1.00	0.18	-0.54	-0.15	-0.25	0.14	-0.07	-0.35	-0.11	0.16
CREA	0.18	1.00	-0.63	-0.13	-0.34	-0.03	-0.06	-0.02	0.14	-0.07
CREA_CLR_2	-0.54	-0.63	1.00	0.12	0.38	-0.03	0.17	0.22	-0.02	0.04
HB	-0.15	-0.13	0.12	1.00	0.01	-0.04	0.17	0.34	0.21	-0.11
PQ	-0.25	-0.34	0.38	0.01	1.00	0.38	-0.13	-0.07	0.05	-0.02
PNN	0.14	-0.03	-0.03	-0.04	0.38	1.00	0.00	-0.15	-0.14	0.23
ASAT	-0.07	-0.06	0.17	0.17	-0.13	0.00	1.00	0.71	-0.39	0.04
ALAT	-0.35	-0.02	0.22	0.34	-0.07	-0.15	0.71	1.00	-0.18	-0.14
ALB	-0.11	0.14	-0.02	0.21	0.05	-0.14	-0.39	-0.18	1.00	-0.16
DOSE_LEVO	0.16	-0.07	0.04	-0.11	-0.02	0.23	0.04	-0.14	-0.16	1.00



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Linear system: Equation of a line

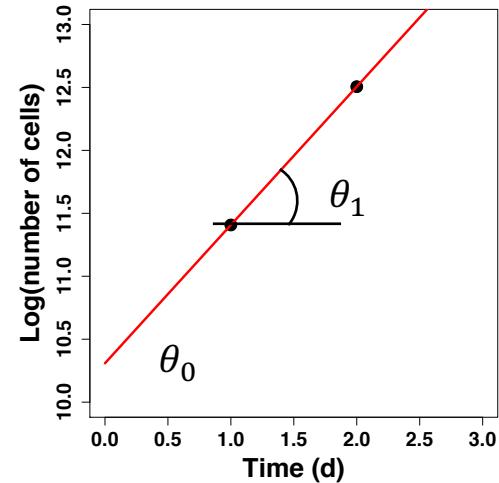
$$y = \theta_0 + \theta_1 t$$

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = 1 \times \theta_0 + t_1 \times \theta_1 \\ y_2 = 1 \times \theta_0 + t_2 \times \theta_1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t_1 \\ 1 & t_2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y = M \cdot \theta \Rightarrow \theta = M^{-1} \cdot y$$

$$M^{-1} ?? \quad M^{-1} := \frac{1}{M}, \quad M \cdot M^{-1} = "1" = I$$

is $M \neq \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ sufficient?

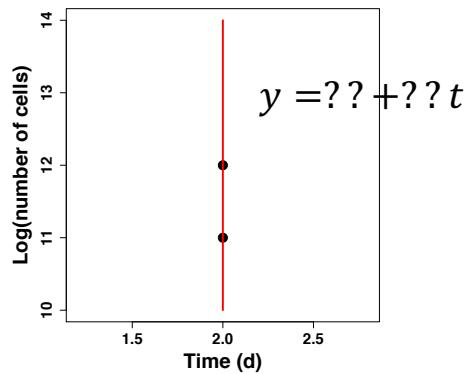


$$\begin{cases} 11.4 = 1 \times \theta_0 + 1 \times \theta_1 \\ 12.5 = 1 \times \theta_0 + 2 \times \theta_1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 11.4 \\ 12.5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\theta_0 = 10.3, \theta_1 = 1.1$$

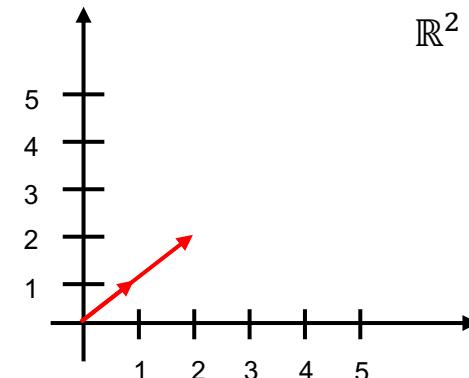
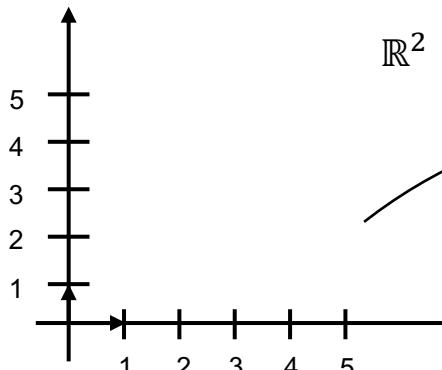
$$\text{Doubling time} = \frac{\ln 2}{\theta_1} \times 24 = 15.1 \text{ hours}$$

Invertible matrix

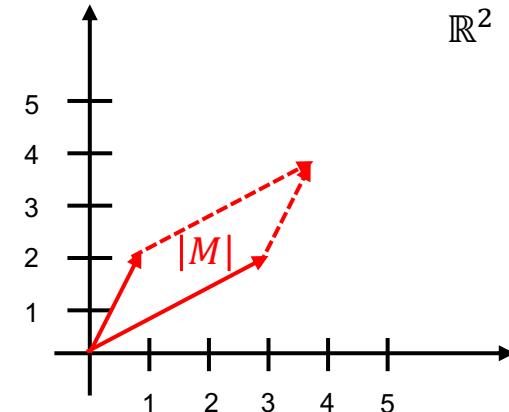
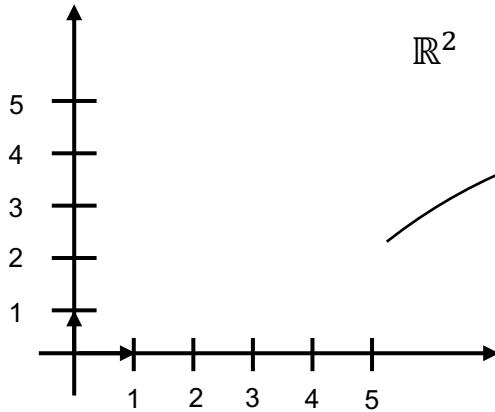


$$\begin{cases} 11 = \theta_0 + 2 \times \theta_1 \\ 12 = \theta_0 + 2 \times \theta_1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ is **not invertible** because its column (and row) vectors are **colinear**



Determinant



- The determinant of M , denoted $|M|$, is the [area of the parallelogram](#) spanned by the column vectors of M
- For $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ it is given by $ad - bc$.
- It can be generalized in any dimension and is a [measure of the colinearity](#) (and correlation) of the vectors
- $|M| \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow M$ is invertible \Leftrightarrow the column (and row) vectors of M are independent

Linear system: polynomial interpolation

- What if we have 3 points?
- 3 points \Leftrightarrow 3 degrees of freedom \Leftrightarrow 3 parameters

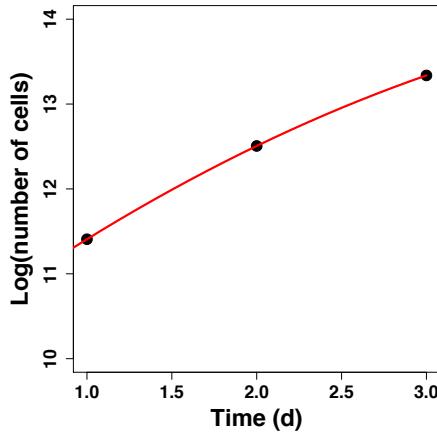
$$y = \theta_0 + \theta_1 t + \theta_2 t^2$$

3 unknowns

3 equations

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = \theta_0 + \theta_1 t_1 + \theta_2 t_1^2 \\ y_2 = \theta_0 + \theta_1 t_2 + \theta_2 t_2^2 \\ y_3 = \theta_0 + \theta_1 t_3 + \theta_2 t_3^2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t_1 & t_1^2 \\ 1 & t_2 & t_2^2 \\ 1 & t_3 & t_3^2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y = M \cdot \theta \Leftrightarrow \theta = M^{-1} \cdot y$$



$$y = 10 + 1.5t - 0.13t^2$$

Linear system: polynomial interpolation

- 4 points?
- 4 points \Leftrightarrow 4 degrees of freedom \Leftrightarrow 4 parameters

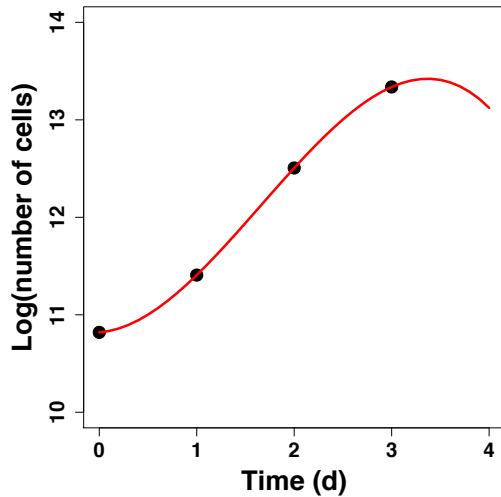
$$y = \theta_0 + \theta_1 t + \theta_2 t^2 + \theta_3 t^3$$

4 unknowns

4 equations

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = \theta_0 + \theta_1 t_1 + \theta_2 t_1^2 + \theta_3 t_1^3 \\ y_2 = \theta_0 + \theta_1 t_2 + \theta_2 t_2^2 + \theta_3 t_2^3 \\ y_3 = \theta_0 + \theta_1 t_3 + \theta_2 t_3^2 + \theta_3 t_3^3 \\ y_4 = \theta_0 + \theta_1 t_4 + \theta_2 t_4^2 + \theta_3 t_4^3 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & t_1 & t_1^2 \\ 1 & 1 & t_2 & t_2^2 \\ 1 & 1 & t_3 & t_3^2 \\ 1 & 1 & t_4 & t_4^2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \theta_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow overfit, poor predictive power



Back to simplicity: line

- How to fit 3 points with one line?

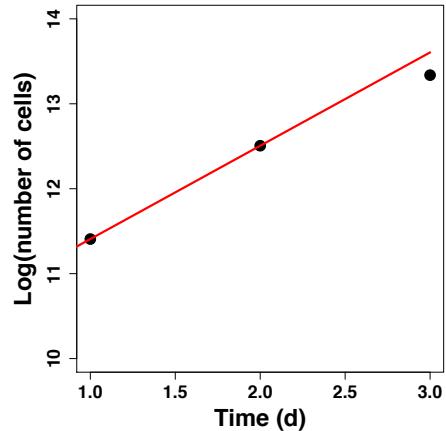
2 unknowns

3 equations

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = \theta_0 + \theta_1 t_1 \\ y_2 = \theta_0 + \theta_1 t_2 \\ y_3 = \theta_0 + \theta_1 t_3 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \theta_0 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \theta_1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \end{pmatrix}$$



2 vectors cannot span a space of dimension 3



no solution (in general)

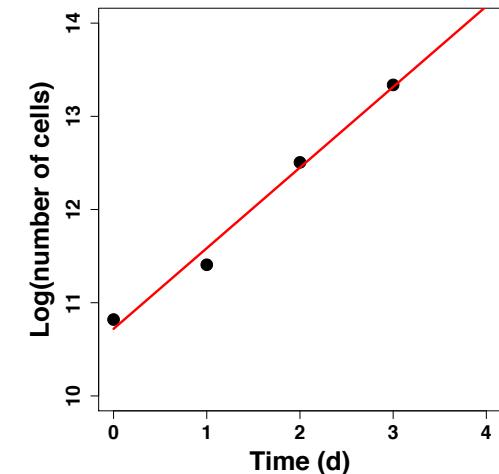
Linear regression

$$y = \theta_0 + \theta_1 t + \varepsilon$$

Question: what is the « best » linear approximation of y ?

$$\text{green} \quad \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & t_n \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad M \text{ rectangular} \\ \text{no solution}$$

$$\times M^T (\in M_{2,n}) \quad \begin{array}{c} \Leftrightarrow y = M \cdot \theta \\ \Rightarrow M^T y = \underbrace{M^T M}_{\substack{M_{2,n} \cdot M_{n,1} \\ M_{2,1}}} \cdot \underbrace{\theta}_{\substack{M_{2,n} \cdot M_{n,2} \cdot M_{2,1} \\ M_{2,2} \cdot M_{2,1}}} \end{array} \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \text{one unique solution} \\ \text{(if the square matrix } M^T M \text{ is invertible)}$$



$$\widehat{\theta} = (M^T M)^{-1} M^T y$$

Least-squares

- $\hat{\theta}$ is the value of the parameter vector θ that minimizes the sum of squared residuals

$$SS = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (\theta_0 + \theta_1 t_i))^2 \quad \widehat{\theta_1} = \frac{\sum (y_i - \bar{y})(t_i - \bar{t})}{\sum (t_i - \bar{t})^2}, \quad \widehat{\theta_0} = \bar{y} - \widehat{\theta_1} \bar{t}$$

- It is called the least-squares estimator of the linear model
- It corresponds to the projection of $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ on the column space of the matrix M , i.e the space spanned by $\mathbf{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $t = \begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ \vdots \\ t_n \end{pmatrix}$, of dimension 2 (2 linearly independent vectors)
- It regresses the information contained in the dependent variable y on the independent variables $\mathbf{1}$ (constants) and t

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Quadratic form: 1D. Normal distribution

- One complexity step beyond linearity:
quadratic relationship

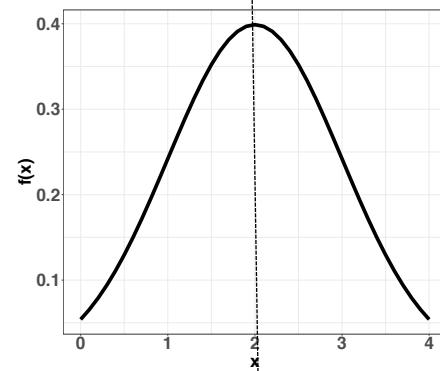
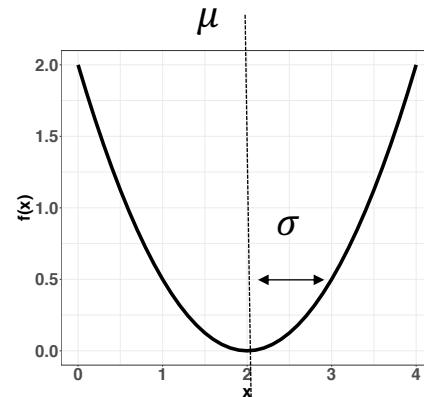
$$f: \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \\ x \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \\ ax^2 \end{matrix}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

- Normal distribution

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

in 2D??



Quadratic form 2D: matrix form

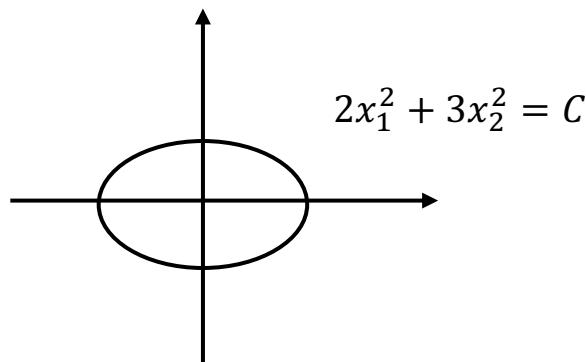
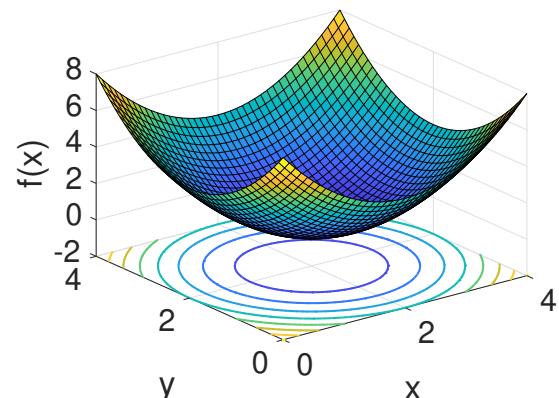
- Quadratic form in \mathbb{R}^2

$$f: \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R}^2 \\ x = (x_1, x_2) \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R} \\ ax_1^2 + 2bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2 \end{matrix}$$

$$f(x) = (x_1, x_2) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = x^T \cdot M \cdot x$$

- M is a **symmetric** matrix
- If M is **diagonal**

$$(x_1, x_2) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = 2x_1^2 + 3x_2^2$$



Covariance/correlation matrix

- Two (or more) variables x and y (ex: V and CL)

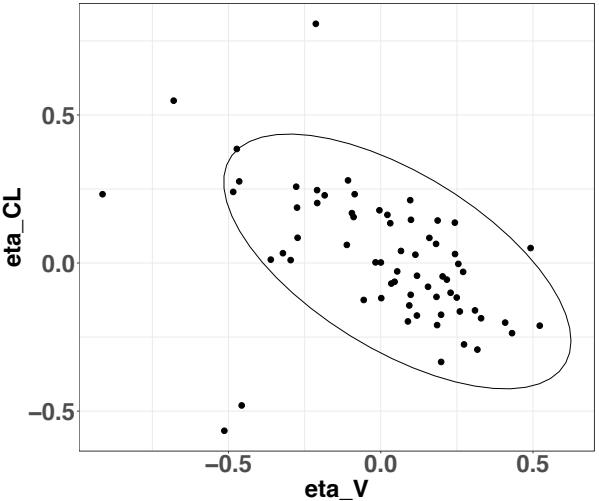
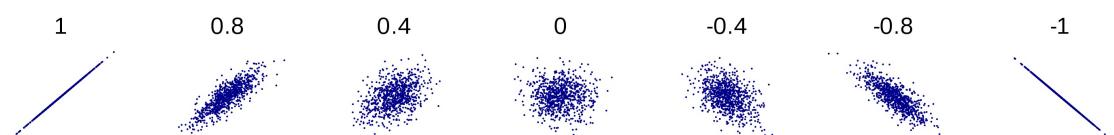
$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} Var(x) & Cov(x, y) \\ Cov(x, y) & Var(y) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Cov(x, y) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})$$

- Correlation matrix

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & r(x, y) \\ r(x, y) & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$r(x, y) = \frac{Cov(x, y)}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} \quad \text{note: } \widehat{\theta_1} = r(x, y) \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x}$$



Multivariate normal distribution

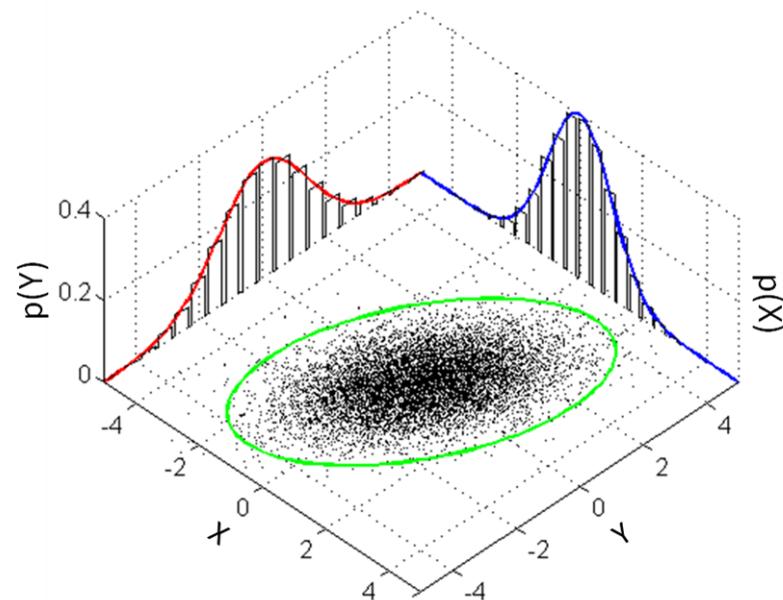
- Generalization of the normal distribution in dimension n

$$x \rightarrow \mathbf{x} = (x, y), \mu \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_1, \mu_2)$$

$$\sigma^2 \rightarrow \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} Var(x) & Cov(x, y) \\ Cov(x, y) & Var(y) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{|\Sigma|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})}$$



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Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

- An **eigenvector** $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ associated to an **eigenvalue** $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

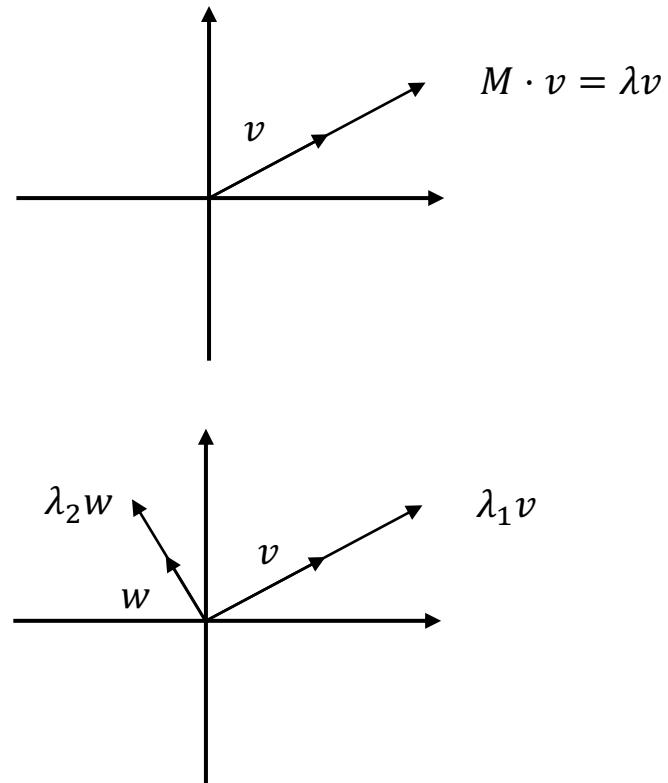
$$M \cdot v = \lambda v$$

- In a basis of eigenvectors, M is **diagonal**

$$M \triangleq D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

- Thm: If M is a symmetric matrix, it is **diagonalizable** (in an orthogonal basis)

$$M = PDP^{-1}, \quad P^T P = I, \quad P = (v, w)$$

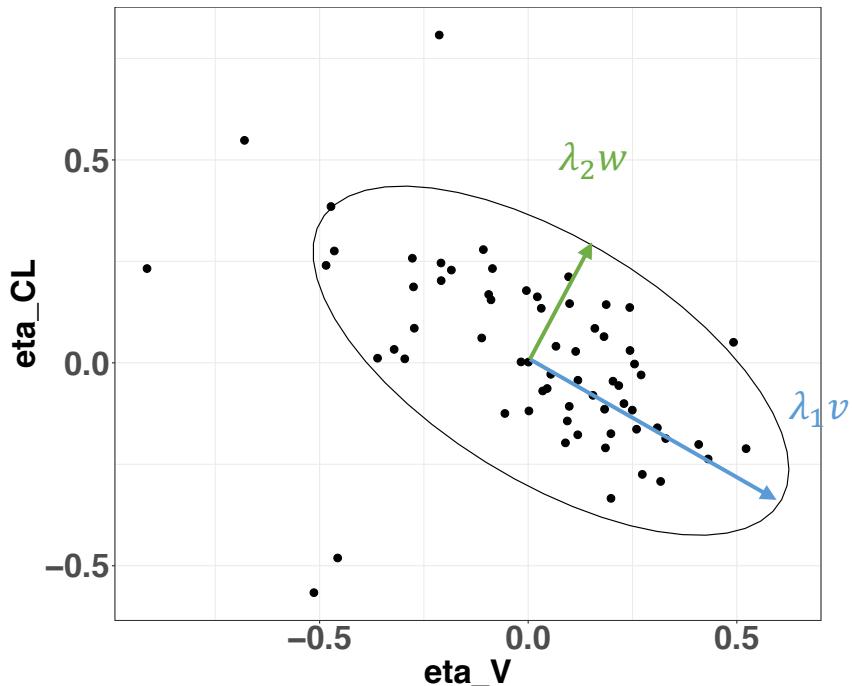


Example

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 2.98 & -4.65 \\ -4.65 & 64.1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = P \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 64.4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.63 \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}$$

- first **eigenvector** = direction of the data of maximal variance
- first **eigenvalue** = variance of the data in this direction



Properties of determinants and eigenvalues

- If $M = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$ is a diagonal matrix, $\det(M) = \lambda_1 \times \cdots \times \lambda_n$
- $\det(M \cdot N) = \det(M) \det(N)$

$$\Rightarrow \det(M^{-1}) = \det(M)^{-1}$$

\Rightarrow The determinant is the product of the eigenvalues

$$\Rightarrow \det(M) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \exists \lambda_i \text{ eigenvalue with } \lambda_i = 0 \Leftrightarrow \exists x \text{ s.t } M \cdot x = 0$$

- A positive definite matrix is a symmetric matrix such that $\lambda_i > 0, \forall i$
 $\Leftrightarrow x^T M x > 0, \forall x$

Condition number

- The condition number is the ratio of the maximal to minimal eigenvalues

$$\text{cond}(A) = \frac{\lambda_{\max}}{\lambda_{\min}}$$

- A large condition number of the variance-covariance matrix of the estimates indicates a strong correlation structure indicative of **identifiability issues**

