
Signal Processing on Databases

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Lecture 2: Group Theory

Spreadsheets, Big Tables, and the
Algebra of Associative Arrays



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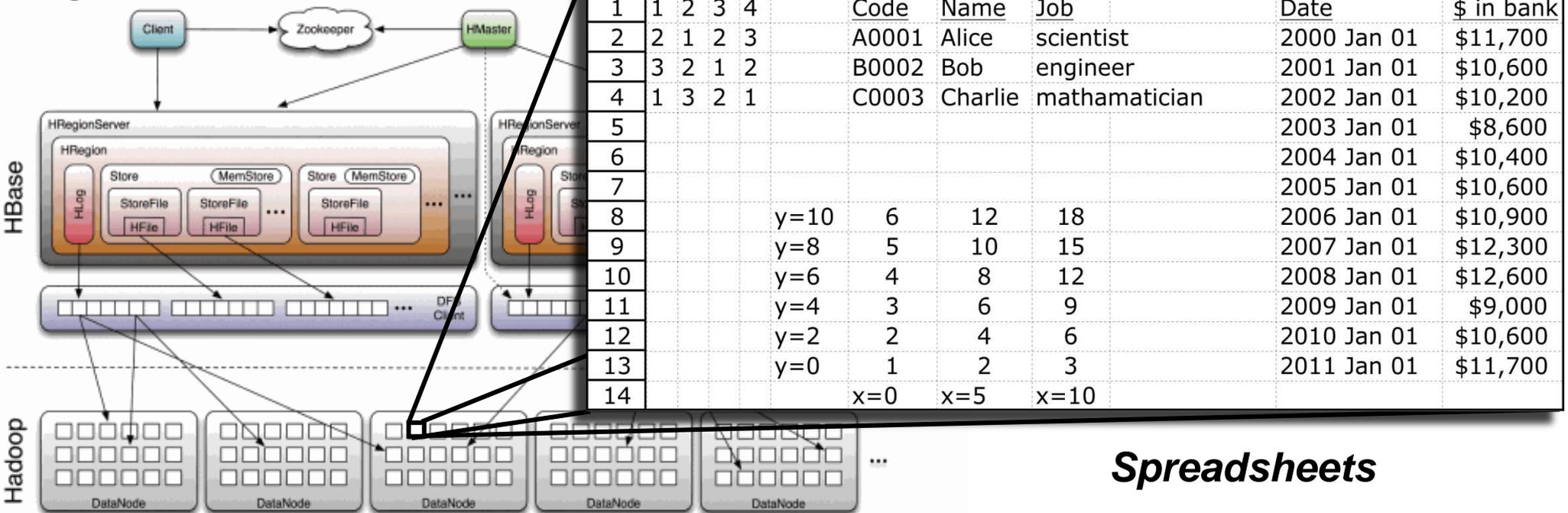
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What are Spreadsheets and Big Tables?

Big Tables



Spreadsheets

- **Spreadsheets** are the most commonly used analytical structure on Earth (100M users/day?)
- Big Tables (Google, Amazon, Facebook, ...) store most of the analyzed data in the world (Exabytes?)
- **Simultaneous** diverse data: strings, dates, integers, reals, ...
- **Simultaneous** diverse uses: matrices, functions, hash tables, databases, ...
- No formal mathematical basis; Zero papers in AMA or SIAM



Goal: Signal Processing on Graphs/Strings/Spreadsheets/Tables/ ...

- **Create a formal basis for working with these data structures based on an Algebra of Associative Arrays**
- **Better Algorithms**
 - Can create algorithms by applying standard mathematical tools (linear algebra and detection theory)
- **Faster Implementation**
 - Associative array software libraries allow these algorithms to be implemented with ~50x less effort
- **Good for managers, too**
 - Much simpler than Microsoft Excel; formally correct



Multi-Dimensional Associative Arrays

- Extends associative arrays to 2D and mixed data types

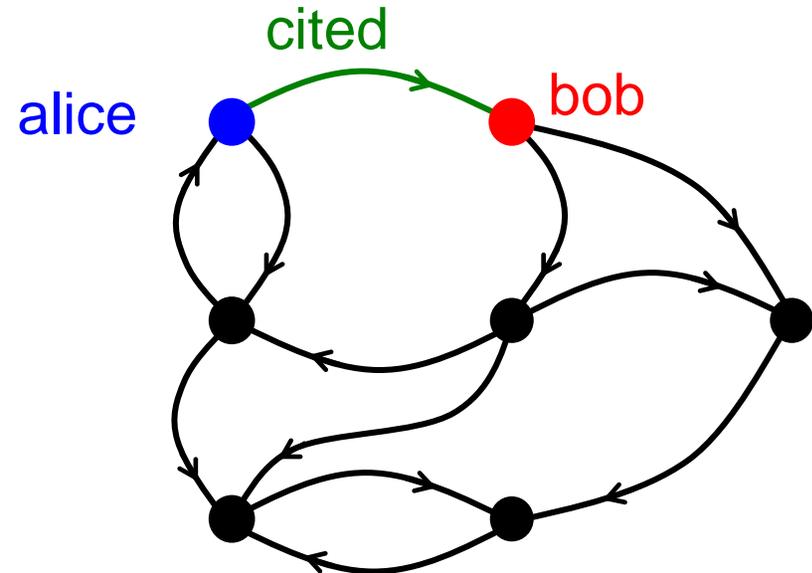
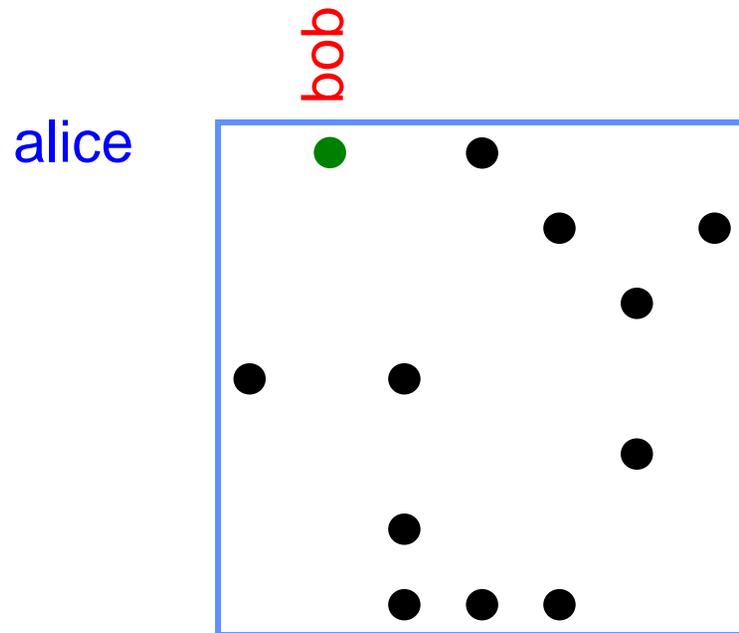
$A('alice ', 'bob ') = 'cited '$

or $A('alice ', 'bob ') = 47.0$

- Key innovation: 2D is 1-to-1 with triple store

$('alice ', 'bob ', 'cited ')$

or $('alice ', 'bob ', 47.0)$





Composable Associative Arrays

- **Key innovation: mathematical closure**
 - All associative array operations return associative arrays

- **Enables composable mathematical operations**

$A + B$ $A - B$ $A \& B$ $A|B$ $A*B$

- **Enables composable query operations via array indexing**

$A('alice\ bob',:)$ $A('alice',:)$ $A('al*',:)$

$A('alice : bob',:)$ $A(1:2,:)$ $A == 47.0$

- **Simple to implement in a library (~2000 lines) in programming environments with: 1st class support of 2D arrays, operator overloading, sparse linear algebra**

- **Complex queries with ~50x less effort than Java/SQL**
- **Naturally leads to high performance parallel implementation**



Universal “Exploded” Schema

Input Data

Time	src_ip	domain	dest_ip
2001-01-01	a		a
2001-01-02	b	b	
2001-01-03		c	c



Triple Store Table: Ttranspose

	2001-01-01	2001-01-02	2001-01-03
src_ip/a	1		
src_ip/b		1	
domain/b		1	
domain/c			1
dest_ip/a	1		
dest_ip/c			1



	src_ip/a	src_ip/b	domain/b	domain/c	dest_ip/a	dest_ip/c
2001-01-01	1				1	
2001-01-02		1	1			
2001-01-03				1		1

Triple Store Table: T

Key Innovations

- Handles all data into a *single* table representation
- Transpose pairs allows quick look up of *either* row or column



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Associative Array Definitions

- Keys and values are from the infinite strict totally ordered set \mathbb{S}
- Associative array $A(\mathbf{k}) : \mathbb{S}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$, $\mathbf{k}=(k^1, \dots, k^d)$, is a partial function from d keys (typically 2) to 1 value, where
$$A(\mathbf{k}_i) = v_i \quad \text{and} \quad \emptyset \text{ otherwise}$$

- Binary operations on associative arrays $A_3 = A_1 \oplus A_2$, where $\oplus = \cup_{f()}$ or $\cap_{f()}$, have the properties
 - If $A_1(\mathbf{k}_i) = v_1$ and $A_2(\mathbf{k}_i) = v_2$, then $A_3(\mathbf{k}_i)$ is
$$v_1 \cup_{f()} v_2 = f(v_1, v_2) \quad \text{or} \quad v_1 \cap_{f()} v_2 = f(v_1, v_2)$$
 - If $A_1(\mathbf{k}_i) = v$ or \emptyset and $A_2(\mathbf{k}_i) = \emptyset$ or v , then $A_3(\mathbf{k}_i)$ is
$$v \cup_{f()} \emptyset = v \quad \text{or} \quad v \cap_{f()} \emptyset = \emptyset$$

- High level usage dictated by these definitions
- Deeper algebraic properties set by the collision function $f()$
- Frequent switching between “algebras” (how spreadsheets are used)



Associative Array Values

- Value requirements
 - Diverse types: integers, reals, strings, ...
 - Sortable
 - Set
- Let \mathbb{S} be an infinite strict totally ordered set
 - Total order is an implementation (not theoretical) requirement
 - All values (and keys) will be drawn from this set

- Allowable operations for $v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{S}$
 $v_1 < v_2$ $v_1 = v_2$ $v_1 > v_2$

- Special symbols: $\emptyset, -\infty, +\infty$
 - $v \leq +\infty$ is always true ($+\infty \in \mathbb{S}$)
 - $v \geq -\infty$ is always true ($-\infty \in \mathbb{S}$)
 - \emptyset is the empty set ($\emptyset \subset \mathbb{S}$)

Above properties are consistent with strict totally ordered sets



Collision Function $f()$

- Collision function $f(v_1, v_2)$ can have
 - two contexts ($\cup \cap$)
 - three conditions ($< = >$)
 - $d + 5$ possible outcomes ($k v_1 v_2 \emptyset -\infty +\infty$) [or sets of these]
- Combinations result in an enormous number of functions ($\sim 10^{30}$) and an even greater number of associative array algebras (function pairs)
 - Impressive level of functionality given minimal assumptions
- Focus on “nice” collision functions
 - Keys are not used inside the function; results are single valued
 - No tests on special symbols

$f(v_1, v_2)$

$v_1 < v_2 : v_1 v_2 \emptyset -\infty +\infty$

$v_1 = v_2 : v \quad \emptyset -\infty +\infty$

$v_1 > v_2 : v_1 v_2 \emptyset -\infty +\infty$

- **Above properties are consistent with strict totally ordered sets**
- **Note: \emptyset is handled by $\cup \cap$; not passed into $f()$**



What About Concatenation?

- Concatenation of values (or keys) can be represented by using \cup or \cap as collision function

- Requires generalizing values to sets $v_1, v_2 \subset \mathbb{S}$

- Allowable operations for $v_1, v_2 \subset \mathbb{S}$

$$v_1 \cup v_2$$

$$v_1 \cap v_2$$

- Special symbols: \emptyset, \mathbb{S}

$$v \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$$

annihilator (but never reached, so identify)

$$v \cup \mathbb{S} = \mathbb{S}$$

annihilator

$$v \cap \mathbb{S} = v$$

identity

$$v \cup \emptyset = v$$

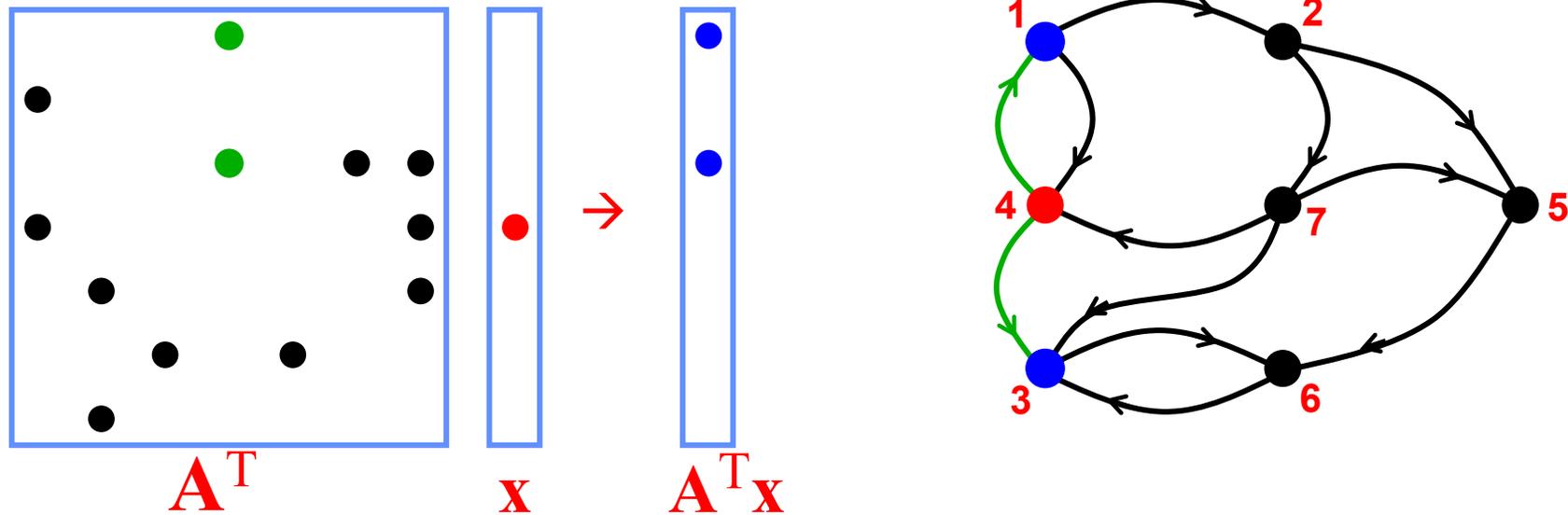
identity

- Possible operators: $\cup_\cup, \cap_\cup, \cup_\cap, \cap_\cap$

- **Concatenating collision functions are very useful**
- **Can be handled by extending values to be sets**



Matrix Multiply Framework

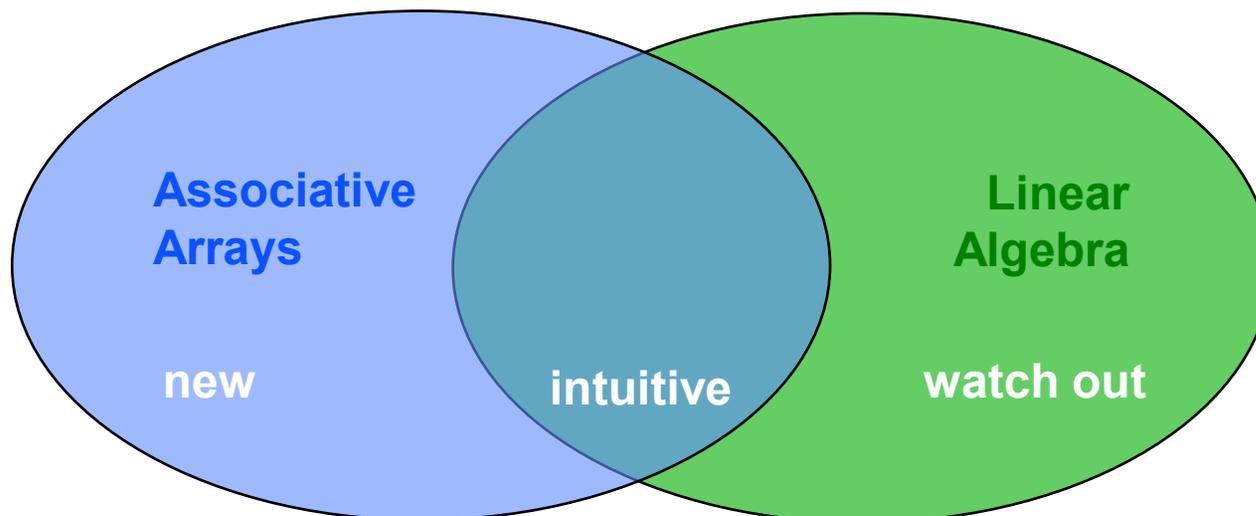


- Graphs can be represented as a sparse matrices
 - Multiply by adjacency matrix \rightarrow step to neighbor vertices
 - Work-efficient implementation from sparse data structures
- Graph algorithms reduce to products on semi-rings: $A_3 = A_1 \oplus \cdot \otimes A_2$
 - \otimes : associative, distributes over \oplus
 - \oplus : associative, commutative
 - Examples: $+.^*$ $\min.+$ or.and



Theory Questions

- **Associative arrays can be constructed from a few definitions**
- **Similar to linear algebra, but applicable to a wider range of data**
- **Key questions**
 - **Which linear algebra properties do apply to associative arrays (intuitive)**
 - **Which linear algebra properties do not apply to associative arrays (watch out)**
 - **Which associative array properties do not apply to linear algebra (new)**



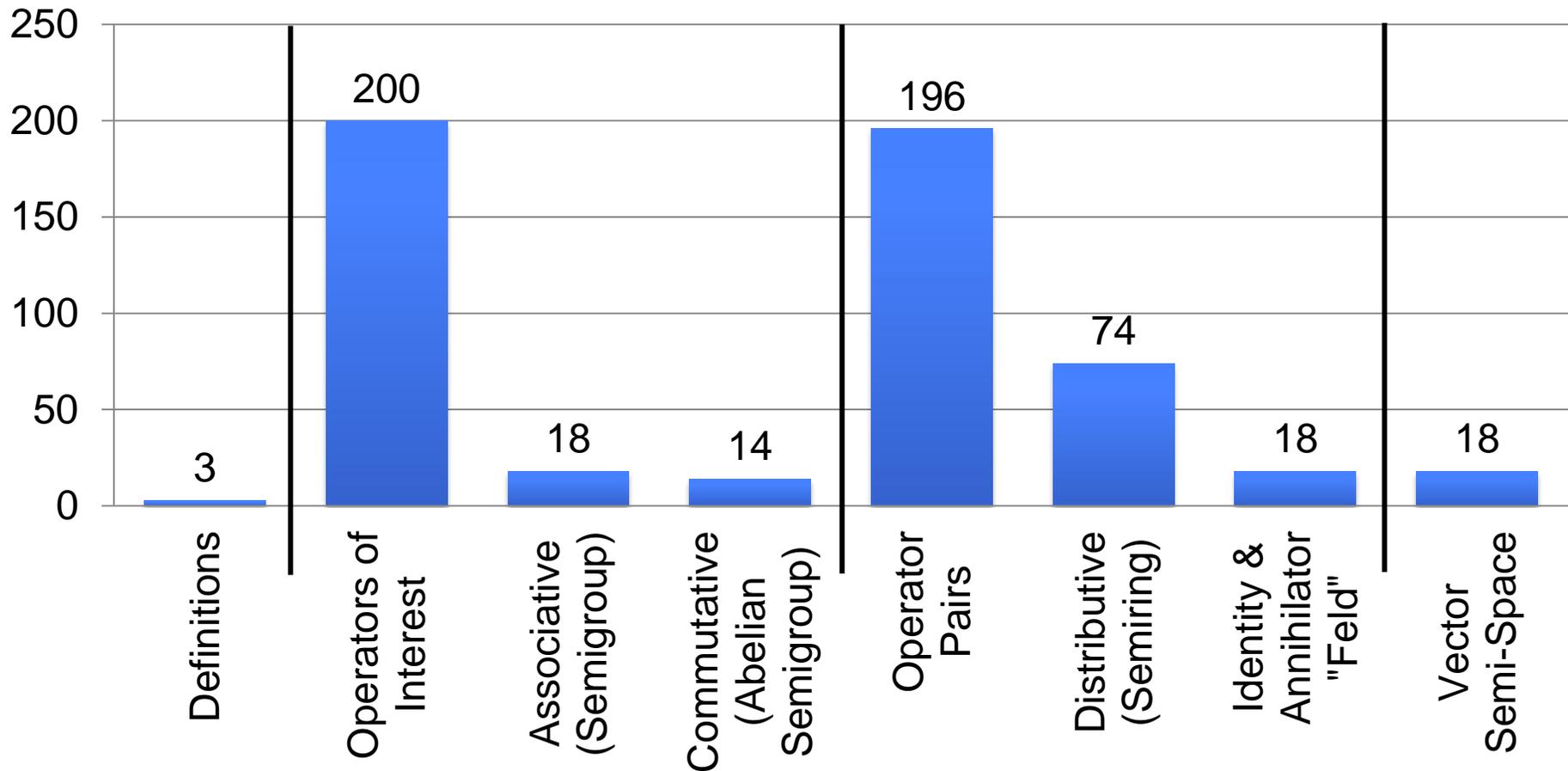


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 - Semirings
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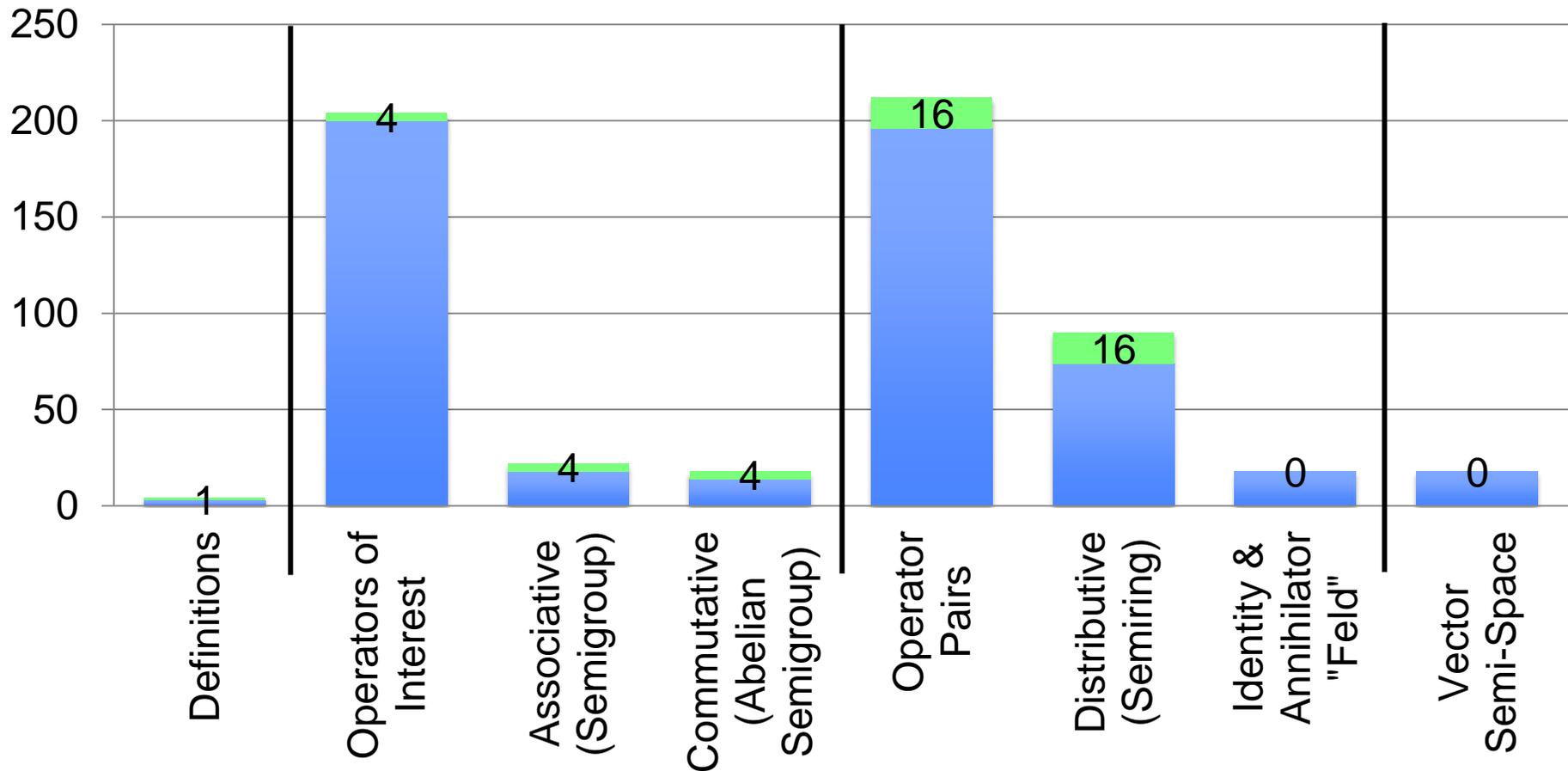
Operators Roadmap



- **Begin with a few definitions**
- **Expand into many operators; reduce to well behaved**
- **Expand into many operator pairs; reduce to well behaved**



Including Concatenation



- Including concatenation operators expands semirings
- Doesn't expand vector semi-space



Associative and Commutative Operators

ID	Operator \oplus	$v_1 < v_2$	$v_1 = v_2$	$v_1 > v_2$
1	\cup_{left}	v_1	v	v_1
2	\cap_{left}	v_1	v	v_1
3	\cup_{max}	v_2	v	v_1
4	\cap_{max}	v_2	v	v_1
41	\cup_{min}	v_1	v	v_2
42	\cap_{min}	v_1	v	v_2
43	\cup_{right}	v_2	v	v_2
44	\cap_{right}	v_2	v	v_2
86	\cap_{δ}	\emptyset	v	\emptyset
96	\cap_{\emptyset}	\emptyset	\emptyset	\emptyset
127	$\cup_{-\infty, \delta}$	$-\infty$	v	$-\infty$
128	$\cap_{-\infty, \delta}$	$-\infty$	v	$-\infty$
147	$\cup_{-\infty}$	$-\infty$	$-\infty$	$-\infty$
148	$\cap_{-\infty}$	$-\infty$	$-\infty$	$-\infty$
169	$\cup_{+\infty, \delta}$	$+\infty$	v	$+\infty$
170	$\cap_{+\infty, \delta}$	$+\infty$	v	$+\infty$
199	$\cup_{+\infty}$	$+\infty$	$+\infty$	$+\infty$
200	$\cap_{+\infty}$	$+\infty$	$+\infty$	$+\infty$

- Associative

$$(v_1 \oplus v_2) \oplus v_3 = v_1 \oplus (v_2 \oplus v_3)$$

- 18 associative operators
 - Semigroups
 - Groups w/o inverses

- Commutative

$$v_1 \oplus v_2 = v_2 \oplus v_1$$

- 14 associative & commutative operators
 - Removes left and right
 - Abelian Semigroups
 - Abelian Groups w/o inverses



Distributive Operator Pairs

- 14 x 14 = 196 Pairs of Abelian Semigroup operators

- Distributive

$$v_1 \otimes (v_2 \oplus v_3) = (v_1 \otimes v_2) \oplus (v_1 \otimes v_3)$$

- 74 distributive operator pairs
 - Semirings
 - Rings without inverses and without identity elements

- **1/3 of possible operator pairs are semirings**



Distributive Operator Pairs with Annihilators (0) and Identities (1)

- \oplus identity: $v_1 \oplus 0 = v_1$ $0 = \emptyset, -\infty, +\infty$
- \otimes identity: $v_1 \otimes 1 = v_1$ $1 = \emptyset, -\infty, +\infty$
- \otimes annihilator: $v_1 \otimes 0 = 0$ $0 = \emptyset, -\infty, +\infty$

- 12 Semirings with appropriate 0 1 set (4 with two)
- 16 total over six operators: $\cup_{\max}, \cap_{\max}, \cup_{\min}, \cap_{\min}, \cup_{-\infty}, \cup_{+\infty}$
 - Fields? (Fields w/o inverses)

- $\oplus = \cup_{f()}$ in 10/16 (\cup feels more like plus)
- $\otimes = \cap_{f()}$ in 10/16 (\cap feels more like multiply)
- $\oplus = \cup_{f()}$ and $\otimes = \cap_{f()}$ in 8/16
- $0 = \emptyset$ in 6/8 (\emptyset feels more like zero, $0 > 1$ might be a problem)

• **1/5 of semirings are Fields (Fields w/o inverses)**



Operator Pairs



	0	1	\cup_{\max}	\cap_{\max}	\cup_{\min}	\cap_{\min}	\cap_{δ}	\cap_{\emptyset}	$\cup_{-\infty, \delta}$	$\cap_{-\infty, \delta}$	$\cup_{-\infty}$	$\cap_{-\infty}$	$\cup_{+\infty, \delta}$	$\cap_{+\infty, \delta}$	$\cup_{+\infty}$	$\cap_{+\infty}$
\cup_{\max}			D	$\emptyset -\infty$		$-\infty +\infty$ $\emptyset +\infty$		D				D			D	D
\cap_{\max}				D	$-\infty +\infty$ $-\infty \emptyset$	$-\infty +\infty$		D			$-\infty \emptyset$	D				D
\cup_{\min}			$+\infty -\infty$ $+\infty \emptyset$	$+\infty -\infty$ $\emptyset -\infty$	D	$\emptyset +\infty$		D			D	D				D
\cap_{\min}				$+\infty -\infty$		D		D				D			$+\infty \emptyset$	D
\cap_{δ}							D	D								
\cap_{\emptyset}				D		D	D	D		D		D		D		D
$\cup_{-\infty, \delta}$								D	D	D	D	D				D
$\cap_{-\infty, \delta}$								D		D		D				D
$\cup_{-\infty}$						$\emptyset +\infty$		D		D		D				
$\cap_{-\infty}$						D		D		D		D				
$\cup_{+\infty, \delta}$								D				D	D	D	D	D
$\cap_{+\infty, \delta}$								D				D		D		D
$\cup_{+\infty}$														$\emptyset -\infty$		D
$\cap_{+\infty}$														D		D

D=distributes; 0=Plus Identity/Multiply Annihilator; 1=Multiply Identity



Concatenate Operators

ID	Operator \oplus	$f(v_1, v_2)$
201	\cup_{\cup}	$v_1 \cup v_2$
202	\cap_{\cup}	$v_1 \cup v_2$
203	\cup_{\cap}	$v_1 \cap v_2$
204	\cap_{\cap}	$v_1 \cap v_2$

- Recall v_1 and v_2 are sets
- All operators are associative and commutative
 - 4 Abelian Semigroups

0 1	\cup_{\cup}	\cap_{\cup}	\cup_{\cap}	\cap_{\cap}
\cup_{\cup}	D	$\emptyset -\infty$	D	$-\infty +\infty$ $\emptyset +\infty$
\cap_{\cup}	D	D	$-\infty +\infty$ $-\infty \emptyset$	$-\infty +\infty$
\cup_{\cap}	$+\infty -\infty$ $+\infty \emptyset$	$+\infty -\infty$ $\emptyset -\infty$	D	$\emptyset +\infty$
\cap_{\cap}	D	$+\infty -\infty$	D	D

- All operator pairs distribute
 - 16 Semirings



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Vector Space over a Feld

- Associative Array Vector \oplus
 - All associative arrays are conformant (unlike matrices)
 - Associative Array Scalar \otimes
 - Scalar is a value applied directly to values; similar to constant function; or a function that takes on keys of non-scalar argument
 - Vector Space \oplus requirements
 - Commutes [Yes]; Associative [Yes]; 0 Identity element [Yes]
 - Inverse [No]
 - Vector Space scalar \otimes requirements
 - Commutes [Yes]; Associative [Yes]; Distributes over addition [Yes]; 1 Identity element [Yes]
- All associative array operator pairs that yield Felds also result in Vector Spaces wo/inverses (Vector Semispace?)**



Vector Semispace Properties

- Scalar \oplus identity annihilates under \otimes [Yes]
 - Subspace [Yes]
 - Any linear combination of vectors taken from the subspace is in the subspace and obeys the properties of a vector space
 - Theorem: Intersection of any subspaces is a subspace?
 - Span [Yes+]
 - Given a set of vectors A_j , their span is all linear combinations of those vectors (includes vectors of different lengths)
- $$\oplus_j (a_j \otimes A_j)$$
- Span = Subspace [Yes?]
 - Given an arbitrary set of vectors, their span is a vector space?
 - Linear dependence [No]
 - There is a non-trivial linear combination of vectors equal to the \oplus identity; can't do this without additive inverse
 - Need to redefine linear independence or all vectors are linearly independent; use minimum vectors in a subspace definition?
 - Likewise need to redefine basis as it depends upon linear dependence

Key question: under what conditions does the result of a linear combination of associative arrays uniquely determine the coefficients



Unique Coefficient Conditions

- Consider a linear combinations of two associative array vectors

$$A_3 = (a_1 \otimes A_1) \oplus (a_2 \otimes A_2)$$

- Let $\oplus = \cup_{\min}$, $\otimes = \cap_{\max}$, $0 = \emptyset$, and $1 = -\infty$
- When are a_1 and a_2 uniquely determined by A_1 , A_2 and A_3 ?

<u>Canonical Vectors</u>	<u>Single valued</u>	<u>Multi-valued</u>
$A_1(k_1) = -\infty$ $A_2(k_2) = -\infty$		$A_1(k_1 k_2) = (v_1 v_2)$ $A_2 = A_1$ $v_1 < v_2$
$A_1(k_1) = +\infty$ $A_2(k_2) = +\infty$	$A_1(k_1 k_2) = (v v)$ $A_2 = A_1$	$A_1(k_1 k_2) = (v_1 v_2)$ $A_2(k_1 k_2) = (v_2 v_1)$ $v_1 < v_2$

- Consider specific cases to show existence of uniqueness**



Canonical Vectors

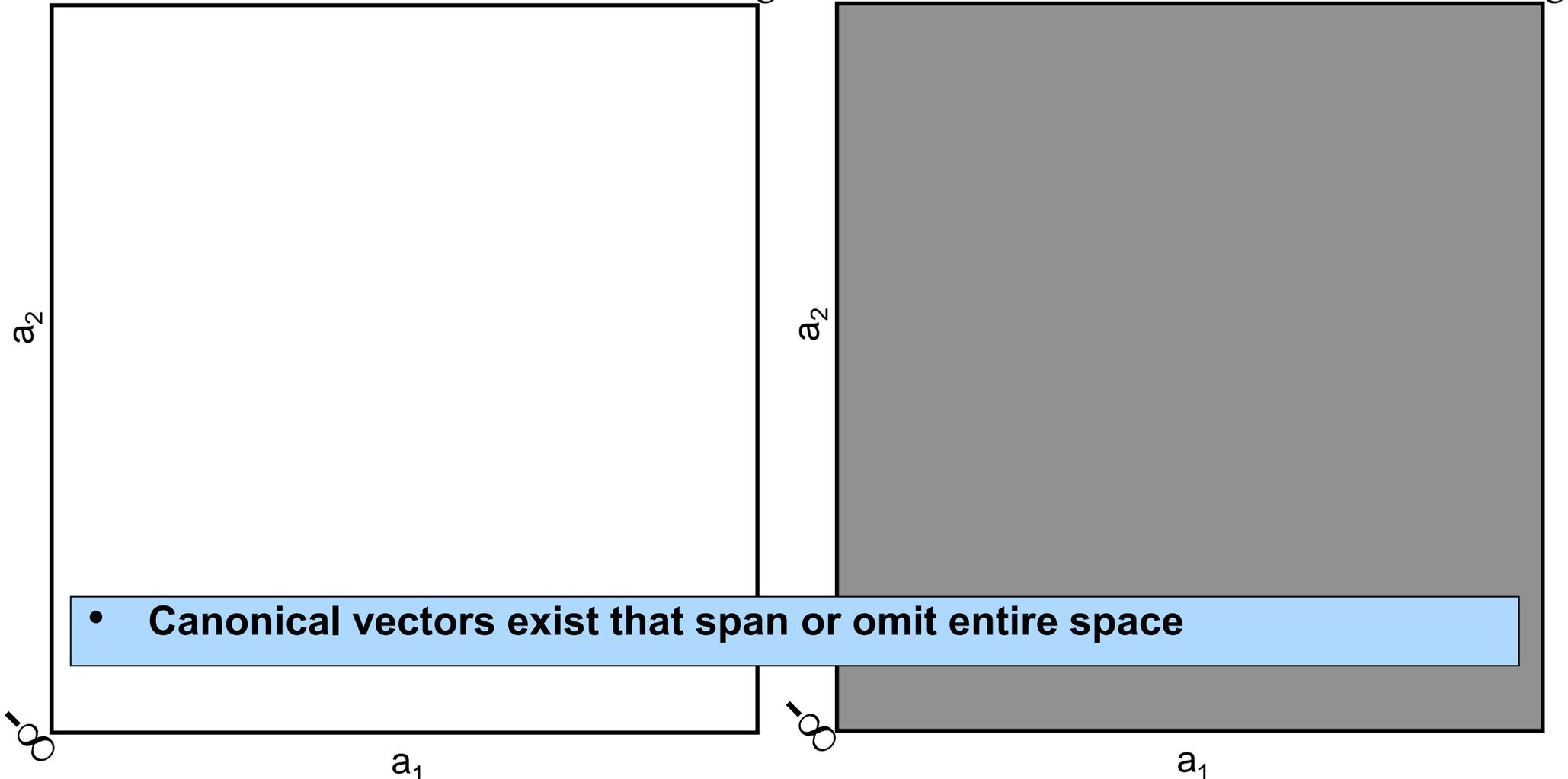
$A_1(k_1) = -\infty$

$A_2(k_2) = -\infty$

 $x \infty$

$A_1(k_1) = +\infty$

$A_2(k_2) = +\infty$

 $x \infty$ 

• Canonical vectors exist that span or omit entire space

 a_1, a_2 unique

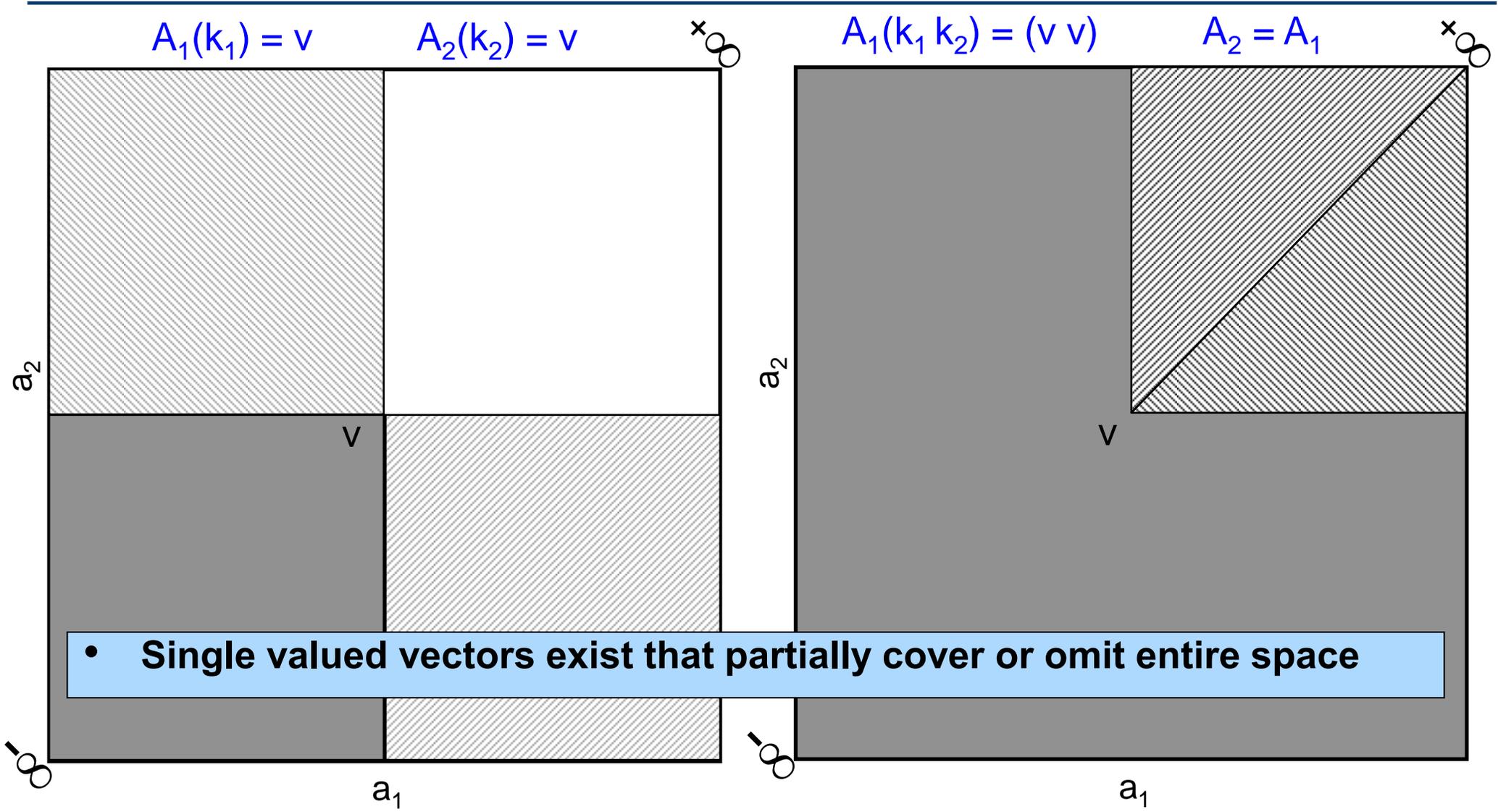
 a_1 unique

 a_2 unique

 a_1, a_2 not unique



Single Valued Vectors



• Single valued vectors exist that partially cover or omit entire space

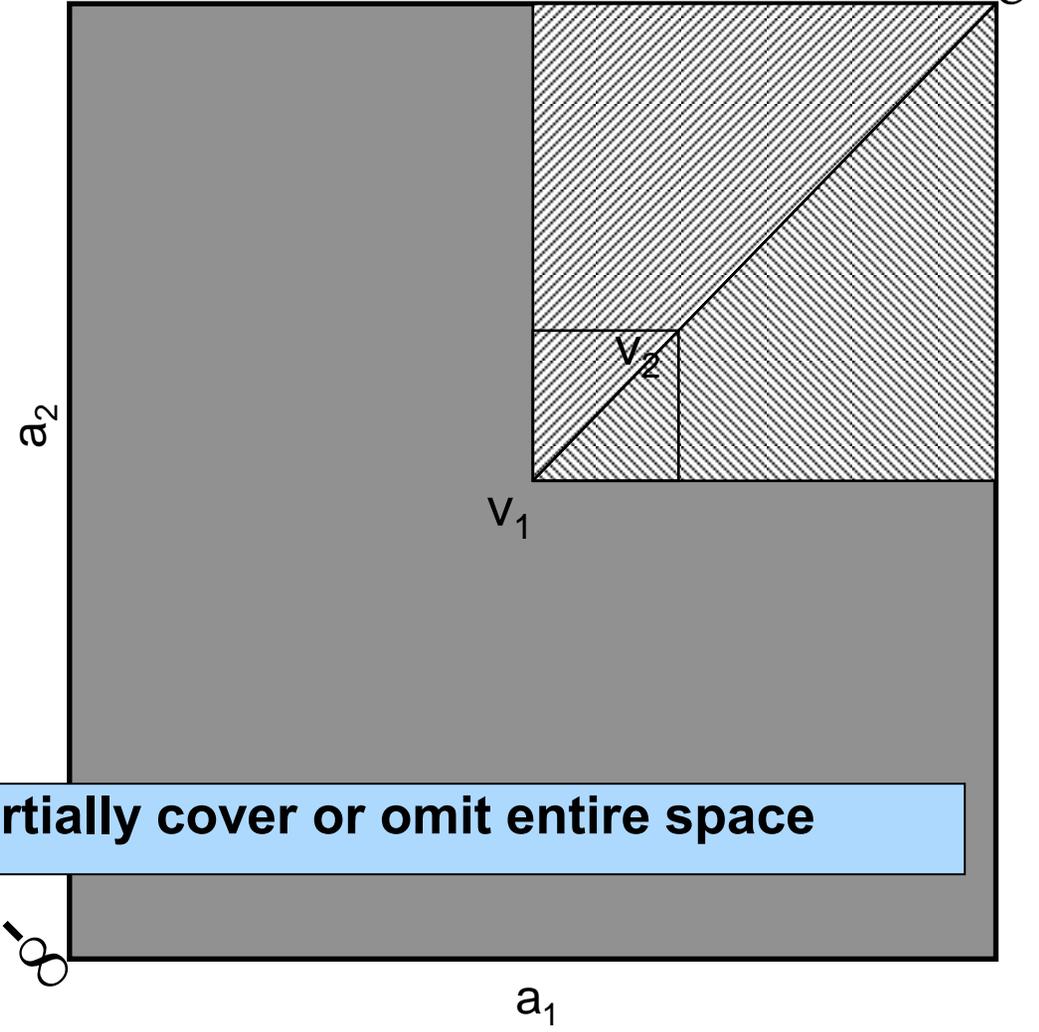
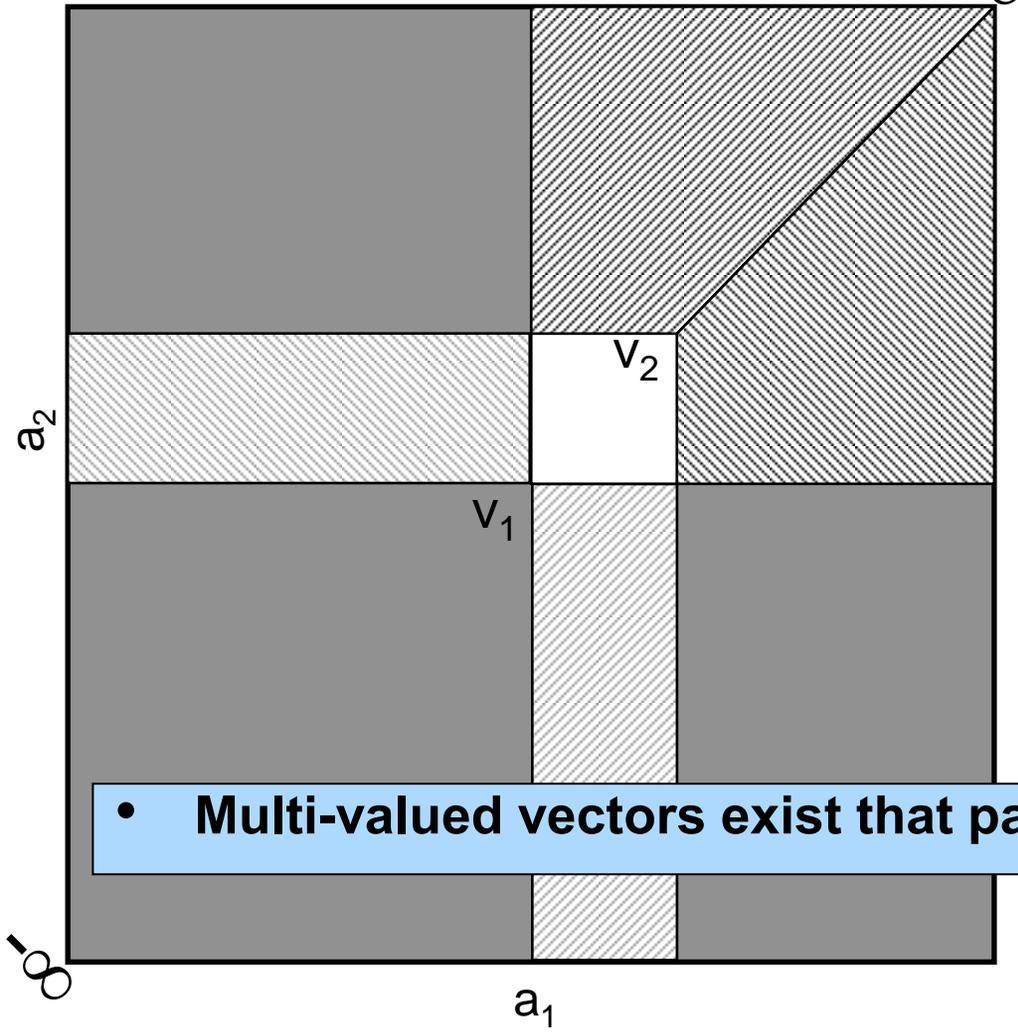
- a_1, a_2 unique
- a_1 unique
- a_2 unique
- a_1, a_2 not unique



Multi-Valued Vectors

$A_1(k_1, k_2) = (v_1, v_2), A_1(k_1, k_2) = (v_2, v_1), v_1 < v_2$

$A_1(k_1, k_2) = (v_1, v_2), A_2 = A_1, v_1 < v_2$



• Multi-valued vectors exist that partially cover or omit entire space

a_1, a_2 unique

a_1 unique

a_2 unique

a_1, a_2 not unique



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Matrix Transpose

- Swap keys (rows and columns)

$$A(r,c)^T = A(c,r)$$

- No change with even number of transposes
- Transpose distributes across \oplus and scalar \otimes

$$((a_1 \otimes A_1) \oplus (a_2 \otimes A_1))^T = (a_1 \otimes A_1^T) \oplus (a_2 \otimes A_1^T)$$

- **Similar to linear algebra**



Special Matrices

- Submatrices [Yes]
 - Zero matrix [Yes?] (empty set)
 - Square matrix [Yes]
 - Diagonal matrix [Yes]
 - Upper/lower triangular [Yes]
 - Skew symmetric [No] (no \oplus inverse)
 - Hermitian [No] (no \oplus inverse)
 - Elementary row/column operations [Yes?]
 - Swap both keys or values? No \otimes inverse.
 - If both key and value swap, then equivalent to matrix multiply
 - Row/column equivalence [Yes?]
 - If limit to swaps
- **Similar and different from linear algebra**
 - **Possible to construct these forms, but may not be applicable to associative arrays that have fixed keys (i.e., functions over a keys)**



Matrix Multiply

- Matrix multiply

$$A_3 = A_1 A_2 = A_1 \oplus \cdot \otimes A_2$$

- Always conformant (can multiply any sizes)
- Inner product formulation (computation)

$$A_3(r_i, c_j) = \oplus_k (A_1(r_i, k) \otimes A_2(k, c_j))$$

- Outer product formulation (theory)

$$A_k(r_i, c_j) = A_1(r_i, k) \otimes A_2(k, c_j)$$

$$A_3 = \oplus_k A_k$$

- **Different from linear algebra**
- **Associative arrays have no conformance requirements**



Matrix Multiply Examples

- 1x2 Row matrix: $A_1(r, k_1 k_2) = v_1$
- 2x1 Column matrix: $A_1(k_2 k_3, c) = v_2$
- Example 1: 1x1 Matrix: $A_3(r, c) = A_1 A_2 =$ [See Table]
- Example 2: 2x2 Matrix ($r \neq c$): $A_3(k_1 k_2, k_2 k_3) = A_2 A_1 =$ [See Table]
- Example 3: 2x2 Matrix ($r = c$): $A_3(k_1 k_2, k_2 k_3) = A_2 A_1 = f(v_1, v_2)$
- Value of A_3 depends upon specifics of \oplus and \otimes

Example 1	$\otimes = \cup_{f()}$	$\otimes = \cap_{f()}$
$\oplus = \cup_{g()}$	$g(g(v_1, f(v_1, v_2), v_2))$	$f(v_1, v_2)$
$\oplus = \cap_{g()}$	$g(g(v_1, f(v_1, v_2), v_2))$	\emptyset

Example 2	$\otimes = \cup_{f()}$	$\otimes = \cap_{f()}$
$\oplus = \cup_{g()}$	$g(v_1, v_2)$	\emptyset
$\oplus = \cap_{g()}$	$g(v_1, v_2)$	\emptyset

• Wide range of behaviors possible given specific operator choices



Identity

- Left Identity: $I_{\text{left}} = \text{diag}(\text{Row}(A)) = 1$
- When does? $I_{\text{left}} A = A$
- Right Identity: $I_{\text{right}} = \text{diag}(\text{Col}(A)) = 1$
- When does? $A I_{\text{right}} = A$

- Generally possible when

$$\oplus = \cup_{g()}\quad \otimes = \cap_{f()}$$

- In some circumstances

$$I = I_{\text{left}} \oplus I_{\text{right}} \quad \text{and} \quad A I = A = I A$$

- **Similar to linear algebra for a limited set of \oplus and \otimes**



Inverses

- Left Inverse: $A A^{-1} = I_{\text{left}}$
- Right Inverse: $A^{-1} A = I_{\text{right}}$
- Is it possible to construct matrix inverses with no \oplus inverse and no \otimes inverse
- Generally, no. Exception
 - A is a column/row vector
 - $\oplus = \cup_{g()}$, $\otimes = \cap_{f()}$
 - $I_{\text{right/left}}$ is 1x1 equal to “local” 1 (i.e., 1 wrt to A)

- **Different from linear algebra**
- **Inverses generally do not appear in associative arrays**



Eigenvectors (simple case)

- Let $\oplus = \cup_g$, $\otimes = \cap_f$
- Let A , A_e , A_λ be $N \times N$ and have 1 element per row and column

$$A(r_i, r_i) = v_i$$

$$A_e(r_i, c_i) = e_i$$

$$A_\lambda(c_i, c_i) = v_i$$

- Eigenvector equation

$$A A_e = A_e A_\lambda = A_{e\lambda}$$

- where: $A_{e\lambda}(r_i, c_i) = f(v_i, e_i)$

- **Eigenvector equation satisfied in a simple case**
- **Row and column keys must match**



Pseudoinverse (simple case)

- Let $\oplus = \cup_g$, $\otimes = \cap_f$
- Let A , A^+ be $N \times N$ (or $N_r \times N_c$?) and have 1 element per row and column

$$A(r_i, c_i) = v_i$$

$$A^+(c_i, r_i) = v_i^+$$

- Pseudoinverse requires

$$A = A A^+ A$$

$$A = A^+ A A^+$$

$$(A A^+)^T = A A^+$$

$$(A^+ A)^T = A^+ A$$

- where: $f(v_i, v_i^+) = v_i$

- **Pseudoinverse equation satisfied in a simple case**
- **Row and column keys can be different**



Future Work: Got Theorems?

- **Spanning theorems: when is a span a vector space?**
 - **Linear dependence: adding a vector doesn't change span?**
 - **Identity Array: when do left/right identity exist?**
 - **Inverse: why doesn't it exist?**
 - **Determinant: existence?**
 - **Pseudoinverse: existence? How to compute?**
 - **Linear transforms: existence?**
 - **Norms or inner product space**
 - **Compressive sensing requirements**
 - **Eigenvectors**
 - **Convolution (with next operator)**
 - **Complementary matrices**
- **For which \oplus , \otimes , 0/1 do these apply**



Summary

- **Algebra of Associative Arrays provides the mathematics for representing and operating on Spreadsheets and Big Tables**
- **Small number of assumptions yields a rich mathematical environment**
- **Much of linear algebra is available without \oplus inverse and \otimes inverse**



Example Code & Assignment

- **Example Code**
 - **d4m_api/examples/1Intro/3GroupTheory**

- **Assignment 2**
 - **Define, in words, a list of operations that make “sense” for your associative arrays in Assignment 1**
 - **Explain your reasoning**



Relational Model High Level Comparison

	Relational Database	Associative Arrays
Fill	Dense	Sparse
Columns	Static	Dynamic
Data	Typed	Untyped
#Rows	Unlimited	Unlimited
#Columns	Small	Unlimited
Dimensions	2 different	N same
Main Operation	Join	Linear Algebra

- Relational algebra (Codd 1970) is the de facto theory of databases
- The design goal of relational algebra and associative arrays algebra are fundamentally different
- Result in a fundamental differences in the theory

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