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# Presentation Outline

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> Most of the material is from notes by Abhiram Ranade; http: //www.cse.iitb.ac.in/~ranade/miscdocs/svd.pdf

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- Random Walks: Markov Chain Mixing, Google Page Rank
- Graph Connectivity, Coloring, ...

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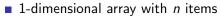
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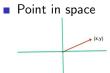


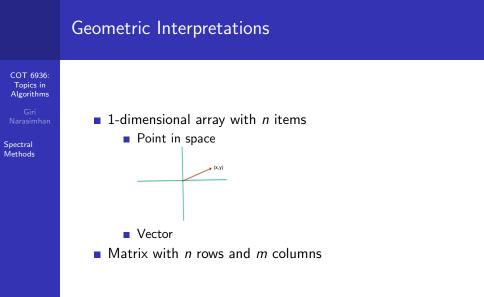
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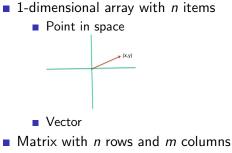


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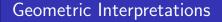


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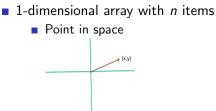
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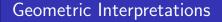
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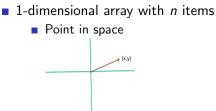
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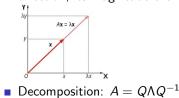
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