

# Linear Independence

**Linear Dependence:** set of vectors is linearly dependant if one of the vectors can be written as a linear combination of others.

→ A collection of vectors  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$  is called linearly dependant if there are coefficients  $B_1, \dots, B_k$ , not all zero such that  $B_1 a_1 + B_2 a_2 + \dots + B_k a_k = 0$  — ①

\* If one vector can be expressed as combination of others, then entire set is linearly dependant.

**Linearly Independent:** If the only solution to ① is  $B_1 = B_2 = \dots = B_k = 0$ .

**Examples:** set consisting of single non-zero vector is linearly independent, while a set with single zero vector is linearly dependant.

$$a_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 \\ -1.0 \\ 8.6 \end{bmatrix}, a_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1 \\ 2.0 \\ -1.0 \end{bmatrix}, a_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0 \\ -1.0 \\ 2.2 \end{bmatrix} \quad a_1 + 2a_2 + 3a_3 = 0$$

∴ Linearly dependant.

$$a_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, a_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, a_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{To check if they are linearly independent we assume } B_1 a_1 + B_2 a_2 + B_3 a_3 = 0.$$

This leads to equations:  $B_1 - B_3 = 0$ ;  $-B_2 + B_3 = 0$ ;  $B_2 + B_3 = 0$ .

From the above equations we get:  $B_1 = B_2 = B_3 = 0$ .

**Uniqueness of coefficients:**  $x$  = linear combination of linearly independent vectors  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$ . Then the coefficients of  $B_1, \dots, B_k$  are all UNIQUE.

\* If there are 2 sets of coefficients ( $B_i$  and  $\gamma_i$ ) such that:

$$x = B_1 a_1 + \dots + B_k a_k = \gamma_1 a_1 + \dots + \gamma_k a_k \quad \text{then } B_i = \gamma_i \text{ for all } i.$$

**Supersets & subsets:** Adding vectors to a dependant set will keep it dependant, while any subset of an independent set is still independent.

## Basis:

**Independence - Dimension Inequality:** If you have  $n$ -dimensional vectors  $a_1, \dots, a_k$  that are linearly independent, then  $k \leq n$ .

→ Any collection of  $n+1$  or more  $n$ -dimensional vectors, they are linearly dependant.

Ex: collection of 3 2-vectors must be linearly dependant.

**Basis:** collection of  $n$  linearly independent  $n$ -dimensional vectors  
(max no. of linearly independent vector in that space).

\* Any  $n$ -dimensional vector  $b$  can be expressed as a linear combination of the basis vecs.

$$b = \alpha_1 a_1 + \dots + \alpha_n a_n$$

where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  are coefficients.

- The coefficients of expansion  $b$  are unique, which means that there is only one way to express  $b$  as a linear combination of the basis vectors.

For a vector to form a basis 2 conditions must be satisfied:

1. Linear independence: Let's take an example  $a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1.2 \\ -2.6 \end{pmatrix}$   $a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -0.3 \\ -3.7 \end{pmatrix}$

To check if they are linearly independent, we need to see if a non-trivial combo exists for  $\alpha_1 a_1 + \alpha_2 a_2 = 0$ . On substituting, we get 2 equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 1.2\alpha_1 - 0.3\alpha_2 &= 0 \\ -2.6\alpha_1 - 3.7\alpha_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} 1.2\alpha_1 - 0.3\alpha_2 &= 0 \\ -2.6\alpha_1 - 3.7\alpha_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{ This will only be true if } \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0, \text{ confirming that } a_1 \text{ \& } a_2 \text{ are linearly independent.}$$

2. Spanning the space:  $a_1$  &  $a_2$  belong to the  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (2-dimensional plane)

If a set of 2 linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  exist, it spans the entire space, meaning: any vector  $b \in \mathbb{R}^2$  can be written as linear combo of  $a_1$  &  $a_2$ .

For example,  $b = (1, 1)$  can be written as  $b = 0.6513a_1 - 0.1280a_2$ .

## Orthonormal Vectors:

Orthogonal Vectors: mutually perpendicular vectors. ( $a_i \cdot a_j = 0$ )  $i \neq j$ .

- vectors are normalized if  $\|a_i\| = 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, K$

Orthonormal Vectors: vectors which are orthogonal and normalized have length 1.

This can be expressed using inner products as:  $a_i^T a_j = \begin{cases} 1 & i=j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$

- orthonormal vectors are linearly independent.

- any vector  $x$  can be written as a linear combination of orthonormal vectors  $a_1, \dots, a_K$  can have its coefficients found very easily.

$$\text{suppose } x = B_1 a_1 + B_2 a_2 + \dots + B_K a_K$$

To find coefficients of  $B_i$ , take inner product of both sides with  $a_i$

$$a_i \cdot x = a_i \cdot (B_1 a_1 + B_2 a_2 + \dots + B_K a_K) = B_i$$

$$a_i \cdot x = B_i$$

Orthonormal expansion formula:

$$x = (a_1 \cdot x) a_1 + (a_2 \cdot x) a_2 + \dots + (a_K \cdot x) a_K$$

**Orthonormal Basis:** set of orthonormal vectors that span the entire space.

In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , a set of orthonormal vectors form a basis.

\* If  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  form an orthogonal basis, then any vector  $x$  in the space can be written as orthonormal expansion. \*



Example:  $a_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  ,  $a_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  ,  $a_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

are orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . To express the vector  $x = (1, 2, 3)$  in terms of this basis, we calculate inner product of  $x$  with each basis vector.

$$a_1 \cdot x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = -3 ; \quad a_2 \cdot x = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} ; \quad a_3 \cdot x = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Thus,  $x$  can be written as:  $x = -3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

## Gram-Schmidt Algorithm:

Takes collection of linearly independent vectors & converts them into orthonormal collection.

• Algorithm explained: It performs 3 main tasks:

① Orthogonalization: For each vector  $a_i$ , subtract its projection onto previously computed orthonormal vectors. ( $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_{i-1}$ )

$$\tilde{q}_i = a_i - (q_1^T a_i) q_1 - (q_2^T a_i) q_2 - \dots - (q_{i-1}^T a_i) q_{i-1}$$

→ The scalar  $(q_j^T a_i)$  gives how much of  $a_i$  lies in direction of  $q_j$ .

→ multiplying this scalar with  $q_j$  gives the projection of  $a_i$  on  $q_j$

\* Subtracting this projection removes component of  $a_i$  in direction  $q_j$  giving us a  $\tilde{q}_i$  vector orthogonal to  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_{i-1}$ .

If  $i=1$ , then  $\tilde{q}_1 = a_1$  because there are no previous vectors to subtract from.

~~Linear~~ ② Linear Dependence Test: Now the algo checks if the  $\tilde{q}_i$  is a zero vector.

If  $\tilde{q}_i = 0$ , then  $a_i$  is a linearly dependent on previous  $a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}$

If this is the case, the algo terminates. or else it goes to next step.

③ Normalization: The norm of  $\tilde{q}_i$  is denoted as  $\|\tilde{q}_i\|$

$$q_i = \frac{\tilde{q}_i}{\|\tilde{q}_i\|} \quad \text{This makes sure vector is orthonormal.}$$

Example:  $a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  ;  $a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

Step 1: Orthogonalize  $a_1$ : As there are no previous vectors:  $\tilde{q}_1 = a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Normalize  $\tilde{q}_1$ :  $\|\tilde{q}_1\| = \sqrt{3^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{10} = \sqrt{9+1}$

Normalize  $\tilde{q}_1$  to get  $q_1$ :  $q_1 = \frac{\tilde{q}_1}{\|\tilde{q}_1\|} = \begin{pmatrix} 3/\sqrt{10} \\ 1/\sqrt{10} \end{pmatrix}$

Step 2: We have to orthogonalize  $q_2$  with respect to  $q_1$

Projection of  $q_2$  on  $q_1$ :  $\text{Proj}_{q_1}(q_2) = (q_1^T q_2) q_1$

$$= \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \cdot 2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \cdot 2 = \frac{8}{\sqrt{10}}$$

$$\text{multiplying } q_1 = \frac{8}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 3/\sqrt{10} \\ 1/\sqrt{10} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{8}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2.4}{0.8}$$

$$\text{To make it } \tilde{q}_2 = q_2 - (q_1^T q_2) q_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2.4 \\ 0.8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.4 \\ 1.2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Normalizing } \tilde{q}_2 : \|\tilde{q}_2\| = \sqrt{(-0.4)^2 + (1.2)^2} = \sqrt{1.6}$$

$$\text{Normalize } \tilde{q}_2 \text{ to get } q_2 = \frac{\tilde{q}_2}{\|\tilde{q}_2\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1.6}} \begin{pmatrix} -0.4 \\ 1.2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.4/\sqrt{1.6} \\ 1.2/\sqrt{1.6} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{Orthonormal Vectors are: } q_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \end{pmatrix} \quad q_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-0.4}{\sqrt{1.6}} \\ \frac{1.2}{\sqrt{1.6}} \end{pmatrix}$$

### Steps Involved:

Let's take example of 3 2-dim vectors  $q_1, q_2, q_3$ .

Step 1: orthonormalizing  $q_1$ :

$$\rightarrow \tilde{q}_1 = q_1$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Norm}(q_1) = \|\tilde{q}_1\|$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Normalize } q_1 = \frac{\tilde{q}_1}{\|\tilde{q}_1\|}$$

Step 2: orthogonalizing  $q_2$ :

$$\rightarrow \tilde{q}_2 = q_2 - (\tilde{q}_1^T q_2) q_1$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Norm}(\tilde{q}_2) = \|\tilde{q}_2\|$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Normalize } q_2 = \frac{\tilde{q}_2}{\|\tilde{q}_2\|}$$

Step 3: orthogonalizing  $q_3$ :

$$\rightarrow \tilde{q}_3 = q_3 - (q_1^T q_3) q_1 - (q_2^T q_3) q_2$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Normalize } \tilde{q}_3 = \frac{\tilde{q}_3}{\|\tilde{q}_3\|}$$

\* If the algorithm completes without any early termination, vectors are LIn.

### Applications:

1. checking if vector is linear combination:

- New vector (b) & want to check if its linear combo.
- Apply Gram-Schmidt on  $q_1, \dots, q_k$ .
- If algo terminates early, then b is linear combo of original set.

2. Basis: If Gram-Schmidt runs to completion, the vectors form a basis.

**Complexity:** Total flops count =  $\boxed{2Kn^2}$

$\rightarrow$  running time grows linearly with length of the vector.

$\rightarrow$  and quadratically with the no. of vectors.

Special case:  $K=n$

Then the complexity becomes  $2n^3$