

Overview of key ideas

vectors / matrices / subspaces

Vectors

Linear comb. of vectors

$$\alpha_1 \underline{u} + \alpha_2 \underline{v} + \alpha_3 \underline{w} = \underline{b}$$

Ex

$$\underline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

↙
collection of all
multiples of \underline{u}
forms a line via
origin

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collections of all lin. comb.
of \underline{u} & \underline{v} forms a plane

all lin. comb. forms a
subspace

Matrices

coeff. matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

the product

$$A \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

\downarrow
difference matrix \leftarrow

$$= x_1 \underline{u} + x_2 \underline{v} + x_3 \underline{w} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ -x_1 + x_2 \\ -x_2 + x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

($x_1 \underline{u} + x_2 \underline{v} + x_3 \underline{w}$: multiplying numbers by
diff. vectors \Downarrow vectors

$A \underline{x}$: matrix multiplying numbers
 x_1, x_2, x_3

or A acts on vector \underline{x} , the result is
 \underline{b} : a comb. of cols of A)

For any input vector \underline{x} , the output of
"multiplication" by A is some vector \underline{b}

Ex:

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

A deeper question : For what \underline{x} , does

$$A \underline{x} = \underline{b} ?$$

$$A \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 - x_1 \\ x_3 - x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Equivalently

$$x_1 = b_1$$

$$x_2 - x_1 = b_2 \Rightarrow x_2 = x_1 + b_2 = b_1 + b_2$$

$$x_3 - x_2 = b_3 \Rightarrow x_3 = x_2 + b_3 = b_1 + b_2 + b_3$$

Vector form

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_1 + b_2 \\ b_1 + b_2 + b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(lin. comb. with scalars b_1, b_2, b_3)

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \underline{x} = A^{-1} \underline{b}$$

(S: sum matrix) A^{-1} (inverse) \underline{b}

(A^{-1} exists if A is invertible)

$$(A^{-1}A = I)$$

$$(A\underline{x} = \underline{b} \Rightarrow A^{-1}A\underline{x} = A^{-1}\underline{b} \Rightarrow \underline{x} = A^{-1}\underline{b})$$

(A : transform $\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{b}$)

A^{-1} : inverse transform $\underline{b} \rightarrow \underline{x}$)

$$(\text{If } \underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix})$$

(Sum matrix is the inverse of diff. matrix)

Another example (same \underline{u} , \underline{v} , diff, \underline{w})

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [\underline{u} \quad \underline{v} \quad \underline{w}^*]$$

$$\Rightarrow C \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_3 \\ x_2 - x_1 \\ x_3 - x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(circular)

(or cyclic diff. matrix)

(Recall: $A \underline{x} = \underline{0} \Rightarrow \underline{x} = \underline{0}$)

$$\because A \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 - x_1 \\ x_3 - x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

But here, $C \underline{x} = \underline{0}$ has infinitely many sol.

for any vector \underline{x} with $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 \Rightarrow (\underline{x} = \underline{0}$

$$(\text{or } \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ c \\ c \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow C \underline{x} = \underline{0})$$

(inverse does NOT exist since cannot find

$$C^{-1} \text{ s.t. } C^{-1} C \underline{x} = C^{-1}(\underline{0}) = \underline{x})$$

Note that the corr. system of eqns

in $C \underline{x} = \underline{b}$ is

$$x_1 - x_3 = b_1$$

$$x_2 - x_1 = b_2$$

$$x_3 - x_2 = b_3$$

Adding 3 eqns together,

$$0 = b_1 + b_2 + b_3$$

(sol. only exists when $b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = 0$)

(Ex: $\underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$ no sol.)

\Rightarrow no comb. of \underline{u} , \underline{v} , \underline{w}^* produce $\underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

\Rightarrow the comb. Don't fill entire 3D space
or all lin. comb. of \underline{u} , \underline{v} , \underline{w}^* lie on
the plane $b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = 0$

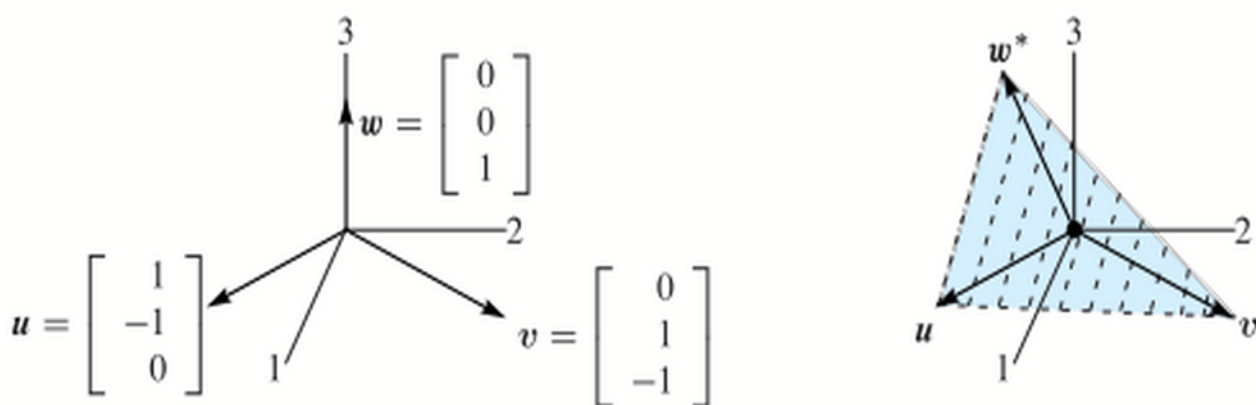


Figure 10: Independent vectors \underline{u} , \underline{v} , \underline{w} . Dependent vectors \underline{u} , \underline{v} , \underline{w}^* in a plane.

\underline{u} & \underline{v} already forms a plane

lin. indep. if \underline{w} is not in the plane
lin. depend. if \underline{w}^* is in the plane

(note that $\underline{u} + \underline{v} + \underline{w}^* = \underline{0}$ (lin. comb. ∇)
 $\Rightarrow \underline{w}^* = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -\underline{u} - \underline{v}$)

Fact

$\underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}$ are lin. indep. \Leftrightarrow no comb. except

$$0\underline{u} + 0\underline{v} + 0\underline{w} = \underline{0} \text{ gives } \underline{b} = \underline{0}$$

(lin. indep. col.s: $A\underline{x} = \underline{0}$ has only one sol.
& A is invertible)

$\underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}$ are lin. depend. \Rightarrow Other comb.

$$\text{gives } \underline{b} = \underline{0}$$

(lin. depend. col.s: $A\underline{x} = \underline{0}$ has many sol.
& A is singular) (\exists nonzero \underline{x} s.t.

$$x_1\underline{u} + x_2\underline{v} + x_3\underline{w} = \underline{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{w} = \frac{x_1}{-x_3}\underline{u} + \frac{x_2}{-x_3}\underline{v} \Rightarrow \text{cannot}$$

Subspaces

Recall: col.s of C are depend. solve $A\underline{x} = \underline{b} \neq \underline{0}$
 $\Rightarrow A$ singular)

(col.s of C lie in the same plane)

(Many vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 do not lie in that plane)

For \underline{b} not in that plane,

$$C\underline{x} = \underline{b} \text{ has no sol.}$$

Lin. comb. of col.s of C form a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3

Recall: col.s of A are indep.

\Rightarrow All comb. of col.s of A forms the entire space $\Rightarrow A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$ has a sol.

for every \underline{b}

\Rightarrow col.s of A ($\underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}$) forms a
basis for \mathbb{R}^3

More generally

A basis for \mathbb{R}^n is a collection of
 n lin. indep. vectors in \mathbb{R}^n

or

A comb. of n vectors whose comb.
cover the entire \mathbb{R}^3

or

A matrix has these n vectors as col.
vectors is invertible

Vector space

A collection of vectors closed under
lin. comb.

Subspace

A vector space inside another vector
space

Ex: - the origin

- a line through the origin

- a plane through

- all of \mathbb{R}^3