

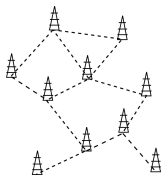
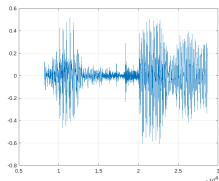
## Preliminaries: Linear Algebra

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# Data



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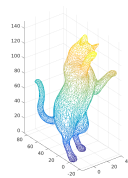


Figure: Examples of Data

- Typical representation of data, raw or feature-based is an  $m$ -tuple of real numbers, an element of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

# Dataset

- Dataset will be a subset  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ .
- Operations on  $\mathbb{R}^m$ :
  1. **Addition**  $(+)$  :  $\forall \mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_m), \forall \mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m, \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} := (u_1 + v_1, \dots, u_m + v_m)$ .
  2. **Scalar Multiplication**  $(\cdot)$  :  
 $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m, x \cdot \mathbf{u} := (xu_1, \dots, xu_m)$ .

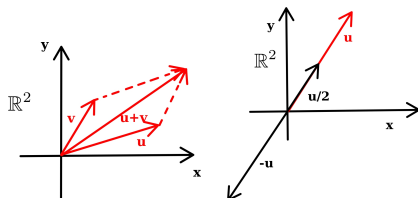


Figure: (left) Addition and (right) Scalar multiplication in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

# Linear Combination

- Given vectors  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , we say that the vector  $x \cdot \mathbf{u} + y \cdot \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is a **linear combination** of  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$ .
- In general, given vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , and given scalars  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , we say that the vector  $\sum_{k=1}^n x_k \mathbf{a}_k$  is a linear combination of  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$ .
- Explicitly in terms of the  $m$ -tuples,  
 $\mathbf{a}_k = (a_{1,k}, a_{2,k}, \dots, a_{m,k}), k = 1, \dots, n,$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n x_k \mathbf{a}_k = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} \\ a_{2,1} \\ | \\ a_{m,1} \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,2} \\ a_{2,2} \\ | \\ a_{m,2} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x_m \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,n} \\ | \\ a_{m,n} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

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● Matrix-Vector Product:  $A_{m \times n} x_{n \times 1}$  is a linear combination of columns of  $A$ .

# Linear Dependence/Independence

● If  $\mathbf{b} = x\mathbf{u} + y\mathbf{v}$ , we say that  $\mathbf{b}$  is **linearly dependent** (or LD) on the set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$ .

► In general, if  $\mathbf{b} = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \mathbf{a}_k$ , where  $\mathbf{a}_k \in \mathbb{R}^m, x_k \in \mathbb{R}, k = 1, \dots, n$ , we say that  $\mathbf{b}$  is linearly dependent on the set  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$ .

● Conversely, we say that the vector  $\mathbf{b}$  is **linearly independent** (or LI) of the set  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$  if for no scalars  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ ,

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● Explicitly, since  $\mathbf{a}_k \in \mathbb{R}^m, k = 1, \dots, n$ ,

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$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \quad (6)$$

# Solving Linear equations

● Find  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $A_{m \times n} \mathbf{x}_{n \times 1} = \mathbf{b}_{m \times 1}$

● Column Space of  $A$ :

$$C(A) = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \mathbf{a}_k \mid \forall x_k \in \mathbb{R}, k = 1, \dots, n \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^m.$$

► Solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  exists if and only if  $\mathbf{b} \in C(A)$ .

► Example: Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

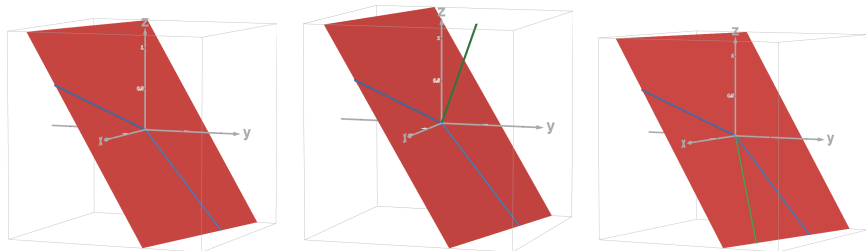


Figure: Column Space and Existence of Solution





# Linearly Independent Set of vectors

● We say that  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$  is LI if none of the  $\mathbf{a}_i$ 's can be expressed as a linear combination of the remaining  $\mathbf{a}_k$ 's.

► Re-writing, if the set  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$  is LD then there must be at least one vector, say  $\mathbf{a}_i$  from the set such that

$\mathbf{a}_i = \sum_{k=1, k \neq i}^n x_k \mathbf{a}_k$ . Then,

$$\sum_{k=1, k \neq i}^n x_k \mathbf{a}_k - \mathbf{a}_i = \mathbf{0} \quad (7)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n x_k \mathbf{a}_k = \mathbf{0}, \text{ with } x_i = -1 \quad (8)$$

● Thus, there is at least one non-zero scalar in the set  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  such that  $\sum_{k=1}^n x_k \mathbf{a}_k = \mathbf{0}$ .

► So, if cols of  $A$  are LD, there exists  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .  
And  $A\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ .

## LI set of Vectors

- How to verify LI of  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$ ?
- ▶ Find  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

# Nullspace

- For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , its Nullspace, denoted by  $N(A)$  is defined as:

$$N(A) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$$

- Properties of  $N(A)$ :

- ▶  $\mathbf{0} \in N(A)$
- ▶ If  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in N(A)$ ,  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x\mathbf{u} + y\mathbf{v} \in N(A)$ .

- If  $\mathbf{w} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{w} \in N(A)$ , cols of  $A$  are not LI.
- If  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  satisfies/solves  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{w} \in N(A)$ , then  $\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{w}$  also solves  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \Rightarrow$  Multiple Solutions!
- If there are multiple solutions to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , then what can we conclude about  $N(A)$ ?

# Matrix Multiplication

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ , then  $AB \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$ :

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & \dots & a_{1,n} \\ | & & | \\ a_{m,1} & \dots & a_{m,n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{1,1} & \dots & b_{n,1} \\ | & & | \\ b_{n,1} & \dots & b_{n,k} \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

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# Rank of a Matrix

- The number of LI cols of a matrix  $A$  is called the Column rank of  $A$ .
- The number of LI rows of a matrix  $A$  is called the Row rank of  $A$ .
- **Assignment 1:** Try to show that they are the same.
- ▶ Notation:  $r(A)$ .
- **Assignment 2:** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$ . Find the rank of  $AB$ .

# Under & Over determined system of equations

- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . The system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is said to be
  - ▶ Under-determined if there are fewer equations than variables, i.e.,  $m < n$ .
  - ▶ Over-determined if there are more equations than variables, i.e.,  $m > n$ .



# Span

- Let  $S = \{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  be a set of vectors. Then

$$\text{span}(S) = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \mathbf{a}_k \mid \forall x_k \in \mathbb{R}, k = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

- Let  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{a}_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . Then,  $\text{span}(S) = C(A)$ .

# $\mathbb{R}^n$ as a Vector Space

●  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the set  $\mathbb{R}$ , and two binary operations, addition  $+$  and scalar multiplication  $\cdot$  satisfy:

► **Closure w.r.t Addition:**  $\forall u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n, u + v \in \mathbb{R}^n$

► **Additive identity:**  $\mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^n, u + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} + u = u$

► **Additive inverse:**  $\forall u \in \mathbb{R}^n, \exists v \in \mathbb{R}^n, u + v = u + v = \theta$ . We will denote  $v$  by  $-u$ .

► **Associativity:**  $\forall u, v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n, (u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$ .

► **Commutative:**  $\forall u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n, u + v = v + u$ .

► **Closure w.r.t Scalar multiplication:**  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^n, a \cdot u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

► **Scalar Multiplication identity:**  $\exists 1 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $1 \cdot u = u, \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

► **Distributivity:**  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \forall u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n, a \cdot (u + v) = a \cdot u + a \cdot v$ , and  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^n, (a + b) \cdot u = a \cdot u + b \cdot u$ .

► **Compatibility of multiplication of real nos. and scalar multiplication:**  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^n, (a \times b) \cdot u = a \cdot (b \cdot u)$ .

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- **Orthogonal Matrix:** A matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is called Orthogonal if its columns are orthonormal.
- **Orthonormal basis:** For a subspace  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , an orthonormal set of vectors  $\beta$  that also forms a basis of  $V$  is called an Orthonormal basis (ONB).
- **Assignment 7:** What is the advantage of having an ONB? [Hint: Finding representation of a vector in that basis is easy].

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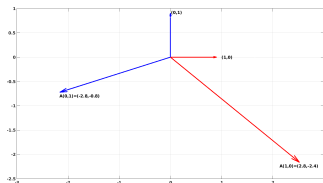


Figure: Usual basis

- Using eigenbasis  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0.44 \\ 0.89 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0.89 \\ -0.44 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ ,

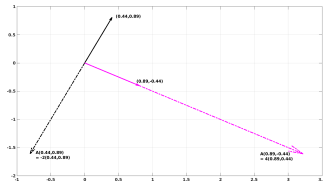


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- Do all matrices yield an eigenbasis?

► No, examples:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}, \theta \neq k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

- **Spectral Theorem for Real-Symmetric Matrices:** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be any real-symmetric matrix, i.e.,  $A^T = A$ . Then,

- its eigenvalues are real, and
- $A$  has  $n$ -orthogonal eigenvectors.

- **Symmetric Positive-Definite Matrix:** A matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is said to be Symmetric Positive-Definite (SPD), if (1)  $A^T = A$ , and (2)  $x^T A x > 0, \forall x \neq 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

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# Singular Value Decomposition

- For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with  $r(A) = r$ .
  - ▶  $A^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $AA^T \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  are real-symmetric positive semi-definite matrices.
  - ▶ **Assignment 8:** Show that  $A^T A$  and  $AA^T$  have the same non-zero eigenvalues.
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- Then  $A = U \Sigma V^T$ , with  $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sqrt{\lambda_1}, \sqrt{\lambda_2}, \dots, \sqrt{\lambda_r}, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . Notation:  $\sigma_k = \sqrt{\lambda_k}$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, r$  are called the **Singular values**.