

Linear Algebra (Gilbert Strang): 14. Orthogonal Vectors and Subspaces

□ Orthogonal Vectors

↳ means: n -dimensional space the angle between those vectors is 90 degrees.



test for orthogonality: $x^T \cdot y = 0$

→ $\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 = \|x+y\|^2$ (not always true. True only if orthogonal)

$$x^T x + y^T y = (x+y)^T (x+y)$$

$$= x^T x + y^T y + x^T y + y^T x \quad x^T y \text{ is the same as } y^T x$$

$$0 = 2x^T y$$

□ Orthogonal Subspaces

↳ 'Subset S is orthogonal to subspace T '

means: every vector in S is orthogonal to every vector in T .

row space is orthogonal to nullspace.

→ why?: The nullspace has vectors that solve

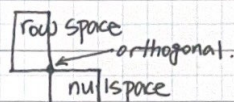
$$Ax = 0 \quad (x \text{ in nullspace}).$$

$$\begin{cases} C_1(\text{row } 1)^T x = 0 \\ C_2(\text{row } 2)^T x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(C_1 \text{row}_1 + C_2 \text{row}_2 \dots)^T x = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \text{row 1 of } A \\ \text{row 2 of } A \\ \vdots \\ \text{row } m \text{ of } A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \\ \\ \\ x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

the combinations of rows are also in row space.



nullspace and row space are orthogonal

Complements in \mathbb{R}^n

Nullspace contains all vectors perpendicular to row space.

□ Coming: $Ax = b$.

↳ "none" $Ax = b$, when there is no solution.

$$N(A^T A) = N(A)$$

rank of $A^T A$ = rank of A .

$A^T A$ is invertible if $N(A)$ only has zero-vectors.

which means, the columns of A are independent.