

CHAPTER 4 Vector Spaces

4.1 Coordinate systems and mapping

Consider a vector \mathbf{x} living in a vector space V . The vector \mathbf{x} is an abstract concept, living in some abstract space V . It may have some physical or gemoetric meaning or whatnot.

We now enforce a *basis* onto V , called $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$. This makes V *behave like* \mathbb{R}^n , in the sense that each vector \mathbf{x} in V is *mapped onto* a vector $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ in \mathbb{R}^n . This is called a *coordinate mapping* $\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ "onto" the basis \mathcal{B} . The vector space V might be foreign to us, and it can be important to create a mapping onto a more familiar vector space \mathbb{R}^n , which we know how behaves. This transformation is "one-to-one", mapping each point in V onto a point in \mathbb{R}^n , and vice versa. This relation is called an **isomorphism**, and makes any vector space V with a basis of n vectors indistinguishable from \mathbb{R}^n .

Usually, when a vector is written plainly as \mathbf{x} , we consider it to be written in a *standard basis* $\mathcal{E} = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2\} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, meaning that $\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{E}}$.

The relation between \mathbf{x} and $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ is given by a **change-of-basis matrix** $P_{\mathcal{B}}$, which consists of the basis-vectors of \mathcal{B} , written in the basis of \mathcal{E} :

$$\mathbf{x} = P_{\mathcal{B}}[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} \quad P_{\mathcal{B}} = [\mathbf{b}_1 \ \mathbf{b}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{b}_n]$$

4.2 Change of basis

This change of basis is just a special case of a more general change of basis between two bases $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ and $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n\}$, both spanning the same vector space V . The general change of basis is then

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{C}} = P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} \quad P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} [\mathbf{b}_1]_{\mathcal{C}} & [\mathbf{b}_2]_{\mathcal{C}} & \dots & [\mathbf{b}_n]_{\mathcal{C}} \end{bmatrix}$$

The change-of-basis matrix from \mathcal{C} to \mathcal{B} is simply the inverse: $P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}} = \left(P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} \right)^{-1}$

4.3 Linear transformations (mappings) between vector spaces

Consider two vector spaces V and W , with bases $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ and $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_m\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{R}^m , respectively. We introduce a *linear transformation* $T: V \mapsto W$ such that $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$. This is all well and good, but we might only have the vector \mathbf{x} represented in the basis \mathcal{B} , and usually want it written in the basis \mathcal{C} after the transformation, as $[T(\mathbf{x})]_{\mathcal{C}}$.

What we want is some matrix M that carries us straight from $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ to $[T(\mathbf{x})]_{\mathcal{C}}$. If we combine the change of basis with T , we get

$$[T(\mathbf{x})]_{\mathcal{C}} = M[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

where

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} [T(\mathbf{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{C}} & \dots & [T(\mathbf{b}_n)]_{\mathcal{C}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [A\mathbf{b}_1]_{\mathcal{C}} & \dots & [A\mathbf{b}_n]_{\mathcal{C}} \end{bmatrix}$$

This matrix is called the **matrix for T relative to the bases B and C**.

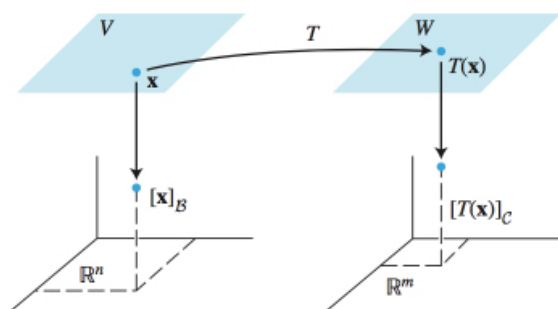


FIGURE 1 A linear transformation from V to W .

CHAPTER 5 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

If A has n independent eigenvalues, the eigenvectors of A are linearly independent. If not, we don't know if they are linearly independent or not.

5.1 Diagonalization

If A is a $n \times n$ matrix with n linearly independent eigenvectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$, with distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$.

CHAPTER 7 Orthogonality and least squares

7.1 Projections

7.1.1 Projection of vector onto vector

The projection of a vector \mathbf{y} onto another vector \mathbf{x} is

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \mathbf{x}$$

7.1.2 Projection of vector onto subspace

Let W be subspace of \mathbb{R}^n with an orthogonal basis $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ and \mathbf{y} be any vector in \mathbb{R}^n . Then the projection of \mathbf{y} onto W is simply the projection onto each basis-vector:

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1}{\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}_p}{\mathbf{u}_p \cdot \mathbf{u}_p} \mathbf{u}_p$$

7.1.3 The Gram-Schmidt process of orthogonal factorization

The Gram-Schmidt process takes any basis of vectors $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p\}$ spanning a subspace in \mathbb{R}^n , and creates a new *orthogonal* basis of the same space, $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$.

The idea is to create one and one new vector \mathbf{v}_i from the corresponding \mathbf{x}_i , *but* subtract the projection of \mathbf{x}_i onto each of the former vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{i-1}$, such that the new vector is orthogonal to all formerly created vectors.

- $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1$
- $\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1$
- $\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{x}_3 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2} \mathbf{v}_2$
- \dots