

Geometric algebra

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Vectors and spatential interpretation

Properties of a vector

There are 3 properties of a vector \vec{x} :

- magnitude
- direction
- startpoint

with respect to a referention vector $\vec{0}$

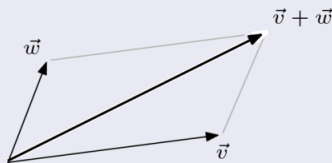
Multiplication scalar and vector

$r \in \mathbb{R}$ ($r \in \mathbb{C}$ is possible, but hasn't a fysical representation)

- $|r| < 1$: shorten
- $|r| > 1$: increase
- $r < 0$: reverse the direction

Addition of vectors

Parallelogramrule:



vectorspace

First condition

A vectorspace V over a body L (set of operators) is a set of vectors that satisfy:

1. A vectorsum is defined: $V \times V \rightarrow V : (\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \rightarrow \vec{x} + \vec{y}$
 $\vec{x}, \vec{y}, \vec{z} \in V$
 - a) $\vec{x} + \vec{y} \in V$
 - b) $\vec{x} + (\vec{y} + \vec{z}) = (\vec{x} + \vec{y}) + \vec{z}$
 - c) $\exists! \vec{0} : \vec{x} + \vec{0} = \vec{0} + \vec{x} = \vec{x}$
 - d) $\forall \vec{x}, \exists (-\vec{x}) : \vec{x} + (-\vec{x}) = (-\vec{x}) + \vec{x} = \vec{0}$
 - e) $\vec{x} + \vec{y} = \vec{y} + \vec{x}$

vectorspace

Second condition

2. A outside law is defined: $L \times V \rightarrow V : (a, \vec{x}) \rightarrow a\vec{x}$

$$\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V$$

$$a, b \in L$$

a) $1\vec{x} = \vec{x}$

b) $a(b\vec{x}) = (ab)\vec{x}$

c) $(a + b)\vec{x} = a\vec{x} + b\vec{x}$

d) $a(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = a\vec{x} + a\vec{y}$

Numberspaces of n-couples

Defenition

This is the set of all n-couples like $\begin{bmatrix} \vec{x_1} \\ \vec{x_2} \\ \cdot \\ \vec{x_n} \end{bmatrix}$ with $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ or $x_i \in \mathbb{C}$.

This set together with the operator set \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} is a vectorspace.

Subspaces

Definition

V_1 is a subspace of vectorspace V if:

- ① $V_1 \subset V$
- ② With the same in- and outside law as V , is V_1 a vectorspace

Properties

- ① $\vec{0} \in$ every subspace
- ② The intersection of two spaces is always a subspace
- ③ Given: p vectors $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p \in V$.
The set vectors $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n$ with $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$ is a subspace of V .

Linear independence, basis, dimensions

Defenition independence

Given: p vectors $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_p \in V$.

Construct the nullvector as a linear combination of those vectors (i.e. search the operators (numbers) a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p to form $a_1\vec{x}_1 + a_2\vec{x}_2 + \dots + a_n\vec{x}_n = \vec{0}$).

If the nullvector only can created by $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_p = 0$, then are the vectors $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_p$ **linear independant**.

Linear independence, basis, dimensions

Properties

- ① If the vectors $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_p$ are linear independent, then can't none of them be writed as a linear combination of the other $p-1$ vectors.
- ② If the nullvector is one of the p vectors, then is the set $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_p$ linear dependant (if $\vec{x}_1 = 0$ then is $a_1\vec{x}_1 + a_2\vec{x}_2 + \dots + a_n\vec{x}_n = 0$ with $a_1 \neq 0$ and $a_2, a_3, \dots, a_p = 0$).
- ③ Basis and dimension: p linear independant vectors $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_p$ generate a vectrospace V^p . Every vector in V^p can be writed **in only one way** as a linear combination of the p linear independant vectors $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_p$ using operators a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p .

Linear independence, basis, dimensions

Basis, dimension

Given: $\vec{v} = a_1 \vec{x}_1 + a_2 \vec{x}_2 + \dots + a_p \vec{x}_p$.

The set operators a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p are called the **coordinates** of the vector \vec{v} relative to the set vectors $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_p$. This set vectors is a **basis** of vectorspace V^p , with **dimension** p .

Linear independence, basis, dimensions

Example

Given: $\vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

The set $\{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3\}$ is a linear independent combination. There doesn't exist numbers $a_1 \neq 0$, $a_2 \neq 0$, $a_3 \neq 0$ such that $a_1\vec{x}_1 + a_2\vec{x}_2 + a_3\vec{x}_3 = \vec{0}$. The set of all vectors $\vec{y} = a_1\vec{x}_1 + a_2\vec{x}_2 + a_3\vec{x}_3$ is the three dimensional vector space V^3 .

If $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Then is $3\vec{x}_1 + 2\vec{x}_2 + \vec{x}_3$ the only way to write \vec{y} as a linear combination of $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3$.

Linear independence, basis, dimensions

Example

The set of vectors $\vec{y} = a_1\vec{x}_1 + a_2\vec{x}_2$ is a **two dimensional** subspace V^2 .

The vectors in this subspace are:

$$\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = a_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + a_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Important difference

- All vectors of V^2 have **3** coordinates.
- The dimension of the subspace V^2 is **2**.

Linear independence, basis, dimensions

Convention of notation

Given: a n -dimensional vectorspace V^n .

The elements of this vectorspace are the elements: \vec{x}, \vec{y}, \dots . If we choose $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n$ as a basis of V^n . Then we can write every vector of V^n as a linear combination of those basis vectors in only one way: $\vec{x} = x_1 \vec{e}_1 + x_2 \vec{e}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{e}_n$. The numbers x_i are the coordinates of vector \vec{x} relative to the basis $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n$.

Between the vectorspace of dimension n and the number space of dimension n exists a isomorphism.

Linear independence, basis, dimensions

Vectorspace V^p

Given: a p -dimensional vectorspace V^p where the vectors are n -couples (with $n \geq p$).

- ① In V^p you can choose a basis with p linear independent vectors.
- ② Every vector $\vec{x} \in V^p$ can be written in only one way as a linear combination of the p basis vectors using coordinates.

Example 1

Given: $n=5$, $p=2$, $\vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Linear independence, basis, dimensions

Example 1

The vectors \vec{x}_1 and \vec{x}_2 are linear independent, so they span a two dimensional subspace: $\vec{y} = a_1 \vec{x}_1 + a_2 \vec{x}_2$ with $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

The coordinates of the vector $y_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$, relative to the basis $\{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2\}$, are $a_1 = 1$ and $a_2 = 2$.

Linear independence, basis, dimensions

Example 1

The vector $\vec{y}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ can't be written as a linear combination of

the vectors \vec{x}_1 and \vec{x}_2 . So y_2 doesn't belong to the subspace spanned by \vec{x}_1 and \vec{x}_2 .

This implies that \vec{y}_2 is linear independent of \vec{x}_1 and \vec{x}_2 . Thus the subspace spanned by \vec{y}_2 , \vec{x}_1 and \vec{x}_2 is a 3 dimensional subspace.

Linear independence, basis, dimensions

In general

When the set vectors $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_p$ is linear independent, then \vec{x}_i not totally in the subspace spanned by the vectors $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_{i-1}, \vec{x}_{i+1}, \dots, \vec{x}_p$.

The vector \vec{x}_i can be written as a sum of 2 components: $\vec{x}_{i\alpha}$ and $\vec{x}_{i\beta}$.

- ① $\vec{x}_{i\alpha} \in$ subspace spanned by $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_{i-1}, \vec{x}_{i+1}, \dots, \vec{x}_p$.
- ② $\vec{x}_{i\beta} \perp$ subspace spanned by $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_{i-1}, \vec{x}_{i+1}, \dots, \vec{x}_p$.

Inner product

Defenition

The inproduct of two vectors \vec{x} and $\vec{y} \in E^n$ (n-couples) is defined as the image: $E^n \times E^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \{\vec{x}, \vec{y}\} \rightarrow \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}$. This image is:

① Bilinear:

$$(\vec{x} + \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{y} = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{y}$$

$$\vec{x} + (\vec{v}) \cdot \vec{y} = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}$$

$$(a\vec{x}) \cdot \vec{y} = a(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y})$$

$$\vec{x} (a\vec{y}) = a(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y})$$

② Symetric:

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \vec{y} \cdot \vec{x}$$

③ Positive definite:

$$\forall \vec{x} \neq \vec{0} : \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} > 0$$

Inner product

Matricial notation

The inproduct is a **scalar**. If \vec{x} , \vec{y} and the basis $\epsilon \in E^n$ then can the inproduct be noted matricial:

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = y^t A x = x^t A y = (x_1 \dots x_n) A \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \dots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

with A positive definite and symetric ($A = A^t$).

Inner product

Norm of a vector

$\|\vec{x}\|^2 = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}$ and because $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} > 0$ applies:

$\|\vec{x}\| = \sqrt{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}}$ where $\|\vec{x}\|$ is called the norm of \vec{x} .

Normalizing is dividing a vector by its norm. The result is a vector with norm = 1.

$$\left\| \frac{\vec{x}}{\|\vec{x}\|} \right\| = \sqrt{\frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}}{\|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{x}\|}} = \sqrt{\frac{\|\vec{x}\|^2}{\|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{x}\|}} = 1.$$

Inner product

CauchySchwarz inequality

$$|\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}| \leq \|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\| \text{ or}$$

$$-\|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\| \leq \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} \leq \|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\| \text{ from which follows:}$$

$$-1 \leq \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{\|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\|} \leq 1$$

By definition follows:

$$\cos(\theta) = \cos(\angle(\vec{x}, \vec{y})) = \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{\|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\|}$$

Therefore: the angle between the vectors \vec{x} and $\vec{y} = \arccos(\text{inproduct of } \frac{\vec{x}}{\|\vec{x}\|} \text{ and } \frac{\vec{y}}{\|\vec{y}\|})$.

Inner product

Orthogonality

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x} \text{ and } \vec{y} \text{ are orthogonal} &\Leftrightarrow \\ \theta = \angle(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = 90^\circ = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ rad} &\Leftrightarrow \\ \cos(\theta) = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \\ \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, if $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \neq 0$:

$$\vec{x} \perp \vec{y} \Leftrightarrow \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = 0.$$

Parallelism

$$\vec{x} \parallel \vec{y} \Leftrightarrow \theta = 0^\circ \text{ or } 180^\circ \Leftrightarrow \cos(\theta) = \pm 1 \Leftrightarrow |\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}| = \|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\|$$

Inner product

Distance between two vectors

Distance = $\|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\| = \|\vec{z}\|$ with $\vec{z} = \vec{x} - \vec{y}$.

$$\|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|^2 = (\vec{x} - \vec{y})(\vec{x} - \vec{y})$$

$$= \vec{x}\vec{x} - \vec{x}\vec{y} - \vec{y}\vec{x} + \vec{y}\vec{y}$$

$$= \vec{x}\vec{x} + \vec{y}\vec{y} - 2\vec{x}\vec{y}$$

$$= \|\vec{x}\|^2 + \|\vec{y}\|^2 - 2\|\vec{x}\|\|\vec{y}\|\cos(\theta) \text{ with } \theta \text{ the angle between } \vec{x} \text{ and } \vec{y}.$$

Pythagorean theorem

If $\vec{x} \perp \vec{y}$ then $\cos(\theta) = 0$ and thus:

$$\|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|^2 = \|\vec{x}\|^2 + \|\vec{y}\|^2.$$

Inner product

The 'simple' inproduct

If in the definition $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = y^t A x = x^t A y$ (with A positive definite and symetric) $A=I$, then the inproduct becomes the simple

$$\text{inproduct: } \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = y^t I x = x^t I y = (x_1 \dots x_n) \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \dots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i.$$

This simple inproduct can always be found by a basis transformation: $x=Rx'$ and $y=Ry'$, then $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = y'^t (R^t A R) x'$. Now, R must be taken such that $R^t A R = I$. This can be done by converting A to its normal form by a congruent transformation (e.g. the method of kwadratic forms).

In what follows we mean by 'inproduct' always 'simple inproduct'.

Gram Schmidt orthogonalization

Making two independent vectors orthogonal

Geometric derivation:

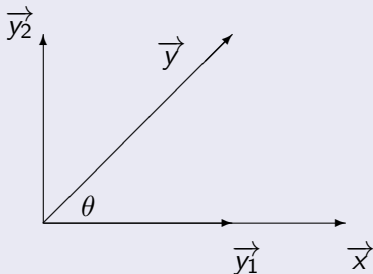


Figure 1: decomposition of vector \vec{y} in a component parallel (\vec{y}_1) and a component orthogonal (\vec{y}_2) to \vec{x} .

Gram Schmidt orthogonalization

Making two independent vectors orthogonal

- ① Project \vec{y} orthogonal on \vec{x} , this generates the vector \vec{y}_1 , the component parallel with \vec{x} .
- ② Subtract \vec{y} by \vec{y}_1 , the result is \vec{y}_2 which is orthogonal to \vec{x} .

\vec{y}_1 is a specific multiple of the normalised vector \vec{x} : $\vec{y}_1 = \alpha \frac{\vec{x}}{\|\vec{x}\|}$.

$\vec{y}_1 \parallel \vec{x}$: $\vec{y}_1 \vec{x} = \pm \|\vec{y}_1\| \|\vec{x}\|$ (+ if $\theta \leq 90^\circ$ and - if $\theta > 90^\circ$).

From fig. 1: $\|\vec{y}_1\| = \cos(\theta) \|\vec{y}\|$.

From the inproduct: $\cos(\theta) = \frac{\vec{x} \vec{y}}{\|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\|}$. So

$$\vec{y}_1 \vec{x} = \alpha \frac{\vec{x}}{\|\vec{x}\|} \vec{x} = \alpha \|\vec{x}\| = \|\vec{y}_1\| \|\vec{x}\| = \cos(\theta) \|\vec{y}\| \|\vec{x}\| = \vec{x} \vec{y}.$$

So we get: $\alpha = \frac{\vec{x} \vec{y}}{\|\vec{x}\|^2}$.

Gram Schmidt orthogonalization

Conclusion

$\vec{y}_1 = \alpha \frac{\vec{x}}{\|\vec{x}\|} = \left(\frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{\|\vec{x}\|^2} \right) \vec{x}$ with $\frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{\|\vec{x}\|^2}$ a scalar.

And $\vec{y}_2 = \vec{y} - \vec{y}_1 = \vec{y} - \left(\frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{\|\vec{x}\|^2} \right) \vec{x}$.

Hence:

The vector \vec{y} gets orthogonalised on the vector \vec{x} by subtract \vec{y} by the component of \vec{y} parallel with \vec{x} .

Control of $\vec{y}_2 \perp \vec{x}$:

$$\vec{y}_2 \cdot \vec{x} = \left(\vec{y} - \left(\frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{\|\vec{x}\|^2} \right) \vec{x} \right) \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{y} \cdot \vec{x} - \left(\frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{\|\vec{x}\|^2} \right) \|\vec{x}\|^2 = 0.$$

Gram Schmidt orthogonalization

Generalization to multiple vectors

Given: 3 vectors: 2 orthogonal unit vectors \vec{x}_1 and \vec{x}_2
($\|\vec{x}_1\| = 1 = \|\vec{x}_2\|$, $\vec{x}_1 \vec{x}_2 = 0$) and a vector \vec{y} .

Asked: orthogonalise \vec{y} on \vec{x}_1 and \vec{x}_2 .

Solution:

We first search the component of \vec{y} parallel with \vec{x}_1 and subtract \vec{y} by this component. This gives \vec{y}_1 .

$$\vec{y}_1 = \vec{y} - \left(\frac{\vec{x}_1 \vec{y}}{\|\vec{x}_1\|^2} \right) \vec{x}_1 = \vec{y} - (\vec{x}_1 \vec{y}) \vec{x}_1 \quad (\|\vec{x}_1\|^2 = 1)$$

$$\vec{y}_1 \perp \vec{x}_1.$$

Gram Schmidt orthogonalization

Generalization to multiple vectors

Next, we subtract \vec{y}_1 by the component of \vec{y}_1 that is parallel with \vec{x}_2 , to get \vec{z} (which is perpendicular to both \vec{x}_1 and \vec{x}_2).

$\vec{z} = \vec{y}_1 - \vec{x}_2(\vec{y}_1 \vec{x}_2)$. We can write \vec{z} in another way:

$$\vec{z} = \vec{y}_1 - \vec{x}_2(\vec{y}_1 \vec{x}_2) = \vec{y} - (\vec{x}_1 \vec{y})\vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2([\vec{y} - (\vec{x}_1 \vec{y})\vec{x}_1] \vec{x}_2)$$

$$\vec{z} = \vec{y} - \vec{x}_1(\vec{x}_1 \vec{y}) - \vec{x}_2(\vec{x}_2 \vec{y})$$

Conclusion

The vector \vec{y} becomes orthogonalised on two orthogonal unit vectors \vec{x}_1 and \vec{x}_2 by subtracting \vec{y} by the components of \vec{y} parallel with \vec{x}_1 and \vec{x}_2 .

Complementary subspace

Definition

Given: a n dimensional vector space V^n , with $p < n$ linear independent vectors $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_p$. These vectors create a p dimensional subspace V^p and can be orthonormalised via the Gram schmidt method to a orthonormal basis $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_p$ with $\vec{e}_i \vec{e}_j = \delta_{ij}$ (with $\delta_{ij} = 1$ if $i = j$ and $\delta_{ij} = 0$ if $i \neq j$).

This p vectors can be complemented by $n - p$ linear independent vectors $\vec{f}_1, \vec{f}_2, \dots, \vec{f}_{n-p}$ that are linear independent with $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_p$ and orthonormal.

These vectors $\vec{f}_1, \vec{f}_2, \dots, \vec{f}_{n-p}$ generate the orthogonal complement of the subspace created by $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_p$.

The orthogonal complement of the p -dimensional subspace V^p of V^n ($p < n$), has dimension $n - p$.

Complementary subspace

Example

Given: $n = 5, p = 3, \vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{e}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$

Asked: The orthogonal complement

Solution: The orthogonal complement has dimension

$n - p = 5 - 3 = 2$ and consists of the set vectors that are perpendicular to the vectors $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_p.$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{e}_1 \cdot \vec{x} = 0 \\ \vec{e}_2 \cdot \vec{x} = 0 \\ \vec{e}_3 \cdot \vec{x} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Complementary subspace

Example

$$\begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{x}_1 \\ \vec{x}_2 \\ \vec{x}_3 \\ \vec{x}_4 \\ \vec{x}_5 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

This is a homogenous system of equations. The solution of this system is the orthogonal complement.

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Row- and column vectors

Example

The rows of a $m \times n$ matrix A can be considered as m row vectors with n components.

$$A^{m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r_1} \\ \vec{r_2} \\ \dots \\ \vec{r_m} \end{bmatrix}$$

The columns of a $m \times n$ matrix A can be considered as n column vectors with m components.

$$A^{m \times n} = [\vec{r_1} \quad \vec{r_2} \quad \dots \quad \vec{r_m}]$$

Row- and column space, rank

Column space

We consider the columns of $A^{m \times n}$ as vectors with m components and define the vectors \vec{x} as every possible linear combination of the column vectors \vec{k}_i :

$\vec{x} = a_1 \vec{k}_1 + a_2 \vec{k}_2 + \dots + a_n \vec{k}_n$ with $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and i means the i^{th} column of A .

The set of all the vectors \vec{x} is called the column space of A .

The column space = all possible linear combinations of columns of A .

Row- and column space, rank

Column space

if only r of the n vectors are linear independent, that means

- None of this r vectors can be written as a linear combination of the other $r - 1$ vectors
- all others $n - r$ column vectors can be written as linear combinations of the r linear independent vectors

then r is called:

- 1 the rank of (column) matrix A
- 2 the dimension of the column space of matrix A

Row- and column space, rank

Row space

The concept row space and row rank can be derived in the same way as the column space is derived.

Rank

It is a fundamental matrix property that:

$$\text{row rank } A = \text{column rank } A$$

That means: the number linear independent columns in a matrix is equal to the number linear independent rows. Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank } A &= \text{row rank } A = \text{column rank } A \\ &= \text{dimension row space } A = \text{dimension column space } A \end{aligned}$$

Row- and column space, rank

Example

$$A^{4 \times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = [k_1 \quad k_2 \quad k_3] = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \\ r_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

We determine the rank of A by converting it to his echlon form by elementary row operations (explained in the appendix).

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Canonical form: the first element of every row is 1. Above and below this ones is every number 0.

Row- and column space, rank

Conclusion

Rank = the number of rows that differs from zero. So the rank is 2. In other words: there are only 2 linear independent rows and columns in A.

Hence:

The column space of A is a 2 dimensional subspace of the 4 dimensional vectorspace.

The row space is a 2 dimensional subspace of the 3 dimensional space.

Link between determinant and rank by square matrices

Determinant-rank

If all the columns of a square matrix are linear dependent, then the determinant is 0. If $A^{m \times m}$:

$\det A = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{rank } A < m \Leftrightarrow \text{columns dependent} \Leftrightarrow \text{rows dependent}$.

If $\det A \neq 0$ then $\text{rank } A = m$ and A is of **full rank**. A matrix can be inverted if its determinant is different from 0 (when it is of full rank).

Link between determinant and rank by square matrices

Determinant-rank

If $\text{rank}(B^{n \times n}) = r$ with $r \leq n$ and $\text{rank}(A^{n \times n}) = n$ (A is of full rank) then is:

$$\text{rank}(AB) = \text{rank}(BA) = \text{rank}(B).$$

Elementary row- and column operations are always of full rank (appendix). When there is a multiplication between a matrix and a elementary row- or column matrix, then has the product always the rank of the matrix.

Column space test

Belongs the vector to the column space?

Given: n vectors with m components relative to a basis in V^m :

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{21} \\ \dots \\ x_{m1} \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} x_{1n} \\ x_{2n} \\ \dots \\ x_{mn} \end{bmatrix}.$$

If r of this n vectors are linear independent then has the matrix

$$X^{m \times n} = [\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n] = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & \dots & x_{1n} \\ \dots & & \dots \\ x_{m1} & \dots & x_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

rank r . The column space of X has dimension r .

Column space test

Belongs the vector to the column space?

How can you determine if a given vector \vec{y} with m components belongs to the column space of X ?

If \vec{y} is an element of the column space of X , then can \vec{y} be written as a linear combination of the vectors $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n$. By adding \vec{y} to these vectors, the spanned space will be the same and the rank will still be r .

In other words, if \vec{y} belongs to the column space of X , then will the rank of the expanded matrix $[\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n, \vec{y}]$ be the same as the rank of the normal matrix X .

$$\vec{y} \in \text{column space} \Leftrightarrow \text{rank} [X \quad \vec{y}] = \text{rank} [X] = r$$

Column space test

Vector \vec{y} not in column space

If \vec{y} doesn't belong to the column space of X , then can't \vec{y} be written as a linear combination of the vectors $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n$, in other words: \vec{y} can be splitted in two vectors $\vec{y} = \vec{z}_1 + \vec{z}_2$ with \vec{z}_1 in the column space of X and \vec{z}_2 not in the column space of X . By adding \vec{y} to the vectors $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n$ increases the dimension of the spanned space.

$$\vec{y} \notin \text{column space} \Leftrightarrow \text{rank} [X \quad \vec{y}] = r + 1$$

Remark: $\text{rank} [X \quad \vec{z}_1] = r$ and $\text{rank} [X \quad \vec{z}_2] = r + 1$.

Column space test

Resume

- ① n vectors with m components $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n$
- ② Belongs \vec{y} to the space spanned by $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n$?
- ③ Solution:
 - a) Determine $r_1 = \text{rank} [X] = \text{rank} [\vec{x}_1 \ \dots \ \vec{x}_n]$
 - b) Determine $r_2 = \text{rank} [X \ \vec{y}] = \text{rank} [\vec{x}_1 \ \dots \ \vec{x}_n \ \vec{y}]$
 - c) Is $r_1 = r_2 \Rightarrow y \in \text{column space}$ or $r_1 + 1 = r_2 \Rightarrow y \notin \text{column space}$

Remark: analogous for the row space test.

Column space test

Example

$$\text{Given: } \vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 9 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Asked: Belongs \vec{y} to the space spanned by $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3$?

Solution: 1) find the rang of X:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 9 \\ 5 & 7 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 \\ 5 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{4} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{9}{4} & 0 \\ -1 & \frac{12}{4} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, $\text{rank}(X) = 2$.

Column space test

Example

2) Determine the rank $[X \quad \vec{y}]$

$$[X \quad \vec{y}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 & 9 & 1 \\ 5 & 7 & 12 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{rank}[X \quad \vec{y}] = 3.$$

Hence, $\text{rank}[X \quad \vec{y}] = \text{rank}[X] + 1$.

That means: \vec{y} can **not** be written as a linear combination of the vectors $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3$ and doesn't belong to the space spanned by this vectors. Because $\text{rank}(X)=2$ is the dimension of the space 2.

Hence \vec{x}_3 can be written as a linear combination of \vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2 .

$\text{Rank}(X\vec{y})=3$, so the space spanned by $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3$ and \vec{y} has dimension 3.

Orthonormal matrices

Definition

The set vectors $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n$ is orthonormal if:

- $\|\vec{e}_i\| = 1$ with $i = 1, \dots, n$
- $\vec{e}_i \perp \vec{e}_j$ or $\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{e}_j = 0$ with $i \neq j$

This is noted as:

$\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{e}_j = \delta_{ij}$ with $\delta_{ij} = 0$ if $i \neq j$ and $\delta_{ij} = 1$ if $i = j$ (δ_{ij} is called 'kronecker delta').

If \vec{e}_{1i} has the components $\begin{bmatrix} \vec{e}_{1i} \\ \dots \\ \vec{e}_{ni} \end{bmatrix}$ relative to some basis, then

applies for the inproduct:

$$\vec{e}_{1i} \cdot \vec{e}_{1j} = \begin{bmatrix} e_{1i} & \dots & e_{ni} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_{1j} \\ \dots \\ e_{nj} \end{bmatrix} = e_{1i}e_{1j} + \dots + e_{ni}e_{nj} = \delta_{ij}$$

Orthonormal matrices

Defenition

If we create from $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n$ the matrix

$$E = [\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n] = \begin{bmatrix} e_{11} & \dots & e_{1n} \\ \dots & & \dots \\ e_{n1} & \dots & e_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

then applies

$$E^t E = \begin{bmatrix} e_{11} & \dots & e_{n1} \\ \dots & & \dots \\ e_{1n} & \dots & e_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_{11} & \dots & e_{1n} \\ \dots & & \dots \\ e_{n1} & \dots & e_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I^{n \times n}$$

Hence, if the columns and rows of a matrix form a orthonormal system then is the matrix onthonormal: $E^t E = I = E E^t$.

Orthonormal matrices

Properties

- 1 The inverse of a orthonormal matrix is his transform:

$$E^t E = I = E E^t \Rightarrow E^{-1} E E^t = E^{-1} I \Rightarrow I E^t = E^{-1} \Rightarrow E^t = E^{-1}$$

- 2 Maintaining the norm of a vector: \vec{x} is a vector with norm $\|\vec{x}\|$ and E an orthonormal matrix then applies

$$\|E \vec{x}\| = \|\vec{x}\|.$$

When there is a 'fault' Δx on x, then is

$$\|E(\vec{x} + \Delta \vec{x})\| = \|\vec{x} + \Delta \vec{x}\|.$$

Hence, an orthogonal matrix doesn't change the magnitude of a fault. This is important in numerical applications.

- 3 The determinant of an orthonormal matrix is ± 1 , when it is 1 the matrix represent a rotation matrix.

Change of basis and matrix representation

Change of basis

In a n dimension vectorspace V^n are two different bases given:

'old basis': $\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n$

'new basis': $\vec{f}_1, \dots, \vec{f}_n$

A vector x has coordinates $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \dots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$ relative to the old basis and

coordinates $\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \dots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$ relative to the new basis.

Change of basis and matrix representation

Change of basis

Every basisvector \vec{f}_i can be expressed as a linear combination of the old basis vectors: $\vec{f}_i = f_{1i}\vec{e}_1 + \dots + f_{ni}\vec{e}_n$. So \vec{f}_i has coordinates

$\begin{bmatrix} f_{1i} \\ \dots \\ f_{ni} \end{bmatrix}$ relative to the old basis.

If we group the old basis vectors in a matrix: $E = [\vec{e}_1 \quad \dots \quad \vec{e}_n]$

then you can write: $\vec{x} = [\vec{e}_1 \quad \dots \quad \vec{e}_n] \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \dots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = E \vec{x}_{old}$ and

$$\vec{f}_i = [\vec{e}_1 \quad \dots \quad \vec{e}_n] \begin{bmatrix} f_{1i} \\ \dots \\ f_{ni} \end{bmatrix} = E \begin{bmatrix} f_{1i} \\ \dots \\ f_{ni} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Change of basis and matrix representation

Change of basis

If we now consider x as a linear combination of the 'new' basis

$$\text{vectors } \vec{x} = b_1 \vec{f}_1 + \dots + b_n \vec{f}_n = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_1 & \dots & \vec{f}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \dots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_1 & \dots & \vec{f}_n \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}_{new} = \begin{bmatrix} E \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} \\ \dots \\ f_{n1} \end{bmatrix} & \dots & E \begin{bmatrix} f_{1n} \\ \dots \\ f_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}_{new} = EF \vec{x}_{new}$$

$$\text{with } F = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & \dots & f_{1n} \\ \dots & & \dots \\ f_{n1} & \dots & f_{nn} \end{bmatrix}. \text{ The columns of } F \text{ contains the}$$

coordinates of the new basis vectors relative to the old basis vectors $\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n$.

Change of basis and matrix representation

Change of basis

So we get: $\vec{x} = E \vec{x}_{old} = EF \vec{x}_{new}$.

From wich follows:

$$\vec{x}_{old} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \dots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = F \vec{x}_{new} = F \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \dots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with the columns of } F \text{ the} \\ \text{coordinates of the new basis vectors relative to the old basis.}$$

So, $\vec{x}_{old} = F \vec{x}_{new}$

from wich:

$$\vec{x}_{new} = F^{-1} \vec{x}_{old}$$

Change of basis and matrix representation

Example

Given: the 3 dimensional vector space V^3 with basis vectors:

$$\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{e}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The 'new' basis vectors are defined as:

$$\vec{f}_1 = \vec{e}_1 - \vec{e}_2 + \vec{e}_3$$

$$\vec{f}_2 = 2\vec{e}_1 + 3\vec{e}_2 + 0\vec{e}_3$$

$$\vec{f}_3 = -\vec{e}_1 + \vec{e}_2 + 2\vec{e}_3.$$

And there is a vector \vec{x} :

$$\vec{x} = 2\vec{e}_1 + \vec{e}_2 - \vec{e}_3.$$

Asked: The coordinates of \vec{x} relative to the basis $\vec{f}_1, \vec{f}_2, \vec{f}_3$.

Change of basis and matrix representation

Example

Solution: The components of \vec{f}_1 relative to the other basis are:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The components of \vec{f}_2 relative to the other basis are: $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$

The components of \vec{f}_3 relative to the other basis are: $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$

The components of \vec{x} relative to the other basis are: $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$

Change of basis and matrix representation

Example

So, $\vec{x}_{old} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$. We know that $\vec{x}_{old} = F\vec{x}_{new}$ with

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Now is } \vec{x}_{new} = F^{-1}\vec{x}_{old} = \frac{1}{15} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -4 & 5 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{So } \vec{x}_{new} = \frac{1}{15} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{5}\vec{f}_1 + \frac{3}{5}\vec{f}_2 - \frac{3}{5}\vec{f}_3.$$

Change of basis and matrix representation

Remarks

- 1 If the old basis is orthonormal and the new basis too, then is the transition matrix orthonormal as well ($F^{-1} = F^T$).
- 2 If the old basis is from dimension n , then the new basis has the same dimension n too, because they span the same space. So F has to be of full rank: $\text{rank}(F)=n$.

Outline

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Systems of linear equations

Defenitions

In general, a system of linear equations is described in a matrix-vector identity: $Ax=y$. If $y \neq 0$ then the system is called not homogeneous, if $y=0$ then the system is called homogeneous. It will turn out that in all the possible cases, the rank r of the matrix A is important for the existance of a solution and the number of solutions.

A good geometric view in the properties and solutions of homogeneous and not homogeneous systems is essential for an understanding of linear images, eigenvalues, etc.

Not homogeneous equations

Existence of a solution

In general, a system of m equations in n variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n has the form: $A^{m \times n} x^{n \times 1} = y^{m \times 1}$. The problem is: search the variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n which satisfy this relationship (A and y are known).

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \dots & & \dots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \dots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \dots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix} \text{ or}$$

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = y_1 \\ \dots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = y_m \end{cases}$$

Not homogeneous equations

Existence of a solution

If we think of A as column vectors with m components

$A = [\vec{a}_1 \quad \dots \quad \vec{a}_n]$, then we can write the system in another way:

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ \dots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x_n \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ \dots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \dots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } x_1 \vec{a}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n = \vec{y}.$$

The geometric interpretation:

Given a vector \vec{y} of m components and n vectors \vec{a}_i of m components, search **all** numbers x_i , $i=1,n$, so that vector \vec{y} can be written as a linear combination of the vectors \vec{a}_i .

All the linear combinations of the vectors \vec{a}_i can be written as:

$x_1 \vec{a}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n = \vec{y}$ and is called the column space of A .

Not homogeneous equations

Existence of a solution

If $\text{rank}(A)=r$, then has the columns space dimension r . In other words: there are r linear independent columns in A and the other $n-r$ columns in A can be written as a linear combination of the r linear independent columns.

Since \vec{y} has to be a linear combination of the columns of A , \vec{y} has to be in the columns space of A .

If \vec{y} doesn't exist of the column space of A , then \vec{y} can't be written as a linear combination of the columns of A , then the system **doesn't have** a solution.

Not homogeneous equations

Existence of a solution

The condition for the existence of a solution is that \vec{y} belongs to the column space of A . Now, the column space test becomes the solution test.

The system $Ax=y$ with $\text{rank}(A)=r$, has a solution only if $\text{rank}(A)=\text{rank}(Ay)=r$ with Ay a $m \times (n+1)$ matrix.

Not homogeneous equations

Example 1

$$\begin{cases} -x_1 + 2x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 + 3x_2 = 1 \\ 0x_1 + x_2 = 2 \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}_y$$

$$\text{Rank}(A)=2, \text{rank}(Ay)=3$$

$\text{Rank}(A) \neq \text{rank}(Ay)$, so there **isn't** a solution.

Not homogeneous equations

Example 2

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 2 \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = -1 \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}}_y$$

$\text{Rank}(A)=2=\text{rank}(Ay)=2$, so this system can be solved.

In the next we suppose that there is always a solution, thus:
 $\text{rank}(A)=\text{rank}(Ay)$.

Number of solutions and solution methods

Defenitions

$$A^{m \times n} x^{n \times 1} = y^{m \times 1}$$

There are **three** cases:

- ① $m > n$: overdetermined system (more equations than variables)
- ② $m = n$: square system
- ③ $m < n$: underdetermined system

Number of solutions and solution methods

$m > n$: overdetermined system

There is a solution if $\text{rang}(A) = \text{rang}(Ay) = r$. If this condition is satisfied, we can write: $x_1 \vec{a}_1 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n = \vec{y}$ with a_i the i^{th} column of A . As $\text{rank}(A) = r$, there are r linear independent columns $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_r$. Now we can write:

$$x_1 \vec{a}_1 + \dots + x_r \vec{a}_r = \vec{y} - x_{r+1} \vec{a}_{r+1} - \dots - x_n \vec{a}_n$$

$$\text{If: } \vec{y}' = \vec{y} - x_{r+1} \vec{a}_{r+1} - \dots - x_n \vec{a}_n \text{ then } \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \dots & \vec{a}_r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \dots \\ x_r \end{bmatrix} = \vec{y}'.$$

From the columntest follows that \vec{y} belongs to the columnspace of A . The vectors $\vec{a}_{r+1}, \dots, \vec{a}_n$ belong to the same space. The vectors $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_r$ create the **basis** of this space.

Number of solutions and solution methods

$m > n$: overdetermined system

For every choice of the vector \vec{y} , there exist a **unique** set (only one solution) of numbers x_1, \dots, x_r : this are the coordinates of the vector \vec{y} in the basis $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_r$. There is only one solution because every vector in only one way can be described as a linear combination of basis vectors.

Now is: $\vec{y} = x_{r+1}\vec{a}_{r+1} + \dots + x_n\vec{a}_n$.

For each set $[x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n]$ there is a vector \vec{y} , and for every vector \vec{y} exist just one solution $[x_1, \dots, x_r]$. For the choice of the set $[x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n]$, there are ∞^{n-r} possibilities.

Number of solutions and solution methods

$m > n$: overdetermined system

If $m > n$ and $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(Ay) = r$, then has the system $Ax = y$ ∞^{n-r} solutions.

The variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r are the main variables and $x_{r+1}, x_{r+2}, \dots, x_n$ are the help variables. For each set help variables exist only one set main variables.

If $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(Ay) = r$ and if $n = r$, then has the system $Ax = y$ exact **one** solution ($\infty^0 = 1$).

Number of solutions and solution methods

$m > n$: overdetermined system

How do you determine the solution for a certain set help variables $[x_{r+1}, x_{r+2}, \dots, x_n]$.

$$\text{If } [\vec{a}_1 \quad \dots \quad \vec{a}_r] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \dots \\ x_r \end{bmatrix} = \vec{y} - x_{r+1} \vec{a}_{r+1} - \dots - x_n \vec{a}_n \Rightarrow A'x' = y'$$

with $A' = [\vec{a}_1 \quad \dots \quad \vec{a}_r]$ and

$$\vec{y}' = \vec{y} - x_{r+1} \vec{a}_{r+1} - \dots - x_n \vec{a}_n = \begin{bmatrix} y'_1 \\ \dots \\ y'_m \end{bmatrix}.$$

We know that $\text{rang}(A')=r$. This means that r rows of A' are linear independent. The other rows of A' can be created by linear combinations of the linear independent rows.