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Dr. Robert van de Geijn: Now that we know the two vectors are orthogonal, if the dot product between the two vectors is equal to 0, we can talk about orthogonal spaces. This is a little bit harder to visualize, because we have a hard time visualizing spaces. But hopefully the opener for this week

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Is the zero of size n orthogonal to all other vectors in \mathbb{R}^n ?

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Homework 10.3.2.1 seems to imply that this is true. It seems odd because, if true, then that is a property that is unique to the zero vector. I think...

Homework 10.3.2.1

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Let $\mathbf{V} = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ where $\mathbf{0}$ denotes the zero vector of size n . Then $\mathbf{V} \perp \mathbb{R}^n$.

Always

✓ Answer: Always

Let $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{V}$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ since that is the only element in set (subspace) \mathbf{V} . Hence $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}^T \mathbf{y} = 0$ and therefore \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are orthogonal.

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Homework 10.3.2.2

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Let

$$\mathbf{V} = \text{Span} \left(\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{W} = \text{Span} \left(\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \right)$$

Then $\mathbf{V} \perp \mathbf{W}$.

TRUE

✓ Answer: TRUE

Let $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{V}$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{W}$. Then

$$\mathbf{x} = \chi_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \chi_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_0 \\ \chi_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{y} = \psi_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \psi_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

But then $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = \chi_0 \times 0 + \chi_1 \times 0 + 0 \times \psi_2 = 0$. Hence \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are orthogonal.

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Homework 10.3.2.3

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Let $\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{W} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ be subspaces. If $\mathbf{V} \perp \mathbf{W}$ then $\mathbf{V} \cap \mathbf{W} = \{\mathbf{0}\}$, the zero vector.

Always

✓ Answer: Always

- $\mathbf{V} \cap \mathbf{W} \subset \{\mathbf{0}\}$:

Let $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{V} \cap \mathbf{W}$. We will show that $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ and hence $\mathbf{x} \in \{\mathbf{0}\}$.

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{V} \cap \mathbf{W}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \quad < \text{Definition of } S \cap T >$$
$$x \in \mathbf{V} \wedge x \in \mathbf{W}$$
$$\Rightarrow \quad < \mathbf{V} \perp \mathbf{W} >$$
$$x^T x = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \quad < x^T x = 0 \text{ iff } x = 0 >$$
$$x = 0$$

- $\{0\} \subset \mathbf{V} \cap \mathbf{W}$:

Let $x \in \{0\}$. We will show that then $x \in \mathbf{V} \cap \mathbf{W}$.

$$x \in \{0\}$$
$$\Rightarrow \quad < 0 \text{ is the only element of } \{0\} >$$
$$x = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \quad < 0 \in \mathbf{V} \text{ and } 0 \in \mathbf{W} >$$
$$x \in \mathbf{V} \wedge x \in \mathbf{W}$$
$$\Rightarrow \quad < \text{Definition of } S \cap T >$$
$$x \in \mathbf{V} \cap \mathbf{W}$$

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Homework 10.3.2.4

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If $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is a subspace, then \mathbf{V}^\perp is a subspace.

TRUE 

 Answer: TRUE


- $0 \in \mathbf{V}^\perp$: Let $x \in \mathbf{V}$. Then $0^T x = 0$ and hence $0 \in \mathbf{V}^\perp$.
- If $x, y \in \mathbf{V}^\perp$ then $x + y \in \mathbf{V}^\perp$: Let $x, y \in \mathbf{V}^\perp$ and let $z \in \mathbf{V}$. We need to show that $(x + y)^T z = 0$.

$$(x + y)^T z$$
$$= \quad < \text{property of dot} >$$
$$x^T z + y^T z$$
$$= \quad < x, y \in \mathbf{V}^\perp \text{ and } z \in \mathbf{V} >$$
$$0 + 0$$
$$= \quad < algebra >$$
$$0$$

Hence $x + y \in \mathbf{V}^\perp$.

- If $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \in \mathbf{V}^\perp$ then $\alpha x \in \mathbf{V}^\perp$: Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $x \in \mathbf{V}^\perp$ and let $z \in \mathbf{V}$. We need to show that $(\alpha x)^T z = 0$.

$$(\alpha x)^T z$$
$$= \quad < algebra >$$
$$\alpha x^T z$$
$$= \quad < x \in \mathbf{V}^\perp \text{ and } z \in \mathbf{V} >$$
$$\alpha 0$$
$$= \quad < algebra >$$

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Hence $\alpha x \in \mathbf{V}^\perp$.

Hence \mathbf{V}^\perp is a subspace.

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Now let's work through that.
First thing we do is distribute.
And then we recognize that since x and y are in V^\perp ,
and z is in V , each of these equals 0.
But what that means is that x plus y quantity dot product with z
is also equal to 0 for all vector z in V ,
and, therefore, x plus y
must be in V^\perp .
We're not quite done.
We also need to show that if you take
an arbitrary scalar and an arbitrary
vector x in V^\perp , then α times x is
also in V^\perp .
Again take an arbitrary vector z in V .
What we need to show is that α times x is perpendicular to z .
So let's take an arbitrary vector z in V .



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