
Linear Algebra

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Lecture Overview

- Elements in linear algebra
- Linear system
- Linear combination, vector equation,
Four views of matrix multiplication
- Linear independence, span, and subspace
- Linear transformation
- Least squares
- Eigendecomposition
- Singular value decomposition

Recall: Linear System

- Recall the matrix equation of a linear system:

Person ID	Weight	Height	Is_smoking	Life-span
1	60kg	5.5ft	Yes (=1)	66
2	65kg	5.0ft	No (=0)	74
3	55kg	6.0ft	Yes (=1)	78

$$\begin{bmatrix} 60 & 5.5 & 1 \\ 65 & 5.0 & 0 \\ 55 & 6.0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A \quad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

- Or, a vector equation is written as

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Uniqueness of Solution for $Ax = b$

- The solution exists only when $\mathbf{b} \in \text{Span } \{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}$.

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- If the solution exists for $Ax = b$, when is it unique?
- It is unique when $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2$, and \mathbf{a}_3 are linearly independent.
- Infinitely many solutions exist when $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2$, and \mathbf{a}_3 are linearly dependent.



Linear Independence

(Practical) Definition:

- Given a set of vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p \in \mathbb{R}^n$, check if \mathbf{v}_j can be represented as a linear combination of the previous vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{j-1}\}$ for $j = 1, \dots, p$, e.g.,

$$\mathbf{v}_j \in \text{Span } \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{j-1}\} \text{ for some } j = 1, \dots, p?$$

- If at least one such \mathbf{v}_j is found, then $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ is **linearly dependent**.
- If no such \mathbf{v}_j is found, then $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ is **linearly independent**.



Linear Independence

(Formal) Definition:

- Consider $x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + x_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + x_p\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0}$.

- Obviously, one solution is $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$,

which we call a trivial solution.

- $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$ are linearly independent if this is the only solution.
- $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$ are linearly dependent if this system also has other nontrivial solutions, e.g., at least one x_i being nonzero.

v1 ~ vp ≠ 0

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Two Definitions are Equivalent

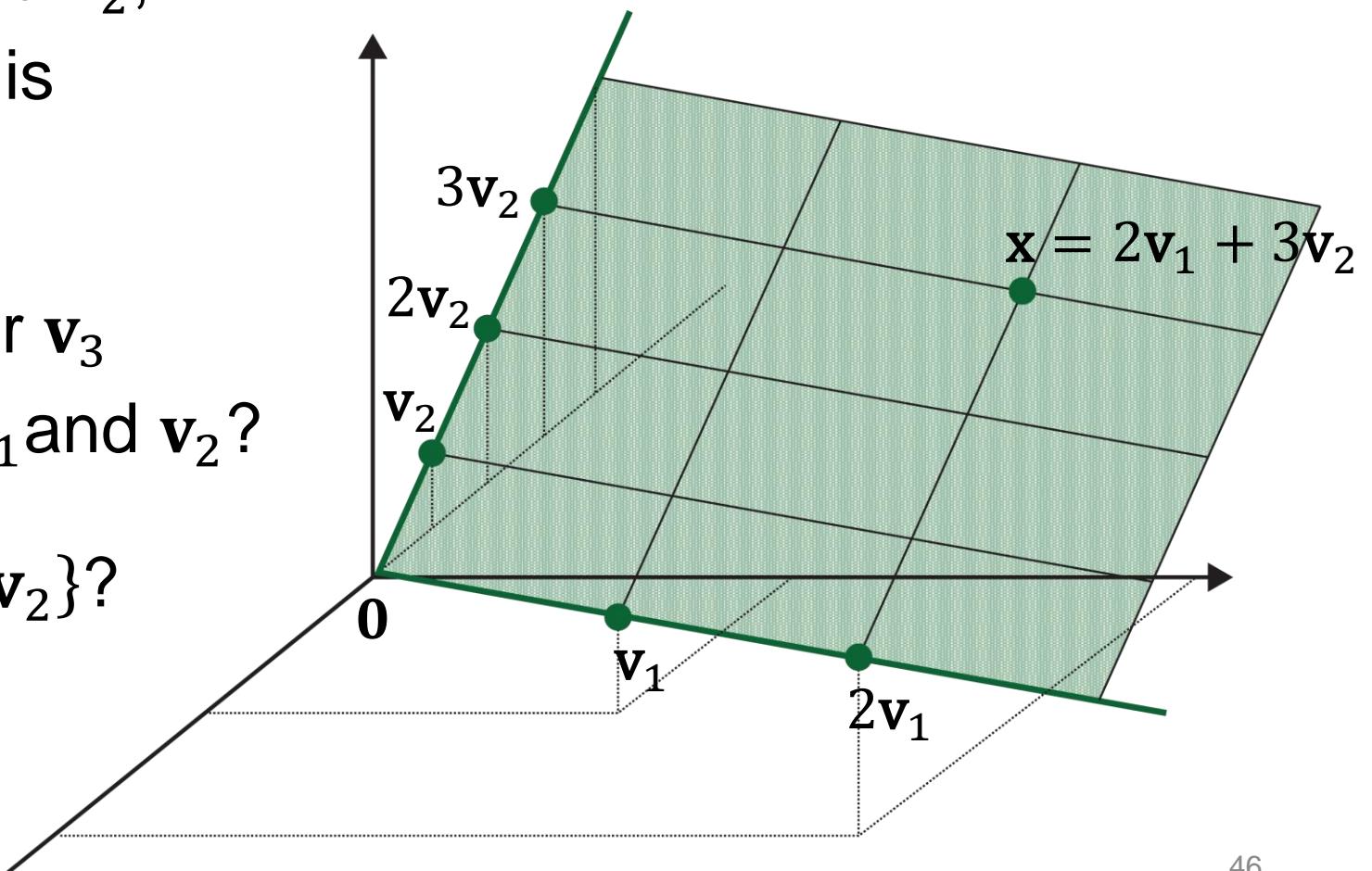
- If $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$ are linearly dependent, consider a nontrivial solution.
- In the solution, let's denote j as the last index such that $x_j \neq 0$.
- Then, one can write $x_j \mathbf{v}_j = -x_1 \mathbf{v}_1 - \dots - x_{j-1} \mathbf{v}_{j-1}$,
and **safely divide it by x_j** , resulting in

$$\mathbf{v}_j = -\frac{x_1}{x_j} \mathbf{v}_1 - \dots - \frac{x_{j-1}}{x_j} \mathbf{v}_{j-1} \in \text{Span} \{ \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{j-1} \}$$

which means \mathbf{v}_j can be represented as a linear combination of the previous vectors.

Geometric Understanding of Linear Dependence

- Given two vectors \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 ,
Suppose $\text{Span} \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ is
the plane on the right.
- When is the third vector \mathbf{v}_3
linearly dependent of \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 ?
- That is, $\mathbf{v}_3 \in \text{Span} \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$?





Linear Dependence

- A linearly dependent vector does not increase Span!
- If $\mathbf{v}_3 \in \text{Span} \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$, then
$$\text{Span} \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\} = \text{Span} \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\},$$
- Why?
- Suppose $\mathbf{v}_3 = d_1\mathbf{v}_1 + d_2\mathbf{v}_2$, then the linear combination of $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ can be written as

$$c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + c_3\mathbf{v}_3 = (c_1 + d_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + (c_1 + d_1)\mathbf{v}_2$$

which is also a linear combination of $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$.



Linear Dependence and Linear System Solution

- Also, a linearly dependent set produces **multiple possible linear combinations** of a given vector.
- Given a vector equation $x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + x_2\mathbf{v}_2 + x_3\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{b}$, suppose the solution is $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, i.e., $3\mathbf{v}_1 + 2\mathbf{v}_2 + 1\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{b}$.
 $v_3 - 2v_1 - 3v_2 = 0$
- Suppose also $\mathbf{v}_3 = 2\mathbf{v}_1 + 3\mathbf{v}_2$, a linearly dependent case.
- Then, $3\mathbf{v}_1 + 2\mathbf{v}_2 + 1\mathbf{v}_3 = 3\mathbf{v}_1 + 2\mathbf{v}_2 + (2\mathbf{v}_1 + 3\mathbf{v}_2) = 5\mathbf{v}_1 + 5\mathbf{v}_2$, so $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is another solution. Many more solutions exist.



Linear Dependence and Linear System Solution

- Actually, many more solutions exist.
- e.g., $3\mathbf{v}_1 + 2\mathbf{v}_2 + 1\mathbf{v}_3 = 3\mathbf{v}_1 + 2\mathbf{v}_2 + (2\mathbf{v}_3 - 1\mathbf{v}_3)$
 $= 3\mathbf{v}_1 + 2\mathbf{v}_2 + 2(2\mathbf{v}_1 + 3\mathbf{v}_2) - 1\mathbf{v}_3 = 7\mathbf{v}_1 + 8\mathbf{v}_2 - 1\mathbf{v}_3,$

thus $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ is another solution.

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