Lecture 2
Linear Independence, Basis, Dimension

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- Connections with Artificial Intelligence

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Linear Independence

- Whether the homogeneous system $A\mathbf{x} = 0$ has a unique solution or many solutions is an important question.
- The question is equivalent to whether there exists $x_1, \ldots, x_n$, not all zero, such that

$$x_1\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \cdots + x_n\mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{0}.$$

Linear Independence

- The vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_n$ in $\mathbb{R}^m$ are said to be **linearly independent** if

$$c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \ldots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0}$$

  implies that all the scalars $c_1, \ldots, c_n$ are 0.

- The vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_n$ in $\mathbb{R}^m$ are said to be **linearly dependent** if there exists scalars $c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_n$, not all zero, such that

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Exercise

Determine whether the following sets of vectors are linearly dependent or not.

1. $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
2. $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
3. $\{\mathbf{0}\}$
4. $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{0}\}$

Linear Independence and System of Linear Equations

- To determine whether vectors $\mathbf{a}_1, \ldots \mathbf{a}_n$ are linearly dependent or not, we can check whether the system $x_1\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \cdots x_n\mathbf{a}_n = A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has a non-trivial solution or not.
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Vector Space

A set $\mathcal{V}$, on which two operations **addition** and **scalar multiplication** are defined, is a **vector space** if the following axioms are satisfied:

A1. $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}$ for any $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{V}$.

A2. $(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z})$ for any $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{V}$.

A3. There exists $\mathbf{0} \in \mathcal{V}$ such that $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{x}$ for each $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{V}$.

A4. For each $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{V}$, there exists $\mathbf{x}' \in \mathcal{V}$ such that $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{0}$, where $\mathbf{x}'$ is usually denoted as $-\mathbf{x}$.

A5. $\alpha(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = \alpha\mathbf{x} + \alpha\mathbf{y}$ for each scalar α and any $x, y \in \mathcal{V}$.

A6. $(\alpha + \beta)\mathbf{x} = \alpha\mathbf{x} + \beta\mathbf{x}$ for any scalars α and β and any $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{V}$.

A7. $(\alpha\beta)\mathbf{x} = \alpha(\beta\mathbf{x})$ for any scalars α and β and any $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{V}$.

A8. $1\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{V}$.

Examples of Vector Space

- $\mathbb{R}^n$, $n \geq 1$
- $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$
- Let P_n denote the set of all polynomials of degree less than n.
- Let $C[a, b]$ denote the set of all real-valued functions that are defined and continuous on $[a, b]$.

Opeartions on General Vector Space

Linear combination, linear span and linear independence can be defined on general vector space $\mathcal{V}$:

- **linear combination**: $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n \in \mathcal{V}$.
- **linear span**: $\mathrm{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_n\} = \{\sum_i c_i\mathbf{v}_i : c_i \in \mathbb{R}\} \subset \mathcal{V}$.
- **linear independence**: $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0}$ implies $c_1, \ldots, c_n$ are all zero.

Example

- How to test matrices $M_1, \ldots, M_k \in \mathbb{R}^{m\times n}$ are linearly independent?
- Are the matrices $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ linearly independent?

Example

- How to test vectors (polynomials) $p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_k$ are linearly independent in P_n?
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- Are the functions $x, x^2, \sin(x) \in C[-2, 2]$ linearly independent?

Linear Independence

The vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_n$ in a vector space $\mathcal{V}$ are linearly dependent if and only if for a certain $k \in \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$, $\mathbf{v}_k$ is a linear combination of the other vectors.

Minimum Spanning Set

- For a vector space $\mathcal{V}$, we call $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_n\} \subset \mathcal{V}$ a **spanning set of** $\mathcal{V}$ if $\mathrm{Span}(\mathcal{S}) = \mathcal{V}$.
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Example

Given a vector space $\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}$, the set $\mathcal{B}$ consisting of

$$B_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},\ B_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},\ B_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},\ B_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a basis of $\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}$.

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Dimension

- If a vector space $\mathcal{V}$ has a basis consisting of n vectors, we say that $\mathcal{V}$ has **dimension** n.
- The subspace $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ of $\mathcal{V}$ is said to have dimension 0.
- $\mathcal{V}$ is said to be *finite dimensional* if there is a finite set of vectors that spans $\mathcal{V}$; otherwise, we say that $\mathcal{V}$ is *infinite dimensional*.

Example

- What is the dimension of $\mathbb{R}^n$?
  - The standard basis has n vectors.
- What is the dimension of $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$?
  - All the $m \times n$ matrices with only one non-zero entry 1 form a basis.
- What is the dimension of P_n?
  - $\{1, x, x^2, \ldots, x^{n-1}\}$ forms a basis of P_n.
- Let P be the vector space of all polynomials.
  - If P has a finite dimension n, then any $n+1$ polynomials would be linearly dependent. Find a contradiction.
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Regression with Linear Dependent Data

1. Linear Dependence in Features

If two features are linearly dependent, they carry redundant information, which does not improve a model.

```python
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression

# Create data
np.random.seed(0)
X1 = np.random.rand(100, 1)  # independent feature
X2 = np.random.randn(100, 1)  # independent feature
X3 = 2 * X1 + 3 * X2          # dependent feature (perfectly correlated)
y = 3 * X1.squeeze() + 6 * X2.squeeze() + np.random.randn(100) * 0.1

# Train models
reg1 = LinearRegression().fit(np.hstack([X1, X2]), y)    # with one feature
reg2 = LinearRegression().fit(np.hstack([X1, X2, X3]), y)  # with redundant feature


print("R^2 with two features:", reg1.score(np.hstack([X1, X2]), y))
print("R^2 with redundant features (full):", reg2.score(np.hstack([X1, X2, X3]), y))
```

```
R^2 with two features: 0.999740798192029
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AI for Finding Basis

2. Basis & PCA for Dimensionality Reduction

PCA finds a new orthogonal basis that captures maximum variance in the data.

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```
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA

# Create 2D correlated data
np.random.seed(1)
X = np.random.multivariate_normal([0, 0], [[3, 2], [2, 2]], size=500)

# Apply PCA
pca = PCA(n_components=2).fit(X)
X_pca = pca.transform(X)

# Plot
plt.scatter(X[:, 0], X[:, 1], alpha=0.3)
for length, vector in zip(pca.explained_variance_, pca.components_):
    plt.quiver(0, 0, vector[0]*length, vector[1]*length,
               angles='xy', scale_units='xy', scale=1, color='red')
plt.title("PCA finds a new orthogonal basis")
plt.axis("equal")
plt.show()
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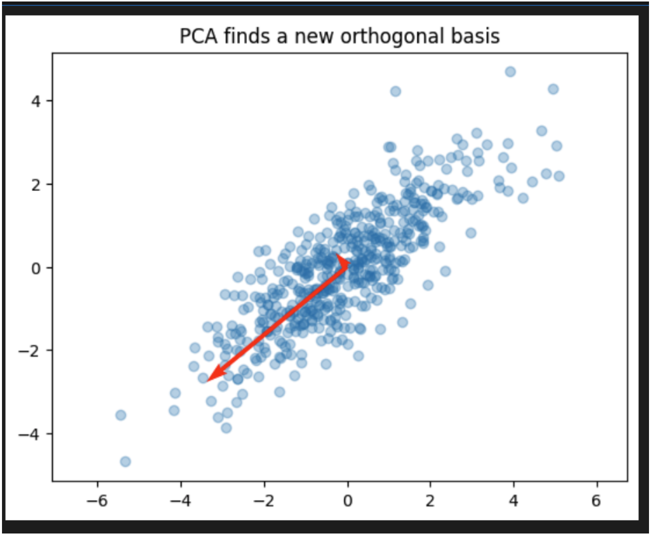

Infinite-Dimension AI Model

3. Infinite-Dimensional Spaces: Kernel Trick

Kernel methods (e.g., SVM with RBF kernel) operate in infinite-dimensional spaces implicitly, while computations remain finite.

```
from sklearn.svm import SVC
from sklearn.datasets import make_moons

# Generate dataset
X, y = make_moons(n_samples=200, noise=0.1, random_state=0)

# Train SVM with RBF kernel (infinite-dimensional space)
clf = SVC(kernel='rbf', C=10).fit(X, y)

# Plot decision boundary
xx, yy = np.meshgrid(np.linspace(-2, 3, 200), np.linspace(-1.5, 2, 200))
Z = clf.predict(np.c_[xx.ravel(), yy.ravel()]).reshape(xx.shape)

plt.contourf(xx, yy, Z, alpha=0.3)
plt.scatter(X[:, 0], X[:, 1], c=y, edgecolors='k')
plt.title("SVM with RBF kernel (infinite-dimensional space)")
plt.show()
```

Recommended Reading:

- Two-sample Test with Kernel Projected Wasserstein Distance
- Statistical and Computational Guarantees of Kernel Max-Sliced Wasserstein Distances
- Variable Selection for Kernel Two-Sample Tests

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