

Mathematics for Machine Learning

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Linear Mappings

Definition

For vector spaces V, W , a mapping $T : V \rightarrow W$ is called a *linear mapping* (or *vector space homomorphism*/ *linear transformation*) if

$$T(a\mathbf{x} + b\mathbf{y}) = aT(\mathbf{x}) + bT(\mathbf{y}), \quad \forall x, y \in V, a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

or equivalently,

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- $T : V \rightarrow W$ is called **isomorphism**, if it is linear and bijective.
- $T : V \rightarrow V$ is called **endomorphism**, if T is linear.
- $T : V \rightarrow V$ is called **automorphism**, if T is linear and bijective.
- We define $id_V : V \rightarrow V$, $id_V(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$ as the **identity mapping** in V .

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Show that $R^{m \times n} \cong R^{mn}$.

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For any $\mathbf{x} \in V$ there is a unique representation

$$\mathbf{x} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{b}_n.$$

Then $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ are the coordinates of \mathbf{x} with respect to B , and the vector

$$[\mathbf{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

*is the **coordinate vector** of \mathbf{x} with respect to the ordered basis B .*

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Note that

$$A_T = [[T(\mathbf{b}_1)]_C \dots [T(\mathbf{b}_n)]_C] \text{ and } [T(\mathbf{x})]_C = A_T[\mathbf{x}]_B.$$

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Write the transformation matrix of the linear mapping (homomorphism) $T : V \rightarrow W$ w.r.t. ordered bases $B = (\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3)$ of V and $C = (\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_5)$ of W satisfying

$$T(\mathbf{b}_1) = \mathbf{c}_1 - \mathbf{c}_3 + 3\mathbf{c}_5$$

$$T(\mathbf{b}_2) = \mathbf{c}_2 + 2\mathbf{c}_4 + 5\mathbf{c}_5$$

$$T(\mathbf{b}_3) = \mathbf{c}_1 - 3\mathbf{c}_2 + \mathbf{c}_3$$

Using the transformation matrix A_T find the coordinate vector $[T(\mathbf{x})]_C$,

given that $[\mathbf{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

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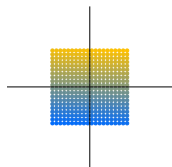
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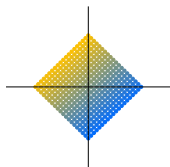
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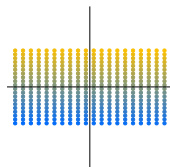
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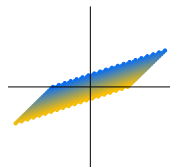
(a) Original data.



(b) Rotation by 45° .



(c) Stretch along the horizontal axis.



(d) General linear mapping.

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Proposition

- $T(\mathbf{0}_V) = \mathbf{0}_W$ and, therefore, $\mathbf{0}_V \in \ker(T)$.
- $\text{Im}(T) \subset W$ is a subspace of W , and $\ker(T) \subset V$ is a subspace of V .
- T is injective (one-to-one) if and only if $\ker(T) = \{0\}$.

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Rank-Nullity Theorem

For vector spaces U, V and a linear mapping $T : U \rightarrow V$ it holds that

$$\dim(\ker(T)) + \dim(\text{Im}(T)) = \dim(U),$$

equivalently for a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$

$$\text{nullity}(A) + \text{rank}(A) = m,$$

where $\text{nullity}(A)$ is the dimension of the null space $\text{null}(A)$.

Definition

Given a vector space V , a **norm** on V is a function $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow [0, +)$ with the following properties: For all $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$, and all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

- $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|$ (*triangle inequality*)
- $\|\lambda\mathbf{x}\| = |\lambda|\|\mathbf{x}\|$ (*absolutely homogeneous*)
- $\|\mathbf{x}\| \geq 0$ and $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 0$ iff $\mathbf{x} = 0$ (*positive definite*)

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The length of a vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is given by

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This norm is called the **Euclidean norm**. The Euclidean norm is also called ℓ_2 **norm**.

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- $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = 0$ iff $\mathbf{x} = 0$ (positive definite)
- $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is a bilinear function

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then $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is an inner product but different from the dot product.