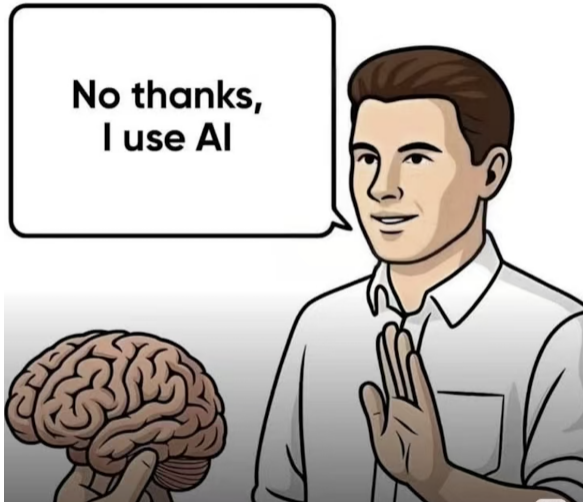


Review on Linear Transformation, Orthogonality and Determinants I

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Linear Transformation

Definition

A map $T : V \rightarrow W$ between two vector spaces is linear if

$$T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v}), \quad T(c\mathbf{v}) = cT(\mathbf{v})$$

Matrix Representation

Given a basis of V , say $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$, and a basis of W , say $C = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m\}$. For any $\mathbf{v} \in V$, it has a linear expression in terms of B :

$$\mathbf{v} = x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + x_n\mathbf{v}_n$$

The Matrix $[T]_B^C$ representing T when choosing B and C as basis of V and W is defined:

$$[T]_B^C = [[T(\mathbf{v}_1)]_C \quad [T(\mathbf{v}_2)]_C \quad \dots \quad [T(\mathbf{v}_n)]_C]$$

Matrix Representation cont.

The meaning of the matrix $[T]_B^C$: the j -th column is the coordinate vector of $T(\mathbf{v}_j)$ in basis C .

Then for any vector $\mathbf{v} \in V$, the linear transformation T acting on \mathbf{v} can be reduced to a Matrix-Vector multiplication:

$$[T(\mathbf{v})]_C = [T]_B^C \cdot \mathbf{x}$$

which means: the coordinate of $T(\mathbf{v})$ in basis C equals the matrix $[T]_B^C$ times \mathbf{x} , the coordinate of \mathbf{v} in basis B .

Two perspectives of \mathbb{R}^n

- ▶ \mathbb{R}^n is a vector space by itself;
- ▶ \mathbb{R}^n is a coordinate space of any n -dimensional vector space V over \mathbb{R} , with a basis specified.

Change of basis on V (two different bases, same transformation)

Let V be a vector space with two different bases:

- ▶ $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$
- ▶ $B' = \{\mathbf{v}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}'_n\}$

Definition

The change of basis matrix from B to B' is the matrix P (or $P_B^{B'}$) whose columns are the coordinates of the B' -basis vectors expressed in basis B :

$$P_B^{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} [\mathbf{v}'_1]_B & [\mathbf{v}'_2]_B & \dots & [\mathbf{v}'_n]_B \end{bmatrix}$$

For any $\mathbf{v} = x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + x_n\mathbf{v}_n = x'_1\mathbf{v}'_1 + \dots + x'_n\mathbf{v}'_n \in V$, the coordinates satisfy:

$$[\mathbf{v}]_{B'} = (P_B^{B'})^{-1}[\mathbf{v}]_B,$$

where $[\mathbf{v}]_B = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^\top$ and $[\mathbf{v}]_{B'} = (x'_1, \dots, x'_n)^\top$