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Last time:

→ proof of Fundamental Thm of  
Linear algebra

Thm (FTLA) Let  $\underline{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

$$\mathbb{R}^n = R(\underline{A}^T) \oplus N(\underline{A}), \quad R(\underline{A}^T) \perp N(\underline{A})$$

$$\mathbb{R}^m = R(\underline{A}) \oplus N(\underline{A}^T), \quad R(\underline{A}) \perp N(\underline{A}^T).$$

$$\dim R(\underline{A}^T) = \dim R(\underline{A}) = r \leftarrow \text{"rank"}$$

$$\dim N(\underline{A}) = n - r, \quad \dim N(\underline{A}^T) = m - r.$$

Quick Remark: There was a question

if a direct sum of subspaces

$\mathcal{U} \oplus \mathcal{V}$  necessarily implies that

$\mathcal{U} \perp \mathcal{V} \dots$

Answer: You can consider a direct →

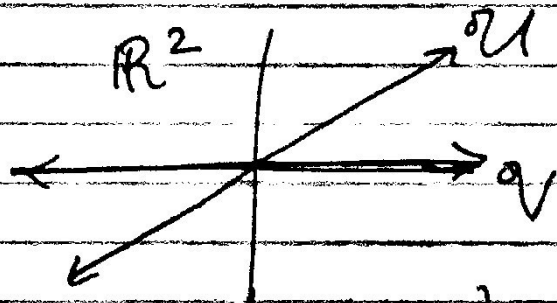
Sum of non-orthogonal subspaces.

$\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  and still have:

if  $\underline{u}_1 + \underline{v}_1 = \underline{u}_2 + \underline{v}_2$ , then  $\underline{u}_1 = \underline{u}_2$  &  $\underline{v}_1 = \underline{v}_2$ ,

for  $\underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2 \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2 \in \mathcal{V}$ .

EX: Consider  $\mathcal{U} = \text{span}\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$  and  
 $\mathcal{V} = \text{span}\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right)$ .



Suppose we have  $\underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2 \in \text{span}\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$

and  $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2 \in \text{span}\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right)$ .

$$\Rightarrow \underline{u}_1 = \gamma_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{u}_2 = \gamma_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{v}_1 = \beta_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{v}_2 = \beta_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and  $\underline{u}_1 + \underline{v}_1 = \underline{u}_2 + \underline{v}_2$ .

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \gamma_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{\gamma_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \gamma_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + (\beta_1 - \beta_2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  are linearly independent, we must have:

$$\gamma_1 - \gamma_2 = \beta_1 - \beta_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{u}_1 = \underline{u}_2 \text{ and } \underline{v}_1 = \underline{v}_2.$$

Let's continue with the proof (sketch)  
of FTLA:

want to see  $\mathbb{R}^m = R(\underline{A}) \oplus N(\underline{A}^T).$

Since  $R(\underline{A})$  and  $N(\underline{A}^T)$  are separately subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , we must have

$$\mathbb{R}^m \supset R(\underline{A}) \oplus N(\underline{A}^T).$$

To see the reverse containment,

take  $\underline{w} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

Since  $\dim R(\underline{A}) = r$  and  $\dim N(\underline{A}^T) = m - r$ ,

we have bases:

$\{\underline{y}_1, \underline{y}_2, \dots, \underline{y}_r\} \leftarrow$  basis for  $R(\underline{A})$ .

$\{\underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2, \dots, \underline{z}_{m-r}\} \leftarrow$  basis for  $N(\underline{A}^T)$ .

Note, the collection of all of these vectors:

$\{\underline{y}_1, \dots, \underline{y}_r, \underline{z}_1, \dots, \underline{z}_{m-r}\}$  are

linearly independent since  $\underline{y}_i^T \underline{z}_j = 0$ ,

for  $i = 1, \dots, r$  and  $j = 1, \dots, m-r$ .

Question: Can we express  $\underline{w} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  as:

$$\underline{w} = \gamma_1 \underline{y}_1 + \dots + \gamma_r \underline{y}_r + \beta_1 \underline{z}_1 + \dots + \beta_{m-r} \underline{z}_{m-r}$$

?

Yes! Because this is equivalent to the linear system:

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} | & | & | & | \\ y_1 & \dots & y_r & z_1 & \dots & z_{m-r} \\ | & | & | & | \end{array} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1 \\ \vdots \\ \gamma_r \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{m-r} \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_m \end{pmatrix}}_{=\underline{w}}$$

→ and this matrix is invertible.

So, we have  $\underline{w} = \underline{y} + \underline{z}$  where

$\underline{y} \in R(\underline{A})$  and  $\underline{z} \in N(\underline{A}^T)$ .

Last thing to check: Suppose we have  $\tilde{\underline{y}} \in R(\underline{A})$  and  $\tilde{\underline{z}} \in N(\underline{A}^T)$  so that  $\underline{w} = \tilde{\underline{y}} + \tilde{\underline{z}}$ .

$$\text{Then, } \underline{y} + \underline{z} = \underline{w} = \tilde{\underline{y}} + \tilde{\underline{z}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underline{y} - \tilde{\underline{y}} = \tilde{\underline{z}} - \underline{z}.$$

Since we are working with subspaces,

$\underline{y} - \tilde{\underline{y}} \in R(\underline{A})$  and  $\tilde{\underline{z}} - \underline{z} \in N(\underline{A}^T)$ , so

$$(y - \tilde{y})^T (z - \tilde{z}) = 0 \quad \text{because}$$

$$R(\underline{A}) \perp N(\underline{A}^T).$$

$$\text{Also, } \|y - \tilde{y}\|_2^2 = (y - \tilde{y})^T (y - \tilde{y})$$

$$= (y - \tilde{y})^T (z - \tilde{z}) = 0$$

↑  
(From above.)

$$\text{So, } y = \tilde{y} \text{ and } z = \tilde{z}.$$

Thus,  $\underline{w} = \underline{y} + \underline{z}$  is the unique way to express  $\underline{w}$  as a sum of a vector in  $R(\underline{A})$  and  $N(\underline{A}^T)$ .

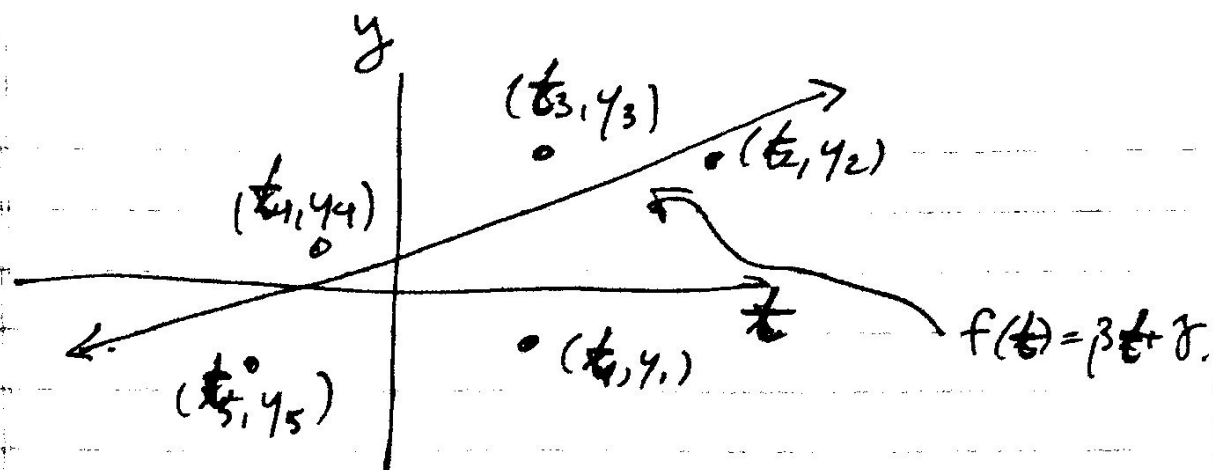
$$\Rightarrow \underline{w} \in R(\underline{A}) \oplus N(\underline{A}^T)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \subset R(\underline{A}) \oplus N(\underline{A}^T).$$

Important application (of FTLA)

(Linear) Least Squares.

Setup: We are given data  
 $(x_i, y_i), i = 1, \dots, m.$



Goal: Find the line  $f(t) = \beta t + \gamma$  that "best fits" the data  $(t_i, y_i)$ .  
 $i=1, \dots, m$ .

For each  $i=1, \dots, m$ , we want

$$y_i \approx f(t_i) = \beta t_i + \gamma,$$

which can be written in matrix

form as.

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{pmatrix}}_{\underline{b}} \approx \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} t_1 & 1 \\ t_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ t_m & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\underline{A}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix}}_{=\underline{x}}.$$

We can make " $\approx$ " more formal by formulating as an optimization problem:

$$\min_{\underline{x}} \|\underline{b} - \underline{A}\underline{x}\|_2^2 = \min_{\underline{x}} r(\underline{x}).$$

At a minimum  $\underline{x}^* = \begin{pmatrix} \beta^* \\ \gamma^* \end{pmatrix}$ , we will have  $\nabla r(\underline{x}^*) = \underline{0}$ .

We can compute:

$$r(\underline{x}) = \underline{x}^T \underline{A}^T \underline{A} \underline{x} - 2 \underline{x}^T \underline{A}^T \underline{b} + \underline{b}^T \underline{b}$$

$$\nabla r(\underline{x}) = 2 \underline{A}^T \underline{A} \underline{x} - 2 \underline{A}^T \underline{b}, \quad \text{so}$$

Setting  $\nabla r(\underline{x}^*) = \underline{0}$  gives:

$$\underline{A}^T \underline{A} \underline{x}^* = \underline{A}^T \underline{b}.$$

These are called the normal equations.