

Vector Spaces

Math Lecture 3

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Binary Operation

Given a set S , a Binary Operation is a rule for mapping pairs of elements of S to another element of S .

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Vector Space

A vector space over a field F is a set S with binary operations $+$ and \times that satisfy the following:

There exists an element 0 such that $u + 0 = u$

$$u+v = v+u$$

$$(u+v)+w = u+(v+w)$$

For any u there exists $-u$ such that $u + (-u) = 0$

There exists a scalar 1 such that $1 \times u = u$

For any scalar k , $k(u + v) = ku + kv$

For any scalars k_1 and k_2 , $(k_1 + k_2)u = k_1u + k_2u$

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Examples of Vector Spaces

\mathbb{R}^2 Euclidean Plane

\mathbb{R}^3 Euclidean Space

\mathbb{R}^{3000}

The set of all functions

The set of all continuous functions

The set of all polynomials of order 4.

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Subspace

A subset of a vector space that is also a vector space is called a subspace.

To show that a subset of a Vector Space is a subspace, one must show:

It contains the 0 vector

It is closed under scalar multiplication

It is closed under vector addition

Example:

Any plane through the origin is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3

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Basis

A Basis for a Vector Space V is a set of linearly independent vectors that spans the space.

The standard basis is denoted by e

For \mathbb{R}^3 , the standard basis is $e = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$.

$$e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad e_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Dimension

The size of any basis for a Vector Space V is the same.

The size of the basis is called the Vector Space's Dimension.

A Vector Space may not have a finite dimension.

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Projection Onto Vector Space

We've already discussed how to project a vector onto another vector.

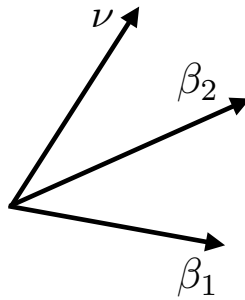
Now we'll project a vector onto a Vector Space.

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Projection Onto Vector Space

Let $\beta = \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_N\}$ be a basis for the Vector Space V .

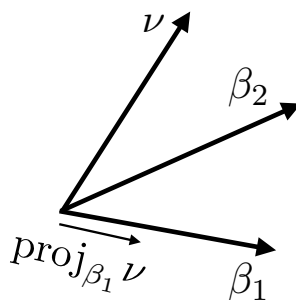
We would like to project ν onto V .



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Projection Onto Vector Space

First, project ν onto β_1 .

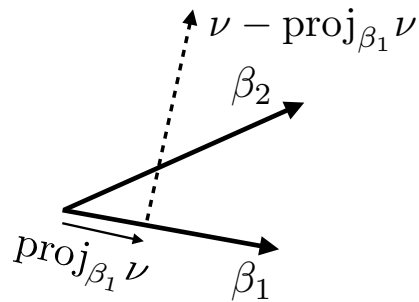


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Projection Onto Vector Space

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Subtract $\text{proj}_{\beta_1} \nu$ from ν .

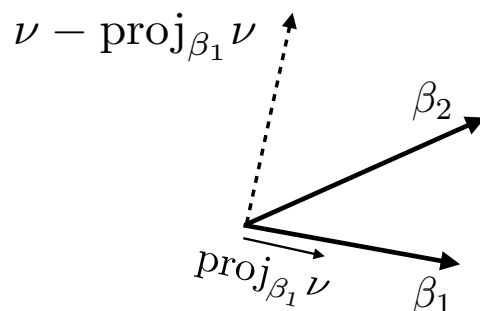


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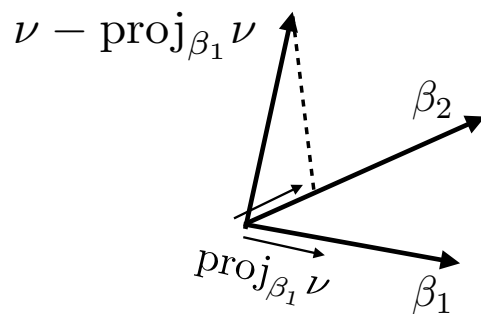
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Subtract $\text{proj}_{\beta_1} \nu$ from ν .

Project $\nu - \text{proj}_{\beta_1} \nu$ onto β_2 .



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Projection Onto Vector Space

The projection of ν onto the Vector Space V is

$$\text{proj}_{\beta_1} \nu + \text{proj}_{\beta_2} (\nu - \text{proj}_{\beta_1} \nu)$$

$$\text{proj}_{\beta_2} (\nu - \text{proj}_{\beta_1} \nu)$$

The diagram shows a vector $\nu - \text{proj}_{\beta_1} \nu$ as a solid arrow. Its projection onto β_2 is shown as a solid arrow.

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