Introduction to Vector Space Models

Vector span, Subspaces, and Basis Vectors

Linear Combinations (Algebraically)

A <u>linear combination</u> is constructed from a set of vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, ..., \mathbf{v}_p$ by multiplying each vector by a constant and adding the result:

$$\mathbf{c} = \overline{a_1} \mathbf{v}_1 + \overline{a_2} \mathbf{v}_2 + \ldots + \overline{a_p} \mathbf{v}_p = \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{a_i} \mathbf{v}_i$$

Linear Combinations

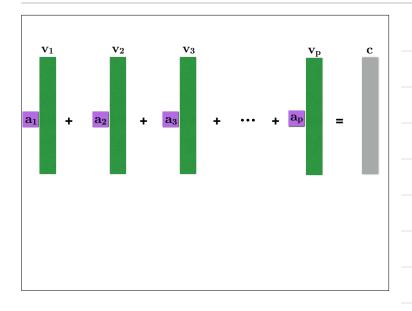
(Algebraically)

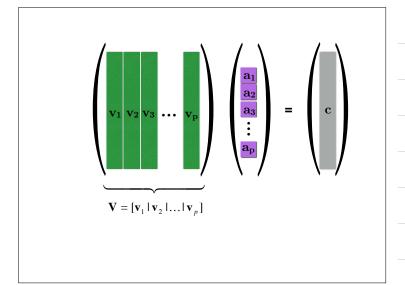
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alternatively, we could write

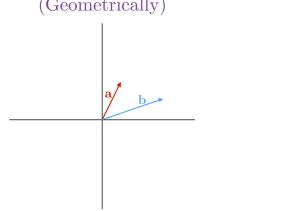
$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{a}$$
 where $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{v}_1 | \mathbf{v}_2 | \dots | \mathbf{v}_p]$ and $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 | \mathbf{v}_2 | \dots | \mathbf{v}_p \end{bmatrix}$





Linear Combinations

(Geometrically)



Linear Dependence

(Algebraically)

A group of vectors, $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, ..., \mathbf{v}_n\}$ are <u>linearly</u> <u>dependent</u> if there exists corresponding scalars, $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ..., \alpha_n\}$ not all equal to zero such that:

$$\alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \ldots + \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n = 0 \\ \text{\#PerfectMulticollinearity}$$

 $\{\mathbf{v}_{1,\mathbf{v}_{2,\dots}}\mathbf{v}_{n}\}$ are <u>linearly independent</u> if the above equation has only the trivial solution (all $\alpha_{i}=0$)

Linear Dependence

(Geometrically)

- ▶ *Two* vectors are <u>linearly dependent</u> if they are multiples of each other point in same (or opposite) direction
- ▶ *More than two* vectors are <u>linearly dependent</u> if at least one is a linear combination of the others

Linear Dependence (Geometrically) Can I add a third vector that is linearly *in*dependent of **a** and **b**? Linear Dependence (Geometrically) Can I add a third vector that is linearly in dependent of **a** and **b**?

Vector Span

(Definition)

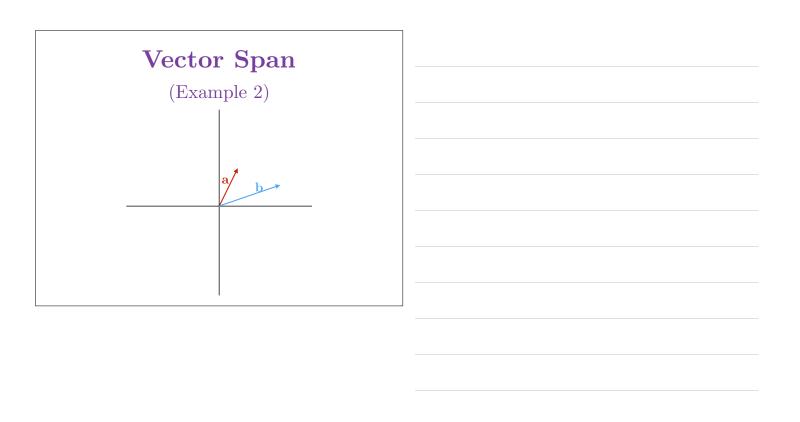
• The \underline{span} of a single vector \mathbf{v} is the set of all scalar multiples of \mathbf{v} :

 $span(\mathbf{v}) = \{\alpha \mathbf{v} \text{ for all constants } \alpha\}$

▶ The <u>span</u> of a collection of vectors $V=\{v_1,v_2,...,v_p\}$ is the set of *all* linear combinations of these vectors:

 $span(\mathbf{V}) = \{\alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_p \mathbf{v}_p \text{ for all constants } \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_p\}$

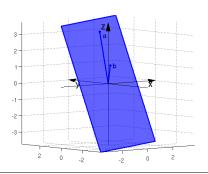
Vector Span (Example 1)



Vector Span

(Example 3)

What is the span of two linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 ?



Subspace

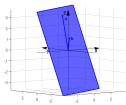
(Definition)

- A <u>subspace</u> S of \mathbb{R}^n is thought of as a "flat" (having no curvature) surface within \mathbb{R}^n . It is a collection of vectors which satisfies the following conditions:
 - The origin (0 vector) is contained in S.
 - If \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are in S then $\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{y}$ also in S.
 - If **x** is in S then α **x** is in S for any scalar α .

Subspace

(Definition)

• In other words, it is an infinite subset of vectors (points) from a larger space (\mathbb{R}^n) that when taken alone, appears like \mathbb{R}^p , p < n





➤ The <u>dimension</u> of the subspace is the minimum number of vectors it takes to span the space. (Think: # of axes)

Hyperplane

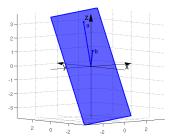
(Definition)

- A <u>hyperplane</u> is a subspace that has one less dimension than its ambient space.
- ▶ In 3-dimensional space a hyperplane would be a 2dimensional plane.
- In 4-dimensional space, a hyperplane would be a 3-dimensional plane (helps to keep same picture in mind: a "flat" subspace in 4D!)

Hyperplane

(Definition)

• A <u>hyperplane</u> cuts the ambient space into two parts, one 'above' it and one 'below it'



Practice

Is the vector
$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
 in the $span \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$?

Describe the span of one vector in \mathbb{R}^3

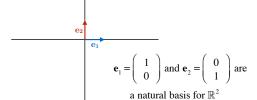
Describe the span of two linearly dependent vectors in \mathbb{R}^3

Compare the
$$span\left\{ \left(\begin{array}{c} 1\\1 \end{array}\right) \right\}$$
 to the $span\left\{ \left(\begin{array}{c} 1\\1 \end{array}\right), \left(\begin{array}{c} 2\\2 \end{array}\right) \right\}$

What is the dimension of the $span \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

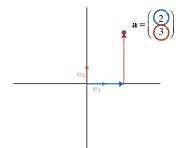
Bases and Coordinates

• A collection of vectors makes a <u>basis</u> for a space (or a subspace) if they are linearly independent and span the space.



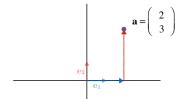
Bases and Coordinates

• Coordinate pairs are represented in a basis. Each **coordinate** tells you how far to move along each basis direction.



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(Breakdown into parts)

Bases and Coordinates

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{21} \\ x_{31} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{21} \\ x_{31} \end{pmatrix}$$

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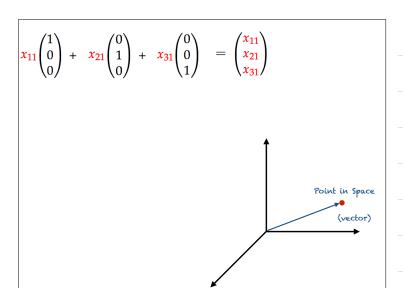
Coordinates

Bases and Coordinates

$$x_{11}\begin{pmatrix}1\\0\\0\end{pmatrix} + x_{21}\begin{pmatrix}0\\1\\0\end{pmatrix} + x_{31}\begin{pmatrix}0\\0\\1\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}x_{11}\\x_{21}\\x_{31}\end{pmatrix}$$
Basis Vectors

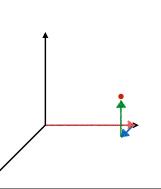
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Basis Vectors
(Think: Axes)

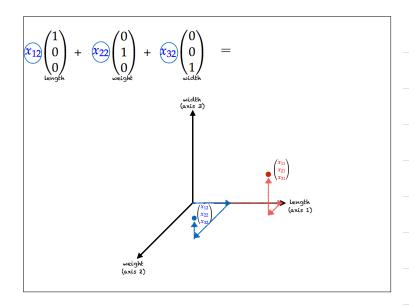
Coordinate Space

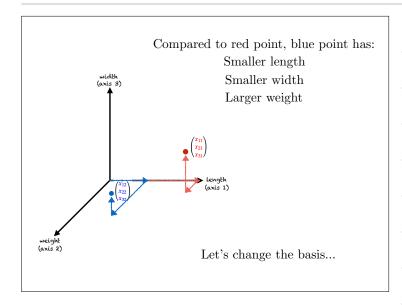


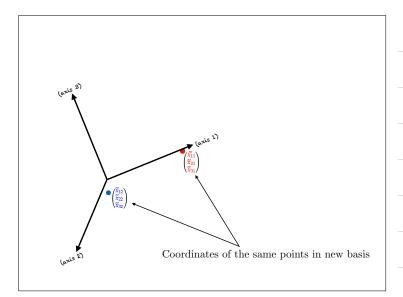
Coordinates give directions to a point along basis vectors.

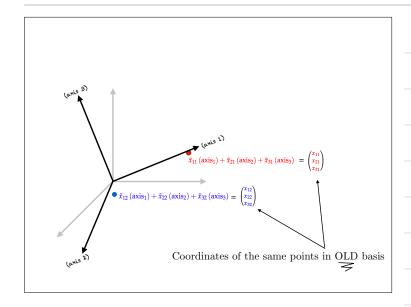
For any set of data points, the basis vectors are the same. We compare the points by comparing their coordinates.

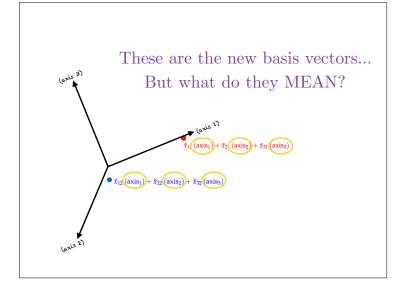


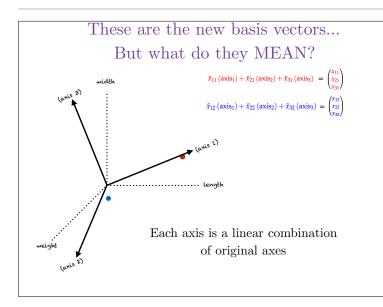


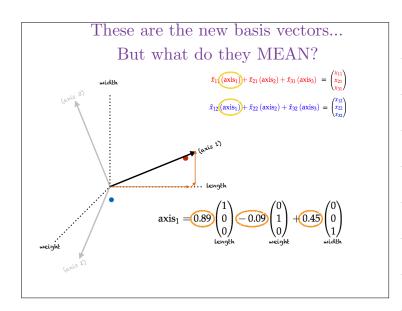


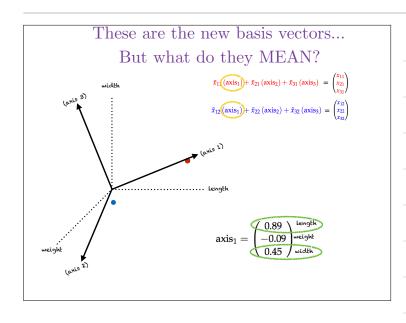


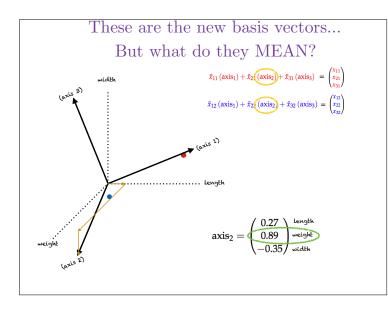


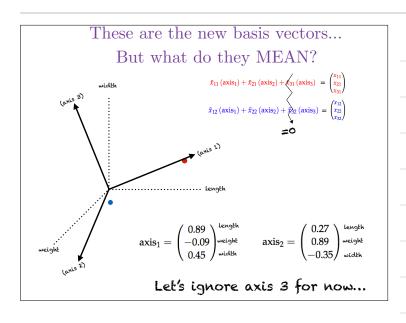


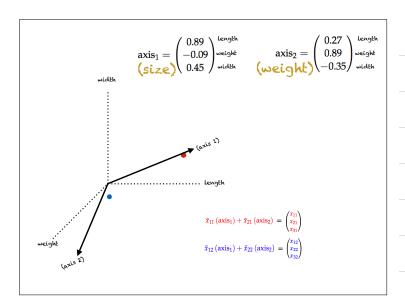








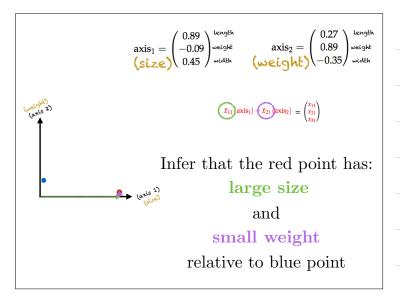




$$\begin{aligned} \text{axis}_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.89 \\ -0.09 \\ 0.45 \end{pmatrix} \overset{\text{length}}{\underset{\text{weight}}{\text{weight}}} & \text{axis}_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.27 \\ 0.89 \\ -0.35 \end{pmatrix} \overset{\text{length}}{\underset{\text{weight}}{\text{weight}}} \\ & \text{weight} \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{x}_{11} \left(\text{axis}_1 \right) + \tilde{x}_{21} \left(\text{axis}_2 \right) = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{21} \\ x_{31} \\ x_{32} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{x}_{12} \left(\text{axis}_1 \right) + \tilde{x}_{22} \left(\text{axis}_2 \right) = \begin{pmatrix} x_{21} \\ x_{21} \\ x_{32} \\ x_{32} \end{pmatrix}$$



Practice

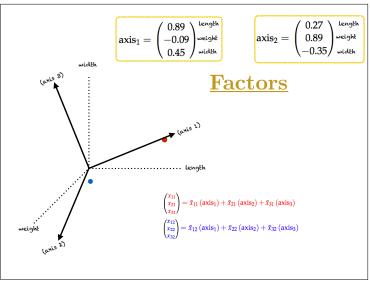
In the following picture, what would be the signs (+/-) of the coordinates of the green point in the basis $\{v_1,v_2\}$?



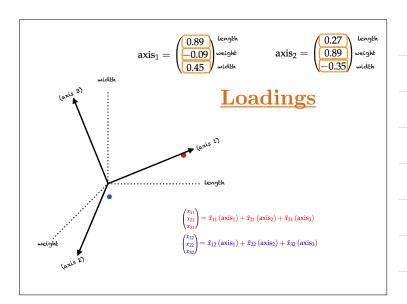
Find the coordinates of the vector $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ in the basis $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

Draw a picture to confirm your answer matches your intuition.

Some Terminology



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$$axis_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.89 \\ -0.09 \\ 0.45 \end{pmatrix} \underset{\text{weight}}{\text{weight}} \qquad axis_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.27 \\ 0.89 \\ -0.35 \end{pmatrix} \underset{\text{weight}}{\text{weight}}$$

$$\frac{\text{Scores}}{\text{Coordinates}}$$

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$$\frac{\left(x_{11}^{x_{11}}\right)}{\left(x_{21}^{x_{11}}\right)} = \frac{\bar{x}_{11}}{x_{11}} axis_1 + \frac{\bar{x}_{21}}{x_{22}} axis_2 + \frac{\bar{x}_{31}}{x_{31}} axis_3 + \frac{\bar{x}_{21}}{x_{32}} axis_3 + \frac{\bar{x}_{21}}{x_{32}} axis_3 + \frac{\bar{x}_{22}}{x_{32}} axis_3 + \frac{\bar{x}_{22}}{$$

(Nonnegative) Matrix Factorization for Text

More Complete Example

(Factors in Text)

Document 1

My cat likes to eat dog food. It's insane. He won't eat tuna, but dog food? He's all over it. Document 2

Check out this video of my dog chasing my cat around the house! He never gets tired! Simon! The cat is not a dog toy! Dumb dog. Document 3

I **injured** my **ankle** playing football yesterday. It is bruised and swollen. Maybe **sprained**?

Document 4

So **tired** of being **injured**. My **ankle** just won't get better! I **sprained** it 2 months ago!

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(Factors in Text)

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{array}{c} & doc1 & doc2 & doc3 & doc4 \\ \text{"cat"} & \left(\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ \text{"injured"} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ \text{"ankle"} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ \text{"sprained"} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

The word "dog" appears 3 times in document 2.

More Complete Example (Factors in Text) doc2 doc3 2 3 1 0 0 0 "cat" 1 2 0 "dog" 0 Basis (Elementary Axes) "tired" 0 "injured" of our 6-dimensional space "ankle" "sprained" 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 doc1 = 1+2 +0 +0 +0 +0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 tired injured ankle sprained

(Factors in Text)

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doc1 doc2 doc3 doc4
     "cat"
                       2
                             0
                                   0
                 1
2
0
                                         We can approximate this
     "dog"
                        3
                             0
     "tired"
                             0
B = "injured"
                                           matrix using a matrix
     "ankle"
                                                  factorization
     "sprained"
                   Factor1
                             Factor2
      "cat"
                    1.0
                               0
                                          doc1 doc2 doc3 doc4
                               0
      "dog"
                     1.6
                                                              \begin{pmatrix} 0.0 \\ 1.1 \end{pmatrix}
      "tired"
                                          1.0
                                                 1.7
                                                        0
                     0.4
                               0.4
\mathbf{B} \approx \text{"injured"}
                                                 0.1 0.9
                      0
                               0.8
      "ankle"
                               0.8
      "sprained"
                               0.8
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More Complete Example

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Each column of B (each document) can be written as a linear combination of factors. These linear combinations are the points' coordinate representations in the new basis.

(Factors in Text)

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$$\mathbf{B}_{\star 2} \approx 1.7 Factor_1 + 0.1 Factor_2$$

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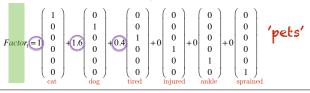
$$\mathbf{B}_{\star 2} \approx 1.7 Factor_1 + 0.1 Factor_2$$

<u>Conclude</u>: document 2 more aligned with factor 1 than factor 2

(Factors in Text)

$$\mathbf{B} \approx \begin{array}{c} \text{``cat''} \\ \text{``dog''} \\ \text{``tired''} \\ \text{``unipured''} \\ \text{``unipured''} \\ \text{``unkle''} \\ \text{``sprained''} \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{c} 1.0 & 0 \\ 1.6 & 0 \\ 0.4 & 0.4 \\ 0 & 0.8 \\ 0 & 0.8 \\ 0 & 0.8 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{c} \text{doc1 doc2 doc3 doc4} \\ 1.0 & 1.7 & 0 & 0.0 \\ 0 & 0.1 & 0.9 & 1.1 \end{array} \right)$$

How do we interpret factor 1?



More Complete Example

(Factors in Text)

$$\mathbf{B} \approx \begin{array}{c} & \textit{Factor1} & \textit{Factor2} \\ & \textit{"cat"} & \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 & 0 \\ 1.6 & 0 \\ 0.4 & 0.4 \\ & \textit{"injured"} \\ & \textit{"ankle"} \\ & \textit{"sprained"} \\ \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{c} \textit{doc1} & \textit{doc2} & \textit{doc3} & \textit{doc4} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 & 1.7 & 0 & 0.0 \\ 0 & 0.1 & 0.9 & 1.1 \\ \end{pmatrix} \\ & \textbf{Scores/Coordinates.} \\ & \textbf{Allow us to describe data observations} \end{array}$$

Loadings.

Allow us to interpret factors.

- ▶ Factor 1: pets
- \blacktriangleright Factor 2: injuries
- according to the new factors.
- ▶ Document 1: about pets
- Document 2: about pets
- ▶ Document 3: about injuries
- ▶ Document 4: about injuries

Why a New Basis?

- ▶ We want to use a **subset of the new basis vectors** (i.e. new features/variables/axes) to **reduce the dimensionality** of the data and keep patterns
- ▶ We *hope* that the new features (being combinations of the old ones) will have some **interpretation**

Interpretation of Features

- ➤ The interpretation of the new basis vectors (new features/variables) is subjective.
- We simply look at the loadings to find the variables with the highest loading values (in absolute value) and try to interpret their collective meaning.

Interpretation of Features

• Original basis vectors (features/variables) were: height, weight, head_circumference, verbal_score, quant_score, household_income, house_value.

• Let's see if we can assign some meaning to our new basis vectors (features/variables)

	Axis 1
height	0.7
weight	0.8
$head_circumference$	0.5
$verbal_score$	0
$quant_score$	0
$household_income$	0
$house_value$	0

Size?

Interpretation of Features

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• Let's see if we can assign some meaning to our new basis vectors (features/variables)

	Axis 2
height	0
weight	0
$head_circumference$	0
$verbal_score$	0.7
$quant_score$	0.8
$household_income$	0.2
$house_value$	0.1
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ability?

Interpretation of Features

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	Axis 3
height	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \end{pmatrix}$
weight	0
$head_circumference$	0
$verbal_score$	0.1
$quant_score$	0.3
$household_income$	0.9
$house_value$	0.7
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affluence?

Major Ideas from Section

- ${\color{black} \bullet}$ linear combinations geometrically
- ${\color{blue} \bullet}$ linear (in)dependence geometrically
- ${\color{blue} \bullet}$ vector span
- \rightarrow subspace
- ${}^{\blacktriangleright}$ dimension of subspace
- ${}^{\blacktriangleright}$ hyperplane
- ${}^{\blacktriangleright}$ basis vectors
- coordinates in different bases
- (generic) factor analysis
- loadings
- ${\color{red} \bullet} \ \, scores/coordinates$