



Independence (Linear and Affine)

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Introduction



Price Problem



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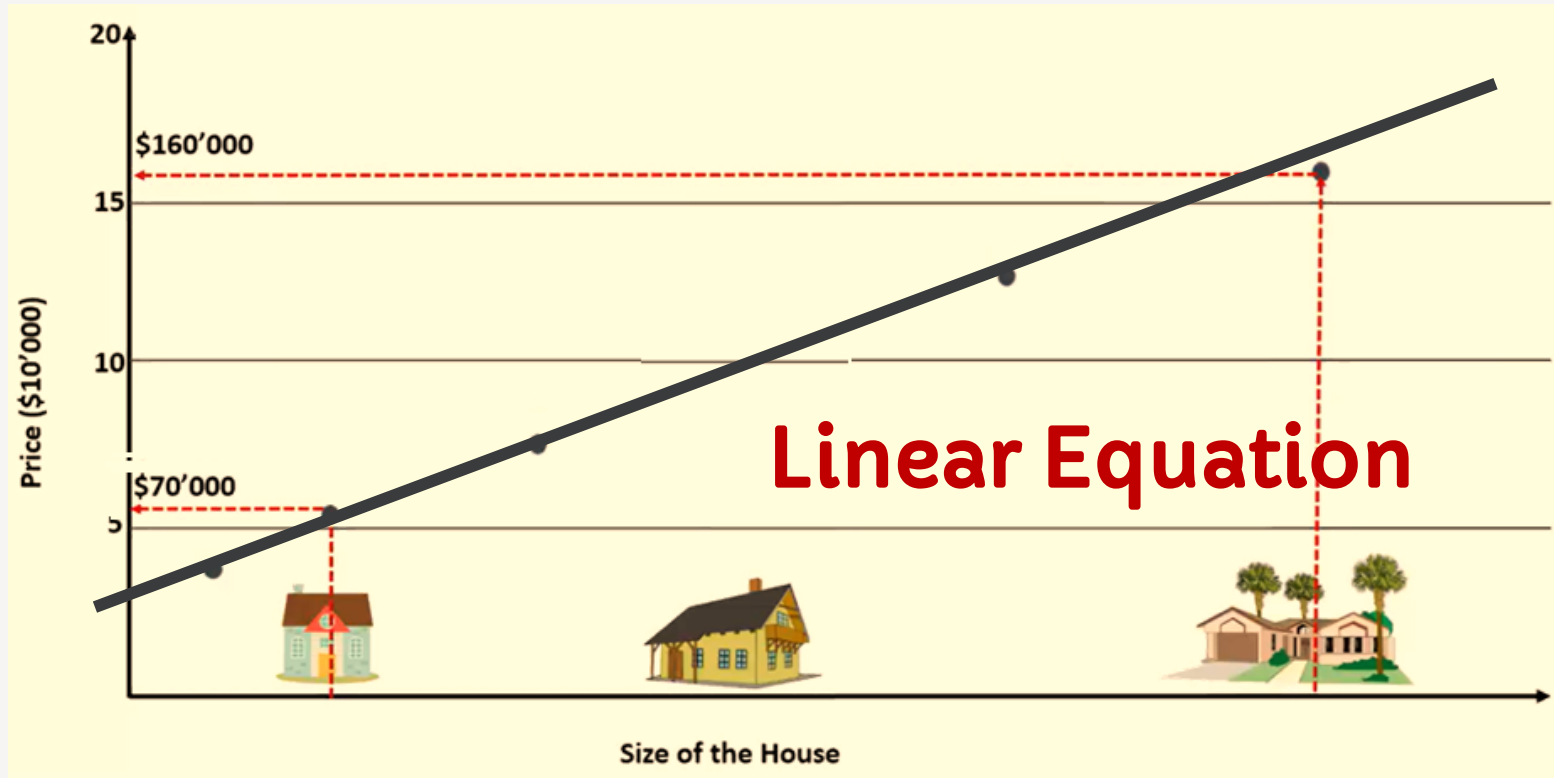
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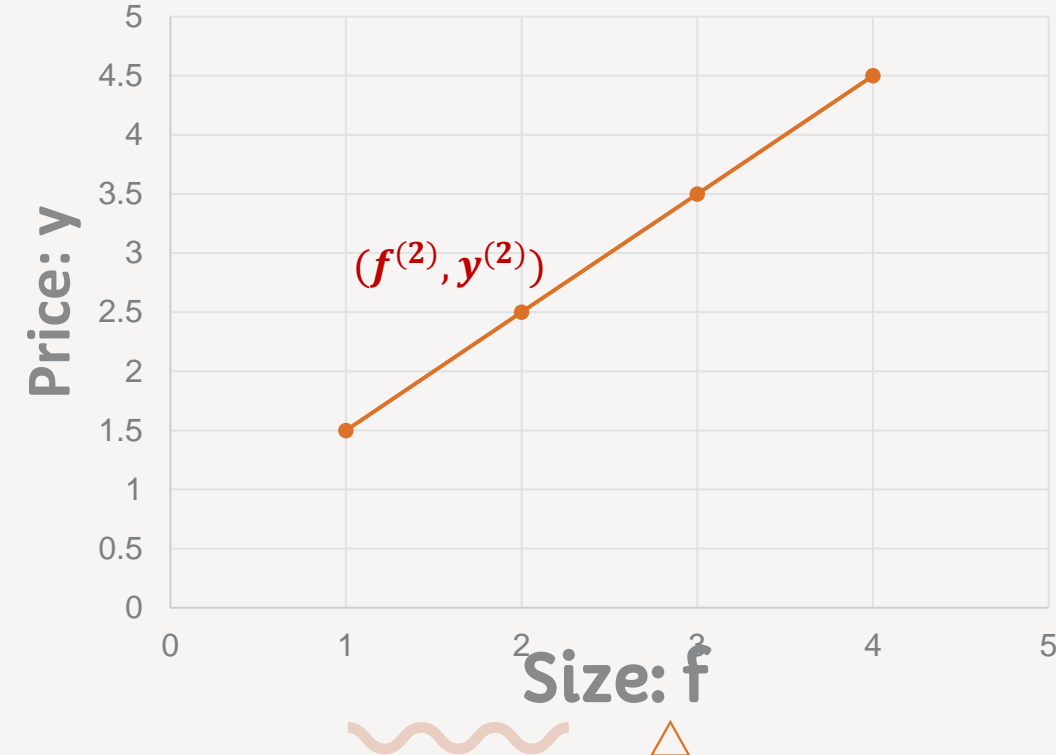
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Price Problem



Linear Equation with offset



$$y = af + c$$

How to convert it to matrix-vector multiplication?

$$Ax = b$$

House Features

- #Room
- Size
- #Bedroom
- Age
- Address features: Street, Alley, ...
- Size of part1, part2, part3, part4
- Floors
- #Bathrooms

... **Which features are dependent on others?**

02

Linear Independence

Linear Independence (Algebra)

Definition

Dependent

- ❑ For at least one $\lambda \neq 0$ $0 = \lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2 + \cdots + \lambda_n v_n, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$
- ❑ A set of vectors is dependent if at least one vector in the set can be expressed as a linear weighted combination of the other vectors in that set.

Linear Independence (Algebra)

Definition

Independent

□ Only when all $\lambda_i = 0$

$$0 = \lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2 + \cdots + \lambda_n v_n, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

□ No vector in the set is a linear combination of the others (**has only the trivial solution**)

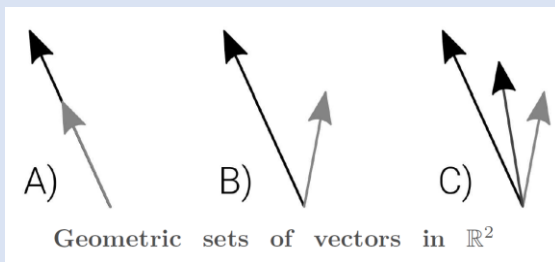
Linear Independence (Geometry)

Definition

A set of vectors is linear independent if the subspace dimensionality (its span) equals the number of vectors.

Example

❑ Are these vectors linearly independent?



Example

Example

□ Let $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$, and $v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

□ a) $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

b) $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Properties

Theorem 1

Any set of vectors that contains the zeros vector is guaranteed to be linearly dependent.



Characterization of Linearly Dependent sets

Theorem 2

An indexed set $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ of two or more vectors is linearly dependent **if and only if** at least one of the vectors in S is a linear combination of the others. In fact, if S is linearly dependent and $v_1 \neq 0$, then **some** v_j (with $j > 1$) is a linear combination of the preceding vectors, v_1, \dots, v_{j-1} .

Proof

Notes!!!

- ❑ Does not say that every vector
- ❑ Does not say that every vector in a linearly dependent set is a linear combination of the preceding vectors. A vector in a linearly dependent set may fail to be a linear combination of the other vectors.

Characterization of Linearly Dependent sets

Proof

Let j be the largest subscript for which $c_j \neq 0$. If $j = 1$, then $c_1 v_1 = 0$, which is impossible because $v_1 \neq 0$. So $j > 1$ and

$$c_1 v_1 + \cdots + c_j v_j + 0v_{j+1} + \cdots + 0v_n = 0$$

$$c_j v_j = -c_1 v_1 - \cdots - c_{j-1} v_{j-1}$$

$$v_j = \left(-\frac{c_1}{c_j}\right) v_1 + \cdots + \left(-\frac{c_{j-1}}{c_j}\right) v_{j-1}$$

Characterization of Linearly Dependent sets

Proof

If some v_j in S equals a linear combination of the other vectors, then v_j can be subtracted from both sides of the equation, Producing a linear dependence relation with a nonzero weight (-1) on v_j . [For instance, if $v_1 = c_2v_2 + c_3v_3$, then $0 = (-1)v_1 + c_2v_2 + c_3v_3 + 0v_4 + \dots + 0v_n$.] Thus S is linearly dependent.

Conversely, suppose S is linearly dependent. If v_1 is zero, then it is a (trivial) linear combination of the other vectors in S . Otherwise, $v_1 \neq 0$, and there exist weights c_1, \dots, c_n not all zero, such that

$$c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_nv_n = 0$$

Properties

- The vectors coming from the vector form of the solution of a matrix equation $Ax = 0$ are linearly independent

Example

- Vectors related to x_2 and x_3 are linear independent.
- Columns of A related to x_2 and x_3 are linear dependent.
- $\text{Span}\{A_1, A_2, A_3\} = \text{Span}\{A_1\}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Properties

Important

- ❑ If a collection of vectors is linearly dependent, then any **superset** of it is linearly dependent.
- ❑ Any nonempty **subset** of a linearly independent collection of vectors is linearly independent.

Properties

Theorem 3

- Any set of $p > n$ vectors in \mathbb{R}^n is necessarily dependent.
- Any set of $p \leq n$ vectors in \mathbb{R}^n could be linearly independent.

Proof

$$n \begin{matrix} & & p \\ \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Exercise

Example

a. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$

b. $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$

c. $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \\ -9 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$

Linear Dependent Properties

- Suppose vectors v_1, \dots, v_n are linearly dependent:

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n = 0$$

with $c_1 \neq 0$. Then:

$$\text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} = \text{span}\{v_2, \dots, v_n\}$$

- When we write a vector space as the space of a list of vectors, we would like that list to be as short as possible. This can be achieved by iterating.

Linear combinations of linearly independent vectors

Theorem 4

Suppose x is linear combination of linearly independent vectors v_1, \dots, v_n :

$$x = \beta_1 v_1 + \dots + \beta_n v_n$$

The coefficients β_1, \dots, β_n are unique.

Proof

Conclusion

- ❑ Step 1: Count the number of vectors (call that number p) in the set and compare to n in \mathbb{R}^n . As mentioned earlier, if $p > n$, then the set is necessarily dependent. If $p \leq n$ then you have to move on to step 2.
- ❑ Step 2: Check for a vector of all zeros. Any set that contains the zeros vector is a dependent set.
- ❑ The rank of a matrix is the estimate of the number of linearly independent rows or columns in a matrix.

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Functions Linearly Independent



Functions Linearly Independent

- Let $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ be differentiable functions. Then they are called **linearly dependent** if there are nonzero constants c_1 and c_2 with

$$c_1 f(t) + c_2 g(t) = 0$$

for all t . Otherwise they are called **linearly independent**.

Example

Linearly dependent or independent?

□ Functions $f(t) = 2 \sin^2 t$ and $g(t) = 1 - \cos^2 t$

□ Functions $\{\sin^2 x, \cos^2 x, \cos(2x)\} \subset \mathcal{F}$

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Polynomials Linearly Independent



Vector Space of Polynomials

Example

Are $(1 - x), (1 + x), x^2$ linearly independent?



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Affine Combination

Combinations

- For vectors x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k : any point y is a **linear combination** of them iff:

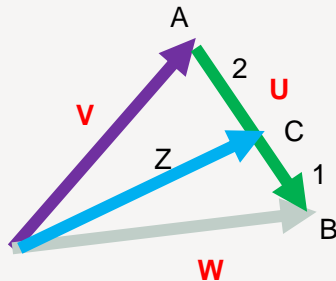
$$y = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_i x_i \quad \forall i, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

- Instead of being positive, if we put the restriction that α_i 's sum up to 1, it is called an **affine combination**

$$y = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_i x_i \quad \forall i, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}, \sum_i \alpha_i = 1$$

Affine Combinations (Geometry)

- Linear combination and Affine combination (no origin, independent of the concepts of distance and measure of angles, keeping only the properties related to parallelism and ratio of lengths for parallel line segments)
- Affine combination of two vectors
- Affine combination of z



Affine Combination

Theorem 5

A point y in \mathbb{R}^n is an affine combination of v_1, \dots, v_p in \mathbb{R}^n if and only if $y - v_i$ is a linear combination of the translated points $v_1 - v_i, v_2 - v_i, \dots, v_p - v_i$

Proof?

Example

Find a vector equation and parametric equations of the plane in \mathbb{R}^4 that passes through $(-17, 6, 29, 0)$, $(-13, 3, 25, -2)$ and $(-15, 6, 25, -1)$.

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Affine Independence

Affine Independence

Definition

An indexed set of points $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n is **affinely dependent** if there exists real numbers c_1, \dots, c_k , not all zero, such that

$$c_1 + \dots + c_k = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k = 0$$

Otherwise, the set is **affinely independent**.

Conclusion

- How to find affine dependent from linear dependent definition and affine combination
- Uniqueness of affine combination of affinely independent set.
- Linear dependence relation with affine dependence



Affine Independence

Note

Given an indexed set $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n , with $p \geq 2$, the following statements are logically equivalent. That is, either they are all true statements or they are all false.

- a. S is affinely dependent.
- b. One of the points in S is an affine combination of other points in S .
- c. The set $\{v_2 - v_1, \dots, v_p - v_1\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n is linearly dependent.

\mathbb{R}^n contains at most $n + 1$ affinely independent points

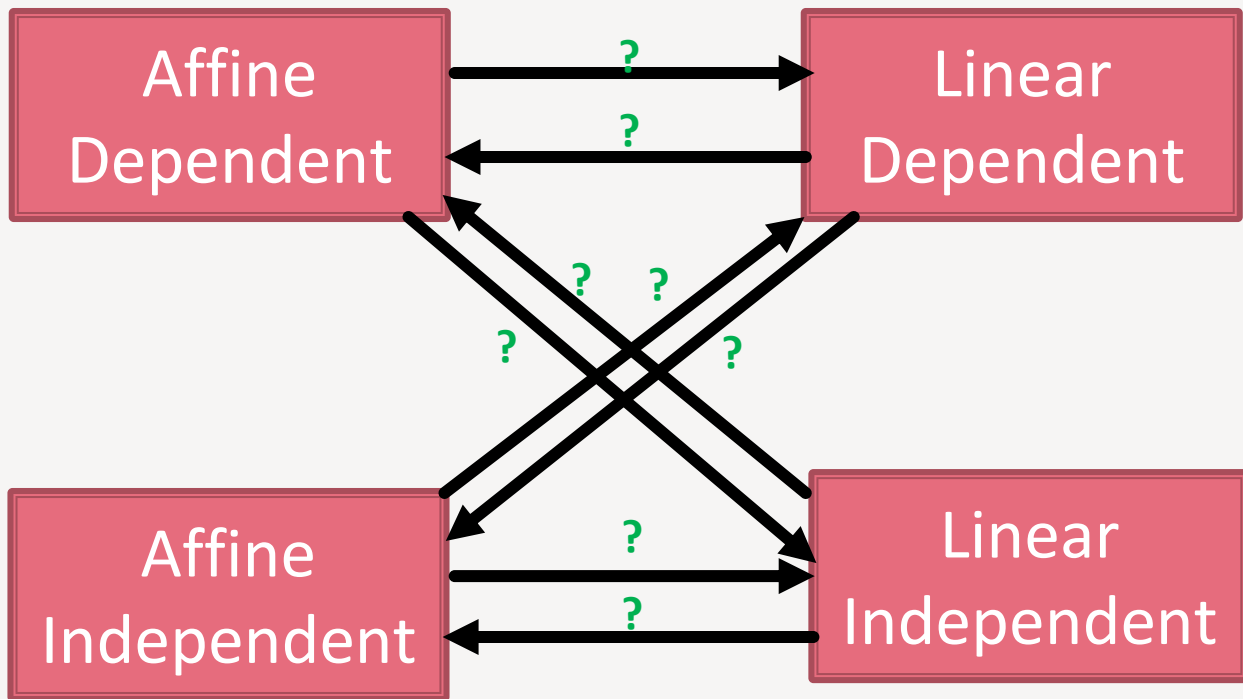
Exercise

Example

Let $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$, $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ 6.5 \end{bmatrix}$, $v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$, and $v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 14 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$, and let $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_4\}$.

Is S affinely dependent?

Conclusion : Linear and Affine



Linearly Independent Sets versus Spanning Sets

Span	Linearly Independent
Want many vectors in small space	Want few vectors in big space
Adding vectors to list only helps	Deleting vectors from list only helps
Suppose that v_1, \dots, v_k are columns of A, now we have: AX= b has solution $\Leftrightarrow b \in \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$	Suppose that v_1, \dots, v_k are columns of A, now we have: AX = 0 has only trivial solution(X=0) $\Leftrightarrow v_1, \dots, v_k$ are linearly independent.

Resources

- ❑ Page 97 LINEAR ALGEBRA: Theory, Intuition, Code
- ❑ Page 213: David Cherney,
- ❑ Page 54: Linear Algebra and Optimization for Machine Learning

