

# Grassmannian as Continuous Abstract Data Type with Computable Semantics

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## Example.

The Grassmannian  $Gr(1, \mathbb{R}^3)$  is the set of all lines in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  passing through the origin. The Grassmannian  $Gr(n-1, \mathbb{R}^n)$  is the set of hyperplanes in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , passing through the origin.

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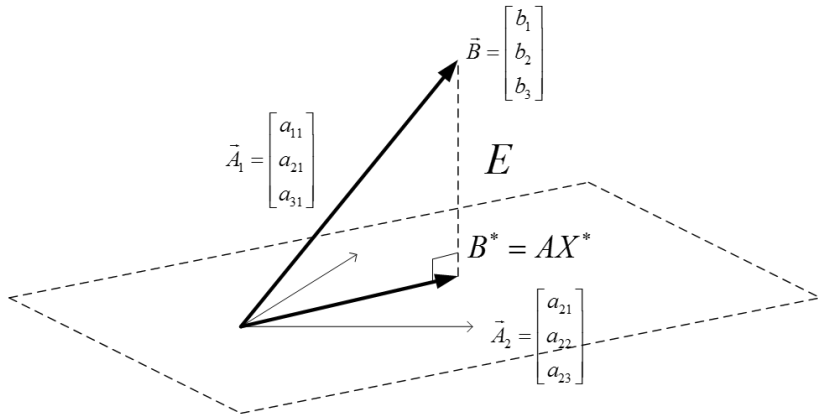
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Since we are representing subspaces as matrices with elements in  $\mathbb{R}$ , we have the following:

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The multi-valued `select` function takes two inputs  $b$  and  $c$  from  $\{0, 1, \perp\}$ , and computes as follows:

$$\text{select}(b, c) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } b \text{ is defined} \\ 1 & \text{if } c \text{ is defined} \\ 0/1 & \text{if both are defined} \\ \perp & \text{if neither are defined} \end{cases}$$



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The image shows four 4x4 matrices illustrating the steps of Gaussian elimination. Each matrix is a 4x4 grid of asterisks. In the first matrix, a red dot is in the top-right cell and a green dot is in the bottom-middle cell. In the second matrix, a green dot is in the top-middle cell and a red dot is in the bottom-middle cell. In the third matrix, a green dot is in the top-middle cell and zeros are in the bottom-right cells. In the fourth matrix, a green dot is in the top-middle cell and the bottom three rows are highlighted in red.

Also, we will *specify* that the dimension of the output space is given as part of the input.

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This follows from the fact that  $\text{col}(A)^\perp = \ker(A^T)$ .

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procedure GAUSSIAN2( $A, r$ )
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      if  $r = 0$  then
4:     return  $A$ 
       $j, k \leftarrow \text{select}(|A_{1,1}| > 0, \dots, |A_{2d, m+n}| > 0)$ 
6:     Swap  $c_1$  and  $c_k$  of  $A$ 
      for  $p$  from 2 to  $n$  do
8:        $c_p \leftarrow c_p - \frac{A_{j,p}}{A_{j,1}} c_1$ 
       $A[1 : j - 1 \cup j + 1 : m, 2 : n] \leftarrow \text{Gaussian2}(A[1 : j - 1 \cup j + 1 : m, 2 : n], r - 1)$ 
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procedure JOIN( $A, B, l$ )
12:   $M \leftarrow \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline A & 0 \end{array} \right]$ 
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**procedure** MEET( $A, B, l$ )

12:  $M \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ A & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $M \leftarrow \text{Gaussian2}(M, l)$   
**return**  $M[d + 1 : 2d, m + n - k + 1 : m + n]$

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**procedure** PROJECTION( $A, B, l$ )

12:  $P \leftarrow A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$     ▷ We are guaranteed the existence of  $(A^T A)^{-1}$  because  $A^T A$  is regular  
**return** Gaussian2( $PB, l$ )[1 :  $d$ , 1 :  $l$ ]

# Implementation in iRRAM

The source code can be viewed at

<https://github.com/realcomputation/irramplus/tree/master/GRASSMANN>.

Thank you!