

Multivariate Verfahren 2

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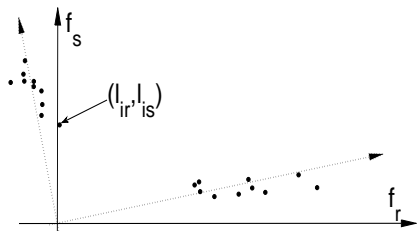
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The original variables are put into a coordinate system spanned by the normalized factors, the loadings (l_{i1}, \dots, l_{ik}) , $i = 1, \dots, p$ are the coordinates of the variables: $\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{f}$



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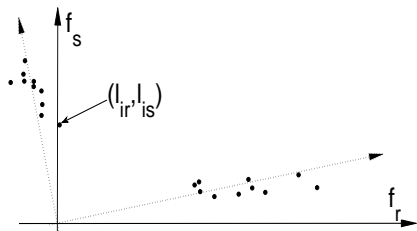
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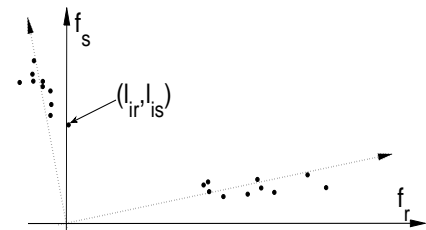
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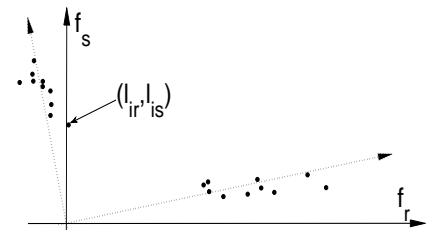
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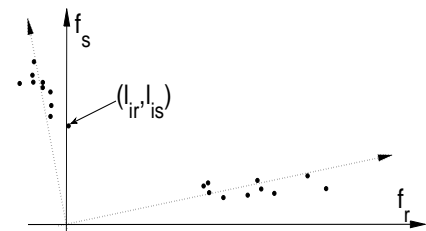
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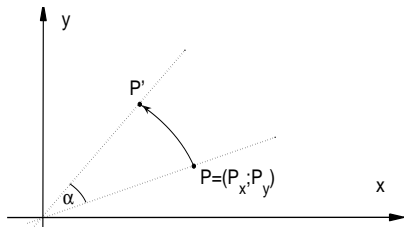
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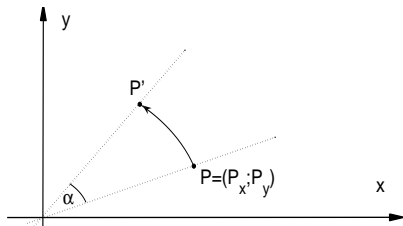
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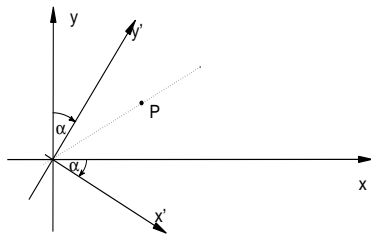
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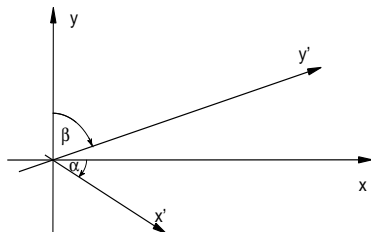
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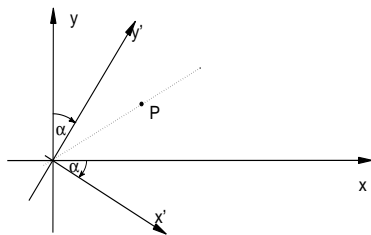


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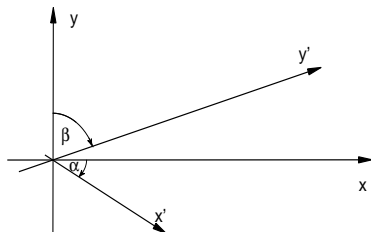
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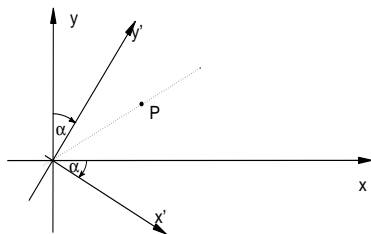


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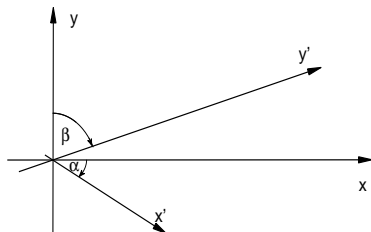
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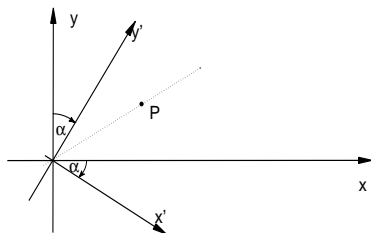


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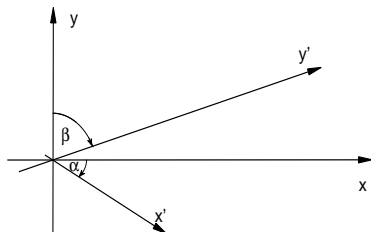
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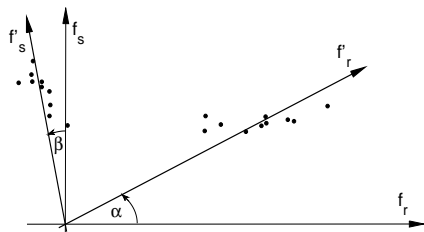
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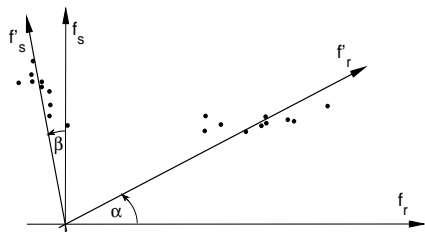
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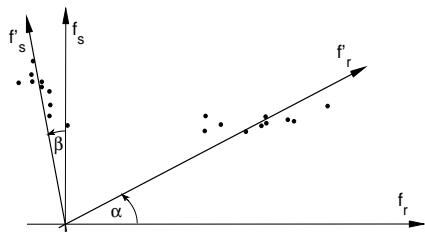
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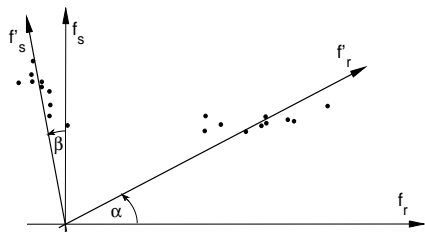
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