

18-661 Introduction to Machine Learning

Linear Algebra Review

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Linear Equations

- Set of linear equations (two equations, two unknowns)

$$4x_1 - 5x_2 = -13$$

$$-2x_1 + 3x_2 = 9$$

- Can represent compactly in matrix notation

$$Ax = b$$

with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} -13 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Basic notation

- A matrix with real-valued entries, m rows and n columns:

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

A_{ij} denotes the entry in the i th row and j th column

- A (column) vector with n real-valued entries

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

x_i denotes the i th entry

- The transpose operator A^\top switches the rows and columns of a matrix:

$$A_{ij} = (A^\top)_{ji}$$

- For a vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $x^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$ represents a row vector
- Properties
 - $(A^\top)^\top = A$
 - $(A + B)^\top = A^\top + B^\top$
 - $(AB)^\top = B^\top A^\top$
 - $(A^{-1})^\top = (A^\top)^{-1}$

Elements of a matrix

- Can write a matrix in terms of its columns:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

- Note: a_i here corresponds to an entire vector $a_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$, not an element of a vector

- Similarly, can write in terms of rows:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} - & a_1^\top & - \\ - & a_2^\top & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & a_m^\top & - \end{bmatrix}$$

- Note: $a_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$ here and $a_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$ on previous slide are not the same vector

- For two matrices of the same size and type, $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, addition is just the sum of the corresponding elements:

$$A + B = C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \iff C_{ij} = A_{ij} + B_{ij}$$

- Addition is undefined for matrices of different sizes

Matrix multiplication

- For two matrices $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$, their product is:

$$AB = C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p} \iff C_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} B_{kj}$$

- Multiplication is undefined with the number of columns in A doesn't equal the number of rows in B (unless in case: cA where $c \in \mathbb{R}$ is a scalar)
- Special cases:
 - Inner product: $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $x^\top y \in \mathbb{R} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$
 - Matrix-vector product: $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \iff Ax \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}, Ax \in \mathbb{R}^m = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$$

Important properties

- Associative: $A(BC) = (AB)C$
- Distributive: $A(B + C) = AB + AC$
- *Not* Commutative: $AB \neq BA$
- Transpose: $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$

- **Identity matrix:**

$$I_n \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Has the property that for any $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

$$AI_n = A = I_m A$$

- **Ones vector:** $\mathbf{1} \in \mathbb{R}^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}^\top$. Useful, e.g., to represent sums: $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\mathbf{1}^\top a = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$
- **Symmetric matrix:** $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ where $A = A^\top$
- **Diagonal matrix:** $\text{diag}(d) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} = dI_n$

- A vector norm is any function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with
 - $f(x) \geq 0$ and $f(x) = 0 \iff x = 0$
 - $f(ax) = |a|f(x)$ for $a \in \mathbb{R}$
 - $f(x + y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$
- e.g., ℓ_2 norm: $\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{x^\top x} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$
- e.g., ℓ_1 norm: $\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$

- The *inverse* of a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is a matrix $A^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ such that:

$$AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I_n$$

- If A^{-1} exists, then A is called invertible or non-singular
- Otherwise, A is called singular
- A matrix A is invertible iff $\det(A) \neq 0$

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- For $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, λ is an eigenvalue and $x \neq 0$ is an eigenvector if:

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

- $\det(A - \lambda I_n)$ is called the **characteristic equation** of the matrix A
- Eigenvalues of A are the roots of the characteristic equation
- Associated eigenvectors of A are non-zero solutions to the equation $(A - \lambda I_n)x = 0$.

Singular value decomposition (SVD)

Every matrix has the following decomposition:

SVD

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ then

$$A = U \Sigma V^T,$$

where $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ are orthogonal matrices (i.e. $U^T = U^{-1}$) and $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is a diagonal matrix with *singular values* of A denoted by σ_i appearing by non-increasing order: $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_{\min(m,n)} \geq 0$.

- The square singular values of A are the eigenvalues of the matrix AA^T or $A^T A$, i.e., $\sigma_i(A) = \sqrt{\lambda_i(AA^T)} = \sqrt{\lambda_i(A^T A)}$