# Self-Assessment for BerkeleyX CS190.1x

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## 1 Linear Algebra

1. *Matrix-Matrix Multiply*. Solve the equation below.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

2. Vector-Vector Multiply. Which of the following statements about the two mathemetical expressions below are true (more than one may be correct)?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}^{\top} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}^{\top}$$
(a) (b)

- (a) is an inner product, and (b) is an outer product.
- (a) is an outer product, and (b) is an inner product.
- The output of (a) is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix.
- The output of (b) is scalar.

3. Matrix Properties. Consider the  $n \times m$  matrix A. Which of the following statements are true (more than one may be correct)?

- **A** is symmetric iff  $\mathbf{A}^{\top} = \mathbf{A}$ .
- A + A = 2A.
- If  $n \neq m$  then  $A^{-1}$  does not exist.
- Assuming  $A^{-1}$  exists,  $AA^{-1} = I$  where I is the identity matrix.

4. Norms. Consider the n-dimensional vector x. Which of the following statements are true (more than one may be correct)?

$$\bullet \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 .$$
 
$$\bullet \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{x} .$$

$$\bullet \ \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x}$$

$$\bullet \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^\top\|_F .$$

$$\bullet \ \left\| \mathbf{x} \right\|_2 \geq \left\| \mathbf{x} \right\|_1 \ .$$

# 2 Algorithms

1. Big-O notation. Consider the  $n \times m$  matrix A and the n-dimensional vector x. What is the time complexity in Big-O notation of computing  $A^{T}x$ ? What is the space complexity in Big-O notation?

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2. Higher-order Functions. Evaluate the Python expression below.

$$myList = [-2, 4, 3, -1]$$
  
 $map(lambda x: x*3 + 2, myList)$ 

## 3 Machine Learning

- 1. Overfitting. Which of the following statements are true (more than one may be correct)?
  - Assessing a coin's bias from a single observed coin flip is an example of overfitting.
  - Overfitting is primarily a concern when training statistical models with large datasets.
  - Regularization is used to protect against overfitting.
  - Overfitting to the training data leads to poor generalization on new data points.
- 2. Learning Settings. Match each problem description with the type of learning setting.

Problem	Learning Setting
Differentiating between spam and non-spam emails	Regression
Predicting SAT scores from high-school GPA	Binary classification
Categorizing images as one of 100 image classes	Multiclass Classification

# 4 Calculus and Probability

1. Derivatives. Compute the derivative of

$$f(w) = l(w) + \lambda w^2$$

with respect to w, given some differentiable function  $l(\cdot)$  and some constant  $\lambda$ .

- 2. Expected Value. Let  $S_n$  be the number of successes in n independent and identically distributed Bernoulli trials with probability p for success. Compute the expected number of successes.
- 3. *Conditional Probability*. Which of the following statements are true (more than one may be correct)?
  - $\mathbf{P}[X|Y]\mathbf{P}[Y] = \mathbf{P}[Y|X]\mathbf{P}[X]$ .
  - $\mathbf{P}[X] = \mathbf{P}[X|Y]\mathbf{P}[Y]$ .
  - P[X, Y] = P[X|Y]P[Y].
  - P[X|Y] = P[X] if X and Y are independent.
- 4. Probability Distributions. Match each distribution to its probability density function.

Distribution	Probability Density Function
Normal	$\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$
Binomial	$\frac{1}{b-a}$ when $a \le x \le b$ ; 0 otherwise
Uniform	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}}\exp\left(\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{-2\sigma^2}\right)$
Bernoulli	$p^x(1-p)^{1-x}$

## 5 Python

1. Online Quiz. Take the following online quiz: http://www.mypythonquiz.com.

#### 6 Additional Resources

Listed below are a few resources that cover the topics discussed above. All of these resources are freely available on the web.

- Machine Learning: Pedros Domingos' review paper [3] and the introduction to Mohri, Rostamizadeh and Talwalkar's texbook [6].
- Linear Algebra: Zico Kolter and Chuong Do's tutorial [5].
- Calculus: Wikipedia's calculus book [2].
- Probability: Paola Sebastiani's tutorial [7].
- Algorithms: Wikipedia's algorithms book [1], in particular Chapter 2: Mathematical Background.
- Python: The Python tutorial as part of the UC Berkeley CS188 course [4].

### References

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The introduction to this book is available as a 'Sample Chapter' on the MIT Press website.