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Maths Preliminaries

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Introduction

- This review focuses on Linear Algebra, in the context of COMP6714.

- Key take-away points

- Matrices as Linear mappings/functions

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Note

- You've probably learned Linear Algebra from matrix/system of linear equations, etc. We will review key concepts in LA from the perspective of linear transformations (think of it as *functions* for now). This perspective provides semantics and

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- models/operations in this perspective e!

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A Common Trick in Maths I

Question

Calculate 2^{10} , 2^{-1} , $2^{\ln 5}$ and 2^{4-3i} ?

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- $f(u) * f(v) = f(u + v)$.
- $f(x) := y \Leftrightarrow \ln(y) = x \ln(a) \Leftrightarrow f$
- $e^{ix} = \cos(x) + i \sin(x)$
- The trick:
- Same in Linear algebra

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Objects and Their Representations

Goal

- We need to study the objects
- (On one side:
 - A good representation helps (a lot)!

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Basic Concepts I

Algebra

- a set of objects
- two operations and their identity objects (aka. *identity element*):

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- Closed for both operations
- Some nice properties of these operation
 - Commutative: $a + b = b + a$
 - Associative: $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$
 - Distributive: $\lambda(a + b) = \lambda a + \lambda b$

Basic Concepts II

Think: *What about subtraction and division?*

Tips

Always use analogy from algebra on integers (\mathbb{Z}) and algebra on Poly

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Basic Concepts III

Representation matters?

Consider even geometric vectors: $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$

What if we represent vectors by a column of their coordinates?

What if by their polar coordinates?

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Notes

- Informally, the objects we are concerned with are (column) vectors.
- The set of all n -dimensional real vectors is called \mathbb{R}^n .

(Column) Vector

Vector

- A n -dimensional vector \mathbf{v} , is a $n \times 1$ matrix. We can emphasize its shape by calling it a *column* vector.
- A *row* vector is a transposed column vector: \mathbf{v}^T .

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Linearity I

Linear Combination: Generalization of Univariate Linear Functions

- Let $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$, given a set of k vectors \mathbf{v}_i ($i \in [k]$), a linear combination of them is

$$\lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \lambda_k \mathbf{v}_k = \sum_{i \in [k]} \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i$$

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$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{v}_k \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda =$$

- Span: All linear combination of a set of vector of them.
- Basis: The minimal set of vectors whose span is exactly the whole \mathbb{R}^n .

Linearity II

- Benefit: every vector has a **unique** decomposition into basis.

Think: *Why uniqueness is desirable?*

Examples

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Think: *Who?*

- Decompose $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

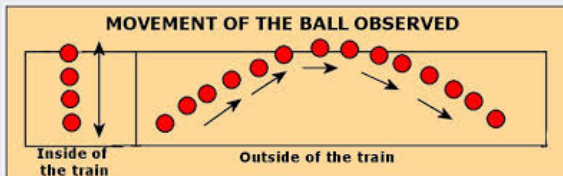
Linearity III

Exercises

- What are the (natural) basis of all (univariate) Polynomials of degrees up to n ?
- Decompose $3x^2 + 4x - 8$ into *the* linear combination of 2,

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- The “same” polynomial is mapped to two di
under two different bases. **Think**



Matrix I

Linear Transformation

- is a “nice” linear function that maps a vector in \mathbb{R}^n to another vector in \mathbb{R}^n

 y_1

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- The general form:

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{f} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow y_3 = M_{31}x_1 + M_{32}x_2$$

Matrix II

Nonexample

$$\begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ x \end{array} \xrightarrow{f} \begin{array}{c} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{array} \implies \begin{array}{l} y_1 = \alpha x_1^2 + \beta x_2 \\ y_2 = \gamma x_1^2 + \theta x_1 + \tau x_2 \end{array}$$

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Matrix III

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Why Only Linear Transformation?

- Simple and nice properties:
 - $(f_1 + f_2)(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x)$
 - $(\lambda f)(x) = \lambda \cdot f(x)$
 - What about $f(g(x))$?
- Useful

Matrix I

Definition

- A $m \times n$ matrix corresponds to a linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^m .
- $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y} \implies \mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$, where matrix-vector

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mapping; the latter is more or less the understanding of a *function*. The *morphism* in category theory.

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Semantic Interpretation

Matrix II

- Linear combination of columns of \mathbf{M} :

$$\begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | & | \\ M_1 & M_2 & \dots & M_n & x \\ | & | & & | & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | & | \\ M_1 & M_2 & \dots & M_n & \vdots \\ | & | & & | & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix}$$

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Matrix III

- Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -4 & 9 \\ 25 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 25 \end{bmatrix} + 10 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 9 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 21 \\ 86 \\ 35 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Think: What does M do for the last e

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- When x is also a matrix,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -4 & 9 \\ 25 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 10 & 20 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 21 & 42 \\ 86 & 172 \\ 35 & 70 \end{bmatrix}$$

System of Linear Equations I

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$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= M_{11}x_1 + M_{12}x_2 \\ y_2 &= M_{21}x_1 + M_{22}x_2 \end{aligned} \implies \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = M \ x + M \ x$$

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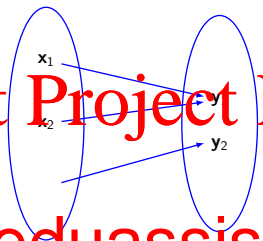
- Interpretation: find a vector in \mathbb{R}^2

M is exactly the given vector y

- How to solve it?

System of Linear Equations II

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The above transformation is *injec*

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A Matrix Also Specifies a (Generalized) Coordinate System

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Yet another interpretation

$$\bullet \quad y = Mx \implies Iy = Mx.$$

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A Matrix Also Specifies a (Generalized) Coordinate System II

Example for polynomials

for 1 1 0 0

for 3 3 1 -4

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$$\text{Let } \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \implies \mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{I} \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Exercise 1

- What if \mathbf{y} is given in the above example?

- What does the following mean?

3 1 4 1 0 0 3 1 4

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- Think about representing polynomials using the basis:

$(x - 1)^2$, $x^2 - 1$, $x^2 + 1$.

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Inner Product

THE binary operator – some kind of “similarity”

- Type signature: vector \times vector \rightarrow scalar: $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$.
- In \mathbb{R}^n , usually called *dot product*: $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{y} = \sum_i x_i y_i$.
- For certain functions, $f, g = \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt$. leads to the

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 - linearity in the first argument: $\langle a\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle = a \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle$
 - positive definiteness: $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \geq 0$
- Generalizes many geometric concepts to \mathbb{R}^n (orthogonal), projection, norm
 - $\langle \sin nt, \sin mt \rangle = 0$ within $[-\pi, \pi]$ ($m \neq n$) \Rightarrow they are orthogonal to each other.
- $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{B}$: $C_{ij} = \langle A_i, B_j \rangle$
 - Special case: $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$.

Eigenvalues/vectors and Eigen Decomposition

“Eigen” means “characteristic of” (German)

- A (right) **eigenvector** of a square matrix **A** is **u** such that $A\mathbf{u} = \lambda\mathbf{u}$.
- Not all matrices have eigenvalues. Here, we only consider

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- \mathbf{U} (as

columns). Then $A\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}\Lambda$, or equiv

This is the **Eigen Decomposition**.

- We can interpret \mathbf{U} as a transform coordinate systems. **Note** that vectors \mathbf{u}_i are orthogonal.

- Λ as the scaling on each of the directions in the “new” coordinate system.

Applications

Compute \mathbf{A}^n

- Apply Eigen Decomposition. $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^{-1}$.
- Then

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Exercises I

- Rewrite $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i$ in vector/matrix operations.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 2x_2 \\ 3x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Exercises II

- Suppose we want to apply the linear mapping \mathbf{W} to more than one \mathbf{x} vectors. Draw a schematic diagram to show how this can be done using matrix operations (rather than a loop).

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- In machine learning, we usually store training data as a **data matrix**; if it is $n \times m$, then it has n rows and m columns. Each sample is characterized by its m features. Can I apply the above linear mapping to all the training samples?

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References and Further Reading I

- Gaussian Quadrature:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-yUdcRXijo>

- Linear Algebra Review and Reference.

<http://cs229.stanford.edu/section/cs229-linalg.pdf>

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- We Recommend a Singular Value Decomposition.

<http://www.ams.org/samplings/>

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