

Maths for ML - C3.1 - Norm

A norm on a vector space V is a function

$$\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

A norm translates a vector space to a number

3 conditions of norms:

$$\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \quad x, y \in V$$

Absolute homogeneous: $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|$

if you multi a vector by a scalar the resulting scalar is the same as the absolute value of the scalar $|\lambda|$ times the norm of the original vector $\|x\|$

Triangle inequality: $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$

the norm of two vectors must be less or equal to the sum of the norms of individual norms combined

Intuition is that $\|x + y\|$ represent the 3rd line of a triangle which cannot be longer than the sum of lengths of the other 2 $\|x\| + \|y\|$

Positive definite: $\|x\| \geq 0$ & $\|x\| = 0 \iff x = 0$

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$$l_1 \text{ Norm} = \|x\|_1 := \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$$

• where $| \cdot |$ = absolute value

l_2 Norm = Euclidean

$$\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum x_i^2} = \sqrt{x^T x}$$

- Computed as distance from origin