

Norms

In machine learning, we usually measure the size of vectors using a function called a **norm**. Formally, the L^p norm is given by

$$||\mathbf{x}||_p = \left(\sum_i |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

L¹ norm:

$$||\mathbf{x}||_1 = \sum_i |x_i|.$$

L² norm, with $p = 2$, is known as the Euclidean norm.

Max norm: the max absolute value of element in the vector:

$$||\mathbf{x}||_{\infty} = \max_i |x_i|.$$

Frobenius norm measures the size of a matrix:

$$||A||_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} A_{i,j}^2}.$$