

## Linear Algebra Notations

- Vector:  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, \dots, x_d]^\top = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{bmatrix}$ 
  - ▶ product:  $\langle \mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^{(1)\top} \mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \sum_{i=1}^d x_i^{(1)} x_i^{(2)}$
  - ▶ norm:  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x}} = \sqrt{\sum_i x_i^2}$  (Euclidean)
- Matrix:  $\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} X_{1,1} & \dots & X_{1,m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ X_{n,1} & \dots & X_{n,m} \end{bmatrix}$ 
  - ▶ product:  $(\mathbf{X}^{(1)} \mathbf{X}^{(2)})_{i,j} = \mathbf{x}_{i,\cdot}^{(1)} \mathbf{x}_{\cdot,j}^{(2)} = \sum_k X_{i,k}^{(1)} X_{k,j}^{(2)}$
  - ▶ norm:  $\|\mathbf{X}\|_F = \sqrt{\text{trace}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})} = \sqrt{\sum_i \sum_j X_{i,j}^2}$  (Frobenius)

- Trace of matrix:  $\text{trace}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_i X_{i,i}$ 
  - ▶ trace of products:
 
$$\text{trace}(\mathbf{X}^{(1)} \mathbf{X}^{(2)} \mathbf{X}^{(3)}) = \text{trace}(\mathbf{X}^{(3)} \mathbf{X}^{(1)} \mathbf{X}^{(2)}) = \text{trace}(\mathbf{X}^{(2)} \mathbf{X}^{(3)} \mathbf{X}^{(1)})$$

- Determinant
  - ▶ of triangular matrix:  $\det(\mathbf{X}) = \prod_i X_{i,i}$
  - ▶ of transpose of matrix:  $\det(\mathbf{X}^\top) = \det(\mathbf{X})$
  - ▶ of inverse of matrix:  $\det(\mathbf{X}^{-1}) = \det(\mathbf{X})^{-1}$
  - ▶ of product of matrix:  $\det(\mathbf{X}^{(1)} \mathbf{X}^{(2)}) = \det(\mathbf{X}^{(1)}) \det(\mathbf{X}^{(2)})$

- Orthogonal matrix:  $\mathbf{X}^T = \mathbf{X}^{-1}$
- Positive definite matrix:  $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{v} > 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ 
  - if  $\ll \ge \gg$ , then positive semi-definite

Better Explanation for Positive Definite Matrix: [https://www.math.utah.edu/~zwick/Classes/Fall2012\\_2270/Lectures/Lecture33\\_with\\_Examples.pdf](https://www.math.utah.edu/~zwick/Classes/Fall2012_2270/Lectures/Lecture33_with_Examples.pdf)

- Set of linearly dependent vectors  $\{\mathbf{x}^{(t)}\}$ :
 
$$\exists \mathbf{w}, t^* \text{ such that } \mathbf{x}^{(t^*)} = \sum_{t \neq t^*} w_t \mathbf{x}^{(t)}$$
- Rank of matrix: number of linear independent columns
- Range of a matrix:
 
$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \exists \mathbf{w} \text{ such that } \mathbf{x} = \sum_j w_j \mathbf{A}_{\cdot, j}\}$$
- Null space of a matrix:
 
$$\text{Null}(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$$

Some Better Explanations on these terms:

Set of Linearly Dependent Vectors: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/mathematics/linearly-dependent>

Table 4.1. Equivalent conditions for a subset  $S$  of a vector space to be linearly independent or linearly dependent

Linear Independence of $S$	Linear Dependence of $S$	Source
If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ and $a_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + a_n\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0}$ , then $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n = 0$ . (The zero vector requires zero coefficients.)	If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ , then $a_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + a_n\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0}$ for some scalars $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ , with some $a_i \neq 0$ . (The zero vector does not require all coefficients to be zero.)	Definition
No vector in $S$ is a finite linear combination of other vectors in $S$ .	Some vector in $S$ is a finite linear combination of other vectors in $S$ .	Theorem 4.8 and Remarks after Example 14
For every $\mathbf{v} \in S$ , we have $\mathbf{v} \notin \text{span}(S - \{\mathbf{v}\})$ .	There is a $\mathbf{v} \in S$ such that $\mathbf{v} \in \text{span}(S - \{\mathbf{v}\})$ .	Alternate characterization
For every $\mathbf{v} \in S$ , $\text{span}(S - \{\mathbf{v}\})$ does not contain all the vectors of $\text{span}(S)$ .	There is some $\mathbf{v} \in S$ such that $\text{span}(S - \{\mathbf{v}\}) = \text{span}(S)$ .	Exercise 12
If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ , then for each $k$ $\mathbf{v}_k \notin \text{span}(\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{k-1}\})$ . (Each $\mathbf{v}_k$ is not a linear combination of the previous vectors in $S$ .)	If $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ , some $\mathbf{v}_k$ can be expressed as $\mathbf{v}_k = a_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + a_{k-1}\mathbf{v}_{k-1}$ . (Some $\mathbf{v}_k$ is a linear combination of the previous vectors in $S$ .)	Exercise 22
Every vector in $\text{span}(S)$ can be uniquely expressed as a linear combination of the vectors in $S$ .	Some vector in $\text{span}(S)$ can be expressed in more than one way as a linear combination of the vectors in $S$ .	Theorem 4.9 and Theorem 4.10
Every finite subset of $S$ is linearly independent.	Some finite subset of $S$ is linearly dependent.	Definition when $S$ is infinite

Rank of Matrix A: <https://stattrek.com/matrix-algebra/matrix-rank.aspx>

Range and Null Space of a Matrix: <https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/2037602/what-is-range-of-a-matrix>

## • Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

$$\{\lambda_i, \mathbf{u}_i \mid \mathbf{X}\mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{u}_i \text{ and } \mathbf{u}_i^\top \mathbf{u}_j = 1_{i=j}\}$$

## • Properties

- ▶ can write  $\mathbf{X} = \sum_i \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^\top$
- ▶ determinant of **any** matrix:  $\det(\mathbf{X}) = \prod_i \lambda_i$
- ▶ positive definite if  $\lambda_i > 0 \quad \forall i$
- ▶ rank of matrix is the number of non-zero eigenvalues

More info on these at the Matrix Cookbook Pg30.

# Probability

- Probability space: triplet  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ 
  - $\Omega$  is the space of possible outcomes
  - $\mathcal{F}$  is the space of possible events
  - $P$  is a probability measure mapping an **event** to its probability  $[0,1]$
  - example: throwing a die
    - $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
    - $e = \{1, 5\} \in \mathcal{F}$  (i.e. die is either 1 or 5)
    - $P(\{1, 5\}) = \frac{2}{6}$
- Properties:

$$1. P(\{\omega\}) \geq 0 \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega \quad 2. \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} P(\{\omega\}) = 1$$

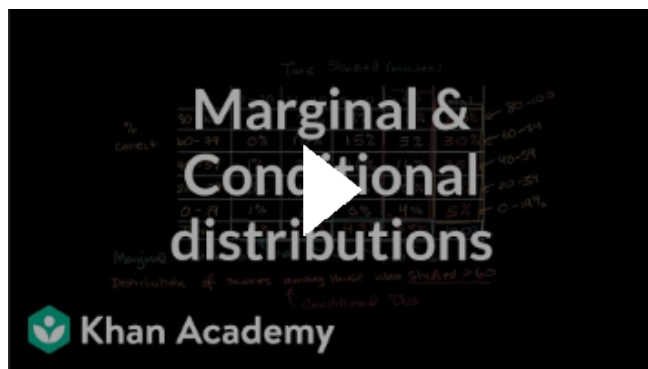
- Joint distribution:  $p(X = x, O = o, S = s)$  ( $p(x, s, o)$  for short)
  - the probability of a complete assignment of many random variables
  - example:  $p(X = 1, O = 1, S = 0) = 0$
- Marginal distribution:  $p(o, s) = \sum_x p(x, o, s)$ 
  - the probability of a partial assignment
  - example:  $p(O = 1, S = 0) = \frac{1}{6}$
- Conditional distribution:  $p(S = s | O = o)$ 
  - the probability of some variables, assuming an assignment of other variables
  - example:  $p(S = 1 | O = 1) = \frac{2}{3}$

Joint Distribution: <https://www.statisticshowto.com/joint-probability-distribution/>

Marginal Distribution: <https://www.statisticshowto.com/probability-and-statistics/statistics-definitions/marginal-distribution/>

Conditional Distribution: <https://www.statisticshowto.com/conditional-distribution/>, [Marginal distribution and conditional distribution](#) | AP Statistics | Khan Academy





## Statistics

- Sample mean:

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_t \mathbf{x}^{(t)}$$

- Sample variance:

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{T-1} \sum_t (\mathbf{x}^{(t)} - \hat{\mu})^2$$

- Sample covariance matrix:

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{T-1} \sum_t (\mathbf{x}^{(t)} - \hat{\mu})(\mathbf{x}^{(t)} - \hat{\mu})^\top$$

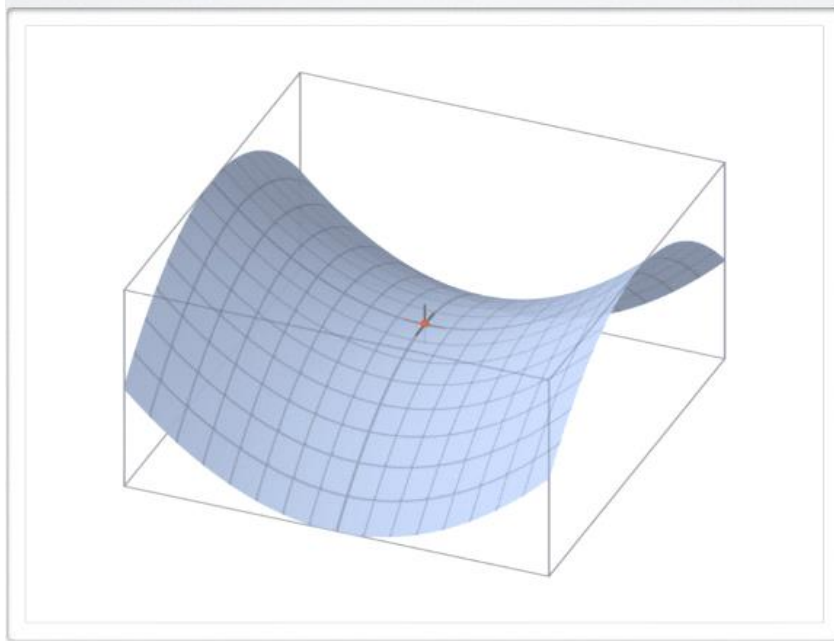
- These estimators are unbiased, i.e.:

$$\mathbb{E}[\hat{\mu}] = \mu \quad \mathbb{E}[\hat{\sigma}^2] = \sigma^2 \quad \mathbb{E}[\hat{\Sigma}] = \Sigma$$

## Machine Learning

- Critical points:  $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) = 0\}$
- Curvature in direction  $\mathbf{v}$  :  $\mathbf{v}^\top \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}^2 f(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{v}$
- Types of critical points:
  - local minima:  $\mathbf{v}^\top \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}^2 f(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{v} > 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{v}$  (i.e.  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}^2 f(\mathbf{x})$  positive definite)
  - local maxima:  $\mathbf{v}^\top \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}^2 f(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{v} < 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{v}$  (i.e.  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}^2 f(\mathbf{x})$  negative definite)
  - saddle point: curvature is positive in certain directions and negative in others

saddle point



- Parametric model: its capacity is fixed and does not increase with the amount of training data
  - examples: linear classifier, neural network with fixed number of hidden units, etc.
- Non-parametric model: the capacity increases with the amount of training data
  - examples: k nearest neighbors classifier, neural network with adaptable hidden layer size, etc.