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Chapter 1

Data to Vectors

1.1 How to convert data to vector?

- Unstructured data $\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, where n is the number of parameters.
- Example: Image of Dimensions $(n \times m \times 3)$ with $\text{Pixel}(i, j, k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n.m.3}$
- Example: graph \rightarrow adjacency matrix can also be seen as vectorization of graph data.
- Web Page Text Example: If the words of dictionary can be represented as (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) . Let x_i represent the frequency of word w_i in the given text, then the **word frequency vector** can be represented as (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) .
- Lesser the distance between two different vectors, more is the similarity between their respective data points.
- Typical ways in which a vector representation for a dataset is selected \rightarrow
 1. Domain Expert Driven - **Cepstral coefficient**
 2. Don't Care - Choose any possible way. eg. in CNN, NN, etc.
 3. Algo. Assisted - use Machine Learning Algorithms to find best suitable vector representation. eg. word2vec.

1.2 Why to convert data to vector?

Vector allows different applications such as -

- Distance - similarity
- Angle / Innerproduct
- Separators (linear / non-linear) - eg. email spam classifier

- Geometry (Hulls / Boxes)
- Subspaces
- Algebra - eg. addition of vectors
- Limits
- Topology

Chapter 2

Linear Separators & Convex Hulls

2.1 Linear Separability

Definition 1: Two sets G and B of points in \mathbb{R}^n are said to be **linearly separable** if there is a hyperplane l such that all points in G lie to one side of l , while all points in B lie to the other side of l .

where l is:

- in \mathbb{R}^2 , $ax + by = c$
- in \mathbb{R}^3 , $ax + by + cz = d$
- in \mathbb{R}^n , $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$ or $\sum_{i=1}^n a_ix_i = b$ or $\langle a, x \rangle = b$, where $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ & $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$. **a is perpendicular to l .**

→ On one side of hyperplane l , $\langle a, x \rangle > b$, while on the other side of l , $\langle a, x \rangle < b$.

Definition 2: Two sets G and B of points in \mathbb{R}^n are said to be **linearly separable** if there is a vector $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and a scalar $b \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

1. $\forall x \in G, \langle a, x \rangle > b$, and
2. $\forall x \in B, \langle a, x \rangle < b$

Here, the hyperplane defined by $\langle a, x \rangle = b$ is called the **separating hyperplane**.

Definition 3: A set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be a **convex set** if for every two points $x, y \in S$, the entire line segment connecting x and y is inside S .

Definition 4: $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be a **convex set** if for every two points $x, y \in S$ and $\forall \alpha \in [0, 1]$, $z = \alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y \in S$.

Definition 5: For a set $G \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, the **convex hull** of G is the smallest (minimal) convex set containing all the points of G . In the rubber band, pin example, the convex hull is represented by the rubber band boundary.

Definition 6: Convex Hull is a set $H_G \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ s.t.

1. $G \subseteq H_G$
2. H_G is convex
3. No convex proper subset of H_G contains all of G .

Theorem 2.1: Two sets of points $G, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ are linearly separable if and only if their convex hulls are disjoint. i.e. $H_G \cap H_B = \emptyset$.

Proof: $H_G \cap H_B = \emptyset \implies \exists(a, b)$ s.t. $\forall x \in G, \langle a, x \rangle > b$ and $\forall x \in B, \langle a, x \rangle < b$.

We will try to find out smallest vector a which is connecting H_G to H_B , which appears to be normal to l (if it exists).

So, a = the smallest vector in the set $\{x - y : x \in H_G, y \in H_B\}$

$\forall x \in G \cup B$, compute $\langle a, x \rangle$. The values of $\langle a, x \rangle$ for $x \in G$ are close to each other and separate from those of $x \in B$.



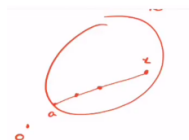
Claim: $\forall x \in G, \forall x \in B$, we have

$$\rightarrow \langle x - y, a \rangle \geq \|a\|^2$$

$$\rightarrow \langle x, a \rangle - \langle y, a \rangle \geq \|a\|^2$$

Observation: $D = H_G - H_B$ is convex set. (**Proof exercise**)

Proof of Claim: If a is the smallest vector in convex set D , then $\forall z \in D$,



Part 1: $\langle z, a \rangle = \|a\|^2/2$

let r be a point in line segment a to z . i.e. $r = \alpha z + (1 - \alpha)a \in D$

since a is closer to origin, $\|a\|^2 \leq \|r\|^2$

$$= (\alpha z + (1 - \alpha)a)^2$$

$$= \alpha^2 \|z\|^2 + (1 - \alpha)^2 \|a\|^2 + 2\alpha(1 - \alpha)\langle z, a \rangle$$

$$\langle z, a \rangle = (\|a\|^2 - (1 - \alpha)^2 \|a\|^2 - \alpha^2 \|z\|^2) / 2\alpha(1 - \alpha)$$

$$= ((2 - \alpha)\|a\|^2 - \alpha\|z\|^2) / 2(1 - \alpha), \text{ since } a \neq 0$$

$$\geq ((2 - \alpha)\|a\|^2 - \|a\|^2) / 2(1 - \alpha), \text{ since } -\alpha\|z\|^2 \geq -\|a\|^2, \text{ hence } \alpha \leq \|a\|^2 / \|z\|^2$$

$$= \|a\|^2/2$$

Now, if we choose $\alpha \leq (1/2)(\|a\|^2 / \|z\|^2)$, we get $\langle z, a \rangle \geq \|a\|^2/2$