

# **Foundations of Data Science and Machine Learning**

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# Chapter 1

## Data to Vectors

### 1.1 How to convert data to vector?

- Unstructured data →  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , where n is the number of parameters.
- Example: Image of Dimensions ( $n \times m \times 3$ ) with Pixel( $i, j, k$ )  $\in \mathbb{R}^{n.m.3}$
- Example: graph → 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 →
  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  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = b$  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.

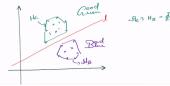
**Theorem 2.1:** Two sets of points  $G, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  are linearly separable if and only if their convex hulls are disjoint. i.e.  $H_G \cap H_B = \emptyset$ .

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

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

$\forall x \in G \cup B$ , 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  $x \in B$ .

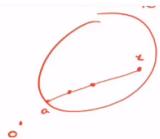


**Claim:**  $\forall x \in G, \forall x \in B$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \langle x - y, a \rangle &\geq \|a\|^2 \\ \rightarrow \langle x, a \rangle - \langle y, a \rangle &\geq \|a\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } r \text{ be a point in line segment } a \text{ to } z. \text{ i.e. } r = \alpha z + (1 - \alpha)a \in D \\ \text{since } a \text{ is closer to origin, } \|a\|^2 \leq \|r\|^2 \\ &= (\alpha z + (1 - \alpha)a)^2 \\ &= \alpha^2 \|z\|^2 + (1 - \alpha)^2 \|a\|^2 + 2\alpha(1 - \alpha) \langle z, a \rangle \\ \langle z, a \rangle &= (\|a\|^2 - (1 - \alpha)^2 \|a\|^2 - \alpha^2 \|z\|^2) / 2\alpha(1 - \alpha) \\ &= ((2 - \alpha)\|a\|^2 - \alpha\|z\|^2) / 2(1 - \alpha), \text{ since } a \neq 0 \\ &\geq ((2 - \alpha)\|a\|^2 - \|a\|^2) / 2(1 - \alpha), \text{ since } -\alpha\|z\|^2 \geq -\|a\|^2, \text{ hence } \alpha \leq \|a\|^2 / \|z\|^2 \\ &= \|a\|^2 / 2 \end{aligned}$$

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