

Short Questions: Rapid Conceptual checks: matrices & transformations.

Question 1: Dimensionality and matrix multiplication.

let matrix  $X$  (your dataset) have dimension  $1000 \times 50$  (1000 samples, 50 features).

let matrix  $W$  (your weight matrix) have dimension  $50 \times 10$ .

A) What are the dimensions of the resulting matrix product  $XW$ ?

B) Can you compute the product  $WX$ ? If not, mathematically explain why?

Solutions:

A) Dimension of product  $XW$  is 1000, 10

B) No. Dimensions are  $(50 \times 10)$  multi  $(1000, 50)$ .  
not possible.

Question 2: Affine vs Linear Transformation.

The core equation of a dense layer in a NNs is:

$$Z = Wx + b$$



Where  $W$  is the weight matrix and  $b$  is bias vector (assume  $b \neq 0$ ).

In the strict mathematical sense define in linear algebra, is this a linear transformation?

Solution:

No. It is not strict linear transformation. Bcz of the bias ~~but~~  $b$ ,

$$T(0) = W \cdot 0 + b = b.$$

Since origin move, the strict properties of linear algebra are violated. This is properly called an affine transformation.

Question 3: Geometric Intuition

You are given a  $2 \times 2$  transformation matrix  $T$ :

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If you multiply a vector  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  by  $T$ , what is the geometric effect on the vector in the 2D Cartesian plane?



Solution

multiply  $T.V = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

The matrix flip the x coordinates sign and keep the y coordinate the same.

So ~~the~~ it is a reflection across the y axis in the 2D Cartesian plane.

• original vector:  $(3, 4)$

• Transformed:  $(-3, 4)$

Question 4: Commutativity

True or False: For any two  $n \times n$  matrix A and B,

$$AB = BA.$$

If False provide simple sentence geometric expln?

Solution: Order matters in geometric.

Shifting then rotation on rotating the string is not same. result different.



## Questions: systems of Equation and Inverses.

you are trying to solve the system,  $Ax=b$  using python `np.linalg.inv(A) @ b`. However, python throws a singular matrix error.

A) What must be the exact value of the determinant of  $A$ ,  $\det(A)=?$

B) Geometrically, what has the transformation  $A$  done to the vector space that makes it impossible to find a single, unique solution of  $x$ ?

Solution

A):  $\det(A)=0$ .

B): The matrix has collapsed the multidimensional space into a lower dimensional. Bcz the space collapsed into a line or point, you can't invert the operation to find a unique  $x$ .