Here are **50 multiple-choice questions (MCQs)** of all levels (easy, medium, hard) based on your uploaded document on **Vector Norms**.

# Easy Level (1–20)

## 1. What is a vector norm?

- A) A scalar product
- B) A function returning the magnitude of a vector
- C) A function that returns the direction of a vector
- D) A matrix product

Ans: B

#### 2. What does the L0 norm count?

- A) All elements in a vector
- B) All zero elements
- C) All non-zero elements
- D) Square of elements

Ans: C

## 3. Which norm is also called the Mean Absolute Error?

- A) L0 norm
- B) L1 norm
- C) L2 norm
- D) Max norm

Ans: B

#### 4. Which norm is referred to as Euclidean distance?

- A) L0 norm
- B) L1 norm
- C) L2 norm
- D) Squared L2 norm

Ans: C

# 5. Which norm returns the largest absolute value element in a vector?

- A) L0 norm
- B) L1 norm
- C) L2 norm
- D) Max norm

Ans: D

#### 6. The output of a vector norm is always:

- A) Positive
- B) Negative
- C) Zero
- D) Complex

#### Ans: A

#### 7. Which vector norm does not involve a square root?

- A) L1 norm
- B) L2 norm
- C) Squared L2 norm
- D) Max norm

Ans: C

#### 8. Norm functions are derived from:

- A) Loss functions
- B) Derivatives
- C) The p-norm equation
- D) Dot products

Ans: C

#### 9. Which norm has the most computational simplicity for derivative calculations?

- A) L2 norm
- B) L1 norm
- C) Squared L2 norm
- D) Max norm

Ans: C

#### 10. What is the domain of the p in p-norm functions?

- A) p≥0p \geq 0
- B) p>2p > 2
- C) p≥1p \geq 1
- D) p≤0p \leq 0

Ans: C

#### 11. The L2 norm is most commonly used because it represents:

- A) Max error
- B) Manhattan distance
- C) Euclidean distance
- D) Hamming distance

Ans: C

#### 12. Max norm is also referred to as:

- A) Infinity norm
- B) Squared norm
- C) Zero norm
- D) Mean norm

Ans: A

## 13. In L1 norm, the output is computed using:

- A) Sum of absolute values
- B) Sum of squares
- C) Max element

D) Count of non-zero elements

Ans: A

#### 14. L2 norm is also known as:

- A) Mean squared error
- B) Manhattan norm
- C) Root mean squared error
- D) Infinity norm

Ans: C

# 15. The squared L2 norm simplifies calculations because:

- A) It avoids absolute values
- B) It avoids logarithms
- C) It avoids square roots
- D) It avoids subtraction

Ans: C

## 16. Which of the following is not a vector norm?

- A) L0 norm
- B) L1 norm
- C) L2 norm
- D) Dot product

Ans: D

## 17. Which norm is mostly used to measure model loss in regression?

- A) L0 norm
- B) L1 norm
- C) L2 norm
- D) L-infinity norm

Ans: C

#### 18. L1 norm varies:

- A) Quadratically
- B) Exponentially
- C) Linearly
- D) Logarithmically

Ans: C

#### 19. Norms are essential for which step in Machine Learning training?

- A) Feature selection
- B) Hyperparameter tuning
- C) Loss computation
- D) Visualization

Ans: C

#### 20. If a vector has all zero elements, its L2 norm is:

- A) Infinity
- B) One

- C) Zero
- D) Undefined

Ans: C

# Medium Level (21–40)

#### 21. What is the main drawback of the L2 norm in deep learning optimization?

- A) Non-differentiability
- B) Harder gradient computation
- C) Too sparse
- D) Not smooth

Ans: B

#### 22. The L0 norm is not a true norm because:

- A) It returns complex numbers
- B) It is non-differentiable
- C) It doesn't satisfy the triangle inequality
- D) All of the above

Ans: C

## 23. Which norm is best when dealing with sparse data vectors?

- A) L2 norm
- B) L1 norm
- C) Squared L2 norm
- D) L-infinity norm

Ans: B

## 24. When p approaches infinity, p-norm becomes:

- A) Zero norm
- B) L1 norm
- C) L2 norm
- D) Max norm

Ans: D

#### 25. Which norm is best suited for outlier-robust models?

- A) L0 norm
- B) L1 norm
- C) L2 norm
- D) Squared L2 norm

Ans: B

## 26. The p-norm with p=1.5 is:

- A) Undefined
- B) Equal to L2 norm
- C) Valid and smooth

D) Equal to L0 norm

Ans: C

#### 27. Which of the following norms leads to non-smooth optimization surfaces?

- A) L1 norm
- B) L2 norm
- C) L-infinity norm
- D) Squared L2 norm

Ans: A

## 28. Squared L2 norm is preferred when:

- A) Accuracy is needed
- B) Storage of gradient is prioritized
- C) Max value is of interest
- D) All vector elements are zero

Ans: B

#### 29. Which norm leads to Manhattan distance interpretation?

- A) L0
- B) L1
- C) L2
- D) Max

Ans: B

## 30. The shape of level sets of L2 norm is:

- A) Square
- B) Ellipse
- C) Circle
- D) Diamond

Ans: C

#### 31. The derivative of Squared L2 norm is:

- A) Hard to compute
- B) Element-wise
- C) Requires the entire vector
- D) Zero

Ans: B

#### 32. L1 norm encourages:

- A) Large weights
- B) Overfitting
- C) Sparsity
- D) Randomness

Ans: C

#### 33. The general p-norm equation involves:

- A) Summing all elements
- B) Taking p-th power and root

- C) Multiplying all elements
- D) Subtracting elements

Ans: B

#### 34. Which norm works well for evenly distributed values?

- A) L0
- B) L1
- C) L2
- D) L-infinity

Ans: C

#### 35. Max norm is useful in scenarios needing:

- A) Robustness to all changes
- B) Uniform thresholds
- C) L0 sparsity
- D) Derivative accuracy

Ans: B

#### 36. The p-norm with p = 0.5 is not used because:

- A) Not positive definite
- B) Not convex
- C) Not differentiable
- D) All of the above

Ans: D

#### 37. The L2 norm's root function makes it:

- A) More robust
- B) More computationally expensive
- C) More sparse
- D) Non-convex

Ans: B

## 38. The equation of L2 norm is similar to:

- A) Dot product
- B) Euclidean distance
- C) Manhattan distance
- D) Sum of squares

Ans: B

## 39. L-infinity norm is useful when we are interested in:

- A) Outliers
- B) Smoothness
- C) High dimensional data
- D) The worst-case scenario

Ans: D

## 40. Which of these cannot be minimized using gradient descent directly?

A) L1

- B) L2
- C) L0
- D) Squared L2

Ans: C

# Hard Level (41–50)

#### 41. Which norm corresponds to a unit ball shaped like a diamond?

- A) L2 norm
- B) L1 norm
- C) L-infinity norm
- D) L0 norm

Ans: B

#### 42. What does the triangle inequality ensure in normed spaces?

- A) Norms stay positive
- B) Distance function remains symmetric
- C) Norms are non-zero
- D)  $Norm(x + y) \le Norm(x) + Norm(y)$

Ans: D

## 43. In regularization, L1 is preferred when:

- A) Few features are important
- B) All features are important
- C) Outliers dominate
- D) Computation must be fast

Ans: A

## 44. Which norm violates differentiability at zero?

- A) L1
- B) L2
- C) Squared L2
- D) Max norm

Ans: A

#### 45. Which of the following is convex?

- A) L0 norm
- B) p-norm for  $p \ge 1$
- C) Squared L0 norm
- D) All of them

Ans: B

#### 46. A vector norm must satisfy all except:

- A) Positivity
- B) Homogeneity

- C) Linearity
- D) Triangle inequality

Ans: C

## 47. Which of the following norms is typically non-convex?

- A) L1
- B) L2
- C) L0
- D) Max

Ans: C

#### 48. Max norm is insensitive to:

- A) Sum of values
- B) Largest entry
- C) Dimension
- D) L1 penalty

Ans: A

## 49. Which is true about p-norm as p increases?

- A) It becomes smoother
- B) It approximates the max norm
- C) It approximates the L1 norm
- D) It approaches 0

Ans: B

# 50. Norms are central in optimization because they:

- A) Are differentiable
- B) Can represent loss
- C) Are all convex
- D) Represent vectors

Ans: B