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Course Name: Mathematics for AI

Explain course handout:

Session-1: Understand vector representations and similarity measures

Vectors

- Definition of a vector in \mathbb{R}^n

A vector in \mathbb{R}^n is an **ordered n -tuple of real numbers**.

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n), \text{ where } x_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

Here:

- n is a **positive integer** called the **dimension**,
- each x_i is called a **component (or coordinate)** of the vector.

Set-Theoretic Description

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Geometric Interpretation

- In \mathbb{R}^2 : a vector represents a point or directed line segment in a plane.
- In \mathbb{R}^3 : a vector represents a point or directed line segment in space.
- For $n > 3$: vectors exist in **higher-dimensional spaces** (cannot be visualized directly but handled algebraically).

Algebraic Interpretation

A vector in \mathbb{R}^n is an **element of a real vector space** equipped with:

- vector addition
- scalar multiplication

Example-1: $\mathbf{u} = (2, 4) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\mathbf{v} = (2, -1, 3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

Notation

- Row vector: (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)
- Column vector:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Vector addition in \mathbb{R}^n : Let $u = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ and $v = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ be two vectors in \mathbb{R}^n then, their sum $u + v$ is defined as:

$$u + v = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n).$$

Example 2: Let $\mathbf{v}_1 = (2, -1, 3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = (3, -4, 6) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ then Let $\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2 = (5, -5, 9) \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

Example 3: A drone flies 3 km east and then 4 km north. Find the resultant displacement.

Example 4: Three forces **5 N along x-axis, -3 N along y-axis, and 4 N along z-axis** act on a particle. Find the **resultant force**.

Dot Product

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

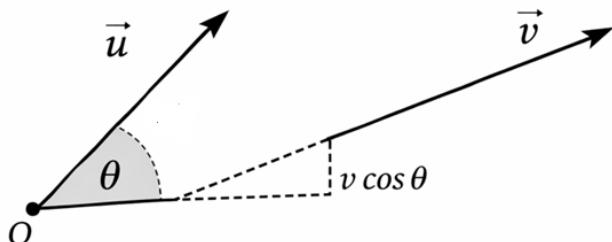
Problem 1: Let $u = (1, -2, 3, 4), v = (2, 0, -1, 5)$. Compute $u \cdot v$.

Problem 2: A force $\vec{F} = (3, -2, 6)$ N moves a body through a displacement $\vec{s} = (4, 1, 2)$ m. Compute the work done.

Properties:

- (i) Commutative: $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}$ for all $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- (ii) Distributive: $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$.

Geometric meaning: $u \cdot v = \| u \| \cdot \| v \| \cos \theta$



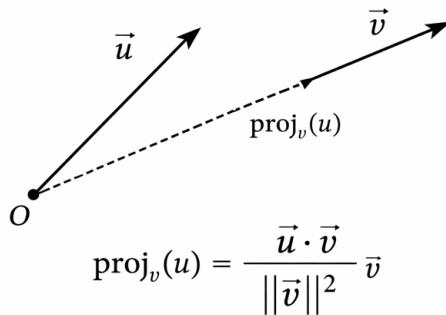
Vector Norms: Euclidean norm: $\| v \| = \sqrt{\sum y_i^2}$

Meaning of magnitude and length: Distance between vectors

Problem-1: Find the Euclidean norm of $\mathbf{v} = (1, -2, 2, 1)$.

Problem-2: Let $\mathbf{v} = (x, 2x, 3x)$, Find $\| \mathbf{v} \|$ in terms of x .

Projection of One Vector onto Another: The projection of a vector u onto another vector v is the vector component of u that lies in the direction of v . It is given by



Problem-1: Find the projection of $\mathbf{u} = (3,4)$ onto $\mathbf{v} = (1,0)$.

Problem-2: Show that the vector $\mathbf{u} - \text{proj}_v(\mathbf{u})$ is orthogonal to \mathbf{v} .

Problem-3: Let force $\mathbf{F} = (5,3,4)$ acts on a body which moves along the direction $\mathbf{d} = (1,2,2)$. Find the component of the force along the direction of motion.

Session-2: Represent AI data using vectors

Representing Vectors Digitally

A vector as a list/array: $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$

- Concept of dimension
- High-dimensional vectors (motivation for text data)

Example 1: Three feature embeddings are $\vec{e}_1 = (1,2,3)$, $\vec{e}_2 = (2, -1, 1)$, $\vec{e}_3 = (-1, 1, 2)$. Find the combined embedding vector.

Solution: $\vec{R} = \vec{e}_1 + \vec{e}_2 + \vec{e}_3$
 $= (1 + 2 - 1)\hat{i} + (2 - 1 + 1)\hat{j} + (3 + 1 + 2)\hat{k} = (2, 2, 6)$

Magnitude: $\| \vec{R} \| = \sqrt{4 + 4 + 36} = \sqrt{44} \approx 6.63$

Answer: Combined embedding = **(2, 2, 6)**.

Problem 2: Let $\mathbf{u} = (x, 2x, 3x, \dots, nx)$, $\mathbf{v} = (1, 1, 1, \dots, 1)$. Find $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$.

Problem 3: Wind velocity is $\vec{v} = (6,8,2)$ m/s. The runway direction is given by the unit vector $\hat{n} = \left(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}, 0 \right)$. Find the wind component along the runway.

Problem-4: A feature vector in an ML model is $\mathbf{x} = (4, 3, 12)$, Compute its Euclidean norm.

Problem-5: If $\| \mathbf{v} \| = 5$ and $\mathbf{v} = (a, b, c)$. find all possible values of a, b, c satisfying the condition.

Cosine Similarity (Core Concept)

Definition: Cosine Similarity(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = $\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|}$

Why cosine?

- Independent of magnitude
- Measures directional similarity
- Values lie in $[-1,1]$

| Value | Meaning |
|-------|------------------------|
| 1 | Identical direction |
| 0 | Orthogonal (unrelated) |
| -1 | Opposite direction |

Case Study 1: Movie Recommendation Based on Plot Similarity 🎬

Problem

A streaming platform wants to **recommend movies with similar stories** based on their descriptions.

| Movie | Description |
|-------|--|
| D1 | “A young hero saves the world from aliens” |
| D2 | “A brave hero fights aliens to save Earth” |
| D3 | “A romantic story about love and friendship” |

Step 1: Text Preprocessing

We first clean the text:

- Convert to lowercase
- Remove stop words (a, the, to, from, etc.)
- Tokenize words

Key words extracted

- D1: {young, hero, saves, world, aliens}
- D2: {brave, hero, fights, aliens, save, earth}
- D3: {romantic, story, love, friendship}

Step 2: Vocabulary Construction

Unique words across all descriptions:

[young, hero, saves, world, aliens, brave, fights, earth, romantic, story, love, friendship]

Step 3: Vector Representation (Bag of Words)

Each movie is represented as a vector based on word presence (1 = present, 0 = absent).

| Word ↓ / Movie → | young | hero | saves | world | aliens | brave | fights | earth | romantic | story | love | friendship |
|------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|----------|-------|------|------------|
| D1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| D2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| D3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Step 4: Similarity Measurement (Cosine Similarity)

$$\text{Cosine Similarity}(A, B) = \frac{A \cdot B}{\| A \| \| B \|}$$

$$D_1 \cdot D_2 = 2, \| D_1 \| = \sqrt{5}, \| D_2 \| = \sqrt{5},$$

$$\text{Cosine Similarity}(D_1, D_2) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{5}} = \frac{2}{5} = 0.4$$

Similarity Scores

Similarity (D1, D2) ≈ 0.4 (High similarity), Similarity (D1, D3) = 0 and Similarity (D2, D3) = 0

Step 5: Recommendation Logic

- D1 and D2 share common themes: **hero + aliens + saving Earth**
- D3 is **romance-based**, unrelated to the first two

Practical-1: News Article Similarity Analysis Using TF-IDF

Step 1: Converting Text into Vectors

Method: TF-IDF (Frequency-Based Representation)

1. Words are treated as dimensions
2. Each document becomes a vector:

$$\mathbf{d} = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$$

TF (Term Frequency):

$$TF(t, d) = \frac{\text{Number of times term } t \text{ appears in } d}{\text{Total terms in } d}$$

$$IDF(\text{Inverse Document Frequency}): IDF(t) = \log \left(\frac{N}{DF(t)} \right)$$

$$TF-IDF: TF-IDF(t, d) = TF \times IDF$$

Interpretation (Very Important for Exams & AI Context)

- The similarity is **zero** because the two documents **share no common weighted terms** after TF-IDF.
- Even though both documents contain “AI”, its **TF-IDF weight is zero**, since it appears in **all documents**.
- Hence, TF-IDF correctly identifies that the documents are **conceptually related but lexically different**.

Step 2: Measuring Similarity

Once documents are vectors:

$$\text{Similarity} = \frac{\mathbf{d}_1 \cdot \mathbf{d}_2}{\| \mathbf{d}_1 \| \| \mathbf{d}_2 \|}$$

Example:1

Document 1: “Mathematics is vital for AI”

Document 2: “AI depends on mathematical models”

Given Documents

- **Document 1 (\mathbf{D}_1):** “*Mathematics is vital for AI*”
- **Document 2 (\mathbf{D}_2):** “*AI depends on mathematical models*”

Step 1: Text Preprocessing

- (a) Convert to lowercase
- (b) Remove punctuation
- (c) Tokenization
- (d) Remove stop words (like *is, for, on*)

Processed Documents

D₁: mathematics, vital, ai

D₂: ai, depends, mathematical, models

Step 2: Vocabulary Construction

List **all unique terms** from both documents.

$$V = \{\text{mathematics}, \text{vital}, \text{ai}, \text{depends}, \text{mathematical}, \text{models}\}$$

Total documents: $N = 2$

Step 3: Term Frequency (TF)

$$\text{TF}(t, d) = \frac{\text{Number of times term } t \text{ appears in } d}{\text{Total terms in } d}$$

TF for Document 1

Total words in D₁ = 3

| Term | mathematics | vital | ai | depends | mathematical | models |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------|--------------|--------|
| Frequency | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TF | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |

TF for Document 2

Total words in D₂ = 4

| Term | ai | depends | mathematical | models | mathematics | vital |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Frequency | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| TF | $\frac{1}{4}$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ | 0 | 0 |

Step 4: Document Frequency (DF)

$$\text{DF}(t) = \text{Number of documents containing term } t$$

| Term | mathematics | vital | ai | depends | mathematical | models |
|------|-------------|-------|----|---------|--------------|--------|
| DF | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Step 5: Inverse Document Frequency (IDF)

$$\text{IDF}(t) = \log \left(\frac{N}{\text{DF}(t)} \right)$$

Using **natural logarithm (ln)**:

IDF Values

| Term | IDF |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| mathematics | $(\log(\frac{2}{1}) = 0.693)$ |
| vital | $(\log(\frac{2}{1}) = 0.693)$ |
| ai | $(\log(\frac{2}{2}) = 0)$ |
| depends | $(\log(\frac{2}{1}) = 0.693)$ |
| mathematical | $(\log(\frac{2}{1}) = 0.693)$ |
| models | $(\log(\frac{2}{1}) = 0.693)$ |

Step 6: TF-IDF Calculation

$$\text{TF-IDF}(t, d) = \text{TF}(t, d) \times \text{IDF}(t)$$

TF-IDF for Document 1:

| Term | TF | IDF | TF-IDF |
|--------------|---------------|-------|--------|
| mathematics | $\frac{1}{3}$ | 0.693 | 0.231 |
| vital | $\frac{1}{3}$ | 0.693 | 0.231 |
| ai | $\frac{1}{3}$ | 0 | 0 |
| depends | 0 | 0.693 | 0 |
| mathematical | 0 | 0.693 | 0 |
| models | 0 | 0.693 | 0 |

TF-IDF for Document 2

| Term | TF | IDF | TF-IDF |
|---------|---------------|-------|--------|
| ai | $\frac{1}{4}$ | 0 | 0 |
| depends | $\frac{1}{4}$ | 0.693 | 0.173 |

| Term | TF | IDF | TF-IDF |
|--------------|---------------|-------|--------|
| mathematical | $\frac{1}{4}$ | 0.693 | 0.173 |
| models | $\frac{1}{4}$ | 0.693 | 0.173 |
| mathematics | 0 | 0.693 | 0 |
| vital | 0 | 0.693 | 0 |

Step 7: Final TF-IDF Vectors

Document 1 Vector

$$D_1 = (0.231, 0.231, 0, 0, 0, 0)$$

Document 2 Vector

$$D_2 = (0, 0, 0, 0.173, 0.173, 0.173)$$

$$\text{Cosine Similarity Formula } \cos(\theta) = \frac{D_1 \cdot D_2}{\|D_1\| \cdot \|D_2\|}$$

As $D_1 \cdot D_2 = 0$.

Therefore, $\cos(\theta) = 0$

Conclusion:

What Cosine Similarity Actually Measures

Cosine similarity measures the **angle between two vectors, not their length.**

$$\text{Cosine Similarity} = \cos(\theta)$$

- θ = angle between document vectors
- It checks **directional similarity**, not size

Geometric Interpretation (Very Important)

Think of each document as a **point/vector in high-dimensional space**.

Case 1: Cosine similarity = 1

$$\theta = 0^\circ$$

- Vectors point in the **same direction**
- Documents are **identical in content distribution**
- Same important words with similar weights

Meaning: Documents are *almost the same*

Case 2: Cosine similarity between 0 and 1

$$0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$$

- Some overlap in important terms
- Partial similarity

Meaning: Documents are *related* to some extent

Case 3: Cosine similarity = 0

$$\theta = 90^\circ$$

- Vectors are **orthogonal**
- No overlapping **important features**

Meaning:

Documents are *not similar in meaningful terms*

Very Important Clarification

Turnitin / iThenticate similarity % \neq Cosine similarity

They **do NOT** use TF-IDF cosine similarity the way we compute in NLP textbooks.

Cosine similarity \rightarrow **vector-based mathematical similarity**

Turnitin/iThenticate \rightarrow **text overlap / matching similarity**

Then what is the purpose of cosine similarity?

Main Uses of Cosine Similarity (Very Important)

Information Retrieval (Search Engines)

When you search:

“AI mathematical models”

The search engine:

- Converts query + documents into vectors
- Computes cosine similarity
- Ranks documents by **highest cosine similarity**

Without cosine similarity, Google would not work.