Linear Algebra Overview

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Scalars

- A scalar is a single number
- Integers, real numbers, rational numbers, etc.
- We denote it with italic font:

Vectors

A vector is a 1-D array of numbers:

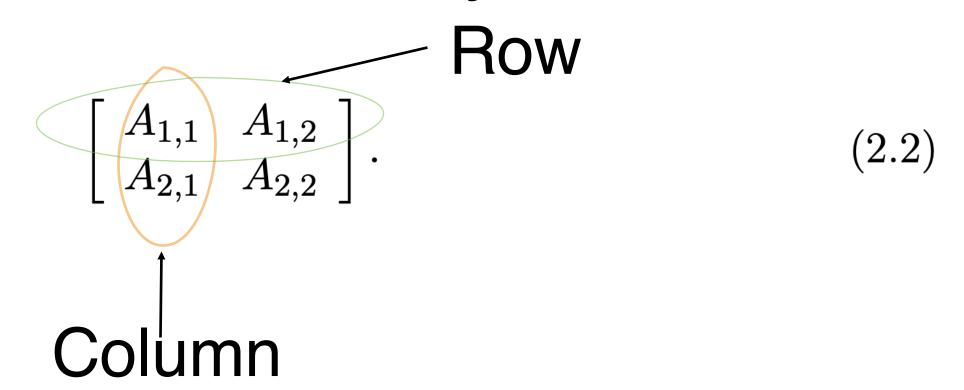
$$\boldsymbol{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}. \tag{2.1}$$

- · Can be real, binary, integer, etc.
- We denote it with bold lowercase letter:

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Matrices

A matrix is a 2-D array of numbers:



We denote it with bold uppercase letter:

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

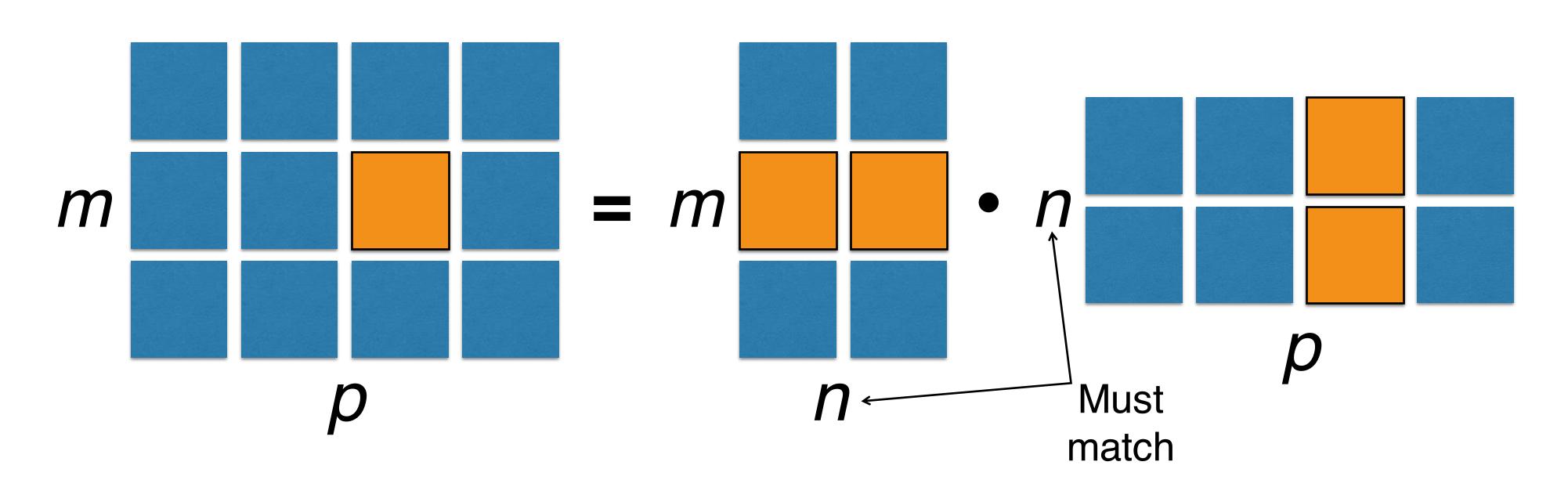
Tensors

- A tensor is an array of numbers, that may have
 - zero dimensions, and be a scalar
 - one dimension, and be a vector
 - two dimensions, and be a matrix
 - or more dimensions.

Matrix (Dot) Product

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. (2.4)

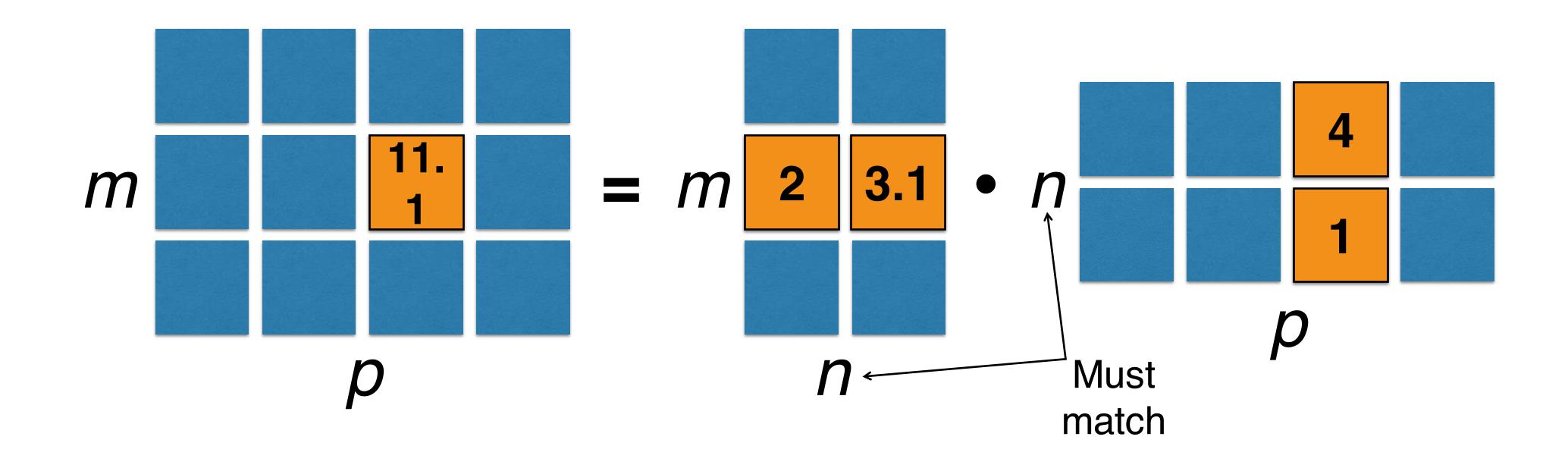
$$C_{i,j} = \sum_{k} A_{i,k} B_{k,j}. \tag{2.5}$$



Matrix (Dot) Product Example

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Identity Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Figure 2.2: Example identity matrix: This is I_3 .

$$\forall oldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, oldsymbol{I}_n oldsymbol{x} = oldsymbol{x}.$$

(2.20)

Matrix Transpose

$$(\mathbf{A}^{\top})_{i,j} = A_{j,i}. \tag{2.3}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{1,1} & A_{1,2} \\ A_{2,1} & A_{2,2} \\ A_{3,1} & A_{3,2} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{\top} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{1,1} & A_{2,1} & A_{3,1} \\ A_{1,2} & A_{2,2} & A_{3,2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Figure 2.1: The transpose of the matrix can be thought of as a mirror image across the main diagonal.

$$(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B})^{\top} = \mathbf{B}^{\top}\mathbf{A}^{\top}. \tag{2.9}$$

Special matrix: a matrix A is symmetric if $A = A^T$

Norms

- Functions that measure how "large" a vector is
- Similar to a distance between zero and the point represented by the vector
 - $\bullet \ f(\boldsymbol{x}) = 0 \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{0}$
 - $f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) \le f(\mathbf{x}) + f(\mathbf{y})$ (the triangle inequality)
 - $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, f(\alpha \boldsymbol{x}) = |\alpha| f(\boldsymbol{x})$

Norms

L^p norm

$$||\boldsymbol{x}||_p = \left(\sum_i |x_i|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

- Most popular norm: L2 norm, p=2 $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = (\sum_i x_i^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
- L1 norm, p=1: $||x||_1 = \sum_i |x_i|$. (2.31)
- Max norm, infinite p: $||\boldsymbol{x}||_{\infty} = \max_{i} |x_i|$. (2.32)
- Dot product of two vectors: ${m x}^{\!\top}{m y} = ||{m x}||_2||{m y}||_2\cos\theta,$ (2.34)

Special vector: a vector v is a unit vector if $||v||_2 = 1$

(Goodfellow 2016)

Norms

Frobenius norm

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = (\sum_i \sum_j A_{ij}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Trace

$$\operatorname{Tr}(\boldsymbol{A}) = \sum_{i} \boldsymbol{A}_{i,i}.$$
 (2.48)

$$Tr(\mathbf{ABC}) = Tr(\mathbf{CAB}) = Tr(\mathbf{BCA})$$
 (2.51)

$$Tr(\mathbf{A}) = Tr(\mathbf{A}^T)$$

Matrix Inversion

Matrix inverse:

$$\boldsymbol{A}^{-1}\boldsymbol{A} = \boldsymbol{I}_n. \tag{2.21}$$

• Special matrix: a matrix A is an orthogonal matrix if $A^{T}A = I$, $AA^{T} = I$, $A^{-1} = A^{T}$

Invertibility

- Matrix can't be inverted if...
 - More rows than columns
 - More columns than rows
 - Redundant rows/columns ("linearly dependent", "low rank")

Eigendecomposition

• Eigenvector and eigenvalue for a square matrix A:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}. \tag{2.39}$$

Eigendecomposition of a diagonalizable matrix:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V} \operatorname{diag}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \mathbf{V}^{-1}. \tag{2.40}$$

Every real symmetric matrix has a real, orthogonal eigendecomposition:

$$\boldsymbol{A} = \boldsymbol{Q} \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \boldsymbol{Q}^{\mathsf{T}}, \tag{2.41}$$

Intuition of Eigendecomposition

- Understand eigendecomposition with visual examples
 - https://setosa.io/ev/eigenvectors-and-eigenvalues/

Singular Value Decomposition

- Similar to eigendecomposition
- More general; matrix need not be square

$$\boldsymbol{A} = \boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{D}\boldsymbol{V}^{\top}.\tag{2.43}$$

Computing the Pseudoinverse

The SVD allows the computation of the pseudoinverse:

$$\boldsymbol{A}^{+} = \boldsymbol{V} \boldsymbol{D}^{+} \boldsymbol{U}^{\top}, \tag{2.47}$$

Take reciprocal of non-zero entries

Learning linear algebra

- Do a lot of practice problems
- Start out with lots of summation signs and indexing into individual entries
- Eventually you will be able to mostly use matrix and vector product notation quickly and easily

Next Lecture

Overview of Probability