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Linear Algebra and Convex Optimization

- Introduction

- **Linear algebra** →

branch of mathematics concerning vector spaces, linear transformations, systems of linear equations...

- **Interests**

- solving so-called “linear” equations
- linear maps in vector space
 - representation of shifting in elementary geometric spaces such as a straight line, plane or physical space
 - generalization of the notion of space to any dimensions

Linear Algebra

- Introduction

- **History**

- Al-Khawarizmi (780-850) → « algebra »
→ translation of Indian mathematics texts and reinterpretation of Greek school work
- René Descartes (1596-1650) → association between geometry and algebra thanks to the notion of coordinates (“Cartesian” coordinate system)
- Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777-1855)
→ generic method for solving systems of linear equations (“Gaussian elimination” = row reduction)
→ linear algebra becomes a branch of mathematics in its own right

Linear Algebra

- Introduction

- **Basic notions**

- an **eigenvector** is a linear map of a space in itself
- an eigenvector corresponds to the study of the privileged axes, according to which the mapping behaves like a **dilation**, multiplying the vectors by the same constant
- this expansion ratio is called **eigenvalue**, the vectors to which it applies are called **eigenvectors**, united in an **eigen space**
- knowing the eigenvectors and eigenvalues provides key information on the linear map considered

Linear Algebra

- Introduction

- **Some examples of linear algebra applications:**

- geometry → study of quadratic shapes
- functional analysis
- classical mechanics → various problems (e.g. study of the movements of a vibrating string)
- quantum mechanics → study of the Schrödinger equation
- general theory of relativity → determining the space-time structure
- convex optimization → search for minima
- *Google* → web page ranking algorithm
- linear regression
- principal component analysis
- k-means classification: intra / inter-class variance optimization⁵

Linear Algebra

- Introductory example: linear equation system

- solving the following system of linear equations:

$$(S) = \begin{cases} 3x_1 & +2x_2 & = 7 \\ x_1 & -3x_2 & = -5 \end{cases}$$

- this system of linear equations S can be solved in different ways (e.g., by Gaussian elimination, by the Gauss-Jordan method, etc.)
- possible use of matrix notation as an approach
- for that, we rewrite S as follows:

$$(S): AX = b$$

- where $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$, $X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $b = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$

- **theorem:** if A is a non singular matrix, then the equation system $AX = b$ has the solution $X = A^{-1}b$

Linear Algebra

- Introductory example: linear equation system

- linear equation system:

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- rewriting of S : $(S): AX = b$

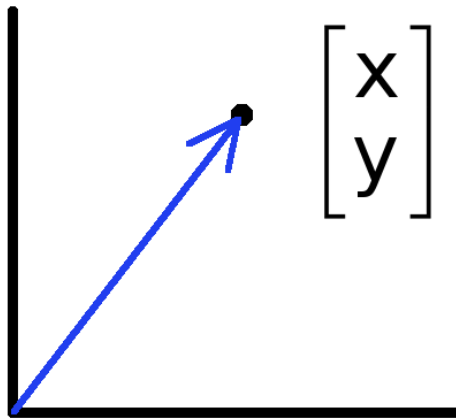
where $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$, $X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $b = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$

- solution $X = A^{-1}b$ (need to compute the inverse matrix of A)

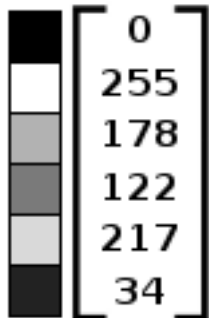
- $X = A^{-1}b = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{11} & \frac{2}{11} \\ \frac{1}{11} & \frac{-3}{11} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

Linear Algebra

- Introduction: linear algebra and image processing



- vectors can represent an offset in 2D or 3D space
- points are just vectors from the origin



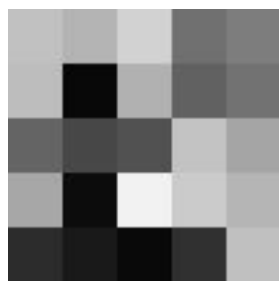
- data (pixels, gradients at an image keypoint, etc.) can also be treated as a vector
- such vectors do not have a geometric interpretation, but calculations like “distance” can still have value

Linear Algebra

- Introduction: linear algebra and image processing

- a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is an array on numbers with size m by n , i.e., m rows and n columns

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1;1} & \cdots & a_{1;n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m;1} & \cdots & a_{m;n} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$= \begin{bmatrix} 193 & 180 & 210 & 112 & 125 \\ 189 & 8 & 177 & 97 & 114 \\ 100 & 71 & 81 & 195 & 165 \\ 167 & 12 & 242 & 203 & 181 \\ 44 & 25 & 9 & 48 & 192 \end{bmatrix}$$

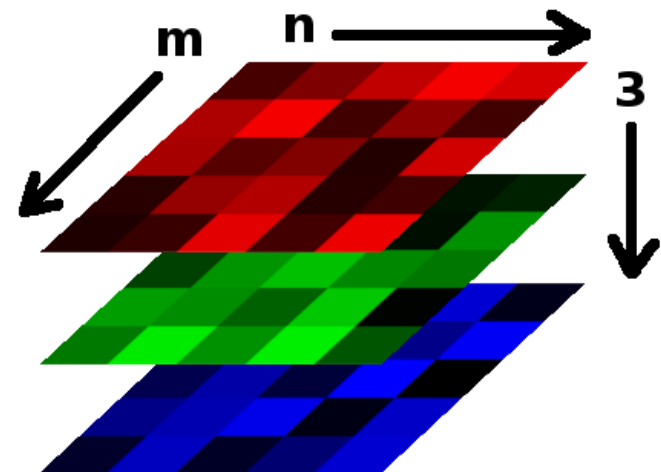
- a digital image is represented as a matrix of pixel brightness
- note that, in many computer languages, the upper left corner is $[y,x] = (0,0)$

Linear Algebra

- Introduction: linear algebra and image processing
 - grayscale images have one number per pixel, and are stored as an $m \times n$ matrix
 - color images have 3 numbers per pixel –red, green, and blue brightnesses (RGB)
 - color matrices are stored as $m \times n \times 3$ matrices



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Linear Algebra

- Matrix Multiplication

- **Definition**

- matrix multiplication
 - = binary operation that produces a matrix from two matrices
- a matrix A is characterized by its dimensions: m rows et n columns ($m \times n$ matrix) and can be multiplied with a matrix B with dimension ($m' \times n'$ matrix) iff $n = m'$
 - for matrix multiplication, the number of columns in the first matrix (n) must be equal to the number of rows in the second matrix (m')
- resulting matrix = **matrix product**, has the number of rows of the first and the number of columns of the second matrix
 - the matrix product AB has dimensions ($m \times n'$)

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- Matrix Multiplication

➤ **Definition**

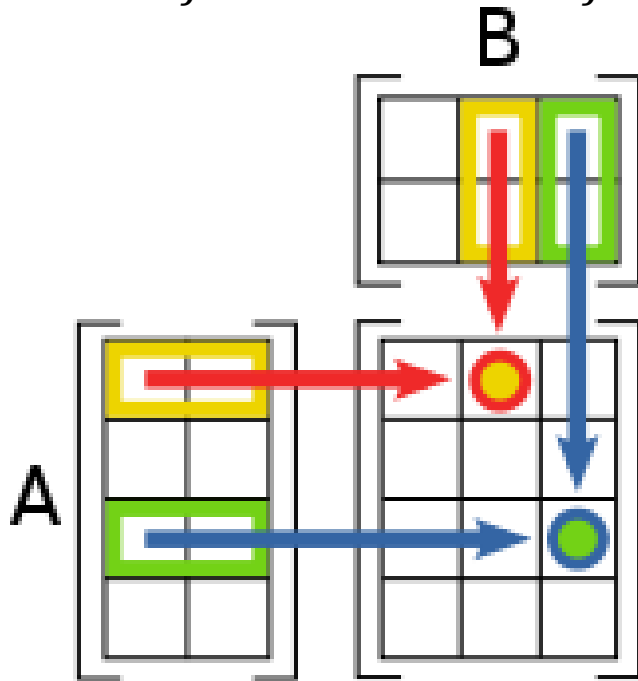
- if the (i, k) -entry of a $m \times n$ matrix A is indicated by a_{ik} , and the (k, j) -entry of a $n \times p$ matrix B is indicated by b_{kj} , then the (i, j) -entry of the $m \times p$ product matrix, denoted AB , is indicated by c_{ij} , is the sum of the products of corresponding entries from row i of A and column j of B :

$$\forall i, j: c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj} = a_{i1} b_{1j} + a_{i2} b_{2j} + \cdots + a_{in} b_{nj}$$

Linear Algebra

- Matrix Multiplication

- **example:** computation of the coefficients c_{12} and c_{33} of the product matrix AB if A is (4,2)-dimension matrix, and B is a (2,3)-dimension matrix
- $\forall i, j: c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj} = a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + \dots + a_{in}b_{nj}$



$$c_{12} = \sum_{k=1}^{n=2} a_{1k}b_{k2} = a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22}$$

$$c_{33} = \sum_{k=1}^{n=2} a_{3k}b_{k3} = a_{31}b_{13} + a_{32}b_{23}$$

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Linear Algebra

• Identity Matrix

- the **identity matrix** (or **unit matrix**) of size n is the $n \times n$ square matrix with ones on the main diagonal and zeros elsewhere
- since matrices can be multiplied on the condition that their types are compatible, there are unit matrices of any order
- I_n is a square matrix of order n is defined as a diagonal matrix with 1 of all entries of it main diagonal
- $I_1 = (1)$, $I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, etc.
- $I_n A = A I_p = A$

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• Matrix Transposition

- the transposed matrix of a matrix $A \in M_{(m,n)}(K)$ is the matrix denoted ${}^tA \in M_{(n,m)}(K)$ (also denoted A^t or A^T), obtained by reflecting A over its main diagonal (which runs from top-left to bottom-right) to obtain A^T
- if $B = A^T$ then $\forall (i, j) \in \{1, \dots, n\} \times \{1, \dots, m\}$, $b_{j,i} = a_{i,j}$
- example : if $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ then $A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$
- proprieties :
 - $(A^T)^T = A$
 - $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$
 - for all scalar r , $(rA)^T = rA^T$
 - $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$

Linear Algebra

- Matrix Determinant

- computation of the matrix determinant → useful to check if a matrix can be inverted or to compute the inverted matrix
- the general formula to compute the determinant → not easy for important size matrices (→ but other techniques exist)
- for A , a (2×2) square matrix with $A = \begin{pmatrix} x & x' \\ y & y' \end{pmatrix}$,
the determinant is: $\det(A) = xy' - yx'$
- **geometric interpretation:** if $X = (x, y)$ and $X' = (x', y')$ are two vectors of Euclidian space, then the area of the parallelogram defined by X and X' is equal to the absolute value $xy' - yx'$ which is the determinant of the (2×2) square matrix $A = [X, X']$

Linear Algebra

- Matrix Determinant

- the Leibniz formula expresses the determinant of a square

matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1;1} & \cdots & a_{1;n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n;1} & \cdots & a_{n;n} \end{pmatrix}$ in terms of permutations of the

matrix elements with the following formula:

$$\det(A) = |A| = \sum_{\sigma \in \wp_n} \varepsilon(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n a_{\sigma(i);i}$$

where \wp_n denotes the permutations of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ and $\varepsilon(\sigma)$ is the sign function of permutations σ in the permutation group \wp_n , which returns +1 and -1 for even and odd permutations, respectively

Linear Algebra

- Matrix Determinant

- for $n \geq 2$, the determinant of a square (n, n) -dimension matrix $A[a_{ij}]$ is the sum of n terms such as $\pm a_{ij} \times \det(A_{ij})$, with alternating plus or minus signs, with A_{ij} is the sub-matrix composed by removing the i^{th} row and j^{th} column of A :

$$\begin{aligned}\det(A) &= a_{11}\det(A_{11}) - a_{12}\det(A_{12}) + \cdots + (-1)^{1+n}a_{1n}\det(A_{1n}) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{1+j}a_{1j}\det(A_{1j})\end{aligned}$$

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- Matrix Determinant

- for a (3,3)-dimension square matrix $A \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$

- $\det(A) = a_{11}\det(A_{11}) - a_{12}\det(A_{12}) + a_{13}\det(A_{13})$

$$\det(A) = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

- example: computation of the matrix $A \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \times \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \times \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 4 \times \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= 1 \times (-1) - 2 \times (-10) + 4 \times (4) = -1 + 20 + 16$$
$$= 35 \neq 0 \quad \text{therefore the matrix can be inverted}$$

Linear Algebra

• Matrix Inversion

- an n -by- n square matrix A is called **invertible** (also “nonsingular” or “nondegenerate”), if there exists an n -by- n square B denoted $B = A^{-1}$ such that $AB = BA = I_n$ where I_n denotes the n -by- n identity matrix
- **theorem**: if $\det(A) \neq 0$, then A is invertible
- **theorem**: if $\det(A) = 0$, then A is not invertible, this is a **singular matrix**
- **properties**: if A and B are invertible matrices, then :
 1. $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$
 2. $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$
 3. $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$

Linear Algebra

- Matrix Inversion

- inverse of a 2×2 matrix:

- let $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

- if $\det(A) \neq 0$, then the inverse matrix of A is:

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

Linear Algebra

- Matrix Inversion

- example with the matrix inversion of a 3×3 square matrix:

- let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

1. computation of the determinant of A :

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= a_{11}\det(A_{11}) - a_{12}\det(A_{12}) + \dots + (-1)^{1+n}a_{1n}\det(A_{1n}) \\ &= a_{11}\det(A_{11}) - a_{12}\det(A_{12}) + a_{13}\det(A_{13}) \\ &= 1 \times (8 - 6) - 1 \times (4 - 3) + 1 \times (2 - 2) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

2. computation of the transposed matrix A^T :

$$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Linear Algebra

- Matrix Inversion

- example with a 3×3 square matrix (continued):

- let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

1. computation of the determinant of A : $\det(A) = 1$
2. computation of the transposed matrix of A : $A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$
3. computation of the adjugate matrix A_{adj} from the determinants of each 2-by-2 matrices resulting from A^T :

$$A_{\text{adj}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \times 4 - 3 \times 2 & 1 \times 4 - 1 \times 2 & 1 \times 3 - 1 \times 2 \\ 1 \times 4 - 3 \times 1 & 1 \times 4 - 1 \times 1 & 1 \times 3 - 1 \times 1 \\ 1 \times 2 - 2 \times 1 & 1 \times 2 - 1 \times 1 & 1 \times 2 - 1 \times 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Linear Algebra

- Matrix Inversion

- example with a 3×3 square matrix (continued):

- let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

- 4. sign matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{pmatrix}$$

- 5. computation of the inverse matrix A^{-1} by multiplying $\frac{1}{\det(A)} A_{\text{adj}}$ by the sign matrix:

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Linear Algebra

- Matrix Inversion

- **Algorithm for finding A^{-1} , inverse matrix of A**

- with elementary operations on the rows of A , transform A in the identity matrix I_n
- simultaneously perform the same operations on I_n
- at the end, A is transformed in I_n and I_n is transformed in A^{-1}
- in practice, we form the following table:

$$(A|I_n) \rightarrow (I_n|B) = (I_n|A^{-1})$$

- elementary operations authorized on the rows:
 1. multiply a row by a non-zero real value: $L_i \leftarrow \lambda L_i$ with $\lambda \neq 0$
 2. add to row L_i a multiple of L_j : $L_i \leftarrow L_i + \lambda L_j$
 3. swap two rows: $L_i \leftrightarrow L_j$
 4. warning: what is done on the left part of the augmented matrix must also be done on the right part

Linear Algebra

- Matrix Inversion

➤ **Algorithm for finding A^{-1} , inverse matrix of A (example)**

- compute the inverse matrix of $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
- here, the augmented matrix is:

$$(A|I_n) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{matrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \end{matrix}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 & -5 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{matrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \end{matrix} \leftarrow \begin{matrix} L_1 \\ L_2 - 4L_1 \\ L_3 \end{matrix}$$

Linear Algebra

- Matrix Inversion

➤ **Algorithm for finding A^{-1} , inverse matrix of A (continued)**

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 & -5 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) L_3 \leftarrow L_3 + L_1$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{5}{8} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{8} & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) L_2 \leftarrow -\frac{1}{8}L_2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{5}{8} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{8} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -1 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{array} \right) L_3 \leftarrow L_3 - 4L_2$$

Linear Algebra

- Matrix Inversion

➤ **Algorithm for finding A^{-1} , inverse matrix of A (continued)**

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{5}{8} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{8} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) L_3 \leftarrow 2L_3$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{7}{4} & -\frac{3}{4} & -\frac{5}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) L_2 \leftarrow L_2 - \frac{5}{8}L_3$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{7}{4} & -\frac{3}{4} & -\frac{5}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) L_1 \leftarrow L_1 - 2L_2 - L_3$$

Linear Algebra

- Matrix Inversion

➤ **Algorithm for finding A^{-1} , inverse matrix of A (continued)**

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{7}{4} & -\frac{3}{4} & -\frac{5}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right)$$

therefore $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \times \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 & 2 \\ 7 & -3 & -5 \\ -8 & 4 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$

we can check that $A \times A^{-1} = I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Linear Algebra

- Trace of a Matrix

- the **trace** of a $n \times n$ square matrix A , denoted $\text{Tr}(A)$, is dened to be the sum of the elements on the main diagonal:

$$\text{Tr}(A) = a_{11} + a_{22} + \cdots + a_{nn} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

- the trace can be seen as a linear form on the vector space of the matrices
- the trace verifies the identity: $\text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA)$
- example :
 - let a 2×2 square matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
 - $\rightarrow \text{Tr}(A) = 2 + 2 = 4$

Linear Algebra

- Row Echelon Form of a Matrix

- a matrix is in echelon form if it has the shape resulting from a Gaussian elimination
- a matrix being in row echelon form means that Gaussian elimination has operated on the rows, and column echelon form means that Gaussian elimination has operated on the columns
- in other words, a matrix is in column echelon form if its transpose is in row echelon form
- the similar properties of column echelon form are easily deduced by transposing all the matrices

Linear Algebra

• Row Echelon Form of a Matrix

- specifically, a matrix is in row echelon form if
 - all rows consisting of only zeroes are at the bottom
 - the leading coefficient (also called the pivot) of a nonzero row is always strictly to the right of the leading coefficient of the row above it
- example where the $*$ denote arbitrary coefficients and the \oplus denotes the pivots (i.e., non-zero coefficients):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \oplus & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \oplus & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \oplus & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \oplus & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \oplus \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Linear Algebra

- Row Echelon Form of a Matrix

- **Transformation to row echelon form**

- by means of a finite sequence of elementary row operations, any matrix can be transformed to row echelon form
- since elementary row operations preserve the row space of the matrix, the row space of the row echelon form is the same as that of the original matrix
- authorized operations (→ Gaussian elimination):
 1. swap two lines
 2. multiply a row by a non-zero constant
 3. add to a row the multiple of another row
- the number of rows with a non-zero pivot is equal to the **rank** of the initial matrix (→ rank = maximal number of linearly independent columns of the matrix)

Linear Algebra

- Vector space, image and kernel

- let A be a matrix with m rows and n columns, and rank r (the rank corresponds to the dimension of the vector space spanned by its rows)
- let C be the matrix constituted by the r first rows at the row echelon form of the corresponding matrix (the following rows are equal to zero)
- the transformation to row echelon form is made by blocs $(A|I_m)$ where I_m is the identity matrix with m rows
- let $\begin{pmatrix} C & K \\ 0 & L \end{pmatrix}$ the corresponding bloc row echelon form matrix
- the matrices C and L allow to determine some sub-spaces associated to the matrix A
- in the case of $m = n = r$, the matrix K is A^{-1}

Linear Algebra

- Vector space, image and kernel

- **Kernel of a matrix**

- the **kernel** of a linear mapping, also known as the null space, is the set of vectors in the domain of the mapping which are mapped to the zero vector
- the **kernel** $\text{Ker}(A)$ of matrix A is defined as the vector subspace of \mathbb{K}^n constituted by the columns X solutions of the linear system $AX = 0$
- if (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) are the components of the basis of \mathbb{K}^n and (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n) are the indices of the columns with the pivots,
- then a basis of $\text{Ker}(A)$ is given by $e_j - \sum_{k_i < j} c_{ij} e_{k_i}$

Linear Algebra

- Vector space, image and kernel

➤ Image of a matrix

- the **image** $\text{Im}(A)$ of matrix A :
 - vector subspace of \mathbb{K}^m
 - constituted by AX
 - when X is a column with n terms
- this image is generated by the columns of A , and a basis is formed by the columns whose index contains, after reduction, a pivot (i.e., a non-zero coefficient)

Linear Algebra

- Vector space, image and kernel

- example with a rectangular matrix characterizing a linear map f :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- here, the linear map is $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$

- $$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x + 3y + z \\ -x + 2z \\ 2x + 5y + z \\ x + 3y + z \end{pmatrix}$$

Linear Algebra

- Vector space, image and kernel

- for the kernel, we look for x , y and z which verify the following equations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & +3y & +z = 0 \\ -x & & +2z = 0 \\ 2x & +5y & +z = 0 \\ x & +3y & +z = 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- for the image, we are looking for a relation between x' , y' , z' and t' :

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & +3y & +z = x' \\ -x & & +2z = y' \\ 2x & +5y & +z = z' \\ x & +3y & +z = t' \end{pmatrix}$$

Linear Algebra

- Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- the **eigenvectors** of a square matrix A are the vectors other than zero which, after multiplication by A , remain parallel to the original vector
- for any eigenvector \vec{x} , there exists a corresponding **eigenvalue** λ which is the factor by which the eigenvector \vec{x} is resized by multiplication with A
- \vec{x} is an eigenvector of A if there is a scalar λ such that $Ax = \lambda x$
- with T , transformation by linear map:

$$T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$T(\vec{v}) = \lambda \vec{v}$$

- the vector \vec{v} , when we apply the transformation T to it, is only modified by a factor λ (it is just made smaller or larger)

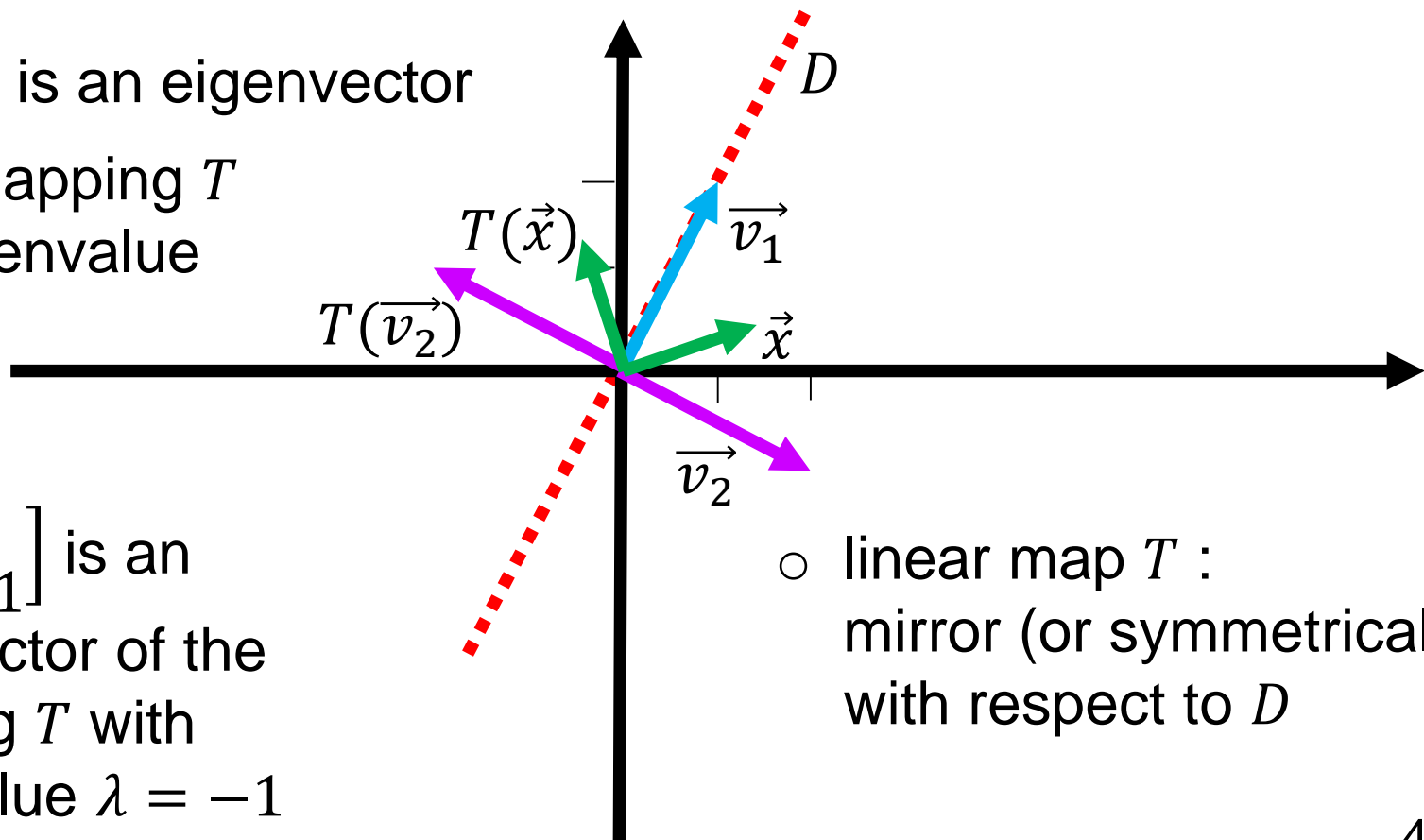
Linear Algebra

• Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

○ example: linear map $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

○ $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of the mapping T with eigenvalue $\lambda = 1$

○ $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of the mapping T with eigenvalue $\lambda = -1$



○ linear map T :
mirror (or symmetrical)
with respect to D

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• Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- $T(\vec{v}_1) = \vec{v}_1 \Rightarrow T(\vec{v}_1) = 1 \times \vec{v}_1$
- $T(\vec{v}_2) = -\vec{v}_2 \Rightarrow T(\vec{v}_2) = -1 \times \vec{v}_2$
- by mapping T , the vectors \vec{v}_1 and \vec{v}_2 will not change a lot: the orientation will be the same but the direction or the amplitude can change
- the vectors \vec{v}_1 and \vec{v}_2 are the eigenvectors of the mapping T and λ is the corresponding eigenvalue ($\lambda_1 = 1$ and $\lambda_2 = -1$)
- **interest**: in a basis defined by two vectors \vec{v}_1 and \vec{v}_2 , the corresponding matrix to the linear map T can easily be expressed
- eigenvectors are good candidates for a basis of space and for simply expressing the linear map

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- Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- in the general case, with a matrix A :

$$T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$$

$$T(\vec{v}) = \lambda\vec{v} = A\vec{v}$$

- we will say that \vec{v} is an eigenvector associated with the linear map T but \vec{v} is also an eigenvector of A , and the scalar λ is an eigenvalue of A

- therefore we have:

$$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$$

- what are the solutions of this equation?
- we will not be interested in the obvious solution $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$

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- Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- in the general case, with a matrix A , the eigenvalues of A are the solutions λ of the characteristic equation:

$$\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$$

- other writing:

$$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v} \text{ for } \vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$$

$$\text{iff } \det(\lambda I_n - A) = 0$$

- λ is an eigenvalue of A

$$\text{iff } \det(\lambda I_n - A) = 0$$

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- Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- example with a 2×2 square matrix:

- $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and suppose that λ is an eigenvalue of A

- $\det(\lambda I_2 - A) = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det \left(\lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -2 \\ -4 & \lambda - 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad \text{with } \det \begin{pmatrix} x & x' \\ y & y' \end{pmatrix} = xy' - yx'$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 3) - (-4 \times -2) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 3) - 8 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 - 3\lambda - \lambda + 3 - 8 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 5 = 0$$

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• Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- example with a 2×2 square matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ (continued):
- $\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 5 = 0 \rightarrow$ we call this polynomial the “characteristic polynomial” of A
- we have to find two value λ_1 and λ_2 such that their product will be -5 and their sum will be 4
- \rightarrow solutions of a quadratic equation
- $\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 5 = 0 \rightarrow \Delta = b^2 - 4ac = (-4)^2 - 4(1 \times (-5))$
- $\Delta = 16 + 20 = 36 = 6^2$
- solutions:
 - $\lambda_1 = \frac{-b+\sqrt{\Delta}}{2a} = \frac{+4+6}{2 \times 1} = \frac{10}{2} = 5$
 - $\lambda_2 = \frac{-b-\sqrt{\Delta}}{2a} = \frac{+4-6}{2 \times 1} = \frac{-2}{2} = -1$

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• Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- example with a 2×2 square matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ (continued):
- $\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 5 = 0 \rightarrow$ eigenvalues: $\lambda_1 = 5$ and $\lambda_2 = -1$
- to find the eigenvectors associated with the eigenvalues, we start from the basic equation $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$ with $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$
 - $\Leftrightarrow \vec{0} = \lambda\vec{v} - A\vec{v}$
 - $\Leftrightarrow \vec{0} = \lambda I_n \vec{v} - A\vec{v}$
 - $\Leftrightarrow \vec{0} = \lambda(I_n - A)\vec{v}$
- for any eigenvalue λ , the eigenspace associated with the eigenvalue λ is $E_\lambda = \text{Ker}(\lambda I_n - A)$

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• Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- example with a 2×2 square matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ (continued):
- with $E_\lambda = \text{Ker}(\lambda I_n - A)$, pour $\lambda_1 = 5$:
- $E_5 = \text{Ker}(5 I_2 - A) = \text{Ker} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{Ker} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$
- we try to find the kernel of this matrix
- \rightarrow we compute the reduced row echelon form of this matrix
- $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{L_1} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{L_2 \leftarrow L_2 + L_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{L_1 \leftarrow L_1/4}$
- we multiply the reduced row echelon form matrix by a vector $\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$ and we establish that the matrix product is zero
- $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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• Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- example with a 2×2 square matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ (continued):
- with $E_\lambda = \text{Ker}(\lambda I_n - A)$, for $\lambda_1 = 5$:
- $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow v_1 - \frac{1}{2}v_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow v_1 = \frac{1}{2}v_2$
- if we say that $v_2 = t$ then $v_1 = \frac{1}{2}t$
- we can rewrite the eigenspace associated with the eigenvalue 5 which is the kernel of this matrix:

$$E_5 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$E_5 = \text{Vect} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

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• Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- example with a 2×2 square matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ (continued):
- with $E_\lambda = \text{Ker}(\lambda I_n - A)$, for $\lambda_2 = -1$:
- $E_{-1} = \text{Ker}(-I_2 - A) = \text{Ker}\left(\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}\right) =$
 $\text{Ker}\left(\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ -4 & -4 \end{bmatrix}\right)$
- we transform the matrix in its reduced row echelon form
- $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ -4 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{L_1} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{L_2 \leftarrow L_2 - 2L_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{L_1 \leftarrow -L_1/4}$
- to have the kernel, we multiply the matrix by the vector $\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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• Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- example with a 2×2 square matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ (continued):
- with $E_\lambda = \text{Ker}(\lambda I_n - A)$, for $\lambda_2 = -1$:
- $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow v_1 + v_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow v_1 = -v_2$
- if we say that $v_2 = t$ then $v_1 = -t$
- we can rewrite the eigenspace associated with the eigenvalue -1 which is the kernel of this matrix:

$$E_{-1} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$E_{-1} = \text{Vect} \left(\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Linear Algebra

- Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- example with a 3×3 square matrix:

- $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and λ is an eigenvalue of A

- $\det(\lambda I_3 - A) = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det \left(\lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} \lambda + 1 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & \lambda - 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & \lambda - 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

- to get the determinant of a 3×3 matrix is less easy than a 2×2 matrix

Linear Algebra

• Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- example with a 3×3 square matrix (continued):
- method to obtain the determinant: consider the products of the coefficients on the diagonals by alternating the sign in the sum of the products and repeating the start of the matrix

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \circ \begin{bmatrix} \lambda + 1 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & \lambda - 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & \lambda - 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \lambda + 1 & -2 \\ -2 & \lambda - 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{matrix} \\
 & \Rightarrow (\lambda + 1)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 2) \\
 & \Rightarrow (-2) \times 1 \times (-2) = 4 \\
 & \Rightarrow (-2) \times (-2) \times 1 = 4 \\
 & \Rightarrow (-2) \times (\lambda - 2) \times (-2) = 4(\lambda - 2) \\
 & \circ \begin{bmatrix} \lambda + 1 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & \lambda - 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & \lambda - 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \lambda + 1 & -2 \\ -2 & \lambda - 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{matrix} \\
 & \Rightarrow 1 \times 1 \times (\lambda + 1) = \lambda + 1 \\
 & \Rightarrow (\lambda - 2) \times (-2) \times (-2) = 4(\lambda - 2) \\
 & (\lambda + 1)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 2) + 4 + 4 - 4(\lambda - 2) - (\lambda + 1) - 4(\lambda - 2) = 52
 \end{aligned}$$

Linear Algebra

- Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- example with a 3×3 square matrix (continued):

$$(\lambda + 1)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 2) + 4 + 4 - 4(\lambda - 2) - (\lambda + 1) - 4(\lambda - 2) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\lambda + 1)(\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4) + 8 - 4\lambda + 8 - \lambda - 1 - 4\lambda + 8 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda^3 - 4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4 - 9\lambda + 23 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 - 9\lambda + 27 = 0$$

- this is the characteristic polynomial of the matrix A
- this equation is not easy to solve, but the roots of this equation are bound to be divisors of 27, i.e., necessarily 1, 3, 9 or 27
- we will test these roots to see if they work:
- 1: $1 - 3 - 9 + 27 \neq 0$ so 1 is not root
- 3: $27 - 3 \times 9 - 9 \times 3 + 27 = 0$ so 3 is a root
- we can factorize by $(\lambda - 3)$

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• Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- example with a 3×3 square matrix (continued):
- $\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 - 9\lambda + 27 = 0$ and we can factorize by $(\lambda - 3)$
- $(\lambda - 3)(\lambda^2 - 9) = 0 \Leftrightarrow (\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 3)$
- so we get the eigenvalues $\lambda = 3$ or $\lambda = -3$
- we try to find now the eigenvectors and the eigenspaces associated with the eigenvalues
- the eigenvectors belong to the kernel of the matrix A
- for $\lambda = 3$, $\lambda I_n - A$:

$$\circ 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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• Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- example with a 3×3 square matrix (continued):
- for $\lambda = 3$, $\lambda I_n - A$:
$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
- we put the matrix in reduced row echelon form to be able to easily find the kernel of this matrix
- we keep the 1st row and we will replace the 2nd row by 2 times the 2nd row + the 1st row (the same for the 3rd row)
- then we divide the 1st row by 4
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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- Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- example with a 3×3 square matrix (continued):

- $$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ therefore } v_1 - \frac{1}{2}v_2 - \frac{1}{2}v_3 = 0$$

- if $v_2 = a$, $v_3 = b$ then $v_1 = \frac{1}{2}a + \frac{1}{2}b$

- \rightarrow eigenspace corresponding to the kernel of the matrix

- $$E_3 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

- $$E_3 = \text{Vect} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

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- Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- example with a 3×3 square matrix (continued):
- now we try to find the eigenspace associated to the eigenvalue $\lambda = -3$, $\lambda I_n - A$:

- $$-3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & -5 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- we divide the 1st row by -2 then we replace the 2nd row by the 2nd row $-$ the 1st row (the same for the 3rd row)
- we divide the 2nd row by -3 then we replace the 3rd row by the 3rd row $+$ the 2nd row

- $$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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- Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- example with a 3×3 square matrix (continued):

- $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ therefore $\begin{cases} v_1 + v_2 + v_3 = 0 \\ v_2 - v_3 = 0 \end{cases}$

- we say that v_3 is the free variable : $v_3 = t$

- then $v_2 = t$ et $v_1 = -2t$

- \rightarrow eigenspace corresponding to the kernel of the matrix

- $E_{-3} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

- $E_{-3} = \text{Vect} \left(\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$

Linear Algebra

- Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- example with a 3×3 square matrix (continued):
- remarkable element: if we make the scalar product of $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ of the eigenspace E_{-3} with one of the eigenvectors of E_3 , i.e., $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ or $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, we get 0
- therefore the vectors are orthogonal
- \rightarrow the eigenspace associated with the eigenvalue -3 is orthogonal to the eigenspace associated with the value 3

Convex Optimization

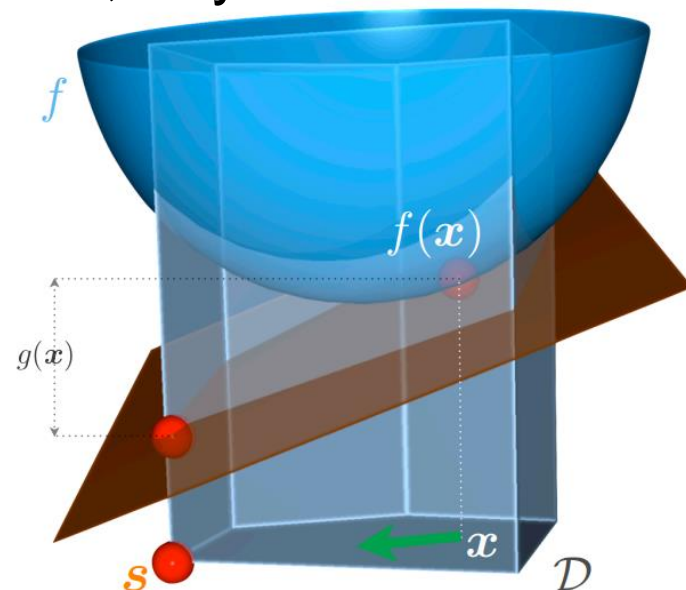
- Introduction

- **Convex optimization** →

problem of minimizing convex functions over convex sets

- the convexity property can make optimization in some sense “easier” than the general case: indeed, any local minimum must be a global minimum.

- **Objective:** find a stationary point



Convex Optimization

- Convex optimization and linear algebra

➤ **convex optimization** problem:

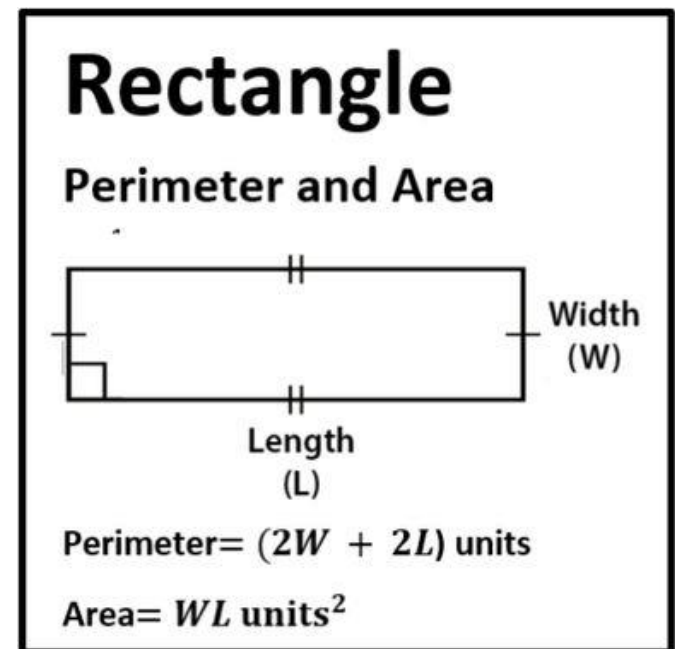
$$\begin{cases} \max_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{u}^T S \mathbf{u} & (1) \\ \text{subject to } \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u} = 1 & (2) \end{cases}$$

- Solving problem (1) under the constraint (2), we get: $S\mathbf{u} = \lambda\mathbf{u}$, which says that \mathbf{u} must be an **eigenvector** of S .
- We can deduce that $\mathbf{u}^T S \mathbf{u} = \lambda$, and so the variance will be maximum when we set \mathbf{u} equal to the eigenvector having the largest **eigenvalue** λ .
- Note that the eigenvalues of a matrix S are the solutions to the following characteristic equation:
 $\det(S - \lambda I) = 0$, where \det is the **determinant**.

Convex Optimization

- Introductory example: length & width of a rectangle
 - let R be a rectangle of width W and length L
 - let us solve the following problem: “Find W and L which minimize the perimeter P of R under the constraint that the area A of R is equal to 4”
 - more formally, this takes the form of the following optimization problem:

$$\begin{cases} \min_{W,L} 2W + 2L \\ R = W \times L = 4 \end{cases}$$



Convex Optimization

- Introductory example: length & width of a rectangle
 - the method of **Lagrange multipliers** tells us that solving the previous optimization problem boils down to minimizing the following problem: $\min_{W,L} 2W + 2L + \lambda(W \times L - 4)$ for some λ
 - solving $\nabla(2W + 2L + \lambda(W \times L - 4)) = 0$

we get:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial(2W+2L+\lambda(W \times L - 4))}{\partial W} = 0 \Leftrightarrow 2 + \lambda W = 0 \Leftrightarrow W = -\frac{2}{\lambda} & (1) \\ \frac{\partial(2W+2L+\lambda(W \times L - 4))}{\partial L} = 0 \Leftrightarrow 2 + \lambda L = 0 \Leftrightarrow L = -\frac{2}{\lambda} & (2) \\ \frac{\partial(2W+2L+\lambda(W \times L - 4))}{\partial \lambda} = 0 \Leftrightarrow W \times L - 4 = 0 \Leftrightarrow W \times L = 4 & (3) \end{cases}$$

Convex Optimization

- Introductory example: length & width of a rectangle

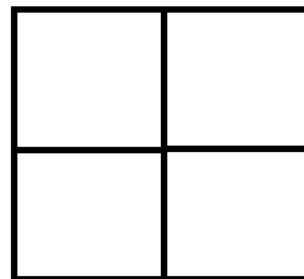
- from
$$\begin{cases} W = -\frac{2}{\lambda} & (1) \\ L = -\frac{2}{\lambda} & (2) \\ W \times L = 4 & (3) \end{cases}$$

plugging Eq.(1) and (2) into Eq.(3), we obtain $\frac{4}{\lambda^2} = 4$

therefore $\lambda^2 = 1$, we get that $\lambda = 1$ or $\lambda = -1$

and we deduce that *Width* = 2 and *Length* = 2

- \rightarrow perimeter $P = 2W + 2L = 8$



Convex Optimization

- Definition

- Optimization Problem → determine value of **optimization variable** within **feasible region/set** to optimize **optimization objective**

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_x & f(x) \\ \text{s. t.} & x \in \mathcal{F} \end{array}$$

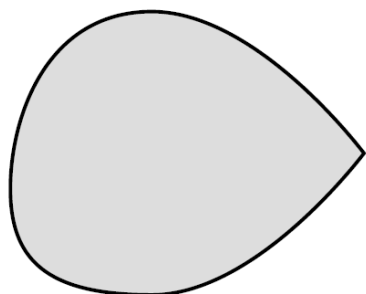
- optimization variable $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ (x : vector in n real-valued entries)
- feasible region/set $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$
- optimization objective $f: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Optimal solution: $x^* = \underset{x \in \mathcal{F}}{\operatorname{argmin}} f(x)$
- Optimal objective value $f^* = \min_{x \in \mathcal{F}} f(x) = f(x^*)$

Convex Optimization

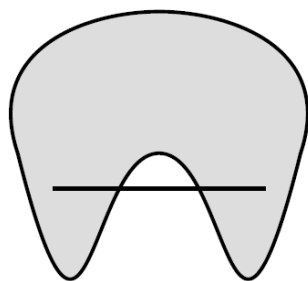
- Definition

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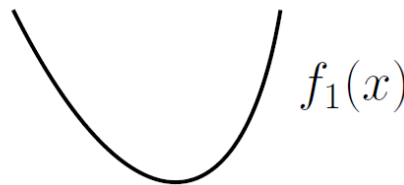
- An optimization problem whose optimization objective f is a **convex function** and feasible region \mathcal{F} is a **convex set**
- → a special class of optimization problem



Convex set



Nonconvex set



Convex function



Nonconvex function

Convex Optimization

- Definition: Local optima and global optima

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_x f(x) \\ & \text{s. t. } x \in \mathcal{F} \end{aligned}$$

- Given an optimization problem, a point $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is **globally optimal** if $x \in \mathcal{F}$ and $\forall y \in \mathcal{F}, f(x) \leq f(y)$
- Given an optimization problem, a point $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is **locally optimal** if $x \in \mathcal{F}$ and $\exists R > 0$ such that $\forall y: y \in \mathcal{F}$ and $\|x - y\|_2 \leq R, f(x) \leq f(y)$
- **Theorem:** for a convex optimization problem, all locally optimal points are globally optimal

Convex Optimization

- Definition

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & f(x) \\ \text{s. t.} & x \in \mathcal{F} \end{array}$$

- Optimization variable $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 - discrete variables → combinatorial optimization
 - continuous variables → Continuous optimization
 - mixed → some variables are discrete, and some continuous
 - example: shortest path, traveling salesman problem...

Convex Optimization

- Definition

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_x & f(x) \\ \text{s. t.} & x \in \mathcal{F} \end{array}$$

- Feasible region/set $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$
 - unconstrained optimization: $\mathcal{F} = \mathbb{R}^n$
 - constrained optimization: $\mathcal{F} \subsetneq \mathbb{R}^n$
 - find a feasible point $x \in \mathcal{F}$ can already be difficult

Convex Optimization

- Definition

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_x & f(x) \\ \text{s. t.} & x \in \mathcal{F} \end{array}$$

➤ Optimization objective $f: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

- $f(x) = 1$: feasibility problem

- simple functions:

- ☐ linear function $f(x) = a^T x$

- ☐ convex function

- complicated functions

- ☐ even can be implicitly represented through an algorithm which takes $x \in \mathcal{F}$ as input, and outputs a value

Convex Optimization

- Definition

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_x & f(x) \\ \text{s. t.} & x \in \mathcal{F} \end{array}$$

- Minimization can be converted to maximization (and vice versa): $\max_x g(x) = -f(x)$

$$\text{s.t. } x \in \mathcal{F}$$

- same optimal solution
optimal objective value $g^* = -f^*$

Convex Optimization

- Example 1: Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP)

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x & f(x) \\ \text{s. t. } & x \in \mathcal{F} \end{aligned}$$

- Problem: n cities, distance from city i to city j is $d(i,j)$, find a tour (a closed path that visits every city exactly once) with minimal total distance
- Variable x : ordered list of cities being visited
 - x_i is the index of the i^{th} city being visited
- Feasible set $F = \{x: \text{each city visited exactly once}\}$
 - $F = \{x: x \in \{1..n\}^n; \sum_k \mathbb{1}(x_k = i) = 1, \forall i \in \{1..n\}\}$
- Objective function $f(x) = \text{total distance when following } x$
 - $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} d(x_k, x_{k+1}) + d(x_n, x_1)$

Convex Optimization

- Example 2: 8-Queens Problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x & f(x) \\ \text{s. t. } & x \in \mathcal{F} \end{aligned}$$

- Problem: placing eight chess queens on an 8×8 chessboard so that no two queens threaten each other (→ two queens don't share the same row/column/diagonal)
- Variable x : location of the queen in each column
 - x_i is the row index of the queen in i^{th} column
- Feasible set $F = \{x: \text{no queens in the row, col, diag}\}$
 - $F = \{x, y: x, y \in \{1..8\}^8; \sum_i \mathbb{1}(x_i = k) = 1, \forall k \in \{1..8\}; \sum_i \mathbb{1}(y_i = k) = 1, \forall k \in \{1..8\}; |x_i - x_j| \neq |y_i - y_j|, \forall i, j \in \{1..8\}\}$
- Objective function $f(x) = 1$ (dummy)

Convex Optimization

- Example 3: Linear Regression

$$\begin{aligned} \min_a & f(a) \\ \text{s. t. } & a \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

x_i	1.0	2.0	3.5
y_i	2.1	3.98	7.0

- Problem: Find a such that $y_i \approx ax_i, \forall i = 1..3$
- Variable a
- Feasible region \mathbb{R}
- Objective function $f(a)$?

$$\begin{aligned} \min_a & \sum_{i=1}^3 |y_i - ax_i| \\ \text{s.t. } & a \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_a & \sum_{i=1}^3 (y_i - ax_i)^2 \\ \text{s.t. } & a \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

Convex Optimization

- How to determine if a function is convex

- Prove by definition

- Use properties:

- Sum of convex functions is convex

- If $f(x) = \sum_i w_i f_i(x)$, $w_i \geq 0$, $f_i(x)$ convex,
then $f(x)$ is convex

- Convexity is preserved under a linear transformation

- If $f(x) = g(Ax + b)$, g convex,
then $f(x)$ is convex

- If f is a twice differentiable function of one variable,
 f is convex on an interval $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$

- iff (if and only if) its second derivative $f''(x) \geq 0$ in $[a, b]$

Convex Optimization

- How to solve

- No general way to solve
- Many algorithms developed for special classes of optimization problems (i.e., when $f(x)$ and \mathcal{F} satisfy certain constraints):
 - convex optimization problem (CO)
 - linear program (LP)
 - (mixed) integer linear program (MILP)
 - quadratic program (QP), (Mixed) integer quadratic program (MIQP), semidefinite program (SDP), second-order cone program (SOCP), ...
- Existing solvers and code packages for these problems

Convex Optimization

- How to solve

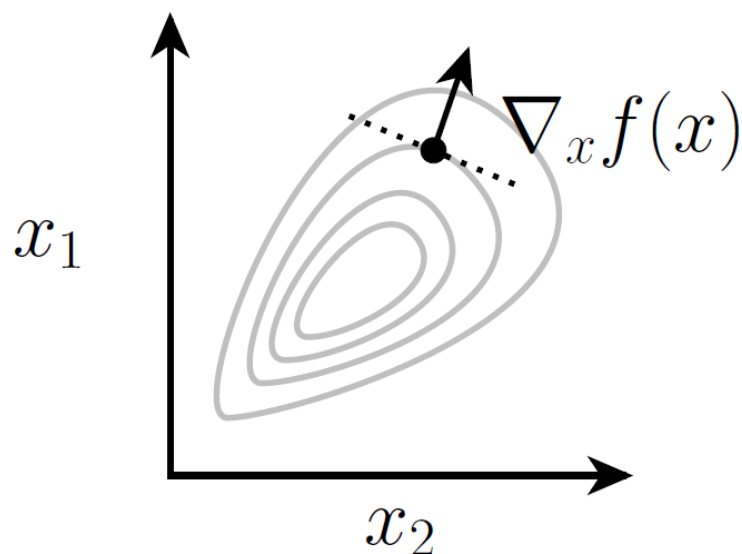
- Local search
- Iteratively improving an assignment
- Continuous and differentiable setting:
 - Iteratively improving value of x
 - Based on gradient

Convex Optimization

- How to solve

- For $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, **gradient** is the vector of partial derivative
 - a multi-variable generalization of the derivative
 - point in the direction of steepest increase in f

$$\nabla_x f(x) \in \mathbb{R}^n = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$



Convex Optimization

- How to solve

- Gradient descent: iteratively update the value of x
- a simple algorithm for unconstrained optimization $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x)$

Algorithm: Gradient Descent

Input: function f , initial point x_0 , step size $\alpha > 0$

Initialize $x \leftarrow x_0$

Repeat

$$x \leftarrow x - \alpha \nabla_x f(x)$$

Until convergence

- Variants:
 - ❑ How to choose x_0 , e.g., $x_0 = 0$
 - ❑ How to update α , e.g., $\alpha^{i+1} = \frac{(x^{i+1} - x^i)^T (\nabla_x f(x^{i+1}) - \nabla_x f(x^i))}{\|\nabla_x f(x^{i+1}) - \nabla_x f(x^i)\|_2^2}$
 - ❑ How to define “convergence”, e.g., $\|x^{i+1} - x^i\|_2 \leq \epsilon$

Convex Optimization

- How to solve

- Projected Gradient Descent:
iteratively update the value of x while ensuring $x \in \mathcal{F}$

Algorithm: Projected Gradient Descent

Input: function f , initial point x_0 , step size $\alpha > 0$

Initialize $x \leftarrow x_0$

Repeat

$$x \leftarrow P_{\mathcal{F}}(x - \alpha \nabla_x f(x))$$

Until convergence

- $P_{\mathcal{F}}$ projects a point to the constraint set
- Variants
- How to choose $P_{\mathcal{F}}$, e.g., $P_{\mathcal{F}}(x) = \operatorname{argmin}_{x' \in \mathcal{F}} \|x - x'\|_2^2$

Convex Optimization

- How to solve

- Unconstrained and differentiable
 - gradient descent
 - set derivative to be 0:
 - ☐ closed form solution
 - ☐ Newton's method (if twice differentiable)
- Constrained and differentiable
 - projected gradient descent
 - interior point method
- Non-differentiable
 - ϵ -subgradient method
 - cutting plane method

Convex Optimization

- Apply

- Model a problem as a convex optimization problem
 - define variable, feasible set, objective function
 - prove it is convex (convex function + convex set)
- Solve the convex optimization problem
 - Build up the model
 - Call a solver, for example:
 - ❑ in R: CVXR
 - ❑ in Python: cvxpy, cvxopt
 - ❑ in MATLAB: fmincon, cvx
- Map the solution back to the original problem

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