

# CS 357 - 08 Vectors, Matrices and Norms

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**Vector:** An array of numbers that represents both a magnitude and a direction. A  $n$ -dimensional vector has  $n$  elements. A Vector is an element of a vector space.

**Vector Space:** A Vector Space is a set  $V$  of vectors with elements in the field  $F$ . The elements in the field  $F$  are called scalars. There are 2 operations defined:

1. Closed under vector addition:  $\forall \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V, \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \in V$ .
2. Closed under scalar multiplication:  $\forall \alpha \in F, \mathbf{v} \in V, \alpha \mathbf{v} \in V$ .

Moreover, the following properties hold:

1. Associativity (Vector):  $\forall \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V, (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$ .
2. "Zero" vector: There exists a zero vector  $\vec{0}$ , such that  $\forall \mathbf{u} \in V, \vec{0} + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$ .
3. Additive inverse:  $\forall \mathbf{u} \in V$ , there exists  $-\mathbf{u} \in V$ , such that  $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \vec{0}$ .
4. Associativity (scalar):  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in F, \mathbf{u} \in V, (\alpha\beta)\mathbf{u} = \alpha(\beta\mathbf{u})$ .
5. Distributivity:  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in F, \mathbf{u} \in V, (\alpha + \beta)\mathbf{u} = \alpha\mathbf{u} + \beta\mathbf{u}$ .
6. Unitarity:  $\forall \mathbf{u} \in V$ .

**Linear combination and linear independence:**

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + c_n \mathbf{v}_n$$

Where  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are all vectors in the vector space  $V$ , and  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  are constants, then we call  $\mathbf{x}$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ .

If any vector  $\mathbf{x} \in V$  can be written in the form of the linear combination with uniquely defined scalar  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$ , then we call  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  a **basis** of  $V$ . The size  $n$  of the basis is called the **dimension** of  $V$ . The dimension of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is  $n$ .

If  $\alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + \alpha_k \mathbf{v}_k = \vec{0}$  only has one solution  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \cdots = \alpha_n = 0$ , then  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are called **linearly independent**. Otherwise the vectors are linearly dependent, and at least one of the vectors can be written as a linear combination of the other vectors in the set. A basis is always linearly independent.

**Inner product:** An inner product is a function that takes 2 vectors from the same real vector space and returns a real number. There are 4 properties hold ( $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ):

1. Positivity:  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle \geq 0$
2. Definiteness:  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle = 0$  iff  $\mathbf{u} = \vec{0}$
3. Symmetric:  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle$
4. Linearity:  $\langle \alpha \mathbf{u} + \beta \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \alpha \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle + \beta \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle$ .

If  $\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V} \in V$  and  $\langle \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V} \rangle = 0$ , then  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are **orthogonal**. The standard inner product is the **dot product**:  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$ .

**Linear transformations:** A function  $f : V \rightarrow W$  between 2 vectors  $v$  and  $w$  is considered to be **linear** if the following 2 properties hold:

1.  $f(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = f(\mathbf{u}) + f(\mathbf{v})$ , where  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$ .
2.  $f(c\mathbf{v}) = cf(\mathbf{v})$ , for all  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  and scalars  $c$ .

Where  $f$  is called a **linear transformation**. If  $n$  and  $m$  are the dimensions of  $V$  and  $W$ , then  $f$  can be represented as a  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Matrices:**

- Special matrices:
  - **Zero Matrix:** A matrix with all entries to be zero.
  - **Identity Matrix:** An  $n \times n$  matrix with 1 in the diagonal entries and 0 elsewhere. Can be considered as “1” because  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{I}_n = \mathbf{A}$ .
  - **Diagonal Matrix:** An  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix has all zeroes at non-diagonal entries.
  - **Triangular Matrix:** A lower-triangular matrix ( $\mathbf{L}$ ) is a square matrix that is entirely zero above the diagonal. An upper triangular matrix ( $\mathbf{U}$ ) is a square matrix that is entirely zero below the diagonal. Here are the properties:
    - \* A  $n \times n$  triangular matrix has  $n(n - 1)/2$  entries that must be zero, and  $n(n + 1)/2$  entries that are allowed to be non-zero.
    - \* Zero matrices, identity matrices, and diagonal matrices are all both lower triangular and upper triangular.
  - **Permutation Matrix:** A square matrix that is all zero, except for a single entry in each row and each column which is 1. Here are the properties:
    - \* Exactly  $n$  entries are zero.
    - \* Multiplying a vector with a permutation matrix permutes (rearranges) the order of the entries in the vector.
    - \* If  $\mathbf{P}_{ij} = 1$ , the  $(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{x})_i = \mathbf{x}_j$
    - \* The inverse of a permutation matrix is its transpose, so  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{P}^T = \mathbf{P}^T\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}$ .
- Block form: A matrix in block form is a matrix partitioned into blocks. For example:
 
$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{D} \end{bmatrix}.$$
- Matrix rank: The rank of a matrix is the number of linearly independent columns of the matrix. It can also be shown that the matrix has the same number of linearly independent rows, as well. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then
  1.  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \min(m, n)$
  2. If  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \min(m, n)$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$  is full rank. Otherwise,  $\mathbf{A}$  is rank deficient.

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible if and only if there exists another matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  such that  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA} = \mathbf{I}$ . Then,  $\mathbf{B}$  is called the inverse of  $A$ , or write as  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ . A square matrix is invertible if and only if it has full rank. A square matrix that is not invertible is called a singular matrix.

- Matrix-vector multiplication: There are 2 forms to represent  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ :

1. Writing a matrix-vector multiplication as inner products of the rows  $\mathbf{A}$ :

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1^T \cdot \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{a}_2^T \cdot \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_m^T \cdot \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Writing a matrix-vector multiplication as linear combination of the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ :

$$\mathbf{Ax} = x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + \dots x_n \mathbf{a}_n = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x_n \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Matrices as operator:

- Rotation (counterclockwise):  $\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$
- Scale (factor  $a$  in  $x$ -direction and  $b$  in  $y$ -direction):  $\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$
- Reflection (both  $x$  and  $y$  axis):  $\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$
- Transition (this is **not** linear):  $\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$

**Vector and matrix norm:** A vector norm is a function  $\|\mathbf{u}\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+$  (i.e., it takes a vector and returns a nonnegative real number) that satisfies the following properties, where  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ :

1. Positivity:  $\|\mathbf{u}\| \geq 0$
2. Definiteness:  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{u} = \vec{0}$
3. Homogeneity:  $\|\alpha\mathbf{u}\| = |\alpha| \|\mathbf{u}\|$
4. Triangle inequality:  $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| + \|\mathbf{v}\|$

The  $p$ -norm of a vector is defined as  $\|\mathbf{w}\|_p = (|\mathbf{w}_1|^p + |\mathbf{w}_2|^p + \dots + |\mathbf{w}_n|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \left(\sum |\mathbf{w}_i|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ . Especially, When  $p = 2$  (2-norm), this is called the Euclidean norm and it corresponds to the length of the vector.

The matrix norm has the same properties that a vector norm has. Here are some common matrix norms:

- **Induced (or operator) norm:**  $\|\mathbf{A}\| := \max_{\|\mathbf{x}\|=1} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|$ . An induced matrix norm is a particular type of a general matrix norm. Induced matrix norms tell us the maximum amplification of the norm of any vector when multiplied by the matrix. Note that the definition above is equivalent to  $\|\mathbf{A}\| = \max_{\|\mathbf{x}\| \neq 0} \frac{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|}$ . Induced matrix norms also satisfy the submultiplicative conditions:  $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}\| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{B}\|$ .

- **Frobenius norm:** Square root of the sum of every squared element of the matrix.

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} a_{ij}^2}.$$

- **$p$ -norm of a matrix:** The matrix  $p$ -norm is induced by the  $p$ -norm of a vector. It is  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_p := \max_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p=1} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_p$ .

- 1-norm: The maximum absolute column sum of the matrix.  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_1 = \max_j \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ij}|$ .
- 2-norm: The maximum singular value of the matrix.  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 = \max_k \sigma_k$
- $\infty$ -norm: The maximum absolute row sum of the matrix.  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_\infty = \max_i \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|$ .

Python for vectors and matrices:

```
import numpy as np
import numpy.linalg as la

a = np.array([[8, 9]])
b = np.array([[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6]])

# The most important operation you'll do is matrix multiplication
# we can do this easily in 2 ways (both are the same)
c = np.dot(a, b)
c = a @ b

A = np.array([1, 2], [3, 4])
b = np.array([5, 6])

matrix_inv = la.inv(A)           # inverse matrix

vec_norm = la.norm(A)            # calculate norm of A
vec_norm_3 = la.norm(A, 3)       # calculate 3-norm of A
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