### **Notational Convention**

- $[n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
- $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{v}$ : vectors
- A, B: matrices
- $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{K}$ : domains
- d, m, n: dimensions
- *I*: identity matrix
- $\bullet~X,Y$ : random variables
- p, q: probability distributions

### **Calculus**

#### Hessian

$$abla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) = \left[rac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i, x_j}(\mathbf{x})
ight]_{1 \leq i, j \leq d}$$

**Reference: The Matrix Cookbook** 

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# Linear Algebra

### Positive (Semi-)Definite Matrix

Positive Definite matrix => PD,  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} > 0 \Leftrightarrow A \succ 0$ 

Positive Semi-Definite matrix => PSD,  $orall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow A \succeq 0$ 

#### **Inner Product**

· Vector Space:

$$\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d \ \langle \mathbf{x},\mathbf{y} 
angle = \mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^d x_i y_i$$

• Matrix Space:

$$A,B \in \mathbb{R}^{m imes n} \ \langle A,B 
angle = \operatorname{Tr}(A^TB) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} B_{ij}$$

#### Norm

• Quadratic Norm:

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_A = \sqrt{\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}}, A \text{ is positive semi-definite}$$

#### **Dual Norm**

$$\|\mathbf{y}\|_* = \sup\{\mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{x} \mid \|\mathbf{x}\| \le 1\}$$

Hölder's Inequality:  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} 
angle \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{y}\|_*$ 

### **Norm Relationship**

**Lemma** (Mathematical Equivalence of Norms). Suppose that  $\|\cdot\|_a$  and  $\|\cdot\|_b$  are norms on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , there exist positive "constants" (depend on dimension)  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , such that

$$\alpha \|\mathbf{x}\|_a \le \|\mathbf{x}\|_b \le \beta \|\mathbf{x}\|_a$$

### **Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality**

$$egin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} 
angle & \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{y}\|_* \ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i
ight)^2 & \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2
ight) \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2
ight) \ \left(\int_a^b f(x) g(x) \mathrm{d}x
ight)^2 & \leq \left(\int_a^b f^2(x) \mathrm{d}x
ight) \cdot \left(\int_a^b g^2(x) \mathrm{d}x
ight) \end{aligned}$$

### **Matrix Operator Norm**

**Definition** (Matrix Operator Norm). The operator norm (or called induced norm) of a matrix  $A \in$  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is defined by

$$\|A\|_{\mathrm{op},p} riangleq \max \left\{ rac{\|A\mathbf{x}\|_p}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p} \mid \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbf{x} 
eq \mathbf{0} 
ight\}$$

•  $l_2$  norm (Spectral Norm):

$$\|A\|_{\mathrm{op},2} = \max_{i \in [r]} |\sigma_i|$$

Where  $A = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$ , namely,  $\sigma_i$  is the i-th singular value.

### **Matrix Entrywise Norm**

**Definition** (Matrix Entrywise Norm). The entrywise norm of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m imes n}$  is defined by

$$\|A\|_{\mathrm{en},p} riangleq \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |A_{i,j}|^p
ight)^{1/p} \ \|A\|_{\mathrm{F}} = \|A\|_{\mathrm{en},2}$$

### **Eigen Value Decomposition**

Let A be an  $d \times d$  PSD matrix, then it can be factored as

$$A = Q\Lambda Q^T$$

where

- ullet  $Q=(\mathbf{v}_1,\mathbf{v}_2,\ldots,\mathbf{v}_d)\in\mathbb{R}^{d imes d}$  is orthogonal, and  $\mathbf{v}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{v}_d$  are eigenvectors
- $\Lambda = \mathrm{diag}(\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_d)$ , and  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_d$  are eigenvalues

Some property:

$$ullet$$
  $A = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$ 

$$ullet \det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^d \lambda_i$$

• 
$$\operatorname{Tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i$$

$$egin{aligned} & \det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^d \lambda_i \ & \operatorname{Tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i \ & \|A\|_{\operatorname{F}} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i^2} \end{aligned}$$

### **Singular Value Decomposition**

Suppose  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  has a rank r, then it can be factored as

$$A = U\Sigma V^T$$

where

- ullet  $U=(\mathbf{u}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{u}_r)\in\mathbb{R}^{m imes r}$  satisfies  $U^TU=I$ ;  $V=(\mathbf{v}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{v}_r)\in\mathbb{R}^{n imes r}$  satisfies
- ullet  $\Sigma=(\sigma_1,\ldots,\sigma_r)$  and  $\sigma_1,\ldots,\sigma_r$  are singular valuess.

Some property:

- $A = \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$   $\|A\|_{\mathrm{F}} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{r} \sigma_i^2}$

#### Schatten Norm

**Definition** (Matrix Schatten Norm). The Schatten norm of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m imes n}$  with rank r is defined by

$$\|A\|_{\mathrm{Sc},p} riangleq \left(\sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i^p
ight)^{1/p}$$

# **Probability and Statistics**

### Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality in Probability

$$(\mathbb{E}[XY])^2 \leq \mathbb{E}[X^2] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y^2]$$

### **Concentration Inequalities**

**Theorem** (Markov's Inequality). Let X be a non-negative random variable with  $\mathbb{E}[X] < \infty$ , then for all t > 0.

$$\Pr[X \geq t\mathbb{E}[X]] \leq rac{1}{t}$$

**Theorem** (Chebyshev's Inequality). Let X be a non-negative random variable with

 $\mathbb{E}[X], \mathrm{Var}[X] < \infty$ , then for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\Pr[|X - \mathbb{E}[X]| \geq \epsilon] \leq rac{\mathrm{Var}[X]}{\epsilon^2}$$

**Theorem** (Hoeffding's Inequality). Let  $X_1,\ldots,X_m$  be independent random variables with  $X_i$  taking values in  $[a_i,b_i]$  for all  $i\in[m]$ . Then, for any  $\epsilon>0$ , the following inequalities hold for  $S_m=\sum_{i=1}^m X_i$ ,

$$egin{aligned} \Pr[S_m - \mathbb{E}[S_m] & \geq \epsilon] \leq \exp\left(rac{-2\epsilon^2}{\sum_{i=1}^m (b_i - a_i)^2}
ight) \ \Pr[S_m - \mathbb{E}[S_m] & \leq -\epsilon] \leq \exp\left(rac{-2\epsilon^2}{\sum_{i=1}^m (b_i - a_i)^2}
ight) \end{aligned}$$

## **Entropy**

**Definition** (Entropy). The enotropy of a discrete random variable X with probability mass function  $\mathbf{p}(x) = \Pr[X = x]$  is denoted by H(X):

$$H(X) = -\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbf{p}(x) \log \mathbf{p}(x)$$

The entropy is a lower bound on lossless data compression.

A explanation of entropy:  $\log_2(1/\mathbf{p}(x))$  is the code length needed to encode the information, and H(X) measures the expected code length to encode a distribution  $\mathbf{p}$ .

**Definition** (Condition Entropy).

$$egin{aligned} H(Y|X) &= -\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}} \mathbf{p}(x,y) \log \left[ rac{\mathbf{p}(x,y)}{\mathbf{p}(x)} 
ight] \ &= -\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}} \mathbf{p}(x,y) \log \mathbf{p}(x,y) + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbf{p}(x) \log \mathbf{p}(x) \ &= H(X,Y) - H(X) \end{aligned}$$

**Definition** (Mutual Information).

$$\begin{split} I(X,Y) &= KL(\mathbf{p}(x,y) \| \mathbf{p}(x) \mathbf{p}(y)) \\ &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}} \mathbf{p}(x,y) \log \left[ \frac{\mathbf{p}(x,y)}{\mathbf{p}(x) \mathbf{p}(y)} \right] \\ &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}} \mathbf{p}(x,y) \log \mathbf{p}(x,y) - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbf{p}(x) \log \mathbf{p}(x) - \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \mathbf{p}(y) \log \mathbf{p}(y) \\ &= H(X) + H(Y) - H(X,Y) \end{split}$$

with the conventions:  $0\log 0=0, 0\log \frac{0}{0}=0, \ \mathrm{and} \ a\log \frac{a}{0}=+\infty \ \mathrm{for} \ a>0$ 

### **KL Divergence (Relative Entropy)**

**Definition** (KL Divergence). The KL divergence of two distributions p and q is defined by  $KL(\mathbf{p}||\mathbf{q})$ :

$$KL(\mathbf{p}\|\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbf{p}(x) \log \left[ rac{\mathbf{p}(x)}{\mathbf{q}(x)} 
ight]$$

with the conventions:  $0\log 0=0, 0\log \frac{0}{0}=0, \text{ and } a\log \frac{a}{0}=+\infty \text{ for } a>0$ 

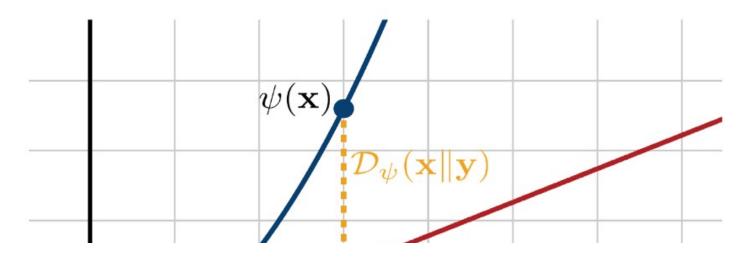
Some property:

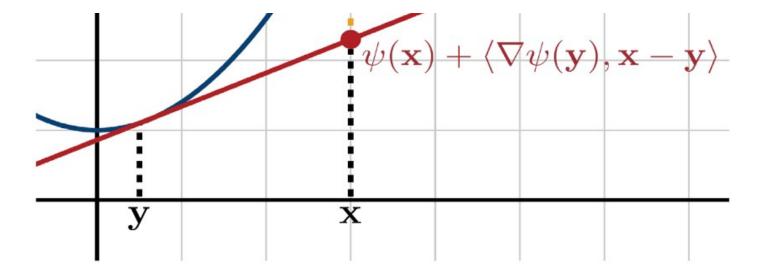
- KL divergence is always non-negative
- ullet Pinsker's Inequality:  $KL(\mathbf{p}\|\mathbf{q}) \geq rac{1}{2}\|\mathbf{p} \mathbf{q}\|_1^2$
- $KL(\mathbf{p}\|\mathbf{q})$  doesn't always equal to  $KL(\mathbf{q}\|\mathbf{p})$

### **Bregman Divergence**

**Definition** (Bregman Divergence). Let  $\psi$  be a convex and differentiable function over a convex set  $\mathcal{K}$ , and then for any  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{K}$ , the bregman divergence  $\mathcal{D}_{\psi}$  associated to  $\psi$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{D}_{\psi}(\mathbf{x} \| \mathbf{y}) = \psi(\mathbf{x}) - \psi(\mathbf{y}) - \langle 
abla \psi(\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} 
angle$$





Bregman divergence measures the difference of a function and its linear approximation.

KL divergence is a special case when  $\mathbf{p}(x)$  is defined as negative entropy:  $\mathbf{p}(x) = \sum_i x_i \log x_i$ 

## **Asymptotic Notations**

#### **Definition**

- $\Theta(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \text{ there exist positive constants } c_1, c_2, \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that } 0 \le c_1 g(n) \le f(n) \le c_2 g(n) \text{ for all } n \ge n_0 \}$ .
- $\mathcal{O}(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \text{ there exist positive constants } c \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that } 0 \le f(n) \le cg(n) \text{ for all } n \ge n_0\}.$
- $\Omega(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \text{ there exist positive constants } c \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that } 0 \le cg(n) \le f(n) \text{ for all } n \ge n_0\}.$
- $o(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \text{ for any positive constant } c > 0, \text{ there exists a constant } n_0 > 0 \text{ such that } 0 \le f(n) < cg(n) \text{ for all } n \ge n_0 \}.$
- $\omega(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \text{ for any positive constant } c > 0, \text{ there exists a constant } n_0 > 0 \text{ such that } 0 \le cg(n) < f(n) \text{ for all } n \ge n_0 \}.$

## **Optimization in Machine Learning**

### **Learning by Optimization**

The fundamental goal of (supervised) learning: Risk Minimization.

$$\min_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}, y \in \mathcal{D}}[f(h(\mathbf{x}), y)]$$

where:

- ullet h denotes the hypothesis (model) from the hypothesis space  ${\cal H}$
- ullet  $(\mathbf{x},y)$  is an instance chosen from a unknown distribution  $\mathcal D$
- $f(h(\mathbf{x}),y)$  denotes the loss of using hypothesis h on the instance  $(\mathbf{x},y)$

### **Empirical Risk Minimization**

The distribution of the data is unavailable, and the risk can't be computed.

In practice, the learner instead tries to optmize empirical risk.

$$\min_{h \in \mathcal{H}} rac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m f(h(\mathbf{x}_i), y_i)$$

- IID assumption: independent and identically distributed random variables.
- ERM approximates RM: All instance are i.i.d. sampled from the same distribution.