

AMATH 352: Problem Set 6

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Norms and Inner products:

1. Let \mathbf{W} be an invertible matrix. Show that the map

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\mathbf{W}} = \|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}\|_2$$

is a norm on \mathbb{R}^m . Is it still a norm if \mathbf{W} is singular? Why or why not?

Solution:

Since \mathbf{W} is invertible, its range is all of \mathbb{R}^m , which means that we can simply observe that $\|\cdot\|_2$ is a norm on \mathbb{R}^m , and therefore $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{W}}$ satisfies the 5 properties of a norm. However, if \mathbf{W} were singular, the property that $\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\mathbf{W}} = 0 \implies \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ would be violated, since we could choose some $\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{0} \in \text{null}(\mathbf{A})$ to obtain $\|\mathbf{y}\|_{\mathbf{W}} = \|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{0}\|_2 = 0$.

2. Consider a real square matrix $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. Suppose \mathbf{M} is symmetric and full rank. Furthermore, suppose \mathbf{M} is positive definite, i.e. it satisfies

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0} \implies \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{x} > 0.$$

Show that the map $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbf{M}} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_{\mathbf{M}} = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{y}$$

is an inner product on \mathbb{R}^n .

Solution:

Your solution.

3. Show that the function $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : C^0([-1, 1], \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x)dx$$

is an inner product on $C^0([-1, 1], \mathbb{R})$. Note that $C^0([-1, 1], \mathbb{R})$ denotes the space of continuous functions that take input from $[-1, 1]$ and produce output in \mathbb{R} .

Solution:

Your solution.

Conditioning:

4. In this problem we show that orthogonal matrices are “perfectly conditioned” in the sense that their condition numbers with respect to the 2-norm are always 1. Suppose $\mathbf{O} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is an orthogonal matrix.
- Show that $\|\mathbf{O}\|_2 = 1$. (Hint: recall that orthogonal matrices preserve the 2-norms of vectors).
 - Show that \mathbf{O}^T is an orthogonal matrix.
 - Show that $\kappa_2(\mathbf{O}) = 1$.

Solution:

- Your solution.
- Your solution.
- Your solution.

Operation count:

5. Find the number of necessary floating point operations required to compute the following operations (using the big-oh notation introduced in class). Explain your reasoning in each case.
- Compute the sum $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$ for $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.
 - Compute the outer product $\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T$ for $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
 - Compute the product $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ for $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ where \mathbf{A} is upper triangular.

Solution:

- Each element of the sum requires a single addition, and there are $m \times n$ elements in $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, so this is $O(m \times n)$.
 - There are required to compute $\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T$, so this is $O(n)$.
 - This is equivalent to n dot-products of n -dimensional vectors. Each dot-product requires n multiplies and $n - 1$ additions, or $2n - 1$ total flops. So the time complexity for n dot-products is $O(n^2)$.
Note that because \mathbf{A} is upper-triangular, only half of the multiplies will be with non-zero components, but the resulting reduction in flops of $\frac{1}{2}$ is irrelevant for big-oh.
6. **Comparing growth rates:** This exercise is meant to give you an idea of how quickly the number of flops required to solve a problem can increase when one increases the problem size, depending on the complexity of the algorithm used. Construct a table comparing $n, n \log_2(n), n^2, n^3, 2^n$, and $n!$ for $n = 2, 4, 8, 16, 64, 512$. (You may need to use something like Wolfram Alpha to compute some of these quantities).

Solution:

	2	4	8	16	64	512
n	2	4	8	16	64	512
$n \log_2(n)$	2	8	24	64	384	4608
n^2	4	16	64	256	4096	2.621×10^5
n^3	8	64	512	4096	2.621×10^5	1.342×10^8
2^n	4	16	256	65536	1.844×10^{19}	1.340×10^{154}
$n!$	2	24	40320	2.092×10^{13}	1.268×10^{89}	3.477×10^{1166}