

Contravariant tensors

Bidual space V^{**} (dual space of the dual space)

Canonical isomorphism: $V^{**} \cong V$ (in finite dimensions)

$$v \in V \mapsto \varphi_v: V^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \varphi_v(\alpha) = \alpha(v)$$

tensor product of two vectors,

$$(u \otimes v)(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha(u) \cdot \beta(v)$$

→ Contravariant indices

$$S = S_{ij} b_i \otimes b_j$$

$$S(\beta_i, \beta_j)$$

General tensors

$$T: (V^*)^p \times (V)^q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

(p, q) tensors

$(0, 0)$ scalar

$(1, 0)$ covector

α_i

$(0, 1)$ vector

v^i

$(2, 0)$ bilinear forms

g_{ij}

$(1, 1)$ linear transformation

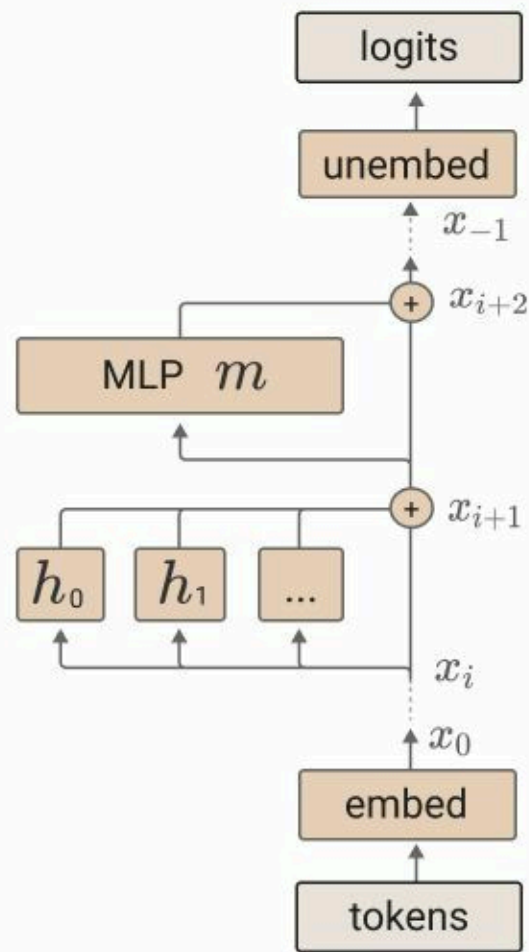
L^i_j

$(0, 2)$

S^{ij}

$$T = T_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_p \\ j_1, \dots, j_q}} \beta^{j_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \beta^{j_q} \otimes b_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes b_{i_p}$$

Example: Transformers (cf. <https://transformer-circuits.pub>)



The final logits are produced by applying the the unembedding.

$$T(t) = W_U x_{-1}$$

An MLP layer, m , is run and added to the residual stream.

$$x_{i+2} = x_{i+1} + m(x_{i+1})$$

Each attention head, h , is run and added to the residual stream.

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + \sum_{h \in H_i} h(x_i)$$

Token embedding.

$$x_0 = W_E t$$

Attention!

keys: $k_i = W_k x_i$

query: $q_i = W_q x_i$

Value: $v_i = W_v x_i$

$$A = \text{softmax}(q^T k)$$

$$r_i = \sum_j A_{ij} v_j \quad h(x)_i = W_o r_i$$

multiple attention heads $\sim W_o^H \begin{bmatrix} r^{h_1} \\ r^{h_2} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} W_o^{h_1} & W_o^{h_2} & \dots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r^{h_1} \\ r^{h_2} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$

\sim linear map between matrices $\sim (2, 2)$ tensor

$$h(x) = (I \otimes W_o) \cdot (A \otimes I) \cdot (I \otimes W_v)$$

$$= (A \otimes W_o W_v)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}I & a_{12}I & \dots \\ a_{21}I & a_{22}I & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \hookrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} W_v & & \\ & W_v & \\ & & \ddots W_v \end{pmatrix}$$

Bonus: Unified product

vectors: $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ covectors: $(a \ b)$ matrices: $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (a \ b) \\ (c \ d) \end{pmatrix}$
 $= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$

inner product: $(a \ b) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = ax + by$
rule

↳ covector of vectors

outer product
rule

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} (x \ y) = \begin{pmatrix} ax & ay \\ bx & by \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u \otimes \alpha = u^i \alpha_j \ b_i \otimes \beta^j$$

tensor product
rules

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ b \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u \otimes v = u^i v^j \ b_i \otimes b_j$$

$$(a \ b)(x \ y) = ((a \ b)x \ (a \ b)y) \quad \lambda \otimes \mu = \lambda_i \mu_j \ \beta^i \otimes \beta^j$$

Consistent with matrix-vector product.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (a \ b) \\ (c \ d) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (a \ b) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ (c \ d) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \left(\begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \end{pmatrix} y$$

$$(a \ b) \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ w & z \end{pmatrix} = (a \ b) \left(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ w \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \right) = \left((a \ b) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ w \end{pmatrix} \right) (a \ b) \begin{pmatrix} y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (a \ b) \begin{pmatrix} (x \ y) \\ (w \ z) \end{pmatrix} = a(x \ y) + b(w \ z)$$

Tensor Product of Vector Spaces

Given V, W vector spaces $\begin{pmatrix} \dim V = n \\ \dim W = m \end{pmatrix}$

$V \otimes W$ is the $(n \cdot m)$ dimensional vector space

with basis $\{b_i \otimes a_j\}_{i=1:n, j=1:m}$ $\{b_i\}$ basis of V
 $\{a_j\}$ basis of W

$$v \otimes w = (v^i b_i) \otimes (w^j a_j) = v^i w^j b_i \otimes a_j$$

Isomorphisms:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bil}(V \times W, \mathbb{R}) &\stackrel{\text{currying}}{\cong} \text{Lin}(V, W^*) & (\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}) \\ &\uparrow \cong \text{Lin}(W, V^*) & (\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}) \\ &\cong V^* \otimes W^* \\ &\cong (V \otimes W)^* \\ &\cong \text{Lin}(V \otimes W, \mathbb{R}) \end{aligned}$$

Tensor space $T_q^p(V) = \underbrace{V \otimes \dots \otimes V}_p \otimes \underbrace{V^* \otimes \dots \otimes V^*}_q$

\leadsto tensor power $V^{\otimes p} = T_0^p$

Bonus: Tensor Algebra

$$T(V) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} V^{\otimes k} = \mathbb{K} \oplus V \oplus (V \otimes V) \oplus (V \otimes V \otimes V) \dots$$

\hookrightarrow direct sum

\leadsto " one vector space to hold them all "

+ tensor product \rightarrow algebra

example element: " $1 + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ "

Weird products

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}_{1,1} \begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix}_{1,0} \approx \left(\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \approx \left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} x \quad \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} y \right)_{2,1}$$

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} (a \ b) \\ (c \ d) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} (a \ b)x & (a \ b)y \\ (c \ d)x & (c \ d)y \end{pmatrix}_{2,1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}_{0,1} \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ w & z \end{pmatrix}_{1,1} \approx \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (x \ y) \\ (w \ z) \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} a \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ w & z \end{pmatrix} \\ b \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ w & z \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}_{1,2}$$

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \left(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ w \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \right) \approx \begin{pmatrix} a \begin{pmatrix} x \\ w \end{pmatrix} & a \begin{pmatrix} y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \\ b \begin{pmatrix} x \\ w \end{pmatrix} & b \begin{pmatrix} y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}_{1,2}$$

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Multilinear Algebra

and

Tensors

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ d \\ g \end{bmatrix} \cdot x + \begin{bmatrix} b \\ e \\ h \end{bmatrix} y + \begin{bmatrix} c \\ f \\ i \end{bmatrix} z = \begin{bmatrix} [a \ b \ c] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \\ [d \ e \ f] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \\ [g \ h \ i] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

Background: Vectors and Vector Spaces

• Vector space $(V, (K, +, \cdot), +, \cdot)$

\downarrow vectors \downarrow field

\hookrightarrow vector addition \hookrightarrow scalar multiplication

• $(V, +)$ is a commutative group:

$$u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$$

$$0 \in V \text{ s.t. } 0 + v = v + 0$$

$$\forall v \in V \exists "-v" \in V \text{ s.t. } v + (-v) = 0$$

$$u + v = v + u$$

$$(\alpha + \beta) \cdot v = \alpha \cdot v + \beta \cdot v$$

$$\alpha \cdot (u + v) = \alpha \cdot u + \alpha \cdot v$$

$$1 \cdot v = v$$

$$\alpha(\beta \cdot v) = (\alpha\beta) \cdot v$$

$$[-v] = -1 \cdot v$$

Background: basis of a vector space

$$B = \{b_i\}_{i \in I}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \forall v \in V \exists \{v^i\}_{i \in I} \subset \mathbb{K}$$

$$v = \sum_{i \in I} v^i b_i \equiv v^i b_i = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}_B$$

(Einstein notation)

Change of basis:

$$\tilde{b}_j = L_j^i b_i$$

\hookrightarrow linear transformation

$$v = v^i b_i = v^i \underbrace{\Lambda_i^j L_j^i}_{\downarrow} b_i = \tilde{v}^j \tilde{b}_j$$
$$\Lambda = L^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{v}^j = \Lambda_i^j v^i$$

basis coefficients are
contravariant

Background: Dual Space

Linear form: $\alpha: V \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ s.t. $\alpha(au + bv)$

$$V^* = \{ \alpha: V \rightarrow \mathbb{K}, \text{linear} \} \text{ dual space} \quad = a\alpha(u) + b\alpha(v)$$

Dual basis: Given $B = \{b_i\}_{i \in I} \subset V$

$$\leadsto B^* = \{\beta^i\}_{i \in I} \quad \beta^i(v) = v^i \quad (\text{coordinate forms})$$

$$\alpha = \alpha_i \beta^i \quad [\alpha_i = \alpha(b_i)]$$

$$\text{NB: } \beta^i(b_j) = \delta_j^i$$

$$= [\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n]_{B^*} \quad (\text{covector})$$

Change of basis

$$\tilde{b}_j = L_j^i b_i$$

$$\tilde{B} = \{\tilde{b}_i\}_{i \in I} \leadsto \tilde{B}^* = \{\tilde{\beta}^i\}_{i \in I}$$

$$\tilde{\alpha}_j = \alpha(L_j^i b_i) = L_j^i \alpha(b_i) = \alpha_i L_j^i$$

\Rightarrow covectors are covariant

Recap Covariance & Contravariance

Vector space basis

$$B = \{b_i\}_{i \in I} \quad \tilde{b}_j = L_j^i b_i$$

$$(\tilde{b}_1 \dots \tilde{b}_n) = (b_1 \dots b_n) L$$

Covariant basis

Contravariant coordinates

$$v = v^i b_i = \tilde{v}^i \tilde{b}_i$$

$$\tilde{v}^i = (L^{-1})_j^i v^j$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{v}^1 \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{v}^n \end{bmatrix} = L^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} v^1 \\ \vdots \\ v^n \end{bmatrix}$$

dual basis

$$B^* = \{\beta^i\}_{i \in I}$$

$$\tilde{\beta}^i = (L^{-1})_j^i \beta^j$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\beta}^1 \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{\beta}^n \end{pmatrix} = L^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \beta^1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta^n \end{pmatrix}$$

Contravariant basis

Covariant coordinates

$$\alpha = \alpha_j \beta^j = \tilde{\alpha}_j \tilde{\beta}^j$$

$$\tilde{\alpha}_j = L_j^i \alpha_i$$

$$[\tilde{\alpha}_1 \dots \tilde{\alpha}_n] = [\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n] L$$

Bilinear forms

$$\varphi: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\varphi(u, \lambda v + \mu w) = \lambda \varphi(u, v) + \mu \varphi(u, w)$$

$$\varphi(\lambda u + \mu v, w) = \lambda \varphi(u, w) + \mu \varphi(v, w)$$

Tensor product of 2 1-forms: $\alpha, \beta \in V^*$

$$(\alpha \otimes \beta)(u, v) = \alpha(u) \cdot \beta(v)$$

\leadsto basis of bilinear forms: $\beta^i \otimes \beta^j \quad i, j \in I$

$$\alpha = \alpha_{ij} (\beta^i \otimes \beta^j)$$

$$\alpha_{ij} = \alpha(b_i, b_j)$$

\hookrightarrow covariant indices

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\alpha}_{ij} &= \alpha(\tilde{b}_i, \tilde{b}_j) = \alpha(L_i^k b_k, L_j^l b_l) \\ &= L_i^k L_j^l \alpha_{kl} \end{aligned}$$

Multilinear forms

k-linear form

$T: V^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ linear on each argument separately

basis $\beta^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \beta^{i_k}$

$$T = T_{i_1 \dots i_k} (\beta^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \beta^{i_k})$$

Example:

determinant: $T: (\mathbb{R}^n)^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; (v_1, \dots, v_n) \mapsto \det \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ v_1 & \dots & v_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$

$$T = \text{sign}(i_1, \dots, i_n) \beta^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \beta^{i_n}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{sign}(i_1, \dots, i_n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (i_1, \dots, i_n) \text{ even permutation} \\ -1 & \text{" " " " " odd} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Tensor product $T: V^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, U: V^l \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad (T \otimes U): V^{k+l} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$(T \otimes U)(v_1, \dots, v_{k+l}) = T(v_1, \dots, v_k) U(v_{k+1}, \dots, v_{k+l})$$

Inner products

$g: V^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ bilinear form that is

- symmetric, $g(u, v) = g(v, u)$
- positive definite, $g(v, v) \geq 0$ and $g(v, v) = 0 \Leftrightarrow v = 0$

Example: inner product $g(u, v) = u^i v^i = \delta_{ij} u^i v^j$

• general form $g(u, v) = g_{ij} u^i v^j$

\hookrightarrow Solp matrix

$$g_{ij} = g(b_i, b_j)$$

NB. This is one of the main objects in Riemannian geometry