

Assignment-1

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1. Consider a random experiment whose outcome is discrete and can take values from 1 to N (For example, the outcome of a roll of a 6-faced die is from the set $\{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$). Let \vec{x}/\mathbf{x} denote the list of possible outcomes of the random experiment. Let \vec{w}/\mathbf{w} indicate the number of times an outcome x_i is observed when the random experiment is repeated M times.

- (a) What is the length of \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{w} ?

Solution: Let the random experiment be rolling a 6-faced die.

Hence

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \\ w_4 \\ w_5 \\ w_6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Where w_i indicates the number of times an outcome x_i is observed when the random experiment is repeated M times.

Length of \mathbf{x} is 6 and length of \mathbf{w} is also 6.

For general case that random experiment takes values from 1 to N

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ \vdots \\ N \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_N \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Length of \mathbf{x} is N and length of \mathbf{w} is also N .

- (b) One simple way to define the expected value/mean of a random experiment (denoted by μ) is

$$\mu = \sum_i x_i P_x(x_i) \quad (3)$$

where $P_x(x_i)$ is the probability that the outcome of an experiment takes the value x_i , $P_x(x_i)$ can be computed (from the M independent experiments) as

the ratio of number of times the experiment results in an outcome of x_i to the total number of experiments. Write down a simple expression (in terms of \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{w}) to compute the expected value of an experiment?

Solution: Let

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} P_x(x_1) \\ P_x(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ P_x(x_n) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Where } P_x(x_i) = \frac{w_i}{M} \text{ and } n \text{ is length of } \mathbf{x} \quad (4)$$

$$\therefore \text{ we can write } \mathbf{p} = \frac{1}{M} \mathbf{w} \quad (5)$$

Now,

$$\mu = \sum_i x_i P_x(x_i) \quad (6)$$

$$= \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{p} \quad (7)$$

$$= \mathbf{x} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{M} \mathbf{w} \right) \quad \text{from (5)} \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{1}{M} (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{w}) \quad (9)$$

\therefore expected value/mean is given by

$$\mu = \frac{1}{M} (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{w}) \quad (10)$$

(c) What is the L_1 norm of vector \mathbf{w} .

Solution: L_1 norm of vector \mathbf{w}

i.e., $\|\mathbf{w}\|_1 = |w_1| + |w_2| + \dots + |w_n|$ {where n denotes the length of \mathbf{x} }.

Since, w_i is the number of times an outcome x_i is observed when random experiment is repeated M times

hence sum of individual w_i gives M i.e., total number of times experiment is conducted.

$$\text{i.e., } \|\mathbf{w}\|_1 = M$$

(d) Let \vec{y}/\mathbf{y} be a vector whose entries/elements are given by $y_i = (x_i - \mu)$. Express \vec{y} in terms of \vec{x} and \vec{w} . (Hint: Ones vector $\vec{1} \in \mathcal{R}^N$ may be useful).

Solution:

$$\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - \mu \\ x_2 - \mu \\ \vdots \\ x_n - \mu \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \mu \\ \mu \\ \vdots \\ \mu \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} - \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

$$= \vec{x} - \mu \vec{1} \quad (14)$$

$$= \vec{x} - \frac{1}{M} (\vec{x} \cdot \vec{w}) \vec{1} \quad \text{from (10)} \quad (15)$$

\vec{y} in terms of \vec{x} and \vec{w} is given by

$$\therefore \vec{y} = \vec{x} - \frac{1}{M} (\vec{x} \cdot \vec{w}) \vec{1}$$

- (e) Let \vec{v}/\mathbf{v} be a vector whose entries/elements are given by $v_i = (x_i - \mu)^2$. The variance (denoted by σ^2) observed in the outcome of a random experiment is defined as

$$\sigma^2 = \sum_i v_i P_x(x_i) = \sum_i (x_i - \mu)^2 P_x(x_i) \quad (16)$$

Express the variance in terms of \vec{v} and \vec{w} .

Solution:

$$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (x_1 - \mu)^2 \\ (x_2 - \mu)^2 \\ \vdots \\ (x_n - \mu)^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{p} = \frac{1}{M} \vec{w} \quad (\text{form(5)}) \quad (17)$$

Now,

$$\sigma^2 = \sum_i (x_i - \mu)^2 P_x(x_i) \quad (18)$$

$$= \sum_i v_i P_x(x_i) \quad (19)$$

$$= \vec{v} \cdot \vec{p} \quad (20)$$

$$= \vec{v} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{M} \vec{w} \right) \quad (\text{form(5)}) \quad (21)$$

$$= \frac{1}{M} (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}) \quad (22)$$

\therefore variance in terms of \vec{v} and \vec{w} is given by

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{M} (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w})$$

- (f) What is the expected value of the random experiment when $P_x(x_i) = \frac{1}{N} \quad \forall x_i$.

Solution: Given $P_x(x_i) = \frac{1}{N} \quad \forall x_i$ this implies that $\vec{p} = \frac{1}{N} \vec{1}$

$$\mu = \sum_i x_i P_x(x_i) \quad (\text{from (3)}) \quad (23)$$

$$= \vec{x} \cdot \vec{p} \quad (24)$$

$$= \vec{x} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{N} \vec{1} \right) \quad (25)$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} (\vec{x} \cdot \vec{1}) \quad (26)$$

Expected value is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= \frac{1}{N} (\vec{x} \cdot \vec{1}) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_i x_i \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \times \frac{N(N+1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \mu = \frac{N+1}{2} \quad (27)$$

- (g) Let L_p denote a norm of order p applied to vector \vec{v} . Compute the order to norm that relates to variance σ^2 when $P_x(x_i) = \frac{1}{N} \quad \forall x_i$. What is the resulting relation?

Solution: Given $P_x(x_i) = \frac{1}{N} \quad \forall x_i$ this implies that $\vec{p} = \frac{1}{N} \vec{1}$

$$\sigma^2 = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{p} \quad \text{from (20)} \quad (28)$$

$$= \vec{v} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{N} \vec{1} \right) \quad (29)$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{1}) \quad (30)$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_i v_i = \frac{1}{N} \|\vec{v}\|_1 \quad (31)$$

Order of norm that relates to variance σ^2 is "1"
and the resulting relation is $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} \|\vec{v}\|_1 = \frac{1}{N} L_1$

2. A norm of order p operating on $\vec{x} \in \mathcal{R}^N$ is defined as

$$\|\vec{x}\|_p = \sqrt[p]{\sum_i |x_i|^p} \quad (32)$$

Show that the infinity norm (i.e., $p = \infty$) is given by

$$\|\vec{x}\|_\infty = \max |x_i| \quad (33)$$

Solution: Let \vec{x} be a N dimensional vector

i.e., \vec{x} contains elements $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_N\}$

let x_j be the maximum element of $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_N\}$ Now, infinity norm is given by

$$\|\vec{x}\|_\infty = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \|\vec{x}\|_p \quad (34)$$

$$= \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_i |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (35)$$

$$= \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} (|x_1|^p + |x_2|^p + \dots + |x_N|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (36)$$

$$= |x_j| \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left| \frac{x_1}{x_j} \right|^p + \left| \frac{x_2}{x_j} \right|^p + \dots + \left| \frac{x_j}{x_j} \right|^p + \dots + \left| \frac{x_N}{x_j} \right|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (37)$$

$$= |x_j| \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} (0 + 0 + \dots + 1 + \dots + 0)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (38)$$

Since x_j is the maximum element hence $\frac{x_i}{x_j} < 1 \quad \forall i \neq j$

$$\|\vec{x}\|_\infty = |x_j| \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} 1^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (39)$$

$$= |x_j| \quad \text{maximum element of } \vec{x} \quad (40)$$

From above we have showed that

$$\|\vec{x}\|_\infty = \max |x_i| \quad (41)$$

hence proved.

3. Show that the infinity norm of a vector ($\|\vec{x}\|_\infty : \mathcal{R}^N \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$) defined as

$$\|\vec{x}\|_\infty = \max |x_i| \quad (42)$$

satisfies all the conditions needed for the norm (i.e., non-negativity, scaling and triangular inequality).

Solution: We show that three conditions are met:

Let $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathcal{R}^N$ and $\alpha \in \mathcal{R}$ be arbitrarily chosen. Then

(a) $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0} \implies \|\vec{x}\|_\infty > 0$ ($\|\cdot\|_\infty$ is positive definite i.e., non-negative) :

Notice that $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$ means that at least one of its components is non-zero. Let's assume that $x_j \neq 0$. Then

$$\|\vec{x}\|_\infty = \max_i |x_i| \geq |x_j| > 0 \quad (43)$$

(b) $\|\alpha \vec{x}\|_\infty = |\alpha| \|\vec{x}\|_\infty$ ($\|\cdot\|_\infty$ is homogenous i.e., scalable.) :

$$\|\alpha \vec{x}\|_\infty = \max_i |\alpha x_i| \quad (44)$$

$$= \max_i |\alpha| |x_i| \quad (45)$$

$$= |\alpha| \max_i |x_i| \quad (46)$$

$$= |\alpha| \|\vec{x}\|_\infty \quad (47)$$

(c) $\|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\|_\infty \leq \|\vec{x}\|_\infty + \|\vec{y}\|_\infty$ ($\|\cdot\|_\infty$ obeys the triangular inequality.) :

$$\|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\|_\infty = \max_i |x_i + y_i| \quad (48)$$

$$\leq \max_i (|x_i| + |y_i|) \quad (49)$$

$$\leq \max_i \left(|x_i| + \max_j |y_j| \right) \quad (50)$$

$$\leq \max_i |x_i| + \max_j |y_j| \quad (51)$$

$$\leq \|\vec{x}\|_\infty + \|\vec{y}\|_\infty \quad (52)$$

We have showed that infinity norm satisfies all the conditions needed for the norm. Hence proved.

4. State the conditions under which

$$|\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}| = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \quad \text{where } \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{R}^N. \quad (53)$$

Alternatively, state the conditions under which we have the equality in Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.

Solution: In Cauchy-Schwarz inequality equality sign holds if and only if \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are linearly dependent. i.e., $\mathbf{a} = \lambda \mathbf{b}$

Now, let θ be the angle between the vector \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b}

$$\cos \theta = \frac{|\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}|}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} \quad (54)$$

$$= \frac{|(\lambda \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{b}|}{\|\lambda \mathbf{b}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} \quad (55)$$

$$= 1 \quad (56)$$

Now, from Law of cosines

$$|\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}| = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta \quad (57)$$

$$= \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \quad \text{from (56)} \quad (58)$$

Hence the condition under which we have the equality in Cauchy-Schwarz inequality is the vectors are linearly dependent.

5. Consider $\vec{x} \in \mathcal{R}^N$. Prove the following identities.

- (a) $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$ (Hint: Start by expanding the product $\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$)

Solution:

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = |x_1| + |x_2| + |x_3| + \cdots + |x_N| \quad (59)$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \left(|x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2 + |x_3|^2 + \cdots + |x_N|^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (60)$$

Now, let us expand $\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = (|x_1| + |x_2| + \cdots + |x_N|) \times (|x_1| + |x_2| + \cdots + |x_N|) \quad (61)$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_1^2 = |x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2 + \cdots + |x_N|^2 + |x_1x_2| + \cdots + |x_{N-1}x_N| \quad (62)$$

$$\geq |x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2 + \cdots + |x_N|^2 \quad (63)$$

$$\geq \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \quad (64)$$

from above we got $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_1^2$ taking square root on both sides we can say

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$$

Hence proved.

- (b) $\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \leq \sqrt{N} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$ (Hint: Use Cauchy-Schwarz inequality)

Solution: From Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

*length of ones vector = length of $\vec{x} = N$

$$\left| \vec{1} \cdot \vec{x} \right| \leq \left\| \vec{1} \right\|_2 \|\vec{x}\|_2 \quad (65)$$

$$\sum_i |x_i| \leq \sqrt{(1^2 + 1^2 + \cdots + 1^2)} \|\vec{x}\|_2 \quad (66)$$

$$\text{from (59)} \quad \|\vec{x}\|_1 \leq \sqrt{N} \|\vec{x}\|_2 \quad (67)$$

Hence proved.