

# 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  $\mu$ ) 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  $\sigma^2$ ) 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  $\sigma^2$  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  $\sigma^2$  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  $\theta$  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 triangle inequality

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

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

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.