

Mathematics for Machine Learning

— Linear Algebra: Norms, Inner Products & Orthogonality

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Credits for the resource

- The slides are based on the textbooks:
 - *Marc Peter Deisenroth, A. Aldo Faisal, and Cheng Soon Ong: Mathematics for Machine Learning. Cambridge University Press. 2020.*
 - *Howard Anton, Chris Rorres, Anton Kaul: Elementary Linear Algebra. Wiley. 2019.*
- We could partially refer to the monograph:
Francesco Orabona: A Modern Introduction to Online Learning.
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A norm on a vector space V is a function

$$\begin{aligned}\|\cdot\| : V &\mapsto \mathbb{R} \\ \mathbf{x} &\mapsto \|\mathbf{x}\|\end{aligned}$$

such that for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$ the following hold:

- $\|\lambda \mathbf{x}\| = |\lambda| \|\mathbf{x}\|$.
- $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|$.
- $\|\mathbf{x}\| \geq 0$ and $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

ℓ_1 norm & ℓ_2 norm

ℓ_1 norm (Manhattan Norm)

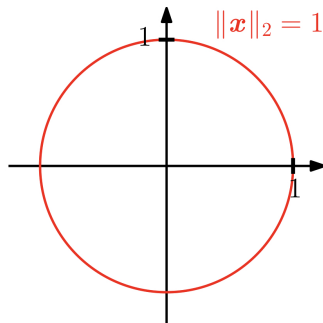
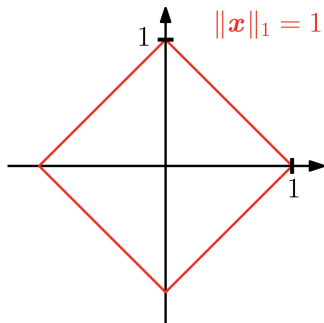
For $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 := \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|.$$

ℓ_2 norm

For $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 := \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} = \sqrt{\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{x}}.$$



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Symmetric & Positive Definite (1/6)

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Inner Product

A positive definite & symmetric bilinear mapping $f : V \times V \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ is called an **inner product** on V and we write $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ as $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$.

Symmetric & Positive Definite (2/6)

- Important in machine learning.
 - Matrix decompositions.
 - Key in defining kernels in the SVM (support vector machine).

An Exercise

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Consider $V = \mathbb{R}^2$. Define that

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle := x_1 y_1 - (x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1) + 2x_2 y_2.$$

Show that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is an inner product.

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- ★ Note that the symmetry of the inner product implies that \mathbf{A} is symmetric.

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Symmetric & Positive Definite (4/6)

The positive definiteness of the inner product implies that

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in V \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\} : \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0.$$

Symmetric, Positive Definite Matrix

A symmetric matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ that satisfies the property:

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in V \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\} : \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0.$$

is called **symmetric, positive definite** (or just **positive definite**).

If only \geq holds, then \mathbf{A} is called symmetric, **positive semidefinite**.

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This defines an inner product w.r.t. an ordered basis B , where $\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ are the coordinates of \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} w.r.t. B .

Remark

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- For the diagonal elements a_{ii} of \mathbf{A} , $a_{ii} = \mathbf{e}_i^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{e}_i > 0$.
 - \mathbf{e}_i : the i th vector of the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^n .

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Remark

- Note that any inner product induces a norm:

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle}.$$

Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality

For an inner product vector space $(V, \langle \cdot \rangle)$, the induced norm $\|\cdot\|$ satisfies the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|.$$

Lengths of Vectors

Example

Compute the length of a vector $\mathbf{x} = [1, 1]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^2$ using

- Dot product

- $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle := \mathbf{x}^\top \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} = x_1 y_1 - \frac{1}{2}(x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1) + x_2 y_2.$

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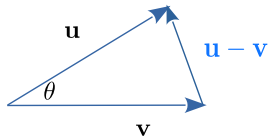
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 - *positive definite*: $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \geq 0$ for all $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$ and $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0$ iff $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$.
 - *symmetric*: $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = d(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x})$ for all $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$.
 - *triangular inequality*: $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) \leq d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + d(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})$.

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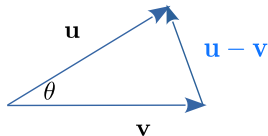
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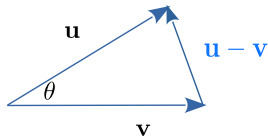
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$$-1 \leq \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|} \leq 1.$$

Thus, there exists a unique $\theta \in [0, \pi]$, such that

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|}.$$

We call θ the **angle** between \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} .

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- Two vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are **orthogonal** if and only if $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = 0$.
 - We write $\mathbf{x} \perp \mathbf{y}$.
- If \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are orthogonal and $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{y}\| = 1$, then \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are both **orthonormal**.

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If for all $i, j = 1, \dots, n$

$$\langle \mathbf{b}_i, \mathbf{b}_j \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for } i \neq j \quad (1)$$

$$\langle \mathbf{b}_i, \mathbf{b}_i \rangle = 1, \quad (2)$$

then the basis is called an **orthonormal basis**.

- Only (1) is satisfied \Rightarrow orthogonal basis.

Example

- The standard basis for \mathbb{R}^n .
- $\mathbf{b}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

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Given two functions $u, v : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$, the inner product of u and v can be defined as

$$\langle u, v \rangle := \int_a^b u(x)v(x)dx$$

for lower and upper limits $a, b < \infty$.

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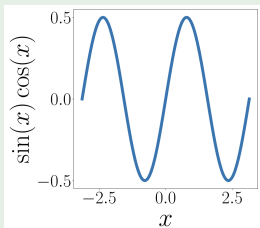
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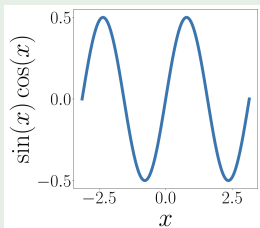


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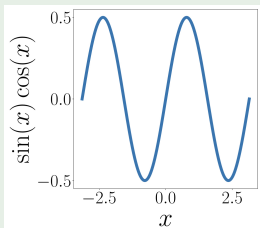


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