

Mathematics for Machine Learning

— Vector Calculus: Linearization & Multivariate Taylor Series

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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.
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.13213>

Linear Approximation of a Function

The gradient ∇f of a function f can be used for locally linear approximation of f around \mathbf{x}_0 :

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \approx f(\mathbf{x}_0) + (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f)(\mathbf{x}_0)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)$$

- $(\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f)(\mathbf{x}_0)$: the gradient of f w.r.t. \mathbf{x} evaluated at \mathbf{x}_0 .

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Consider a function $f : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which is smooth (i.e., infinitely differentiable) at \mathbf{x}_0 .

Define the **difference vector** $\boldsymbol{\delta} := \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0$.

The **multivariate Taylor series** of f at \mathbf{x}_0 is

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{D_{\mathbf{x}}^k f(\mathbf{x}_0)}{k!} \boldsymbol{\delta}^k,$$

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The **Taylor polynomial** of **degree n** of f at \mathbf{x}_0 is

$$T_n(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{D_{\mathbf{x}}^k f(\mathbf{x}_0)}{k!} \delta^k,$$

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- It contains the first $n + 1$ components of the Taylor series.

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- Hence,

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Note & Exercise

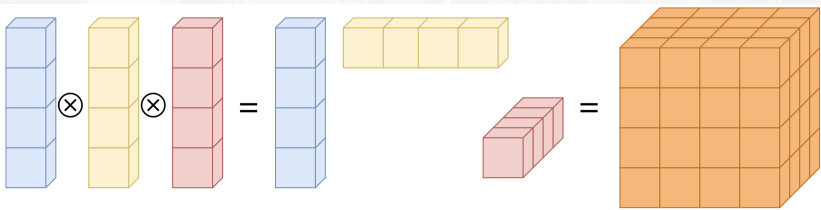
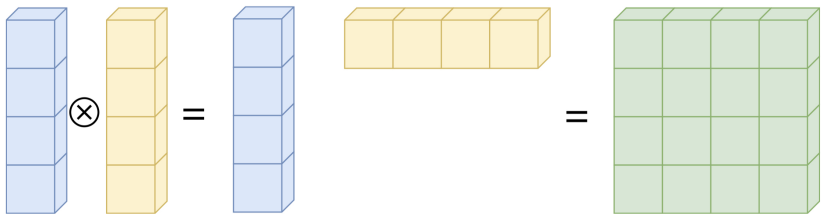
Exercise

Suppose $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$. Show that

$$D_{\mathbf{x}}^2 f(\mathbf{x}_0) \boldsymbol{\delta}^2 = \boldsymbol{\delta}^\top \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}_0) \boldsymbol{\delta},$$

where

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Discussions