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Day 15

Data Science Unlocked

From Zero to Data Hero

Important Mathematics for Machine Learning



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I. Vectors & Matrices

Scalars, Vectors, Matrices, and Tensors

Scalars

- A scalar is a single numerical value.
- It has only magnitude and no direction.
- Example: 5, -3.2, 100, π

Vectors

- A vector is an ordered list of numbers.
- Represented as a column or row:

Column Vector:

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row Vector:

$$\mathbf{w} = [4 \quad -1 \quad 6]$$

- **Operations on Vectors:**
 - **Addition/Subtraction:** Component-wise operation.
 - **Scalar Multiplication:** Each element is multiplied by a scalar.
 - **Dot Product:**

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \sum a_i b_i$$

- **Cross Product:** Only defined in 3D, results in another vector perpendicular to both.

Matrices

- A matrix is a two-dimensional array of numbers arranged in rows and columns.
- Denoted as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Matrix Properties:**
 - **Square Matrix:** Equal rows and columns.
 - **Diagonal Matrix:** Non-diagonal elements are zero.
 - **Symmetric Matrix:**

$$A^T = A$$

Tensors

- A tensor is a generalization of scalars, vectors, and matrices to higher dimensions.
- Example: A 3D tensor has shape (3,3,3), like a cube of numbers.

II. Matrix Operations

Matrix Addition & Subtraction

- Only possible if both matrices have the same dimensions.
- Performed element-wise:

$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & a_{12} + b_{12} \\ a_{21} + b_{21} & a_{22} + b_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Multiplication

Scalar Multiplication

- Multiply each element by a scalar :

λ

$$\lambda A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda a_{11} & \lambda a_{12} \\ \lambda a_{21} & \lambda a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix-Matrix Multiplication

- If A is $m \times n$ and B is $n \times p$, the result is $m \times p$.
- Formula:

$$(AB)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} B_{kj}$$

Transpose of a Matrix

- Swap rows and columns:

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Special Matrices

Identity Matrix (I)

- A square matrix with 1s on the diagonal and 0s elsewhere.
- Example:

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Property: ,

$$AI = A$$

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Inverse Matrix (A^{-1})

- A matrix A is invertible if .

$$AA^{-1} = I$$

- For a 2×2 matrix:

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\det(A) = ad - bc$

- A matrix is non-invertible (singular) if .

$$\det(A) = 0$$

III. Linear Algebra: Vector Spaces & Transformations

1. Vector Spaces

A **vector space** is a set of vectors where vector addition and scalar multiplication are defined and satisfy the following **axioms**:

1. **Closure under Addition:** If u, v are in V , then $u+v$ is also in V .
2. **Closure under Scalar Multiplication:** If v is in V and c is a scalar, then cv is also in V .
3. **Commutativity:** .
$$u+v = v + u$$
4. **Associativity of Addition:** .
$$(u+v)+w = u + (v + w)$$
5. **Existence of Zero Vector:** There exists a vector 0 such that $v+0=v$ for all $v \in V$.
6. **Existence of Additive Inverse:** For every v , there exists $-v$ such that $v+(-v)=0$.
7. **Associativity of Scalar Multiplication:** $a(bv)=(ab)v$
8. **Distributive Property (Scalars and Vectors):** $a(u+v) = a u + a v$

9. **Distributive Property (Scalars):** $(a+b)v = a v + b v$

10. **Multiplicative Identity:** for all v : $1v = v$

Examples of vector spaces:

- The set of all n -dimensional column vectors \mathbb{R}^n .
 - The set of all continuous functions $f(x)$.
 - The set of all polynomials of degree n .
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2. Basis & Dimension

Basis of a Vector Space

- A **basis** of a vector space is a **set of linearly independent vectors** that **span** the entire space.
- If $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis for , then every vector in can be written as a **linear combination** of basis vectors:

$$v = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n$$

- A basis must satisfy two conditions:
 1. **Linear Independence:** No vector in the basis can be expressed as a linear combination of others.
 2. **Spanning:** Any vector in the space can be written as a combination of the basis vectors.

Dimension of a Vector Space

- The **dimension** of a vector space, denoted as **V**, is the number of vectors in any basis for V .
 - Examples:
 - \mathbb{R}^2 has a standard basis $\{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$ and **dimension = 2**.
 - The space of all polynomials of degree at most n has dimension $n+1$.
 - The **zero vector space** $\{0\}$ has **dimension = 0**.
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3. Orthogonality & Dot Product

Orthogonality

- Two vectors u, v in \mathbb{R}^n are **orthogonal** if their dot product is **zero**:

$$u \cdot v = 0$$

- Example: In \mathbb{R}^2 , vectors $(1,2)$ and $(-2,1)$ are orthogonal because:

$$(1, 2) \cdot (-2, 1) = (1 \times -2) + (2 \times 1) = -2 + 2 = 0$$

Dot Product

- The **dot product** of two vectors u, v in \mathbb{R}^n is:

$$u \cdot v = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + \cdots + u_nv_n$$

- It measures the **projection** of one vector onto another and relates to the angle θ between them:

$$u \cdot v = ||u|| ||v|| \cos \theta$$

- Properties:

- **Commutative:**

$$u \cdot v = v \cdot u$$

- **Distributive:**

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

- **Scalar Multiplication:**

$$(cu) \cdot v = c(u \cdot v)$$

4. Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors

Definition

- Given a square matrix A , an **eigenvector** v is a nonzero vector that satisfies:

$$Av = \lambda v$$

where λ is a

scalar called an **eigenvalue**.

- This means that applying A to v only **scales** it without changing its direction.

Finding Eigenvalues

- Eigenvalues are solutions to the **characteristic equation**:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

- Example: If

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

then the characteristic equation is:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

which simplifies to

$(2 - \lambda)^2 - 1 = 0$, giving eigenvalues $\lambda=3,1$.

Finding Eigenvectors

- For each eigenvalue λ , solve $(A - \lambda I)v = 0$ to find the corresponding eigenvectors.

5. Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

Definition

- Any $m \times n$ matrix A can be decomposed as:
- $A = U \Sigma V^T$
where:
 - U is an $m \times m$ **orthogonal matrix**.

- Σ is an $m \times n$ **diagonal matrix** with **singular values**.
- V is an $n \times n$ **orthogonal matrix**.

Why SVD is Important?

- Used in **dimensionality reduction** (e.g., PCA).
- Helps in solving **ill-conditioned linear systems**.
- Provides insights into the **geometry of transformations**.

Steps to Compute SVD

1. Compute **eigenvalues and eigenvectors** of $A^T A$ (columns of V).
2. Compute **eigenvalues and eigenvectors** of AA^T (columns of U).
3. Compute **singular values** as square roots of eigenvalues of $A^T A$.

Example

For

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Compute $A^T A$, find eigenvalues/eigenvectors.
 2. Compute AA^T , find eigenvalues/eigenvectors.
 3. Construct U, Σ, V^T .
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