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Problem Set 3

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Problems 1-7 correspond to "Linear algebra I: basic notation and dot products"

Problem 1

1/1 point (graded)

A data set consists of 200 points in \mathbb{R}^{80} . If we store these in a matrix, with one point per row, what is the dimension of the matrix?

☒ 200×80

☐ 80×200

☐ 200×1

☐ 1×80



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Problem 2

3/3 points (graded)

For $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, compute

a) $A^T =$

☐ $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

☐ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

☒ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

☐ $\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$



b) $A + B =$

☐ $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

☒ $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

☐ $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

☐ $\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$



c) $A - B =$

☐ $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

☒ $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

☐ $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

☐ $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$



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Problem 3

2/2 points (graded)

Let $x = (1, 0, -1)$ and $y = (0, 1, -1)$.

a) What is $x \cdot y$?

1



b) What is the angle between these two vectors, in degrees (give a number in the range 0 to 180)?

60



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Problem 4

2/2 points (graded)

For each pair of vectors below, say whether or not they are orthogonal.

a) $(1, 3, 0, 1)$ and $(-1, -3, 0, -1)$

not orthogonal



b) $(1, 3, 0, 1)$ and $(1, 3, 0, -10)$

orthogonal



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Problem 5

1/1 point (graded)

Find the unit vector in the same direction as $x = (1, 2, 3)$.

☐ $(1, 2, 3)/6$

☐ $(1, 2, 3)/14$

☐ $(1, 2, 3)/\sqrt{7}$

☒ $(1, 2, 3)/\sqrt{14}$



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Problem 6

1/1 point (graded)

Find all unit vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 that are orthogonal to $(1, 1)$.

☐ $(1, 1)/\sqrt{2}$ and $(-1, -1)/\sqrt{2}$

☐ $(1, -1)$ and $(-1, 1)$

☐ $(1, 1)/2$ and $(-1, -1)/2$

☒ $(1, -1)/\sqrt{2}$ and $(-1, 1)/\sqrt{2}$



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Problem 7

1/1 point (graded)

How would you describe the set of all points $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with $x \cdot x = 25$? Select all that apply.

☒ All points of ℓ_2 length 5.

☐ The surface of a sphere that is centered at the origin, of radius 25.

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Problems 8-17 correspond to "Linear algebra II: matrix products and linear functions"

Problem 8

1/1 point (graded)

Which of the following is a linear function of $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$? Select all that apply.

☐ $x_1^2 + 3x_2 + x_3$

☒ $2x_1 - 3x_2$

☐ $x_1x_2 - x_3$



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Problem 9

1/1 point (graded)

True or false: the function $f(x) = 2x_1 - x_2 + 6x_3$ can be written as $w \cdot x$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$, where $w = (2, -1, 6)$.

☒ True

☐ False



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Problem 10

3/3 points (graded)

Consider the linear function that is expressed by the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

This function maps vectors in \mathbb{R}^p to \mathbb{R}^q .

a) What is p ?



b) What is q ?



c) Which of the following vectors are mapped to zero?

☒ $(2, -1, 6)$ ☒ $(-4, 2, -12)$ ☐ $(1, 4, -1)$ ☐ $(4, -2, 1)$ 

Problem 11

3/3 points (graded)

Compute the product: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$:

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & 1 \\ 14 & b & c \end{pmatrix}$$

$a =$



$b =$



$c =$

✓

5



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Problem 12

4/4 points (graded)

For a certain pair of matrices A, B , the product AB has dimension 10×20 . Suppose A has 30 columns.

a) $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

$m =$

10



$n =$

30



b) $B \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times s}$

$r =$

30



$s =$

20



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Problem 13

3/3 points (graded)

We have n data points $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n)} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and we store them in a matrix X , one point per row.

a) True or false: X has dimension $d \times n$.

☐ True

☒ False



b) True or false: $X^T X$ has dimension $d \times d$.

☒ True

☐ False



c) Which of the following is a matrix with (i,j) entry $x^{(i)} \cdot x^{(j)}$?

☐ XX

☐ $X^T X$

☒ XX^T

☐ $X^T X^T$



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Problem 14

1/1 point (graded)

Vector x has length 10. What is $x^T x x^T x x^T x$?

100^3



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Problem 15

5/5 points (graded)

Suppose $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$.

a) What is $x^T x$?

35



b) What is xx^T ?

$$xx^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 3 & 9 & c \\ 5 & 15 & d \end{pmatrix}$$

$a =$



$b =$



$c =$



$d =$



Problem 16

1/1 point (graded)

Vectors $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ both have length 2. If $x^T y = 2$, what is the angle between x and y , in degrees (the answer is an integer in the range 0 to 180)?



Problem 17

2/2 points (graded)

The line shown below can be expressed in the form $w \cdot x = 12$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$. What is w ?





$w = (w_1, w_2)$

$w_1 =$

3



$w_2 =$

4



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Problems 18-24 correspond to "Linear algebra III: square matrices as quadratic functions"

Problem 18

4/4 points (graded)

The quadratic function $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$f(x) = 3x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 - 4x_1x_3 + 6x_3^2$$

can be written in the form $x^T M x$ for some **symmetric** matrix M . What are the missing entries in M ?

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & 1 & b \\ 1 & c & 0 \\ -2 & d & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$a =$

3



$b =$

-2



$c =$



$d =$



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Problem 19

7/7 points (graded)

Answer the following questions about the quadratic function $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ associated with the matrices A .

a) True or false: the quadratic function associated with $A = \text{diag}(6, 2, -1)$ is $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 6x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 - x_3^2$.

☒ True☐ False

b) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Find the coefficients of the function $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = ax_1^2 + bx_1x_2 + cx_1x_3 + dx_2^2 + ex_2x_3 + fx_3^2$ generated by this matrix.

$a =$



$b =$



$c =$



$d =$



$e =$

2



$f =$

1



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Problem 20

1/1 point (graded)

Which of the following matrices is necessarily symmetric? Select all that apply.

☒ AA^T for arbitrary matrix A .

☒ A^TA for arbitrary matrix A .

☒ $A + A^T$ for arbitrary square matrix A .

☐ $A - A^T$ for arbitrary square matrix A .



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Problem 21

2/2 points (graded)

Let $A = \text{diag}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)$.

a) What is $|A|$?

1*2*3*4*5*6*7*8



b) True or false: $A^{-1} = \text{diag}(1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{7}, \frac{1}{8})$

☒ True

☐ False



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Problem 22

2/2 points (graded)

Vectors $u_1, \dots, u_d \in \mathbb{R}^d$ all have unit length and are orthogonal to each other. Let U be the $d \times d$ matrix whose rows are the u_i .

a) What is UU^T ?

☐ U

☐ U^T

☐ U^{-1}

☒ I_d



b) What is U^{-1} ?

☐ U

☒ U^T

☐ U^{-1}

☐ I_d



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Problem 23

1/1 point (graded)

Matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & z \end{pmatrix}$ is singular. What is z ?

6



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Problem 24

1/1 point (graded)

The *trace* of a $d \times d$ matrix A is defined to be $\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^d A_{ii}$. Which of the following statements is true, for arbitrary $d \times d$ matrices A, B ? Select all that apply.

☒ $\text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(A^T).$

☒ $\text{tr}(A + B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B).$

☐ $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(A)\text{tr}(B).$

☒ $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA).$



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Problems 25-27 correspond to "The multivariate Gaussian"

Problem 25

1/1 point (graded)

A spherical Gaussian has mean $\mu = (1, 0, 0)$. At which of the following points will the density be the same as at $(1, 1, 0)$? Select all that apply.

☒ $(0, 0, 0)$

☐ $(1, 1, 1)$

☒ $(2, 0, 0)$

☒ $(1, 0, 1)$



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Problem 26

1/1 point (graded)

How many real-valued parameters are needed to specify a diagonal Gaussian in \mathbb{R}^d ?

☐ d

☒ $2d$

☐ $\frac{1}{2}d^2$

☐ d^2



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Problems 28-29 correspond to "Gaussian generative models"

Problem 28

3/3 points (graded)

Suppose we solve a classification problem with k classes by using a Gaussian generative model in which the j th class is specified by parameters π_j, μ_j, Σ_j . In each of the following situations, say whether the decision boundary is linear, spherical, or other quadratic.

a) We compute the empirical covariance matrices of each of the k classes, and then set $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2 = \dots = \Sigma_k$ to the **average** of these matrices.

linear



b) The covariance matrices Σ_j are all **diagonal**, but no two of them are the same.

other quadratic



c) There are two classes (that is, $k = 2$) and the covariance matrices Σ_1 and Σ_2 are multiples of the identity matrix.

spherical



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Problem 29

2/2 points (graded)

Consider a binary classification problem in which we fit a Gaussian to each class and find that they are both centered at the origin but have different covariances: $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$ and $\Sigma_1 \neq \Sigma_2$. Derive the precise form of the **decision boundary**, that is, the points x for which the two classes are equally likely. You will find that it is

$$x^T(\Sigma_2^{-1} - \Sigma_1^{-1})x = a \ln \frac{|\Sigma_1|}{|\Sigma_2|} + b \ln \frac{\pi_1}{\pi_2}.$$

What are a and b ?

$a =$

1



$b =$

-2



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Problem 30 corresponds to "More generative modeling"

Problem 30

5/5 points (graded)

For each of the situations below, say which of the following distributions would be the best model for the data: Gaussian, gamma, beta, Poisson, or categorical.

a) You collect the number of airplane landings at Los Angeles International Airport during each one hour interval over the course of a week (thus, a total of 168 data points).

Poisson ✓

b) For your favorite sports team, you compute the fraction of games they won each year, during the period 1980-2015 (thus, a total of 36 data points).

beta ✓

c) Your local pet store has mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians, and fish. You measure the fraction of each (thus, a total of five numbers).

categorical ✓

d) You collect the pollution levels (positive real numbers reflecting concentrations of particulate matter) recorded in your city over the past year (thus, a total of 365 numbers).

gamma ✓

e) Like (d), but instead you use the log of these values.

Gaussian ✓

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