

Calculus For Data Science

Functions & Variables

What is a Function?

- A **function** is a rule that maps input(s) to output(s).
- Formally: $f: X \rightarrow Y$ where each $x \in X$ gives one output $y \in Y$.
- Example: $f(x) = 2x + 3 \rightarrow$ when $x = 2$, output is $y = 7$.

In ML, the **model itself is a function**:

- Example: $y_{\text{pred}} = f(\text{features})$.
- A neural network is just a **complex function** learned from data.

Independent vs Dependent Variables

- **Independent variable (x)**: input feature we control/measure.
- **Dependent variable (y)**: output that depends on x.

Examples in Data Science:

- Predicting house prices:
 - Independent variables: size, location, number of rooms.
 - Dependent variable: price.
- Predicting exam score:
 - Independent variable: study hours.
 - Dependent variable: score.

Python Example

```
def house_price(size):  
    return 50000 + (3000 * size) # simple linear relation  
  
print(house_price(10)) # 80,000
```

Types of Graphs & Their Interpretations

Common Graph Shapes

1. **Linear ($y = mx + c$):** straight line, proportional growth.
 - ML: Linear regression.
2. **Quadratic ($y = x^2$):** U-shape parabola.
 - ML: Loss functions are often quadratic.
3. **Exponential ($y = e^x$):** rapid growth/decay.
 - ML: Learning rate decay, population models.
4. **Sigmoid:**
 - Formula: $1 / (1 + e^{-x})$
 - S-shaped curve between 0 and 1.
 - ML: Used in logistic regression & NN activation functions.
5. **Logarithmic:**
 - Formula: $y = \log(x)$.
 - Slow growth → useful in information theory (entropy).

Python Plot Example

```
import numpy as np, matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
  
x = np.linspace(-5, 5, 100)  
plt.plot(x, np.exp(x), label="Exponential")  
plt.plot(x, 1/(1+np.exp(-x)), label="Sigmoid")
```

```
plt.legend(); plt.show()
```

Limits, Continuity & Chain Rule

Limits

- A **limit** finds the value a function approaches as input gets closer to some point.
- Example:
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 + 1) = 5.$

Continuity

- A function is continuous if there are **no jumps, holes, or asymptotes**.
- Example: $f(x) = 1/x$ is discontinuous at $x = 0$.

Chain Rule Basics

- If $y = f(g(x))$, then:
 $dy/dx = f'(g(x)) * g'(x).$
- Example: $y = (x^2 + 1)^3$
 - Outer function: u^3
 - Inner function: $u = x^2 + 1$
 - Derivative: $3(x^2 + 1)^2 * (2x) = 6x(x^2 + 1)^2.$

In ML: Chain rule is the backbone of **backpropagation**.

Visualizing Discontinuity

```
x = np.linspace(-2, 2, 100)
y = 1/x
plt.plot(x, y); plt.axvline(0, color="r", linestyle="--")
plt.show()
```

Derivatives & Chain Rule Applications

Basic Derivative Rules

- Power rule: $d/dx (x^n) = n \cdot x^{(n-1)}$
- Sum rule: $d/dx (f+g) = f' + g'$
- Product rule: $(uv)' = u'v + uv'$
- Quotient rule: $(u/v)' = (u'v - uv')/v^2$

Chain Rule in Action (ML)

- Neural network = composition of functions.
- Example:
 $y = \sigma(w \cdot x + b) \rightarrow \sigma = \text{sigmoid}.$
- Derivative requires applying **chain rule** for weight updates.

Loss & Cost Functions in ML

Definitions

- **Loss:** error for a single data point.
- **Cost:** average loss across dataset.

Common Functions

1. MSE (Mean Squared Error):

- Formula: $(1/n) \sum (y_{\text{pred}} - y_{\text{true}})^2$
- Penalizes large errors heavily.

2. MAE (Mean Absolute Error):

- Formula: $(1/n) \sum |y_{\text{pred}} - y_{\text{true}}|$

- Less sensitive to outliers.

Graphs

- MSE → smooth parabola.
- MAE → "V" shape.

Python Example

```
import numpy as np
y_true = np.array([3, -0.5, 2])
y_pred = np.array([2.5, 0.0, 2])

mse = np.mean((y_true - y_pred)**2)
mae = np.mean(np.abs(y_true - y_pred))
print("MSE:", mse, "MAE:", mae)
```

Gradient Descent

Intuition

- We want to find **minimum of cost function**.
- Idea: take steps proportional to slope (gradient).
- Update rule:
$$\theta_{\text{new}} = \theta_{\text{old}} - \alpha * \nabla J(\theta)$$
 - α = learning rate.
 - ∇J = gradient (slope).

Example

- Cost: $J(\theta) = \theta^2$
- Gradient: $dJ/d\theta = 2\theta$
- Update: $\theta = \theta - \alpha \cdot 2\theta$

Multivariable Calculus & ML Integration

Partial Derivatives

- For $f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$:
 - $\partial f / \partial x = 2x$
 - $\partial f / \partial y = 2y$

Gradient Vector

- $\nabla f(x,y) = [2x, 2y]$
- Points in **steepest ascent** direction.

ML Connection

- Each weight in a neural network has its own gradient.
- Backpropagation computes gradient vector for all weights.
- Gradient Descent uses these to minimize cost function.

NumPy & Pandas

NumPy (Numerical Python)

1. Introduction

- NumPy = **Numerical Python**
- Provides support for **multi-dimensional arrays (ndarrays)**.
- Faster than Python lists because it uses **C-based implementations**.

```
# import numpy as np
```

2. Creating Arrays

1D Array (Vector)

```
x = np.array([12, 14, 23, 45, 105])
print(x)
print(type(x))
```

Output: NumPy array `[12 14 23 45 105]` of type `numpy.ndarray`.

2D Array (Matrix)

```
y = np.array([
    [1, 2, 3],
    [7, 5.8, 8],
    [4, 6, 7]
])
print(y)
```

Output: a 3x3 matrix.

Mixed int and float → all converted to `float64`.

Special Arrays

```
np.zeros((2, 3))    # 2x3 array of zeros
np.ones((3, 3))     # 3x3 array of ones
np.eye(3)           # Identity matrix
np.arange(0, 10, 2) # [0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
np.linspace(0, 1, 5) # [0. , 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1.]
```

3. Array Attributes

```
print(x.shape) # (5,) → 1D array with 5 elements
print(x.ndim)  # 1 → 1D
print(x.dtype) # int64
```

4. Indexing & Slicing

1D Array

```
x[0]    # first element
x[-1]   # last element
x[1:4]  # slice → elements from index 1 to 3
```

2D Array

```
print(y[0, 1]) # element at row 0, col 1
print(y[:, 2]) # all rows, 3rd column
print(y[1, :]) # entire 2nd row
```

5. Array Operations

Arithmetic

```
a = np.array([1, 2, 3])
b = np.array([4, 5, 6])

print(a + b) # [5 7 9]
print(a * b) # [ 4 10 18] (element-wise)
print(a ** 2) # [1 4 9]
```

Broadcasting

```
print(a + 10) # [11 12 13]
```

6. Reshaping & Flattening

```
arr = np.arange(1, 13) # [1, 2, ..., 12]
arr2 = arr.reshape(3, 4) # 3x4 matrix
arr2.flatten() # back to 1D
```

7. Aggregate Functions

```
print(np.sum(arr2)) # sum of all elements
print(np.mean(arr2)) # average
print(np.max(arr2)) # maximum
print(np.min(arr2)) # minimum
print(np.std(arr2)) # standard deviation
```

Pandas

1. Introduction

- Built on top of NumPy.
- Provides two main data structures:

- **Series** (1D labeled array)
- **DataFrame** (2D table: rows + columns)

```
# import pandas as pd
```

2. Pandas Series

```
s = pd.Series([10, 20, 30, 40], index=['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'])
print(s)
```

Series = like a column in Excel with labels (index).

Accessing elements:

```
print(s['b']) # 20
print(s[2])   # 30
```

3. Pandas DataFrame

```
data = {
    "Name": ["Alice", "Bob", "Charlie"],
    "Age": [25, 30, 35],
    "Salary": [50000, 60000, 70000]
}
df = pd.DataFrame(data)
print(df)
```

Creates a table with columns Name, Age, Salary.

4. DataFrame Operations

```
print(df.head()) # first 5 rows
print(df.tail()) # last 5 rows
print(df.info()) # summary
print(df.describe())# statistics summary
```

5. Selecting Data

```
print(df["Name"]) # select column
print(df[["Name", "Age"]])# multiple columns
print(df.iloc[0]) # row by index (first row)
```

```
print(df.loc[0,"Salary"])# specific cell
```

6. Filtering Data

```
print(df[df["Age"] > 28]) # filter rows
```

7. Adding & Removing Columns

```
df["Bonus"] = df["Salary"] * 0.1  
df.drop("Bonus", axis=1, inplace=True)
```

8. Handling Missing Data

```
df2 = pd.DataFrame({  
    "A": [1, 2, np.nan],  
    "B": [4, np.nan, 6]  
})
```

```
print(df2.fillna(0)) # replace NaN with 0  
print(df2.dropna()) # drop rows with NaN
```

9. GroupBy

```
data = {  
    "Department": ["HR", "IT", "IT", "HR", "Finance"],  
    "Salary": [40000, 50000, 60000, 45000, 70000]  
}  
df3 = pd.DataFrame(data)  
print(df3.groupby("Department")["Salary"].mean())
```

Groups by department and finds average salary.

10. Merging & Concatenation

```
df1 = pd.DataFrame({"ID": [1, 2], "Name": ["A", "B"]})  
df2 = pd.DataFrame({"ID": [1, 2], "Marks": [90, 80]})
```

```
print(pd.merge(df1, df2, on="ID"))
```

```
df3 = pd.DataFrame({"ID": [3, 4], "Name": ["C", "D"]})  
print(pd.concat([df1, df3]))
```

NumPy: efficient numerical computations using arrays, supports vectorized operations, reshaping, broadcasting, and aggregation.

Pandas: built on NumPy, used for structured/tabular data with Series & DataFrames, supports filtering, grouping, merging, and handling missing data.