

Notes of Machine Learning

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Part I

Supervised Learning

Chapter 1

Linear Regression

1.1 Matrix Derivatives

1.1.1 trace fact

1. $tr AB = tr BA$

proof:

Let A be a m -by- n matrix, let B be a n -by- m matrix.

$$tr AB = \sum_{i=1}^m (AB)_{ii} = \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} B_{ji} \right) \quad (1.1)$$

$$tr BA = \sum_{i=1}^n (BA)_{ii} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^m B_{ij} A_{ji} \right) \quad (1.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} tr BA &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^m B_{ij} A_{ji} \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\sum_{i=1}^n B_{ij} A_{ji} \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\sum_{i=1}^n A_{ji} B_{ij} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} B_{ji} \right) \\ &= tr AB \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

2. $\nabla_A tr AB = B^T$

proof:

Let A be a m -by- n matrix, let B be a n -by- m matrix.

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_A \text{tr} AB &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\text{tr} AB}{\partial A_{11}} & \cdots & \frac{\text{tr} AB}{\partial A_{1n}} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\text{tr} AB}{\partial A_{m1}} & \cdots & \frac{\text{tr} AB}{\partial A_{mn}} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} \cdots B_{n1} \\ \vdots \\ B_{1m} \cdots B_{nm} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= B^T
\end{aligned} \tag{1.4}$$

$$3. \nabla_{A^T} f(A) = (\nabla_A f(A))^T$$

proof:

Let A be a m -by- n matrix.

$$\nabla_{A^T} f(A) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{11}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{m1}} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{1n}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{mn}} \end{bmatrix} \tag{1.5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\nabla_A f(A))^T &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{11}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{1n}} \\ & \cdots & \\ & \cdots & \\ & \cdots & \\ \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{m1}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{mn}} \end{bmatrix}^T \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{11}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{m1}} \\ & \cdots & \\ & \cdots & \\ & \cdots & \\ \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{1n}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f(A)}{\partial A_{mn}} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \nabla_{A^T} f(A)
\end{aligned} \tag{1.6}$$