FROM LINEAR ALGEBRA TO MACHINE LEARNING

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Overview

Motivation

- **Linear algebra** is important to understand machine learning.
- As well as **calculus**, **probability theory**, and **statistics**.
- It is rewarding to take the **hard path** to learn machine learning (IMHO).

Vectors - *rank-1 tensors*

- A vector is a collection of numbers

$$\vec{a} = \boldsymbol{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Length of a vector

$$|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i^2}$$

NumPy

```
np.linalg.norm(a)
```

TensorFlow

```
tf.linalg.norm(a)
tf.norm(a)
```

Distance between vectors

$$d(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = ||\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}||$$

$$= \sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^{n} (a_i - b_i)^2}$$

NumPy

```
np.linalg.norm(a-b)
```

TensorFlow

```
tf.norm(a-b, ord="euclidean")
```

Dot product

$$a \cdot b = \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i b_i$$
$$= a_0 b_0 + a_1 b_1 + \ldots + a_n b_n$$

NumPy

```
# do not confuse with np.multiply
np.dot(a, b)
# or with complex-conjugation
np.vdot(a, b)
# or
np.sum(np.multiply(a, b))
```

TensorFlow

```
tf.tensordot(a, b, 1)
# or
tf.matmul(tf.transpose(a), b)
# or
tf.matmul(a, b, transpose_a=True)
```

Dot product

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} &= a_0 a_0 + a_1 a_1 + \ldots + a_n a_n \\ &= a_0^2 + a_1^2 + \ldots + a_n^2 \\ &= |\boldsymbol{a}|^2 \end{aligned}$$

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np.linalg.norm(a) ** 2
# or
np.vdot(a, a)
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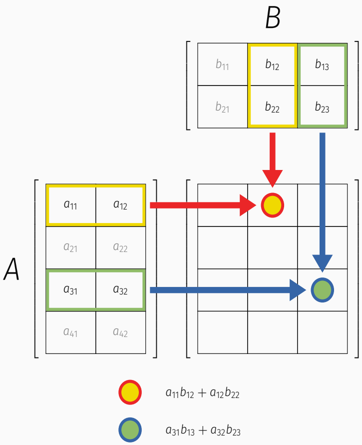
Matrix - *rank-2 tensors*



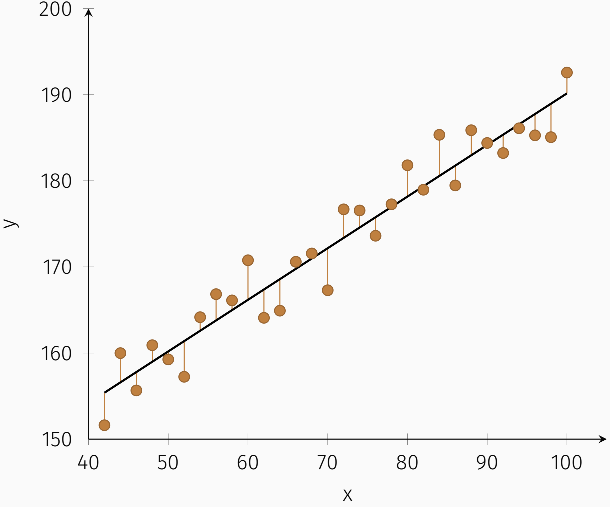
NumPy

```
np.matmul(a, b)
```

TensorFlow

```
tf.matmul(a, b)
```

Linear Regression



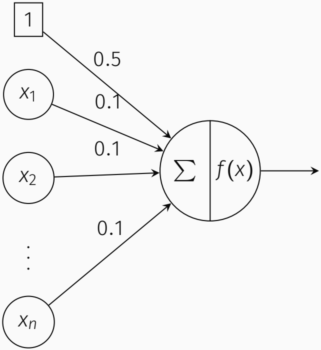
- We want to calculate the intercept a and the slope b.

$$\arg\min_{a,b} \sum_i (y_i - (ax_i + b))^2 = \arg\min_{\mathbf{w}} ||X\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}||^2$$

- The solution to this optimization problem is:

$$\mathbf{w}^* = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \mathbf{y} \, .$$

Simple perceptron



x_0	x_1	$\sum$	$f(x)$
1	1	$1 \times 0.5 + 1 \times -1 = -0.5$	0
1	0	$1 \times 0.5 + 0 \times -1 = 0.5$	1

Neural Networks

- ToDo.

More topics we should check

- **Gradient descent** is a beautiful optimization algorithm, basically, we multiply matrices to many times.
- **Eigenvectors** and **eigenvalues**; some dimensionality reduction techniques are based on eigendecomposition.
- Be aware that **numerical instabilities** can happen, and avoid these ones.

References

- Mathematics for Machine Learning: Linear Algebra by Coursera.
- The Math of Intelligence by Siraj Raval.
- Deep Learning Book by Bengio and Goodfellow, has a chapter summarizing which linear algebra topics you need to learn neural networks.

Thank you.
Questions?
Comments?