# Section 1: Probability, Statistics, & Linear Algebra review

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# Linear algebra



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We can write this system of equations more compactly in matrix notation, e.g.

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \tag{3}$$

where 
$$\mathbf{A}=\begin{bmatrix}4&-5\\-2&3\end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $\mathbf{b}=\begin{bmatrix}-13\\9\end{bmatrix}$ 



#### Some basic notation:

- ▶ We denote a matrix with m rows and n columns as  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , where each entry in the matrix is a real number.
- ▶ We denote a vector with n entries as  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - By convention, we typically think of a vector as a 1 column matrix.
- ▶ We denote the  $i^{th}$  element of a vector **x** as  $x_i$ , e.g.

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \tag{4}$$



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▶ We denote each entry in a matrix **A** by  $a_{ij}$ , corresponding to the  $i^{th}$  row and  $j^{th}$  column, e.g.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (5)

▶ We denote the *transpose* of a matrix as  $\mathbf{A}^{\top}$ , e.g.

$$\mathbf{A}^{\top} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{m1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{m2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1n} & a_{2n} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$
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▶ We denote the  $j^{th}$  column of **A** by  $\mathbf{a}_i$  or  $\mathbf{A}_{i}$ , e.g.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \tag{7}$$

▶ We denote the  $i^{th}$  row of **A** by  $\mathbf{a}_i^{\top}$  or  $\mathbf{A}_{i\cdots}$ 

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{a}_{1}^{\top} & - \\ - & \mathbf{a}_{2}^{\top} & - \\ \vdots & & \\ - & \mathbf{a}^{\top} & - \end{bmatrix}$$
(8)

n.b. This isn't universal, though should be clear from its presentation and use.



Given two matrices  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ , we can multiply them by

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p} : \mathbf{C}_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \mathbf{A}_{ik} \mathbf{B}_{kj}$$
 (9)

n.b. The dimensions have to be compatible for matrix multiplication to be valid (e.g. the number of columns in  $\bf A$  must be equal to the number of rows in  $\bf B$ ).



Given  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the quantity  $\mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}$  (aka *dot product* or *inner product*) is a scalar given by

$$\mathbf{x}^{\top}\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$
 (10)

Note: For vectors, we always have that  $\mathbf{x}^{\top}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^{\top}\mathbf{x}$ . This is not generally true for matrices.



Given  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the quantity  $\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  (aka *outer product*) is a matrix given by

$$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}^{\top} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \cdots & y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1y_1 & x_1y_2 & \cdots & x_1y_n \\ x_2y_1 & x_2y_2 & \cdots & x_2y_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_my_1 & x_my_2 & \cdots & x_my_n \end{bmatrix}$$
(11)



**Example:** Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a matrix such that all columns are equal to some vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Using outer products, we can represent  $\mathbf{A}$  compactly as

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{x} & \cdots & \mathbf{x} \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_1 & \cdots & x_1 \\ x_2 & x_2 & \cdots & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_m & x_m & \cdots & x_m \end{bmatrix}$$
(12)
$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(13)
$$= \mathbf{x} \mathbf{1}^{\top}$$
(14)

### Matrix-vector products



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There are two ways of interpreting this:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_{1}^{\top} & \mathbf{-} \\ -\mathbf{a}_{2}^{\top} & - \\ \vdots \\ -\mathbf{a}_{m}^{\top} & - \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_{1}^{\top} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{a}_{2}^{\top} \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_{m}^{\top} \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_{1}^{\top} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{a}_{2}^{\top} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{n} \\ \mathbf{a}_{1}^{\top} & \mathbf{a}_{2}^{\top} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{1} \\ x_{2} \\ \vdots \\ x_{n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{a}_{1}x_{1} + \mathbf{a}_{2}x_{2} + \cdots + \mathbf{a}_{n}x_{n}$$

$$(15)$$

# Matrix-vector products



#### **Example:**

Define 
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 10 & 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Calculate  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ .

# Matrix-matrix products



Given  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ , their product is a matrix  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$ .

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Similar to before, we can think of this in two ways:

### Interpretation # 1

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(18)
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_{1}^{\top} \mathbf{b}_{1} & \mathbf{a}_{1}^{\top} \mathbf{b}_{2} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{1}^{\top} \mathbf{b}_{p} \\ \mathbf{a}_{2}^{\top} \mathbf{b}_{1} & \mathbf{a}_{2}^{\top} \mathbf{b}_{2} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{2}^{\top} \mathbf{b}_{p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_{m}^{\top} \mathbf{b}_{1} & \mathbf{a}_{m}^{\top} \mathbf{b}_{2} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{m}^{\top} \mathbf{b}_{p} \end{bmatrix}$$
(19)

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### Interpretation # 2

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ \mathbf{b}_{1} & \mathbf{b}_{2} & \cdots & \mathbf{b}_{p} \\ | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | \\ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}_{1} & \mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}_{2} & \cdots & \mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}_{p} \\ | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{a}_{1}^{\top} & - \\ - & \mathbf{a}_{2}^{\top} & - \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ - & \mathbf{a}_{m}^{\top} & - \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{a}_{1}^{\top}\mathbf{B} & - \\ - & \mathbf{a}_{2}^{\top}\mathbf{B} & - \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ - & \mathbf{a}_{m}^{\top}\mathbf{B} & - \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(20)$$

# Matrix multiplication properties



- Associative: (AB)C = A(BC)
- ▶ Distributive: A(B + C) = AB + AC
- ▶ Not commutative:  $AB \neq BA$

# Matrix multiplication properties



#### Demonstrating associativity:

We just need to show that  $((AB)C)_{ij} = (A(BC))_{ij}$ :

$$((\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C})_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{p} (\mathbf{AB})_{ik} \mathbf{C}_{kj} = \sum_{k=1}^{p} \left( \sum_{l=1}^{n} \mathbf{A}_{il} \mathbf{B}_{lk} \right) \mathbf{C}_{kj}$$
(23)  

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{p} \left( \sum_{l=1}^{n} \mathbf{A}_{il} \mathbf{B}_{lk} \mathbf{C}_{kj} \right) = \sum_{l=1}^{n} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{p} \mathbf{A}_{il} \mathbf{B}_{lk} \mathbf{C}_{kj} \right)$$
(24)  

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(25)  

$$= (\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC}))_{ij}$$
(26)

# Operations & properties



#### The identity matrix:

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It has the property

$$\mathbf{AI} = \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{IA} \ \forall \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \tag{28}$$

n.b. The dimensionality of I is typically inferred (e.g.  $n \times n$  vs  $m \times m$ )

# Operations & properties



The diagonal matrix: The diagonal matrix, denoted  $\mathbf{D} = diag(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  is a matrix where all non-diagonal elements are 0, i.e.

$$\mathbf{D}_{ij} = \begin{cases} d_i & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases} \tag{29}$$

Clearly, I = diag(1, 1, ..., 1).

### The transpose



The *transpose* of a matrix results from "*flipping*" the rows and columns, i.e.

$$(\mathbf{A}^{\top})_{ij} = \mathbf{A}_{ji} \tag{30}$$

Consequently, for  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  we have that  $\mathbf{A}^{\top} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ .

Some properties:

- $\blacktriangleright \ (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^\top = \mathbf{A}^\top + \mathbf{B}^\top$

# Symmetry



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It is easy to show that  $\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{A}^{\top}$  is symmetric and  $\mathbf{A}-\mathbf{A}^{\top}$  is anti-symmetric. Consequently, we have that

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Symmetric matrices tend to be denoted as  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ .

### Trace



The *trace* of a square matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , denoted  $tr(\mathbf{A})$  or  $tr\mathbf{A}$  is the sum of the diagonal elements, i.e.

$$tr\mathbf{A} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{A}_{ii} \tag{32}$$

The trace has the following properties:

- ightharpoonup For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $tr\mathbf{A} = tr\mathbf{A}^{\top}$
- ► For  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $tr(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = tr\mathbf{A} + tr\mathbf{B}$
- ▶ For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $tr(c\mathbf{A}) = c tr\mathbf{A}$
- ▶ For  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$   $\ni AB \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , trAB = trBA
- ► For  $A, B, C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \ni ABC \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , trABC = trBCA = trCAB, and so on for more matrices

### Trace



### **Example:** Proving that trAB = trBA

$$tr\mathbf{AB} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} (\mathbf{AB})_{ii} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mathbf{A}_{ij} \mathbf{B}_{ji} \right)$$
(33)

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mathbf{A}_{ij} \mathbf{B}_{ji} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mathbf{B}_{ji} \mathbf{A}_{ij}$$
(34)

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mathbf{B}_{ji} \mathbf{A}_{ij} \right) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} (\mathbf{B} \mathbf{A})_{jj}$$
 (35)

$$= tr\mathbf{BA}$$
 (36)



A *norm* of a vector  $\mathbf{x}$ , denoted  $||\mathbf{x}||$  is a measure of the "length" of the vector. For example, the  $\ell_2$ -norm (aka Euclidean norm) is

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#### Other norms:

- $\ell_1$ -norm, i.e.  $||\mathbf{x}||_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$ .
- $\ell_p$ -norm, i.e.  $||\mathbf{x}||_p = (\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p)^{1/p}$ .



Formally, a norm is any function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfying four properties:

- 1.  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, f(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$  (non-negativity).
- 2.  $f(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  iff  $\mathbf{x} = 0$  (definiteness).
- 3.  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, c \in \mathbb{R}, f(c\mathbf{x}) = |c|f(\mathbf{x})$  (homogeneity).
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Norms can also be defined for matrices, e.g. The Frobenius norm,

$$||\mathbf{A}||^F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{A}_{ij}^2} = \sqrt{tr(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})}$$
 (38)

# Linear independence



A set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is *(linearly) dependent* if one of the vectors  $\mathbf{x}_i$  can be represented as a linear combination of the remaining vectors, i.e.

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Example: Let

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{40}$$

Is  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  linearly independent?

### Rank



The *column rank* of  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is the largest subset of columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  that are linearly independent.

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- n.b. Column rank is always equal to row rank. Thus, we refer to both as the *rank* of the matrix.
  - ▶ For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , if  $rank(\mathbf{A}) = min(m, n)$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$  is said to be of *full rank*.
  - ▶ For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $rank(\mathbf{A}) = rank(\mathbf{A}^{\top})$ .
  - ► For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ , rank $(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}) \leq \min(\operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{A}), \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{B}))$ .
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n.b. Not all matrices have inverses (e.g.  $m \times n$  matrices).

#### Def:

A is *invertible* or *non-singular* if  $A^{-1}$  exists. Otherwise, it is *non-invertible* or *singular*.

- 1.  $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^{-1} = \mathbf{A}$
- 2.  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$
- 3.  $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^{\top} = (\mathbf{A}^{\top})^{-1}$ 
  - ▶ This matrix is sometimes denoted  $\mathbf{A}^{-\top}$

# Orthogonal Matrices



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- ▶ A vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is *normalized* if  $||\mathbf{x}||_2 = 1$
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Another nice property:

$$||\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}||_2 = ||\mathbf{x}||_2 \ \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \text{ orthogonal}$$
 (43)

## Range



#### Def:

The *span* of a set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$  is

$$span(\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}) = \left\{ v : v = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{x}_i, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$
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$$span(\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}) = \left\{ v : v = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{x}_i, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$
(44)

n.b. If  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$  is linearly independent, then  $\mathrm{span}(\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}) = \mathbb{R}^n$ .

### **Example:**

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{45}$$

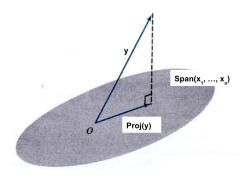
## **Projection**



#### Def:

The *projection* of a vector  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  onto  $\mathrm{span}(\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}) = \mathbb{R}^n$  is

$$\operatorname{Proj}(\mathbf{y}; \{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}) = \underset{\mathbf{v} \in \operatorname{span}(\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\})}{\operatorname{arg min}} ||\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{v}||_2 \qquad (46)$$



# Range



#### Def:

The *range* of a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , denoted  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$  is the span of the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ , i.e.

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}) = \{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m : \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \}$$
 (47)

Assuming that **A** is full rank and n < m, the projection of  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  onto  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$  is

$$Proj(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{A}) = \underset{\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})}{\arg \min} ||\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{y}||_2$$
 (48)

$$= \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^{\top}\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{\top}\mathbf{y} \tag{49}$$

## Nullspace



#### Def:

The *nullspace* of a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , denoted  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$  is the set of all vectors that equal 0 when multiplied by  $\mathbf{A}$ , i.e.

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = 0 \}$$
 (50)

Some properties:

- $\blacktriangleright \ \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^{\top}) \cap \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{0}\}\$

This is referred to as *orthogonal complements*, denoted as  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^\top) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})^\perp$ 



#### Def:

The *determinant* of a square matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , denoted  $|\mathbf{A}|$  or det  $\mathbf{A}$  is a function det:  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \to \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{A}_{\setminus i,\setminus j} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-1)\times (n-1)}$  be the matrix that results from deleting the  $i^{th}$  row and  $j^{th}$  column. The general (recursive) formula for the determinant is

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} |\mathbf{A}_{\setminus i, \setminus j}| \quad (\forall j \in 1, ..., n) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} |\mathbf{A}_{\setminus i, \setminus j}| \quad (\forall i \in 1, ..., n)$$
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Given a matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{a}_{1}^{\top} & - \\ - & \mathbf{a}_{2}^{\top} & - \\ & \vdots \\ - & \mathbf{a}_{n}^{\top} & - \end{bmatrix}$$
 (52)

and a set  $\mathbf{S} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$\mathbf{S} = \{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{a}_i \text{ where } 0 \le \alpha_i \le 1, i = 1, ..., n \}$$
 (53)

 $|\mathbf{A}|$  is the volume of  $\mathbf{S}$ .



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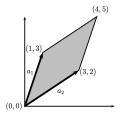
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- ▶ For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $|\mathbf{A}| = 0$  iff  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular (i.e. non-invertible).
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## Quadratic form



Given  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and a vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the *quadratic form* is the scalar value

$$\mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x})_{i} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mathbf{A}_{ij} x_{j} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mathbf{A}_{ij} x_{i} x_{j}$$
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### Some properties involving quadratic form:

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- n.b. Positive definite and negative definite matrices always have full rank.



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We can write all of the eigenvector equations simultaneously as

$$\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{\Lambda} \tag{58}$$

where

$$\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \mathbf{x}_1 & \mathbf{x}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{x}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{\Lambda} = diag(\lambda_1, ..., \lambda_n)$$
 (59)

This implies  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{X}^{-1}$ 



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- $ightharpoonup tr \mathbf{A} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$
- $\blacktriangleright |\mathbf{A}| = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$
- ► The rank of A is equal to the number of non-zero eigenvalues of A.
- ▶ If **A** is non-singular, then  $1/\lambda_i$  is an eigenvalue of **A**<sup>-1</sup> with corresponding eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}_i$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{x}_i = (1/\lambda_i)\mathbf{x}_i$
- ► The eigenvalues of a diagonal matrix  $D = diag(d_1, ..., d_n)$  are just its diagonal entries  $d_1, ..., d_n$



**Example**: For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$  with ordered eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \ldots \geq \lambda_n$$
,

$$\max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \text{ subject to } ||\mathbf{x}||_2^2 = 1$$
 (60)

is solved with  $\mathbf{x}_1$  corresponding to  $\lambda_1$ . Similarly, it is solved with  $\mathbf{x}_n$  corresponding to  $\lambda_n$ .



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$$det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbb{I}) = (1 - \lambda)^2 - 2^2 = \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3$$
 (62)

$$= (\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 1) \tag{63}$$

$$\lambda = 3, -1.$$



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$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{66}$$

# Singular Value Decomposition



SVD is a way of decomposing matrices.

Given 
$$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$
 with rank  $r$ ,  $\exists \Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}, \mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m} \ni$ 

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^{\top} \tag{67}$$

#### Notes:

- ▶  $\Sigma$  is a diagonal matrix with entries  $\sigma_1, ..., \sigma_r > 0$  known as singular values.
- ▶ **U** and **V** are orthogonal matrices.
- ► Common uses:
  - Least squares models
  - Range, rank, null space
  - Moore-Penrose inverse

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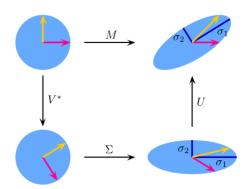


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SVD can be thought of as breaking this into individual steps:



### Matrix calculus



Given  $f: \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathbb{R}$ , the gradient of f wrt  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{A}} f(\mathbf{A}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{A})}{\partial \mathbf{A}_{11}} & \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{A})}{\partial \mathbf{A}_{12}} & \dots & \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{A})}{\partial \mathbf{A}_{1n}} \\ \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{A})}{\partial \mathbf{A}_{21}} & \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{A})}{\partial \mathbf{A}_{22}} & \dots & \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{A})}{\partial \mathbf{A}_{2n}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{A})}{\partial \mathbf{A}_{m1}} & \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{A})}{\partial \mathbf{A}_{m2}} & \dots & \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{A})}{\partial \mathbf{A}_{mn}} \end{bmatrix}$$
(69)

#### Some properties

▶ For 
$$c \in \mathbb{R}$$
,  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}(c f(\mathbf{x})) = c \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}(f(\mathbf{x}))$ 

### The Hessian



Given  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ , the *Hessian* of f wrt  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}^{2} f(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^{2} f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_{1}^{2}} & \frac{\partial^{2} f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_{1} \partial x_{2}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^{2} f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_{1} \partial x_{n}} \\ \frac{\partial^{2} f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_{2} \partial x_{1}} & \frac{\partial^{2} f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_{2}^{2}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^{2} f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_{2} \partial x_{n}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^{2} f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_{n} \partial x_{1}} & \frac{\partial^{2} f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_{n} \partial x_{2}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^{2} f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_{n}^{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$
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n.b. The Hessian is always symmetric, since  $\frac{\partial^2 f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} = \frac{\partial^2 f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_j \partial x_i}$ 

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Setting this expression equal to zero and solving for  $\mathbf{x}$  gives the normal equations,

$$\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{A}^{\top} \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^{\top} \mathbf{b} \tag{75}$$

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#### More notation:

- ▶  $\emptyset$  is the *empty set*. Can be denoted as  $\emptyset = \{\}$ .
- ▶  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i$  is the union of sets  $B_i$ . Formally,
- ▶  $B \subseteq S$  means B is a *subset* of the sample space.
- Heads, without curly braces, is an element of set B.
- ▶  $B^C = S \setminus B$  is the complement of set B

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$$\mathcal{B} = 2^{S} = \{\emptyset, \{Heads\}, \{Tails\}, \{Heads, Tails\}\}$$
 (77)

This implies that

$$P(B) = \begin{cases} 1 & B = \{ Heads, Tails \} \\ \frac{1}{2} & B = \{ Heads \} \\ \frac{1}{2} & B = \{ Tails \} \\ 0 & B = \emptyset \end{cases}$$
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n.b. The power set is a 'set of sets'

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### **Example:**

- ► The discrete  $\sigma$ -algebra:  $\mathcal{B} = 2^{S} = \{\emptyset, \{Heads\}, \{Tails\}, \{Heads, Tails\}\}$
- ▶ The *trivial*  $\sigma$ -algebra:  $\mathcal{B} = \emptyset \cup S = \{\emptyset, \{Heads, Tails\}\}$
- n.b. For uncountable sets, we use the *Borel*  $\sigma$ -algebra.

## Probability space

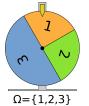


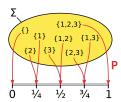
#### Def:

A probability space is a triple  $(S, \mathcal{B}, P)$ .

- ► *S* is the set of possible singleton events
- $\triangleright$   $\mathcal{B}$  is the set of questions to ask P
- P maps sets into probabilities

n.b. They represent the ingredients needed to talk about probabilities





# Probability functions



### Some properties of $P(\cdot)$

- ▶  $P(B) = 1 P(B^C)$
- ▶  $P(\emptyset) = 0$ , since  $P(\emptyset) = 1 P(S)$
- ▶  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) P(A \cap B)$ , implying that
  - $P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B)$
  - ►  $P(A \cap B) \ge P(A) + P(B) 1$

## Conditional probability



For events A and B where P(B) > 0, the *conditional probability* of A given B (denoted P(A|B)) is

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} \tag{79}$$

**Example:** In an agricultural region with 1000 farms, we want to know if the farm has vineyards or cork trees.

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	No	150	600	

Table: Frequency counts

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	No	15%	60%

Table: Joint probabilities

### Questions:

- ► What is the probability of seeing cork trees in a farm with vineyards?
- ► Among farms with cork trees or vineyards, what is the probability of having both?

# Conditional probability



Let's assume the following joint probabilties

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We have that  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$ , meaning that they are *independent* 

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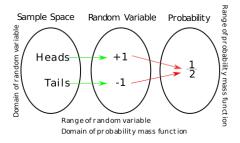


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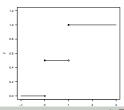
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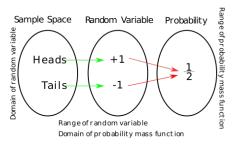
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$$P_X(\cdot) = P_Y(\cdot) \iff F_X(\cdot) = F_Y(\cdot)$$
 (88)



### Some properties for cdfs:

- $\lim_{x \to -\infty} F(x) = 0$
- $\lim_{x \to \infty} F(x) = 1$
- $\blacktriangleright$   $F(\cdot)$  is non-decreasing
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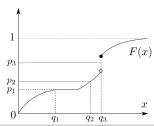


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### Example #1: Coin tossing

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 (90)

Here,  $F_X$  is a step function with pmf

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### **Example #2**: Uniform distribution on (0,1)

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Let X be a uniform random variable on  $\{-n, -n+1, ..., n-1, n\}$ . Then Y = |X| has mass function

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$$F_Y(y) = P_Y(Y \le y) = P_X(X^2 \le y) = P_X(-y^{1/2}X \le y^{1/2})$$

$$= \int_{-y^{1/2}}^{y^{1/2}} f(x)dx = y^{1/2}$$
(99)

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In general, as long as the transformation Y = g(X) is monotonic, then

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial y} g^{-1}(y) \right|$$
 (102)

### References



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## **Statistics**



The expected value of rv X is defined as

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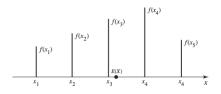
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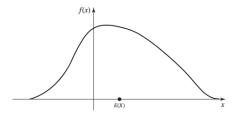
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n.b. In general,  $\mathbb{E}[g(X)] 
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- var(X) can be infinite.
- ▶ The standard deviation  $\sigma$  of X is  $\sqrt{var(X)}$ .



With some algebra, we see that

$$var(X) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^{2}]$$
 (107)  

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 (108)  

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- ▶ If X is bounded, then var(X) exists and is finite.
- $ightharpoonup var(X) = 0 \iff P(X = c) = 1 \text{ for some constant } c.$
- ▶  $var(cX) = c^2 var(X)$  for some constant c.
- ▶ variance is linear, i.e.  $var(X_1 + X_2) = var(X_1) + var(X_2)$ .



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- ▶ Variance is  $\mu_2$ .
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 (115)

using integration by parts, we get

$$\int x^2 f_X(x) dx = \underbrace{-x f_X(x)|_{-\infty}^{\infty}}_{=0} + \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx}_{=1} = 1$$
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#### Notes:

- ▶ The mgf is a function of t; X is integrated out by  $\mathbb{E}$ .
- The mgf only applies if the moments of the rv exists.
- ▶ If two rv X, Y have the same mgf (i.e.  $M_X(t) = M_Y(t)$ ), then they have the same distribution.
- Even if a rv has moments, the mgf may yield infinity (e.g. log-normal distribution).



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At t=0, we get  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t^k} M_X(t)|_{t=0} = \mathbb{E}[X^k]$ 

Evaluating the  $k^{th}$  derivative at t = 0 gives us the  $k^{th}$  moment of X.



#### **Example:** The standard normal distribution

$$M_X(t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{tX}] = \int e^{tX} f_X(x) dx$$
 (121)  

$$= \int e^{tX} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx$$
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$$= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-t)^2}{2}\right) \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) dx$$
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#### **Another example:**

Let  $X_1, \ldots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} P_0$  and  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . Then

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## Distributions



Most useful distributions have names, e.g.

- Normal distribution
- Uniform distribution
- Bernoulli distribution
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Most well known distribution due to:

- 1. Good mathematical properties
- 2. Often (approximately) observed in the real world (e.g. heights, weights, etc.)
- 3. Central limit theorem

## Central limit theorem



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Example: The sample mean

$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \tag{131}$$

The 95% CI:  $\bar{X}_n \pm z_{\alpha/2} \hat{se}_n$ 

### Uniform distribution



A rv X follows a Uniform distribution U(a,b) if X is continuous with pdf

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & x \in [a, b] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
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Note: if  $X \sim U(a,b)$ , then  $X = (b-a)\tilde{X} + a : \tilde{X} \sim U(0,1)$  and

$$f_{\tilde{X}}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (133)

# Bernoulli distribution



A rv X follows a Bernoulli distribution Ber(p) if X is discrete with pmf

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} p & \text{if } x = 1\\ 1 - p & \text{if } x = 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (134)

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = p$$
,  $var(X) = p(1-p)$ , and  $M_X(t) = e^t p + (1-p)$ .

### Binomial distribution



A rv X follows a Binomial distribution Bin(n, p) if X is discrete with pmf

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} & \text{if } x \in \{0,1,...,n\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (135)

 $\mathbb{E}[X] = np, \ var(X) = np(1-p), \ and \ M_X(t) = (e^t p + (1-p))^n.$ 

If  $X_1,...,X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} Ber(p)$ , then  $Y = X_1 + \cdots + X_n$  follows B(n,p).

# Negative Binomial distribution



A rv X follows a Negative Binomial distribution NB(r, p) if X is discrete with pmf

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{r+x-1}{x} p^x (1-p)^r & \text{if } x \in \{0, 1, ..., n\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (136)

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{r(1-p)}{p}$$
,  $var(X) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$ , and  $M_X(t) = \left(\frac{p}{1-qe^t}\right)^r$ :  $t < \log\left(\frac{1}{q}\right)$ .

When r = 1, we refer to it as the *Geometric distribution*.

▶ It has a *memoryless* property.

### Poisson distribution



A rv X follows a Poisson distribution  $Pois(\lambda)$  if X is discrete with pmf

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} & x \in \mathbb{N} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (137)

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \lambda$$
,  $var(X) = \lambda$ , and  $M_X(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$ .

#### Some notes:

- ▶  $Bin(n, p) \approx Pois(np)$  when n is large and np is small.
- "Poisson Processes" are typically used to model rates, e.g. mortality rates
  - 1. The number of events in each fixed time interval t has a Poisson distribution with mean  $\lambda t$ .
  - 2. The number of events in each time interval is independent.

### Gamma distribution



A rv X follows a Gamma distribution  $\operatorname{Gamma}(\alpha,\beta)$  if X is continuous with pdf

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^{\alpha}} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}} & x > 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (138)

where  $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t} dt : \alpha > 0$ .

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#### Notes:

- $ightharpoonup \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^{\alpha}}$  is often referred to as the 'normalizing constant'.
- ▶ When  $\alpha = 1$ , we get the exponential distribution.

### Beta distribution



A rv X follows a Beta distribution  $Beta(\alpha, \beta)$  if X is continuous with pdf

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} & 0 < x < 1\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (139)

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}, \ var(X) = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)^2(\alpha + \beta + 1)}, \ \text{and}$$

$$M_X(t) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^1 x^{\alpha + k - 1} (1 - x)^{\beta - 1} dx.$$

n.b. Very popular distribution in Bayesian statistics.

### Multinomial distribution



Suppose rv  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, ..., X_k)$  represents counts of k different classes. Then it follows a Multinomial distribution  $Multi(p_1, ..., p_k)$  if it has pdf

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{x_1, \dots, x_k} p_1^{x_1} \cdots p_k^{x_k} & x_1 \ge 0, \dots, x_k \ge 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(140)

where  $n = \sum_{i=1}^{k} X_i$ .

$$\mathbb{E}[X_i] = np$$
,  $var(X_i) = np_i(1 - p_i)$ , and  $Cov(X_i, X_j) = -np_ip_j$ .

### Dirac delta function



While not technically a pdf, often used for e.g. mixture of discrete distributions

The Dirac delta function is defined as  $\delta: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} \cup \infty \ni$ 

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} +\infty & x = 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (141)

and 
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) dx = 1$$

The sifting property:

$$\int f(x)\delta(x-a)dx = f(a)$$
 (142)

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 (144)

$$= \alpha \int_{\infty}^{\infty} y(\delta(y-1)dy + (1-\alpha) \int_{0}^{1} ydy \qquad (145)$$

$$= \alpha + (1 - \alpha) \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 \tag{146}$$

$$= \alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{2} \tag{147}$$

$$= \frac{1+\alpha}{2} \tag{148}$$

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