

Linear Algebra for Machine Learning

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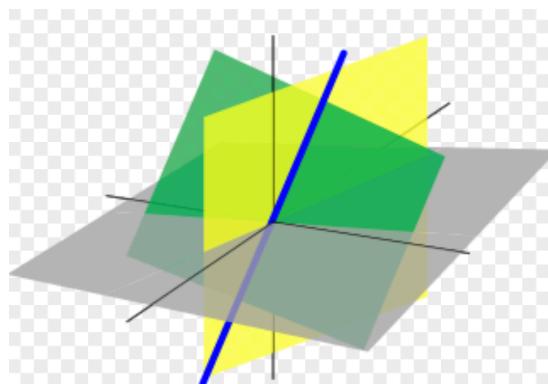
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What is linear algebra?

- Linear algebra is the branch of mathematics concerning linear equations such as

$$a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$$

- In vector notation we say $a^T x = b$
 - Called a linear transformation of x
- Linear algebra is fundamental to geometry, for defining objects such as lines, planes, rotations



Linear equation $a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$
defines a plane in (x_1, \dots, x_n) space
Straight lines define common solutions
to equations

Why do we need to know it?

- Linear Algebra is used throughout engineering
 - Because it is based on continuous math rather than discrete math
 - Computer scientists have little experience with it
- Essential for understanding ML algorithms
 - E.g., We convert input vectors (x_1, \dots, x_n) into outputs by a series of linear transformations
- Here we discuss:
 - Concepts of deep learning needed for ML
 - Omit other aspects of linear algebra

Linear Algebra Topics

- Scalars, Vectors, Matrices and Tensors
- Multiplying Matrices and Vectors
- Identity and Inverse Matrices
- Linear Dependence and Span
- Norms
- Special kinds of matrices and vectors
- Eigendecomposition
- Singular value decomposition
- The Moore Penrose pseudoinverse
- The trace operator
- The determinant
- Ex: principal components analysis

Scalar

- Single number
 - In contrast to other objects in linear algebra, which are usually arrays of numbers
- Represented in lower-case italic x
 - They can be real-valued or be integers
 - E.g., let $x \in \mathbb{R}$ be the slope of the line
 - Defining a real-valued scalar
 - E.g., let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be the number of units
 - Defining a natural number scalar

Vector

- An array of numbers arranged in order
- Each no. identified by an index
- Written in lower-case bold such as \mathbf{x}
 - its elements are in italics lower case, subscripted

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

- If each element is in R then \mathbf{x} is in R^n
- We can think of vectors as points in space
 - Each element gives coordinate along an axis

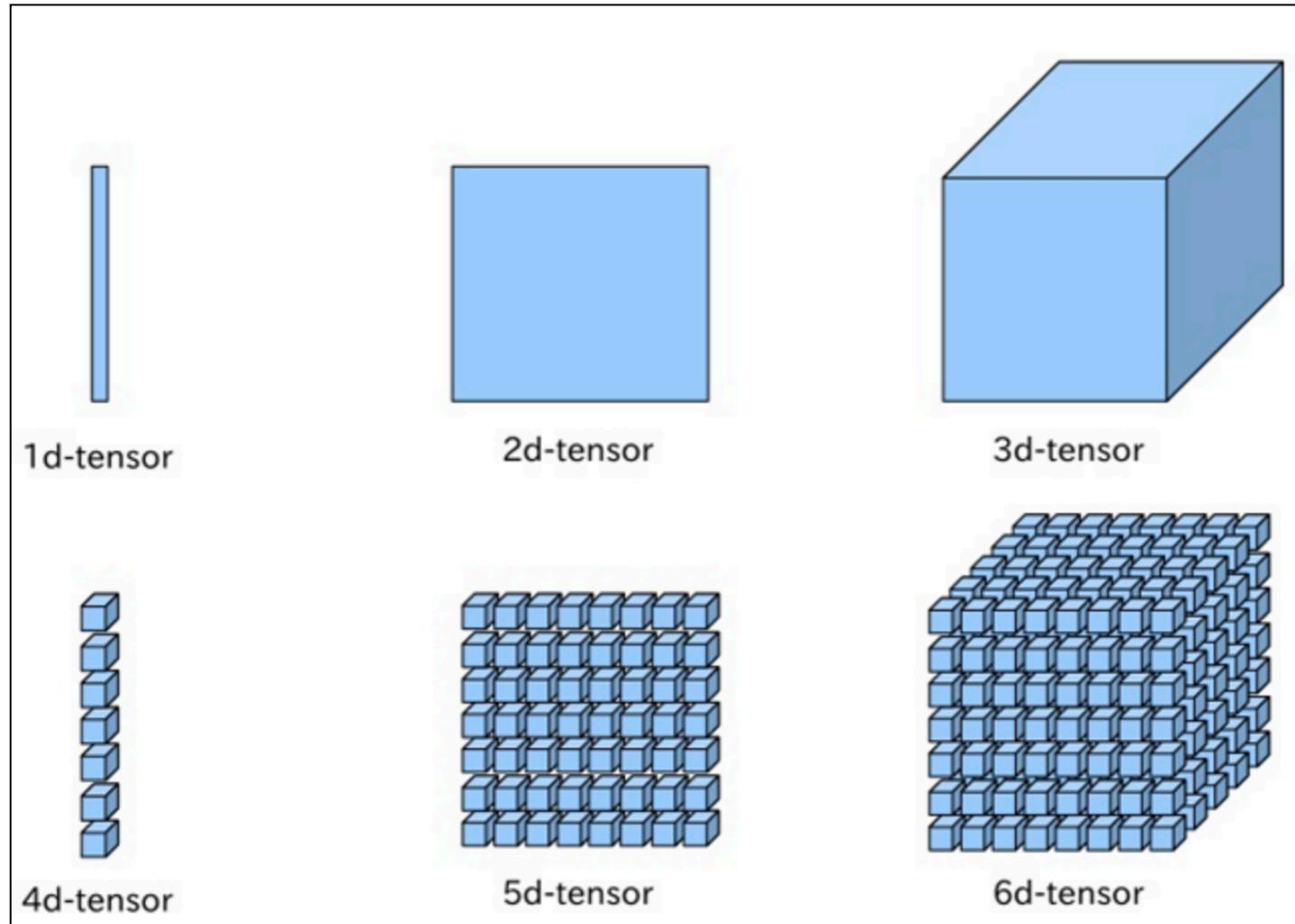
Matrices

- 2-D array of numbers
 - So each element identified by two indices
- Denoted by bold typeface A
 - Elements indicated by name in italic but not bold
 - $A_{1,1}$ is the top left entry and $A_{m,n}$ is the bottom right entry
 - We can identify nos in vertical column j by writing $:$ for the horizontal coordinate
 - E.g.,
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{1,1} & A_{1,2} \\ A_{2,1} & A_{2,2} \end{bmatrix}$$
 - $A_{i,:}$ is i^{th} row of A , $A_{:,j}$ is j^{th} column of A
 - If A has shape of height m and width n with real-values then $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

Tensor

- Sometimes need an array with more than two axes
 - E.g., an RGB color image has three axes
- A tensor is an array of numbers arranged on a regular grid with variable number of axes
 - See figure next
- Denote a tensor with this bold typeface: \mathbf{A}
- Element (i,j,k) of tensor denoted by $\mathbf{A}_{i,j,k}$

Shapes of Tensors



Transpose of a Matrix

- An important operation on matrices
- The transpose of a matrix A is denoted as A^T
- Defined as

$$(A^T)_{i,j} = A_{j,i}$$

– The mirror image across a diagonal line

- Called the main diagonal , running down to the right starting from upper left corner

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{1,1} & A_{1,2} & A_{1,3} \\ A_{2,1} & A_{2,2} & A_{2,3} \\ A_{3,1} & A_{3,2} & A_{3,3} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A^T = \begin{bmatrix} A_{1,1} & A_{2,1} & A_{3,1} \\ A_{1,2} & A_{2,2} & A_{3,2} \\ A_{1,3} & A_{2,3} & A_{3,3} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Vectors as special case of matrix

- Vectors are matrices with a single column
- Often written in-line using transpose

$$\mathbf{x} = [x_1, \dots, x_n]^T$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^T = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$$

- A scalar is a matrix with one element

$$a = a^T$$

Matrix Addition

- We can add matrices to each other if they have the same shape, by adding corresponding elements
 - If A and B have same shape (height m , width n)

$$C = A + B \Rightarrow C_{i,j} = A_{i,j} + B_{i,j}$$

- A scalar can be added to a matrix or multiplied by a scalar
- Less conventional notation used in ML:
 - Vector added to matrix $C = A + b \Rightarrow C_{i,j} = A_{i,j} + b_j$
 - Called broadcasting since vector b added to each row of A

Multiplying Matrices

- For product $C = AB$ to be defined, A has to have the same no. of columns as the no. of rows of B
 - If A is of shape $m \times n$ and B is of shape $n \times p$ then *matrix product* C is of shape $m \times p$

$$C = AB \Rightarrow C_{i,j} = \sum_k A_{i,k} B_{k,j}$$

- Note that the standard product of two matrices is not just the product of two individual elements
 - Such a product does exist and is called the element-wise product or the Hadamard product $A \odot B$

Multiplying Vectors

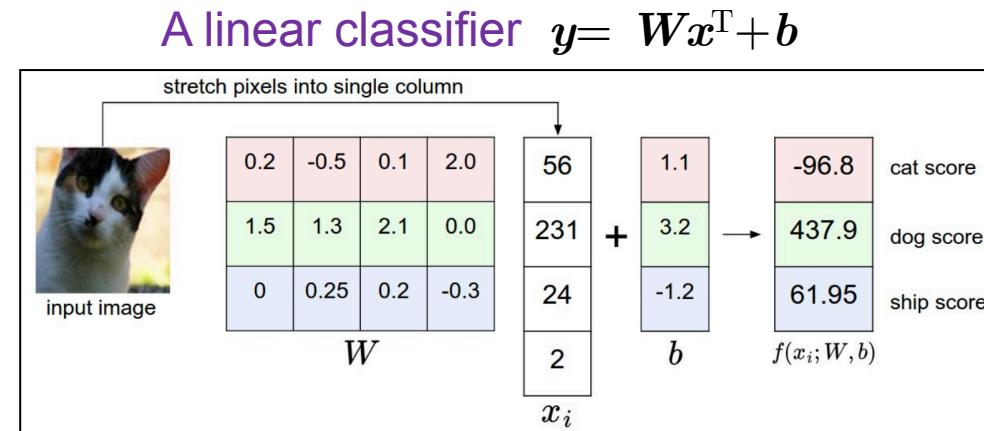
- Dot product between two vectors x and y of same dimensionality is the matrix product $x^T y$
- We can think of matrix product $C=AB$ as computing C_{ij} the dot product of row i of A and column j of B

Matrix Product Properties

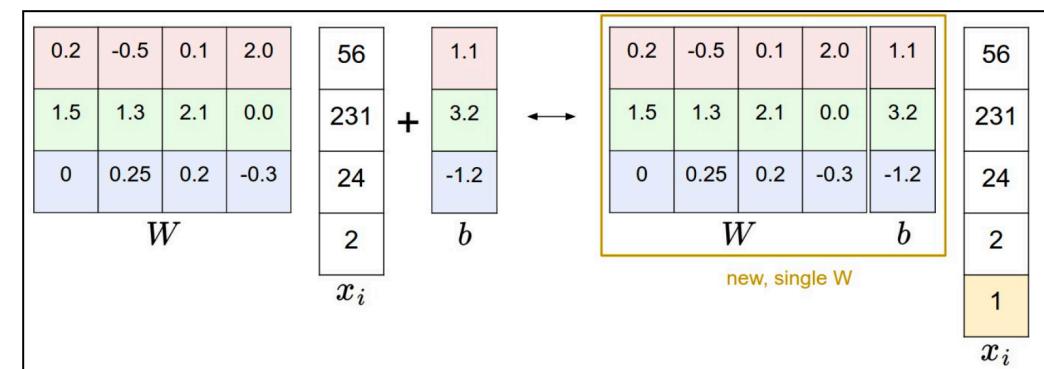
- Distributivity over addition: $A(B+C)=AB+AC$
- Associativity: $A(BC)=(AB)C$
- Not commutative: $AB=BA$ is not always true
- Dot product between vectors is commutative:
 $x^T y = y^T x$
- Transpose of a matrix product has a simple form: $(AB)^T=B^T A^T$

Example flow of tensors in ML

Vector x is converted
into vector y by
multiplying x by a matrix W



A linear classifier with bias eliminated $y = Wx^T$



Linear Transformation

- $Ax = b$

- where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$

- More explicitly

$$\begin{aligned} A_{11}x_1 + A_{12}x_2 + \dots + A_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ A_{21}x_1 + A_{22}x_2 + \dots + A_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\ &\vdots \\ A_{n1}x_1 + A_{n2}x_2 + \dots + A_{nn}x_n &= b_n \end{aligned}$$

n equations in
 n unknowns

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{n,1} & \cdots & A_{n,n} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$n \times n$ $n \times 1$ $n \times 1$

Can view A as a *linear transformation* of vector \mathbf{x} to vector \mathbf{b}

- Sometimes we wish to solve for the unknowns $\mathbf{x} = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ when A and b provide constraints

Identity and Inverse Matrices

- Matrix inversion is a powerful tool to analytically solve $Ax=b$
- Needs concept of Identity matrix
- Identity matrix does not change value of vector when we multiply the vector by identity matrix
 - Denote identity matrix that preserves n-dimensional vectors as I_n
 - Formally $I_n \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, I_n \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$
 - Example of I_3
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Inverse

- Inverse of square matrix A defined as $A^{-1}A = I_n$
- We can now solve $Ax = b$ as follows:

$$Ax = b$$

$$A^{-1}Ax = A^{-1}b$$

$$I_n x = A^{-1}b$$

$$x = A^{-1}b$$

- This depends on being able to find A^{-1}
- If A^{-1} exists there are several methods for finding it

Solving Simultaneous equations

- $Ax = b$

where A is $(M+1) \times (M+1)$

x is $(M+1) \times 1$: set of weights to be determined

b is $N \times 1$

Example: System of Linear Equations in Linear Regression

- Instead of $Ax=b$
- We have $\Phi w = t$
 - where Φ is $m \times n$ design matrix of m features for n samples x_j , $j=1,..n$
 - w is weight vector of m values
 - t is target values of sample, $t=[t_1,..t_n]$
 - We need weight w to be used with m features to determine output

$$y(x, w) = \sum_{i=1}^m w_i x_i$$

Closed-form solutions

- Two closed-form solutions
 1. Matrix inversion $x = A^{-1}b$
 2. Gaussian elimination

Linear Equations: Closed-Form Solutions

1. Matrix Formulation: $Ax=b$
 Solution: $x=A^{-1}b$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\ \vdots &\quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n &= b_m \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Gaussian Elimination
 followed by back-substitution

$$\begin{aligned} x + 3y - 2z &= 5 \\ 3x + 5y + 6z &= 7 \\ 2x + 4y + 3z &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} L_2 - 3L_1 \rightarrow L_2 \quad L_3 - 2L_1 \rightarrow L_3 \quad -L_2/4 \rightarrow L_2 \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -2 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 8 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & -4 & 12 & -8 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 8 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & -4 & 12 & -8 \\ 0 & -2 & 7 & -2 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 7 & -2 \end{array} \right] \\ \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -15 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

Disadvantage of closed-form solutions

- If A^{-1} exists, the same A^{-1} can be used for any given b
 - But A^{-1} cannot be represented with sufficient precision
 - It is not used in practice
- Gaussian elimination also has disadvantages
 - numerical instability (division by small no.)
 - $O(n^3)$ for $n \times n$ matrix
- Software solutions use value of b in finding x
 - E.g., difference (derivative) between b and output is used iteratively

How many solutions for $Ax=b$ exist?

- System of equations with
 - n variables and m equations is:
- Solution is $x=A^{-1}b$
- In order for A^{-1} to exist $Ax=b$ must have **exactly one solution for every value of b**
 - It is also possible for the system of equations to have *no solutions* or an *infinite no. of solutions* for some values of b
 - It is not possible to have more than one but fewer than infinitely many solutions
 - If x and y are solutions then $z=\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y$ is a solution for any real α

$$\begin{aligned} A_{11}x_1 + A_{12}x_2 + \dots + A_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ A_{21}x_1 + A_{22}x_2 + \dots + A_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\ A_{m1}x_1 + A_{m2}x_2 + \dots + A_{mn}x_n &= b_m \end{aligned}$$

Span of a set of vectors

- Span of a set of vectors: set of points obtained by a *linear combination* of those vectors
 - A linear combination of vectors $\{v^{(1)}, \dots, v^{(n)}\}$ with coefficients c_i is $\sum_i c_i v^{(i)}$
 - System of equations is $Ax=b$
 - A column of A , i.e., $A_{:,i}$ specifies travel in direction i
 - How much we need to travel is given by x_i
 - This is a linear combination of vectors
 - Thus determining whether $Ax=b$ has a solution is equivalent to determining whether b is in the span of columns of A
 - This span is referred to as *column space* or *range* of A

Conditions for a solution to $Ax=b$

- Matrix must be square, i.e., $m=n$ and all columns must be *linearly independent*
 - Necessary condition is $n \geq m$
 - For a solution to exist when $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ we require the column space be all of \mathbb{R}^m
 - Sufficient Condition
 - If columns are linear combinations of other columns, column space is less than \mathbb{R}^m
 - Columns are linearly dependent or matrix is *singular*
 - For column space to encompass \mathbb{R}^m at least one set of m *linearly independent* columns
- For non-square and singular matrices
 - Methods other than matrix inversion are used

Use of a Vector in Regression

- A design matrix
 - N samples, D features



- Feature vector has three dimensions
- This is a regression problem

Norms

- Used for measuring the size of a vector
- Norms map vectors to non-negative values
- Norm of vector $x = [x_1, \dots, x_n]^T$ is distance from origin to x
 - It is any function f that satisfies:

$$f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$$

$$f(x+y) \leq f(x) + f(y) \quad \text{Triangle Inequality}$$

$$\forall \alpha \in R \quad f(\alpha x) = |\alpha| f(x)$$

L^P Norm

- Definition:

$$\|x\|_p = \left(\sum_i |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

- L^2 Norm

- Called Euclidean norm

- Simply the Euclidean distance between the origin and the point x
- written simply as $\|x\|$
- Squared Euclidean norm is same as $x^T x$

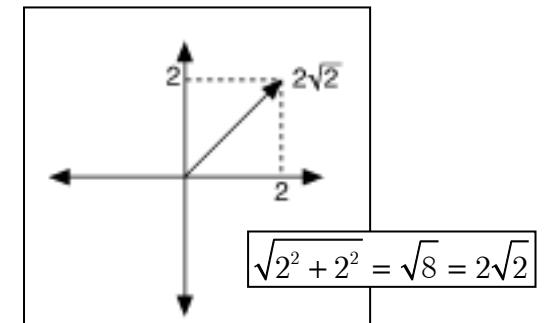
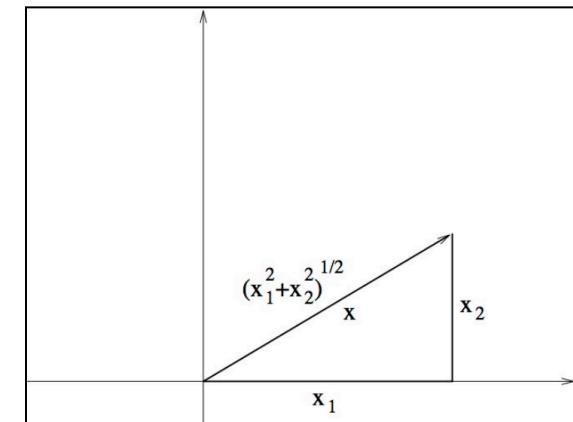
- L^1 Norm

- Useful when 0 and non-zero have to be distinguished
 - Note that L^2 increases slowly near origin, e.g., $0.1^2=0.01$)

- L^∞ Norm

$$\|x\|_\infty = \max_i |x_i|$$

- Called max norm

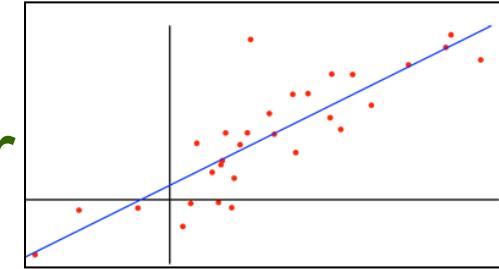


Use of norm in Regression

- Linear Regression

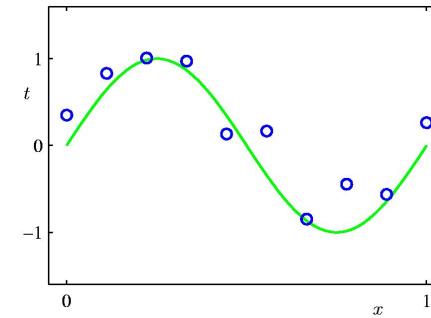
\mathbf{x} : a vector, \mathbf{w} : weight vector

$$y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_d x_d = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$$



With nonlinear basis functions ϕ_j

$$y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = w_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} w_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x})$$



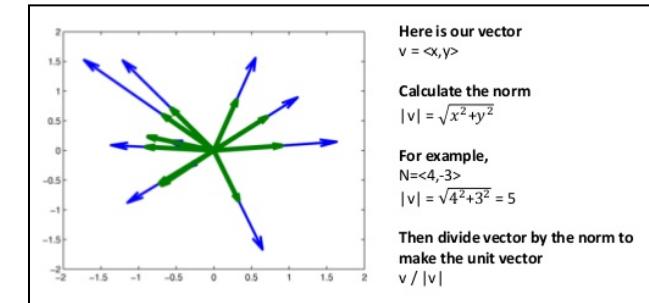
- Loss Function

$$\tilde{E}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \{y(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}) - t_n\}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2$$

Second term is a weighted norm
called a regularizer (to prevent overfitting)

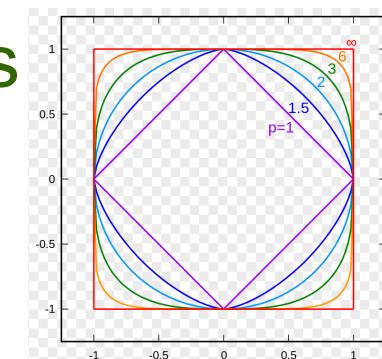
L^P Norm and Distance

- Norm is the length of a vector



- We can use it to draw a unit circle from origin

- Different P values yield different shapes
 - Euclidean norm yields a circle



- Distance between two vectors (v, w)

- $$\text{dist}(v, w) = \|v - w\|$$

$$= \sqrt{(v_1 - w_1)^2 + \dots + (v_n - w_n)^2}$$

Distance to origin would just be sqrt of sum of squares

Size of a Matrix: Frobenius Norm

- Similar to L^2 norm

$$\|A\|_F = \left(\sum_{i,j} A_{i,j}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

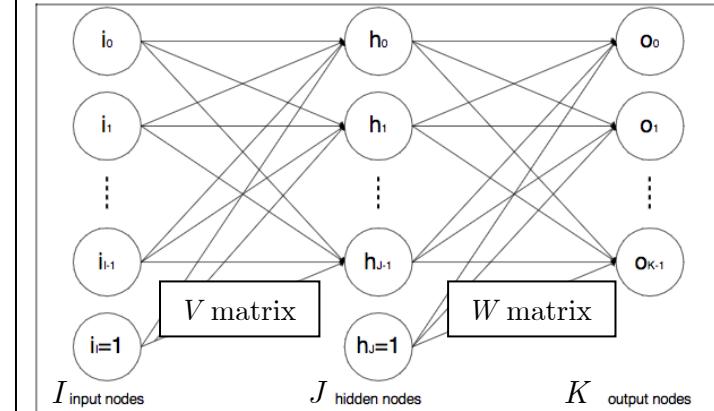
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \|A\| = \sqrt{4+1+25+\dots+1} = \sqrt{46}$$

- Frobenius in ML

- Layers of neural network involve matrix multiplication
- Regularization:

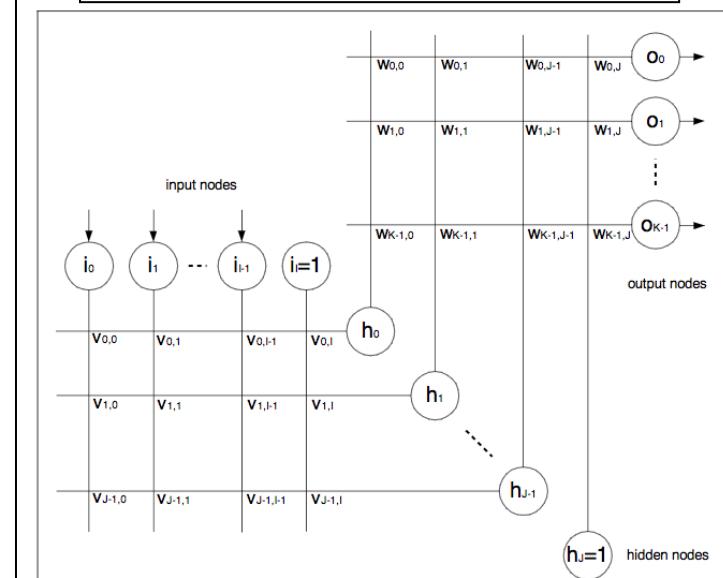
- minimize Frobenius of weight matrices $\|W(i)\|$ over L layers

$$J_R = J + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^L \|W^{(i)}\|_F$$



$$I_{1 \times (I+1)} \times V_{(I+1) \times J} = \text{net}_J$$

$$h_j = f(\text{net}_j) \quad f(x) = 1/(1+e^{-x})$$



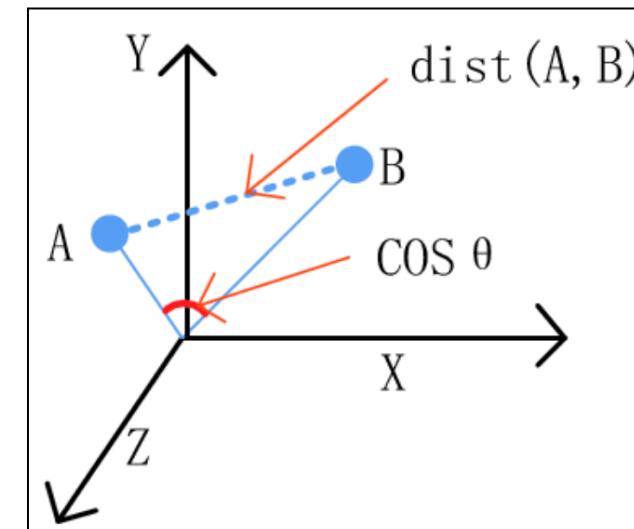
Angle between Vectors

- Dot product of two vectors can be written in terms of their L^2 norms and angle θ between them

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \|\mathbf{y}\|_2 \cos \theta$$

- Cosine between two vectors is a measure of their similarity

$$\text{similarity} = \cos(\theta) = \frac{\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}}{\|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{B}\|} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i B_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n B_i^2}}$$



Special kind of Matrix: Diagonal

- Diagonal Matrix has mostly zeros, with non-zero entries only in diagonal
 - E.g., identity matrix. where all diagonal entries are 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- E.g., covariance matrix with independent features

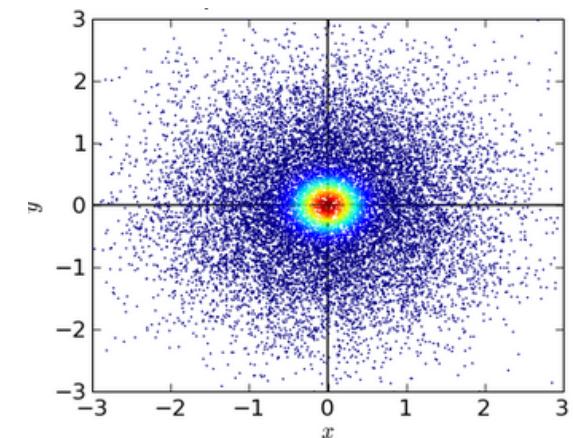
$$Cov(X, Y) = \sigma_{XY} = E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$$

$$\text{Covariance} = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{n-1}$$

$$\text{Covariance} = \frac{-64.57}{8}$$

$$\text{Covariance} = -8.07$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_K^2 \end{bmatrix}$$



If $\text{Cov}(X, Y)=0$ then $E(XY)=E(X)E(Y)$

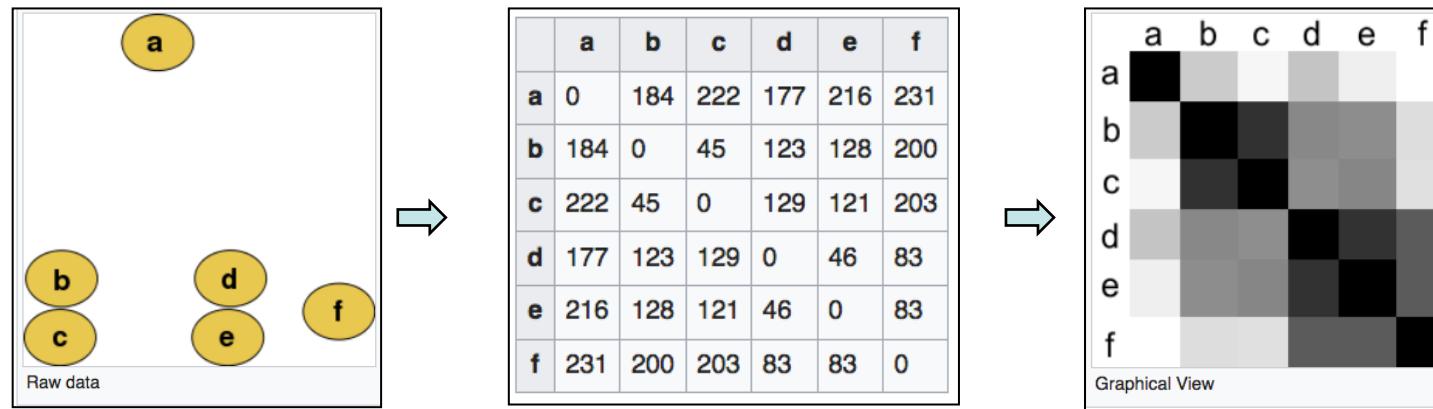
$$N(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\}$$

Efficiency of Diagonal Matrix

- $\text{diag}(\mathbf{v})$ denotes a square diagonal matrix with diagonal elements given by entries of vector \mathbf{v}
- Multiplying vector \mathbf{x} by a diagonal matrix is efficient
 - To compute $\text{diag}(\mathbf{v})\mathbf{x}$ we only need to scale each x_i by v_i
- Inverting a square diagonal matrix is efficient
 - Inverse exists iff every diagonal entry is nonzero, in which case $\text{diag}(\mathbf{v})^{-1} = \text{diag}([1/v_1, \dots, 1/v_n]^T)$

Special kind of Matrix: Symmetric

- A symmetric matrix equals its transpose: $A = A^T$
 - E.g., a distance matrix is symmetric with $A_{ij} = A_{ji}$



- E.g., covariance matrices are symmetric

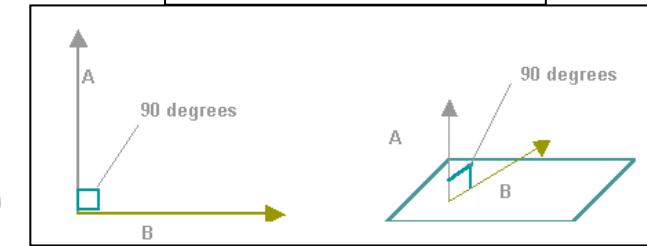
$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & .5 & .15 & .15 & 0 & 0 \\ .5 & 1 & .15 & .15 & 0 & 0 \\ .15 & .15 & 1 & .25 & 0 & 0 \\ .15 & .15 & .25 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & .10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & .10 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Special Kinds of Vectors

- Unit Vector
 - A vector with unit norm $\|x\|_2 = 1$
- Orthogonal Vectors
 - A vector x and a vector y are orthogonal to each other if $x^T y = 0$
 - If vectors have nonzero norm, vectors at 90 degrees to each other
 - Orthonormal Vectors
 - Vectors are orthogonal & have unit norm
 - Orthogonal Matrix
 - A square matrix whose rows are mutually orthonormal: $A^T A = A A^T = I$
 - $A^{-1} = A^T$

$$\|x\|_2 = 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$



Orthogonal matrices are of interest because their inverse is very cheap to compute

Matrix decomposition

- Matrices can be decomposed into factors to learn universal properties, just like integers:
 - Properties not discernible from their representation
1. Decomposition of integer into prime factors
- From $12=2 \times 2 \times 3$ we can discern that
 - 12 is not divisible by 5 or
 - any multiple of 12 is divisible by 3
 - But representations of 12 in binary or decimal are different
2. Decomposition of Matrix A as $A = V \text{diag}(\lambda) V^{-1}$
- where V is formed of eigenvectors and λ are eigenvalues, e.g,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

has eigenvalues $\lambda=1$ and $\lambda=3$ and eigenvectors V :

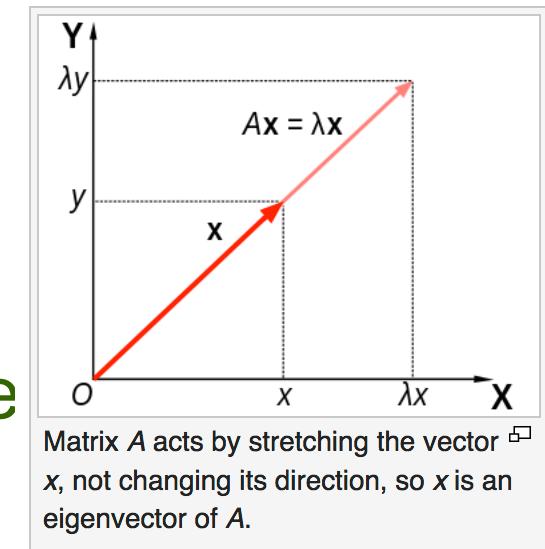
$$v_{\lambda=1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, v_{\lambda=3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvector

- An eigenvector of a square matrix A is a non-zero vector v such that multiplication by A only changes the scale of v

$$Av = \lambda v$$

- The scalar λ is known as eigenvalue
- If v is an eigenvector of A , so is any rescaled vector sv . Moreover sv still has the same eigen value. Thus look for a unit eigenvector



[Wikipedia](#)

Eigenvalue and Characteristic Polynomial

- Consider $A\mathbf{v}=\mathbf{w}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{1,1} & L & A_{1,n} \\ M & M & M \\ A_{n,1} & L & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ M \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ M \\ w_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- If \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} are scalar multiples, i.e., if $A\mathbf{v}=\lambda\mathbf{v}$

- then \mathbf{v} is an eigenvector of the linear transformation A and the scale factor λ is the eigenvalue corresponding to the eigen vector

- This is the *eigenvalue equation* of matrix A

- Stated equivalently as $(A-\lambda I)\mathbf{v}=0$
- This has a non-zero solution if $|A-\lambda I|=0$ as
 - The polynomial of degree n can be factored as

$$|A-\lambda I| = (\lambda_1-\lambda)(\lambda_2-\lambda)\dots(\lambda_n-\lambda)$$

- The $\lambda_1, \lambda_2\dots\lambda_n$ are roots of the polynomial and are eigenvalues of A

Example of Eigenvalue/Eigenvector

- Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Taking determinant of $(A - \lambda I)$, the char poly is

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = 3 - 4\lambda + \lambda^2$$

- It has roots $\lambda=1$ and $\lambda=3$ which are the two eigenvalues of A
- The eigenvectors are found by solving for v in $A v = \lambda v$, which are

$$v_{\lambda=1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, v_{\lambda=3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigendecomposition

- Suppose that matrix A has n linearly independent eigenvectors $\{\mathbf{v}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{v}^{(n)}\}$ with eigenvalues $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$
- Concatenate eigenvectors to form matrix V
- Concatenate eigenvalues to form vector $\lambda = [\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n]$
- Eigendecomposition of A is given by

$$A = V \text{diag}(\lambda) V^{-1}$$

Decomposition of Symmetric Matrix

- Every real symmetric matrix A can be decomposed into real-valued eigenvectors and eigenvalues

$$A = Q \Lambda Q^T$$

where Q is an orthogonal matrix composed of eigenvectors of A : $\{\mathbf{v}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{v}^{(n)}\}$

orthogonal matrix: components are orthogonal or $\mathbf{v}^{(i)T} \mathbf{v}^{(j)} = 0$

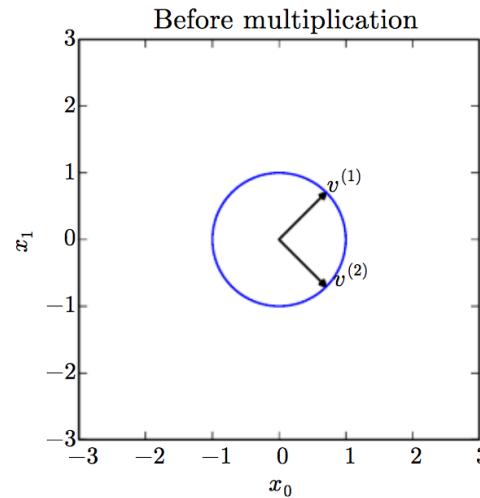
Λ is a diagonal matrix of eigenvalues $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$

- We can think of A as scaling space by λ_i in direction $\mathbf{v}^{(i)}$
 - See figure on next slide

Effect of Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

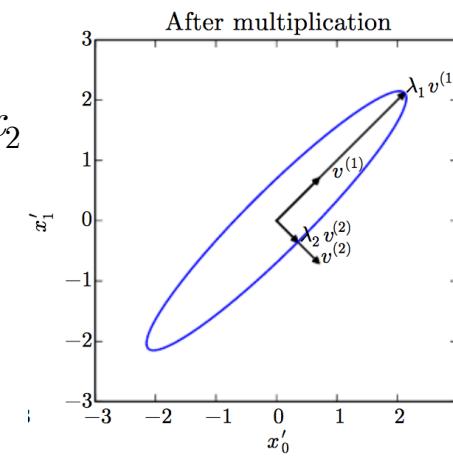
- Example of 2×2 matrix
- Matrix A with two orthonormal eigenvectors
 - $v^{(1)}$ with eigenvalue λ_1 , $v^{(2)}$ with eigenvalue λ_2

Plot of unit vectors $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^2$
(circle)



with two variables x_1 and x_2

Plot of vectors $A\mathbf{u}$
(ellipse)



Eigendecomposition is not unique

- Eigendecomposition is $A = Q\Lambda Q^T$
 - where Q is an orthogonal matrix composed of eigenvectors of A
- Decomposition is not unique when two eigenvalues are the same
- By convention order entries of Λ in descending order:
 - Under this convention, eigendecomposition is unique if all eigenvalues are unique

What does eigendecomposition tell us?

- Tells us useful facts about the matrix:
 1. Matrix is *singular* if & only if any eigenvalue is zero
 2. Useful to optimize quadratic expressions of form

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} \text{ subject to } \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = 1$$

Whenever \mathbf{x} is equal to an eigenvector, f is equal to the corresponding eigenvalue

Maximum value of f is max eigen value, minimum value is min eigen value

Example of such a quadratic form appears in multivariate Gaussian

$$N(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\}$$

Positive Definite Matrix

- A matrix whose eigenvalues are all positive is called *positive definite*
 - Positive or zero is called *positive semidefinite*
- If eigen values are all negative it is *negative definite*
 - Positive definite matrices guarantee that $x^T A x \geq 0$

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

- Eigendecomposition has form: $A = V \text{diag}(\lambda) V^{-1}$
 - If A is not square, eigendecomposition is undefined
- SVD is a decomposition of the form $A = UDV^T$
- SVD is more general than eigendecomposition
 - Used with any matrix rather than symmetric ones
 - Every real matrix has a SVD
 - Same is not true of eigen decomposition

SVD Definition

- Write A as a product of 3 matrices: $A=UDV^T$
 - If A is $m \times n$, then U is $m \times m$, D is $m \times n$, V is $n \times n$
- Each of these matrices have a special structure
 - U and V are orthogonal matrices
 - D is a diagonal matrix not necessarily square
 - Elements of Diagonal of D are called *singular values of A*
 - Columns of U are called *left singular vectors*
 - Columns of V are called *right singular vectors*
- SVD interpreted in terms of *eigendecomposition*
 - Left singular vectors of A are eigenvectors of AA^T
 - Right singular vectors of A are eigenvectors of A^TA
 - Nonzero singular values of A are square roots of eigen values of A^TA . Same is true of AA^T

Use of SVD in ML

1. SVD is used in generalizing matrix inversion

- Moore-Penrose inverse (discussed next)

2. Used in Recommendation systems

- Collaborative filtering (CF)
 - Method to predict a rating for a *user-item* pair based on the history of ratings given by the user and given to the item
 - Most CF algorithms are based on *user-item* rating matrix where each row represents a user, each column an item
 - Entries of this matrix are ratings given by users to items
 - SVD reduces no.of features of a data set by reducing space dimensions from N to K where $K < N$

SVD in Collaborative Filtering

$$\hat{X} \approx U S V^T$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc} x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1n} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ x_{m1} & & & x_{mn} \end{array} \right)_{m \times n} \approx \left(\begin{array}{ccc} u_{11} & \dots & u_{1r} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ u_{m1} & & u_{mr} \end{array} \right)_{m \times r} \left(\begin{array}{ccc} s_{11} & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \ddots & \\ \vdots & & s_{rr} \end{array} \right)_{r \times r} \left(\begin{array}{ccc} v_{11} & \dots & v_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ v_{r1} & & v_{rn} \end{array} \right)_{r \times n}$$

- X is the utility matrix
 - X_{ij} denotes how user i likes item j
 - CF fills blank (cell) in utility matrix that has no entry
- Scalability and sparsity is handled using SVD
 - SVD decreases dimension of utility matrix by extracting its latent factors
 - Map each user and item into latent space of dimension r

Moore-Penrose Pseudoinverse

- Most useful feature of SVD is that it can be used to generalize matrix inversion to non-square matrices
- Practical algorithms for computing the pseudoinverse of A are based on SVD

$$A^+ = V D^+ U^T$$

– where U, D, V are the SVD of A

- Pseudoinverse D^+ of D is obtained by taking the reciprocal of its nonzero elements when taking transpose of resulting matrix

Trace of a Matrix

- Trace operator gives the sum of the elements along the diagonal

$$Tr(A) = \sum_{i,i} A_{i,i}$$

- Frobenius norm of a matrix can be represented as

$$\|A\|_F = \left(Tr(A) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Determinant of a Matrix

- Determinant of a square matrix $\det(A)$ is a mapping to a scalar
- It is equal to the product of all eigenvalues of the matrix
- Measures how much multiplication by the matrix expands or contracts space

Example: PCA

- A simple ML algorithm is *Principal Components Analysis*
- It can be derived using only knowledge of basic linear algebra

PCA Problem Statement

- Given a collection of m points $\{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(m)}\}$ in R^n represent them in a lower dimension.
 - For each point $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$ find a code vector $\mathbf{c}^{(i)}$ in R^l
 - If l is smaller than n it will take less memory to store the points
 - This is lossy compression
 - Find encoding function $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{c}$ and a decoding function $\mathbf{x} \approx g(f(\mathbf{x}))$

PCA using Matrix multiplication

- One choice of decoding function is to use matrix multiplication: $g(\mathbf{c}) = D\mathbf{c}$ where $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times l}$
 - D is a matrix with l columns
- To keep encoding easy, we require columns of D to be orthogonal to each other
 - To constrain solutions we require columns of D to have unit norm
- We need to find optimal code \mathbf{c}^* given D
- Then we need optimal D

Finding optimal code given D

- To generate optimal code point c^* given input x , minimize the distance between input point x and its reconstruction $g(c^*)$

$$c^* = \arg \min_c \|x - g(c)\|_2$$

- Using squared L^2 instead of L^2 , function being minimized is equivalent to

$$(x - g(c))^T (x - g(c))$$

- Using $g(c) = Dc$ optimal code can be shown to be equivalent to

$$c^* = \arg \min_c -2x^T Dc + c^T c$$

Optimal Encoding for PCA

- Using vector calculus

$$\nabla_c (-2\mathbf{x}^T D\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$-2D^T \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{c} = D^T \mathbf{x}$$

- Thus we can encode \mathbf{x} using a matrix-vector operation

- To encode we use $f(\mathbf{x}) = D^T \mathbf{x}$

- For PCA reconstruction, since $g(\mathbf{c}) = D\mathbf{c}$ we use $r(\mathbf{x}) = g(f(\mathbf{x})) = DD^T \mathbf{x}$

- Next we need to choose the encoding matrix D

Method for finding optimal D

- Revisit idea of minimizing L^2 distance between inputs and reconstructions
 - But cannot consider points in isolation
 - So minimize error over all points: Frobenius norm

$$D^* = \arg \min_D \left(\sum_{i,j} \left(x_j^{(i)} - r(x^{(i)})_j \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

 - subject to $D^T D = I_l$
- Use design matrix X , $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$
 - Given by stacking all vectors describing the points
- To derive algorithm for finding D^* start by considering the case $l = 1$
 - In this case D is just a single vector d

Final Solution to PCA

- For $l = 1$, the optimization problem is solved using eigendecomposition
 - Specifically the optimal d is given by the eigenvector of $X^T X$ corresponding to the largest eigenvalue
- More generally, matrix D is given by the l eigenvectors of X corresponding to the largest eigenvalues (Proof by induction)