

# **Essential Mathematics** for Machine Learning

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#### Areas of math essential to machine learning

- Machine learning is part of both statistics and computer science
  - Probability
  - Statistical inference
  - Validation
  - Estimates of error, confidence intervals
- Linear algebra
  - Hugely useful for compact representation of linear transformations on data
  - Dimensionality reduction techniques
- Optimization theory

#### Why worry about the math?

- There are lots of easy-to-use machine learning packages out there.
- After this course, you will know how to apply several of the most general-purpose algorithms.

#### **HOWEVER**

 To get really useful results, you need good mathematical intuitions about certain general machine learning principles, as well as the inner workings of the individual algorithms.

## Why worry about the math?

#### These intuitions will allow you to:

- Choose the right algorithm(s) for the problem
- Make good choices on parameter settings, validation strategies
- Recognize over- or underfitting
- Troubleshoot poor / ambiguous results
- Put appropriate bounds of confidence / uncertainty on results
- Do a better job of coding algorithms or incorporating them into more complex analysis pipelines

#### **Notation**

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set membership: a is member of set A

    a ∈ A

                                                                                                  cardinality: number of items in set B
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                                                                                                                                                  n > 3 : n-space or hyperspace
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#### **Notation**

- x, y, z, vector (bold, lower case)u, v
- A, B, X matrix (bold, upper case)
- v = f(x) function (map): assigns unique value in range of y to each value in domain of x
- dy / dx derivative of y with respect to single variable x
- y = f(x) function on multiple variables, i.e. a vector of variables; function in n-space
- $\partial y / \partial x_i$  partial derivative of y with respect to element *i* of vector **x**

#### The concept of probability

#### Intuition:

In some process, several outcomes are possible.
When the process is repeated a large number of
times, each outcome occurs with a characteristic
relative frequency, or probability. If a particular
outcome happens more often than another
outcome, we say it is more probable.

## The concept of probability

#### **Arises in two contexts:**

- In actual repeated experiments.
  - Example: You record the color of 1000 cars driving by. 57 of them are green. You estimate the probability of a car being green as 57 / 1000 = 0.0057.
- In idealized conceptions of a repeated process.
  - Example: You consider the behavior of an unbiased six-sided die. The *expected* probability of rolling a 5 is 1 / 6 = 0.1667.
  - Example: You need a model for how people's heights are distributed. You choose a normal distribution (bell-shaped curve) to represent the *expected* relative probabilities.

## **Probability spaces**

A probability space is a random process or experiment with three components:

- $-\Omega$ , the set of possible *outcomes* O
  - number of possible outcomes =  $|\Omega| = N$
- F, the set of possible events E
  - an event comprises 0 to N outcomes
  - number of possible events =  $|F| = 2^N$
- P, the probability distribution
  - ◆function mapping each outcome and event to real number between 0 and 1 (the *probability* of O or E)
  - probability of an event is sum of probabilities of possible outcomes in event

## **Axioms of probability**

1. Non-negativity:

for any event 
$$E \in F$$
,  $p(E) \ge 0$ 

2. All possible outcomes:

$$p(\Omega) = 1$$

Additivity of disjoint events:

for all events 
$$E, E' \in F$$
 where  $E \cap E' = \emptyset$ ,  $p(E \cup E') = p(E) + p(E')$ 

## Types of probability spaces

Define  $|\Omega|$  = number of possible outcomes

- Discrete space  $|\Omega|$  is finite
  - Analysis involves *summations* ( $\Sigma$ )

- Continuous space  $|\Omega|$  is infinite
  - Analysis involves integrals (∫)

## **Example of discrete probability space**

#### Single roll of a six-sided die

- 6 possible outcomes: O = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6
- $-2^6 = 64$  possible events
  - example:  $E = (O \in \{1, 3, 5\})$ , i.e. outcome is odd
- If die is fair, then probabilities of outcomes are equal

$$p(1) = p(2) = p(3) =$$
  
 $p(4) = p(5) = p(6) = 1/6$ 

example: probability of event E = ( outcome is odd ) is

$$p(1) + p(3) + p(5) = 1/2$$

## Example of discrete probability space

#### Three consecutive flips of a coin

- 8 possible outcomes: O = HHH, HHT, HTH, HTT,
   THH, THT, TTH, TTT
- $-2^8 = 256$  possible events
  - example:  $E = (O \in \{HHT, HTH, THH\})$ , i.e. exactly two flips are heads
  - ◆example:  $E = (O \in \{THT, TTT\})$ , i.e. the first and third flips are tails
- If coin is fair, then probabilities of outcomes are equal p(HHH) = p(HHT) = p(HTH) = p(HTT) =

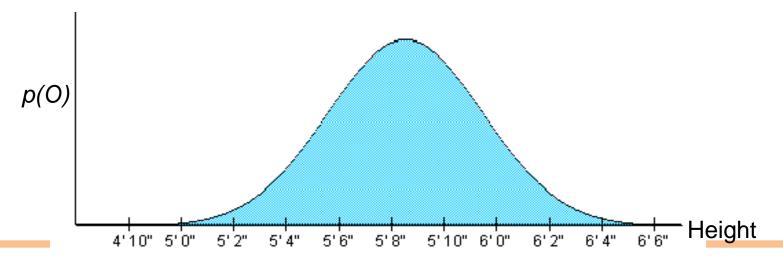
$$p(THH) = p(THT) = p(TTH) = p(TTT) = 1/8$$

• example: probability of event E = ( exactly two heads ) is p( HHT ) + p( HTH ) + p( THH ) = 3 / 8

## Example of continuous probability space

#### Height of a randomly chosen Indian male

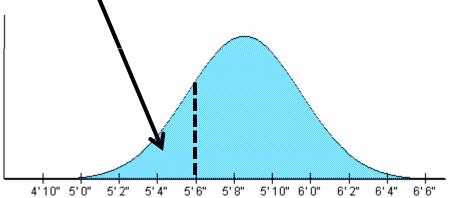
- Infinite number of possible outcomes: O has some single value in range 2 feet to 8 feet
- Infinite number of possible events
  - $\bullet$  example:  $E = (O \mid O < 5.5 \text{ feet })$ , i.e. individual chosen is less than 5.5 feet tall
- Probabilities of outcomes are not equal, and are described by a continuous function, p(O)



## **Example of continuous probability space**

#### Height of a randomly chosen Indian male

- Probabilities of outcomes O are not equal, and are described by a continuous function, p(O)
- p(O) is a relative, not an absolute probability
  - ◆ p( O ) for any particular O is zero
  - ◆  $\int p(O)$  from  $O = -\infty$  to  $\infty$  (i.e. area under curve) is 1
  - example: p(O = 5'8") > p(O = 6'2")
  - ◆ example:  $p(O < 5'6") = (\int p(O))$  from  $O = -\infty$  to 5'6") ≈ 0.25

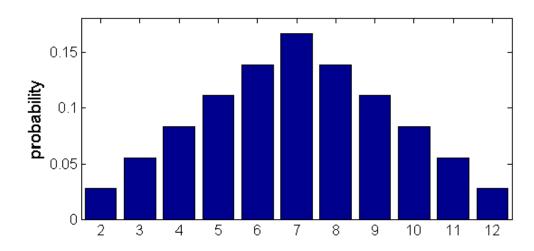


## **Probability distributions**

Discrete:

probability mass function (pmf)

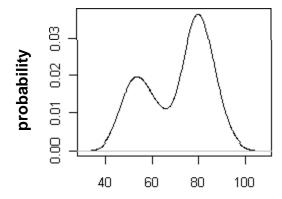
example:
sum of two
fair dice



Continuous:

probability density function (pdf)

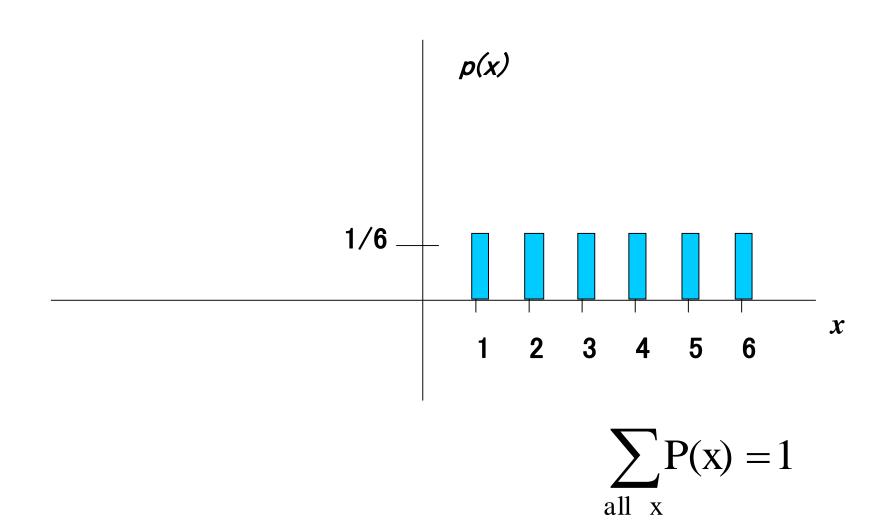
example:
 waiting time between
 eruptions of Old Faithful
 (minutes)



# **Probability Distribution functions**

- A probability function maps the possible values of x against their respective probabilities of occurrence, p(x)
- p(x) is a number from 0 to 1.0.
- The area under a probability function is always
   1.

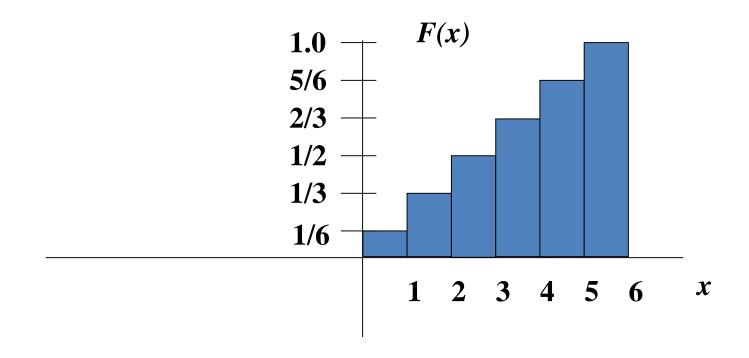
#### Discrete example: roll of a die



# **Probability Mass Function (pmf)**

X	p(x)
1	p(x=1)=1/6
2	p(x=2)=1/6
3	p(x=3)=1/6
4	p(x=4)=1/6
5	p(x=5)=1/6
6	p(x=6)=1/6

## **Cumulative distribution function (CDF)**



#### **Cumulative distribution function**

X	$P(x \leq A)$
1	$P(x \le 1) = 1/6$
2	<i>P(x≤2)</i> =2/6
3	<i>P(x≤3)</i> =3/6
4	<i>P(x≤4)</i> =4/6
5	<i>P(x≤5)</i> =5/6
6	<i>P(x≤6)</i> =6/6

# **Examples**

1. What's the probability that you roll a 3 or less?  $P(x \le 3) = 1/2$ 

2. What's the probability that you roll a 5 or higher?  $P(x \ge 5) = 1 - P(x \le 4) = 1 - 2/3 = 1/3$ 

#### **Practice Problem**

Which of the following are probability functions?

a. 
$$f(x)=.25$$
 for  $x=9,10,11,12$ 

b. 
$$f(x)=(3-x)/2$$
 for x=1,2,3,4

c. 
$$f(x)=(x^2+x+1)/25$$
 for x=0,1,2,3

## Answer (a)

a. f(x)=.25 for x=9,10,11,12

X	f(x)
9	.25
10	.25
11	.25
12	<u>.25</u>
-	1 0

Yes, probability function!

1.0

# Answer (b)

b. f(x)=(3-x)/2 for x=1,2,3,4

X	f(x)
1	(3-1)/2=1.0
2	(3-2)/2=.5
3	(3-3)/2=0
4	(3-4)/2=5

Though this sums to 1, you can't have a negative probability; therefore, it's not a probability function.

## Answer (c)

c. 
$$f(x)=(x^2+x+1)/25$$
 for x=0,1,2,3

X	f(x)
0	1/25
1	3/25
2	7/25
3	13/25

Doesn't sum to 1. Thus, it's not a probability function.

24/25

#### **Random variables**

- A random variable X is a function that associates a number x with each outcome O of a process
  - Common notation: X(O) = x, or just X = x
- Basically a way to redefine (usually simplify) a probability space to a new probability space
  - X must obey axioms of probability (over the possible values of x)
  - X can be discrete or continuous
- Example: X = number of heads in three flips of a coin
  - Possible values of X are 0, 1, 2, 3
  - -p(X=0)=p(X=3)=1/8 p(X=1)=p(X=2)=3/8
  - Size of space (number of "outcomes") reduced from 8 to 4
- Example: X = average height of five randomly chosen Indian men
  - Size of space unchanged (X can range from 2 feet to 8 feet), but pdf of X different than for single man

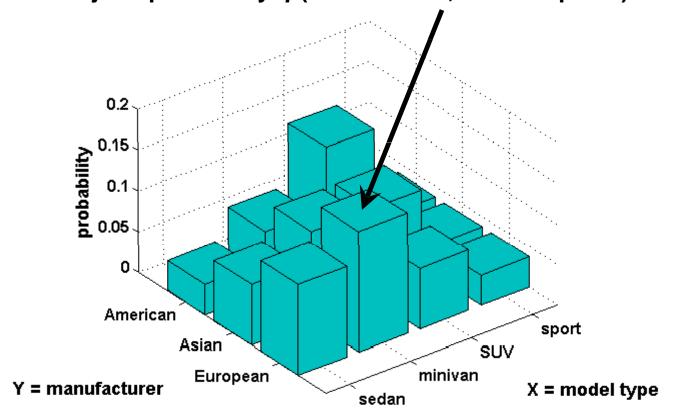
## Multivariate probability distributions

- Scenario
  - Several random processes occur (doesn't matter whether in parallel or in sequence)
  - Want to know probabilities for each possible combination of outcomes
- Can describe as joint probability of several random variables
  - Example: two processes whose outcomes are represented by random variables X and Y. Probability that process X has outcome x and process Y has outcome y is denoted as

$$p(X = x, Y = y)$$

## **Example of multivariate distribution**



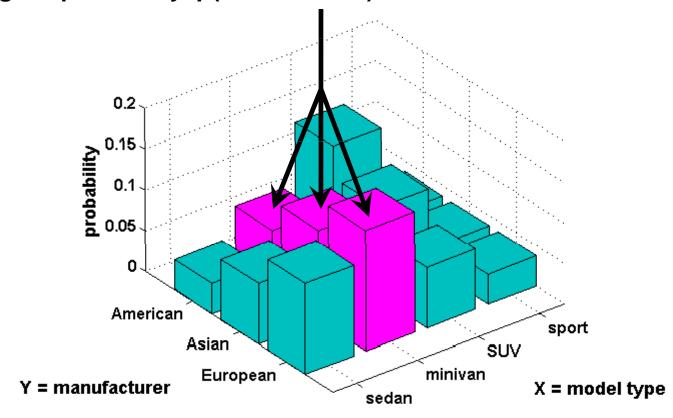


## Multivariate probability distributions

- Marginal probability
  - Probability distribution of a single variable in a joint distribution
  - Example: two random variables X and Y:  $p(X = x) = \sum_{b=a|l \text{ values of } Y} p(X = x, Y = b)$
- Conditional probability
- Probability distribution of one variable given that another variable takes a certain value
- Example: two random variables X and Y:  $p(X = x \mid Y = y) = p(X = x, Y = y) / p(Y = y)$

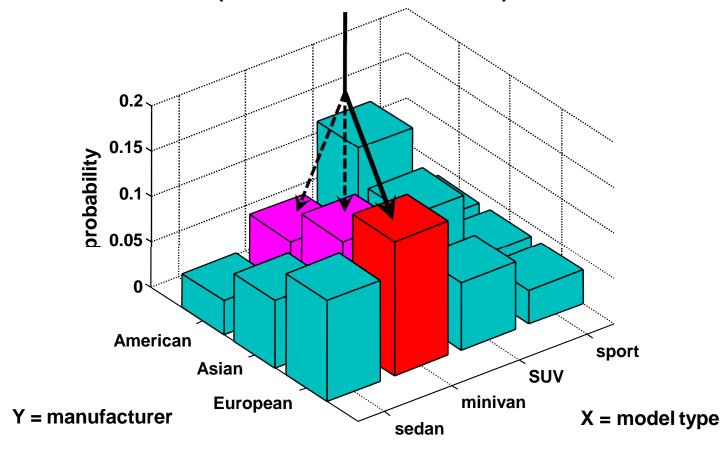
# **Example of marginal probability**

marginal probability: p(X = minivan) = 0.0741 + 0.1111 + 0.1481 = 0.3333



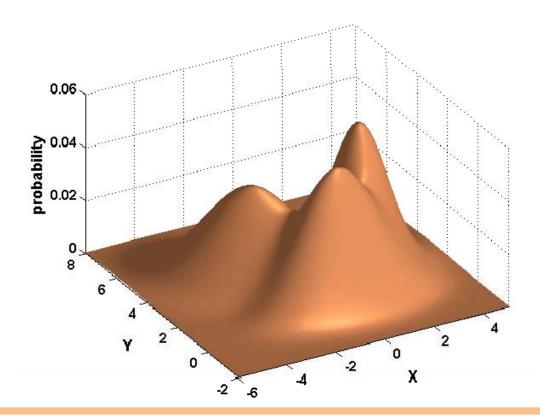
#### **Example of conditional probability**

conditional probability:  $p(Y = \text{European} \mid X = \text{minivan}) = 0.1481 / (0.0741 + 0.1111 + 0.1481) = 0.4433$ 



#### Continuous multivariate distribution

- Same concepts of joint, marginal, and conditional probabilities apply (except use integrals)
- Example: three-component Gaussian mixture in two dimensions



#### **Expected value**

- A value calculated before the experiment.
- Consider a discrete random variable X, with possible values  $x = x_1, x_2, \dots x_n$
- Probabilities  $p(X = x_i)$  that X takes on the various values of  $x_i$
- A function  $y_i = f(x_i)$  defined on X
- The expected value of f is the probabilityweighted "average" value of f(x<sub>i</sub>):

$$E(f) = \sum_{i} p(x_i).f(x_i)$$

**Expected value** is used when we want to calculate the mean of a probability distribution.

#### E.g.

- Let X represent the outcome of a roll of an unbiased six-sided die.
- The possible values for X are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, each having the probability of occurrence of 1/6.
- The expectation value (or expected value) of X is:
- $E(X) = \frac{1}{6} * 1 + \frac{1}{6} * 2 + \frac{1}{6} * 3 + \frac{1}{6} * 4 + \frac{1}{6} * 5 + \frac{1}{6} * 6 = 3.5$

#### **Practice questions**

Q1. Suppose an individuals thinks that if they quit their job and work for themselves that there is a 60% chance they could earn \$20,000 in their first year, a 30% chance they could earn \$60,000, and a 10% chance they would earn \$0. Calculate the expected value for their income in the first year of entrepreneurship.

**Solution:** Expected value = 0.6\*\$20,000 + 0.3\*\$60,000 + 0.1\*\$0 = \$30,000

Q2. You are a financial analyst in a development company. Your manager just asked you to assess the viability of future development projects and select the most promising one. According to estimates, Project A, upon completion, shows a probability of 0.4 to achieve a value of \$2 million and a probability of 0.6 to achieve a value of \$500,000. Project B shows a probability of 0.3 to be valued at \$3 million and a probability of 0.7 to be valued at \$200,000 upon completion. Which project will be the most promising to select?

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EV (Project A) = [0.4 \times \$2,000,000] + [0.6 \times \$500,000] = \$1,100,000
EV (Project B) = [0.3 \times \$3,000,000] + [0.7 \times \$200,000] = \$1,040,000
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The EV of Project A is greater than the EV of Project B. Therefore, your company should select Project A.

#### Mean

- A calculated value after experiment. Observed value are required.
- Suppose that in a sequence of ten rolls of the die, if the outcomes are 5, 2, 6, 2, 2, 1, 2, 3, 6, 1, then the average (arithmetic mean) value is calculated using mean.
- Which is defined using following formula.

$$\bullet \quad \mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l=1}^{n} x_{l}$$

• 
$$mean = \frac{5+2+6+2+2+1+2+3+6+1}{10} = 3.0$$

**Mean** is typically used when we want to calculate the average value of a given sample

#### Variance of a discrete random variable

- The variance of a random variable X is defined by
- $Var(X) = E[(X \mu)^2] = \sum_i (x_i \mu)^2 . p(x_i), \mu = E(X).$
- Average value of squared deviation of  $X = x_i$  from mean  $\mu$ , taking into account probability of the various  $x_i$ 
  - Most common measure of "spread" of a distribution
  - −  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation= $\sqrt{Var(X)}$
  - Compare to formula for variance of an actual sample

## **Example**

Consider the rolling of a fair six-sided die, with X the number on the uppermost face. We know that the pf of X is

$$p_X(x)=rac{1}{6}, \qquad x=1,2,3,4,5,6,$$

and that  $\mu_X=3.5$ . The variance of X is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{var}(X) &= \mathrm{E}[(X - \mu_X)^2] \\ &= \sum (x - \mu_X)^2 p_X(x) \\ &= \sum (x - \mu_X)^2 \frac{1}{6} \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \Big( (1 - 3.5)^2 + (2 - 3.5)^2 + (3 - 3.5)^2 + (4 - 3.5)^2 + (5 - 3.5)^2 + (6 - 3.5)^2 \Big) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \times 17.5 \\ &= \frac{35}{12} \approx 2.9167. \end{aligned}$$

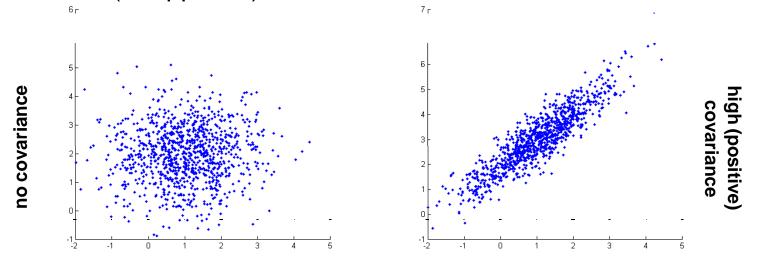
Hence, the standard deviation of X is  $\sigma_X = \sqrt{\frac{35}{12}} \approx 1.7078$ .

## Common forms of expected value (3)

Covariance

$$f(x_i) = (x_i - \mu_x), g(y_i) = (y_i - \mu_y) \Rightarrow cov(x, y) = \sum_i p(x_i, y_i) \cdot (x_i - \mu_x) \cdot (y_i - \mu_y)$$

 Measures tendency for x and y to deviate from their means in same (or opposite) directions at same time



Compare to formula for covariance of actual samples

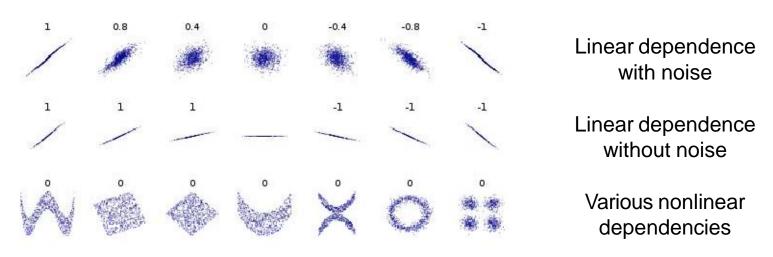
$$cov(x, y) = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \mu_x)(y_i - \mu_y)$$

#### **Correlation**

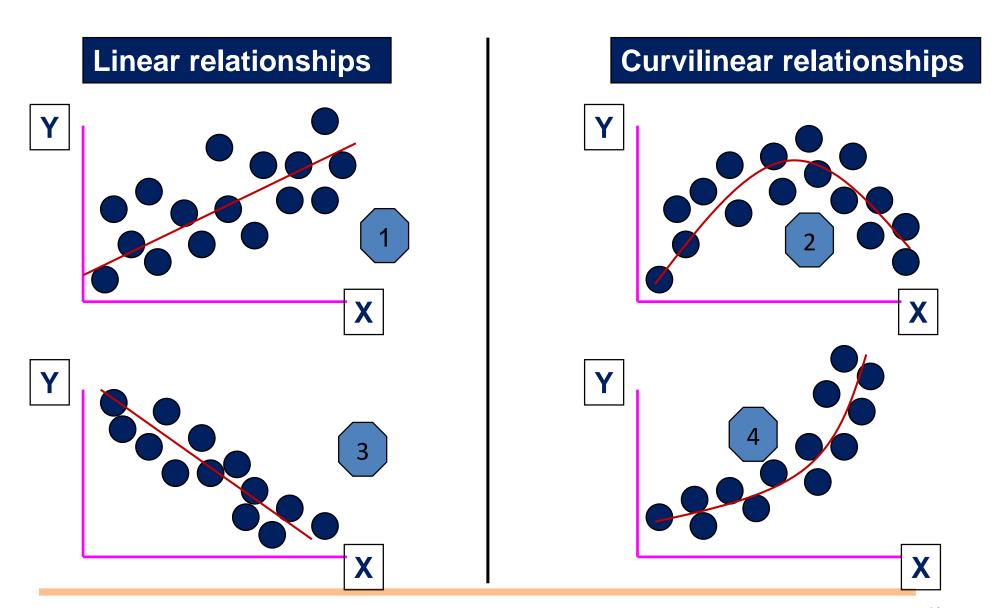
 Pearson's correlation coefficient is covariance normalized by the standard deviations of the two variables

$$corr(x, y) = \frac{cov(x, y)}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$$

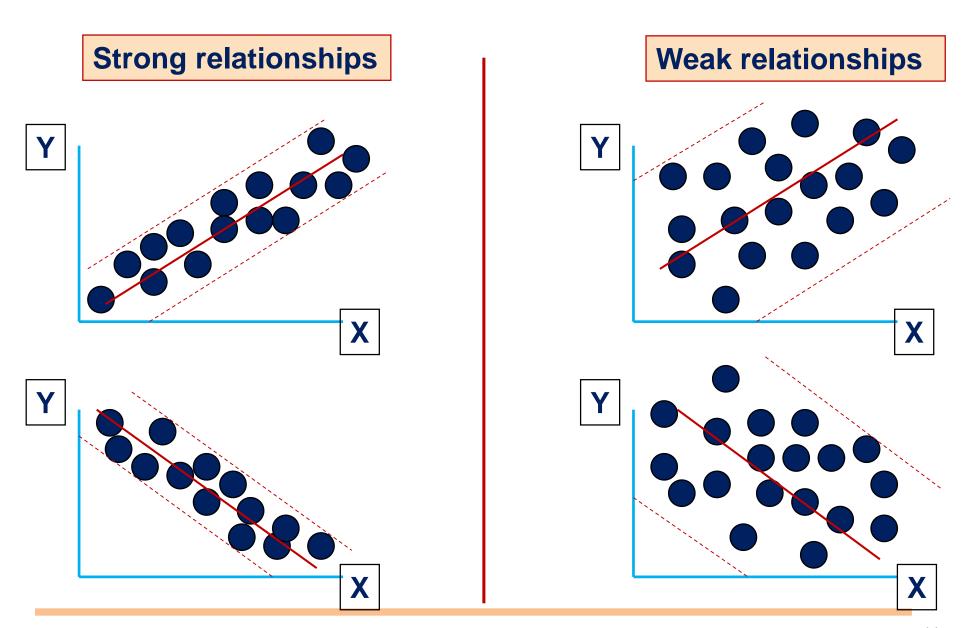
- Always lies in range -1 to 1
- Only reflects linear dependence between variables



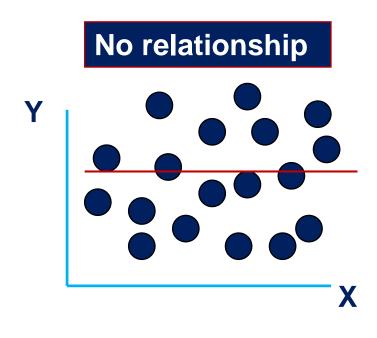
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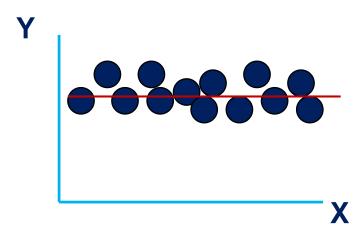


# **Types of Relationship...**



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$$\sigma_{x}^{2} = \frac{\Sigma(X - \overline{X})^{2}}{N} = \frac{\Sigma X^{2}}{N} - \overline{X}^{2}$$

## **Example**

No. of years of schooling of farmers	Annual yield per acre in '000 (Rs)
0	4
2	4
4	6

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Correlation 
$$(X,Y) = \frac{\frac{1}{N-1}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \mu_x)(y_i - \mu_y)}{\sigma_x.\sigma_y}$$

$$\sigma^{2}_{y} = \frac{\Sigma (Y - \overline{Y})^{2}}{N} = \frac{\Sigma Y^{2}}{N} - \overline{Y}^{2}$$
 
$$r = \frac{42}{7\sqrt{\frac{112}{7}}\sqrt{\frac{38}{7}}} = 0.644$$

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#### Calculation of r between years of schooling of farmers and annual yield

Years of Education (X)	(X− <u>X</u> )	$(X-\overline{X})^2$	Annual yield per acre in '000 R (Y)		(Y-\overline{Y}) <sup>2</sup>	$(X-\overline{X})(Y-\overline{Y})$
0	-6	36	4	-3	9	18
2	-4	16	4	-3	9	12
4	-2	4	6	-1	1	2
6	0	0	10	3	9	0
8	<b>2</b>	4	10	3	9	6
10	4	16	8	1	1	4
12	6	36	7	0	0	0
$\sum X=42$	Σ	$(X - \overline{X})^2 = 11$	$\Sigma Y=49$		$\sum (Y - \overline{Y})^2 = 38$	$\Sigma (X-\overline{X})(Y-\overline{Y})=42$

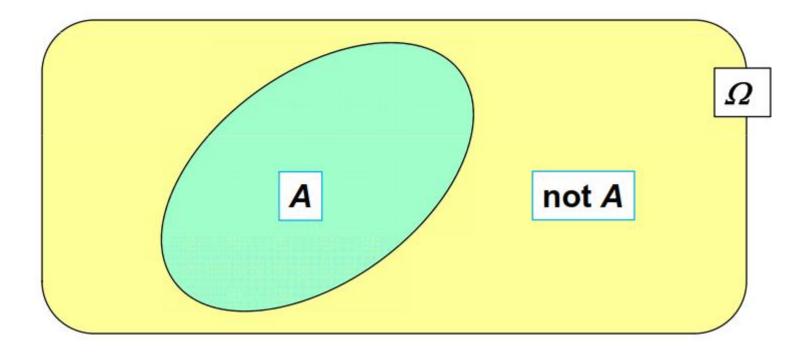
Q1. Calculate and analyze the correlation coefficient between the number of study hours and the number of sleeping hours of different students using the following data.

Number of Study Hours	2	4	6	8	10
Number of Sleeping Hours	10	9	8	7	6

### **Complement rule**

Given: event A, which can occur or not

$$p(\text{ not } A) = 1 - p(A)$$



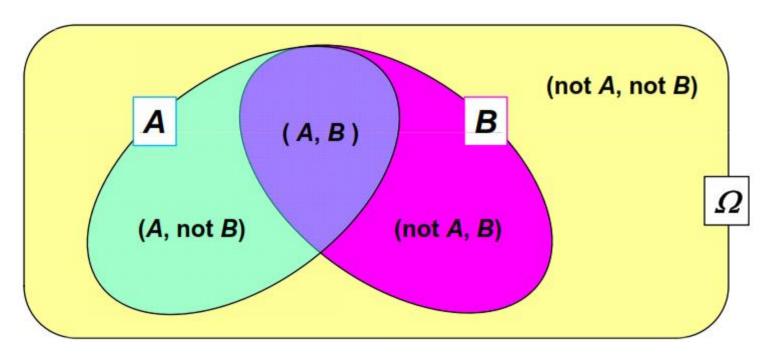
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#### **Product rule**

Given: events A and B, which can co-occur (or not)

$$p(A,B) = p(A|B) \cdot p(B)$$

(same expression given previously to define conditional probability)



areas represent relative probabilities

#### **Example of product rule**

Probability that a man has white hair (event A) and is over 65 (event B)

$$-p(B) = 0.18$$

$$-p(A|B) = 0.78$$

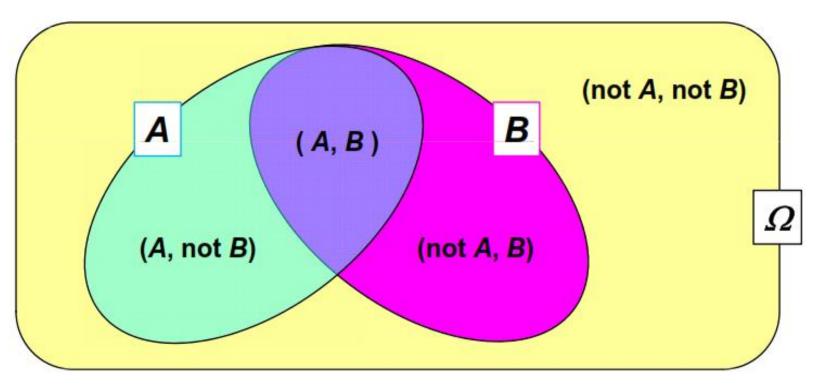
$$- p(A, B) = p(A \mid B) \cdot p(B) = 0.78 \cdot 0.18 = 0.14$$

### Rule of total probability

Given: events A and B, which can co-occur (or not)

$$p(A) = p(A, B) + p(A, \text{not } B)$$

(same expression given previously to define marginal probability)

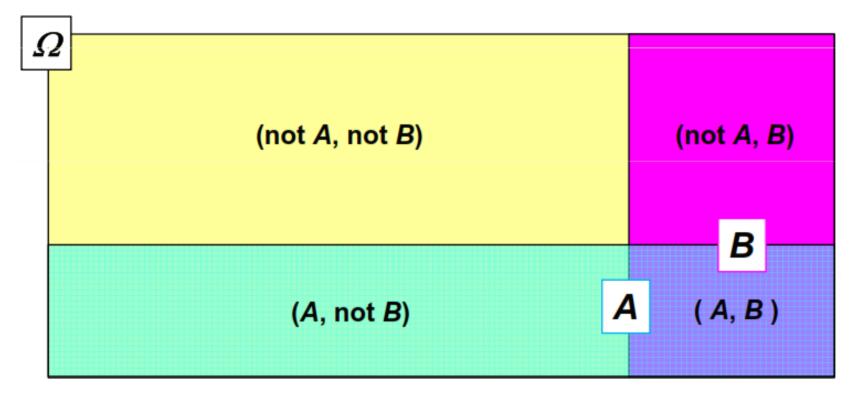


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#### **Independence**

Given: events A and B, which can co-occur (or not)

$$p(A | B) = p(A)$$
 or  $p(A, B) = p(A) \cdot p(B)$ 



areas represent relative probabilities

## Examples of independence / dependence

#### Independence:

- Outcomes on multiple rolls of a die
- Outcomes on multiple flips of a coin
- Height of two unrelated individuals
- Probability of getting a king on successive draws from a deck, if card from each draw is replaced

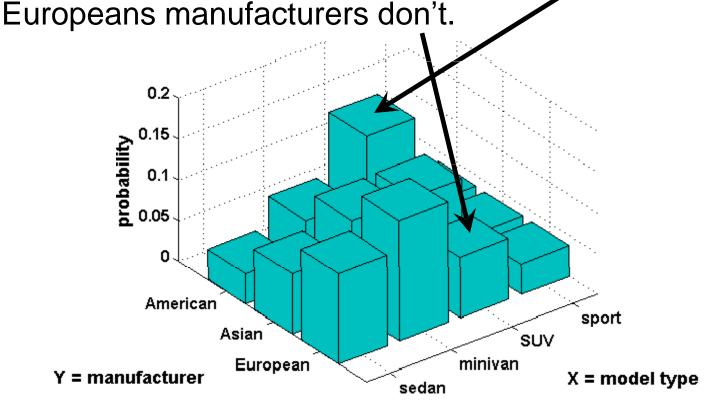
#### Dependence:

- Height of two related individuals
- Duration of successive eruptions of Old Faithful
- Probability of getting a king on successive draws from a deck, if card from each draw is not replaced

### Example of independence vs. dependence

• Independence: All manufacturers have identical product mix. p(X = x | Y = y) = p(X = x).

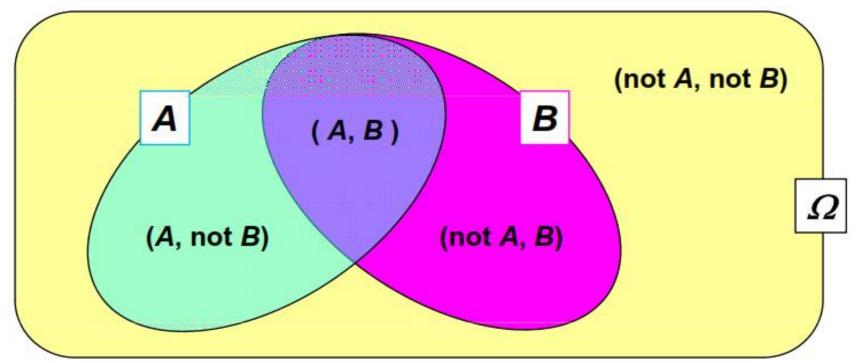
Dependence: American manufacturers love SUVs,



## **Bayes rule**

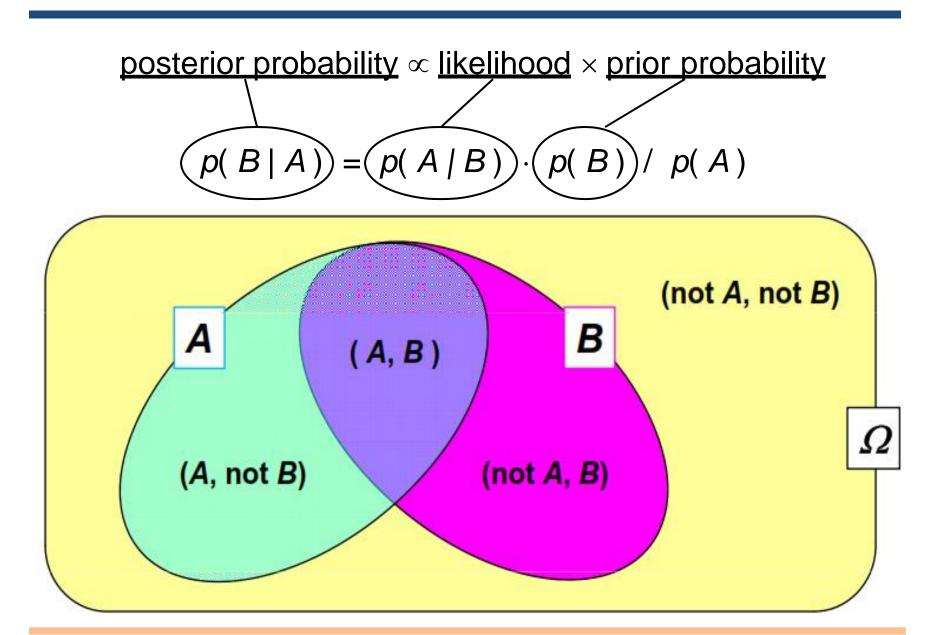
A way to find conditional probabilities for one variable when conditional probabilities for another variable are known.

$$p(B | A) = p(A | B) \cdot p(B) / p(A)$$
  
where  $p(A) = p(A, B) + p(A, \text{not } B)$   
 $p(B \cap A) = p(B | A) \cdot p(A) \text{ if } p(A) > 0$ 





### **Bayes rule**



## **Example of Bayes rule**

- Marie is getting married tomorrow at an outdoor ceremony in the desert. In recent years, it has rained only 5 days each year. Unfortunately, the weatherman is forecasting rain for tomorrow. When it actually rains, the weatherman has forecast rain 90% of the time. When it doesn't rain, he has forecast rain 10% of the time. What is the probability it will rain on the day of Marie's wedding?
- Event A: The weatherman has forecast rain.
- Event B: It rains.
- We know:
  - p(B) = 5 / 365 = 0.0137 [It rains 5 days out of the year.]
  - p( not B) = 360 / 365 = 0.9863
  - -p(A|B) = 0.9 [When it rains, the weatherman has forecast rain 90% of the time.]
  - $-p(A \mid \text{not } B) = 0.1$  [When it does not rain, the weatherman has forecast rain 10% of the time.]

## Example of Bayes rule, cont'd.

 We want to know p(B | A), the probability it will rain on the day of Marie's wedding, given a forecast for rain by the weatherman. The answer can be determined from Bayes rule:

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1. p(B|A) = p(A|B) \cdot p(B) / p(A)
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- 2.  $p(A) = p(A \mid B) \cdot p(B) + p(A \mid \text{not } B) \cdot p(\text{not } B) = (0.9)(0.014) + (0.1)(0.986) = 0.111$
- 3.  $p(B \mid A) = (0.9)(0.0137) / 0.111 = 0.111$

 The result seems unintuitive but is correct. Even when the weatherman predicts rain, it only rains only about 11% of the time. Despite the weatherman's gloomy prediction, it is unlikely Marie will get rained on at her wedding.

#### Probabilities: when to add, when to multiply

- ADD: When you want to allow for occurrence of any of several possible outcomes of a single process. Comparable to logical OR.
- MULTIPLY: When you want to allow for simultaneous occurrence of particular outcomes from more than one process. Comparable to logical AND.
  - But only if the processes are independent.

Q1. 3 persons A, B, C independently fire at a target. What is the probability that (i) Exactly one of them hits the target, (ii) At least one of them hits the target? Given: Probability of hitting the target. P(A) = 1/6, P(B) = 1/4, P(C) = 1/3.

**Solution:** P(A)=1/6, P(A')=5/6, P(B)=1/4, P(B')=3/4, P(C)=1/3 and P(C')=2/3

(i) The probability that exactly one of them hits the target (it means only one will hit the target while others two cannot)

$$P(A)P(B')P(C') + P(A')P(B)P(C') + P(A')P(B')P(C)$$
  
 $1/6 \times 3/4 \times 2/3 + 5/6 \times 1/4 \times 2/3 + 5/6 \times 3/4 \times 1/3 = 31/72$ 

(ii) The probability that at least one of them hits the target will be:  $1- P(A')P(B')P(C') = 1-[(5/6) \times (3/4) \times (2/3)] = 1-30/72 = 42/72$ 

Q2. A covid test is 99% accurate (both ways). Only 0.3% of the population is covid+. What is the probability that a random person is covid+ given that the person tests+?

**Solution:** Let person is covid+ is taken as A and person tests+ as B hence we have to find  $P(A \mid B)=?$ 

By Bayes theorem: 
$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A)P(B|A)}{P(B)}$$

$$P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(person is covid+) \square P[(person tests+) \mid (person is covid+)]}{P(person tests+)}$$

#### **Remember:**

If 
$$p(B|A) = p(A|B) \cdot p(B) / p(A)$$
-----equation1  
Then  $p(A) = p(A|B) \cdot p(B) + p(A|not B) \cdot p(not B)$ --equation2

By using equation2

P(person tests+) = P[(person tests+) | (person is covid+)]  $\times$  P(person is covid+) + P[(person tests+) | (person is not covid+)]  $\times$  P(person is not covid+)

**Solution:** 
$$\frac{0.3\% \times 0.99\%}{(0.3\% \times 0.99\%) + (99.7\% \times 1\%)} = 22.95\%$$

[  $P(is\ Covid+) = 0.3\%$  and  $P(is\ not\ covid+) = 99.7\%$ ]

- Q3. Two dice are rolled. Consider the events  $A = \{\text{sum of two dice equals 3}\}$ ,  $B = \{\text{sum of two dice equals 7}\}$ , and  $C = \{\text{at least one of the dice shows a 1}\}$ .
- (a) What is  $P(A \mid C)$ ?
- (b) What is  $P(B \mid C)$ ?
- (c) Are A and C independent? What about B and C?

#### **Solution:**

Note that the sample space is  $S = \{(i, j) \mid i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  with each outcome equally likely.

Then, 
$$A = \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\}$$

$$B = \{(1, 6), (2, 5), (3, 4), (4, 3), (5, 2), (6, 1)\}$$

$$C = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (2, 1), (3, 1), (4, 1), (5, 1), (6, 1)\}$$

Hence, 
$$P(A \mid C) = P(A \cap C)/P(C) = \frac{2/36}{11/36} = 2/11$$
.

$$P(B \mid C) = P(B \cap C)/P(C) = \frac{2/36}{11/36} = 2/11$$
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Note that  $P(A) = 2/36 \neq P(A \mid C)$ , so they are not independent. Similarly,  $P(B) = 6/36 \neq P(B \mid C)$ , so they are not independent.

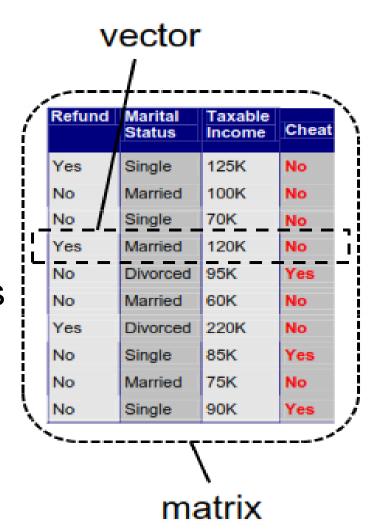
## Linear algebra applications

- 1) Operations on or between vectors and matrices
- 2) Coordinate transformations
- 3) Dimensionality reduction
- 4) Linear regression
- 5) Solution of linear systems of equations
- 6) Many others

Applications 1) – 4) are directly relevant to this course.

## Why vectors and matrices?

- Most common form of data organization for machine learning is a 2D array, where
  - rows represent samples (records, items, datapoints)
  - columns represent attributes (features, variables)
- Natural to think of each sample as a vector of attributes, and whole array as a matrix



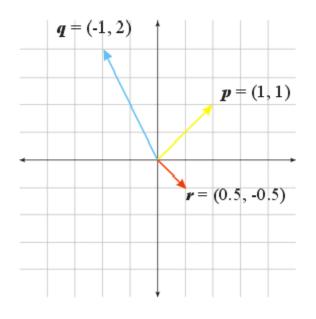
#### **Vectors**

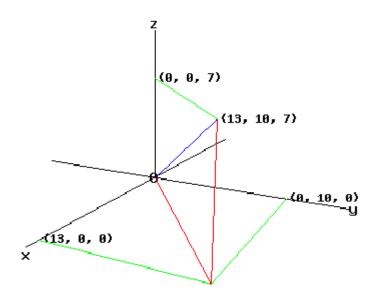
- Definition: an n-tuple of values (usually real numbers).
  - n referred to as the dimension of the vector
  - n can be any positive integer, from 1 to infinity
- Can be written in column form or row form
  - Column form is conventional
  - Vector elements referenced by subscript

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{x}^{\mathrm{T}} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \end{pmatrix}$$
T means "transpose"

#### **Vectors**

- Can think of a vector as:
  - a point in space or
  - a directed line segment with a magnitude and direction





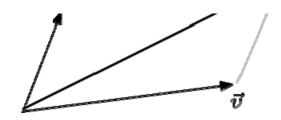
#### **Vector arithmetic**

- Addition of two vectors
  - add corresponding elements

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = (x_1 + y_1 \quad \mathbf{L} \quad x_n + y_n)^T$$

$$(x_n + y_n)^T$$

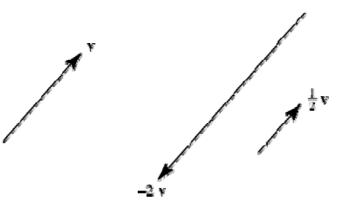
result is a vector



- Scalar multiplication of a vector
  - multiply each element by scalar

$$\mathbf{y} = a\mathbf{x} = (ax_1 \quad \mathsf{L} \quad ax_n)^\mathsf{T}$$

result is a vector



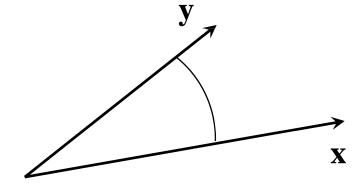
#### **Vector arithmetic**

- Dot product of two vectors
  - multiply corresponding elements, then add products

$$a = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i$$

- result is a scalar
- Dot product alternative form

$$a = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\| \cos(\theta)$$



#### **Matrices**

- Definition: an m x n two-dimensional array of values (usually real numbers).
  - m rows
  - n columns
- Matrix referenced by two-element subscript
  - first elementin subscript is row
  - second element in subscript is column

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

example: A<sub>24</sub> or a<sub>24</sub> is element in second row,
 fourth column of A

#### **Matrices**

- A vector can be regarded as special case of a matrix, where one of matrix dimensions = 1.
- Matrix transpose (denoted <sup>T</sup>)
  - swap columns and rows
    - row 1 becomes column 1, etc.
  - m x n matrix becomes n x m matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 7 & -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 & -3 & 1 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{T}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 7 & 6 \\ -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{T}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 7 & 6 \\ -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

#### **Matrix arithmetic**

- Addition of two matrices
  - matrices must be same size
  - add corresponding elements:

$$c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$$

result is a matrix of same size

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} + b_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} + b_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} + b_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Scalar multiplication of a matrix
  - multiply each element by scalar:

$$b_{ij} = d \cdot a_{ij}$$

result is a matrix of same size

$$\begin{pmatrix} d \cdot a_{11} & \cdots & d \cdot a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ d \cdot a_{m1} & \cdots & d \cdot a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\mathbf{B} = d \cdot \mathbf{A} =$ 

#### **Matrix arithmetic**

- Matrix-matrix multiplication
  - vector-matrix multiplication just a special case
- Multiplication is associative

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C}) = (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{C}$$

Multiplication is not commutative

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} \neq \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{A}$$
 (generally)

Transposition rule:

$$(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})^{\mathsf{T}} = \mathbf{B}^{\mathsf{T}} \cdot \mathbf{A}^{\mathsf{T}}$$

#### **Matrix arithmetic**

- RULE: In any chain of matrix multiplications, the column dimension of one matrix in the chain must match the row dimension of the following matrix in the chain.
- Examples

Right:
$$A \cdot B \cdot A^{T} \quad C^{T} \cdot A \cdot B \quad A^{T} \cdot A \cdot B \quad C \cdot C^{T} \cdot A$$
Wrong:
$$A \cdot B \cdot A \quad C \cdot A \cdot B \quad A \cdot A^{T} \cdot B \quad C^{T} \cdot C \cdot A$$

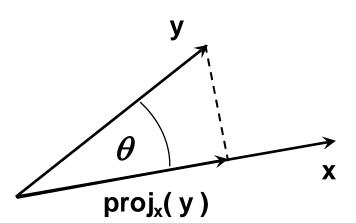
## **Vector projection**

- Orthogonal projection of y onto x
  - Can take place in any space of dimensionality ≥ 2
  - Unit vector in direction of x is

 Length of projection of y in direction of x is

Orthogonal projection of
 y onto x is the vector

$$\operatorname{proj}_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x} \cdot ||\mathbf{y}|| \cdot \cos(\theta) / ||\mathbf{x}|| = [(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}) / ||\mathbf{x}||^2] \mathbf{x}$$
 (using dot product alternate form)



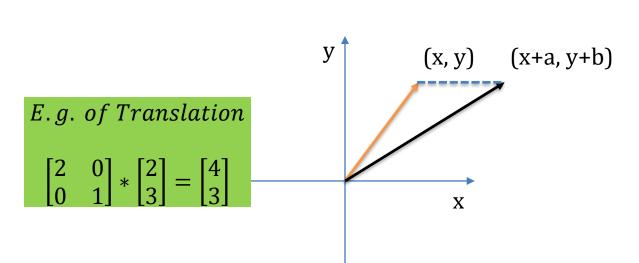
## **Vector and Matrix Operation**

(x, y)

X

• Consider a vector  $[x, y]^T$ 

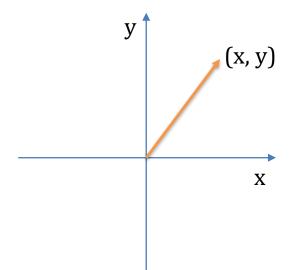
Translation of vector by (a, b) is



## **Vector and Matrix Operation...**

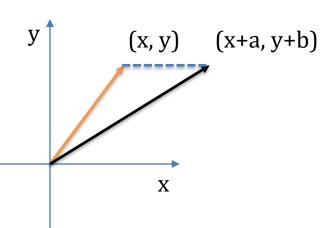
• Consider a vector  $[x, y]^T$ 

Scaling of vector by (a) is



E.g. of Scaling

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$



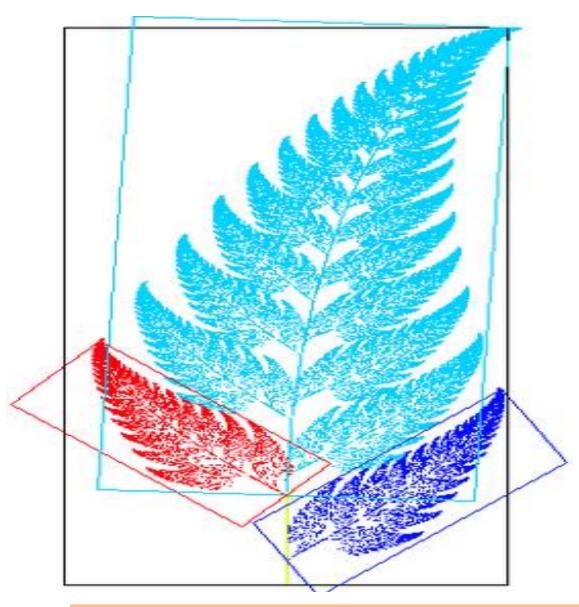
#### **Matrix Transformation**

• Translation: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} tx \\ ty \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

• Rotation: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Cos(\theta) & -Sin(\theta) \\ Sin(\theta) & Cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

• Scaling: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_x & 0 \\ 0 & S_y \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

## **Transformation of an Image**



- An image of a fernlike <u>fractal</u> (<u>Barnsley's</u> <u>fern</u>) that exhibits affine <u>self-similarity</u>.
- Each of the leaves of the fern is related to each other leaf by an affine transformation.
- For instance, the red leaf can be transformed into both the dark blue leaf and any of the light blue leaves by a combination of reflection, rotation, scaling, and translation.

# **Optimization theory topics**

- Maximum likelihood
- Expectation maximization
- Gradient descent