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Math Homework 1

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### Problem 1a

What axioms are the remaining axioms of a vector space?

**Solution:** Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}$ , while  $u$  and  $v$  are arbitrary elements of a set  $V$ . Then to be a vector space, we'll additionally require of our set:

1. Distributively (over both vector and field addition), e.g.,

$$a(u+v) = au + av \quad \text{and} \quad \cancel{a(b+c) = ab + ac}$$

u or v, not a  
 $\cancel{a(b+c) = ub + uc}$

2. Multiplicative Identity element  $1_v \in \mathbb{F}$  such that

$$1_v u = u$$

3. Vector Inverses. For each element  $v \in V$ , we require a negation  $-v \in V$  such that

$$-v + v = 0 \quad \forall v \in V$$

4. A multiplication operation is defined between elements of our field and elements of the vector space, E.g.,

$$a(bv) = (ab)v$$

### Problem 1b

Are scalars in a vector space from groups, rings, or fields?

**Solution:** We require our scalars come from a field. As summarized from wikipedia: "a field has two operations, called addition and multiplication; it is an abelian group under addition with 0 as the additive identity; the nonzero elements are an abelian group under multiplication with 1 as the multiplicative identity; and multiplication distributes over addition."

Note, being abelian is what people usually call "commutativity". As such, fields satisfy the exact requirements outlined in problem 1a. This reasoning is a bit circular because vector spaces *were constructed* to be over fields. They are called modules when taken over rings.

### Problem 2a

Describe why the hyperplanes  $H$  and  $\underline{H}$  represent the same firing rule for the neuron?

**Solution:** Primarily, the first plane  $\underline{H}$  is defined by the equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i = -w_0 \iff w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_n x_n = -w_0$$

while  $H$  is defined by

$$\sum_{i=0}^n w_i x_i = 0 \iff w_0 x_0 + w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_n x_n = 0.$$

Since  $x_0 = 1$  we can rewrite the above to give

$$w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_n x_n = -w_0$$

which is precisely the equation that defined  $H$ . Thus this is simply an embedding of  $H$  in an additional dimension, except our plane is additionally shifted  $w_0$  to the origin. As such, the firing rule which depended on an inner product of our weight and state vector being greater than  $-w_0$  is now equivalent to the firing rule that requires our inner product being greater than 0 after the shift.

**Problem 2b**

Assume  $w_0 \neq 0$ , what is the special property of  $H$  that  $\underline{H}$  lacks?

**Solution:**  $H$  goes through the origin (has right hand side equal to zero)!

**Problem 2c**

Multiply the weights by  $\pm 5$ , what happens?

**Solution:** Neither hyperplane changes after the weights are multiplied by 5, which can be seen below:

$$5w_0x_0 + 5w_1x_1 + \dots + 5w_nx_n = 0 \implies w_0x_0 + w_1x_1 + \dots + w_nx_n = 0$$

after division by 5, which is still the same equation that defined  $H$ . For  $\underline{H}$  we also see no change:

$$5w_1x_1 + \dots + 5w_nx_n = -5w_0 \implies w_1x_1 + \dots + w_nx_n = -w_0$$

again after division by 5. This is the same equation that defined  $\underline{H}$ . The same argument holds for  $-5$  as well, and in fact any constant  $c$ .

**Problem 2d**

Does either firing rule change?

**Solution:** When multiplied by 5 the firing rules are unchanged, assuming the threshold is scaled appropriately. To make this more clear, anything that would trigger a fire for  $H$  has inner product strictly greater than zero. Anything strictly greater than zero multiplied by 5 is still strictly greater than zero.

However, when multiplied by  $-5$ , the firing rules flip. For example

$$\sum_{i=0}^n w_i x_i > 0 \implies \sum_{i=0}^n -5w_i x_i < 0$$

with a similar situation holding for the firing rule of  $\underline{H}$ .

**Problem 2e**

Suppose  $w_0, \dots, w_n$  are all divided by  $w_n$ . Does either hyperplane change under this reduced parameter representation?

**Solution:** No, neither hyperplane changes. The exact argument in 2c holds in general, that is one can replace 5 with any constant (such as  $\frac{1}{w_n}$ ).

**Problem 2f**

Do either of the firing rules change?

**Solution:** The firing rule changing depends on the sign of  $w_n$ . If  $w_n$  is positive, the rule stays the same. If  $w_n$  is negative, the rule flips.

**Problem 3a**

Give an explicit formula for  $\Xi(1, m)$ .

**Solution:** Consider the formula

$$\Xi(1, m) = m + 1$$

**Problem 3b**

Geometrically, why is this formula right?

**Solution:** Consider “1-space”, a line. Placing a hyperplane here is equivalent to making a cut on the line, which is known to result in 1 more segment than the number of cuts made. Hence we arrive at  $m + 1$  for  $m$  the number of cuts (or hyperplanes).

*there is a less convoluted way to show this (slightly less rigor)*

**Problem 3c**

Show

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{m}{i} = O(m^n)$$

for fixed  $n$  and variable  $m$ .

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Primarily recall the definition of big O. I will argue

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{|f(m)|}{g(m)} < \infty \quad (1)$$

where  $f(m) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{m}{i}$  and  $g(m) = m^n$ . Since  $n$  is fixed, our function  $f$  will continue to monotonically increase as  $m$  increases, eventually being dominated by the greatest term in the summation. Observe since  $m >> n$ , it is safe to assume  $n \leq \frac{m}{2}$ . Then this means our summation defined in  $f$  is dominated by the final term in the summation (due to the symmetry of binomial coefficients), which we may call

$$\binom{m}{n} = \frac{m!}{n!(m-n)!}$$

for large enough  $m$ . Then equation (1) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{|f(m)|}{g(m)} &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m!}{n!(m-n)!} \left( \frac{1}{m^n} \right) \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(m-1)(m-2)\dots(m-n+1)}{n!} \left( \frac{1}{m^n} \right) < \infty \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

as desired. Thus we conclude  $f = O(g)$  as desired.