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Machine Learning: Representations

Lecture 6 | Part 1

Vectors

And now for something completely different...

- This and the next lecture will be linear algebra refreshers.
- Today: what is a matrix?
- Next lecture: what are eigenvectors/values?

Vectors

- A vector $\vec{x}$ is an arrow from the origin to a point.

- We can make new arrows by:
  - scaling: $\alpha\vec{x}$
  - addition: $\vec{x} + \vec{y}$
  - both: $\alpha\vec{x} + \beta\vec{y}$

- $\|\vec{x}\|$ is the **norm** (or length) of $\vec{x}$

Linear Combinations

- We can add together a bunch of arrows:

$$\vec{y} = \alpha_1 \vec{x}^{(1)} + \alpha_2 \vec{x}^{(2)} + \ldots + \alpha_n \vec{x}^{(n)}$$

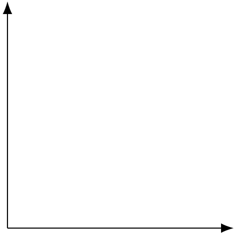
- This is a **linear combination** of $\vec{x}^{(1)}, \ldots, \vec{x}^{(n)}$

Parallel Vectors

- Two vectors $\vec{x}$ and $\vec{y}$ are **parallel** if (and only if) there is a scalar λ such that $\vec{x} = \lambda \vec{y}$.

Standard Basis Vectors

- $\hat{e}^{(1)}$ and $\hat{e}^{(2)}$ are the **standard basis vectors** in $\mathbb{R}^2$.
  - $\|\hat{e}^{(1)}\| = \|\hat{e}^{(2)}\| = 1$



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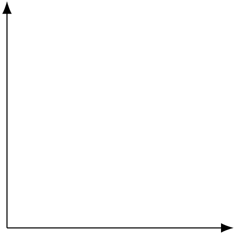

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Coordinate Vectors

- We often write a vector $\vec{x}$ as a **coordinate vector**:

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{pmatrix}$$

- Meaning: $\vec{x} = x_1 \hat{e}^{(1)} + x_2 \hat{e}^{(2)} + \ldots + x_d \hat{e}^{(d)}$

Dot Product

- The **dot product** of $\vec{u}$ and $\vec{v}$ is defined as:

  $$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \cos \theta$$

  where θ is the angle between $\vec{u}$ and $\vec{v}$.

- $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ if and only if $\vec{u}$ and $\vec{v}$ are orthogonal

Dot Product (Coordinate Form)

- In terms of coordinate vectors:

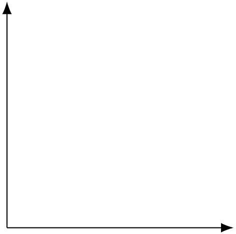
$$
\begin{aligned}
\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} &= \vec{u}^T \vec{v} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & \cdots & u_d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \cdots \\ v_d \end{pmatrix} \\
&=
\end{aligned}
$$

Exercise

Show that $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = \|\vec{v}\|^2$.

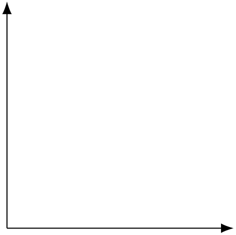
Projections

- If $\hat{u}$ is a unit vector, $\vec{v} \cdot \hat{u}$ is the "part of $\vec{v}$ that lies in the direction of $\hat{u}$".
  - $\vec{v} \cdot \hat{u} = \|\vec{v}\| \|\hat{u}\| \cos\theta$



Projections

- Namely, if $\vec{x} = (x_1, \ldots, x_d)^T$, then $\vec{x} \cdot \hat{e}^{(k)} = x_k$.



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Functions of a Vector

Functions of a Vector

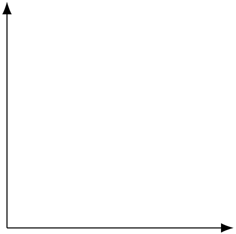
- In ML, we often work with functions of a vector: $f : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^{d'}$.
- Example: a prediction function, $H(\vec{x})$.
- Functions of a vector can return:
  - a number: $f : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^1$
  - a vector $\vec{f} : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^{d'}$
  - something else?

Transformations

- A **transformation** $\vec{f}$ is a function that takes in a vector, and returns a vector *of the same dimensionality*.
- That is, $\vec{f} : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d$.

Visualizing Transformations

- A transformation is a **vector field**.
  - Assigns a vector to each point in space.
  - Example: $\vec{f}(\vec{x}) = (3x_1, x_2)^T$



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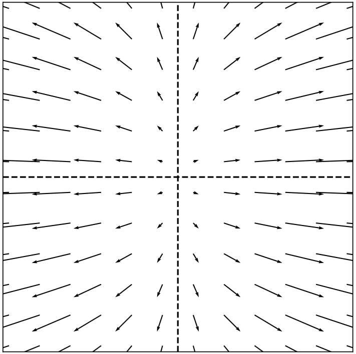

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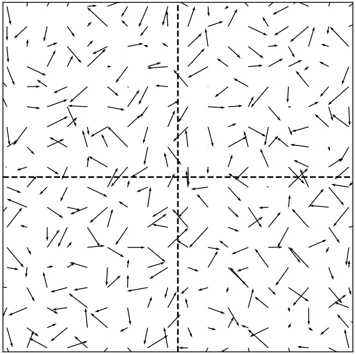

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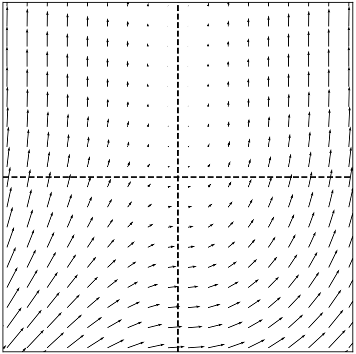

Linear Transformations

- Luckily, we often[1] work with simpler, **linear transformations**.

- A transformation f is linear if:

$$\vec{f}(\alpha\vec{x} + \beta\vec{y}) = \alpha\vec{f}(\vec{x}) + \beta\vec{f}(\vec{y})$$

[1]Sometimes, just to make the math tractable!

Implications of Linearity

- Suppose $\vec{f}$ is a linear transformation. Then:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{f}(\vec{x}) &= \vec{f}(x_1\hat{e}^{(1)} + x_2\hat{e}^{(2)}) \\ &= x_1\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(1)}) + x_2\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(2)})\end{aligned}$$

- I.e., $\vec{f}$ is **totally determined** by what it does to the basis vectors.

The Complexity of Arbitrary Transformations

- Suppose f is an **arbitrary** transformation.
- I tell you $\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(1)}) = (2, 1)^T$ and $\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(2)}) = (-3, 0)^T$.
- I tell you $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2)^T$.
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The Simplicity of Linear Transformations

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Exercise

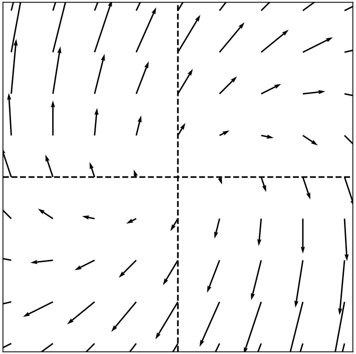
- Suppose f is a **linear** transformation.
- I tell you $\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(1)}) = (2, 1)^T$ and $\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(2)}) = (-3, 0)^T$.
- I tell you $\vec{x} = (3, -4)^T$.
- What is $\vec{f}(\vec{x})$?

Key Fact

- Linear functions are determined **entirely** by what they do on the basis vectors.
- I.e., to tell you what f does, I only need to tell you $\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(1)})$ and $\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(2)})$.
- This makes the math easy!

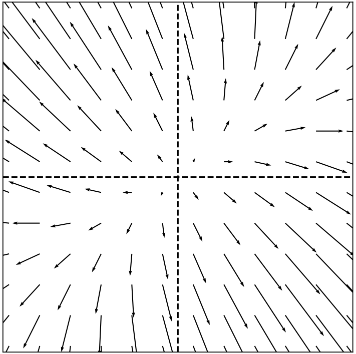
Example Linear Transformation

- $\vec{f}(\vec{x}) = (x_1 + 3x_2, -3x_1 + 5x_2)^T$



Another Example Linear Transformation

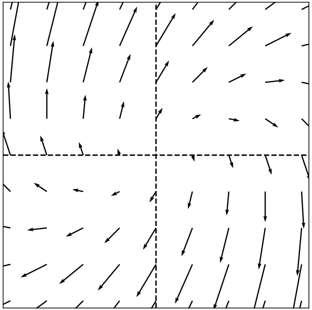
- $\vec{f}(\vec{x}) = (2x_1 - x_2, -x_1 + 3x_2)^T$

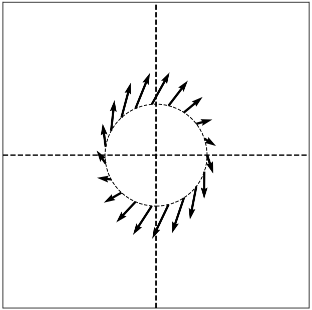


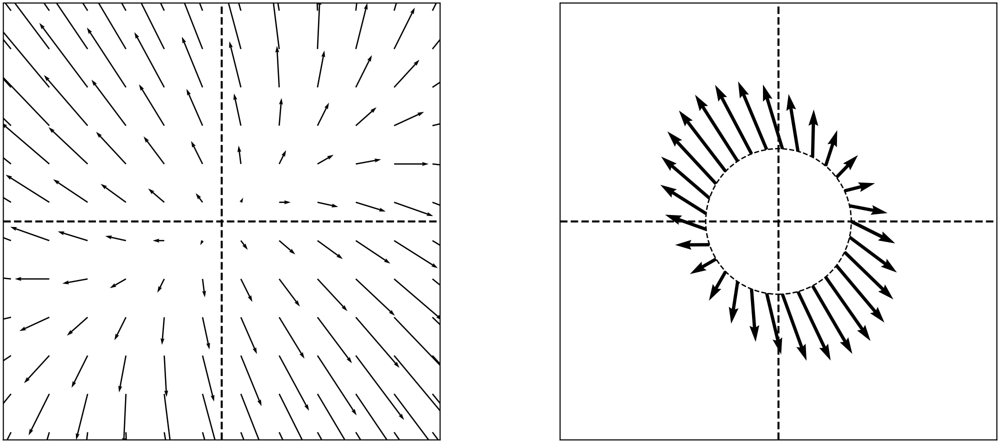
Note

- Because of linearity, along any given direction $\vec{f}$ changes only in scale.

$$\vec{f}(\lambda\hat{x}) = \lambda\vec{f}(\hat{x})$$







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What is a matrix?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

What is matrix multiplication?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \\ \\ \end{pmatrix}$$

A low-level definition

$$(A\vec{x})_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n} A_{ij} x_j$$

A low-level interpretation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

In general...

$$\begin{pmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \vec{a}^{(1)} & \vec{a}^{(2)} & \vec{a}^{(3)} \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = x_1 \vec{a}^{(1)} + x_2 \vec{a}^{(2)} + x_3 \vec{a}^{(3)}$$

What are they, *really*?

- Matrices are sometimes just tables of numbers.
- But they often have a deeper meaning.

Main Idea

A square ($n \times n$) matrix can be interpreted as a compact representation of a linear transformation $\vec{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$.

What's more, if A represents $\vec{f}$, then $A\vec{x} = \vec{f}(\vec{x})$; that is, multiplying by A is the same as evaluating $\vec{f}$.

Recall: Linear Transformations

- A **transformation** $\vec{f}(\vec{x})$ is a function which takes a vector as input and returns a vector of the same dimensionality.

- A transformation f is **linear** if

$$\vec{f}(\alpha\vec{u} + \beta\vec{v}) = \alpha\vec{f}(\vec{u}) + \beta\vec{f}(\vec{v})$$

Recall: Linear Transformations

- A **key** property: to compute $\vec{f}(\vec{x})$, we only need to know what f does to basis vectors.
- Example:

$$\vec{x} = 3\hat{e}^{(1)} - 4\hat{e}^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(1)}) = -\hat{e}^{(1)} + 3\hat{e}^{(2)}$$

$$\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(2)}) = 2\hat{e}^{(1)}$$

$$\vec{f}(\vec{x}) =$$

Matrices

- f defined by what it does to basis vectors
- Place $\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(1)}), \vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(2)}), \ldots$ into a table as columns
- This is the **matrix** representing[2] f

$$\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(1)}) = -\hat{e}^{(1)} + 3\hat{e}^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(2)}) = 2\hat{e}^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

[2] with respect to the basis $\hat{e}^{(1)}, \hat{e}^{(2)}$

Example

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(1)}) = (1, 4, 7)^T$$
$$\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(2)}) = (2, 5, 7)^T$$
$$\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(3)}) = (3, 6, 9)^T$$

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Matrix Multiplication

- Matrix A represents a function f
- Matrix multiplication $A\vec{x}$ **evaluates** $\vec{f}(\vec{x})$

Matrix Multiplication

$$\vec{x} = x_1\hat{e}^{(1)} + x_2\hat{e}^{(2)} + x_3\hat{e}^{(3)} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)^T$$
$$\vec{f}(\vec{x}) = x_1\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(1)}) + x_2\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(2)}) + x_3\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(3)})$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(1)}) & \vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(2)}) & \vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(3)}) \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \end{pmatrix}$$
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$$= x_1\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(1)}) + x_2\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(2)}) + x_3\vec{f}(\hat{e}^{(3)})$$

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$$A =$$

$$A\vec{x} =$$

Main Idea

A square ($n \times n$) matrix can be interpreted as a compact representation of a linear transformation $f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$. Matrix multiplication with a vector $\vec{x}$ evaluates $\vec{f}(\vec{x})$.

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- Linear algebra = simple!