# Linear Algebra (Review)

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# Reference

• This material is related to Bishop, Deep Learning, Appendix A

## Vectors

- Bishop: Appendix A
- $\bullet \ k, M, N$  are scalars
- A order-1 array  ${f c}$  is a column vector. Thus with two dimensions,

$$\mathbf{c} = \left(\begin{array}{c} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{array}\right)$$

(more precisely, it is a representation of a vector in a specific coordinate system)

•  $c_i$  is the *i*-th component of **c** 

# Transposed

•  $\mathbf{c}^T = (c_1, c_2)$  is a row vector, the transposed of  $\mathbf{c}$ 

#### **Matrices**

• An order-2 array A is a matrix, e.g.,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} \end{bmatrix}$$

- We also write:  $A = (a_{1,1}, a_{1,2}, a_{1,3}; a_{2,1}, a_{2,2}, a_{2,3})$ ; thus the semicolon ";" indicates row separations
- The colon ":" is sometimes used to select rows or columns; examples

$$\mathbf{A}_{:,1} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} \\ a_{2,1} \end{pmatrix}$$
  $\mathbf{A}_{1,:} = (a_{1,1}, a_{1,2}, a_{1,3})$ 

## Transposed

- If A is an  $N \times M$ -dimensional matrix,
  - then the transposed  $\mathbf{A}^T$  is an  $M \times N$ -dimensional matrix
  - the columns (rows) of A are the rows (columns) of  $\mathbf{A}^T$  and vice versa

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

## **Addition of Two Vectors**

- Let c = a + d
- Then  $c_j = a_j + d_j$

#### Multiplication of a Vector with a Scalar

- $\mathbf{c} = k\mathbf{a}$  is a vector with  $c_j = ka_j$
- C = kA is a matrix of the dimensionality of A, with  $c_{i,j} = ka_{i,j}$

#### **Scalar Product of Two Vectors**

• The scalar product (also called dot product) is defines as

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{c} = \sum_{j=1}^M a_j c_j$$

and is a scalar

• Remark: The **inner product**  $\langle x, y \rangle$  is closely related and generalizes the dot product to abstract vector spaces

## Scalar Product of Two Vectors (Cont'd)

•  $\|\mathbf{a}\|_2$  is the length or Euclidean norm of the vector; then,

$$(\|\mathbf{a}\|_2)^2 = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{a} = \sum_{j=1}^M a_j^2$$

 $\bullet \ \| a - b \|_2$  is the Euclidean distance between both vectors; then,

$$(\|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}\|_2)^2 = (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})^T (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) = \sum_{j=1}^M (a_j - b_j)^2$$

#### **Matrix-Vector Product**

- A matrix consists of many row vectors. So a product of a matrix with a column vector consists of many scalar products of vectors
- If A is an  $N \times M$ -dimensional matrix and c is an M-dimensional column vector
- Then d = Ac is an N-dimensional column vector d with

$$d_i = \sum_{j=1}^M a_{i,j} c_j$$

#### **Matrix-Matrix Product**

- A matrix also consists of many column vectors. So a product of matrix with a matrix consists of many matrix-vector products
- If A is an  $N \times M$ -dimensional matrix and C an  $M \times K$ -dimensional matrix
- Then  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{C}$  is an  $N \times K$ -dimensional matrix with

$$d_{i,k} = \sum_{j=1}^{M} a_{i,j} c_{j,k}$$

#### Multiplication of a Row-Vector with a Matrix

• Multiplication of a row vector with a matrix is a row vector. If A is a  $N \times M$ -dimensional matrix and d a N-dimensional vector and if

$$\mathbf{c}^T = \mathbf{d}^T A$$

Then c is a *M*-dimensional vector with  $c_j = \sum_{i=1}^N d_i a_{i,j}$ 

## **Outer Product**

• Special case: Multiplication of a column vector with a row vector is a matrix. Let d be a N-dimensional vector and c be a M-dimensional vector, then

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{d}\mathbf{c}^T$$

is an  $N \times M$  matrix with  $a_{i,j} = d_i c_j$ 

Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_1c_1 & d_1c_2 & d_1c_3 \\ d_2c_1 & d_2c_2 & d_2c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

## **Matrix Transposed**

- $\bullet~$  The transposed  $\mathbf{A}^T$  changes rows and columns
- We have

$$\left(\mathbf{A}^T\right)^T = \mathbf{A}$$

$$(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{C})^T = \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{A}^T$$

# **Unit Matrix**

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$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ & & \dots & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# **Diagonal Matrix**

•  $N \times N$  diagonal matrix:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{2,2} & \dots & 0 \\ & & \dots & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & a_{N,N} \end{pmatrix}$$

#### **Matrix Inverse**

- Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $N \times N$  square matrix
- If there is a unique inverse matrix  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ , then we have

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I} \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}$$

- If the corresponding inverse exist,  $(AC)^{-1} = C^{-1}A^{-1}$
- and  $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T = (\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1}$

#### **Orthogonal Matrices**

• Orthogonal Matrix (more precisely: orthonormal matrix): **R** is a (quadratic) orthogonal matrix, if all columns are orthonormal. It follows (non-trivially) that all rows are orthonormal as well and

$$\mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I} \quad \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}^T = \mathbf{I} \quad \mathbf{R}^{-1} = \mathbf{R}^T \tag{1}$$

#### **A** Function as a Vector in Infinite Dimensions

• Inner product between two functions

$$\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} = \sum_{j=1}^M a_j b_j \to \int_{x_1}^{x_2} a(x) b(x) dx$$

• Squared distance between two functions

$$(\|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}\|_2)^2 = \sum_{j=1}^M (a_j - b_j)^2 \to \int_{x_1}^{x_2} (a(x) - b(x))^2 dx$$

• Average squared distance between two functions

$$(\|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}\|_2)^2 / M = 1 / M \sum_{j=1}^M (a_j - b_j)^2 \to \frac{1}{|x_2 - x_1|} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} (a(x) - b(x))^2 dx$$

# Functions (cont'd)

• Expected squared distance (averaged over a random input) between two functions:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{M} P(j)(a_j - b_j)^2 \to \int P(x)(a(x) - b(x))^2 dx$$

where P(j) is a probability and P(x) is a probability density