

Problem Set 1

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Problem 1 (10 points)

Let u_1 and u_2 be vectors such that $\|u_1\| = \|u_2\| = 1$, and $\langle u_1, u_2 \rangle = 0$. For any vector x , we define $P(x)$ as the vector $P(x) = \langle x, u_1 \rangle u_1 + \langle x, u_2 \rangle u_2$.

1. How would you geometrically interpret $P(x)$? (Hint: Think about projections)
2. Show that: $\|P(x)\|^2 = \langle x, u_1 \rangle^2 + \langle x, u_2 \rangle^2$.
3. Using parts (1) and (2), show that $\|P(x)\| \leq \|x\|$. When is $\|P(x)\| = \|x\|$?

Problem 2 (10 points)

Given two column vectors x and y in d -dimensional space, the outer product of x and y is defined to be the $d \times d$ matrix $x \circ y = xy^\top$.

1. Show that for any x and y , $x^\top(x \circ y)y = \|x\|^2\|y\|^2$. When is this equal to $x^\top \langle x, y \rangle y$?
2. Show that for any non-zero x and y , the outer product $x \circ y$ always has rank 1.
3. Let x_1, \dots, x_n be n $d \times 1$ data vectors, and let X be the $n \times d$ data matrix whose i -th row is the row vector x_i^\top . Show that:

$$X^\top X = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \circ x_i$$

Problem 3 (10 points)

Suppose A and B are $d \times d$ matrices which are symmetric (in the sense that $A_{ij} = A_{ji}$ and $B_{ij} = B_{ji}$ for all i and j) and positive semi-definite. Also suppose that u is a $d \times 1$ vector such that $\|u\| = 1$. Which of the following matrices are always positive semi-definite, no matter what A , B and u are? Justify your answer.

1. $10A$.
2. $A + B$.
3. uu^\top .
4. $A - B$.
5. $I - uu^\top$ (Hint: Write down $x^\top(I - uu^\top)x$ in terms of some dot-products, and try using Cauchy-Schwartz.)

Problem 4 (10 points)

In class, we discussed how to define a *norm* or a *length* for a vector. It turns out that one can also define a norm or a length for a matrix. Two popular matrix norms are the Frobenius norm and the spectral norm. The Frobenius norm of a $m \times n$ matrix A , denoted by $\|A\|_F$ is defined as:

$$\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}^2}$$

The spectral norm of a $m \times n$ matrix A , denoted by $\|A\|$ is defined as:

$$\|A\| = \max_{x \neq \mathbf{0}} \frac{\|Ax\|}{\|x\|}$$

where x is a $n \times 1$ vector.

1. Let I be the $n \times n$ identity matrix. What is its Frobenius norm? What is its spectral norm? Justify your answer.
2. Suppose $A = uv^\top$ where u is a $m \times 1$ vector and v is a $n \times 1$ vector. Write down the Frobenius norm of A as function of $\|u\|$ and $\|v\|$. Justify your answer.
3. Write down the spectral norm of A in terms of $\|u\|$ and $\|v\|$. Justify your answer.

Problem 5 (10 points)

Let x be a $d \times 1$ vector. Let y_i be constants, z_i be $d \times 1$ constant vectors, and β_i be $d \times 1$ constant vectors for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Write down the gradients for each of the following multivariate functions with respect to x . Given the other parameters describing the function, what is the time required to compute the gradient at a specific value of x ?

1. $F(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + e^{-y_i x^\top z_i})$.
2. $G(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x^\top \beta_i - y_i)^2$.
3. $H(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \log \frac{1}{x_i}$.
4. $J(x) = \log(\sum_{i=1}^n e^{2x_i})$.