

Introduction

Linear algebra forms the mathematical backbone of artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and deep learning (DL). At its core, these fields rely on the efficient representation, manipulation, and transformation of high-dimensional data, all of which are fundamentally governed by the principles of linear algebra. From the representation of datasets as matrices and vectors to the optimization of neural networks via gradient-based methods, the concepts of vector spaces, linear transformations, and matrix factorizations play an indispensable role.

A central theme in ML and DL is the representation of data in high-dimensional spaces, where each sample is often encoded as a vector in \mathbb{R}^n . These vectors undergo a series of linear transformations, which form the basis of operations such as feature extraction, dimensionality reduction, and classification. Neural networks themselves can be viewed as compositions of affine transformations followed by nonlinear activations, with weight matrices defining the structure of these transformations.

In AI applications, search algorithms and knowledge representation often employ adjacency matrices and eigenvalue decompositions to model complex relationships between entities. For instance, Google's PageRank algorithm, which determines the importance of web pages, is deeply rooted in the eigenvectors of a transition matrix, a fundamental result from linear algebra. Similarly, in reinforcement learning, Markov decision processes (MDPs) are often formulated in matrix form, where state transitions are governed by linear operators.

Deep learning architectures such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs), recurrent neural networks (RNNs), and transformer models rely heavily on matrix operations for forward and backward propagation. Convolutional layers can be expressed as structured matrix multiplications, while attention mechanisms in transformers perform weighted summations across sequences using linear projections. Moreover, singular value decomposition (SVD) and principal component analysis (PCA) are crucial for dimensionality reduction, enabling efficient training of models by eliminating redundant features.

Understanding linear algebra is thus essential for grasping the inner workings of AI, ML, and DL. The notions of vector spaces and subspaces provide a structured way to analyze data, while concepts such as linear dependence, basis, and dimension play a pivotal role in understanding feature representations. This chapter lays the foundation for these ideas, beginning with a formal introduction to vectors and vector spaces, before proceeding to key topics such as basis and dimension, which are crucial for understanding the geometry of high-dimensional data. Equipped with this knowledge, one can better appreciate the mathematical elegance underlying modern AI techniques.

A.1 Core Concepts in Linear Algebra

A.1.1 Vectors and Vector Spaces

Definition of Vectors and Their Properties

A vector is a mathematical object that possesses both magnitude and direction. Formally, a vector in an n -dimensional space \mathbb{R}^n is an ordered n -tuple of real numbers. That is, a vector \mathbf{v} in \mathbb{R}^n is written as:

$$\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n), \quad v_i \in \mathbb{R}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (\text{A.1})$$

Vectors can be added together and scaled by real numbers, leading to the following fundamental operations. Given two vectors $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$, their sum is defined as:

$$\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = (v_1 + w_1, v_2 + w_2, \dots, v_n + w_n). \quad (\text{A.2})$$

Scalar multiplication by $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ is given by:

$$\alpha \mathbf{v} = (\alpha v_1, \alpha v_2, \dots, \alpha v_n). \quad (\text{A.3})$$

These operations satisfy important algebraic properties, such as associativity, commutativity of vector addition, distributivity of scalar multiplication over vector addition, and the existence of a zero vector $\mathbf{0}$, which acts as an additive identity.

Example A.1

Consider the vectors $\mathbf{v} = (1, 2, 3)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (4, 5, 6)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 . Their sum is given by:

$$\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = (1 + 4, 2 + 5, 3 + 6) = (5, 7, 9). \quad (\text{A.4})$$

If we scale \mathbf{v} by $\alpha = 2$, we obtain:

$$2\mathbf{v} = (2 \cdot 1, 2 \cdot 2, 2 \cdot 3) = (2, 4, 6). \quad (\text{A.5})$$

Vector Spaces and Subspaces

A vector space V over a field \mathbb{F} (typically \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C}) is a set of elements called vectors, equipped with two operations: vector addition and scalar multiplication, that satisfy the following axioms for all $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V$ and all scalars $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}$:

1. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$ (commutativity of addition),
2. $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$ (associativity of addition),
3. There exists a unique zero vector $\mathbf{0} \in V$ such that $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{v}$ for all $\mathbf{v} \in V$,
4. Every $\mathbf{v} \in V$ has a unique additive inverse $-\mathbf{v}$ such that $\mathbf{v} + (-\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$,
5. $\alpha(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = \alpha\mathbf{u} + \alpha\mathbf{v}$ (distributivity of scalar multiplication over vector addition),
6. $(\alpha + \beta)\mathbf{v} = \alpha\mathbf{v} + \beta\mathbf{v}$ (distributivity of scalar multiplication over field addition),
7. $\alpha(\beta\mathbf{v}) = (\alpha\beta)\mathbf{v}$ (associativity of scalar multiplication),
8. $1\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$ for all $\mathbf{v} \in V$ (multiplicative identity of the field).

A subspace of a vector space V is a subset $W \subseteq V$ that itself forms a vector space under the same operations. That is, W must be closed under addition and scalar multiplication, and it must contain the zero vector.

Example A.2

Consider the set of all vectors of the form $(x, 0, 0)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 , where $x \in \mathbb{R}$. This set forms a subspace since it is closed under addition and scalar multiplication and contains the zero vector $(0, 0, 0)$.

Linear Dependence and Independence of Vectors

A set of vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ in a vector space V is said to be linearly dependent if there exist scalars $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k$, not all zero, such that:

$$\alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_k \mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{0}. \tag{A.6}$$

If the only solution to this equation is $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_k = 0$, then the set is linearly independent.

Example A.3

The vectors $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 0)$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = (0, 1)$ in \mathbb{R}^2 are linearly independent because the only solution to $\alpha_1(1, 0) + \alpha_2(0, 1) = (0, 0)$ is $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0$.

Basis and Dimension

A basis of a vector space V is a linearly independent set of vectors that spans V . That is, a set $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ is a basis if every $\mathbf{v} \in V$ can be expressed uniquely as a linear combination:

$$\mathbf{v} = c_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{b}_n, \quad c_i \in \mathbb{F}. \tag{A.7}$$

The number of vectors in any basis of V is called the dimension of V , denoted as $\dim(V)$.

Example A.4

The standard basis of \mathbb{R}^3 is given by:

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = (1, 0, 0), \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = (0, 1, 0), \quad \mathbf{e}_3 = (0, 0, 1). \tag{A.8}$$

Any vector $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ can be written as $x\mathbf{e}_1 + y\mathbf{e}_2 + z\mathbf{e}_3$, proving that these vectors form a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 .

A.1.2 Matrices and Linear Transformations

Matrices as Linear Operators

A linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ between two vector spaces V and W over the same field \mathbb{F} is a function that preserves vector addition and scalar multiplication, i.e., for all $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V$ and all $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$, we have:

$$T(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = T(\mathbf{v}) + T(\mathbf{w}), \tag{A.9}$$

$$T(\alpha \mathbf{v}) = \alpha T(\mathbf{v}). \tag{A.10}$$

Every linear transformation can be represented as a matrix when bases are fixed. If $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then T can be expressed as a multiplication by an $m \times n$ matrix A , such that:

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v}. \quad (\text{A.11})$$

The significance of matrices as linear operators extends to ML and AI, where transformations of high-dimensional feature spaces are often required. For example, DL architectures rely on weight matrices to perform learned linear transformations between layers.

Example A.5

Consider the transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ given by:

$$T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x + y \\ x - y \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.12})$$

This transformation can be written in matrix form as:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v}. \quad (\text{A.13})$$

This demonstrates how matrices serve as representations of linear transformations.

Matrix Representations of Linear Transformations

Given a basis $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$ of V , the action of T on each basis vector determines the columns of the matrix representation of T . That is, if:

$$T(\mathbf{e}_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} \mathbf{f}_i, \quad (\text{A.14})$$

where \mathbf{f}_i are basis vectors of W , then the matrix representation of T in these bases is:

$$[T] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.15})$$

In AI applications, matrix representations facilitate dimensionality reduction techniques such as PCA, where data transformations are performed using eigenvector decompositions of covariance matrices.

Properties of Projection Matrices

A projection matrix is a square matrix P that satisfies:

$$P^2 = P. \quad (\text{A.16})$$

This means applying the transformation twice has the same effect as applying it once, capturing the essence of projections in linear algebra. A projection matrix projects vectors onto a subspace. If U is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n and P is the matrix representing the orthogonal projection onto U , then for any $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

we have:

$$P\mathbf{v} \in U, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v} - P\mathbf{v} \perp U. \tag{A.17}$$

Example A.6

The projection matrix onto the line spanned by $(1, 1)$ in \mathbb{R}^2 is given by:

$$P = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{A.18}$$

Applying P to any vector (x, y) results in a projection onto the line $y = x$.

Projection matrices play a crucial role in regression models in ML. In ordinary least squares (OLS), the projection matrix projects the observed data onto the column space of the design matrix.

A.1.3 Quadratic Forms and Applications

Definition of Quadratic Forms

A quadratic form is a function $Q : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of the form:

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}, \tag{A.19}$$

where A is an $n \times n$ symmetric matrix and \mathbf{x} is an n -dimensional vector. Quadratic forms naturally arise in optimization problems, where they describe convex or concave objective functions. The nature of the quadratic form is determined by the eigenvalues of A :

1. If all eigenvalues are positive, $Q(\mathbf{x})$ is positive definite.
2. If all eigenvalues are nonnegative, $Q(\mathbf{x})$ is positive semidefinite.
3. If all eigenvalues are negative, $Q(\mathbf{x})$ is negative definite.
4. If A has both positive and negative eigenvalues, $Q(\mathbf{x})$ is indefinite.

Applications in Optimization and Machine Learning

Quadratic forms play a central role in optimization, particularly in convex optimization, where minimizing quadratic objective functions appears in problems such as support vector machines (SVMs) and ridge regression. One of the fundamental problems in ML is minimizing a quadratic loss function. In linear regression, the objective function is given by:

$$L(\mathbf{w}) = \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w} - 2\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y}. \tag{A.20}$$

This is a quadratic form in \mathbf{w} , and the minimizer satisfies the normal equation:

$$(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}) \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}. \tag{A.21}$$

Quadratic forms are also critical in understanding the Hessian matrix in second-order optimization methods. If $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a twice-differentiable function, the Hessian matrix $H = \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})$ is a symmetric matrix, and the quadratic form $\mathbf{x}^T H \mathbf{x}$ determines whether f has a local minimum or maximum.

Example A.7

In a logistic regression problem, the second-order Taylor expansion of the loss function involves a quadratic form with the Hessian matrix, which is used to refine weight updates in second-order optimization algorithms such as Newton's method.

Quadratic forms, through their application in optimization, shape the foundations of many ML algorithms, particularly in convex optimization techniques, which ensure efficient and robust model training.

A.2 Matrix Operations and Properties

A.2.1 Matrix Multiplication and Associated Properties

Dot Product, Outer Product, and Cross Product

Matrix multiplication is a fundamental operation in linear algebra that plays a crucial role in ML and AI. The dot product, outer product, and cross product are three essential types of multiplication, each serving distinct purposes.

The dot product, also known as the inner product, is defined for two vectors $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i. \quad (\text{A.22})$$

This operation measures the similarity between vectors and is widely used in DL, where it forms the core of attention mechanisms and similarity computations in embedding spaces.

The outer product of two vectors $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ results in an $m \times n$ matrix:

$$\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T. \quad (\text{A.23})$$

Outer products appear in the construction of rank-one matrices and in the computation of covariance matrices in statistics and ML.

The cross product is defined in \mathbb{R}^3 and produces a vector perpendicular to the input vectors:

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} u_2 v_3 - u_3 v_2 \\ u_3 v_1 - u_1 v_3 \\ u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.24})$$

This operation is particularly relevant in computer vision and physics-based simulations.

Example A.8

Let $\mathbf{u} = (1, 2, 3)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (4, 5, 6)$. The dot product is:

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 1(4) + 2(5) + 3(6) = 32. \quad (\text{A.25})$$

The outer product is:

$$\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 8 & 10 & 12 \\ 12 & 15 & 18 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.26})$$

Associativity, Distributivity, and Commutativity (where applicable)

Matrix multiplication satisfies associativity:

$$(AB)C = A(BC), \quad (\text{A.27})$$

and distributivity:

$$A(B + C) = AB + AC. \quad (\text{A.28})$$

However, in general, matrix multiplication is not commutative:

$$AB \neq BA. \quad (\text{A.29})$$

Commutativity holds in special cases, such as when A and B are diagonal matrices or if A and B are functions of the same symmetric matrix.

Example A.9

Consider $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Then,

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad BA = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.30})$$

Since $AB \neq BA$, we see that matrix multiplication is not commutative.

A.2.2 Special Matrices and Their Roles

Identity and Diagonal Matrices

The identity matrix I_n of size $n \times n$ is defined as:

$$I_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.31})$$

It satisfies $AI = IA = A$ for any conformable matrix A .

A diagonal matrix has nonzero elements only on the diagonal:

$$D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n). \quad (\text{A.32})$$

These matrices frequently arise in eigenvalue decompositions, where they represent scaling transformations.

Orthogonal Matrices and Their Applications

A matrix Q is orthogonal if:

$$Q^T Q = Q Q^T = I. \quad (\text{A.33})$$

Orthogonal matrices preserve vector norms and angles, making them crucial in ML for transformations such as PCA, where eigenvectors form an orthonormal basis.

Idempotent Matrices and Partition Matrices

A matrix P is idempotent if:

$$P^2 = P. \quad (\text{A.34})$$

Idempotent matrices appear in regression analysis, where the hat matrix in least squares estimation satisfies this property.

Partitioned matrices are used to break down complex operations into smaller components, facilitating efficient computation in neural networks.

A.2.3 Projections and Applications

Geometric Intuition of Projections

A projection of a vector \mathbf{x} onto a subspace spanned by \mathbf{u} is given by:

$$\text{Proj}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{x} = \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}}\mathbf{u}. \quad (\text{A.35})$$

This concept extends naturally to regression, where data points are projected onto a lower-dimensional space.

Example A.10

If $\mathbf{x} = (3, 4)$ and $\mathbf{u} = (1, 1)$, the projection is:

$$\text{Proj}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{x} = \frac{3(1) + 4(1)}{1^2 + 1^2}(1, 1) = \frac{7}{2}(1, 1) = (3.5, 3.5). \quad (\text{A.36})$$

Projection Matrix Properties and Their Role in Regression

The projection matrix onto a subspace spanned by the columns of X is given by:

$$P = X(X^T X)^{-1}X^T. \quad (\text{A.37})$$

This matrix plays a key role in least squares regression, where it maps observed data onto the space of fitted values.

Example A.11

In a simple linear regression model, the projection matrix transforms the response vector \mathbf{y} to the predicted values:

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = P\mathbf{y}. \quad (\text{A.38})$$

Projection matrices are fundamental in dimensionality reduction techniques such as PCA and kernel methods in AI.

A.3 Determinants, Rank, and Nullity

A.3.1 Determinants and Their Geometric Interpretation

Properties of Determinants

The determinant of a square matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, denoted as $\det(A)$ or $|A|$, is a scalar that provides essential information about the matrix, such as invertibility and volume distortion. The determinant satisfies the following fundamental properties:

1. **Multiplicativity:** For any two $n \times n$ matrices A and B ,

$$\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B). \tag{A.39}$$

2. **Determinant of Identity:** The identity matrix has determinant one:

$$\det(I_n) = 1. \tag{A.40}$$

3. **Triangular Matrices:** If A is a triangular matrix (upper or lower triangular), then the determinant is the product of its diagonal elements:

$$\det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii}. \tag{A.41}$$

4. **Row Operations:**

- (a) Swapping two rows of A negates the determinant.
- (b) Multiplying a row by a scalar λ scales the determinant by λ .
- (c) Adding a multiple of one row to another does not change the determinant.

5. **Singularity and Invertibility:** A matrix is singular (noninvertible) if and only if its determinant is zero:

$$\det(A) = 0 \iff A \text{ is singular.} \tag{A.42}$$

Determinants as Measures of Volume

Geometrically, the determinant measures how a matrix transforms volume. If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, the absolute value of $\det(A)$ represents the scaling factor by which the matrix stretches or compresses an n -dimensional volume. In \mathbb{R}^2 , the determinant of a matrix formed by two column vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$ is the signed area of the parallelogram they span:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} v_{11} & v_{12} \\ v_{21} & v_{22} \end{bmatrix} = v_{11}v_{22} - v_{12}v_{21}. \tag{A.43}$$

Similarly, in \mathbb{R}^3 , the determinant corresponds to the volume of a parallelepiped formed by three vectors.

Example A.12

Consider the matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.44})$$

The determinant is:

$$\det(A) = (3)(4) - (1)(2) = 10. \quad (\text{A.45})$$

This means the transformation scales the area of a unit square by a factor of 10.

Determinants are widely used in AI applications, such as in computing Jacobians for transformations in optimization algorithms and neural network training.

A.3.2 Rank and Nullity of Matrices

Rank-Nullity Theorem and Its Applications

The rank of a matrix A , denoted $\text{rank}(A)$, is the dimension of the column space of A , representing the number of linearly independent columns. The nullity of A , denoted $\text{null}(A)$, is the dimension of its null space, which consists of solutions to $A\mathbf{x} = 0$. The rank-nullity theorem states that for an $m \times n$ matrix A ,

$$\text{rank}(A) + \text{null}(A) = n. \quad (\text{A.46})$$

This theorem has significant implications in AI, particularly in deep learning, where understanding the rank of weight matrices affects the expressivity and generalization of neural networks.

Example A.13

Consider the matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.47})$$

Since the rows are linearly dependent (the third row is the sum of the first two), the rank is 2. By the rank-nullity theorem, the nullity is $3 - 2 = 1$.

Matrix Rank in Solving Systems of Equations

The rank of a coefficient matrix determines the number of solutions to a system of linear equations. If A has full column rank, the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a unique solution. If A has deficient rank, there may be infinitely many solutions or none.

A.3.3 System of Linear Equations and Gaussian Elimination

Representation of Systems Using Augmented Matrices

A system of linear equations can be represented as an augmented matrix:

$$[A|\mathbf{b}] = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{array} \right]. \quad (\text{A.48})$$

This matrix is manipulated using Gaussian elimination to find solutions.

Gaussian Elimination and Its Applications

Gaussian elimination transforms a system of equations into row echelon form through elementary row operations:

1. Swap rows if needed to ensure a nonzero leading coefficient.
2. Scale rows to create leading ones.
3. Use row replacement to eliminate terms below leading ones.

This method is fundamental in AI applications such as solving linear regression problems, where matrix inversion is computationally expensive.

Example A.14

Consider the system:

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y + 3z &= 6, \\ 2x + 3y + z &= 5, \\ y + 2z &= 3. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.49})$$

The augmented matrix is:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right]. \quad (\text{A.50})$$

Applying Gaussian elimination, we obtain the solution.

Conditions for Solution Existence and Uniqueness

A system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has:

1. A unique solution if $\text{rank}(A) = n$.
2. Infinitely many solutions if $\text{rank}(A) < n$ and A is consistent.
3. No solution if $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is inconsistent.

Understanding these conditions is vital in AI applications, where underdetermined and overdetermined systems frequently arise in optimization and DL.

A.4 Matrix Decompositions

A.4.1 Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors, and Diagonalization

Definition and Properties of Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Given a square matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, an eigenvalue λ and its corresponding eigenvector $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ satisfy:

$$A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}. \quad (\text{A.51})$$

Eigenvalues and eigenvectors capture intrinsic properties of linear transformations and are fundamental in ML, where they play roles in stability analysis, spectral clustering, and dimensionality reduction. Eigenvalues are solutions of the characteristic equation:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0. \quad (\text{A.52})$$

Eigenvectors corresponding to a given eigenvalue λ form a subspace known as the eigenspace:

$$\mathcal{E}_\lambda = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (A - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}\}. \quad (\text{A.53})$$

Example A.15

Consider the matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.54})$$

The characteristic equation is:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 4 - \lambda & -2 \\ 1 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (4 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) + 2 = 0. \quad (\text{A.55})$$

Solving for λ , we obtain eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = 3$, $\lambda_2 = 2$, with corresponding eigenvectors.

Geometric Intuition of Eigen Decomposition

Eigenvectors represent invariant directions under the linear transformation A , while eigenvalues determine the scaling factor along these directions. In AI, spectral analysis of matrices such as graph Laplacians and covariance matrices relies on eigen decomposition.

Diagonalization of Matrices and Applications

A matrix A is diagonalizable if there exists an invertible matrix P and a diagonal matrix D such that:

$$A = PDP^{-1}, \quad (\text{A.56})$$

where the columns of P are eigenvectors of A and D contains the corresponding eigenvalues. Diagonalization simplifies matrix exponentiation and powers, crucial in analyzing Markov chains and stability in neural networks.

A.4.2 LU and QR Decompositions

LU Decomposition for Solving Linear Systems

LU decomposition factors a matrix A as:

$$A = LU, \tag{A.57}$$

where L is a lower triangular matrix and U is an upper triangular matrix. This decomposition is useful in efficiently solving linear systems by forward and backward substitution.

Example A.16

Consider:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{A.58}$$

We decompose it as:

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \tag{A.59}$$

where $A = LU$.

QR Decomposition for Orthogonalization

QR decomposition represents a matrix as:

$$A = QR, \tag{A.60}$$

where Q is an orthogonal matrix ($Q^T Q = I$) and R is an upper triangular matrix. This decomposition is fundamental in least squares regression and eigenvalue computations.

A.4.3 Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

Definition and Properties of SVD

SVD factorizes any matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ into three matrices:

$$A = U \Sigma V^T, \tag{A.61}$$

where:

1. $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ is an orthogonal matrix whose columns are left singular vectors.
2. $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is a diagonal matrix containing singular values σ_i .
3. $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is an orthogonal matrix whose columns are right singular vectors.

Geometric Interpretation of SVD

SVD reveals that applying A to a unit sphere transforms it into an ellipsoid. The singular values σ_i correspond to the semi-axes of the ellipsoid, while U and V determine rotation matrices.

Thin SVD

In many applications, the full decomposition is unnecessary. Thin SVD, also known as reduced SVD, is an optimized version of SVD that removes unnecessary singular vectors, reducing computational complexity. Instead of computing the full U and V , we only compute the first $r = \min(m, n)$ singular vectors:

$$A = U_r \Sigma_r V_r^T, \quad (\text{A.62})$$

where $U_r \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$, $\Sigma_r \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$, and $V_r \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$. This version is particularly useful when A is a tall or wide matrix, as storing the full U or V can be unnecessary.

To illustrate this, consider the following examples:

Example 1: Tall Matrix ($m > n$)

Consider a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{100 \times 10}$, where the number of rows is much greater than the number of columns. This is typical in ML datasets, where each row represents a sample and each column a feature.

For full SVD, the dimensions are:

$$U \in \mathbb{R}^{100 \times 100}, \quad \Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{100 \times 100}, \quad V \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 10}. \quad (\text{A.63})$$

For thin SVD, we compute only the necessary singular vectors:

$$U_r \in \mathbb{R}^{100 \times 10}, \quad \Sigma_r \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 10}, \quad V_r \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 10}. \quad (\text{A.64})$$

Example 2: Wide Matrix ($m < n$)

Consider a wide matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 100}$, where the number of features (columns) is greater than the number of samples (rows). Such matrices appear in high-dimensional problems such as text embeddings and image processing. For full SVD, the dimensions are:

$$U \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 10}, \quad \Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 100}, \quad V \in \mathbb{R}^{100 \times 100}. \quad (\text{A.65})$$

For thin SVD, we only compute:

$$U_r \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 10}, \quad \Sigma_r \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 10}, \quad V_r \in \mathbb{R}^{100 \times 10}. \quad (\text{A.66})$$

Thin SVD is advantageous in these cases because it avoids storing large unnecessary orthogonal matrices while retaining the necessary information to reconstruct the matrix.

Applications of SVD in Dimensionality Reduction and PCA

SVD underlies PCA, a widely used technique in AI for feature extraction. Given a dataset X , PCA finds the best low-dimensional representation by projecting onto the principal components obtained from SVD.

Example A.17

In PCA, given a data matrix X , we compute:

$$X^T X = V \Sigma^2 V^T. \quad (\text{A.67})$$

The principal components are given by the top k singular vectors in V .

SVD is also critical in recommendation systems, where matrix factorization is used to decompose user-item rating matrices into latent factor representations.

A.5 Advanced Topics in Linear Algebra

A.5.1 Orthogonal and Orthonormal Matrices

Gram-Schmidt Process for Orthonormalization

An orthonormal set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^n consists of mutually orthogonal unit vectors. Given a set of linearly independent vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$, the Gram-Schmidt process constructs an orthonormal basis $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n\}$ by iteratively orthogonalizing each vector:

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_1}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|} \tag{A.68}$$

$$\mathbf{q}_k = \frac{\mathbf{v}_k - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (\mathbf{v}_k \cdot \mathbf{q}_i) \mathbf{q}_i}{\|\mathbf{v}_k - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (\mathbf{v}_k \cdot \mathbf{q}_i) \mathbf{q}_i\|} \tag{A.69}$$

This process is essential in numerical algorithms, particularly in QR decomposition and iterative methods used in AI models.

Example A.18

Consider two linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{A.70}$$

The first orthonormal vector is:

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{v}_1}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{A.71}$$

The projection of \mathbf{v}_2 onto \mathbf{q}_1 is:

$$\text{Proj}_{\mathbf{q}_1} \mathbf{v}_2 = \left(\frac{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{q}_1}{\mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{q}_1} \right) \mathbf{q}_1. \tag{A.72}$$

Subtracting this from \mathbf{v}_2 and normalizing gives \mathbf{q}_2 .

Applications in QR Decomposition and Least Squares Problems

QR decomposition expresses a matrix A as:

$$A = QR, \tag{A.73}$$

where Q is an orthogonal matrix and R is an upper triangular matrix. This decomposition is crucial in least squares problems where one minimizes:

$$\|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|^2. \tag{A.74}$$

The least squares solution is obtained using:

$$\mathbf{x} = R^{-1}Q^T \mathbf{b}. \quad (\text{A.75})$$

A.5.2 Partitioned Matrices and Block Operations

Partitioned Matrices and Their Applications

Partitioned matrices facilitate efficient computation, especially in large-scale AI models where block operations improve numerical stability. If A and B are partitioned conformably:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A.76})$$

then operations such as block inversion follow:

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1} + A^{-1}B(D - CA^{-1}B)^{-1}CA^{-1} & -A^{-1}B(D - CA^{-1}B)^{-1} \\ -(D - CA^{-1}B)^{-1}CA^{-1} & (D - CA^{-1}B)^{-1} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.77})$$

Matrix Operations with Block Partitions

Matrix multiplication, inversion, and eigendecomposition can be optimized using block matrices, particularly in deep learning, where weight matrices are structured.

A.5.3 Moore-Penrose Pseudo-Inverse

Definition and Computation of Pseudo-Inverse

For a nonsquare or singular matrix A , the Moore-Penrose pseudo-inverse A^+ satisfies:

1. $AA^+A = A$,
2. $A^+AA^+ = A^+$,
3. $(AA^+)^T = AA^+$,
4. $(A^+A)^T = A^+A$.

It is computed using the SVD:

$$A^+ = V\Sigma^+U^T. \quad (\text{A.78})$$

Applications in Solving Underdetermined and Overdetermined Systems

In AI, pseudo-inverses solve least squares problems and underdetermined systems where A has more variables than equations:

$$\mathbf{x} = A^+\mathbf{b}. \quad (\text{A.79})$$

Example A.19

For $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$, the pseudo-inverse allows solving:

$$A^+A\mathbf{x} = A^+\mathbf{b}. \tag{A.80}$$

A.5.4 Applications of Quadratic Forms

Quadratic Forms in Optimization Problems

Quadratic forms appear in optimization, where a function:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T H\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{x} + c \tag{A.81}$$

has a critical point at:

$$H\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b} = 0. \tag{A.82}$$

Gradient descent methods rely on this structure, particularly in convex optimization.

Definiteness of Matrices and Its Role in Convexity

The definiteness of a matrix H determines whether $f(\mathbf{x})$ has a local minimum or maximum:

1. H is positive definite $\Rightarrow f(\mathbf{x})$ is convex.
2. H is negative definite $\Rightarrow f(\mathbf{x})$ is concave.
3. H is indefinite $\Rightarrow f(\mathbf{x})$ has a saddle point.

Example A.20

The Hessian of $f(x,y) = x^2 + 2xy + 2y^2$ is:

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{A.83}$$

Since $\det(H) = 0$, the function is not strictly convex.

B.1 Foundational Concepts in Probability

B.1.1 Counting and Combinatorics

Permutations and Combinations

Combinatorial methods provide fundamental tools for computing probabilities in discrete sample spaces. The number of ways to arrange n distinct objects in sequence, known as a permutation, is given by:

$$P(n, r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}. \quad (\text{B.1})$$

If order does not matter, we use combinations:

$$C(n, r) = \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}. \quad (\text{B.2})$$

These methods are crucial in probability calculations, particularly in computing likelihoods of discrete outcomes in artificial intelligence (AI) models such as probabilistic graphical models.

Example B.1

Suppose a dataset contains 10 features, and we wish to select 3 without considering order. The number of ways to choose these features is:

$$\binom{10}{3} = \frac{10!}{3!(10-3)!} = 120. \quad (\text{B.3})$$

Applications in Probability Calculations

In machine learning, combinatorial probability arises in model selection, feature subset selection, and counting events in structured probabilistic spaces. For instance, computing the probability of a specific outcome in a multinomial setting requires counting arrangements of discrete variables.

B.1.2 Axioms of Probability and Basic Definitions

Probability Axioms

A probability measure P is a function that assigns a probability to each event in a sample space Ω such that:

1. $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$ for all events A .
2. $P(\Omega) = 1$.
3. If A_1, A_2, \dots are disjoint events, then:

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i). \quad (\text{B.4})$$

These axioms serve as the foundation for probabilistic reasoning in AI, such as Bayesian inference and Markov models.

Sample Space and Events

The sample space Ω is the set of all possible outcomes. An event is a subset of Ω . If outcomes are equally likely, the probability of an event A is:

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|}. \quad (\text{B.5})$$

Example B.2

In a coin toss experiment where $\Omega = \{H, T\}$, the probability of obtaining heads is:

$$P(H) = \frac{1}{2}. \quad (\text{B.6})$$

Independent and Mutually Exclusive Events

Events A and B are independent if:

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B). \quad (\text{B.7})$$

They are mutually exclusive if:

$$P(A \cap B) = 0. \quad (\text{B.8})$$

In AI, independence assumptions are often used in naive Bayes classifiers to simplify probabilistic computations.

B.1.3 Marginal, Conditional, and Joint Probabilities

Definition of Marginal and Joint Probabilities

The joint probability of two events A and B is:

$$P(A, B) = P(A \cap B). \quad (\text{B.9})$$

The marginal probability of A is obtained by summing over all possible values of B :

$$P(A) = \sum_B P(A, B). \quad (\text{B.10})$$

Marginal probabilities are essential in probabilistic graphical models used in AI.

Conditional Probability and Applications

The probability of A given that B has occurred is:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A, B)}{P(B)}. \quad (\text{B.11})$$

This concept is widely used in decision-making algorithms and reinforcement learning.

Bayes' Theorem and Its Implications

Bayes' theorem relates conditional and marginal probabilities:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}. \quad (\text{B.12})$$

This theorem underlies Bayesian inference, which is fundamental in probabilistic AI models.

Example B.3

Suppose a disease affects 1% of a population, and a test correctly identifies the disease with 99% accuracy but has a 5% false positive rate. The probability of a person having the disease given a positive test result is computed using Bayes' theorem.

B.1.4 Expectation, Variance, and Moments

Mean, Median, and Mode

The expectation of a random variable X is:

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_x xP(X = x). \quad (\text{B.13})$$

The variance measures dispersion:

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2]. \quad (\text{B.14})$$

These concepts are essential in statistical learning theory and optimization.

Conditional Expectation and Variance

Conditional expectation is:

$$\mathbb{E}[X|Y] = \sum_x xP(X = x|Y = y). \quad (\text{B.15})$$

In AI, this is used in hidden Markov models and expectation-maximization algorithms.

Higher-Order Moments and Their Interpretations

Higher-order moments characterize distributions:

1. The third moment (skewness) indicates asymmetry.
2. The fourth moment (kurtosis) measures the heaviness of tails.

These properties are useful in anomaly detection.

B.1.5 Covariance and Correlation

Covariance and Its Role in Variability

The covariance between two variables X and Y is:

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])(Y - \mathbb{E}[Y])]. \quad (\text{B.16})$$

A positive covariance indicates a direct relationship, while a negative covariance suggests an inverse relationship.

Pearson Correlation Coefficient and Applications

The Pearson correlation coefficient normalizes covariance:

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}. \quad (\text{B.17})$$

This measure is widely used in AI for feature selection and clustering.

B.2 Random Variables and Their Distributions

B.2.1 Random Variables

Discrete Random Variables and Probability Mass Functions (PMFs)

A random variable is a function that assigns a numerical value to each outcome in a sample space. A discrete random variable X takes values from a countable set $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ with an associated probability mass function (PMF):

$$P(X = x) = p(x), \quad \text{where } \sum_x p(x) = 1. \quad (\text{B.18})$$

The PMF provides the probability of each discrete outcome and is fundamental in modeling categorical and integer-valued data.

Example B.4

Suppose a fair six-sided die is rolled, and let X be the outcome. Since each face appears with equal probability, the PMF is:

$$P(X = k) = \frac{1}{6}, \quad k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}. \quad (\text{B.19})$$

In AI, discrete random variables arise in classification problems, where class labels are assigned probabilistic values.

Continuous Random Variables and Probability Density Functions (PDFs)

A continuous random variable X can take any value in a given interval. Instead of a PMF, its probability distribution is characterized by a probability density function (PDF), $f(x)$, satisfying:

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x)dx, \quad \text{where} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = 1. \quad (\text{B.20})$$

The probability of any specific value $X = x$ is zero, as continuous distributions describe probabilities over intervals.

Example B.5

The uniform distribution on $[0, 1]$ has PDF:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (\text{B.21})$$

Continuous random variables are extensively used in AI, such as in modeling sensor data in robotics and probability density estimation in unsupervised learning.

B.2.2 Discrete Distributions

Uniform Distribution

A discrete uniform distribution assigns equal probability to n outcomes:

$$P(X = k) = \frac{1}{n}, \quad k \in \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}. \quad (\text{B.22})$$

It is commonly used in randomized algorithms and Monte Carlo simulations in AI.

Bernoulli and Binomial Distributions

A Bernoulli random variable models a single trial with two possible outcomes, 1 (success) and 0 (failure), with probability p of success:

$$P(X = 1) = p, \quad P(X = 0) = 1 - p. \quad (\text{B.23})$$

The binomial distribution extends this to n independent trials, where X counts the number of successes:

$$P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n. \quad (\text{B.24})$$

Example B.6

If a biased coin lands heads with probability 0.7, the probability of getting exactly 3 heads in 5 flips is:

$$P(X = 3) = \binom{5}{3} (0.7)^3 (0.3)^2. \quad (\text{B.25})$$

Binomial distributions appear in classification tasks, where outcomes follow categorical distributions.

Poisson Distribution and Applications

The Poisson distribution models the number of occurrences of an event in a fixed interval, given an average rate λ :

$$P(X = k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}, \quad k \geq 0. \quad (\text{B.26})$$

Example B.7

If a chatbot receives an average of 10 messages per minute, the probability of receiving exactly 7 messages in a given minute is:

$$P(X = 7) = \frac{10^7 e^{-10}}{7!}. \quad (\text{B.27})$$

In AI, Poisson models are used for event-driven processes such as queueing theory in reinforcement learning.

B.2.3 Continuous Distributions**Uniform Distribution**

The continuous uniform distribution on $[a, b]$ has PDF:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{b - a}, \quad a \leq x \leq b. \quad (\text{B.28})$$

This distribution is essential in random number generation for stochastic optimization methods.

Exponential Distribution and Its Applications

The exponential distribution describes the waiting time between events in a Poisson process:

$$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, \quad x \geq 0. \quad (\text{B.29})$$

It is memoryless, meaning:

$$P(X > s + t | X > s) = P(X > t). \quad (\text{B.30})$$

Example B.8

If a processor executes jobs at a rate of 5 per second, the time until the next job follows:

$$f(x) = 5e^{-5x}. \quad (\text{B.31})$$

This distribution is widely used in reinforcement learning and queueing models in AI.

Normal Distribution and Its Properties

The normal (Gaussian) distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (\text{B.32})$$

It is characterized by its mean μ and variance σ^2 , and it satisfies the central limit theorem, making it fundamental in statistical learning.

Example B.9

If human heights follow a normal distribution with $\mu = 170$ cm and $\sigma = 10$ cm, the probability density of a person being 175 cm is:

$$f(175) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(10)^2}} e^{-\frac{(175-170)^2}{2(10)^2}}. \quad (\text{B.33})$$

Normal distributions are used in generative models such as Gaussian mixture models (GMMs) and variational autoencoders.

Standard Normal Distribution and Z-Scores

The standard normal distribution is the normal distribution with $\mu = 0$ and $\sigma = 1$. The standard score (Z-score) transforms any normal variable into a standard normal variable:

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}. \quad (\text{B.34})$$

Z-scores are used in feature normalization techniques in machine learning.

Example B.10

If a student's exam score is 85, with a class average of 75 and a standard deviation of 5, their Z-score is:

$$Z = \frac{85 - 75}{5} = 2. \quad (\text{B.35})$$

***t*-Distribution and Its Use in Small-Sample Inference**

The Student's t -distribution is a probability distribution that arises when estimating the mean of a normally distributed population with a small sample size. If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) samples from a normal distribution with mean μ and unknown variance σ^2 , then the statistic:

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \quad (\text{B.36})$$

follows a t -distribution with $n - 1$ degrees of freedom, where:

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \quad S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2. \quad (\text{B.37})$$

Unlike the normal distribution, the t -distribution has heavier tails, making it more robust to deviations from normality in small samples. As the sample size increases, the t -distribution approaches the standard normal distribution.

Example B.11

Suppose the test scores of 10 students are sampled, yielding a sample mean of 75 and a standard deviation of 8. To construct a 95% confidence interval for the population mean, we use the t -distribution with 9 degrees of freedom:

$$\left(\bar{X} - t_{0.025,9} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + t_{0.025,9} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} \right). \quad (\text{B.38})$$

If $t_{0.025,9} \approx 2.262$, then:

$$\left(75 - 2.262 \times \frac{8}{\sqrt{10}}, 75 + 2.262 \times \frac{8}{\sqrt{10}} \right). \quad (\text{B.39})$$

The t -distribution is widely used in AI for statistical hypothesis testing, particularly in cases with small datasets.

Chi-Squared Distribution and Its Role in Hypothesis Testing

The chi-squared (χ^2) distribution is commonly used in hypothesis testing and goodness-of-fit tests. If Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_k are independent standard normal variables, then:

$$\chi_k^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k Z_i^2 \quad (\text{B.40})$$

follows a chi-squared distribution with k degrees of freedom. One of its primary applications is in variance estimation. Given a normal population with variance σ^2 , the sample variance S^2 satisfies:

$$\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2. \quad (\text{B.41})$$

Example B.12

A researcher wants to test whether a dataset follows a normal distribution. Using a chi-squared goodness-of-fit test, the observed and expected frequencies are compared using:

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}. \quad (\text{B.42})$$

In AI, chi-squared tests are used in feature selection for evaluating the dependence between categorical variables.

B.2.4 Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)**Definition and Interpretation of CDF**

The cumulative distribution function (CDF) of a random variable X is defined as:

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x). \quad (\text{B.43})$$

For a discrete random variable,

$$F(x) = \sum_{t \leq x} P(X = t). \quad (\text{B.44})$$

For a continuous random variable,

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt. \quad (\text{B.45})$$

Example B.13

If $X \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$, then its CDF is:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0, \\ x, & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 1, & x > 1. \end{cases} \quad (\text{B.46})$$

The CDF is crucial in AI applications such as computing probability thresholds in decision-making systems.

Conditional PDF and Practical Applications

The conditional PDF is defined as:

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}, \quad (\text{B.47})$$

where $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$ is the joint PDF. Conditional densities are widely used in Bayesian inference and probabilistic modeling.

Example B.14

If X and Y are jointly normal, the conditional distribution $X | Y = y$ is:

$$X | Y = y \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_X + \rho \frac{\sigma_X}{\sigma_Y}(y - \mu_Y), (1 - \rho^2)\sigma_X^2\right). \quad (\text{B.48})$$

Conditional densities play a key role in AI applications such as GMMs.

B.2.5 The Central Limit Theorem (CLT)**Statement and Importance of CLT**

The central limit theorem (CLT) states that the sum (or average) of a large number of independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) random variables, each with finite mean μ and variance σ^2 , approaches a normal distribution:

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1). \quad (\text{B.49})$$

This theorem justifies why normal distributions frequently appear in AI and machine learning.

Example B.15

Suppose we repeatedly sample the mean of 100 observations from an exponential distribution. By the CLT, the sample mean follows an approximately normal distribution.

Implications for Large-Sample Approximation

The CLT enables the use of normal approximations for binomial and other distributions when n is large. This is particularly useful in hypothesis testing, confidence interval estimation, and deep learning optimization.

Example B.16

In deep learning, stochastic gradient descent (SGD) updates can be analyzed using the CLT, where mini-batch gradients approximate the expectation over the entire dataset.

B.3 Inferential Statistics and Hypothesis Testing**B.3.1 Confidence Intervals and Their Construction**

Confidence intervals provide a range of plausible values for a population parameter based on a sample statistic. Given a confidence level $1 - \alpha$, the interval is constructed such that if repeated samples were drawn, the true parameter would fall within this interval in approximately $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ of cases. Mathematically, for an estimator $\hat{\theta}$ of a parameter θ , a confidence interval takes the general form:

$$\hat{\theta} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \text{SE}(\hat{\theta}), \quad (\text{B.50})$$

where $z_{\alpha/2}$ is the critical value from the standard normal distribution (or $t_{\alpha/2, n-1}$ from the t -distribution for small samples), and $SE(\hat{\theta})$ is the standard error of the estimator.

Confidence Intervals for Means

For a normally distributed population with unknown variance, a confidence interval for the mean μ is given by:

$$\left(\bar{X} - t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} \right), \quad (\text{B.51})$$

where \bar{X} is the sample mean, S is the sample standard deviation, and n is the sample size.

Example B.17

Suppose the exam scores of 15 students yield a sample mean of 82 and a standard deviation of 10. To construct a 95% confidence interval, we use $t_{\alpha/2, 14} \approx 2.145$:

$$\left(82 - 2.145 \frac{10}{\sqrt{15}}, 82 + 2.145 \frac{10}{\sqrt{15}} \right). \quad (\text{B.52})$$

Confidence intervals play a key role in AI for estimating parameters in probabilistic models and quantifying uncertainty in machine learning predictions.

Confidence Intervals for Proportions

For a population proportion p , the confidence interval is derived from the sample proportion \hat{p} :

$$\left(\hat{p} - z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}, \hat{p} + z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \right). \quad (\text{B.53})$$

Example B.18

Suppose an AI model correctly classifies 80 out of 100 images. The estimated proportion of correct classifications is $\hat{p} = 0.8$. A 95% confidence interval is:

$$\left(0.8 - 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.8(0.2)}{100}}, 0.8 + 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.8(0.2)}{100}} \right). \quad (\text{B.54})$$

This is useful in AI for evaluating model accuracy and performance metrics.

B.3.2 Hypothesis Testing Fundamentals

Hypothesis testing is a statistical method used to determine whether a given assumption about a population parameter should be rejected or not, based on sample data. The process involves formulating a null hypothesis H_0 and an alternative hypothesis H_1 , computing a test statistic, and comparing it to a critical value or using a p -value approach.

Null and Alternative Hypotheses

The null hypothesis H_0 represents the default assumption that there is no effect or no difference. The alternative hypothesis H_1 represents the claim that contradicts H_0 and is what we seek to provide evidence for. For a population mean μ , hypotheses can take the following forms:

1. Two-tailed test: $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0, H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$.
2. Left-tailed test: $H_0 : \mu \geq \mu_0, H_1 : \mu < \mu_0$.
3. Right-tailed test: $H_0 : \mu \leq \mu_0, H_1 : \mu > \mu_0$.

The test statistic for a mean with known variance is:

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}. \quad (\text{B.55})$$

If the variance is unknown, the t -statistic is used:

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}}. \quad (\text{B.56})$$

Example B.19

Suppose an AI model's prediction confidence is claimed to be 85%. A researcher tests this claim with a sample of 50 predictions yielding $\bar{X} = 82\%$ and $S = 5\%$. The hypotheses are:

$$H_0 : \mu = 85\%, \quad H_1 : \mu < 85\%. \quad (\text{B.57})$$

The test statistic is:

$$T = \frac{82 - 85}{5/\sqrt{50}}. \quad (\text{B.58})$$

Type I and Type II Errors

Type I and Type II errors describe incorrect decisions in hypothesis testing.

- A Type I error occurs when H_0 is rejected when it is actually true. The probability of this error is the significance level α .
- A Type II error occurs when H_0 is not rejected when H_1 is true. The probability of this error is β .

The power of a test, defined as $1 - \beta$, represents the probability of correctly rejecting H_0 when H_1 is true.

Example B.20

An AI classifier is tested for accuracy in detecting fraudulent transactions. If a nonfraudulent transaction is incorrectly classified as fraudulent, it is a Type I error. If a fraudulent transaction is missed, it is a Type II error.

Balancing these errors is crucial in AI applications, particularly in classification tasks where false positives and false negatives must be carefully managed.

B.3.3 Parametric Tests

Parametric tests are statistical hypothesis tests that assume the data follows a specific distribution, usually a normal distribution. These tests are used to make inferences about population parameters when underlying assumptions hold.

z-Tests for Population Means and Proportions

The z -test is used to test hypotheses about a population mean or proportion when the sample size is large ($n \geq 30$) or the population standard deviation σ is known. For a population mean, the test statistic is:

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}, \quad (\text{B.59})$$

where \bar{X} is the sample mean, μ_0 is the population mean under H_0 , σ is the known population standard deviation, and n is the sample size.

For a population proportion p , the test statistic is:

$$Z = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{\frac{p_0(1-p_0)}{n}}}, \quad (\text{B.60})$$

where \hat{p} is the sample proportion and p_0 is the hypothesized population proportion.

Example B.21

Suppose a machine learning classifier claims 90% accuracy. A sample of 200 classified instances shows an accuracy of 87%. We test:

$$H_0 : p = 0.90, \quad H_1 : p < 0.90. \quad (\text{B.61})$$

The test statistic is:

$$Z = \frac{0.87 - 0.90}{\sqrt{\frac{0.90(0.10)}{200}}}. \quad (\text{B.62})$$

If Z falls below the critical value for $\alpha = 0.05$, we reject H_0 .

The z -test is commonly used in AI for evaluating classification accuracy and A/B testing.

t-Tests for Small Samples

When the population standard deviation σ is unknown and the sample size is small ($n < 30$), a t -test is used instead of a z -test. The test statistic follows a Student's t -distribution with $n - 1$ degrees of freedom:

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}}, \quad (\text{B.63})$$

where S is the sample standard deviation.

There are three types of t -tests:

1. One-sample t -test: Compares a sample mean to a known population mean.
2. Two-sample t -test: Compares means of two independent samples.
3. Paired t -test: Compares means of two related samples (e.g., before-and-after measurements).

Example B.22

Suppose a new feature engineering method is tested on a dataset, and the model's accuracy improves from 75% to 78% with a standard deviation of 3% across 15 experiments. The hypothesis test:

$$H_0 : \mu = 75\%, \quad H_1 : \mu > 75\%. \quad (\text{B.64})$$

The test statistic is:

$$T = \frac{78 - 75}{3/\sqrt{15}}. \quad (\text{B.65})$$

t -tests are widely used in AI experiments where sample sizes are small, such as performance evaluations of models on limited datasets.

B.3.4 Non-parametric and Specialized Tests

Nonparametric tests do not assume a specific distribution for the data. These tests are useful when data does not meet normality assumptions or when working with categorical variables.

Chi-Squared Test for Categorical Data

The chi-squared (χ^2) test is used for categorical data to assess the independence between two variables or the goodness-of-fit of observed frequencies to expected frequencies. For a contingency table with observed counts O_{ij} and expected counts E_{ij} , the test statistic is:

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \sum_j \frac{(O_{ij} - E_{ij})^2}{E_{ij}}. \quad (\text{B.66})$$

Example B.23

Suppose we test whether user preference for an AI chatbot differs by age group. A chi-squared test is performed on a contingency table comparing observed and expected preferences.

Chi-squared tests are widely used in AI applications such as feature selection in natural language processing and bias detection in model outputs.

Goodness-of-Fit Tests and Applications

Goodness-of-fit tests evaluate whether a dataset follows a specific distribution. One of the most common goodness-of-fit tests is the chi-squared goodness-of-fit test, which compares observed frequencies to expected frequencies under a hypothesized distribution.

Another common test is the Kolmogorov-Smirnov (KS) test, which compares the empirical cumulative distribution function (ECDF) of the sample to the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of the theoretical distribution:

$$D_n = \sup_x |F_n(x) - F(x)|, \quad (\text{B.67})$$

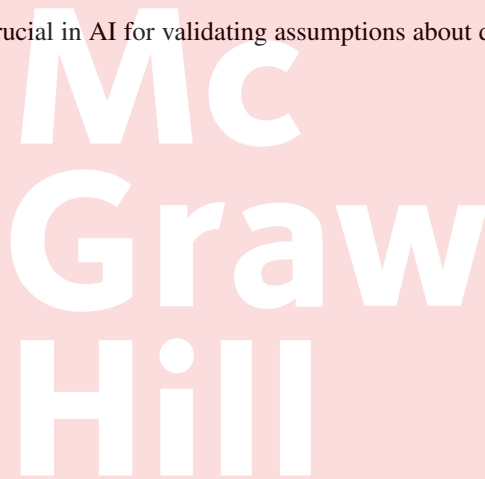
where $F_n(x)$ is the ECDF of the sample and $F(x)$ is the theoretical CDF.

Example B.24

Suppose we want to check if the distribution of user response times in an AI-based chatbot follows an exponential distribution. The KS test compares:

$$H_0 : F(x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}. \quad (\text{B.68})$$

Goodness-of-fit tests are crucial in AI for validating assumptions about data distributions in probabilistic models.

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C.1 Geometric Foundations

C.1.1 Euclidean and Non-Euclidean Geometry

Geometric principles provide the foundation for many artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning techniques, including clustering, classification, dimensionality reduction, and optimization. Euclidean geometry, based on the classical notion of distance and angles, is widely used in machine learning models, while non-Euclidean geometry plays a crucial role in deep learning, representation learning, and generative models.

Distance Metrics in High-Dimensional Spaces

Distance metrics are essential in various AI applications, particularly in clustering, nearest-neighbor methods, and kernel-based learning. The Euclidean distance between two points $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is given by:

$$d_E(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2}. \quad (\text{C.1})$$

While Euclidean distance is intuitive, it suffers from the curse of dimensionality, where distances become less meaningful as n grows. Other distance metrics, such as the Manhattan distance:

$$d_M(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|, \quad (\text{C.2})$$

and the Minkowski distance:

$$d_p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad (\text{C.3})$$

generalize Euclidean distance and provide alternative notions of proximity.

Example C.1

In high-dimensional space, data points tend to become equidistant, reducing the effectiveness of distance-based learning algorithms. To mitigate this, cosine similarity is often used:

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\|}. \quad (\text{C.4})$$

Non-Euclidean geometries, such as hyperbolic and spherical geometries, provide alternative distance metrics that are more suitable for hierarchical and graph-based data representations in AI.

Geometric Intuition Behind Hyperplanes and Half-Spaces

A hyperplane in \mathbb{R}^n is a flat affine subspace of dimension $n - 1$, defined by:

$$H = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b = 0\}, \quad (\text{C.5})$$

where \mathbf{w} is the normal vector to the hyperplane and b is a bias term.

Hyperplanes are fundamental in AI, particularly in support vector machines (SVMs) and neural networks, where they define decision boundaries. The notion of a half-space:

$$H^+ = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b > 0\} \quad (\text{C.6})$$

is crucial in convex optimization and classification problems.

Example C.2

In an SVM, a separating hyperplane is chosen to maximize the margin between two classes. The margin is given by $\frac{2}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$.

C.1.2 Convex Geometry and Optimization

Convex geometry plays a central role in optimization and machine learning. Many machine learning models, such as logistic regression and deep learning, rely on convex optimization techniques.

Convex Sets, Convex Hulls, and Polyhedra

A set $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex if for all $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in C$ and any $\lambda \in [0, 1]$,

$$\lambda \mathbf{x} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{y} \in C. \quad (\text{C.7})$$

The convex hull of a set of points S is the smallest convex set containing S , formally defined as:

$$\text{conv}(S) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \mathbf{x}_i \mid \mathbf{x}_i \in S, \lambda_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i = 1 \right\}. \quad (\text{C.8})$$

A polyhedron is an intersection of a finite number of half-spaces:

$$P = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\}. \quad (\text{C.9})$$

In linear programming, feasible regions are polyhedra, and solutions lie at vertices, making convexity a crucial property.

Support Functions and Separating Hyperplanes

A support function describes the farthest extent of a convex set in a given direction:

$$h_C(\mathbf{w}) = \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in C} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}. \quad (\text{C.10})$$

The separating hyperplane theorem states that if C and D are two disjoint convex sets, then there exists a hyperplane that separates them:

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b \geq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in C, \quad \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{y} + b \leq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{y} \in D. \quad (\text{C.11})$$

In deep learning, activation functions such as ReLU define half-spaces, segmenting input space into convex regions to aid optimization.

C.2 Manifolds

The concept of manifolds provides a fundamental framework for understanding geometric structures in high-dimensional spaces. Manifolds serve as natural generalizations of curves and surfaces, playing a crucial role in modern AI techniques such as manifold learning, geometric deep learning, and optimization on structured spaces. Many real-world datasets lie on low-dimensional manifolds embedded in high-dimensional spaces, making manifold-based methods essential for effective representation learning.

C.2.1 Tangent Spaces and Differentiable Manifolds

A *topological manifold* of dimension n is a space that locally resembles \mathbb{R}^n , meaning that each point has a neighborhood homeomorphic to an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n . A *differentiable manifold* is a topological manifold equipped with a smooth structure, allowing differentiation of functions defined on it.

Formally, a differentiable manifold M of dimension n is a set equipped with an atlas $\{(U_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha)\}$, where U_α are open sets covering M and $\varphi_\alpha : U_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ are smooth coordinate charts such that the transition maps:

$$\varphi_\beta \circ \varphi_\alpha^{-1} : \varphi_\alpha(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta) \rightarrow \varphi_\beta(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta) \quad (\text{C.12})$$

are smooth functions.

The *tangent space* at a point $p \in M$, denoted $T_p M$, is the vector space of all possible velocity vectors of smooth curves passing through p . If M is embedded in \mathbb{R}^N , then the tangent space can be defined as:

$$T_p M = \text{span} \left\{ \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_n} \right\}. \quad (\text{C.13})$$

Example C.3

Consider the unit sphere S^2 in \mathbb{R}^3 defined by:

$$S^2 = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}. \quad (\text{C.14})$$

The tangent space at a point $p = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ consists of all vectors (a, b, c) satisfying:

$$x_0 a + y_0 b + z_0 c = 0. \quad (\text{C.15})$$

In AI, tangent spaces play a key role in Riemannian optimization, where gradients are computed in non-Euclidean spaces to improve learning efficiency.

C.2.2 Geometric Deep Learning on Graphs and Manifolds

Many AI applications involve non-Euclidean data, such as graphs, meshes, and high-dimensional point clouds. Geometric deep learning generalizes classical deep learning to structured data by leveraging the intrinsic geometric properties of the underlying manifold. A graph $G = (V, E)$ with adjacency matrix A can be viewed as a discrete approximation of a manifold. The *Laplacian matrix*:

$$L = D - A, \quad (\text{C.16})$$

where D is the degree matrix, encodes local geometric information. The eigenvectors of L correspond to harmonic functions on the graph, analogous to Fourier bases in Euclidean space.

Graph neural networks (GNNs) generalize convolutional networks to graph-structured data using spectral and spatial methods. The key idea is to define convolutions in the Fourier domain:

$$g_\theta(L)X = U g_\theta(\Lambda) U^T X, \quad (\text{C.17})$$

where U is the eigenvector matrix of L , and Λ is the diagonal matrix of eigenvalues.

Example C.4

A message-passing GNN updates node features $h_v^{(t)}$ by aggregating information from neighboring nodes:

$$h_v^{(t+1)} = \sigma \left(W h_v^{(t)} + \sum_{u \in \mathcal{N}(v)} W' h_u^{(t)} \right). \quad (\text{C.18})$$

Manifold-based learning extends GNNs to continuous spaces, allowing embeddings of complex geometric structures. This approach is widely used in molecular modeling, computer vision, and natural language processing. Geometric deep learning on manifolds enables AI models to exploit inherent symmetries and structural dependencies in data, leading to more powerful and efficient learning algorithms.

C.3 Multivariate Calculus

Multivariate calculus provides the mathematical foundation for optimization techniques widely used in machine learning and deep learning. Understanding partial derivatives, gradients, Hessians, and integrals

is crucial for designing and analyzing AI models, particularly in training neural networks, probabilistic modeling, and computational optimization.

C.3.1 Partial Derivatives and Gradient Computation

In multivariate calculus, the derivative of a function with multiple variables is computed with respect to each variable while treating the others as constants. For a function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the partial derivative with respect to x_i is:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_i + h, \dots, x_n) - f(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)}{h}. \tag{C.19}$$

The *gradient* of f is the vector of all partial derivatives:

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}. \tag{C.20}$$

The gradient points in the direction of the steepest ascent and is fundamental in optimization algorithms such as gradient descent, which is used to minimize loss functions in machine learning.

Example C.5

Suppose we have a function:

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + 3xy + y^2. \tag{C.21}$$

The partial derivatives are:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x + 3y, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 3x + 2y. \tag{C.22}$$

The gradient is:

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} 2x + 3y \\ 3x + 2y \end{bmatrix}. \tag{C.23}$$

C.3.2 Higher-Order Derivatives and Optimization

Higher-order derivatives provide additional information about the curvature of functions and play a critical role in second-order optimization methods.

Hessian Matrix and Its Applications

The Hessian matrix of a twice-differentiable function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the matrix of second-order partial derivatives:

$$H_f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{C.24})$$

The Hessian matrix is used in Newton's method for optimization and helps in determining the convexity of functions.

Example C.6

For the function:

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + 3xy + y^2, \quad (\text{C.25})$$

the Hessian matrix is:

$$H_f = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{C.26})$$

Taylor Series Approximations in Optimization

The Taylor series approximates functions near a point \mathbf{x}_0 . The second-order Taylor expansion of f around \mathbf{x}_0 is:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \approx f(\mathbf{x}_0) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_0)^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)^T H_f(\mathbf{x}_0) (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0). \quad (\text{C.27})$$

This approximation is useful in optimization algorithms such as Newton's method, which refines estimates of critical points.

C.3.3 Integration

Integration extends differentiation and is used in AI for computing expectations in probabilistic models, computing areas and volumes in feature engineering, and solving differential equations in machine learning.

Line Integrals and Applications in Probability

A line integral computes the integral of a function along a curve C . Given a parameterized curve $\mathbf{r}(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$, the line integral of a function $f(x, y)$ along C is:

$$\int_C f(x, y) ds = \int_a^b f(\mathbf{r}(t)) \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt. \quad (\text{C.28})$$

In probability, line integrals appear in computing transition probabilities in continuous Markov chains.

Example C.7

If C is the path $\mathbf{r}(t) = (t, t^2)$, $0 \leq t \leq 1$, then the arc length element is:

$$ds = \sqrt{1 + (2t)^2} dt. \tag{C.29}$$

Surface Integrals for Complex Geometries

A surface integral extends integration over a two-dimensional surface S embedded in \mathbb{R}^3 . Given a function $f(x, y, z)$, its surface integral is:

$$\iint_S f(x, y, z) dS = \iint_D f(x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v)) \|\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v\| du dv. \tag{C.30}$$

Surface integrals are used in AI applications such as 3D shape analysis in computer vision.

Example C.8

For the unit sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$, the surface element is:

$$dS = R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi. \tag{C.31}$$

These integrals are fundamental in probability density estimation, physics-based AI models, and generative modeling.