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Worksheet 1-1: Q1

For the L_p norm $\|x\|_p = \sqrt[p]{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p}$, we will check that the restriction $p \geq 1$ is necessary because for $0 \leq p < 1$ the function $\|\cdot\|_p$ is not a norm. Let's investigate this using the case $p = \frac{1}{2}$, where

$$\|x\|_{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^2.$$

1. Write $\|x\|_{\frac{1}{2}}$ for each of the following vectors x :

(a) e_1 (b) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (c) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (d) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$(\sqrt{1})^2 = 1$ $(\sqrt{1} + \sqrt{1} + \sqrt{0} + \sqrt{1})^2 = 3^2 = 9$ $4^2 = 16$ $(\sqrt{1} + \sqrt{1})^2 = 2^2 = 4$

2. Let's see which of the norm properties (nonnegativity, positive homogeneity, triangle inequality) is violated for $p = \frac{1}{2}$.

- (a) Show that the nonnegativity property is satisfied for an arbitrary x .

For any x_i entries, we take a square root of the absolute value, which is always positive. Summing positive numbers is positive, and then the square of that is positive. So the nonnegativity property is satisfied.

- (b) Show that the homogeneity property is satisfied for an arbitrary λ and x .

$$\begin{aligned} \|\lambda x\|_{0.5} &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda x_i|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda|^{\frac{1}{2}} |x_i|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^2 \\ &= \left(|\lambda|^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^2 = |\lambda| \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^2 = |\lambda| \|x\|_{0.5}. \end{aligned}$$

So the homogeneity property is satisfied.

- (c) Show the triangle inequality is violated. Specifically, consider the two standard basis e_1 and e_2 and check whether $\|e_1 + e_2\|_{0.5} \leq \|e_1\|_{0.5} + \|e_2\|_{0.5}$

The left side is $\|(1, 1)\|_{0.5} = 4$ from above, while the right side is $\|e_1\|_{0.5} + \|e_2\|_{0.5} = 1 + 1 = 2$. Since $4 \not\leq 2$, the triangle inequality is violated.

Worksheet 1-1: Q2

Let's look a visual representation of planar vectors whose L_p norm is equal to 1.

1. Start with L_1 norm. Four vectors that satisfy $\|x\| = 1$ include the vectors $(-1, 0)$, $(0, -1)$, $(1, 0)$, and $(0, 1)$. The points of the arrowhead for each of these vectors are labeled in part (a) of the figure below. For each of the following questions, find the missing x or y entry of the given vector that will make its L_1 norm equal to 1.

(a) $(0.1, y)$

(b) $(x, 0.5)$

(c) $(0.75, y)$

This is 0.9, 0.5, and 0.25 respectively.

2. Draw a geometric shape that shows all the possible end points of vectors that satisfy $\|x\|_1 = 1$.

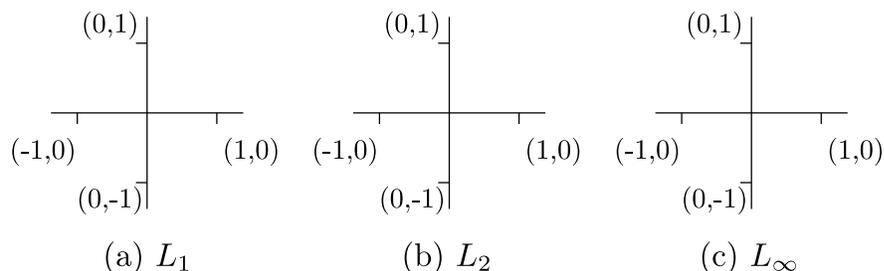
The trick is $\|(x, y)\|_1 = |x| + |y| = 1$, so this should be a diamond shape below.

3. Now, let's work the L_2 norm. Write the L_2 norm equation for two arbitrary, planar vectors x and y and set it to 1. Does the resulting equation remind you of the equation of a geometric shape? Draw the resulting geometric shape in part (b) of the figure below.

This is a circle

4. Finally, write the equation that describes $\|x\|_\infty = 1$. What is the requirement on the x and y components of a planar vector to satisfy this equation? Draw the geometric shape that represents the arrowheads of all the vectors for which $\|x\|_\infty = 1$.

$\|x\|_\infty = \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|\}$. This ends up with a square with corners at $(\pm 1, \pm 1)$.



Worksheet 1-1: Q3

Recall the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality: For any $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have $|\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{y}| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \cdot \|\mathbf{y}\|_2$. Let's see when we get the equality.

1. The left hand side represents the dot product. Recall $x \cdot y = \|x\| \|y\| \cos \theta$, where θ is the angle between the two vectors. Based on this, when will the two sides of the inequality be equal?

We have $\|x\| \cdot \|y\| \cos \theta \leq \|x\| \|y\|$, so you just need $\cos \theta = 1$. This happens when $\theta = 0, \pi$

2. Sketch two vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 for which the equality holds. *These just have to either be pointing the same direction or opposite directions.*