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(:) QUESTION
Is it correct, that positive definite matrix has all positive entries?

## Matrix and vector product

Let $A$ be a matrix of size $m \times n$, and $B$ be a matrix of size $n \times p$, and let the product $A B$ be:

$$
\underset{m \times p}{C}=\underset{m \times n \times P}{A B}
$$

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$$

then $C$ is a $m \times p$ matrix, with element $(i, j)$ given by:

$$
c_{i j}=\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{i k} b_{k j}
$$

This operation in a naive form requires $\mathcal{O}\left(n^{3}\right)$ arithmetical operations, where $n$ is usually assumed as the largest dimension of matrices.

(2) QUESTION

Is it possible to multiply two matrices faster, then $\mathcal{O}\left(n^{3}\right)$ ? How about $\mathcal{O}\left(n^{2}\right)$, $\mathcal{O}$ (k) ?


Let $A$ be a matrix of shape $m \times n$, and $x$ be $n \times 1$ vector, then the $i$-th component of the product:
is given by:


$$
z_{i}=\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{i k} x_{k}
$$

Remember, that:

- $C=A B \quad C^{T}=B^{T} A^{T}$
- $A B \neq B A$
- $e^{A}=\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} A^{k}$
- $e^{A+B} \neq e^{A} e^{B}$ (but if $A$ and $B$ are commuting matrices, which means that $A B=$ $\left.B A, e^{A+B}=e^{A} e^{B}\right)$
- $\langle x, A y\rangle=\left\langle A^{T} x, y\right\rangle$


## Norms and scalar products

Norm is a qualitative measure of smallness of a vector and is typically denoted as $\|x\|$.

The norm should satisfy certain properties:
$1 \quad\|\alpha x\|=|\alpha|\|x\|, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$
$2\|x+y\| \leq\|x\|+\|y\|$ (triangle inequality)
3 If $\|x\|=0$ then $x=0$
The distance between two vectors is then defined as

$$
d(x, y)=\|x-y\| .
$$

The most well-known and widely used norm is euclidean norm:

$$
\|x\|_{2}=\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left|x_{i}\right|^{2}}
$$

which corresponds to the distance in our real life. If the vectors have complex elements, we use their modulus.

Euclidean norm, or 2-norm, is a subclass of an important class of $p$-norms:

$$
\|x\|_{p}=\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left|x_{i}\right|^{p}\right)^{1 / p}
$$

There are two very important special cases:

- Infinity norm, or Chebyshev norm is defined as the element of the maximal absolute value:

$$
\|x\|_{\infty}=\max _{i}\left|x_{i}\right|
$$

- $L_{1}$ norm (or Manhattan distance) which is defined as the sum of modules of the
elements of $x$ :

$$
\|x\|_{1}=\sum_{i}\left|x_{i}\right|
$$

$L_{1}$ norm plays very important role: it all relates to the compressed sensing methods that emerged in the mid-00s as one of the most popular research topics. The code for picture below is available here: Open In Colab


In some sense there is no big difference between matrices and vectors (you can vectorize the matrix), and here comes the simplest matrix norm Frobenius norm:

$$
\|A\|_{F}=\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n}\left|a_{i j}\right|^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}
$$

Spectral norm, $\|A\|_{2}$ is one of the most used matrix norms (along with the Frobenius norm).

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\|A\|_{2}=\sup _{x \neq 0} \frac{\|A x\|_{2}}{\|x\|_{2}}
$$

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It can not be computed directly from the entries using a simple formula, like the Frobenius norm, however, there are efficient algorithms to compute it. It is directly related to the singular value decomposition (SVD) of the matrix. It holds

$$
\|A\|_{2}=\sigma_{1}(A)=\sqrt{\lambda_{\max }\left(A^{T} A\right)}
$$

where $\sigma_{1}(A)$ is the largest singular value of the matrix $A$.

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(2) quESTION
Is it true, that all matrix norms satisfy submultiplicativity propert::|AB|\leq
|A|||B|?H-Hint: consider Chebyshev matrix norm |A||
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$$
\langle x, x\rangle=\|x\|^{2}
$$

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\langle x, y\rangle=\underset{\substack{1 \times n \times 1}}{x^{T} y}=\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} y_{i}=y^{T} x=\langle y, x\rangle
$$

Here $x_{i}$ and $y_{i}$ are the scalar $i$-th components of corresponding vectors.

QUESTION
Is there any connection between the norm $\|\cdot\|$ and scalar product $\langle\cdot, \cdot\rangle$ ?

EXAMPLE
$x^{-1} A y$
Prove, that you can switch the position of a matrix inside scalar product with transposition: $\left\langle\langle x, A y\rangle=\left\langle A^{T} x, y\right\rangle\right.$ and $\langle x, y B\rangle=\left\langle x B^{T}, y\right\rangle$

The standard scalar (inner) product between matrices $X$ and $Y$ from $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is given by

$$
\langle X, Y\rangle=\operatorname{tr}\left(\underset{n \times m}{X_{n \times n}^{T}} Y\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} X_{i j} Y_{i j}=\operatorname{tr}\left(Y^{T} X\right)=\langle Y, X\rangle
$$

(:) QUESTION
Is there any connection between the Frobenious norm $\|\cdot\|_{F}$ and scalar product between matrices $\langle\cdot, \cdot\rangle$ ?

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Simplify the following expression:
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left\langle S^{-1} a_{i}, a_{i}\right\rangle$, where $S=\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i} a_{i}^{T}, a_{i} \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, \operatorname{det}(S) \neq 0$

- Solution 1) $\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left\langle S^{-1} a_{i} a_{i}\right\rangle^{m_{i i}}:=\sum_{i=1}^{n} m_{i i}=\operatorname{tr}(M)$



4) $x=\operatorname{tr}\left(A^{\top} S^{-1} A\right)=\operatorname{tr}\left(A A^{\top} \cdot S^{-1}\right)=\operatorname{tr}\left(S S^{a_{i}^{\top}}\right)=\operatorname{tr} I=n$.
