# Basic Math Review for CS1340 

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## Sets

## Definition of a set

A set is a collection of distinct objects, considered as an object in its own right. For example, the numbers 2,4 , and 6 are distinct objects when considered separately, but when they are considered collectively they form a single set of size three, written $\{2,4,6\}$. Sets are one of the most fundamental concepts in mathematics.

## Have to know symbols

- $\in$ : set membership. Example: $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is read $x$ belongs to the set $\mathbb{R}$.
- $\cup$ : union. Example: $X=A \cup B$ is read: $X$ is the result of $A$ union $B$, and contains all elements of $A$ and $B$.
- $\cap$ : intersection. Example $X=A \cap B$ is read $X$ is the result of $A$ intersect $B$, and contains elements that are in BOTH $A$ and in $B$


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## Common operations

- Addition: $2+3=5$
- Subtraction $2-3=-1$
- Multiplication $2 * 3=6$
- Division $\frac{2}{3}=0$.(6)
- Exponentiation $2^{3}=8$


## Variables

## Variable may refer to:

- In research: a logical set of attributes
- In mathematics: a symbol that represents a quantity in a mathematical expression
- In computer science: a symbolic name associated with a value and whose associated value may be changed

We shall use all 3 flavors in this course.

## Functions

## What is a function?

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## Intuition



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Intuition useful for computer scientists

INPUT x
FUNCTION f:

## OUTPUT $f(x)$

## Functions

## Informal definition

Think of a function as a "process" that takes input $x$ and produces output $f(x)$. For example, the function $f(x)=x^{2}$, takes an input $x$ (a number) and "processes" it by squaring it.

Plotting a function with a single number as input


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The idea is to "process" the input through one function, then use the result of that function as the input to the second. This results in a different function.

- Notation: given two functions $f$ and $g$, the composition of $g$ and $f$ is written as $(g \circ f)=g(f(x))$.
- Example: if $f(x)=2 x+3$, and $g(x)=x^{2}$, then

$$
(g \circ f)=g(f(x))=g(2 x+3)=(2 x+3)^{2}=4 x^{2}+12 x+9
$$

- $(f \circ g) \neq(g \circ f)$.


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## Analytic/Numerical

In Calculus courses you were probably taught analytic solutions to differentiation and integration problems. In the real-world, you will most likely deal with numerical differentiation and integration. More on that later in the course.

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## Vector elements

The position of the scalar in the ordered set is referred to as the index. In the example above, the index of the element 2 is 1 , since it is the first element in the set. The index of 3 is 2 , since it is the second element.

## More about vectors

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- The number of elements a vector has is referred to as its dimensionality. For example, the vector $X=\left[x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}\right]$ has dimensionality 3 , and if $x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3} \in \mathbb{R}$, then it is denoted as $X \in \mathbb{R}^{3}$.
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## Vector magnitude

- A vector's magnitude is the distance (or L2-norm) from the origin of the space it "lives" in and a point. The magnitude is computed using the Pythagorean theorem (more accurately, a generalization of that known as Euclidian distance) using the following formula and notation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
|X|=\sqrt{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}^{2}\right)} \tag{1}
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## In-class exercise <br> If $a=[1,2,3]$, what is $|a|$ ?

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0 & 0 & 5.03 & 1.29 & 1.41 & 0 & 0 & 2.05 & 0 & 0.04 \\
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0 & 0 & 2.05 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.64 & 0 & 0.21 \\
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## Matrices

## Structure in the 2D case



## Matrices

## Rows and Columns

- One can also think of a matrix as a collection of rows or a collection of columns.
- Or as a collection of row vectors or column vectors


## Row/Column vectors

$X=\left[\begin{array}{l}1 \\ 2 \\ 3\end{array}\right]$
$Y=\left[\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 3\end{array}\right]$

- $X$ has dimensionality $3 \times 1$, and is called a column vector
- $Y$ has dimensionality $1 \times 3$, and is called a row vector


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## "Where" is 5?

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## Multiplication

Matrix multiplication summarizes a set of multiplications and additions.

- Multiplication of matrix by scalar: simply multiply each element of the matrix by the scalar.
Example: $a=2$ and $X=\left[\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6\end{array}\right]$, then $A x$ or $x A$ is a matrix formed as follows: $\left[\begin{array}{lll}2 * 1 & 2 * 2 & 2 * 3 \\ 2 * 4 & 2 * 5 & 2 * 6\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}2 & 4 & 6 \\ 8 & 10 & 12\end{array}\right]$


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Multiplication of two matrices:

- The two matrices must be conformable, that is if $A$ is $r_{1}$ by $c_{1}$ and $B$ is $r_{2}$ by $c_{2}$, then $C=A \times B$ is defined when $c_{1}=r_{2}$ and $C$ is of size $r_{1}$ by $c_{2}$.
- $C_{i j}$ is found by multiplying each element of row $i$ of $A$ with each element of column $j$ of $B$ and adding up the multiplied pairs of real numbers.
- Exercises to follow as homework.


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## On vectors

Transpose of a row vector results in a column vector. Transpose of a column vector results in a row vector.

## Inner and outer products of vectors

Given two vectors with the same number of elements, e.g.: $a$ and $b$ both $r$ by 1 , we can define the inner and outer products as follows:

## Inner product

$$
\begin{equation*}
a^{T} b=\sum_{i=1}^{r} a_{i} b_{i} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The inner product of a vector $v$ with itself $v^{T} v$ is equal to the sums of squares of its elements, so has the property $v^{\top} v \geq 0$.

## Outer product

The outer product results in a matrix, of size $r$ by $r$. If $O=a b^{T}$ is the outer product matrix, then $O_{i j}=a_{i} b_{j}$.

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- Identity matrix: diagonal matrix with all 1 s on the main diagonal


## Trace and determinants of square matrices

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The trace of a square matrix is the sum of elements in its main diagonal. For a matrix $A$ of size $r \times r$, its trace, denoted as $\operatorname{Tr}(A)$ is:

$$
\operatorname{Tr}(A)=\sum_{i=1}^{r} A_{i i}
$$

Important property: $\operatorname{tr}(A)=\sum_{i} \lambda_{i}$, where $\lambda_{i}$ are the eigenvalues of matrix $A$.

## Determinant

The determinant of a square matrix is a difficult calculation, but serves important purposes in optimization problems. Often, the sign is more important than its exact value. An important property is: $\operatorname{det}(A)=\prod_{i} \lambda_{i}$

