

Total Marks: 15

Time Duration: 45 minutes

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**Question 1** (2 marks)

Compute is the  $\ell_2$  norm of the vector  $u = (5, -2, 1, 6)$ ?

**Solution:**

$$\sqrt{5^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2 + 6^2} = 8.124$$

**Question 2** (2 marks)

Express the RMS value of a  $n$ -vector  $u$  using inner-product notation?

**Solution:**

$$\sqrt{\langle u(1/n), u \rangle} \text{ when expanded gives: } \sqrt{\frac{(u^T u)}{n}} = \frac{\|u\|}{\sqrt{n}} \text{ which is equal to the RMS value.}$$

**Question 3** (4 marks)

How would you interpret the correlation in the data if the correlation coefficient,  $\rho$ , between two features has a value:

- $\rho = 0$
- $0 < \rho < 1$
- $-1 < \rho < 0$

**Solution:**

$\rho = 0$ : No correlation

$0 < \rho < 1$ : Positive correlation, maximum as it approaches 1, minimum as it approaches 0.

$-1 < \rho < 0$ : Negative correlation, maximum as it approaches -1, minimum as it approaches 0.

**Question 4** (3 marks)

Show that adding a constant to mean of a vector has no effect on its standard deviation.

**Solution:**

Recall that the standard deviation of a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is given by:

$$\text{std}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n}}$$

Let us add a constant  $\alpha$  to the vector  $\mathbf{x}$ . Since  $\alpha$  is added to all components of  $\mathbf{x}$ , the mean  $\bar{x}$  shifts by  $\alpha$  too. Hence, the new standard deviation is:

$$\text{std}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n ((x_i + \alpha) - (\bar{x} + \alpha))^2}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n}}$$

Hence, proved that adding any constant  $\alpha$  to a vector has no effect on its standard deviation.

**Question 5** (4 marks)

Convert the vector  $u = (4, 2, -1)$  into a standardized vector with 0 mean and unity standard deviation.

**Solution:**

$$\text{avg}(x) = \frac{4+2-1}{3} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\text{std}(x) = \frac{\sqrt{38}}{3}$$

$$\text{Standardized vector } z = \frac{x - \text{avg}(x)}{\text{std}(X)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{38}}(7, 1, -8)$$