



# Part 1: Data Models

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↳ NLP → modeling human lang. w/ math

Sometimes I'll add notes after lecture — normally  
in pink

# Playing a lottery

10% chance - given a puppy

100 people

$$P_{\text{puppy}} = \frac{1}{10} = .1$$

$$P_{\text{no puppy}} = 1 - P_{\text{puppy}} = .9$$

$$.9 * .9 * .9 \dots$$

$$P_{\text{no puppies}} = (P_{\text{no puppy}})^{100} = .000026$$

in room

$$= .0026\%$$



# Assumptions made?

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How many people do we need in class

$P_{\text{puppy in the class}} \geq 50\%$ ?

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- puppy distr. is independent
- puppy distr. is uniform

# Discovering a secret grading scheme

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$$\text{grade} = \text{homework} + \text{exams}$$

$$\text{Student 1: } 80x + 72y = 78$$

$$\text{2: } 60x + 100y = 70$$

$$x + y = 1$$

what are the values of  $x$  and  $y$ ?



## Assumptions made?

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- Prof. Felix will use the same grading scheme
- weights should sum to one

# What else could we model?

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ICA Question 1: based on these examples, what are two things that you'd like to model/learn how to model in this class?

1) your answer here

# Math of Data Models

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- Given that the real world is so complex... what are we aiming to give you in this course?
  - A breadth of mathematical models to choose from
  - The ability to be creative & rigorous in making and evaluating assumptions
  - A sense of which aspects of the application we're trying to model most accurately ... and how to do so



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# Part 2: Linearity & functions

# Functions

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- In programming-land: A **function** is a conveniently packaged set of instructions (lines of code) that together accomplish some common operation.
- In math-land: A **function** is a formal mapping of *inputs* to *outputs*

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numbers

# Linearity

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- A function is **linear** if (informal definition):
  - scaling, applied before or after the function, has an equivalent effect
  - addition, applied before or after the function, has an equivalent effect

$$\alpha f(x)$$

$$f(x) + f(y)$$

scalar -  $\alpha$

$\hookrightarrow \# \in \mathbb{R}$

$\hookrightarrow$  a real number

<sup>11</sup> (there is no slide 10)

# Linearity

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- A function is **linear** if:
  - scaling, applied before or after the function, has an equivalent effect

choose  $\alpha$

$$f(\alpha x) = \alpha f(x)$$

$$f(x) = 2x$$

$$\alpha = 3$$

$$f(3*2) = f(6) = 12$$

$$3*f(2) = 3*4 = 12$$

# Linearity

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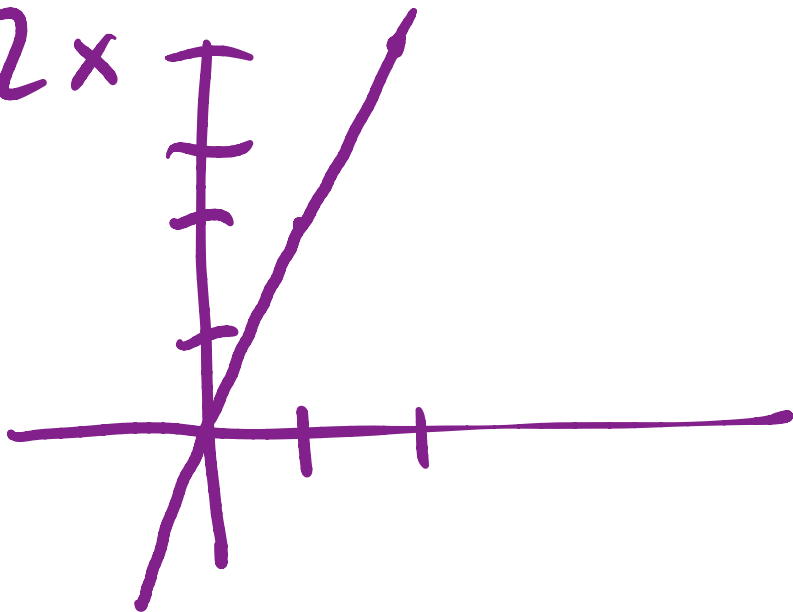
- A function is **linear** if:
  - addition, applied before or after the function, has an equivalent effect

$$x, y \in \text{domain of } f$$

$$f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$$

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$$f(x) = 2x$$



addition:

$$f(1 + 4) = f(5) = 10$$

$$f(1) + f(4) = 2 + 8 = 10$$



# Linearity

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- A function is **linear** if (formal definition, & what we use in practice):

- $f(\alpha x + \beta y) = \underline{\alpha f(x) + \beta f(y)}$

- for any  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x, y \in \text{domain of } f$

↓  
real numbers

$$f(x) = 2x$$

domain is  $\mathbb{R}$

# Linearity

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- How to show a function is linear:

- $f(x) = 10x$

- choose  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

- ( $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  for this equation)

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{f(\alpha x + \beta y)} &= 10(\alpha x + \beta y) \\ &= \alpha \underline{10x} + \beta 10y \\ &= \underline{\alpha f(x) + \beta f(y)} \end{aligned}$$

yes!

# Linearity

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- How to show a function is **not** linear:

- $f(x) = x^2$

- choose  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

- choose  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

guess, get a counter example

$$\alpha = \beta = 1 \quad x = y = 1$$

- if proving **non**-linearity, we expect  $f(\alpha x + \beta y) \neq \alpha f(x) + \beta f(y)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha x + \beta y) &= f(1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1) &= 1 \cdot f(1) + 1 \cdot f(1) \\ &= f(2) &= 1 \cdot 1^2 + 1 \cdot 1^2 \\ &= 4 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

No!

# Linearity

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- Wait, why do we care?
  - Remember: we're trying to build mathematical models of the world
    - many real-world things are linear
    - many are not linear, but can be re-cast as linear!

# Linearity

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- Wait, why do we care?

- we can find all solutions to these equalities (next)
- we can find values that are "closest" (lines of best fit)

- **all** outputs are defined by the systems behavior on any set of basis inputs

- matrix multiplications!

↳ GPUs are  
really good +  
really fast

$$f(x) = 2x \quad f(3) = 6$$

$$f(1) = 2 \quad f(17) = 34$$

$$f(2) = 4$$

# Solving systems of linear equations

Hefferon, 1.1

- A **linear system** is a set of **linear equalities**
  - Solutions to a linear system must satisfy all equalities

- $x + y = 0$

- $2x - y + 3z = 3$

- $x - 2y - z = 3$

$$\underbrace{x = 2, y = -2, z = 30}_{\substack{2 + -2 = 0 \quad \checkmark \\ 2(2) - (-2) + 3(30) = 30 \\ 4 + 2 + 90 = 3 \quad \times}}$$

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ICA Question 2: \*pause\* this video, then spend no more than 5 minutes attempting to solve this system of equations. Write down your work as you go!

# Solving systems of linear equations

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- To think about: how might you teach a computer to solve every possible linear system?



# Gauss's Method

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- Transform the system to a system with the same set of solutions (but whose solution is more obvious)

- $x + y = 0$

- $2x - y + 3z = 3$

- $x - 2y - z = 3$

$$\begin{array}{l} x = ? \\ y = ? \end{array}$$

- swap two equations
- multiply both sides of an equation by a non-zero constant
- replace an equation with the sum of itself and the multiple of another

# Gauss's Method

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- Transform the system to a system with the same set of solutions (but whose solution is more obvious)

$$r_0 \cdot x + y = 0$$

$$r_1 \cdot 2x - y + 3z = 3$$

$$r_2 \cdot x - 2y - z = 3$$

- swap two rows
- scale a row
- sum two rows

Swap

$$2x - y + 3z = 3$$

$$x + y = 0$$

$$x - 2y - z = 3$$

$$r'_0 = r_1$$

$$r'_1 = r_0$$

Scale

$$x + y = 0$$

$$4x - 2y + 6z = 6$$

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$$r'_1 = 2r_1$$

Sum

$$2x - y - z = 3$$

$$r'_0 = r_0 + r_2$$

# Gauss's Method

- $x + y = 0$

- $\checkmark 1 - 1 = 0$

- $2x - y + 3z = 3 \rightarrow$

- $\checkmark 2 + 1 + 0 = 3$

- $x - 2y - z = 3$

- $\checkmark 1 + 2 - 0 = 3$

$$r_1' = r_1 - 2r_0$$

$$x + y = 0$$

$$\underline{-3y + 3z = 3}$$

$$\underline{-3y - z = 3}$$

$$r_1' = -\frac{1}{3}r_1$$

$\rightarrow$

$$y - z = -1$$

$$-3y - z = 3$$

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$$x + y = 0$$

$$y - z = -1$$

$$-4z = 0$$

$$r_0' = r_0 - r_1$$

$\rightarrow$

$$r_2' = -\frac{1}{4}r_2$$

$$x + z = 1$$

$$y - z = -1$$

$$z = 0$$

$$r_0' = r_0 - r_2 \quad x = 1$$

$\rightarrow$

$$y = -1$$

$$r_1' = r_1 + r_2 \quad z = 0$$

$\rightarrow$

$$r_2' = r_2 + 3r_1$$

# Gauss's Method - generalized

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- Always keep the order of variables the same in equations

- $x + y = 0$

- $2x - y + 3z = 3$

- $x - 2y - z = 3$

$x, y, z$

~~$y + x = 0$~~

~~$3z + 2x - y = 3$~~

# Gauss's Method - generalized

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- For  $n = 0$  to  $n = \text{number of equations} - 1$ :
  - scale the leading coefficient of eq'n  $N$  to 1
  - add (the correct multiple) of eq'n  $N$  to others

*(0-indexing)*

- $x$  +  $y = 0$

- $2x$  -  $y + 3z = 3$

- $x - 2y - z = 3$

*a 1 in one eq'n for each variable, a 0 for that variable in the other eq'n's*

# Matrices

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- $x + y = 0$
- $2x - y + 3z = 3$
- $x - 2y - z = 3$
- As a matrix:

$$\begin{array}{c} x \quad y \quad z \quad \text{answer} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

"augmented" matrix

# Reduced Row Echelon Form

- (this is what we are aiming for as we row-reduce our matrices)
- the **leading coefficient** is the first non-zero value in a row

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -10 \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

# Reduced Row Echelon Form

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- For a Reduced Row Echelon Form (**RREF**) matrix:
  - Leading coefficient = 1 in row  $N$  in position  $N$  (or does not exist)
  - Zeroes above & below leading coefficient  $\rightarrow$  each leading coefficient is the only non-zero entry in its column





# Part 4: Admin

*→ course website*

where is the syllabus, how are you graded, and how will this course work, what is your schedule

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- Homework (42%)
  - Quiz-tests (44%)
  - In-Class Activities (6%)
    - Graded on completion/effort (hard deadline of 11:59<sup>pm</sup> the evening of lecture\*)  
↳ T/F
    - \* except on asynchronous lecture days, when they'll be due before the next lecture (11:45am Thursday)
  - Mini-projects (8%)

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- We're remote until Feb 5th
  - Lectures are not recorded\*
  - We'll be meeting on Zoom at 11:45am on M/R -> see you all synchronously on Thursday!

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# Remote lectures: expectations

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- Remote learning can be weird! We'll be doing our best to reduce weirdness.
- Here are my expectations of you all:
  - Be in a **location** conducive to learning
  - Set your zoom profile picture to a picture **of yourself**
  - When we are in breakout rooms, **turn on your cameras**
  - When we are in breakout rooms, each group will pick one person to **screenshare**
  - Use the chat or "raise hand" features to ask me questions!
  - Wear a fun hat
  - Pets are absolutely welcome
  - Tell me about your music preferences every week

# ICA questions: the fun bits

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ICA Question 3: what is your current preferred \*genre\* of music?

ICA Question 4: do you have a current favorite artist?

# ICA questions: wrap-up

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ICA Question 5: after watching all the videos for lecture today, are there any questions/clarifications that you want me to cover during our next lecture?

# Schedule

OH for TAs : start week of Jan 24<sup>th</sup>

Complete ICA 1 before class on Thursday -> find this on Gradescope!

**We are remote until Feb 5th**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
January 17 <sup>th</sup> MLK Day	Felix OH Calendly	Felix OH Calendly/drop-in	Lecture 2 - Vector Algebra			
January 24 <sup>th</sup> Lecture 3 - Matrices & vector geometry HW 1 released	Felix OH Calendly	Felix OH Calendly/drop-in	Lecture 4 - ML, linear perceptron			