

Least Squares

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julia> c = V \ temp
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When V is invertible
this means solve
 $Vc = \text{temp}$
for c .

What about when V is not invertible?

Minimize $\|Vc - \text{temp}\|_2$

Review Math 330

Solving $Ax = b$,

$f(x) = b$

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$: $f(x) = Ax$ $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

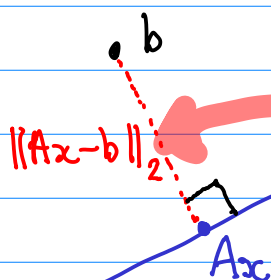
$\text{Col } A = \text{range } f = \{Ax : x \in \mathbb{R}^n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$

↑ subspace... means that if $a, b \in \text{Col } A$ then $a + b \in \text{Col } A$
if $m \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a \in \text{Col } A$ then $ma \in \text{Col } A$

implies $0 \in \text{Col } A$.

If I can solve $Ax = b$, that
means $b \in \text{Col } A$

$\mathbb{R}^m$



Given a point $Ax \in \text{Col } A$
then $\|Ax - b\|_2$ is
this distance

When using Euclidean distance $\|x\| = \sqrt{x \cdot x} = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_m^2}$ we have a notion of angles and perpendicular.

Need the vector $Ax - b$ to be perpendicular to any other vector Au in $\text{Col } A$,

Thus I want

$$(Ax - b) \cdot Au = 0 \quad \text{for all } u \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

$$Au \cdot (Ax - b) = 0$$

$$(Au)^T (Ax - b) = 0$$

$$u^T A^T (Ax - b) = 0$$

$$u^T (A^T Ax - A^T b) = 0$$

$$u \cdot (A^T Ax - A^T b) = 0 \quad \text{for all } u \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Therefore $A^T Ax - A^T b = 0$

Normal equations for solving least squares

$$A^T Ax = A^T b.$$

note $A^T A$ is invertible if the columns of A were linearly independent.

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \quad A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$$

$$A^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

~~$m \times m$~~ ~~$n \times n$~~

So there are at least as many rows as columns

this condition implies there is a pivot when doing Gaussian elimination in each column of A .

Thus $m \geq n$

Solved in linear algebra $A^T A x = A^T b$ using augmented matrix

$\begin{bmatrix} A^T A & A^T b \end{bmatrix}$ convert to reduced echelon form and read off solution x

Algebraically $x = \underbrace{(A^T A)^{-1} A^T}_{\text{left pseudo inverse of } A} b$

suppose $m \gg n$ then $A^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is smaller than A was...

Difficulty is $A^T A$ may have a large condition number and even computing $A^T A$ may involve lots of rounding error...

Theorem 3.2.9: Condition number in the normal equations

If A is $m \times n$ with $m > n$, then

$$\kappa(A^T A) = \kappa(A)^2.$$

(3.2.4) #

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The condition number is the square of $\kappa(A)$
If you square a large number it gets very large...

$$\kappa(A) = \|A\|_2 \|A^{-1}\|_2 \quad \|A\|_2 = \max \{ \|Ax\|_2 : \|x\|_2 = 1 \}$$

Since $I = AA^{-1}$ and $\|I\|_2 = \max \{ \|\cancel{I}x\|_2 : \|x\|_2 = 1 \} = 1$

also $\|AA^{-1}\| \leq \|A\| \|A^{-1}\|$. Thus $\kappa(A) \geq 1$.

Don't solve the normal equations on a computer because they are not well conditioned...

QR factorization: $A = QR$

$$A^T A x = A^T b$$

has orthonormal columns

Two kinds of QR factorizations

Reduced QR factorization $A = \tilde{Q} \tilde{R}$

$m \times n$ $m \times n$ $n \times n$

upper triangular, and if columns of A were linearly independent then R is invertible...

$\tilde{Q}$ naturally comes from A using Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization. R is the multipliers in the column operations used.

That's why dimensions of $\tilde{Q}$ are the same as A.

orthogonal columns but also square, so it orthogonal matrix.

Full QR factorization

$A = Q R$

$m \times n$ $m \times m$ $m \times n$

still upper triangular with lots of zeros in it.

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{Q} & \vdots & ? \\ m \times n & & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{R} \\ \text{---} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

this could be any way of adding more columns to $\tilde{Q}$ to make it square while preserving the orthonormality of the columns.

$$QR = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{Q} & \vdots & ? \\ m \times n & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{R} \\ \text{---} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{Q} \tilde{R} + ? \cdot 0 \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{Q} \tilde{R} = A$$

$$A^T A x = A^T b$$

$$(\tilde{Q}\tilde{R})^T (\tilde{Q}\tilde{R}) x = (\tilde{Q}\tilde{R})^T b$$

$$\tilde{R}^T \tilde{Q}^T \tilde{Q} \tilde{R} x = \tilde{R}^T \tilde{Q}^T b$$

$$\tilde{R}^T \tilde{R} x = \tilde{R}^T \tilde{Q}^T b$$

Since $\tilde{R}$ is invertible
so is $\tilde{R}^T$.

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cancelling the $\tilde{R}^T$ here algebraically
means not so much rounding error

Thus $\tilde{R} x = \tilde{Q}^T b$



Moreover triangular matrices are well conditioned,
so no conditioning problem when solving for x .