

Welcome to Ma 221!

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see webpage for  
class notes

last semester's notes

latex version on bcourses

office hours

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Grading: weekly HW  
(#1 posted)

group projects

submit preproposal

no exams

Class survey - ChatGPT?

Notation:

$$\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_i |x_i|^2} \quad 2\text{-norm}$$

$\arg \min_x f(x)$  = value of  $x$   
that minimizes  $f(x)$

$f(n) = O(g(n))$  means

$$|f(n)| \leq C \cdot |g(n)| \text{ for}$$

some  $C > 0$ ,  $n$  large enough

$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$  means

$$|f(n)| \geq C \cdot |g(n)| \text{ for } C > 0$$

$n$  large enough

$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$  means

$$f(n) = O(g(n)) \text{ and } f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

Syllabus - 4) "axes" of design space  
of linear algebra algorithms

1) math problem:

$$\text{solve } Ax = b$$

least squares  $\arg \min_x \|Ax - b\|_2$

eigenproblems:  $Ax = \lambda x$

many generalizations...

2) structure of  $A$

dense, symmetric ( $A=A^T$ )  
positive definite

sparse

"structured"

eg Toeplitz:  $A(i,j) = x_{i-j}$

matrix-vector-multiply:

convolution

solve  $Ax=b$ :  $O(n^2)$  not  $O(n^3)$

3) desired accuracy

guaranteed correct (too expensive  
eg rational arithmetic)

"guaranteed correct" except for  
"rare cases"

eg: iterative refinement for  
 $Ax=b$ , using mixed precision

"backward stable"

exact answer for a  
slightly wrong problem

residual as small as desired  
eg  $\|Ax-b\|_2$

"probably OK" (randomized algorithms)

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error bounds

eg using condition numbers

- 4) as fast as possible on your target computer. eg ("A\b")
- laptop (with GPU)
  - big parallel computer
  - cloud, cell-phone, ..
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one "problem" : choose from 1), 2), 3), 4)

answer could be

"type A\b"

"download standard SW from URL"

"project available to implement a proposed alg"

"open problem"

all possible points in 4D design space too big for 1 semester. We will discuss important subset.

Axis 1: Math problem

Solve  $Ax=b$ : well defined  
when  $A$  square, full rank,  
otherwise (or if  $A$  close to  
low rank) then least squares  
may be better

Least Squares:

- Overdetermined:  $A^{m \times n}$   
 $\operatorname{argmin}_x \|Ax-b\|_2$  when  
 $A$  full column rank ( $m \geq n$ )

- $A$  not full rank (eg:  $m < n$ )  
 $\Rightarrow x$  not unique, so can  
pick  $x$  that also minimizes  
 $\|x\|_2$ , to make  $x$  unique

Ridge Regression:

$$\operatorname{argmin}_x \|Ax-b\|_2^2 + \lambda \|x\|_2^2$$

$\lambda > 0$

(also called Tikhonov regularization)

$x$  unique if  $\lambda > 0$

Constrained LS:  $\operatorname{argmin}_{x: Cx=d} \|Ax-b\|_2$

$\bar{E} x$ :  $x$ : fractions of population  
 $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 1$  (seems natural to  
also ask for  $x_i \geq 0$ , harder)

Weighted LS:  $\operatorname{argmin}_x \|W(Ax-b)\|_2$

where  $W$  "weight matrix"  
(Gauss-Markov linear model)

Total Least Squares

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{x: (A+E)x = b+r} \underbrace{\| [E, r] \|_2}_{\text{matrix}}$$

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Eigen problems: Notation:  $A^{n \times n}$

$$\rightarrow Ax_i = \lambda_i x_i \quad x_i \neq 0, \text{ for } i=1, \dots, n$$

$$X^{n \times n} = [x_1, \dots, x_n], \quad \Lambda = \operatorname{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

$$\rightarrow AX = X\Lambda, \text{ if } X \text{ nonsingular}$$

$$A = X\Lambda X^{-1} \text{ "eigendecomposition"}$$

Recall  $A$  may not have  $n$  independent  
evecs. eg  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Earlier LA class: Jordan Form

but this is numerically unstable

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ Jordan form is } \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

for all  $\varepsilon \neq 0$

We will use Schur Form instead

SVD: Singular Value Decomposition

$$A^{m \times n} = U \Sigma V^T \quad m \geq n$$

$$U^{m \times m} \text{ orthogonal } UV^T = I$$

$$V^{n \times n} \text{ " } VV^T = I$$

$$\Sigma^{m \times n} \text{ diagonal } \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & \\ & \sigma_2 & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & \sigma_n \\ & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\sigma_i$  "singular values"

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n$$

columns of  $U, V$  are left, right  
singular vectors:

$$AA^T = (U \Sigma V^T)(U \Sigma V^T)^T$$

$$= (U \Sigma V^T)(V \Sigma^T U^T)$$

$$= U \Sigma \underbrace{(V^T V)}_{= I} \Sigma^T U^T$$

$$= U \underbrace{\Sigma \Sigma^T}_{= I} U^T$$

diagonal, square  
= eigen decomp of  $AA^T$

$$\begin{aligned}A^T A &= (U \Sigma V^T)^T (U \Sigma V^T) \\ &= V \Sigma^T \underbrace{(U^T U)}_{=I} \Sigma V^T \\ &= V \underbrace{\Sigma^T \Sigma}_{\text{square diagonal}} V^T\end{aligned}$$

SVD: most "reliable" method  
for LS, also most expensive

Invariant subspaces:  $x'(t) = Ax(t)$   
 $x(0)$  given. Suppose  $Ax(0) = \lambda x(0)$   
then  $x(t) = e^{\lambda t} x(0)$

Easy to tell if  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$   
depends on  $\text{Real}(\lambda) < 0$

$$\begin{aligned}x(0) &= \sum \beta_i x_i \quad \text{where } Ax_i = \lambda_i x_i \\ \Rightarrow x(t) &= \sum_i e^{\lambda_i t} \beta_i x_i\end{aligned}$$

whether  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$   
depends on whether  $\text{Real}(\lambda_i) < 0$   
for all  $\beta_i \neq 0$

i.e. whether  $x(0)$  in subspace

spanned by all evecs with Real  $\lambda$ 's  
- called "invariant subspace"

Often possible to compute  
invariant subspaces more  
cheaply than whole eigendecomposition