

# 1 Linear Models

## 1.6 Types of errors

Errors come from: imprecise data, mistakes in the model, computational precision,.. We know two types of errors:

- **Absolute** error = approximate value - correct value

$$\Delta x = \bar{x} - x$$

- **Relative** error =  $\frac{\text{absolute err}}{\text{correct value}}$

$$\delta x = \frac{\Delta x}{x}$$

**1.2** Mathematical model is **linear**, when the function F is a linear function of the parameters:

$$F(x, a_1, \dots, a_p) = a_1\phi_1(x) + \dots + a_p\phi_p(x)$$

where  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p$  are functions of a specific type.

**1.3 Least squares method** Given points

$$\{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_m, y_m)\}, x_i \in R^n, y_i \in R$$

the task is to find a function  $F(x, a_1, \dots, a_p)$  that is good fit for the data. The values of the parameters  $a_1, \dots, a_p$  should be chosen so that the equations

$$y_i = F(x, a_1, \dots, a_p), i = 1, \dots, m$$

are satisfied or, if this is not possible, that the error is as small as possible.

We use **Least squares method** to determine that the sum of squared errors is as small as possible.

$$\sum_{i=1}^m (F(x_i, a_1, \dots, a_p) - y_i)^2$$

## 1.4 Systems of linear equations

A system of linear equations in the matrix form is given by  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , where:

- A is the matrix of coefficients of order  $m \times n$  where  $m$  is the number of equations and  $n$  is the number of unknowns,
- $\vec{x}$  is the vector of unknowns and
- $\vec{b}$  is the right side vector

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phi_1(x_1) & \phi_2(x_1) & \dots & \phi_p(x_1) \\ \phi_1(x_2) & \phi_2(x_2) & \dots & \phi_p(x_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_1(x_n) & \phi_2(x_n) & \dots & \phi_p(x_n) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_p \end{bmatrix}$$

## 1.5 Existence of solutions in linear equations

Let  $A = [\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n]$ , where  $\vec{a}_i$  are vector representing the columns of A. For any vector

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_p \end{bmatrix} \text{ the product } A\vec{x} \text{ is a linear combination } A\vec{x} = \sum_i x_i a_i.$$

The system is **solvable** iff the vector  $\vec{b}$  can be expressed as a linear combination of the columns of A, that is it is in the column space of A,  $\vec{b} \in C(A)$ . By adding to the columns of A we obtain the extended matrix of the system:

$$[A|\vec{b}] = [\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n | \vec{b}]$$

The system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is solvable iff the rank of A equals the rank of the extended matrix  $[A|\vec{b}]$ , i.e.:

$$\text{rank} A = \text{rank}[A|\vec{b}] =: r$$

The solution is unique if the rank of the two matrices equals num of unknowns ( $r = n$ ).

## 1.6 Properties of squared matrices

Let  $A \in R^{n \times n}$  be a square matrix. The following conditions are equivalent and characterize when a matrix A is **invertible** or **non-singular**:

- The matrix A has an inverse
- $\text{rank } A = n$
- $\det(A) \neq 0$
- The null space  $N(A) = \{\vec{x} : A\vec{x} = 0\}$  is trivial
- All eigenvalues of A are nonzero
- For each  $\vec{b}$  the system of equations  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has precisely one solution

**1.7 Generalized inverse** of a matrix  $A \in R^{n \times m}$  is a matrix  $G \in R^{m \times n}$  such that

$$AGA = A$$

Let  $G$  be a generalized inverse of A. Multiplying  $AGA = A$  with  $A^{-1}$  from the left and the right side we obtain:

$$\text{LHS: } A^{-1}GAA^{-1} = IGI = G$$

$$\text{RHS: } A^{-1}AA^{-1} = IA^{-1} = A^{-1}$$

where I is the identity matrix. The equality  $\text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$  implies that  $G = A^{-1}$ .

Every matrix  $A \in R^{n \times m}$  has a generalized inverse. When computing a generalized inverse we come across two cases:

1.  $\text{rank } A = \text{rank } A_{11}$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

And  $A_{11} \in R^{r \times r}$ ,  $A_{12} \in R^{r \times (m-r)}$ ,  $A_{21} \in R^{(n-r) \times r}$ ,  $A_{22} \in R^{(n-r) \times (m-r)}$ . We claim that

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where 0s denote zero matrices of appropriate sizes, is the generalized inverse of A.

2. The upper left  $r \times r$  submatrix of A is **not** invertible.

One way to handle this case is to use permutation matrices  $P$  and  $Q$ , such that

$$PAQ = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A}_{11} & \tilde{A}_{12} \\ \tilde{A}_{21} & \tilde{A}_{22} \end{bmatrix},$$

$\tilde{A}_{11} \in R^{r \times r}$  and  $\text{rank } \tilde{A}_{11} = r$ . By case 1 generalized inverse of  $PAQ$  equals to

$$(PAQ)^g = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A}_{11}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus  $(PAQ)(PAQ)^g(PAQ) = PAQ$  holds, Multiplying from the left by  $P^{-1}$  and from the right by  $Q^{-1}$  we get:

$$A(Q(PAQ)^g P)A = A$$

So

$$Q(PAQ)^g P$$

is a **generalized** inverse of A.

**Algorithm** for computing  $A^g$ :

1. Find any nonsingular submatrix B in A of order  $r \times r$ ,
2. in A substitute
  - elements of submatrix B for corresponding elements of  $(B^{-1})^T$ ,
  - all other elements with 0
3. the transpose of the obtained matrix is generalized inverse G

**solutions:**

Let  $A \in R^{n \times m}$  and  $\vec{b} \in R^m$ . If the system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is solvable (that is,  $\vec{b} \in C(A)$ ) and G is a generalized inverse of A, then  $\vec{x} = G\vec{b}$  is a solution of the system. Moreover, all solutions of system are exactly vectors of the form

$$x_z = G\vec{b} + (GA - I)z$$

## 1.8 The Moore-Penrose generalized inverse

The MP inverse of  $A \in R^{n \times m}$  is any matrix  $A^+ \in R^{n \times m}$  satisfying the following four conditions:

1.  $A^+$  is a generalized inverse of A:  $AA^+A = A$
2. A is a generalized inverse of  $A^+$ :  $A^+AA^+ = A^+$
3. The square matrix  $AA^+ \in R^{n \times n}$  is symmetric:  $(AA^+)^T = AA^+$

<p>4. The square matrix <math>A^+A \in R^{m \times m}</math> is symmetric: <math>(A^+A)^T = A^+A</math></p> <p>Properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If A is a square invertible matrix, then it <math>A^+ = A^{-1}</math></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>((A^+))^+ = A</math></li> <li>• <math>(A^T)^+ = (A^+)^T</math></li> </ul> <p>Construction of the MP inverse (2 cases):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <math>A^T A \in R^{m \times m}</math> is an invertible matrix (<math>m \leq n</math>)</li> </ol>	$A^+ = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ <p>2. <math>AA^T</math> is an invertible matrix (<math>n \leq m</math>)</p> $A^+ = A^T (AA^T)^{-1}$
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