

## §2-4 Symmetric positive definite (SPD) matrix and Cholesky factorization

**Def:**  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .  $A$  is symmetric if  $A = A^T$ .  $A$  is positive definite if  $\underline{x}^T A \underline{x} > 0$  for any non zero  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$1 \times n \quad n \times n \quad n \times 1$

**Theorem:** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be symmetric.  $A$  is positive definite if and only if all eigenvalues of  $A$  are positive.

$\Rightarrow A$  is P.D.  $\Leftrightarrow$  eigenvalues are positive

$$\underline{x}^T A \underline{x} \stackrel{x \neq 0}{> 0}$$

idea: take  $\underline{x}$  to be an eigenvector of an eigenvalue  $\lambda$

$$\Downarrow \\ \lambda > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(then } \underline{x}^T A \underline{x} &= \underline{x}^T \lambda \underline{x} \\ &= \lambda \underline{x}^T \underline{x} \\ &= \lambda \|\underline{x}\|_2^2 > 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \lambda > 0) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2 (negative results)

Assume  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is symmetric.

1)  $A$  is not positive definite

if some diagonal entry is negative or zero

2)  $A$  is not positive definite if the largest entry of  $A$ , in absolute value, is off the diagonal.

3)  $A$  is not positive definite if  $\det(A) \leq 0$


Sketch the proof:

1) Take  $\underline{x} = \underline{e}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $i$ th  $\neq 0$

$$\underline{e}_i^T A \underline{e}_i = a_{ii}$$

2) Hint:  $\begin{cases} \text{try } \underline{x} = \underline{e}_i + \underline{e}_j \\ \text{then try } \underline{x} = \underline{e}_i - \underline{e}_j \\ \text{in } \underline{x}^T A \underline{x} > 0 \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow |a_{ij}| < \frac{a_{ii} + a_{jj}}{2} \quad \forall i, j \neq j$



3)  $\det(A) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \cdots \lambda_n$



due to:  $\det(\lambda I - A) = 0 \iff$  to get eigenvalues

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$$(\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2) \cdots (\lambda - \lambda_n)$$

then take  $\lambda = 0$

Example: Tell whether the following symmetric matrices are positive definite.

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad A_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$A_1, A_2, A_3$ : not p.d.

$$A_4: \text{ let } \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \neq \underline{0}$$

$$\underline{x}^T A_4 \underline{x} = (x_1, x_2) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (x_1, x_2) \begin{pmatrix} 2(x_1 + x_2) \\ 2x_1 + 5x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 2x_1^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 5x_2^2$$

$$= 2(x_1 + x_2)^2 + 3x_2^2 \quad \text{red } 2x_2^2 + 3x_2^2$$

"=" will happen when  $\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 0 \\ x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = 0 = x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x}^T A_4 \underline{x} > 0 \quad (\underline{x} \neq \underline{0})$$

$A_5$ : check eigenvalues.

$$\det(\lambda I - A_5) = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 5) - 16 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 7\lambda - 6 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = -6 < 0, \text{ one is negative}$$

$$(\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2) \Rightarrow A_5 \text{ is not P.D.}$$

Theorem: let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be

SPD, then it always has  
Cholesky factorization,

$$A = R^T R. \quad R \text{ is upper-triangular}$$

$$\text{and } r_{ii} > 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

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Recall: cost of GE/LU factorization  
 $\frac{2}{3}n^3$

Cost of Cholesky factorization:  $\frac{1}{3}n^3$   
(half of LU/GE)  
due to symmetry

Given  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , it is SPD.

Given  $\underline{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . to solve  $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$

Step 1: find  $R$  such that

$$A = R^T R \quad \dots \quad \frac{1}{3}n^3$$

Step 2: <sup>solve</sup>  
 $R^T \underline{y} = \underline{b}$   
           $\uparrow$  solve  $\underline{y}$        $\dots \quad n^2$

Step 3: Solve  $\underline{x}$  from  
 $R\underline{x} = \underline{y} \quad \dots \quad n^2$

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How to find Cholesky factorization

Example:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

$\therefore$  SPD  $\checkmark$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & 0 \\ r_{12} & r_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} \\ 0 & r_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} r_{11}^2 & r_{12}r_{11} \\ r_{12}r_{11} & r_{12}^2 + r_{22}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Compare entry by entry (1st column, then 2nd column. use symmetry)

$$2 = r_{11}^2 \quad (r_{11} > 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{11} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$2 = r_{12} r_{11} \Rightarrow r_{12} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$5 = r_{12}^2 + r_{22}^2 \Rightarrow r_{22} = \sqrt{3}$$

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( $\sqrt{2}$ )<sup>2</sup>     $r_{22} > 0$

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} \\ & \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

Remark: the procedure in the example can be extended to a SPD matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  (any  $n$ ).

## § 2-5 Nonlinear systems of equations.

So far we know how to solve

$$\begin{array}{ll} f(x) = 0 & \text{scalar (linear or nonlinear)} \\ A\underline{x} = \underline{b} & \text{system (linear)} \end{array}$$

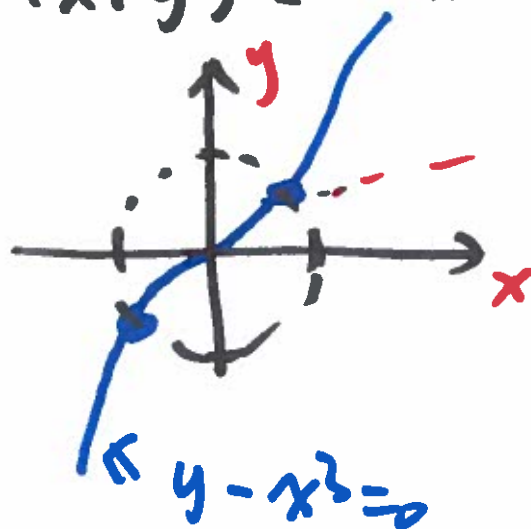
we now want to consider

$$\begin{cases} f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0 \\ f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0 \end{cases}$$

and solve for  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$

Example  $n=2$

$$\begin{cases} f(x, y) = y - x^3 = 0 \\ g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0 \end{cases}$$



←  $g(x, y) = 0$

(two solutions)



Newton's method:

Recall

to solve  $f(x)=0$ , start from  $x_0$

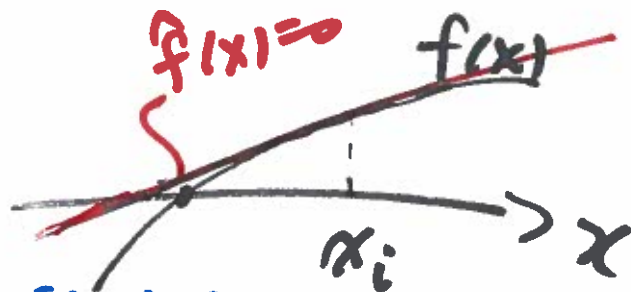
$$f(x) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0) + \dots$$

$\hat{f}(x) \dots \leftarrow$  linear polynomial  
(polynomial of degree 1)

we instead solve

$$\hat{f}(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x_1$$

This gives  
Newton's method



Newton: approximate  $f(x)$  by  
a linear polynomial

↓  
generalize this to systems of  
equations.

$n=2$

$$\begin{cases} f(x,y) = 0 \\ g(x,y) = 0 \end{cases}$$

start with an approximation  
 $(x_0, y_0)$

$$f(x,y) = f(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0)^2 \\ &+ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0)(y - y_0) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)^2 \\ &+ \dots \end{aligned}$$

$\hat{f}(x,y)$

$$g(x, y) \approx g(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) + \dots$$

$\hat{g}(x, y)$

Newton's method is to solve  $\begin{cases} \hat{f}(x, y) = 0 \\ \hat{g}(x, y) = 0 \end{cases}$  to get  $(x_1, y_1)$

✓ To better see the structure, we can work with the vector form.

Let  $\underline{F}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} f(x, y) \\ g(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$

$D\underline{F}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$  Jacobian.

|| write it as  $J_{\underline{F}}(x, y)$

Approximation step:

$$\underline{F}(x, y) \approx \underline{F}(x_0, y_0) + J_{\underline{F}}(x_0, y_0) \begin{pmatrix} x - x_0 \\ y - y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

|| (Newton's method)

incremental part

Newton's method: Start with an initial  $\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$ , for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Solve  $\underline{s} \in \mathbb{R}^L$  from

$$\begin{cases} J_F(x_k, y_k) \underline{s} = -\underline{F}(x_k, y_k) \\ \begin{pmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ y_{k+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \end{pmatrix} + \underline{s} \quad \leftarrow \text{incremental} \end{cases}$$

Stop if  $\|\underline{s}\| < \text{Tol}$ , or  $k > K_{\max}$

core: linearization  $\leftarrow$

Back to the example

$$\begin{cases} f(x, y) = y - x^3 \\ g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 1 \end{cases}$$

$$J_F(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} -3x^2 & 1 \\ 2x & 2y \end{pmatrix}$$

initial  $x_0=1, y_0=1$

$$J_F(x_0=1, y_0=1) = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F(x_0, y_0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 1 of Newton's method.

$$\text{Solve } \overset{J_F(x_0, y_0)}{\begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}} \underline{s} = - \overset{F(x_0, y_0)}{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

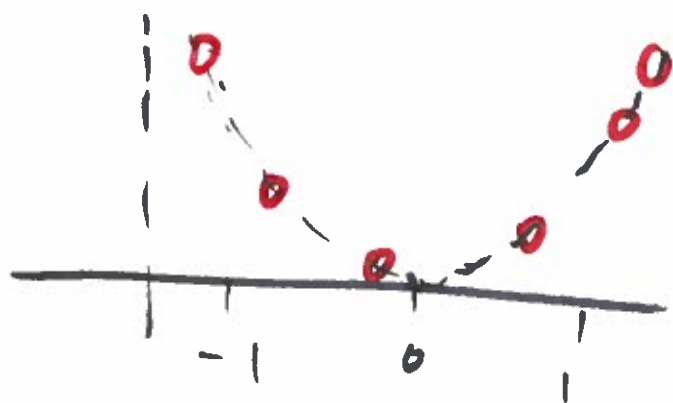
$$\underline{s} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{8} \\ -\frac{3}{8} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} + \underline{s} = \begin{pmatrix} 7/8 \\ 5/8 \end{pmatrix}$$

### § 3 Interpolation and data fitting

! extract information  
of given data

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^n}{n^{4/3} \pi^2} \cos(n\pi x)$$

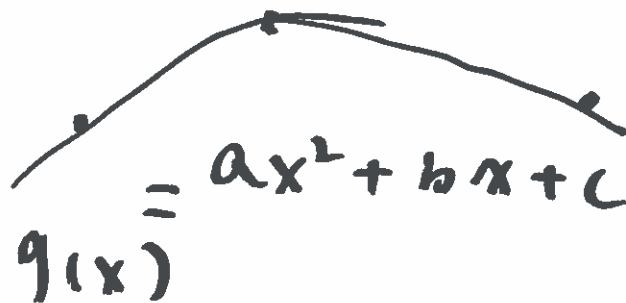
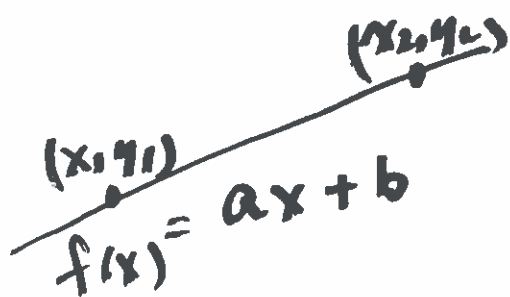


$f(x) \approx \hat{f}(x)$  based 6 points,  
on the graph

$\hat{f}(x)$  = simpler form, an  
approximation of  $f(x)$ .

- extract information of data
- approximate functions

### § 3-1 Interpolation : global



In general, given  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$   
...  $(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1})$

Def: A function  $y = p(x)$  interpolates the points given above if  
 $y_j = p(x_j) \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n+1.$

For now we assume  $p(x)$  is  
a polynomial of degree  $n$

( we know uniqueness and existence  
of such  $p(x)$  when  $n = 2$ , and  $n = 3$  )

Problem:

{ Given  $(x_j, y_j) = j=1, 2, \dots, n+1$ ,  
find  $P_n(x)$ , such that  $P_n(x_j) = y_j$   
↑  
polynomial of degree  $n$

Approach: direct method

look for

$$P_n(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n$$

such that  $P_n(x_j) = y_j \quad j=1, \dots, n+1$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a_0 + a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_1^2 + \dots + a_n x_1^n = y_1 \\ a_0 + a_1 x_2 + a_2 x_2^2 + \dots + a_n x_2^n = y_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_0 + a_1 x_{n+1} + a_2 x_{n+1}^2 + \dots + a_n x_{n+1}^n = y_{n+1} \end{cases}$$

In matrix-vector form:

$$\underline{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_{n+1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{we have}$$

$$\boxed{\underline{A} \underline{a} = \underline{y}}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^n \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2^n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n+1} & x_{n+1}^2 & \dots & x_{n+1}^n \end{pmatrix}$$

✓  
Vandermonde matrix



$$A\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{y}, \quad A \text{ is square}$$

unique solvability  $\Leftrightarrow A$  is invertible

$$\Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0.$$

Lemma:  $\det(A) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n+1} (x_j - x_i)$

when  $n = 1$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = x_2 - x_1$$

when  $n = 2$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 \\ 1 & x_3 & x_3^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2)$$

Theorem: Given  $\{(x_j, y_j)\}_{j=1}^{n+1}$   
the interpolating polynomial  $p_n(x)$   
exists uniquely  $\Leftrightarrow [x_j]_{j=1}^{n+1}$  are  
distinct.