

## 10. Surveys of Difficulties with $AX=b$

Our main agenda is to solve  $AX=b$ . Ordinary elimination might not compute  $x$  - There might be too many equations, no solutions, & so on.

In deep learning, we have too many solutions - and we want <sup>one</sup> to generalize well unseen test data.

The pseudoinverse of  $A$  ~~may~~ <sup>is</sup> a good solution

0.  $x = A^+ b$  [The pseudoinverse way]  
 $A^+ = V \Sigma^+ U^T$

1. condition number =  $\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_n}$

If this is not too large ( $< 1000$ )  $\rightarrow$  elimination succeeds with a good accuracy.

2.  $m > n = r$

- Too many equations
- Eg. least squares

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\rightarrow$  If columns are independent ( $n=r$ ) and not too ill conditions,

$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$$

$$\hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

$\rightarrow$  we project  $b$  onto column space of  $A$  and find the nearest solution

3.  $m < n$

- Short and wide

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \phantom{0} & \phantom{0} & \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} & \phantom{0} & \phantom{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

- too many solutions, if it has one.
- choose best  $x$  for our purpose

$x \approx x^T = A^T b$  = has minimum  $\ell^2$  norm solution

$x = x_1$  = minimum  $\ell^1$  norm solution

4. The columns are in bad condition  $\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_n} \gg$

→ Orthogonalize the columns using Gram-Schmidt / Householder algorithm  
 $A = QR$

5. Near singular / Inverse problems / Add penalty

• Inverse problem: output known; find the system

$$\text{minimize } \|Ax - b\|^2 + \underbrace{\lambda^2 \|x\|^2}_{\text{penalty term}}$$

⇒ more well conditioned

6.  $A$  is too big ⇒ KRYLOV [iterative method]

⇒ random sampling

7. Way too big ⇒ [Random numerical algebra]



Regularization:

$$\text{minimize } (\|Ax - b\|^2 + \delta^2 \|x\|_2^2) \quad \text{choose } \delta > 0.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ \delta I \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^* x = b^*$$

$$\text{minimize } \|Ax - b\|^2 + \delta^2 \|x\|^2 \quad - (1)$$

let,  $A$  is  $1 \times 1$  matrix,  $A = [\sigma]$

$$(\sigma^2 + \delta^2) x_\delta = \sigma b$$

$$x_\delta = \left( \frac{\sigma}{\sigma^2 + \delta^2} \right) b$$

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \sigma^2 x^2 + \delta^2 x^2 - 2\sigma b x + b^2 \\ f' &= 2\sigma^2 x + 2\delta^2 x - 2\sigma b = 0 \\ \Rightarrow (\sigma^2 + \delta^2) x &= \sigma b \end{aligned}$$

if  $\sigma \neq 0$

$$x = \frac{1}{\sigma} b$$

if  $\sigma = 0$

$$x = 0.$$

this is the pseudo inverse.

Staying in  $\ell^2$  norm:

$$(A^T A + \delta^2 I)^{-1} A^T \rightarrow A^+ \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{minimize } \|Ax - b\|_2^2 + \sigma^2 \|x\|_1^2 \Rightarrow \text{LASSO}$$

$$\text{Conclusion, } \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} (A^T A + \delta^2 I)^{-1} A^T = A^+$$