

hw1_soln

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1 Homework 1 solution

1.

1.1 Backsolve

1.

$$x_1 = b_1/R_{11}, \quad x_{i+1} = \frac{b_{i+1} - \sum_{k=1}^i R_{i+1,k}x_k}{R_{i+1,i+1}}.$$

2.

$$x_n = b_n/R_{nn}, \quad x_i = \frac{b_i - \sum_{k=i+1}^n R_{i,k}x_k}{R_{i,i}}.$$

2.

1.2 Linear Data fit

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[3]: using JLD
      using LinearAlgebra
      using Polynomials
      using Plots
      using BenchmarkTools
      using Statistics
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[22]: D = load("../hw1_p2_data.jld")["data"]
      m = size(D)[1]

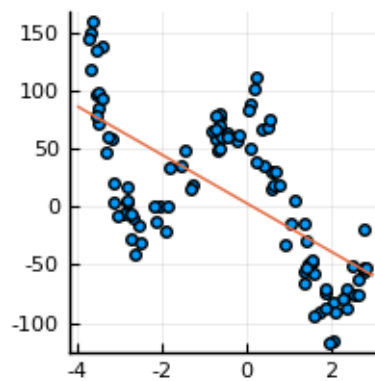
      A = [ones(m,1) D[:,1]]
      b = D[:,2]
      xls = A\b
      p1 = Poly(xls)
      xlim = (-4,3)

      r = A*xls-b
      print("The norm of residual is: ", norm(r,2))

      pyplot(size=(200,200), legend=false)
      plot1 = scatter(D[:,1],D[:,2])
      plot!(t->p1(t), xlim...)
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The norm of residual is: 498.56421135979997

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1.3 Polynomial data fit

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[44]: plot_list = []
for d in 1:5
    pp = polyfit(D[:,1], D[:,2], d)
    plot_t = scatter(D[:,1], D[:,2])
    plot!(t->pp(t), xlim..., grid = false)
    plot_list = push!(plot_list, plot_t)
    r = pp(D[:,1]) - b;
    print("The norm of residual for d = $(d) is: $(norm(r,2))\n")
end
plot(plot_list[2], plot_list[3], plot_list[4], plot_list[5], layout=4)
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The norm of residual for d = 1 is: 498.56421135979997

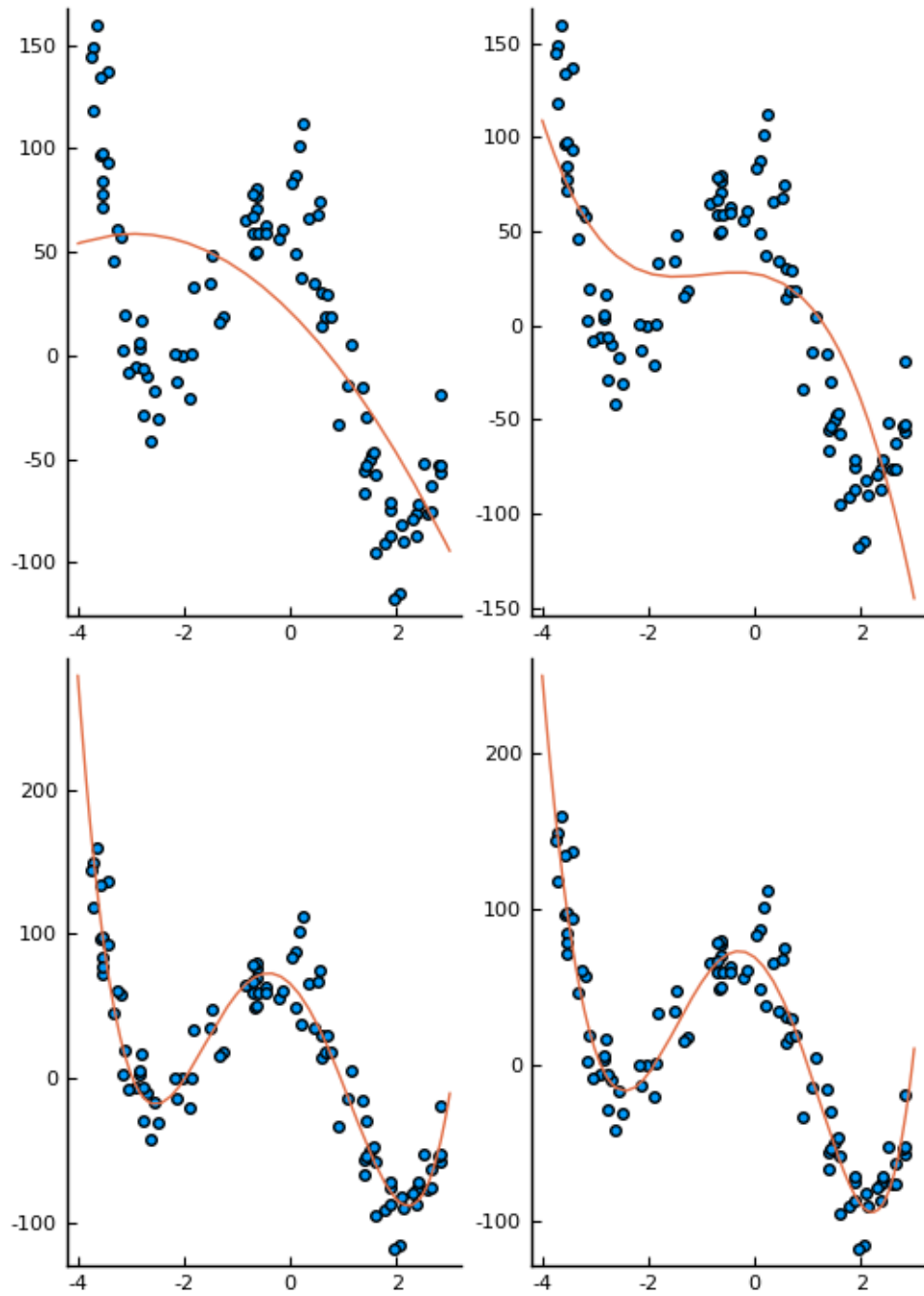
The norm of residual for d = 2 is: 473.93158732071345

The norm of residual for d = 3 is: 439.1465751343405

The norm of residual for d = 4 is: 194.79584942144604

The norm of residual for d = 5 is: 189.05547456952073

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1.4 Least norm solution

1. There are two ways we can factor A . If we factor as $A = QR$, we get something like

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and we can solve

$$x = R^{-1}Q^T b.$$

The key advantage is that Q is only $m \times m$, and R is the same storage as A , so the only increase in storage is m^2 . But, inverting R is tricky, as it is not exactly triangular.

We can also factor $A^T = QR$ to get something like

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Overall, we will solve this system in two steps:

$$R^T z = b, \quad Q^T x = z.$$

The first step is now much easier. When R is wide, it is tricky to figure out how to invert it. But when R is square, it is easy to "invert" through back-solving.

The second step is tricky, because Q^T is wide, and not easily left invertible. In fact, there are many solutions for x . One possible solution is $x = QQ^T z$, which is the least squares solution, and perhaps easiest to compute in this context.

In this regime, the solve system $z = R^{-T}b$ takes $O(m^2)$ flops, and $x = Qz$ requires $O(mn)$ flops, for a total of $O(mn + m^2)$ flops for the solve, and an extra $O(nm^2)$ flops for the original QR factorization.

B. Here's a code for timing

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[5]: function qrtest(A,b)
      F = qr(A')
      return F.Q*(F.R'\b)
end
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m = [10, 100, 100, 100, 100]
n = [20, 200, 2000, 20000, 200000]

bench_times = []

for k in 1:5
    println("Benchmarking for m = $(m[k]) and n = $(n[k])")

    A = randn(m[k],n[k])
    x = randn(n[k])
    b = A*x

    t_qr = @benchmark qrtest($A,$b) samples = 10 seconds = 50

    t_bs = @benchmark $A\$b samples = 10 seconds = 50

    push!(bench_times, (time_qr = t_qr, time_bs = t_bs))
    println(bench_times[k])
end

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Benchmarking for m = 10 and n = 20
(time_qr = Trial(16.043 s), time_bs = Trial(18.324 s))
Benchmarking for m = 100 and n = 200
(time_qr = Trial(839.127 s), time_bs = Trial(1.689 ms))
Benchmarking for m = 100 and n = 2000
(time_qr = Trial(3.882 ms), time_bs = Trial(17.728 ms))
Benchmarking for m = 100 and n = 20000
(time_qr = Trial(39.769 ms), time_bs = Trial(260.832 ms))
Benchmarking for m = 100 and n = 200000
(time_qr = Trial(665.707 ms), time_bs = Trial(5.214 s))

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C. Let x_{ln} be the least norm solution to

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|x\|_x^2 \text{ s.t. } Ax = b.$$

The solution x_{ln} can be decomposed as $x_{ln} = x_1 + x_2$, where $x_1 \in \mathcal{R}(A^T)$, $x_2 \in \mathcal{N}(A)$ and $x_1^T x_2 = 0$. Since $Ax_2 = 0$, the component of x_{ln} along $\mathcal{N}(A)$ must be zero. So, $x_{ln} \in \mathcal{R}(A^T)$.

Consider the QR decomposition of $A^T = QR$, where

$$Q = [\hat{Q} \ \bar{Q}], \text{ and } R = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{R} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Here $\hat{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$, $\bar{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n-m)}$ and $R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$. Additionally, we have $\mathcal{R}(A^T) = \mathcal{R}(\hat{Q})$.

Since, $x_{ln} \in \mathcal{R}(A^T)$, $\mathcal{R}(A^T) = \mathcal{R}(\hat{Q})$, and $\mathcal{N}(A) = \mathcal{R}(\bar{Q})$, we have $\bar{Q}^T x_{ln} = 0$. Also, since x_{ln} satisfies the equation $Ax = b$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(QR)^T x_{ln} &= b \\ \Rightarrow \hat{R}^T \hat{Q}^T x_{ln} &= b\end{aligned}$$

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Note that x_{ln} that satisfies $\hat{R}^T \hat{Q}^T x_{ln} = b$ and $\bar{Q}^T x_{ln} = 0$ is $x_{ln} = \hat{Q} \hat{R}^{-T} b$.

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