

# Math 381 - Fall 2022

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# Last Time

- ① Projection matrices
- ② A little linear algebra review
- ③ Overview of least squares problem
- ④ Least squares solution theorem
- ⑤ Full-rank least squares problem: normal equations

# Today

- ① Strategies for solving the full-rank least squares problem ( $m > n$ )
  - ① LU decomposition (Cholesky decomposition)
  - ② QR decomposition
  - ③ SVD decomposition

# Daily linear algebra

## 2-norm invariance to orthogonal (unitary) multiplication

Let  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be an orthogonal matrix. Then, we have that  $\|Qx\|_2 = \|x\|_2$  and  $\|QA\|_2 = \|A\|_2$ , for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .

# Review from last time

## Least squares solution theorem

The length of residual  $r = b - Ax$  is minimized if  $x$  is a solution to  $Ax = Pb$ , where  $P$  is an *orthogonal* projection onto  $R(A)$  so that  $r = (I - P)b \in R(A)^\perp$ .

# Full rank least squares problems with Cholesky decomposition

## Normal equations

For a full rank matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  (with  $m > n$ ) and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the least squares solution to  $Ax = b$  is the solution to

$$A^T A x = A^T b.$$

$$Mx = A^T b$$

$$M = A^T A$$

# Full rank least squares problems with Cholesky decomposition

$$M = LU \quad LU = (LU)^T = U^T L^T$$

## Cholesky decomposition

Let  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be symmetric and nonsingular. There is an upper triangular matrix  $R$  such that

$$M = R^T R.$$

Backward stable

# Full rank least squares problems with Cholesky decomposition

- 1 Compute matrix-matrix product

$$M = A^T A \quad O(m n^2)$$

- 2 Compute Cholesky factorization

$$M = R^T R \quad O(n^3)$$

- 3 Forward substitution

$$R^T y = A^T b \quad O(n^2)$$

- 4 Backward substitution

$$R x = y \quad O(n^2)$$

Backward stable, but can be less accurate than other methods for certain problems (next week)

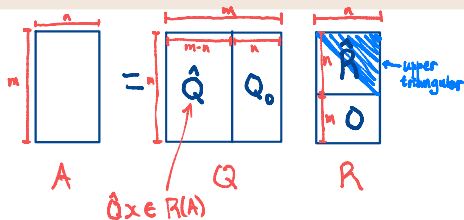


# Full rank least squares problems with QR decomposition

## QR decomposition

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a full rank matrix (with  $m > n$ ). There exists an orthogonal matrix  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  and an upper triangular matrix  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  such that

$$A = QR.$$



Reduced QR  
 $A = \hat{Q} \hat{R}$

Backward Stable

# Full rank least squares problems with QR decomposition

## Least squares solution using QR

Let  $A = QR = \hat{Q}\hat{R}$  be the QR and reduced QR factorization of  $A$ , respectively. Since  $Q$  is orthogonal and the columns of  $\hat{Q}$  span  $R(A)$ , an orthogonal projection matrix for  $R(A)$  is given by  $P = \hat{Q}\hat{Q}^T$ . Hence, the unique solution to

$$Ax = \hat{Q}\hat{Q}^T b,$$

is the unique solution to the least squares problem.

# Full rank least squares problems with QR decomposition

① compute  $A = \hat{Q}\hat{R}$  ( $n^2$ )

② compute  $z = \hat{Q}^T b$  ( $mn$ )

③ Backward substitution  $\hat{R}x = z$

$$A x = Q \begin{matrix} \hat{Q} \\ Q_0 \end{matrix} \quad R x = b$$

$$R x = Q^T b$$

$$\hat{R}x = \hat{Q}^T b \Rightarrow x = \hat{R}^{-1} \hat{Q}^T b$$

$$0 \cdot x = Q_0^T b \neq 0 \text{ in general for LS problems}$$

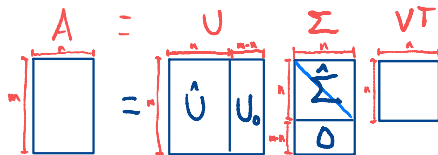
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Alternative

# General least squares problems with SVD decomposition

## Singular value decomposition (SVD)

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a full rank matrix (with  $m > n$ ). There exists orthogonal matrices  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and a diagonal matrix  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  such that  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ .



Reduced SVD

$$A = \hat{U} \hat{\Sigma} V^T$$

Backward Stable

# General least squares problems with SVD decomposition

## Least squares solution using SVD

Let  $A = U\Sigma V^T = \hat{U}\hat{\Sigma}V^T$  be the SVD and reduced SVD of the matrix  $A$ , respectively. Since  $U$  is orthogonal and the columns of  $\hat{U}$  span  $R(A)$ , an orthogonal projection matrix for  $R(A)$  is given by  $P = \hat{U}\hat{U}^T$ . Hence, the unique solution to

$$Ax = \hat{U}\hat{U}^T b,$$

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# Pseudoinverse matrices for the full rank least squares problem

Normal Equations:  $A^+ = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$

QR:  $A^+ = \hat{R}^{-1} \hat{Q}^T$

SVD:  $A^+ = V \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \hat{U}^T$