

Linear algebra for AI and ML (September-16)



Least squares:

$$Ax = b$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \quad b \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

Assumption: Columns of A are linearly independent.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \quad \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} \quad \end{bmatrix}$$

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$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$
 $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$
Find $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ s.t.
 $Ax = b$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cdot \text{Existence \& uniqueness for } Ax = b. \\ \cdot \text{Computation of solutions or, LU/Gaussian.} \\ \cdot \text{Sensitivity analysis} \end{array} \right\}$

\searrow $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

square & A invertible.

tall A ; $m \geq n$ and columns of A are lin. ind.

$$Ax = b$$

clearly if $b \in \text{col. span}(A)$

\Rightarrow b can be written as a unique linear combination of columns of A .

What if, $b \notin \text{col. span}(A)$

then clearly, there does NOT exist
any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ s.t. $Ax = b$

exist
 $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$
 $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | & | \\ | & | & | & | & | \\ | & | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | \\ | \\ | \end{bmatrix}_{m \times 1}$$

There is no solution x to $Ax = b$

$$\arg \min_x \underbrace{\|Ax - b\|_2}_{\text{residual}} = \hat{x}$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \quad \boxed{x \in \mathbb{R}^n}$$

$b \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$r = Ax - b =$ residual vector
 $r \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$r = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ r_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ax - b \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_1^T \\ a_2^T \\ \vdots \\ a_m^T \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|Ax - b\|_2^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2 + \dots + r_m^2$$

$$= \underbrace{(a_1^T x - b_1)}_{f(a_1^T)}^2 + \underbrace{(a_2^T x - b_2)}_{f(a_2^T)}^2 + \dots + \underbrace{(a_m^T x - b_m)}_{f(a_m^T)}^2$$

there does NOT exist x s.t. $Ax = b$

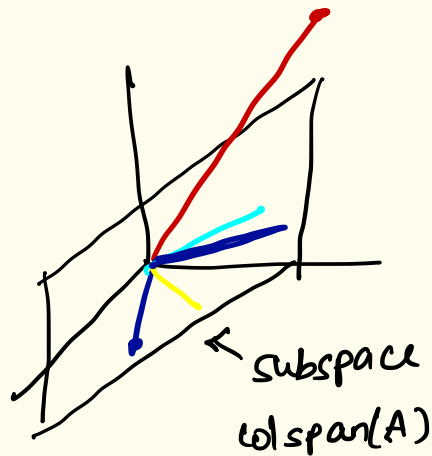
($b \notin \text{colspan}(A)$)

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ A_1 & A_2 & \dots & A_n \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1 A_1 + x_2 A_2 + \dots + x_n A_n$$

$$\|Ax - b\|_2^2 = \| (x_1 A_1 + x_2 A_2 + \dots + x_n A_n) - b \|_2^2$$

$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_x \|Ax - b\|_2^2$$

$$A\hat{x} = \hat{x}_1 A_1 + \hat{x}_2 A_2 + \dots + \hat{x}_n A_n$$



Solution: Given $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$, columns of A are linearly indep.

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|Ax - b\|_2^2$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \|Ax - b\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \underbrace{A_{ij} x_j}_{\text{entry of } A} - b_i \right)^2$$

where $A = [A_{ij}]$: A_{ij} : $(i, j)^{\text{th}}$ entry of A .

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} f(x) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} f(x) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} f(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underbrace{(\nabla f(x))}_k = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} f(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\nabla f(x))_k &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} f(x) \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_j - b_i \right)^2 \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^m 2 \left(\sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_j - b_i \right) (A_{ik}) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^m 2 \underbrace{(A^T)_{ki}}_B \underbrace{(Ax - b)_i}_z
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(Bz \right)_{\leftarrow k^{\text{th}}}$$

$$(\nabla f(x))_k = 2 \left[A^T (Ax - b) \right]_k$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f(x) = 2 A^T (Ax - b)$$

Let \hat{x} be any minimizer of $\|Ax - b\|_2^2$.

$$\hat{x} \in \operatorname{argmin}_x \|Ax - b\|_2^2$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2A^T(A\hat{x} - b) = 0$$

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

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

normal
eq^{ns}
($n \times n$: square
system)

\therefore cols of A
are linearly
indep.

$(A^T A)$ is
invertible.

Recall: $(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ is a special left inverse of A .
(pseudo inverse)

Denote the pseudo-inverse of A as A^+ .

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

and the LS solution to $Ax = b$ is

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

Direct verification of LS solution.

Suppose $\hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$ is a solution
to the LS problem.

$(\min_x \|Ax - b\|_2^2) : \text{LS problem}$

Verify !!

$$\|Ax - b\|_2^2 = \| (Ax - A\hat{x}) + (A\hat{x} - b) \|_2^2$$

$$= \|Ax - A\hat{x}\|_2^2 + \|A\hat{x} - b\|_2^2$$

$$+ 2(Ax - A\hat{x})^T (A\hat{x} - b)$$

$$(\|u + v\|_2^2 = \|u\|_2^2 + \|v\|_2^2 + 2u^T v)$$

Observe: $2(Ax - A\hat{x})^T (A\hat{x} - b) = 2(x - \hat{x})^T \boxed{A^T (A\hat{x} - b)}$

$$= 2(x - \hat{x})^T 0$$

$$\boxed{\|Ax - b\|_2^2} \geq \boxed{\|A(x - \hat{x})\|_2^2} \geq 0 + \boxed{\|A\hat{x} - b\|_2^2} = 0$$

