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Optimization

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Today

Algorithms for linear algebra  
computations

Matlab examples

(LDU, QR, SVD, Eigenvalues)

Last time, we saw how to solve

$$\min_x \|Ax - b\|_2^2 \quad (\text{linear least squares})$$

using two techniques:

1. Normal equations

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

$A$  is  $m \times n$

$n \times n$

2. QR decomposition

$$A = QR$$

$$Q^T Q = I, R \text{ upper } \nabla$$

$$R x = Q^T b$$

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Simple observation:

Row reduction operation on matrix

$A$  is matrix multiplication of  $A$  by a specially structured matrix on the left.

Eg add  $\alpha_{ij}$  ~~row~~  $j$  to row  $i$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha_{1i} & & 0 \\ & \alpha_{2i} & & 0 \\ & 1 + \alpha_{ii} & & 0 \\ 0 & & \alpha_{ni} & 1 \end{bmatrix} A = \left( \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Identity}}}{I} + \alpha_i \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{coefficients}}}{e_i^T} \right) A$$

$i^{\text{th}}$  column of  $I$

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Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ \alpha_{21} & 1 & & 0 \\ & & \ddots & \\ \alpha_{n1} & 0 & & 1 \end{bmatrix} A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22}^{(2)} & - & - \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & a_{n2}^{(2)} & - & - \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{\alpha_{j1} = -\frac{a_{j1}}{a_{11}}} = (\mathbf{I} + \alpha_{11} \mathbf{e}_1^T) A = A^{(1)}$$

Row reduce second column, using second row.

$$\alpha_{j2} = \frac{-a_{j2}^{(2)}}{a_{22}^{(2)}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} A^{(2)} &= (I + \alpha_2 e_2^T) (I + \alpha_1 e_1^T) A^{(0)} \\ &= (I + \alpha_2 e_2^T) A^{(1)} \end{aligned}$$

Proceed with row reduction

Use  $i+1$  row of  $A^{(i)}$  to introduce 0's below diagonal of the  $i+1$  column.

$$\begin{aligned} A^{(n)} &= (I + \alpha_{n-1} e_{n-1}^T) \dots (I + \alpha_1 e_1^T) A^{(0)} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^{(n-1)} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & a_{nn}^{(n-1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^{(n-1)} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & a_{nn}^{(n-1)} \end{bmatrix} U \end{aligned}$$

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$$A^{(n-1)} = \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (I + \alpha_j e_j^T) A = D \cdot U$$

$$= F_{n-1} F_{n-2} \dots F_1 A$$

$$(F_{n-1} \dots F_1)^{-1} = F_1^{-1} F_2^{-1} \dots F_{n-1}^{-1}$$

$$= (I + \alpha_1 e_1^T)^{-1} (I + \alpha_2 e_2^T)^{-1} \dots (I + \alpha_{n-1} e_{n-1}^T)^{-1}$$

$$= (I - \alpha_1 e_1^T) (I - \alpha_2 e_2^T) \dots (I - \alpha_{n-1} e_{n-1}^T)$$

$$= I - \alpha_1 e_1^T - \alpha_2 e_2^T \dots - \alpha_{n-1} e_{n-1}^T \text{ or}$$

~~the upper triangular~~

because

$$\begin{aligned} & (I + \alpha_i e_i^T)(I - \alpha_i e_i^T) \\ &= I + \alpha_i e_i^T - \alpha_i e_i^T - \underbrace{\alpha_i e_i^T \alpha_i e_i^T}_0 \\ &= I \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\underbrace{\alpha_i e_i^T \alpha_j e_j^T}_0 = 0 \quad \text{for } i < j$$

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Gaussian elimination (row reduction)

$$A = L \cdot D \cdot U$$

where  $L$  is lower  ~~$\Delta$~~  triangular  
with 1's on diagonal,

$D$  is diagonal

$U$  is upper  $\nabla$  with 1's on  
diagonal

$LDU$  factorization!



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This works if  $a_{ii}^{(i-1)} \neq 0$   
or not small.

Fact if  $A^T = A$  is positive  
definite,  $a_{ii}^{(i-1)}$  is always  
the largest element in row  
& column  $i$  (and is  $> 0$ ).

Otherwise, may have to  
permute rows of  $A$  etc

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Matlab

$$[L, U] = \text{lu}(A)$$

produces  $L, U$  lower/upper  $\nabla$   
with  $L \cdot U = A$ .

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Row/column reduction of  $A$   
implicitly produces a  
factorization of  $A$ !

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$$Ax = b$$

If  $A = L \cdot U$  then

$$L \cdot Ux = b$$

Solve  $L \cdot y = b$  (back solve)

then  $Ux = y$  (back solve)

gives a solution to  $Ax = b$ .

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Fact

Suppose  $A^T A = B$

so  $B$  is symmetric & pos def.

$$B = LDU \quad (= LU \text{ matlab difference})$$

↑  
not 1's on diagonal

$$B^T = U^T D^T U^T = B = LDU$$

$$\underbrace{L^{-1} U^T D^T}_{\text{lower } \Delta} = \underbrace{D U (L^T)^{-1}}_{\text{upper } \Delta}$$

lower  $\Delta$

upper  $\Delta$

$$L^{-1} = (U^T)^{-1}$$

$$\text{so } L = U^T$$

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So for  $B$  pos def & symmetric

$$B = L \cdot D \cdot L^T$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & d_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad d_{ii} > 0$$

$$B = (L \cdot D^{1/2}) (D^{1/2} L^T)^T$$

$$= C^T \cdot C$$

Cholesky  
Decomposition

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Matlab  $\text{chol}(A)$

Let's do some examples.

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Now suppose

$$B = A^T A = C^T C$$

so  $(C^T)^{-1} A^T A C^{-1} = I$

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

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So let

$$Q = AC^{-1}, \quad Q^T Q = I$$

$Q$  is orthogonal!

$$A = QC$$

$Q$  orthogonal

$C$  upper  $\Delta$

$$A^T A = C^T C = C^T (Q^T Q) C$$

Can we compute  $C$  without  
computing  $B = A^T A$  ?

Yes this is the "QR"  
decomposition.

Methods for computing  $Q, R$

- ① Gram-Schmidt
- ② Givens Rotations
- ③ Householder Transformations



## Gram-Schmidt

$x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  two vectors

$$\text{let } \tilde{y} = y - \left( \frac{x^T y}{\|x\|^2} \right) x$$

$$x^T \tilde{y} = x^T y - \frac{x^T x}{\|x\|_2^2} x^T y = 0$$

$x$  is first column of  $A$   
 $y$  is another column of  $A$

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$$A^{(1)} = A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & \\ \vdots & & \ddots \\ 0 & & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\alpha_{1i} = -\frac{a_1^T a_i}{\|a_1\|_2^2}$

$a_i$  =  $i^{\text{th}}$  column of  $A$

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Repeat to get  $A^{(2)}$  by  
subtracting appropriate ~~columns~~  
multiples of second column  
from columns 3, 4, ..., ~~n~~

Resulting  $A^{(n-1)}$  has  
orthogonal columns &

$$Q = A^{(n-1)} = A \cdot \underbrace{U_1 \cdot U_2 \cdots U_n}_{\text{upper } \Delta}$$

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QR factorization is a very  
useful tool!

examples

① solve  $Ax = b$  ✓

② solve  $\min_x \|Ax - b\|_2^2$  ✓

③ compute eigenvalues of  $A$  ✓

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QR algorithm for finding  
eigenvalues of  $A$  ( $n \times n$ )

$$A^{(0)} = Q^{(0)} R^{(0)}$$

$$A^{(1)} = R^{(0)} Q^{(0)} = Q^{(1)} R^{(1)}$$

$$A^{(2)} = R^{(1)} Q^{(1)} = Q^{(2)} R^{(2)}$$

$A^{(k)}$  converges & can  
read off eigenvalues!

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In practice this is ~~too~~ expensive!

If  $A$  is symmetric, can  
"reduce"  $A$  as follows

$$A = Q^T T Q \quad \begin{array}{l} Q \text{ orthogonal} \\ T \text{ is "tridiagonal"} \\ \text{"tridiagonal"} \end{array}$$

Doing QR iteration on  $T$  is cheap.  
"ops" per iteration

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$A$  is  $m \times n$  general matrix

$A^T A = B$  is  $n \times n$  pos def & symmetric

$$B = Q^T D Q$$

$Q$  are orthogonal eigenvectors of  $B$   
 $D$  are eigenvalues  $> 0$

$$\text{So } (D^{-1/2} Q A^T) A Q^T D^{-1/2} = \text{Identity}$$

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$$\text{So } A Q^T D^{-1/2} = W \quad \text{in}$$

orthogonal

diagonal  
 $\geq 0$

$$A = W D^{1/2} Q$$

orthogonal

is Singular Value Decomposition.