

Unit 4: Linear Least Squares

Review the 4 fundamental subspaces:

The column space:

$$C(A) = \{y \mid Ax = y\}$$

The null space:

$$N(A) = \{x \mid Ax = 0\}$$

The row space:

$$R(A) = \{y \mid y^T = x^T A\}$$

The left null space:

$$NS(A^H) = \{x \mid x^T A = 0\}$$

Orthogonal subspaces:

Two subspaces $S, T \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ are orthogonal if any two arbitrary vectors $x \in S, y \in T$ are orthogonal:

$$x^T y = 0$$

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$$R(A) \perp NS(A)$$

4.2.1.2

$$C(A) \perp N(A^H)$$

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4.2.1.3

These are equivalent statements for all $\{s_0, \dots, s_r\}$ be the basis for subspace $S \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and $\{t_0, \dots, t_k\}$ be the basis for subspace $T \in \mathbb{C}^n$:

1. Subspaces S and T are orthogonal
2. The vectors in $\{s_0, \dots, s_r\}$ are orthogonal to the vectors in $\{t_0, \dots, t_k\}$
3. $s_i^T t_j = 0$ for all $0 \leq i < r$ and $0 \leq j < k$
4. $(s_0 | s_1 | \dots | s_r)^H (t_0 | t_1 | \dots | t_{k-1}) = 0$, the zero matrix of appropriate size

4.2.1.4

Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, any $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ can be written as:

$$x = x_r + x_n$$

where $x_r \in R(A)$ and $x_n \in NS(A)$ and $x_r^T x_n = 0$

The method of normal equations

Given $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, $b \in \mathbb{C}^m$ find $\hat{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ such that

$$\|b - Ax\|_2 = \min_{x \in \mathbb{C}^n} \|b - Ax\|_2$$

We can solve this by finding \hat{x} that satisfy:

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

If A has linearly independent columns: $\hat{x} = (A^H A)^{-1} A^H b$

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4.2.2.2 (Left) pseudo inverse

Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ have linearly independent columns:

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

is it (left) pseudo inverse

Hw 4.2.2.1

Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$, then: $A^+ = A^T$
be nonsingular

Hw 4.2.2.2

Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ have linearly independent columns.

$$AA^T = I \quad <\text{SOMETIMES}>$$

only when A is square

Solving the normal equations:

To solve $A^H A \hat{x} = A^H b$, we can instead solve

$$B\hat{x} = y \text{ with } B = A^H A \text{ and } y = A^H b$$

Step 1: compute $B = A^H A$ ($m n^2$ flops)

Step 2: compute $y = A^H b$ ($2mn$ flops)

Step 3: compute Cholesky factorization $B = LL^H$
($\frac{1}{3}n^3$ flops)

Step 4: solve $Lz = y$ and $L^H \hat{x} = z$

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Conditioning of linear least square

Given $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ with linearly independent columns and $b \in \mathbb{C}^m$, the condition of the linear least squares problem

$$\|b - Ax\|_2 = \min_x \|b - Ax\|_2$$

and the perturbed problem

$$\|(b + \delta b) - A(\hat{x} + \delta x)\|_2 = \min_x \|(b + \delta b) - A(\hat{x} + \delta x)\|_2$$

is determined by:

$$\frac{\|\delta x\|_2}{\|\hat{x}\|_2} \leq \frac{1}{\cos(\theta)} \frac{\|\delta b\|_2}{\|\hat{b}\|_2}$$

Condition number of matrix with linearly independent columns

$$k_2(A) = \|A\|_2 \|A^+\|_2 = \frac{\sigma_0}{\sigma_{n-1}}$$

Solving using normal equations could be bad

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$$k_2(A^H A) = [k_2(A)]^2$$

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SOLUTION VIA SVD

The SVD and the 4 fundamental spaces

Theorem 4.3.1.1.

Given $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, $A = U_L \Sigma_{\text{red}} V_L^H$ is reduced SVD
and $A = (U_L | U_R) \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{\text{red}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (V_L | V_R)^H$ is SVD.

- $C(A) = C(U_L)$
- $N(A) = C(V_R)$
- $R(A) = C(A^H) = C(V_L)$
- $N(A^H) = C(U_R)$

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$$R(A) = C(A^H) = C(V_L)$$

Theorem 4.3.1.3

$$r = \text{rank}(A) = \dim(R(A)) = \dim(C(U_L))$$

$$r = \text{rank} \dim(R(A)) = \dim(C(V_L))$$

$$n-r = \dim(N(A)) = \dim(C(V_R))$$

$$m-r = \dim(N(A^H)) = \dim(C(U_R))$$

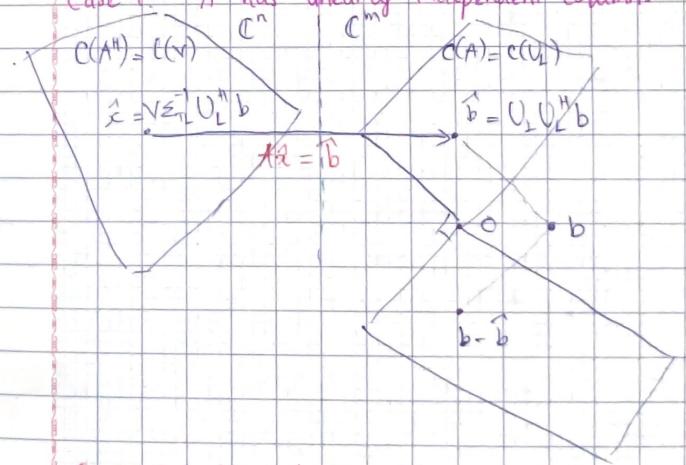
Hw 4.3.1.4

Any vector x can be written as:

$$x = x_r + x_n$$

with $x_r \in C(V_L)$ and $x_n \in C(V_R)$

Case 1: A has linearly independent columns



Cost of solving LLS problem via SVD

- Compute the reduced SVD: $A = U_L \Sigma_{\text{red}} V_L^H$ $O(mn^2)$ with a large constant
- Compute $\hat{x} = V_L^{-1} U_L^H b$

The cost of this is approximately:

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Form $y_T = U_L^H b$ (2mn flops)

Scale the individual of y_T by dividing by the corresponding singular values (n flops).

Overwriting $y_T = \Sigma_L^{-1} T y_T$. The cost of this step is negligible.

Compute $\hat{x} = V_T y_T$ (2n² flops)

Case 2: General case (A doesn't have linearly independent columns)

With c try to solve $\|b - Ax\|_2 = \min_x \|b - Ax\|_2$ with no assumptions about the relative size of m and n we essentially try to find \hat{x} that minimise $\|b - Ax\|_2$ that satisfy:

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

$$\Leftrightarrow (U_L^H U_R) (\Sigma_L \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}) (V_L^H V_R)^H \hat{x} = U_L^H U_L^H \hat{b}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \Sigma_L V_L^H \hat{x} = U_L^H \hat{b}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \Sigma_L V_L^H (V_L z_T + V_R z_B) = U_L^H \hat{b}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \Sigma_L z_T = U_L^H b$$

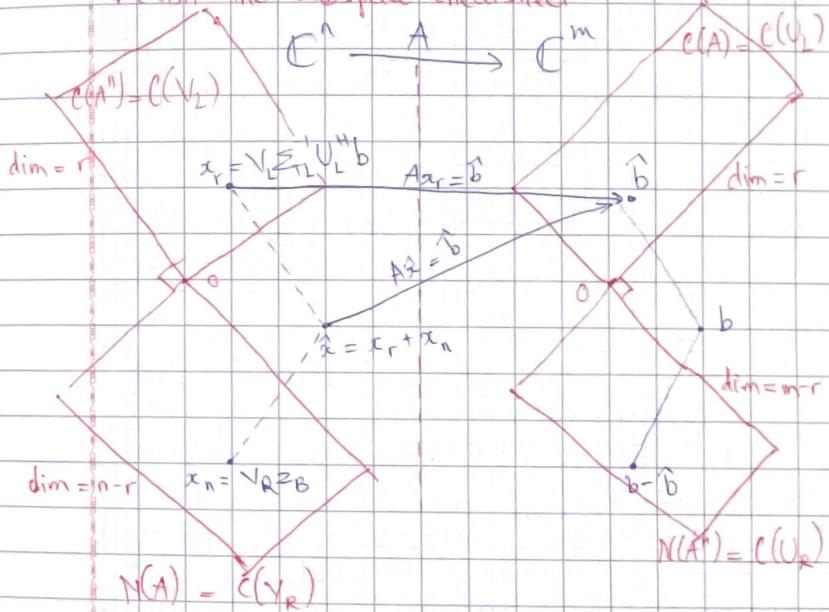
So, we can see that: $z_T = V_L^{-1} \Sigma_L^{-1} U_L^H b$

And the general solution: $\hat{x} = V_L \Sigma_L^{-1} U_L^H b + V_R z_B$

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Revisit the subspace cheat sheet



Thm 4.3.1

$\hat{x} = V_L \Sigma_L^{-1} U_L^H b$ is the solution to the LLS problem. And x^* satisfies:

$$\|b - Ax^*\|_2 = \min_x \|b - Ax\|_2$$

Then:

$$\|\hat{x}\|_2 \leq \|x^*\|_2$$

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SOLUTION VIA QR FACTORIZATION

Case 1: A has linearly independent columns

Theorem 4.4.1.1

Assume $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ has linearly independent columns
 $A = QR$ with $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ and upper triangular matrix $R \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$. Then:

$$\|b - A\hat{x}\|_2 = \min_{\hat{x}} \|b - Ax\|_2$$

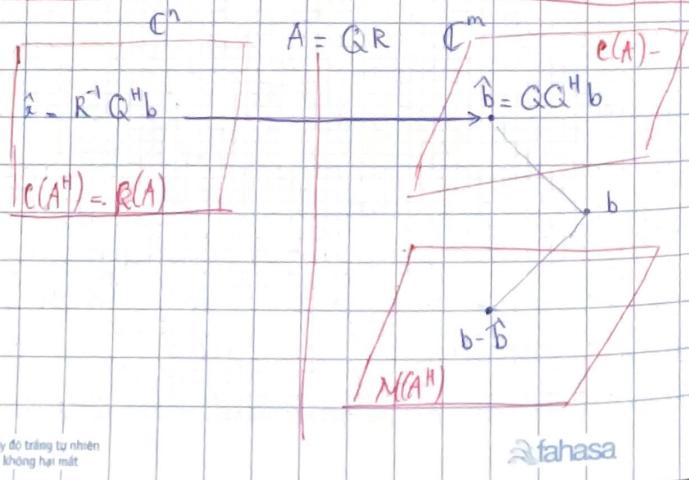
is solved by the unique solution of

$$R\hat{x} = Q^H b$$

Theorem 4.4.1.1

Given $\hat{x} = (A^H A)^{-1} A^H b$ and $A = QR$ is the factorization

Then: $R\hat{x} = R^{-1} Q^H b$



Cost of solving via QR factorization

Given $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, the steps required to solve LLS problem via QR factorization are:

- Factoring $A = QR$ ($2mn^2$ flops)
- Compute $y = Q^H b$ ($2mn$ flops)
- Solve $R\hat{x} = y$ (n^2 flops)

Total: $2mn^2 + 2mn + n^2$ flops

Solve via Householder QR factorization

Intuition

We know that: $t_{n-1} \dots t_1 t_0 A = R$

And to solve LLS problem $\|b - A\hat{x}\|_2 = \min_{\hat{x}} \|b - Ax\|_2$

We are actually solving: $Ax \approx b$

Which can also be seen as:

$$t_{n-1} \dots t_1 t_0 A \hat{x} \approx t_{n-1} \dots t_1 t_0 b$$

Formal definition

To solve: $\|b - A\hat{x}\|_2 = \min_{\hat{x}} \|b - Ax\|_2$

We use: $\# - \tilde{y} := t_{n-1} \dots t_1 t_0 \#$ $\tilde{b} := t_{n-1} \dots t_0 \underbrace{b}_{Q^H}$

And then solve \hat{x} by: $R\hat{x} = \tilde{b}$, with $\tilde{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$

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Cost of solving via Householder QR factorization

• Factoring $A = QR$ via Householder $(2mn^2 - \frac{2}{3}n^3)$

• Applying Q as a sequence of Householder

$(4mn - 2n^2)$

• Solve $R_T \hat{x} = y_T$ (n^2)

Total: $2mn^2 - \frac{2}{3}n^3 + 4mn - 2n^2 + n^2$

$$\approx 2mn^2 - \frac{2}{3}n^3$$

Case 2: A has linearly dependent columns

Intuition:

Permute columns in A so that the first r columns are linearly independent and then solve \hat{x} on the permuted matrix

Theorem 4.4.4.1

Assume $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ and $r = \text{rank}(A)$. Then there exists a permutation vector $p \in \mathbb{C}^n$, orthonormal matrix $Q_L \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times r}$, upper triangular matrix $R_{TL} \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times r}$ and $R_{TR} \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times (n-r)}$ such that

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Solving LLS with A linearly dependent via Householder QR factorization

Find \hat{x} such that $\|b - A\hat{x}\|_2 = \min_x \|b - Ax\|_2$ when $\text{rank}(A) < n$:

$$\text{Replace } AP(p)^T = Q_L (R_{TL} | R_{TR})$$

With $AP(p)^T = Q_L (R_{TL} | R_{TR})$ we can reach:

$$(R_{TL} | R_{TR}) P(p) \hat{x} = Q_L^H b$$

Substitute $z = \begin{pmatrix} z_T \\ z_B \end{pmatrix} = P(p)\hat{x}$, we have:

$$(R_{TL} | R_{TR}) \begin{pmatrix} z_T \\ z_B \end{pmatrix} = Q_L^H b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow R_{TL} z_T = Q_L^H b - R_{TR} z_B$$

The solution \hat{x} is given by:

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