

**LARSON—MATH 511—CLASSROOM WORKSHEET 26**  
**Low-Rank and Other Matrix Updates**

**Sage/CoCalc**

1. (a) Start the Chrome browser.
- (b) Go to `http://cocalc.com`
- (c) Login (likely using **your VCU email address**).
- (d) You should see an existing Project for our class. Click on that.
- (e) Click “New”, then “Sage Worksheet”, then call it **c26**.

**Least Squares Update Example**

2. We will talk through the example in “least\_squares\_updated.sage” in your CoCalc project Handouts folder.

Here is the mathematical background from last class:

Suppose we have  $m$  data points (each with  $k$  features):

$$\begin{aligned} &(A_{1,1}, A_{1,2}, \dots, A_{1,k}, b_1) \\ &(A_{2,1}, A_{2,2}, \dots, A_{2,k}, b_2) \\ &\dots \\ &(A_{m,1}, A_{m,2}, \dots, A_{m,k}, b_m) \end{aligned}$$

and we have *already* found the least-squares solution  $\hat{c}$  to  $f(x) = c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \dots + c_kx_k$ , where:

$$f(A_{i,1}, A_{i,2}, \dots, A_{i,k}) = b_i$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , where  $\hat{c} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \hat{b}$ .

Suppose we then get a new data point:

$$(A_{m+1,1}, A_{m+1,2}, \dots, A_{m+1,k}, b_{m+1})$$

How can we use the Sherman-Morrison-Woodbury formula to efficiently update  $(A^T A)^{-1}$  (for the *updated* data matrix  $A$ , given that we already know the  $(A^T A)^{-1}$  from the original data points)?

We let  $\hat{r}$  be the column vector with entries,  $A_{m+1,1}, A_{m+1,2}, \dots, A_{m+1,k}$ , the “new  $A$ ” be  $\begin{bmatrix} A \\ \hat{r}^T \end{bmatrix}$  and the “new  $\hat{b}$ ” be  $\begin{bmatrix} \hat{b} \\ b_{m+1} \end{bmatrix}$  and found that the new (updated) least-squares solution could be computed by finding:

$$([A^T \hat{r}] \begin{bmatrix} A \\ \hat{r}^T \end{bmatrix})^{-1} = ([A^T A + \hat{r} \hat{r}^T])^{-1}.$$

Then we applied the **Sherman-Morrison-Woodbury formula**:

$$(A - UV^T)^{-1} = A^{-1} + A^{-1}U(I - V^T A^{-1}U)^{-1}V^T A^{-1}$$

We let  $\hat{r}^T$  be the new data row. Then  $U = \hat{r}^T$  and  $V = \hat{r}$ .

## The Derivative of $A^{-1}$

3. Let  $A(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t & \frac{1}{t} \\ t^2 & t^2 + 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $A(1)$ ,  $A(2)$ .
4. Find  $\frac{dA}{dt}$ .
5. Let  $A = A(1)$  and  $B = A(2)$ . Are they invertible?
6. Let  $\Delta A = B - A$ . Find  $\Delta A$ .
7. (**A Very Useful Formula**). Check:  $B^{-1} - A^{-1} = B^{-1}(A - B)A^{-1}$ .
8. Use this to find  $\frac{\Delta A^{-1}}{\Delta t}$  and  $\frac{dA^{-1}}{dt}$ .

## Interlacing Eigenvalues for Symmetric Matrices

9. (A Rayleigh-Ritz-type formula for symmetric matrices). Let  $S$  be a symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix with (real) eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_q \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ , and corresponding eigenvectors  $\hat{u}_1, \dots, \hat{u}_n$ . If  $\hat{x}$  is a unit eigenvector in  $\text{Span}(\{\hat{u}_p, \dots, \hat{u}_q\})$  then  $\lambda_p \leq \hat{u}^T S \hat{u} \leq \lambda_q$ .
10. What are examples?
11. What is a *principal* submatrix of a  $A$  of a square matrix  $S$ ?
12. (**Cauchy's Interlacing Theorem**) If  $A$  is a  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  principle submatrix of a symmetric matrix  $S$  with eigenvalues  $\mu_1 \geq \dots \geq \mu_{n-1}$  then  $\lambda_1 \geq \mu_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \mu_2 \geq \dots \geq \mu_{n-1} \geq \lambda_n$ .

## Getting your classwork recorded

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3. Remember to attach today's classroom worksheet!