# MAT 170 Homework 2 Project Report

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# 1 Problem 2A

The least squares problem can be formulated as minimizing the residual sum of squares:

$$\min \|Ax - b\|_2^2$$

Then,

$$f(x) = ||Ax - b||_{2}^{2}$$

$$= (Ax - b)^{T}(Ax - b)$$

$$= ((Ax)^{T} - b^{T})(Ax - b)$$

$$= (x^{T}A^{T} - b^{T})(Ax - b)$$

$$= x^{T}A^{T}Ax - (x^{T}A^{T}b) - (b^{T}Ax) + b^{T}b$$

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

After applying the gradient,

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

$$\nabla f(x^{*}) = 0$$

$$2(A^{T}Ax^{*} - A^{T}b) = 0$$

$$A^{T}Ax^{*} - A^{T}b = 0$$

$$A^{T}Ax^{*} = A^{T}b$$

$$(A^{T}A)^{-1}(A^{T}A)x^{*} = (A^{T}A)^{-1}A^{T}b$$

$$x^{*} = (A^{T}A)^{-1}A^{T}b$$

## 2 Problem 2B

#### 2.1 Model

Let **X** be an  $m \times n$  feature matrix where m is the number of instances and n is the number of features.

Let  $\mathbf{w}$  be the vector of coefficients/weights.

Let **y** be an  $m \times 1$  vector that represent the true value.

Let  $\hat{y}$  be an  $m \times 1$  vector that represent the predicted value.

Our objective is to minimize the residual sum of squares:

$$\min L = \min \sum_{i=1}^{m} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$
$$= \min ||Xw - y||_2^2$$

#### 2.2 Code in CVXPY

```
import numpy as np
import cvxpy as cp
from sklearn import datasets
 In [9]:
 In [3]: 1 diabetes_X, diabetes_y = datasets.load_diabetes(return_X_y=True)
 In [4]: 1 diabetes_X.shape
 Out[4]: (442, 10)
 In [5]: 1 diabetes_y.shape
 Out[5]: (442,)
 In [6]:
             1 A = np.append(diabetes_X, np.ones((diabetes_X.shape[0],1)),axis=1)
2 b = diabetes_y
 In [7]: 1 A.shape
 Out[7]: (442, 11)
 In [8]: 1 b.shape
 Out[8]: (442,)
                w = cp.Variable(A.shape[1]) # define weights obj = cp.Minimize(cp.sum_squares(A @ w - b)) # define objective
In [10]:
                prob = cp.Problem(obj)
                # Solve the problem prob.solve()
                # Retrieve the optimal coefficients
optimal_weights = w.value
                print("Optimal Weights):", optimal_weights)
           Optimal Weights): [ -10.01219782 -239.81908937 519.83978679 324.39042769 -792.18416163 476.74583782 101.04457032 177.06417623 751.27932109 67.62538639 152.13348416]
 In []: 1
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## 2.3 Comparison of Results

Yes, the weights are the same.

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weights = np.linalg.solve(A.T @ A, A.T @ b)
print(weights)

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## 3 Problem 2C

## 3.1 (a)

Since f(x) = -log(x) is twice differentiable on the domain x > 0, we need to show that  $f''(x) \ge 0$  for all x > 0 to prove convexity. Then,

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$$
  
 $f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(-\frac{1}{x}) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ 

Since our domain is x > 0, and we know that  $\frac{1}{x^2}$  is positive for all x > 0, we conclude that  $f''(x) \ge 0$  for all x > 0 so by the second order condition for convexity, f(x) = -log(x) is convex for all x > 0.

# 3.2 (b)

We use the fact that  $f(x) = -\log(x)$  is a convex function to prove the inequality  $\frac{x+y}{2} \ge \sqrt{xy}$ ,  $\forall x, y > 0$ . The epigraph of  $f(x) = -\log(x)$  is the set of points lying above the graph of the function. Suppose there exists two arbitrary points  $(x_1, f(x_1))$  and  $(x_2, f(x_2))$ . Let there be a line segment connecting these two points above the graph. By convexity, we have:

$$\begin{split} f(\frac{x+y}{2}) &\leq \frac{f(x)+f(y)}{2} \\ -log(\frac{x+y}{2}) &\leq \frac{-log(x)+(-log(y))}{2} \\ -log(\frac{x+y}{2}) &\leq \frac{-log(xy)}{2} \\ \frac{x+y}{2} &\geq \sqrt{xy} \; \forall \; x,y \geq 0 \end{split}$$

#### 3.3 (c)

Let  $f_1(x) = 0$  and  $f_2(x) = 3x$ . At x = 0,  $f_1 = f_2$  so the subdifferential is  $\partial g(0) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{R} : \lambda \leq 0\}$ At x = 1,  $f_1 < f_2$  so the subdifferential is  $\partial g(1) = \{3\}$ .

## 3.4 (d)

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Let f_1(x) = 2x_1 + 3x_2 and f_2(x) = x_1 - x_2.

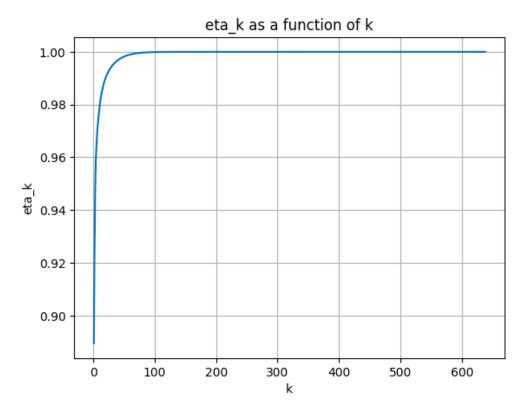
Then, \partial f_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} and \partial f_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}

At x = (1,1), f_1 > f_2 so the subdifferential is \partial h(1,1) = 2,3.

At x = (0,0), f_1 = f_2 so the subdifferential is \partial h(0,0) = conv(\partial f_1, \partial f_2) = \{\lambda(2,3), (1-\lambda)(1,-1) : 0 \le \lambda \le 1\}.
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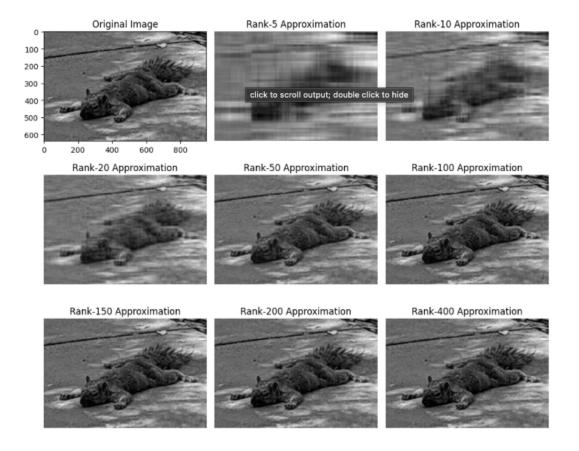
## 4 Problem 2D

# 4.1 (a)



We compute the Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) of matrix A into three matrices: U, S, and V, such that  $A = USV^T$ . After obtaining the SVD, we compute the total sum of squared variances of the singular values (contained in matrix S). This sum represents the total variability of the image. For each value of k from 1 to the minimum dimension of A, we compute  $\eta_k$ .  $\eta_k$  is the ratio of the sum of squared variances of the first k singular values to the total sum of squared variances. It represents what proportion of the total variance is explained by rank k approximation of k. Finally, we plot the ratio  $\eta_k$  against k. This plot helps us understand what percentage of image variance is retained as we increase the number of singular values included in the reconstruction of the image. From the graph, we see that k = 70 already captures a majority of the image variance. Generally, when k is small,  $\eta_k$  is close to 0, indicating that only a small portion of the image variance is captured. As k increases,  $\eta_k$  approaches 1, indicating that more image variance is captured as more singular values are included in the reconstruction.

# 4.2 (b)



The output of the code presents a visual comparison of the original grayscale image and several rank-k approximations generated using Singular Value Decomposition (SVD). The initial subplot displays the unaltered original image. Subsequent subplots depict the rank-k approximations, where each subplot corresponds to a specific rank value. As the rank increases, more singular values are incorporated into the reconstruction, resulting in greater preservation of image details. Consequently, lower ranks yield smoother images with reduced detail, while higher ranks closely resemble the original image with finer nuances preserved.

# 5 Problem 2E

## 5.1 (a)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 11 \\ -10 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$A^{T}A = \begin{bmatrix} 125 & 75 \\ 75 & 125 \end{bmatrix}$$

For the eigenvalue of 200, the eigenvector is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

For the eigenvalue of 50, the eigenvector is  $\begin{bmatrix} -1\\1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Then, 
$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 10\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 5\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14.1421 & 0 \\ 0 & 7.0711 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $U = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7071 & -0.7071 \\ 0.7071 & 0.7071 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$v_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma_1} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 11\\ -10 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^T \cdot u_1$$
$$= \frac{1}{10\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -10\\ 11 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{5}\\ \frac{4}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_2 = \frac{1}{\sigma_2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 11\\ -10 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^T \cdot u_1$$
$$= \frac{1}{5\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -10\\ 11 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{4}{5}\\ -\frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, 
$$V = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{5} & -\frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{4}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.6 & -0.8 \\ 0.8 & -0.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

# 5.2 (b)

The computation by python and the manual computation yield the same results.