

## tf.matrix\_solve\_ls

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- `tf.linalg.lstsq`
- `tf.matrix_solve_ls`

```
matrix_solve_ls(
    matrix,
    rhs,
    l2_regularizer=0.0,
    fast=True,
    name=None
)
```

Defined in [tensorflow/python/ops/linalg\\_ops.py](#).

See the guide: [Math > Matrix Math Functions](#)

Solves one or more linear least-squares problems.

**matrix** is a tensor of shape `[..., M, N]` whose inner-most 2 dimensions form **M**-by-**N** matrices. **rhs** is a tensor of shape `[..., M, K]` whose inner-most 2 dimensions form **M**-by-**K** matrices. The computed output is a **Tensor** of shape `[..., N, K]` whose inner-most 2 dimensions form **M**-by-**K** matrices that solve the equations `matrix[..., :, :] * output[..., :, :] = rhs[..., :, :]` in the least squares sense.

Below we will use the following notation for each pair of matrix and right-hand sides in the batch:

**matrix** =  $A \in m \times n$ , **rhs** =  $B \in m \times k$ , **output** =  $X \in n \times k$ , **l2\_regularizer** =  $\lambda$ .

If **fast** is **True**, then the solution is computed by solving the normal equations using Cholesky decomposition.

Specifically, if  $m \geq n$  then  $X = (A^T A + \lambda I)^{-1} A^T B$ , which solves the least-squares problem  $\{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k} \mid \|A Z - B\|_F^2 + \lambda \|Z\|_F^2\}$ . If  $m < n$  then **output** is computed as  $X = A^T (A A^T + \lambda I)^{-1} B$ , which (for  $\lambda = 0$ ) is the minimum-norm solution to the under-determined linear system, i.e.  $\{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k} \mid \|Z\|_F^2\}$ , subject to  $A Z = B$ . Notice that the fast path is only numerically stable when  $A$  is numerically full rank and has a condition number  $\text{cond}(A) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{mach}}}}$  or  $\lambda$  is sufficiently large.

If **fast** is **False** an algorithm based on the numerically robust complete orthogonal decomposition is used. This computes the minimum-norm least-squares solution, even when  $A$  is rank deficient. This path is typically 6-7 times slower than the fast path. If **fast** is **False** then **l2\_regularizer** is ignored.

## Args:

- **matrix**: **Tensor** of shape `[..., M, N]`.
- **rhs**: **Tensor** of shape `[..., M, K]`.
- **l2\_regularizer**: 0-D **double Tensor**. Ignored if **fast=False**.
- **fast**: bool. Defaults to **True**.

- `name` : string, optional name of the operation.

## Returns:

- `output` : `Tensor` of shape `[..., N, K]` whose inner-most 2 dimensions form `M`-by-`K` matrices that solve the equations `matrix[..., :, :] * output[..., :, :] = rhs[..., :, :]` in the least squares sense.

## Raises:

- `NotImplementedError` : `matrix_solve_ls` is currently disabled for `complex128` and `l2_regularizer != 0` due to poor accuracy.

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