## Optimalizace

Použití lineární úlohy nejmenších čtverců (a podobných)

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Mnoho aplikací úlohy

$$
\min _{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n}}\|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}-\mathbf{b}\|^{2}
$$

je v knize (zdarma ke stažení i se slajdy):

(Slides in this lecture are compiled from various courses taught by S.Boyd and L.Vanderberghe.)

## Interpretations of $y=A x$

- $y$ is measurement or observation; $x$ is unknown to be determined
- $x$ is 'input' or 'action'; $y$ is 'output' or 'result'
- $y=A x$ defines a function or transformation that maps $x \in \mathbf{R}^{n}$ into $y \in \mathbf{R}^{m}$


## Linear elastic structure

- $x_{j}$ is external force applied at some node, in some fixed direction
- $y_{i}$ is (small) deflection of some node, in some fixed direction

(provided $x, y$ are small) we have $y \approx A x$
- $A$ is called the compliance matrix
- $a_{i j}$ gives deflection $i$ per unit force at $j$ (in $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{N}$ )


## Total force/torque on rigid body



- $x_{j}$ is external force/torque applied at some point/direction/axis
- $y \in \mathbf{R}^{6}$ is resulting total force \& torque on body ( $y_{1}, y_{2}, y_{3}$ are $\mathbf{x}-, \mathbf{y}$-, $\mathbf{z}$ - components of total force, $y_{4}, y_{5}, y_{6}$ are $\mathbf{x}-, \mathbf{y}-, \mathbf{z}$ - components of total torque)
- we have $y=A x$
- $A$ depends on geometry (of applied forces and torques with respect to center of gravity CG)
- $j$ th column gives resulting force \& torque for unit force/torque $j$


## Linear static circuit

interconnection of resistors, linear dependent (controlled) sources, and independent sources


- $x_{j}$ is value of independent source $j$
- $y_{i}$ is some circuit variable (voltage, current)
- we have $y=A x$
- if $x_{j}$ are currents and $y_{i}$ are voltages, $A$ is called the impedance or resistance matrix


## Final position/velocity of mass due to applied forces



- unit mass, zero position/velocity at $t=0$, subject to force $f(t)$ for $0 \leq t \leq n$
- $f(t)=x_{j}$ for $j-1 \leq t<j, j=1, \ldots, n$
( $x$ is the sequence of applied forces, constant in each interval)
- $y_{1}, y_{2}$ are final position and velocity (i.e., at $t=n$ )
- we have $y=A x$
- $a_{1 j}$ gives influence of applied force during $j-1 \leq t<j$ on final position
- $a_{2 j}$ gives influence of applied force during $j-1 \leq t<j$ on final velocity


## Gravimeter prospecting



- $x_{j}=\rho_{j}-\rho_{\text {avg }}$ is (excess) mass density of earth in voxel $j$;
- $y_{i}$ is measured gravity anomaly at location $i$, i.e., some component (typically vertical) of $g_{i}-g_{\text {avg }}$
- $y=A x$
- $A$ comes from physics and geometry
- $j$ th column of $A$ shows sensor readings caused by unit density anomaly at voxel $j$
- $i$ th row of $A$ shows sensitivity pattern of sensor $i$


## Thermal system



- $x_{j}$ is power of $j$ th heating element or heat source
- $y_{i}$ is change in steady-state temperature at location $i$
- thermal transport via conduction
- $y=A x$
- $a_{i j}$ gives influence of heater $j$ at location $i\left(\right.$ in ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{W}$ )
- $j$ th column of $A$ gives pattern of steady-state temperature rise due to 1 W at heater $j$
- $i$ th row shows how heaters affect location $i$


## Illumination with multiple lamps



- $n$ lamps illuminating $m$ (small, flat) patches, no shadows
- $x_{j}$ is power of $j$ th lamp; $y_{i}$ is illumination level of patch $i$
- $y=A x$, where $a_{i j}=r_{i j}^{-2} \max \left\{\cos \theta_{i j}, 0\right\}$
$\left(\cos \theta_{i j}<0\right.$ means patch $i$ is shaded from lamp $j$ )
- $j$ th column of $A$ shows illumination pattern from lamp $j$


## Broad categories of applications

linear model or function $y=A x$
some broad categories of applications:

- estimation or inversion
- control or design
- mapping or transformation
(this list is not exclusive; can have combinations . . . )


## Estimation or inversion

$$
y=A x
$$

- $y_{i}$ is $i$ th measurement or sensor reading (which we know)
- $x_{j}$ is $j$ th parameter to be estimated or determined
- $a_{i j}$ is sensitivity of $i$ th sensor to $j$ th parameter
sample problems:
- find $x$, given $y$
- find all $x$ 's that result in $y$ (i.e., all $x$ 's consistent with measurements)
- if there is no $x$ such that $y=A x$, find $x$ s.t. $y \approx A x$ (i.e., if the sensor readings are inconsistent, find $x$ which is almost consistent)


## Control or design

$$
y=A x
$$

- $x$ is vector of design parameters or inputs (which we can choose)
- $y$ is vector of results, or outcomes
- $A$ describes how input choices affect results
sample problems:
- find $x$ so that $y=y_{\text {des }}$
- find all $x$ 's that result in $y=y_{\text {des }}$ (i.e., find all designs that meet specifications)
- among $x$ 's that satisfy $y=y_{\text {des }}$, find a small one (i.e., find a small or efficient $x$ that meets specifications)


## Mapping or transformation

- $x$ is mapped or transformed to $y$ by linear function $y=A x$
sample problems:
- determine if there is an $x$ that maps to a given $y$
- (if possible) find an $x$ that maps to $y$
- find all $x$ 's that map to a given $y$
- if there is only one $x$ that maps to $y$, find it (i.e., decode or undo the mapping)


## Example: illumination

- $n$ lamps at given positions above an area divided in $m$ regions
- $A_{i j}$ is illumination in region $i$ if lamp $j$ is on with power 1 and other lamps are off
- $x_{j}$ is power of lamp $j$
- $(A x)_{i}$ is illumination level at region $i$
- $b_{i}$ is target illumination level at region $i$

Example: $m=25^{2}, n=10$; figure shows position and height of each lamp


## Example: illumination

- left: illumination pattern for equal lamp powers ( $x=\mathbf{1}$ )
- right: illumination pattern for least squares solution $\hat{x}$, with $b=\mathbf{1}$





## Linear-in-parameters model

we choose the model $\hat{f}(x)$ from a family of models

$$
\hat{f}(x)=\theta_{1} f_{1}(x)+\theta_{2} f_{2}(x)+\cdots+\theta_{p} f_{p}(x)
$$

- the functions $f_{i}$ are scalar valued basis functions (chosen by us)
- the basis functions often include a constant function (typically, $f_{1}(x)=1$ )
- the coefficients $\theta_{1}, \ldots, \theta_{p}$ are the model parameters
- the model $\hat{f}(x)$ is linear in the parameters $\theta_{i}$
- if $f_{1}(x)=1$, this can be interpreted as a regression model

$$
\hat{y}=\beta^{T} \tilde{x}+v
$$

with parameters $v=\theta_{1}, \beta=\theta_{2: p}$ and new features $\tilde{x}$ generated from $x$ :

$$
\tilde{x}_{1}=f_{2}(x), \quad \ldots, \quad \tilde{x}_{p}=f_{p}(x)
$$

## Least squares model fitting

- fit linear-in-parameters model to data set $\left(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}\right), \ldots,\left(x^{(N)}, y^{(N)}\right)$
- residual for data sample $i$ is

$$
r^{(i)}=y^{(i)}-\hat{f}\left(x^{(i)}\right)=y^{(i)}-\theta_{1} f_{1}\left(x^{(i)}\right)-\cdots-\theta_{p} f_{p}\left(x^{(i)}\right)
$$

- least squares model fitting: choose parameters $\theta$ by minimizing MSE

$$
\frac{1}{N}\left(\left(r^{(1)}\right)^{2}+\left(r^{(2)}\right)^{2}+\cdots+\left(r^{(N)}\right)^{2}\right)
$$

- this is a least squares problem: minimize $\left\|A \theta-y^{\mathrm{d}}\right\|^{2}$ with

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
f_{1}\left(x^{(1)}\right) & \cdots & f_{p}\left(x^{(1)}\right) \\
f_{1}\left(x^{(2)}\right) & \cdots & f_{p}\left(x^{(2)}\right) \\
\vdots & & \vdots \\
f_{1}\left(x^{(N)}\right) & \cdots & f_{p}\left(x^{(N)}\right)
\end{array}\right], \quad \theta=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\theta_{1} \\
\theta_{2} \\
\vdots \\
\theta_{p}
\end{array}\right], \quad y^{\mathrm{d}}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
y^{(1)} \\
y^{(2)} \\
\vdots \\
y^{(N)}
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Example: polynomial approximation

$$
\hat{f}(x)=\theta_{1}+\theta_{2} x+\theta_{3} x^{2}+\cdots+\theta_{p} x^{p-1}
$$

- a linear-in-parameters model with basis functions $1, x, \ldots, x^{p-1}$
- least squares model fitting: choose parameters $\theta$ by minimizing MSE

$$
\frac{1}{N}\left(\left(y^{(1)}-\hat{f}\left(x^{(1)}\right)\right)^{2}+\left(y^{(2)}-\hat{f}\left(x^{(2)}\right)\right)^{2}+\cdots+\left(y^{(N)}-\hat{f}\left(x^{(N)}\right)\right)^{2}\right)
$$

- in matrix notation: minimize $\left\|A \theta-y^{\mathrm{d}}\right\|^{2}$ with

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
1 & x^{(1)} & \left(x^{(1)}\right)^{2} & \cdots & \left(x^{(1)}\right)^{p-1} \\
1 & x^{(2)} & \left(x^{(2)}\right)^{2} & \cdots & \left(x^{(2)}\right)^{p-1} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\
1 & x^{(N)} & \left(x^{(N)}\right)^{2} & \cdots & \left(x^{(N)}\right)^{p-1}
\end{array}\right], \quad y^{\mathrm{d}}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
y^{(1)} \\
y^{(2)} \\
\vdots \\
y^{(N)}
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Example


data set of 100 examples

## Piecewise-affine function

- define knot points $a_{1}<a_{2}<\cdots<a_{k}$ on the real axis
- piecewise-affine function is continuous, and affine on each interval [ $a_{k}, a_{k+1}$ ]
- piecewise-affine function with knot points $a_{1}, \ldots, a_{k}$ can be written as

$$
\hat{f}(x)=\theta_{1}+\theta_{2} x+\theta_{3}\left(x-a_{1}\right)_{+}+\cdots+\theta_{2+k}\left(x-a_{k}\right)_{+}
$$

where $u_{+}=\max \{u, 0\}$



## Piecewise-affine function fitting

piecewise-affine model is in linear in the parameters $\theta$, with basis functions

$$
f_{1}(x)=1, \quad f_{2}(x)=x, \quad f_{3}(x)=\left(x-a_{1}\right)_{+}, \quad \ldots, \quad f_{k+2}(x)=\left(x-a_{k}\right)_{+}
$$

Example: fit piecewise-affine function with knots $a_{1}=-1, a_{2}=1$ to 100 points


## Auto-regressive (AR) time series model

$$
\hat{z}_{t+1}=\beta_{1} z_{t}+\cdots+\beta_{M} z_{t-M+1}, \quad t=M, M+1, \ldots
$$

- $z_{1}, z_{2}, \ldots$ is a time series
- $\hat{z}_{t+1}$ is a prediction of $z_{t+1}$, made at time $t$
- prediction $\hat{z}_{t+1}$ is a linear function of previous $M$ values $z_{t}, \ldots, z_{t-M+1}$
- $M$ is the memory of the model

Least squares fitting of AR model: given oberved data $z_{1}, \ldots, z_{T}$, minimize

$$
\left(z_{M+1}-\hat{z}_{M+1}\right)^{2}+\left(z_{M+2}-\hat{z}_{M+2}\right)^{2}+\cdots+\left(z_{T}-\hat{z}_{T}\right)^{2}
$$

this is a least squares problem: minimize $\left\|A \beta-y^{\mathrm{d}}\right\|^{2}$ with

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
z_{M} & z_{M-1} & \cdots & z_{1} \\
z_{M+1} & z_{M} & \cdots & z_{2} \\
\vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\
z_{T-1} & z_{T-2} & \cdots & z_{T-M}
\end{array}\right], \quad \beta=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\beta_{1} \\
\beta_{2} \\
\vdots \\
\beta_{M}
\end{array}\right], \quad y^{\mathrm{d}}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
z_{M+1} \\
z_{M+2} \\
\vdots \\
z_{T}
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Example: hourly temperature at LAX



- blue line shows prediction by AR model of memory $M=8$
- model was fit on time series of length $T=744$ (May 1-31, 2016)
- plot shows first five days


## Generalization and validation

Generalization ability: ability of model to predict outcomes for new, unseen data

Model validation: to assess generalization ability,

- divide data in two sets: training set and test (or validation) set
- use training set to fit model
- use test set to get an idea of generalization ability
- this is also called out-of-sample validation


## Over-fit model

- model with low prediction error on training set, bad generalization ability
- prediction error on training set is much smaller than on test set


## Example: polynomial fitting



- training set is data set of 100 points used on page 9.11
- test set is a similar set of 100 points
- plot suggests using degree 6


## Over-fitting

polynomial of degree 20 on training and test set

over-fitting is evident at the left end of the interval

