

Linear Regression II

Multivariate Scalar Models

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Objective

- ▶ Introduction to linear regression methods for multivariate scalar models.

Learning Outcomes

- ▶ You will understand
 - ▶ normal equation
 - ▶ Givens rotation
 - ▶ Householder reflection.
- ▶ You will be able to
 - ▶ implement linear regression methods
 - ▶ run computational experiments.

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A linear (in \mathbf{p}) multivariate scalar model

$$y = f(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})^T \cdot \mathbf{p}, \quad \text{for } \mathbf{g} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

yields the **linear regression problem**

$$A \cdot \mathbf{p} \approx \mathbf{y}$$

for given data $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $m \geq n$ and $A = (\mathbf{g}(X_i^T)^T) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.

Minimization of the error

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathbf{p}) &= \|F(\mathbf{p}, X, \mathbf{y})\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} F_i(\mathbf{p}, X, \mathbf{y})^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (f(\mathbf{p}, A_i(X_i^T)) - y_i)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (\mathbf{g}(X_i^T)^T \cdot \mathbf{p} - y_i)^2 = \|A \cdot \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

can be regarded as a convex minimization problem (see module Newton_II).
Exploitation of special problem structure yields potentially more efficient
solution methods.

We consider three approaches to the solution of the linear regression problem

$$A \cdot \mathbf{p} \approx \mathbf{y}, \text{ where } A = (a_{i,j})_{\substack{i=0,\dots,m-1 \\ j=0,\dots,n-1}} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m :$$

- ▶ normal equation
- ▶ Givens rotation
- ▶ Householder reflection

The **normal equation** method involves squaring of (uncertain, erroneous) values which may have a negative impact on numerical stability as errors also get squared.

Householder projection and the normal equations method exhibit about the same computational cost. The former is typically more accurate.

So is the **Givens rotation** method which allows for more selective generation of zeros, and hence may result in superior computational cost for sparse problems.

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The scalar linear regression problem $\mathbf{a} \cdot p \approx \mathbf{y}$ was introduced in [module LinearRegression_I](#). The first order optimality condition

$$\frac{dE}{dp} = \frac{d\|\mathbf{a} \cdot p - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2}{dp} = 0$$

yielded the linear **normal equation** $\mathbf{a}^T \cdot \mathbf{a} \cdot p = \mathbf{a}^T \cdot \mathbf{y}$ with trivial solution

$$p = \frac{\mathbf{a}^T \cdot \mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{a}^T \cdot \mathbf{a}} .$$

Satisfaction of the second-order optimality condition

$$\frac{d^2E}{dp^2} = 2 \cdot \mathbf{a}^T \cdot \mathbf{a} > 0$$

for $\mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{0} \in \mathbf{R}^m$ implied a local minimum at p .

The **optimality conditions** for minimization of the error function

$$E = \|A \cdot \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (\mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{p} - y_i)^2 \quad (\in \mathbf{R}),$$

where $\mathbf{a}_i \in \mathbf{R}^{1 \times n}$ denotes the i -th row of A , require the gradient

$$E' = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (2 \cdot (\mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{p} - y_i) \cdot \mathbf{a}_i) \quad (\in \mathbf{R}^{1 \times n})$$

to vanish identically with positive definite Hessian

$$E'' = 2 \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \mathbf{a}_i^T \cdot \mathbf{a}_i = 2 \cdot A^T \cdot A.$$

The latter is satisfied due to **strict convexity** of E .

From

$$E'^T = 2 \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \mathbf{a}_i^T \cdot (\mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{p} - y_i) = 0$$

follows

$$\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \mathbf{a}_i^T \cdot \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{a}_i^T \cdot y_i = 0$$

yielding the normal equation

$$A^T \cdot A \cdot \mathbf{p} = A^T \cdot \mathbf{y}$$

which can be solved by LL^T (LDL^T) factorization.

Note: Matrix product $A^T \cdot A$ as sum of outer products of individual rows of A .

```
1 template<typename T, int M, int N>
2 void NormalEquation(
3     const Eigen::Matrix<T,M,N> &A,
4     Eigen::Matrix<T,N,1> &p,
5     const Eigen::Matrix<T,M,1> &y
6 ) {
7     p=(A.transpose()*A).llt().solve(A.transpose()*y);
8 }
9
10 int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
11     assert(argc==3); int m=std::stoi(argv[1]), n=std::stoi(argv[2]);
12     using T=double;
13     using MT=Eigen::Matrix<T,Eigen::Dynamic,Eigen::Dynamic>;
14     using VT=Eigen::Matrix<T,Eigen::Dynamic,1>;
15     MT A=MT::Random(m,n); VT p(n), y=VT::Random(m);
16     NormalEquation(A,p,y);
17     std::cout << "p=" << p.transpose()<< std::endl;
18     return 0;
19 }
```

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Orthogonalization transforms the scalar linear regression problem $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{p} \approx \mathbf{y}$ into

$$Q \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \|\mathbf{a}\|_2 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{p} \approx \mathbf{y}$$

using an **orthogonal matrix** $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ($Q^T = Q^{-1}$). The resulting linear equation

$$\|\mathbf{a}\|_2 \cdot \mathbf{p} = [Q^T \cdot \mathbf{y}]_0,$$

where $[\mathbf{v}]_0$ denotes the first entry of a vector \mathbf{v} , has the unique solution

$$\mathbf{p} := \frac{[Q^T \cdot \mathbf{y}]_0}{\|\mathbf{a}\|_2}.$$

Givens rotation or Householder reflection can be used to construct Q .

Orthogonalization of the linear regression problem $A \cdot \mathbf{p} \approx \mathbf{y}$ yields

$$Q \cdot R \cdot \mathbf{p} \approx \mathbf{y}$$

with orthogonal $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ and upper triangular $R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.

Note that column-wise orthogonalization for $j = 0, \dots, n - 1$ ensures that columns $k < j$ are not affected.

The resulting system of linear equations

$$[R]_{0, \dots, n-1} \cdot \mathbf{p} = [Q^T \cdot \mathbf{y}]_{0, \dots, n-1},$$

where $[M]_{0, \dots, n-1}$ denotes the first n rows of a matrix M , can be solved by backward substitution.

Givens rotation or Householder reflection construct $Q^{-1} = Q^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ as a matrix chain product with factors rotating / reflecting the j -th column

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{0,j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{j,j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m-1,j} \end{pmatrix} \text{ of } A \text{ into } \begin{pmatrix} a_{0,j} \\ \vdots \\ \sqrt{\sum_{i=j}^{m-1} a_{i,j}^2} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

for $j = 0, \dots, n-1$. The matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is transformed into the upper triangular matrix $R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ by a sequence of orthogonal rotation / projections $Q_i^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

Givens rotation $G_{i,i+1}^j$ applied to all columns $j = 0, \dots, n-1$ of $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ yield transformations

$$G_{i,i+1}^j \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ a_{i,j} \\ a_{i+1,j} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \sqrt{a_{i,j}^2 + a_{i+1,j}^2} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

for $i = m-2, \dots, j$ implying

$$G_{n,n+1}^{n-1} \cdot \dots \cdot G_{m-2,m-1}^{n-1} \cdot \dots \cdot G_{0,1}^0 \cdot \dots \cdot G_{m-2,m-1}^0 \cdot A = R$$

and, hence, from $Q \cdot R = A$

$$Q^{-1} = Q^T = G_{n,n+1}^{n-1} \cdot \dots \cdot G_{m-2,m-1}^{n-1} \cdot \dots \cdot G_{0,1}^0 \cdot \dots \cdot G_{m-2,m-1}^0 \cdot$$

Note that columns $k < j$ are not affected as zeros are rotated.

```
1 template<typename T, int M, int N>
2 void Givens(const Eigen::Matrix<T,M,N> &A,
3   Eigen::Matrix<T,M,M> &QT, Eigen::Matrix<T,M,N> &R) {
4   int m=A.rows(), n=A.cols();
5   using MT=Eigen::Matrix<T,M,M>;
6   R=A; QT=MT::Identity(m,m);
7   for (int j=0;j<n;j++) {
8     for (int i=m-2;i>=j;i--) {
9       T norm_a_tilde=R.col(j).block(i,0,2,1).norm();
10      MT G=MT::Identity(m,m);
11      G(i,i)=R.col(j)(i)/norm_a_tilde; G(i+1,i+1)=G(i,i);
12      G(i,i+1)=R.col(j)(i+1)/norm_a_tilde; G(i+1,i)=-G(i,i+1);
13      QT=G*QT; R=G*R;
14    }
15  }
16 }
```

```
1 template<typename T, int M, int N>
2 void LinearSolve(const Eigen::Matrix<T,M,M> &QT, const Eigen::Matrix<T,M,N> &R,
3     Eigen::Matrix<T,N,1> &p, const Eigen::Matrix<T,M,1> &y) {
4     int n=R.cols();
5     Eigen::Matrix<T,M,1> r=QT*y;
6     for (int i=n-1;i>=0;i--) {
7         T d=r(i);
8         for (int j=n-1;j>i;j--) d-=R(i,j)*p(j);
9         p(i)=d/R(i,i);
10    }
11 }
12
13 template<typename T, int M, int N>
14 void Regression(const Eigen::Matrix<T,M,N> &A,
15     Eigen::Matrix<T,N,1> &p, const Eigen::Matrix<T,M,1> &y) {
16     int m=A.rows(), n=A.cols();
17     Eigen::Matrix<T,M,M> QT(m,m); Eigen::Matrix<T,M,N> R(m,n);
18     Givens(A,QT,R);
19     LinearSolve(QT,R,p,y);
20 }
```

Householder reflection of a vector

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m-1} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

yields

$$H \cdot \mathbf{a} = \left(I - 2 \cdot \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}^T}{\mathbf{v}^T \cdot \mathbf{v}} \right) \cdot \mathbf{a} = \|\mathbf{a}\|_2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_i^2} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

for $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{a} - \|\mathbf{a}\|_2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_0$.

Products of the symmetric orthogonal Householder matrices H^j with the n columns of A ($j = 0, \dots, n - 1$) yield transformations

$$H^j \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ a_{j,j} \\ a_{j+1,j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m-1,j} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \sqrt{\sum_{i=j}^{m-1} a_{i,j}^2} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(entries of strictly upper triangular submatrix of A remain unchanged) implying

$$H^{n-1} \cdot \dots \cdot H^0 \cdot A = R$$

and, hence, from $Q \cdot R = A$, $Q^{-1} = Q^T = Q = H^{n-1} \cdot \dots \cdot H^0$.

Note that columns $k < j$ are not affected as zero vectors are projected.

In order for H^j to act exclusively on the trailing $m - j$ elements of columns in A its **leading principal submatrix** must be equal to the identity in $\mathbf{R}^{j \times j}$, that is,

$$H^j = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & & \tilde{H}^j \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\tilde{H}^j \in \mathbf{R}^{(m-j) \times (m-j)}$ denotes the Householder matrix for the subdiagonal part of the j -th column of A .

```
1 template<typename T, int M, int N>
2 void Householder(const Eigen::Matrix<T,M,N> &A,
3     Eigen::Matrix<T,M,M> &QT, Eigen::Matrix<T,M,N> &R) {
4     int m=A.rows(), n=A.cols();
5     using VT=Eigen::Matrix<T,M,1>;
6     using MT=Eigen::Matrix<T,M,M>;
7     R=A; QT=MT::Identity(m,m);
8     for (int j=0;j<n;j++) {
9         VT x=R.col(j);
10        for (int i=0;i<j;i++) x(i)=0;
11        VT v=x+x(j)/fabs(x(j))*x.norm()*VT::Unit(m,j);
12        MT H=MT::Identity(m,m)-2*v*v.transpose()/v.dot(v);
13        QT=H*QT; R=H*R;
14    }
15 }
```



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3     Eigen::Matrix<T,N,1> &p, const Eigen::Matrix<T,M,1> &y) {
4     int n=R.cols();
5     Eigen::Matrix<T,M,1> r=QT*y;
6     for (int i=n-1;i>=0;i--) {
7         T d=r(i);
8         for (int j=n-1;j>i;j--) d-=R(i,j)*p(j);
9         p(i)=d/R(i,i);
10    }
11 }
12
13 template<typename T, int M, int N>
14 void Regression(const Eigen::Matrix<T,M,N> &A,
15     Eigen::Matrix<T,N,1> &p, const Eigen::Matrix<T,M,1> &y) {
16     int m=A.rows(), n=A.cols();
17     Eigen::Matrix<T,M,M> QT(m,m); Eigen::Matrix<T,M,N> R(m,n);
18     Householder(A,QT,R);
19     LinearSolve(QT,R,p,y);
20 }
```

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- ▶ Linear regression methods for multivariate scalar models based on
 - ▶ normal equation
 - ▶ Givens rotation
 - ▶ Householder reflection

Next Steps

- ▶ Play with sample code.
- ▶ Compare results with convex minimization methods.
- ▶ Continue the course to find out more ...