

#3.1 $\underline{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $\underline{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\underline{L} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$

Regularized LS:

$$\min_{\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\underline{A}\underline{x} - \underline{b}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\underline{L}\underline{x}\|_2^2 = \min_{\underline{x}} f(\underline{x})$$

Q: show that this problem has a unique sol'n iff $\text{Null}(\underline{A}) \cap \text{Null}(\underline{L}) = \{\underline{0}\}$.

$$f(\underline{x}) = \underbrace{(\underline{A}\underline{x} - \underline{b})^T}_{(\underline{A}\underline{x} - \underline{b})^T} (\underline{A}\underline{x} - \underline{b}) + \lambda \underline{x}^T \underline{L}^T \underline{L} \underline{x}$$

$$\nabla^2 f(\underline{x}) = 2 \underline{A}^T \underline{A} + 2 \underline{L}^T \underline{L} = 2 (\underline{A}^T \underline{A} + \underline{L}^T \underline{L}).$$

$\nabla^2 f \succ \underline{0} \iff$ reg. LS has a unique solution

When is $\nabla^2 f \succ \underline{0}$?

I.e. when is $\underline{y}^T \nabla^2 f \underline{y} > 0 \ \forall \ \underline{y} \neq \underline{0}$?

when is $\underline{y}^T \underline{A}^T \underline{A} \underline{y} + \lambda \underline{y}^T \underline{L}^T \underline{L} \underline{y} > 0$ if $\underline{y} \neq \underline{0}$?

when is $\|\underline{A}\underline{y}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\underline{L}\underline{y}\|_2^2 > 0$ if $\underline{y} \neq \underline{0}$?

$$\|\underline{A}\underline{y}\|_2 = 0 \text{ iff } \underline{A}\underline{y} = \underline{0}$$

$$\|\underline{L}\underline{y}\|_2 = 0 \text{ iff } \underline{L}\underline{y} = \underline{0}$$



If there does not exist $y \neq 0$ s.t. both $\underline{A}y = \underline{0}$ and $\underline{L}y = \underline{0}$, then $\nabla^2 f > \underline{0}$.

$$\iff \text{Null}(\underline{A}) \cap \text{Null}(\underline{L}) = \{0\}$$

\iff regularized LS problem has a unique solution.

HW #3, P2

$$I(p) = \begin{pmatrix} 100 \\ H \end{pmatrix} p^H (1-p)^T, \quad H+T=100$$

$$p \in [0, 1].$$

of continuous functions

For global optimization, the max occurs either

✓ (i) in the interior, $p \in (0, 1)$

✗ (ii) on the boundary, $p = 0, 1$.

$$(I(0) = I(1) = 0)$$

$$\max_{p \in (0,1)} L(p) \iff \max_{p \in (0,1)} \log L(p)$$

since $\log(\cdot)$ is strictly monotonic.

$$\log L(p) = \log \binom{100}{H} + H \log p + T \log(1-p)$$

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f(p)

$$f'(p) = \frac{H}{p} - \frac{T}{1-p}$$

stationary pts: $f'(p) = 0$

$$(1-p)H = Tp$$


$$p = \frac{H}{H+T} = \frac{H}{100}$$

$$f''(p) = -\frac{H}{p^2} - \frac{T}{(1-p)^2} < 0 \quad \text{if } p \in (0,1)$$

So: $p = \frac{H}{100}$ is a local max (and global one since no other stationary pts)

Coercivity: $(\lim_{\|\underline{x}\| \rightarrow \infty} f(\underline{x}) = +\infty)$

Ex: $f(x) = x^2$ is coercive 

$f(x) = x/|x|$ is not coercive 

$f(\underline{x}) = \underline{x}^T \underline{A} \underline{x}$ and $\underline{A} \succ \underline{0}$, then
 f is coercive.

if $\underline{A} \prec \underline{0}$, then $-f$ is coercive

if \underline{A} is indefinite, then it's
not coercive.

Ex. $f(\underline{x}) = x_1^4 + x_2^4 = \|\underline{x}\|_4^4$

outside $B[0, 1]$, then $x_1^4 + x_2^4 \geq x_1^2 + x_2^2 = \|\underline{x}\|_2^2$

$$f(\underline{x}) = x_1^3 + x_2^3. \quad (\text{not coercive})$$

$$\lim_{x_1 \rightarrow \infty} f(-x_1, 0) = (-x_1)^3 \rightarrow -\infty.$$

$$f(\underline{x}) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow \infty} f(x_1, -x_1, 0, 0, \dots) &= \lim_{x_1 \rightarrow \infty} (x_1 - x_1)^2 \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Cauchy-Schwarz inequality: $\underline{x}, \underline{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

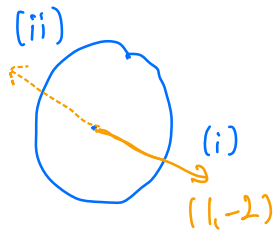
$$|\underline{x}^T \underline{y}| = |\langle \underline{x}, \underline{y} \rangle| \leq \|\underline{x}\|_2 \cdot \|\underline{y}\|_2$$



$$-\|\underline{x}\|_2 \|\underline{y}\|_2 \leq \langle \underline{x}, \underline{y} \rangle \leq \|\underline{x}\|_2 \|\underline{y}\|_2$$

with equality iff \underline{x} and \underline{y} are parallel.

Ex. optimize $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_1 - 2x_2$ on $B[0, 1]$



$$f(x_1, x_2) \leq x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \underbrace{\| \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \|_2}_{(i)} \cdot \underbrace{\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \|_2}_{\sqrt{5}} \quad \text{C-S.}$$

$$f(x_1, x_2) \geq x_1^2 + x_2^2 - \underbrace{\| \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \|_2}_{(ii)} \cdot \underbrace{\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \|_2}_{\sqrt{5}}$$

In (i): equality when $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$, $k \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$

(ii) equality when $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = k \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, $k \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$

Defining $r = \| \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \|_2$

Then along (i): $f(x_1, x_2) = r^2 + r\sqrt{5}$, $r \in [0, 1]$
since $x \in B[0, 1]$

$$\max_{x \in B[0, 1]} f(x) = \max_{r \in [0, 1]} r^2 + r\sqrt{5} \dots$$

Similarly for (ii):

$$\min_{x \in B[0, 1]} f(x) = \min_{r \in [0, 1]} r^2 - r\sqrt{5}$$

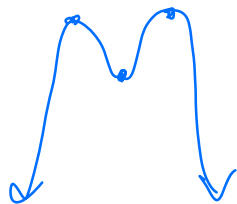
$$f(\underline{x}) \approx f(\underline{x}_0) + \underbrace{\nabla f(\underline{x}_0)^T (\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0)}_{\leq \|\nabla f(\underline{x}_0)\| \cdot \|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0\|_2}$$

$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}} f(x)$, f is smooth

Suppose f has a ~~single~~ stationary point that is a local min, and f at this stationary point is smaller than the value of f at all other stationary points.

Global min?

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How to handle $\pm\infty$?

- (i) coercivity
- (ii) "understand" how f behaves at ∞ .
- (iii) characterize $\nabla^2 f$

$x \rightarrow -\infty$



then min is "at"
 $x = \infty$.