

# SINGULAR VALUE DECOMPOSITION

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# LOGISTICS

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## General announcements

- Assignment 6 to be posted... (grading traffic jam)
- 7 lectures left!

## Assignment 5 and Midterm 2:

- Grading starting, we'll keep you posted

# WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA FOR TODAY?

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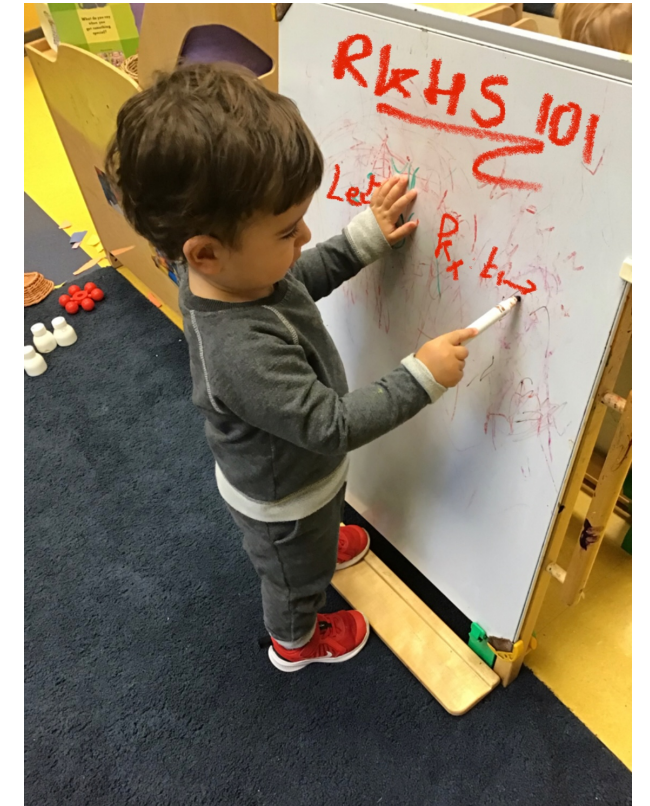
Last time:

- Singular value decomposition

Today

- Application to solving least squares

Reading: lecture notes 13/14



Toddlers can do it!

# SINGULAR VALUE DECOMPOSITION

What happens for non-square matrices?

## Theorem (Singular value decomposition)

Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = r$ . Then  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$  where

- $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$  such that  $\mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}_r$  (orthonormal columns)
- $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$  such that  $\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}_r$  (orthonormal columns)
- $\mathbf{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$  is diagonal with *positive entries*

$(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^T \neq \mathbf{I})$   
 $(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{V}^T \neq \mathbf{I})$

$\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \mathbf{u}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{u}_r \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$

$\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_j = 0$     $\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_i = 1$

$$\mathbf{\Sigma} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \sigma_r \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r \geq \underline{0}$ . The  $\sigma_i$  are called the *singular values*

• We can write  $\mathbf{A} = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$

We say that  $\mathbf{A}$  is full rank if  $r = \min(m, n)$

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Hence  $U(U^T A V)V^T = (U, U^T) A (V, V^T) = A = U, \Sigma, V^T$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} U & \vdots & U_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \uparrow m \\ \uparrow m \\ \downarrow r \\ \downarrow m-r \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \sqrt{\lambda_r} & \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow n \\ \leftarrow r \\ \leftarrow n-r \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} V & \vdots & V_0 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$= U \Sigma V^T \quad \text{w/} \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sqrt{\lambda_r} \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The vectors  $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^r$  form a basis for the column space of  $A$

Check: let's consider the span of  $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^r$ ; note that  $\forall i \in [1, r] \quad v_i \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_i}} A v_i \in \text{col}(A)$  so that  $\text{span}\{v_i\}_{i=1}^r \subset \text{col}(A)$

By dimension considerations  $\dim(\text{span}\{v_i\}_{i=1}^r) = r = \text{rank}(A) = \dim(\text{col}(A))$  so that  $\text{span}\{v_i\}_{i=1}^r = \text{Col}(A)$

Let  $\{u_i\}_{i=r+1}^m$  be an orthonormal basis of  $\text{Ker}(A^T)$ ; recall that  $\text{Ker}(A^T) = \text{Col}(A)^\perp$  (check using definition + dimension)

Hence  $\{u_i\}_{i=1}^m$  form an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^m$

Recall:  $V \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ v_1 & \dots & v_r \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \quad U \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ u_1 & \dots & u_r \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$

Note  $V^T V = I \quad V_0^T V = I \quad V^T V_0 = 0$

Define  $V_0 \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ v_{r+1} & \dots & v_m \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \quad U_0 \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ u_{r+1} & \dots & u_m \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$

$U^T U = I \quad U_0^T U_0 = I \quad U^T U_0 = 0$

Construct  $V = \begin{bmatrix} V \\ V_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ n \end{matrix}$   $U = \begin{bmatrix} U \\ U_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ m \end{matrix}$  such that  $U^T U = U_0^T U_0 = I$  and  $V^T V = V_0^T V_0 = I$

Compute  $(U^T A V)_{ij} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} u_i^T A v_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_i}} v_i^T A^T A v_j = \sqrt{d_i} v_i^T v_j = \begin{cases} \sqrt{d_i} & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad (U^T A V \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n})$

Hence  $U^T A V = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{d_1} & & & & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & & & & \\ & & \sqrt{d_r} & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ m \end{matrix} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \Sigma$

Proof. Start with  $A^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , which is symmetric

By the spectral theorem, we have  $A^T A = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i v_i v_i^T$   $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^n$  orthonormal basis of eigenvectors

Note that  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T A) = r \leq n$  so that  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r > 0 = \lambda_{r+1} = \dots = \lambda_n$  (recall  $\lambda_i \geq 0 \forall i$ )

Consider  $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^r$ ; they form an orthonormal basis for the column space of  $(A^T A)$ , hence of  $\text{row}(A)$

Consider  $\{v_i\}_{i=r+1}^n$ ; they form an orthonormal basis for the Kernel (null space) of  $A$

Check. ① Since  $\lambda_i = 0$   $A^T A v_i = 0$  for  $i \in \{r+1, \dots, n\}$   
Hence  $v_i \in \text{Ker}(A^T A) = \text{Ker}(A)$ ;  $\text{Span}\{v_i\}_{i=r+1}^n \subset \text{Ker}(A)$

② We have a span of dimension  $n-r$  and  $\dim(\text{Ker}(A)) = n - \text{rank}(A) = n-r$  hence  $\text{span}\{v_i\}_{i=r+1}^n =$

Set  $v_i^A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_i}} A v_i$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$ ; form  $U = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ v_1^A & \dots & v_r^A \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \uparrow^r m$ , form  $V = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ v_1 & \dots & v_r \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \uparrow^r n$

Note that  $u_j^T u_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_j \lambda_i}} v_j^T A^T A v_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_j \lambda_i}} \lambda_i v_j^T v_i = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_j}} v_j^T v_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

Hence  $U^T U = I$

# IMPORTANT PROPERTIES OF THE SVD

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The columns of  $\mathbf{V}$   $\{\mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^r$  are eigenvectors of the psd matrix  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ .  $\{\sigma_i : 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } \sigma_i \neq 0\}$  are the square roots of the non-zero eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ .

Note: Since  $A = U \Sigma V^T$      $A^T A = V \Sigma U^T U \Sigma V^T = V \Sigma^2 V^T$



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Note: 
$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{V} \Sigma \mathbf{U}^T = \mathbf{U} \Sigma^2 \mathbf{U}^T = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i^2 \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T$$

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The columns of  $\mathbf{V}$  form an orthobasis for  $\text{row}(\mathbf{A})$

The columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  form an orthobasis for  $\text{col}(\mathbf{A})$

Equivalent form of the SVD:  $\mathbf{A} = \tilde{\mathbf{U}}\tilde{\Sigma}\tilde{\mathbf{V}}^T$  where

- $\tilde{\mathbf{U}} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  is orthonormal
- $\tilde{\mathbf{V}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is orthonormal
- $\tilde{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is

$$\tilde{\Sigma} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

# SVD AND LEAST-SQUARES

When we cannot solve  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ , we solve instead

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \text{ such that } \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y}$$

- This allows us to pick the minimum norm solution among potentially infinitely many solutions of the normal equations.

Recall: when  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is of rank  $n$ , then  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^\top (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top)^{-1} \mathbf{y}$

**Proposition (General solution)** The solution of

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \text{ such that } \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y}$$

is

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}_i \rangle \mathbf{v}_i$$

where  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^\top$  is the SVD of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

Proof. Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ; then  $x = \underbrace{V \underline{\alpha}}_{\in \text{row}(A)} + \underbrace{V_0 \underline{\alpha}_0}_{\in \text{ker}(A)}$  w/  $V \in V_0$  defined earlier in SVD analysis

$$\text{Hence } V^T x = V^T V \underline{\alpha} = \underline{\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad V_0^T x = V_0^T V_0 \underline{\alpha}_0 = \underline{\alpha}_0 \quad ; \quad \|x\|_2^2 = \|V \underline{\alpha}\|_2^2 + \|V_0 \underline{\alpha}_0\|_2^2 = \underline{\alpha}^T V^T V \underline{\alpha} + \underline{\alpha}_0^T V_0^T V_0 \underline{\alpha}_0 = \|\underline{\alpha}\|_2^2 + \|\underline{\alpha}_0\|_2^2$$

Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ; then  $y = \underbrace{U \underline{\beta}}_{\in \text{col}(A)} + \underbrace{U_0 \underline{\beta}_0}_{\in \text{ker}(A^T)}$  w/  $U$  and  $U_0$  as before

$$\text{Hence } U^T y = \underline{\beta} \quad \text{and} \quad U_0^T y = \underline{\beta}_0 \quad , \quad \|y\|_2^2 = \|\underline{\beta}\|_2^2 + \|\underline{\beta}_0\|_2^2$$

$$\text{Then } y - Ax = U \underline{\beta} + U_0 \underline{\beta}_0 - U \Sigma V^T (V \underline{\alpha} + V_0 \underline{\alpha}_0) = U \underline{\beta} + U_0 \underline{\beta}_0 - U \Sigma \underline{\alpha} = \underbrace{U_0 \underline{\beta}_0}_{\in \text{ker}(A)} + U (\underline{\beta} - \Sigma \underline{\alpha})$$

$$\|y - Ax\|_2^2 = \|\underline{\beta}_0\|_2^2 + \|\underline{\beta} - \Sigma \underline{\alpha}\|_2^2$$

# PSEUDO INVERSE

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$\mathbf{A}^+ = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}\mathbf{U}^T$  is called the *pseudo-inverse*, Lanczos inverse, or Moore-Penrose inverse of  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$ .

If  $\mathbf{A}$  is square invertible then  $\mathbf{A}^+ = \mathbf{A}$

If  $m \geq n$  (tall and skinny matrix) of rank  $n$  then  $\mathbf{A}^+ = (\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T$

If  $m \leq n$  (short and fat matrix) of rank  $m$  then  $\mathbf{A}^+ = \mathbf{A}^T(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1}$

**Note**  $\mathbf{A}^+$  is as “close” to an inverse of  $\mathbf{A}$  as possible

# STABILITY OF LEAST SQUARES

What if we observe  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{e}$  and we apply the pseudo inverse?  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}^+\mathbf{y}$

We can separate the error analysis into two components

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}_0 = \underbrace{\mathbf{A}^+\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{x}_0}_{\text{null space error}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{A}^+\mathbf{e}}_{\text{noise error}}$$
$$= \mathbf{A}^+\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{A}^+(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{e}) - \mathbf{x}_0$$

Note  $\mathbf{A}^+\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{V}\Sigma^{-1}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^T\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{x}_0 \neq \mathbf{I}\mathbf{x}_0$  in general, which means that we don't reconstruct  $\mathbf{x}_0$  exactly  
(when  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) < n$ , i.e.  $\text{Ker}(\mathbf{A})$  non trivial)

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We will express the error in terms of the SVD  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$  With

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- $\{\mathbf{u}_i\}_{i=1}^r$  orthobasis of  $\text{col}(\mathbf{A})$ , augmented by  $\{\mathbf{u}_i\}_{i=1}^{r+1} \in \ker \mathbf{A}^T$  to form an orthobasis of  $\mathbb{R}^m$

The null space error is given by

$$\|\mathbf{A}^+\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{x}_0\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=r+1}^n |\langle \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{x}_0 \rangle|^2$$

Note :

$$x_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle x_0, v_i \rangle v_i = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^r \langle x_0, v_i \rangle v_i}_{= VV^T x_0} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=r+1}^n \langle x_0, v_i \rangle v_i}_{= V_0 V_0^T x_0}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^r v_i v_i^T x_0 = \sum_{i=r+1}^n v_i v_i^T x_0$$

$$= A^+ A x_0$$

$$\|A^+ A x_0 - x_0\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=r+1}^n |\langle x_0, v_i \rangle|^2$$



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$$\|\mathbf{A}^+\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{x}_0\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=r+1}^n |\langle \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{x}_0 \rangle|^2$$

The noise error is given by

$$\|\mathbf{A}^+\mathbf{e}\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} |\langle \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{u}_i \rangle|^2$$

$$A^+ e = V \Sigma^{-1} U^T e = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{\sigma_i} v_i v_i^T e = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \langle v_i, e \rangle v_i$$

$$\|A^+ e\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} |\langle v_i, e \rangle|^2$$

# STABLE RECONSTRUCTION BY TRUNCATION

How do we mitigate the effect of small singular values in reconstruction?

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{V}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}\mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}_i \rangle \mathbf{v}_i$$

Truncate the SVD to  $r' < r$

$$\mathbf{A}_t \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^{r'} \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T \quad \mathbf{A}_t^+ = \sum_{i=1}^{r'} \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$$

Reconstruct  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t = \sum_{i=1}^{r'} \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}_i \rangle \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{A}_t$

Error analysis:

$$\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}_t\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=r+1}^n |\langle \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{v}_i \rangle|^2 + \sum_{i=r'+1}^r |\langle \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{v}_i \rangle|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{r'} \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} |\langle \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{u}_i \rangle|^2$$

# STABLE RECONSTRUCTION BY REGULARIZATION

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Regularization means changing the problem to solve

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \quad \lambda > 0$$

The solution is

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{V}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^2 + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{y}$$

# NUMERICAL METHODS

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We have seen several solutions to systems of linear equations  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{y}$  so far

- $\mathbf{A}$  full column rank:  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y}$
- $\mathbf{A}$  full row rank:  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}^\top (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\top)^{-1} \mathbf{y}$
- Ridge regression:  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} + \delta \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y}$
- Kernel regression:  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (\mathbf{K} + \delta \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{y}$
- Ridge regression in Hilbert space:  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} + \delta \mathbf{G})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y}$

**Extension:** constrained least-squares

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Ax}\|_2^2 \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{\alpha} \text{ for some } \boldsymbol{\alpha}$$

- The solution is  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B})^{-1} \mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{y}$

All these problems involve a symmetric positive definite system of equations.

- Many methods to achieve this based on matrix factorization

# EASY SYSTEMS

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## Diagonal system

- $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  invertible and diagonal
- $O(n)$  complexity

## Orthogonal system

- $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  invertible and orthogonal
- $O(n^2)$  complexity

## Lower triangular system

- $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  invertible and lower diagonal
- $O(n^2)$  complexity

**General strategy:** factorize  $\mathbf{A}$  to recover some of the structures above