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Thus, $g(\mathbf{x}) \geq g(\mathbf{x}^*)$ for all \mathbf{x} ; and $g(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{x}^*)$ iff $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^*$. □

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SEARCH DIRECTION choices

For a small step-size t :

$$g\left(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} + t\mathbf{v}^{(k)}\right) \approx g\left(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}\right) + t\left(\mathbf{v}^{(k)}\right)^T \nabla g\left(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}\right).$$

- ▶ **STEEPEST DESCENT**: Greatest decrease in the value of $g\left(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} + t\mathbf{v}^{(k)}\right)$:

$$\mathbf{v}^{(k)} = -\nabla g\left(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}\right).$$

- ▶ **A-orthogonal DIRECTIONS**: non-zero vectors $\{\mathbf{v}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^n$

$$\left(\mathbf{v}^{(i)}\right)^T \left(A\mathbf{v}^{(j)}\right) = 0 \quad \text{for all } i \neq j.$$

A-orthogonal vectors associated with the positive definite matrix A is linearly independent.

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Induction Proof: For all $1 \leq i < k$,

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Thm: Let $\{\mathbf{v}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^n$ be A -orthogonal with $\mathbf{v}^{(1)} = -\mathbf{r}^{(0)}$ and for $k = 1, \dots, n$

$$t_k = \frac{(\mathbf{v}^{(k)})^T (\mathbf{r}^{(k-1)})}{(\mathbf{v}^{(k)})^T (A\mathbf{v}^{(k)})} = -\frac{(\mathbf{r}^{(k-1)})^T (\mathbf{r}^{(k-1)})}{(\mathbf{v}^{(k)})^T (A\mathbf{v}^{(k)})}, \quad \mathbf{x}^{(k)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} + t_k \mathbf{v}^{(k)}.$$

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The CG Algorithm: C is for *Craft*, G is for *Gift*.

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Input: Symmetric positive definite $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$,
initial guess $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and tolerance $\tau > 0$.

Output: Approximate solution \mathbf{x} .

Algorithm:

Initialize: $\mathbf{r}^{(0)} = \mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$, $\mathbf{v}^{(0)} = -\mathbf{r}^{(0)}$, $k = 1$

while $\|\mathbf{r}^{(k-1)}\|_2 \geq \tau$ **do**

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PRECONDITIONED CONJUGATE GRADIENT: $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

Let $M = C C^T$ be some approximation to A . Define

$$\hat{A} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} C^{-1} \cdot A \cdot C^{-T}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} C^T \cdot \mathbf{x}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{b}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} C^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{b}.$$

Hope $\hat{A}\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{b}}$ is easier to solve with CG than $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.

Algorithm 2 Conjugate Gradient Algorithm on $\hat{A}\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{b}}$

Initialize: $\hat{\mathbf{r}}^{(0)} = C^{-1} (\mathbf{b} - A \cdot C^{-T} \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(0)})$, $\hat{\mathbf{v}}^{(0)} = -\hat{\mathbf{r}}^{(0)}$, $k = 1$

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Algorithm 3 Preconditioned Conjugate Gradient Algorithm

Initialize: $\mathbf{r}^{(0)} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$, $\mathbf{z}^{(0)} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{r}^{(0)}$, $\mathbf{v}^{(1)} = -\mathbf{z}^{(0)}$, $k = 1$

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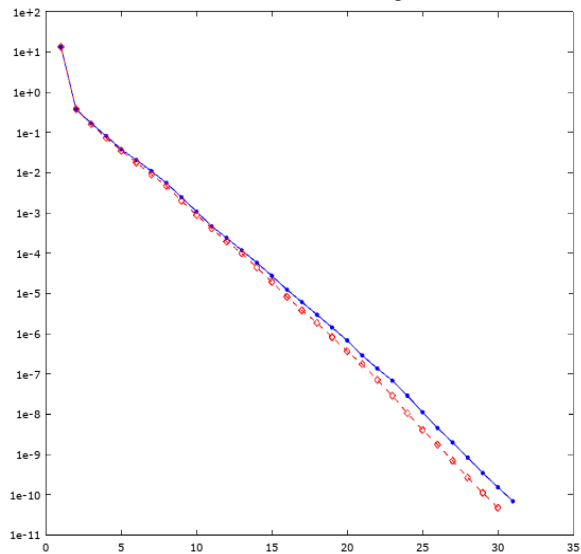
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$$k = k + 1.$$

end while

CG vs. PCG on 100×100 random SPD

Residuals: CG vs. PCG with diag Precond



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Model can not be exact, but could have predictive value.

US Population

Census year	Population
1610	350
1620	2,302
1630	4,646
1640	26,634
1650	50,368
1660	75,058
1670	111,935
1680	151,507
1690	210,372
1700	250,888
1710	331,711
1720	466,185
1730	629,445
1740	905,563
1750	1,170,760
1760	1,593,625
1770	2,148,076
1780	2,780,369
1790	3,929,214
1800	5,308,483
1810	7,239,881
1820	9,638,453
1830	12,866,020
1840	17,069,453
1850	23,191,876
1860	31,443,321
1870	38,558,371
1880	50,189,209
1890	62,979,766
1900	76,212,168
1910	92,228,496
1920	106,021,537
1930	123,202,624
1940	132,164,569
1950	151,325,798
1960	179,323,175
1970	203,211,926
1980	226,545,805
1990	248,709,873
2000	281,421,906
2010	308,745,538

Least Squares Model Solution

Given population data for $\text{year}_1, \dots, \text{year}_n$. Define for $1 \leq i \leq n$,
 $x_i = \text{year}_i$,

$$y_i = \begin{cases} \mathcal{P}(\text{year}_i), & \text{LINEAR MODEL,} \\ \mathbf{\log}(\mathcal{P}(\text{year}_i)), & \text{LOG-LINEAR MODEL.} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ LEAST SQUARES FIT:

$$\mathbf{\min}_{\alpha, \beta} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (\alpha + x_i \beta))^2.$$

- ▶ PREDICTION: For future year x , US population will be

$$\mathcal{P}(x) = \begin{cases} \alpha + x\beta, & \text{LINEAR MODEL,} \\ \mathbf{\exp}(\alpha + x\beta), & \text{LOG-LINEAR MODEL.} \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (\alpha + x_i \beta))^2 &= \left\| \begin{pmatrix} y_1 - (\alpha + x_1 \beta) \\ \vdots \\ y_n - (\alpha + x_n \beta) \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2^2 \\ &= \left\| \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2^2 \\ &= \|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2^2, \quad \text{where} \end{aligned}$$

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Polynomial Least Squares Fit

Fitting data $\{(x_i, y_i), i = 1, \dots, n\}$ with order $m - 1$ polynomial:

$$\min_{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{m-1}} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_i + \dots + \alpha_{m-1} x_i^{m-1}))^2$$

$$= \min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2, \quad \text{where}$$

$$\mathbf{b} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & \cdots & x_1^{m-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & \cdots & x_n^{m-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{m-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Least Squares Solution: $\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Define } g(\mathbf{x}) &= \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = (\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}) \\ &= \mathbf{x}^T (A^T A) \mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{x}^T (A^T \mathbf{b}) + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla g(\mathbf{x}) = 2(A^T A) \mathbf{x} - 2(A^T \mathbf{b}) = 2A^T (A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}).$$

- ▶ OPTIMALITY CONDITION:

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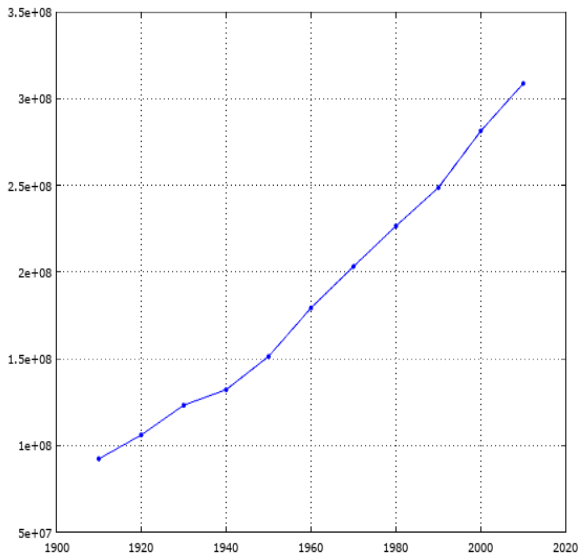
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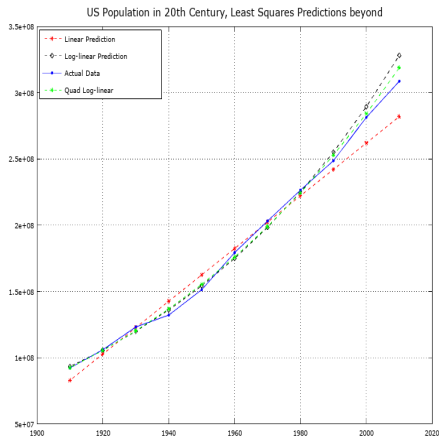
$$\mathbf{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} (A^T \mathbf{b}).$$

In general, A^{-1} does not exist, but $(A^T A)^{-1}$ does.

US Population, 20th Century and beyond



Predicting years 2000, 2010 with data through 1990



- ▶ Log-linear Model predicts year 2000 better than Linear Model.
- ▶ Quad Log-linear Model best.
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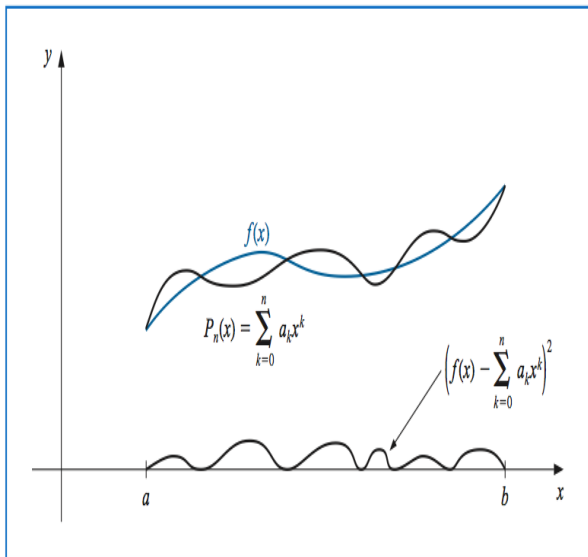
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$$\min_{a_0, \dots, a_n} \int_a^b \left| f(x) - \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k \right|^2 dx$$



Ex: LS approximating quadratic polynomial

For the function $f(x) = \sin(\pi x) \in C[0, 1]$.

$$\min_{a_0, a_1, a_2} \int_0^1 |\sin(\pi x) - (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2)|^2 dx.$$

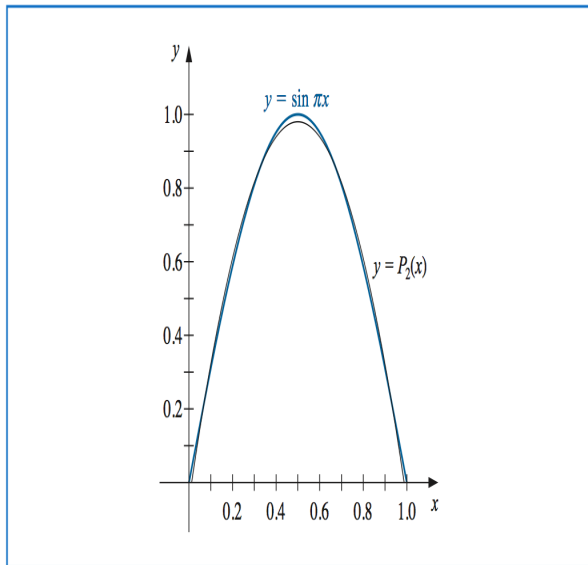
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$$H = \left(\frac{1}{j+k+1} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{x} = H^{-1}\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} -0.050465 \\ 4.12251 \\ -4.12251 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\min_{a_0, a_1, a_2} \int_0^1 |\sin(\pi x) - (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2)|^2 dx$$



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- ▶ **Ex:** Let $\phi_0(x) = 1$ and $\phi_j(x) = x^j + \text{lower order terms}$ for $j = 1, \dots, n$. Then $\{\phi_0, \dots, \phi_n\}$ is LINEARLY INDEPENDENT.

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$$c_0 \phi_0(x) + c_1 \phi_1(x) + \dots + c_n \phi_n(x) = 0, \quad \text{for all } x \in [a, b],$$

we have $c_0 = c_1 = \dots = c_n = 0$. Otherwise the set of functions is LINEARLY DEPENDENT.

- ▶ **Ex:** Let $\phi_0(x) = 1$ and $\phi_j(x) = x^j + \text{lower order terms}$ for $j = 1, \dots, n$. Then $\{\phi_0, \dots, \phi_n\}$ is LINEARLY INDEPENDENT.
- ▶ **Ex:** Let $\phi_0(x) = 1$, $\phi_1(x) = x - 1$, and $\phi_2(x) = x^2 + x + 1$. Then any polynomial $Q(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2$ is a LINEAR COMBINATION of $\{\phi_0(x), \phi_1(x), \phi_2(x)\}$: Set

$$Q(x) = c_0 \phi_0(x) + c_1 \phi_1(x) + c_2 \phi_2(x), \quad \text{implying}$$

$$a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 = c_0 + c_1 (x - 1) + c_2 (x^2 + x + 1).$$

Matching coefficients leads to

$$c_2 = a_2, \quad c_1 = a_1 - a_2, \quad c_0 = a_0 + a_1 - 2 a_2.$$

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$$\mathbf{b} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left(\int_a^b w(x) f(x) \phi_0(x) dx, \dots, \int_a^b w(x) f(x) \phi_n(x) dx \right)^T,$$

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WLS with orthogonal polynomials:

$$a_j = \frac{\int_a^b w(x) f(x) \phi_j(x) dx}{\int_a^b w(x) \phi_j^2(x) dx}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

Orthogonal Polynomials: LEGENDRE POLYNOMIALS

- ▶ weight function $w(x) \equiv 1$, on interval $[0, 1]$.
- ▶ $P_0(x) = 1$, $P_1(x) = x$, $P_2(x) = x^2 - \frac{1}{3}$,
 $(n+1)P_{n+1}(x) = (2n+1)xP_n(x) - nP_{n-1}(x)$, $n = 2, 3, \dots$

Orthogonal Polynomials: GRAM-SCHMIDT PROCESS

Thm: The set of polynomial functions $\{\phi_0, \dots, \phi_n\}$ defined below on $[a, b]$ is orthogonal with respect to the weight function w .

$$\phi_0(x) = 1, \quad \phi_1(x) = x - B_1, \quad \text{and for } k \geq 2$$

$$\phi_k(x) = (x - B_k) \phi_{k-1}(x) - C_k \phi_{k-2}(x), \quad \text{with}$$

$$B_j = \frac{\int_a^b x w(x) \phi_{j-1}^2(x) dx}{\int_a^b w(x) \phi_{j-1}^2(x) dx}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

$$C_j = \frac{\int_a^b x w(x) \phi_{j-1}(x) \phi_{j-2}(x) dx}{\int_a^b w(x) \phi_{j-2}^2(x) dx}, \quad j = 2, 3, \dots, n.$$