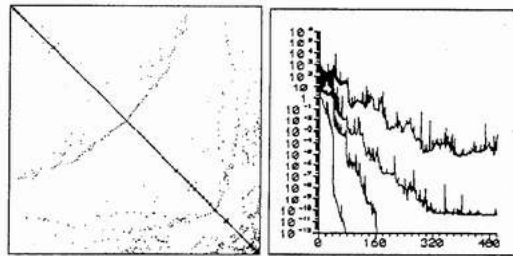


Total least squares problem in  
linear algebraic systems  
with multiple right-hand side

< *work in progress* >



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# I. Single right-hand side

Consider an orthogonally invariant linear approximation problem

$$Ax \approx b, \quad \text{or, equivalently,} \quad \left[ b \mid A \right] \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ x \end{bmatrix} \approx 0,$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , assume  $A^T b \neq 0$  and  $m > n$ .

The **total least square (TLS) problem** for given  $A, b$ :

$$\min_{e, G, x} \left\| \left[ e \mid G \right] \right\|_F \quad \text{subject to} \quad (A + G)x = b + e.$$

## The solution of TLS problem may not exist!

Consider the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

then with

$$[e | G] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon \end{array} \right], \quad \epsilon \neq 0$$

the system is compatible

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Obviously  $\|[e | G]\|_F = \epsilon$ , thus there is **no minimal correction!**

## I.1 Classical analysis

Consider the singular value decomposition (SVD),  $[b | A] = U \Sigma V^T$ , where  $\sigma_j$ ,  $u_j$ ,  $v_j$ , denote the  $j$ th singular value, left and right singular vector, respectively,  $j = 1, \dots, n+1$ . Assuming  $\gamma \neq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ x_{\text{TLS}} \end{bmatrix} &= -\gamma^{-1} v_{n+1} = -\gamma^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma \\ w \end{bmatrix}, \\ \begin{bmatrix} e | G \end{bmatrix} &= -u_{n+1} \sigma_{n+1} v_{n+1}^T. \end{aligned}$$

Existence? Sufficient condition:

$$\sigma'_n(A) > \sigma_{n+1} \implies \gamma \neq 0.$$

[Golub, Van Loan, 1980]

If  $\gamma = 0$ , then the solution can not be computed from  $v_{n+1}$ .

Compute  $x_{\text{TLS}}$  from the vector  $v_p \equiv \max_j \{v_j : e_1^T v_j \neq 0\}$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ x_{\text{TLS}} \end{bmatrix} = -(e_1^T v_p)^{-1} v_p, \quad [e | G] = -u_p \sigma_p v_p^T.$$

This solves for any  $A, b$ , the modified constrained problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{e, G, x} \quad & \left\| [e | G] \right\|_F \quad \text{subject to} \quad (A + G)x = b + e, \\ & [e | G] \begin{bmatrix} v_{p+1}, \dots, v_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

[Van Huffel, Vandewalle, 1991]: **nongeneric solution.**

## Uniqueness

If  $\sigma_{n+1}$  respectively  $\sigma_p$  is not simple, then the solution is nonunique, see [**Golub, Van Loan, 1980**] and [**Van Huffel, Vandewalle, 1991**].

## Relationship between the basic and nongeneric solution

The Van Huffel, Vandewalle idea of nongeneric solution is a consistent extension of Golub, Van Loan basic solution.

**Consequently:** A (possibly nongeneric) solution for any  $A, b$ , but two different concepts.

## I.2 Data reduction in $Ax \approx b$

For a given  $A$ ,  $b$ , there are orthogonal matrices  $P$ ,  $Q$  such that

$$P^T \left[ b \mid A \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & Q \end{array} \right] = P^T \left[ b \mid A Q \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} b_1 & A_{11} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & A_{22} \end{array} \right].$$

The original problem is decomposed into independent subproblems

$$A_{11} x_1 \approx b_1 \quad \text{and} \quad A_{22} x_2 \approx 0.$$

The second subproblem may be nonexistent.

Consider  $x_2 = 0$ ; the first subproblem contains all sufficient information for solving the original problem,  $x = Q [x_1^T \mid 0]^T$ .

[Paige, Strakoš, 2006]



## Data reduction based on the SVD of $A$

Using **SVD of  $A$** , a suitable choice of a bases of singular vector subspaces gives (after permutation) the decomposition satisfying:

- (P1)  $A_{11}$  has full column rank,
- (P2)  $[b_1 | A_{11}]$  has full row rank,
- (P3)  $b_1$  has nonzero projections onto all left singular vector subspaces of  $A_{11}$ ,
- (P4) singular values of  $A_{11}$  are simple and nonzero.

Consequently, the subproblem given by SVD is also minimal; it contains all **necessary and sufficient** information for solving the original problem.

[Paige, Strakoš, 2006]

## Data reduction based on the Golub-Kahan bidiagonalization

The **partial Golub-Kahan iterative bidiagonalization** (GK) of  $A$  starting from the vector  $b/\|b\|_2$  gives a subproblem  $\tilde{A}_{11}\tilde{x}_1 \approx \tilde{b}_1$  satisfying the properties (P1) and (P2).

The relationship of the GK of  $A$  with **the Lanczos tridiagonalization** of  $AA^T$  and  $A^T A$ , and the properties of Jacobi matrices gives (P3), (P4), and, moreover

(P5) *singular values of  $[\tilde{b}_1 | \tilde{A}_{11}]$  are simple.*

[Paige, Strakoš, 2006], [Hnětynková, Strakoš, 2006]

## Relationship between these two subproblems

Both subproblems have the properties (P1) – (P4), and thus they are minimal (have minimal dimensions),

both represent the **core subproblem**,  
however in different coordinates.

## Fundamental data decomposition

- The core subproblem contains all necessary and sufficient information for solving the original problem.
- All irrelevant and redundant information is removed into the matrix  $A_{22}$ .

## Properties of core problem

From the properties of Jacobi matrices it follows that the core problem **always satisfies the Golub-Kahan condition** for the existence of the solution of the TLS problem.

Consequently:

- the core problem **always has the basic solution**,
- the **solution of the core problem is always unique**,
- the solution of the core problem, transformed to the original coordinates **is the (nongeneric) solution of the original problem**.

[Paige, Strakoš, 2006]

## II. Multiple right-hand sides

Consider an orthogonally invariant linear approximation problem

$$AX \approx B, \quad \text{or, equivalently,} \quad \left[ B \mid A \right] \begin{bmatrix} -I_d \\ X \end{bmatrix} \approx 0,$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$ , assume  $A^T B \neq 0$ ,  $m \geq n + d$ , and  $B$  has full column rank.

The **total least square (TLS) problem** for given  $A$ ,  $B$ :

$$\min_{E, G, X} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} E \mid G \end{bmatrix} \right\|_F \quad \text{subject to} \quad (A + G)X = B + E.$$

## II.1 Extension of the classical analysis

Consider the SVD,  $[B|A] = U \Sigma V^T$ , where  $\sigma_j$ ,  $u_j$ ,  $v_j$ , denote the  $j$ th singular value, left and right singular vector, respectively,  $j = 1, \dots, n + d$ . Assuming  $\det(\Gamma) \neq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} -I_d \\ X_{\text{TLS}} \end{bmatrix} &= -\Gamma^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} v_{n+1}, \dots, v_{n+d} \end{bmatrix} = -\Gamma^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \Gamma \\ W \end{bmatrix}, \\ \begin{bmatrix} E | G \end{bmatrix} &= -\sum_{j=1}^d u_j \sigma_j v_j^T. \end{aligned}$$

(A concept of a nongeneric solution has also been developed.)

**[Van Huffel, Vandewalle, 1991]**

## Troubles with multiple singular values

[**Van Huffel, Vandewalle, 1991**] analyze special cases (for special distributions of singular values of  $[B | A]$ ).

In full generality, the situation with multiple right-hand sides **has not been fully analyzed yet**:

- there is no known general a-priori condition for existence of the solution,
- a meaning of a nongeneric solution is not so clear.

## II.2 Data reduction in $AX \approx B$

The challenge is: For a given  $A$ ,  $B$ , find orthogonal matrices  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $R$ , such that

$$P^T \left[ B \mid A \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R & 0 \\ \hline 0 & Q \end{array} \right] = P^T \left[ BR \mid AQ \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} B_1 & A_{11} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & A_{22} \end{array} \right].$$

The original problem is decomposed into independent subproblems

$$A_{11} X_1 \approx B_1, \quad \text{and} \quad A_{22} X_2 \approx 0.$$

The transformation into the described form always exists ( $A_{22}$  may be nonexistent).

Consider  $X_2 = 0$ ; the first subproblem contains all sufficient information for solving the original problem.



## Data reduction based on the SVD of $A$

Using **SVD of  $A$** , a suitable choice of a bases of singular vector subspaces gives (after permutation) the decomposition satisfying:

- (P1)  $A_{11}$  and  $B_1$  have full column rank,
- (P2)  $[B_1 | A_{11}]$  has full row rank,
- (P3) projections  $(U_j^T B_1)$  of  $B_1$  onto all left singular vector subspaces  $U_j$  of  $A_{11}$  have full row rank,
- (P4) singular values of  $A_{11}$  are nonzero with multiplicities at most  $d$ .

**Question:** Is the constructed subproblem minimal? Or, equivalently, does this problem contain only necessary information?

## Data reduction based on the band generalization of the GK

The band generalization of the GK bidiagonalization of  $A$  gives a subproblem  $\tilde{A}_{11} \tilde{X}_1 \approx \tilde{B}_1$  satisfying the properties (P1) and (P2).

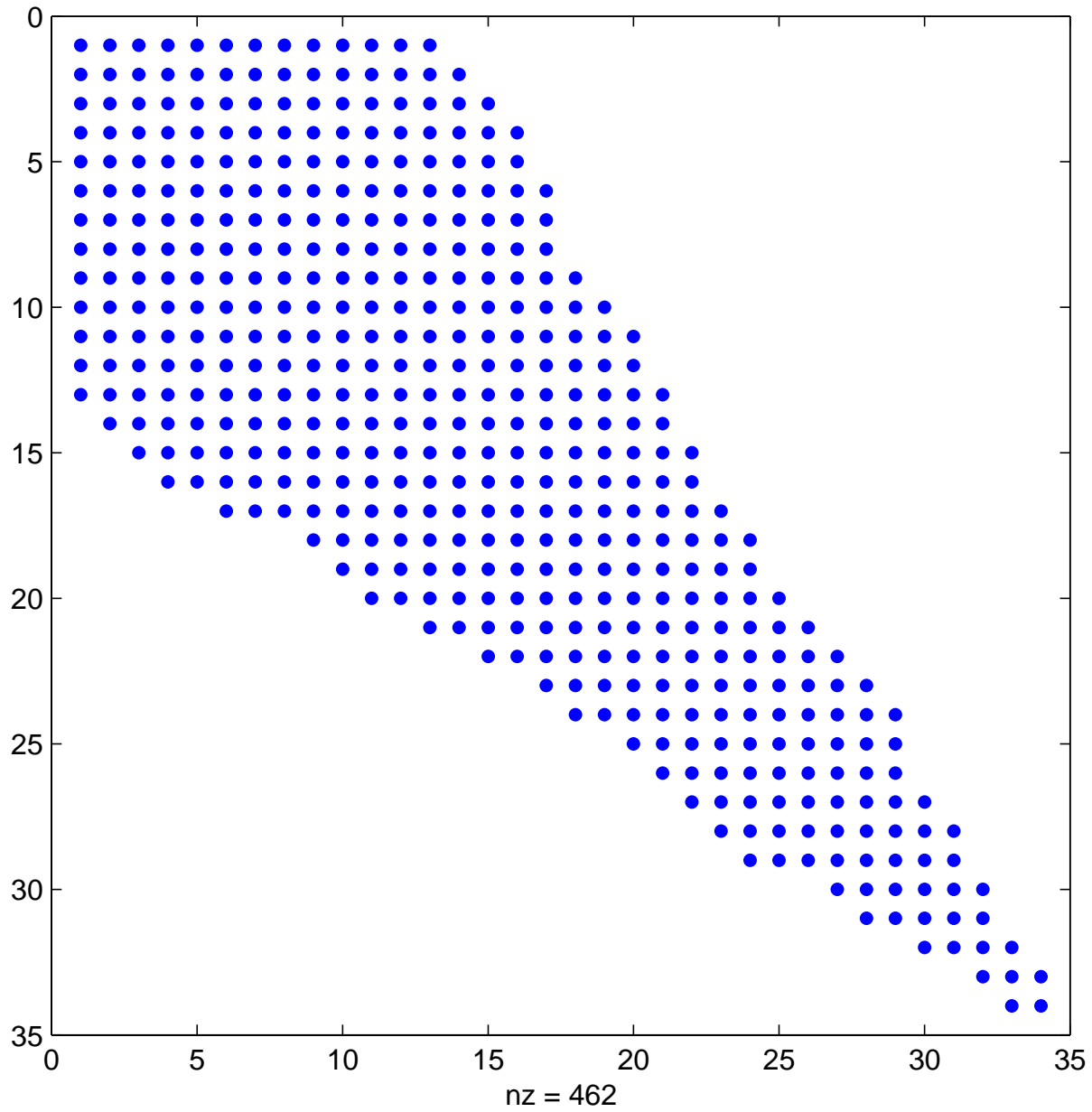
Using the properties of the band matrix  $\tilde{A}_{11} \tilde{A}_{11}^T$ , (P4), and, moreover

(P5) *singular values of  $[\tilde{B}_1 | \tilde{A}_{11}]$  have multiplicities at most  $d$ ,*

can be proved.

The property (P3), that projections  $(U_j^T B_1)$  of  $B_1$  onto all left singular vector subspaces of  $A_{11}$  have full row rank, is **not proved yet**.

$$\tilde{A}_{11} \tilde{A}_{11}^T$$



## **Relationship between these two subproblems**

Relationship between the SVD based decomposition and the result of the banded GK generalization is not clear yet.

Definition of the core problem?

### III. Future work and open questions

- (Q1) Proof of the property (P3) of  $[\tilde{B}_1 | \tilde{A}_{11}]$ .
- (Q2) Proof of the minimality; definition of the core problem.
- (Q3) Relationship of the SVD based decomposition and the banded GK generalization approach.
  
- (Q4) Conditions for existence of the solution.
- (Q5) Properties of the core problem.

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