

3/9/22 Derivation of  $\nabla g^*(v)$

$m \times n$   $B$   $n \times n$

Let  $g(s) = \frac{1}{2} \|Bs - b\|^2$

(Assuming  $B$  has full col. rank)

$$g^*(v) := \sup_s \langle v, s \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \|Bs - b\|^2$$

to solve, set gradient = 0  $s^*$  is sol'n

$$0 = v - B^T(Bs^* - b) \quad \text{ie. } v + B^Tb = B^Ts^*$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned} g^*(v) &= \langle v, s^* \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \|Bs^* - b\|^2 \\ &= \langle v, s^* \rangle - \frac{1}{2} s^{*T} \underbrace{B^T(Bs^* - b)}_v + \frac{1}{2} b^T(Bs^* - b) \\ &= \langle v, s^* \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle s^*, v \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle B^Tb, s^* \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \|b\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle v + B^Tb, s^* \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \|b\|^2 \\ &\quad \underbrace{s^* = (B^TB)^{-1}(v + B^Tb)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle v + B^Tb, (B^TB)^{-1}(v + B^Tb) \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \|b\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \| (B^TB)^{-1/2} (v + B^Tb) \|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|b\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

(since if  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - d\|^2$  then  $\nabla f = A^T(Ax - d)$ )

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla g^*(v) &= \left( \underbrace{(B^TB)^{-1/2}}_{\text{symmetric}} \right)^T \cdot \left( (B^TB)^{-1/2} (v + B^Tb) \right) \\ &= \underbrace{(B^TB)^{-1}}_{\text{inverse exists if } B \text{ has full col. rank, eg. } B = \begin{bmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{bmatrix}} (v + B^Tb) \end{aligned}$$

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$B$  like  $\begin{bmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{bmatrix}$  won't work

since  $B^TB$  not invertible.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{bmatrix}$$