

MATH 4570 - Matrix Methods in Data Analysis and Machine Learning

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§5 ~~Inner product spaces~~

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Review:

$V$

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1. Inner Product Space (vector space with an inner product)

Example: 1.  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (weighted) dot product



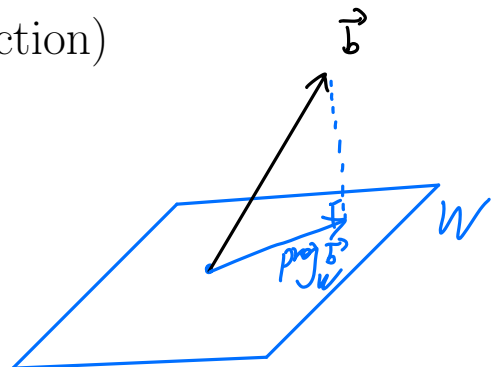
Geometry → norm  
 → angle

$$2. [a, b] . \langle f, g \rangle := \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx$$

2. Use orthogonal basis (to find orthogonal projection)

$$B = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_s\} \text{ of } W \subset V$$

$$\text{proj}_W \vec{b} = \frac{\langle \vec{b}, \vec{v}_1 \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle} \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \frac{\langle \vec{b}, \vec{v}_s \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_s, \vec{v}_s \rangle} \vec{v}_s$$



3. Find orthogonal basis (Gram-Schmidt process)

A basis  $\{\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_s\}$  of  $W \mapsto$  orthogonal basis  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_s\}$  of  $W$ .

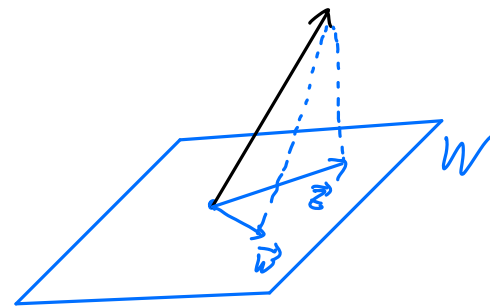
# 1. Least Squares Problem

$V = \mathbb{R}^3$   $\vec{b}$

Set up:  $V$ : inner product space

$W \subset V$  subspace.

$\vec{b} \in V, \vec{b} \notin W$ .

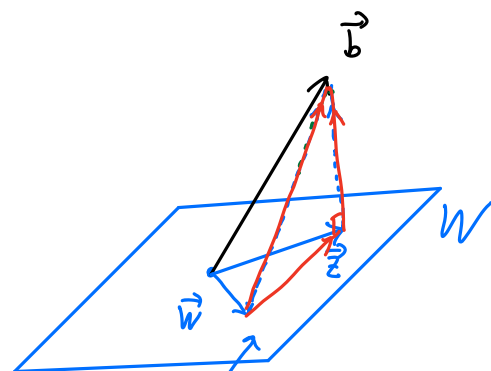


Question: What is the "closest" vector  $\vec{z} \in W$  to  $\vec{b}$ ?

$\Leftrightarrow$  Find  $\vec{z} \in W$  s.t.  $\|\vec{b} - \vec{z}\| \leq \|\vec{b} - \vec{w}\|$  for any  $\vec{w} \in W$

Answer: Thm:  $\vec{z} = \text{proj}_W \vec{b}$

proof:



$$\|\vec{b} - \vec{w}\|^2 = \|\vec{b} - \vec{z}\|^2 + \|\vec{z} - \vec{w}\|^2$$

Calculation:

Method (1) If  $W$  has an orthogonal basis, then

$$\star \text{proj}_W \vec{b} = \frac{\langle \vec{b}, \vec{v}_1 \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle} \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \frac{\langle \vec{b}, \vec{v}_p \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_p, \vec{v}_p \rangle} \vec{v}_p$$

Method (2) If  $W$  has "basis"  $\{\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_p\}$ , then  $\vec{z} = \alpha_1 \vec{w}_1 + \dots + \alpha_p \vec{w}_p = ?$

Q: how to find  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p$ ?

$\vec{b}^\perp = \vec{b} - \text{proj}_W \vec{b} \perp W$

Solve.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \vec{b} - \vec{z}, \vec{w}_1 \rangle = 0 \\ \vdots \\ \langle \vec{b} - \vec{z}, \vec{w}_p \rangle = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

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## 2. Approximate Solutions to Inconsistent Systems

**Set up:**

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times m$  matrix.

Let  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

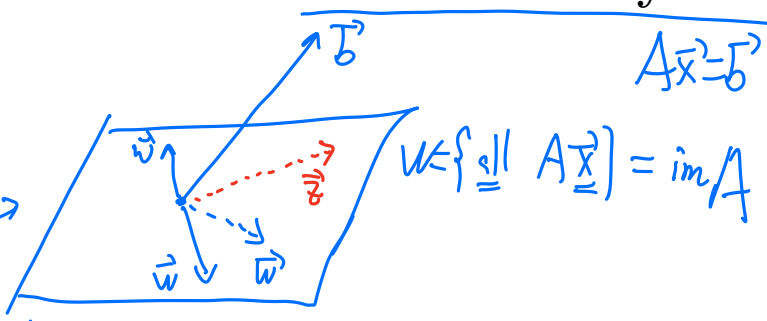
Suppose  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has no solution.

Q: Find the best solution for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

Consider  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with any inner product.

$\Leftrightarrow$  Find the "closest" vector  $\vec{z}$  to  $\vec{b}$ .

e.g. ① dot prod    e.g. ② weighted dot prod.



[Least-Squares Problem/Solution for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ ]

**Problem:** Find the vector(s)  $\vec{x}_* \in \mathbb{R}^m$  such that for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,

$$\|A\vec{x}_* - \vec{b}\| \leq \|A\vec{x} - \vec{b}\|$$

**Solutions:**

$$A\vec{x}_* = \text{proj}_{\text{im} A} \vec{b}$$

"dot product"

**Example 1.** Find the least-squares solutions for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , where  $A =$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 8 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \{ \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \}$  is orthogonal basis for  $\text{im} A$ .

$$\text{proj}_{\text{im} A} \vec{b} = \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}_1}{\vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_1} \vec{a}_1 + \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}_2}{\vec{a}_2 \cdot \vec{a}_2} \vec{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve  $\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 4 & 7 \\ 1 & 8 & -4 \\ -1 & 4 & 7 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & & -6 \\ & 1 & 1/4 \end{array} \right]$

$$\vec{x}_* = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 1/4 \end{bmatrix}$$

In particular, if we consider dot product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we have the following formula.

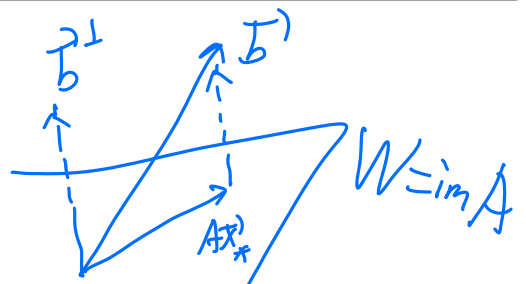
Any  $n \times m$  matrix.

$$A \vec{x}_* = \text{proj}_{\text{im}A} \vec{b}$$

**Theorem 2. (Normal Equation)** The Least-Square solutions of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  coincide with the solutions of normal equations

$$(A^T A) \vec{x} = A^T \vec{b}$$

$$A \vec{x}_* = \text{proj}_{\text{im}A} \vec{b}$$



$$\Leftrightarrow \vec{b}^\perp = \vec{b} - A\vec{x}_* \in (\text{im}A)^\perp = \ker A^T$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A^T (\vec{b} - A\vec{x}_*) = \vec{0}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A^T \vec{b} = A^T A \vec{x}_*$$

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

Assume  $A^T A$  is invertible.

More generally, we can also consider weighted dot product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle_W := \vec{u}^T W \vec{v}$$

where  $W$  is a positive-definite symmetric matrix.

$$\text{e.g. } W = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & & & \\ & c_2 & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & c_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \dots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} \quad c_i > 0$$

$$\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle_W = c_1 u_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n u_n v_n$$

$$\bullet A \vec{x} = \vec{b} \quad \text{no sol.}$$

$$\bullet \text{Solution } A \vec{x}_* = \text{proj}_{\text{im}A}^W \vec{b}$$

$$\bullet (\text{im}A)^\perp = \ker(WA)^T$$

$$\bullet \underline{A^T W A} \vec{x}_* = \underline{A^T W} \vec{b}$$

**Example 3.** Find the least-squares solutions for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 8 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

and  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

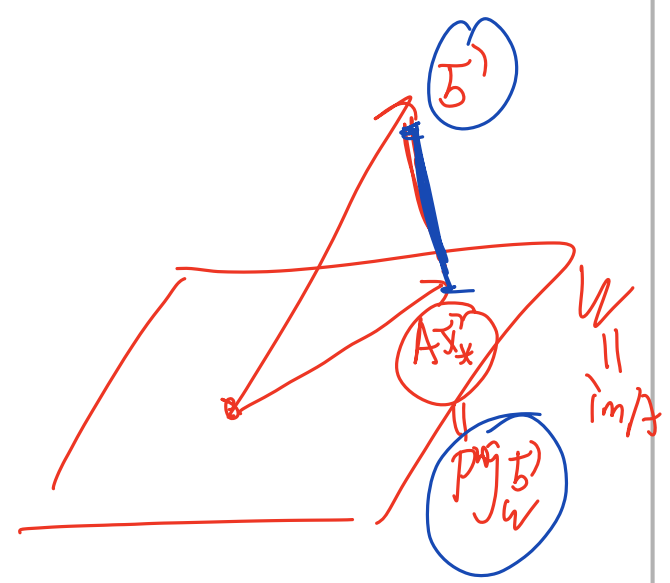
$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 8 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 96 \end{bmatrix}$

$A^T \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -18 \\ 24 \end{bmatrix}$

Solve the normal equation  $A^T A \vec{x} = A^T \vec{b}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & | & -18 \\ 0 & 96 & | & 24 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & -6 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

So  $\vec{x}_* = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is the least-squares solution



(2) The image  $\text{im}(A)$  is a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  passing the origin. Find the distance from the vector  $\vec{b}$  (or the point  $(14, -4, 0)$ ) to the plane  $\text{im}(A)$ .

*Error*

The distance is given by the norm of  $\vec{b}^\perp = \vec{b} - \text{proj}_{\text{im}(A)} \vec{b}$ .

We know that  $\text{proj}_{\text{im}(A)} \vec{b} = Ax_* = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 8 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

So,  $\vec{b}^\perp = \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$ . So the distance is  $\|\vec{b}^\perp\| = 7\sqrt{2}$ .

**Example 4.** Find the least-squares solutions for the system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 1. Construct the normal equation  $A^T A \vec{x} = A^T \vec{b}$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve the normal equation

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 2 & 2 & 10 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \text{rref} = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$x_1 = 3 - x_3$$

$$x_2 = -1 + x_3$$

$x_3$  free

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 - x_3 \\ -1 + x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

A technical property:

**Proposition 5.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times m$  matrix.

$$\ker(A) = \ker(A^T A)$$



$$\text{rank } A = \text{rank } A^T A$$

**Corollary 6.** If  $\text{rank } A = m$ , the normal equation  $(A^T A)\vec{x} = A^T \vec{b}$  has a unique solution:

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

**QR factorization method** Suppose  $A$  is  $n \times m$  matrix with full column rank. Solve the least squares solution using QR factorization  $A = QR$  where  $Q$  is an orthogonal matrix  $n \times m$  and  $R$  is an  $m \times m$  upper triangular matrix with rank  $m$ .

$$\vec{x} = R^{-1} Q^T \vec{b}$$

$$Q^T = Q^{-1}$$



### 3. Data Fitting

Problem: Fitting a function of a certain type of data. We use the following three example to illustrate this application.

**Example 7.** Find a cubic polynomial  $f(t) = c_0 + c_1t + c_2t^2 + c_3t^3$  whose graph passes through the points  $(0, 5)$ ,  $(1, 3)$ ,  $(-1, 13)$ ,  $(2, 1)$

**Solution:**

$$f(t) = 5 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} c_0 & = 5 \\ c_0 + c_1 + c_2 + c_3 & = 3 \\ c_0 - c_1 + c_2 - c_3 & = 13 \\ c_0 + 2c_1 + 4c_2 + 8c_3 & = 1 \end{cases}$$

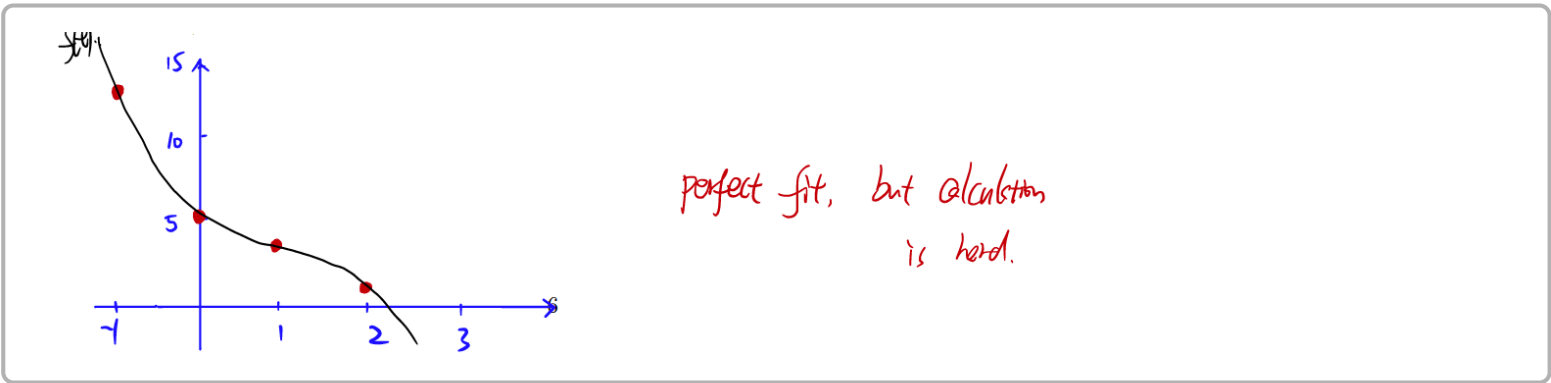
We need to solve the linear system

$$[A|\vec{b}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & | & 13 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \text{rref}[A|\vec{b}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So, the linear system has the unique solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ So, the cubic}$$

polynomial is  $f(t) = 5 - 4t + 3t^2 - t^3$ .



**Example 8.** Fit a quadratic function  $g(t) = c_0 + c_1t + c_2t^2$  to the four data points  $(0, 5)$ ,  $(1, 3)$ ,  $(-1, 13)$ ,  $(2, 1)$

We need to solve the linear system

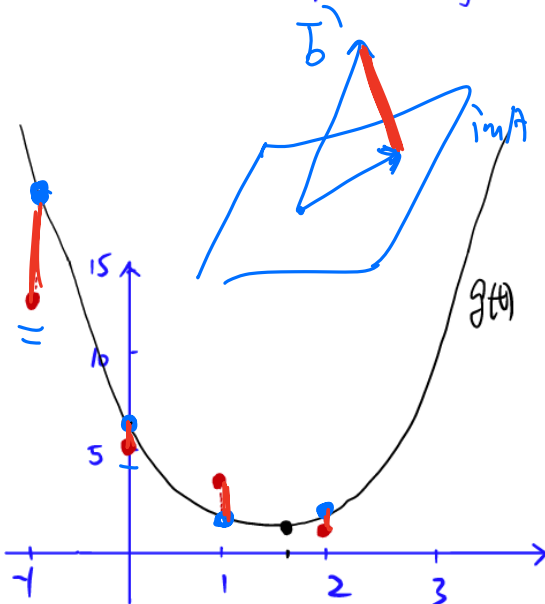
$$g(0) = 5 \begin{cases} c_0 & = 5 \\ c_0 + c_1 + c_2 & = 3 \\ c_0 - c_1 + c_2 & = 13 \\ c_0 + 2c_1 + 4c_2 & = 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{"dot prod."}$$

As matrix equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 13 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 \\ 6 & 8 & 18 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^T \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 22 \\ -8 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve the normal equation  $(A^T A)\vec{x} = A^T \vec{b}$   $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 5.9 \\ -5.3 \\ 1.5 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{x}^*$

So, the quadratic function  $g(t) = 5.9 - 5.3t + 1.5t^2$  model.



$$A\vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} g(a_1) \\ g(a_2) \\ g(a_3) \\ g(a_4) \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|\vec{b} - A\vec{c}^*\|^2 = (b_1 - g(a_1))^2 + (b_2 - g(a_2))^2 + (b_3 - g(a_3))^2 + (b_4 - g(a_4))^2$$

The sum of the vertical distances between graph and data points is minimal.

**Example 9.** Fit a linear function  $h(t) = c_0 + c_1 t$  to the four data points  $(0, 5)$ ,  $(1, 3)$ ,  $(-1, 13)$ ,  $(2, 1)$

We need to solve the linear system

$$\begin{cases} c_0 &= 5 \\ c_0 + c_1 &= 3 \\ c_0 - c_1 &= 13 \\ c_0 + 2c_1 &= 1 \end{cases}$$

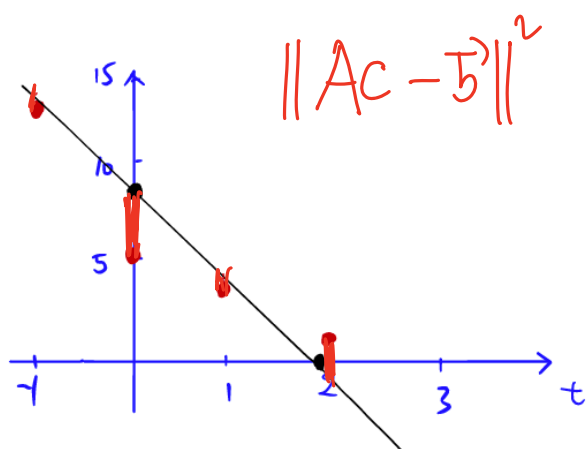
As matrix equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 13 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 13 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 22 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve the normal equation  $A^T A \vec{x} = A^T \vec{b}$  .  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 7.4 \\ -3.8 \end{bmatrix}$

so the linear function is  $h(t) = 7.4 - 3.8t$

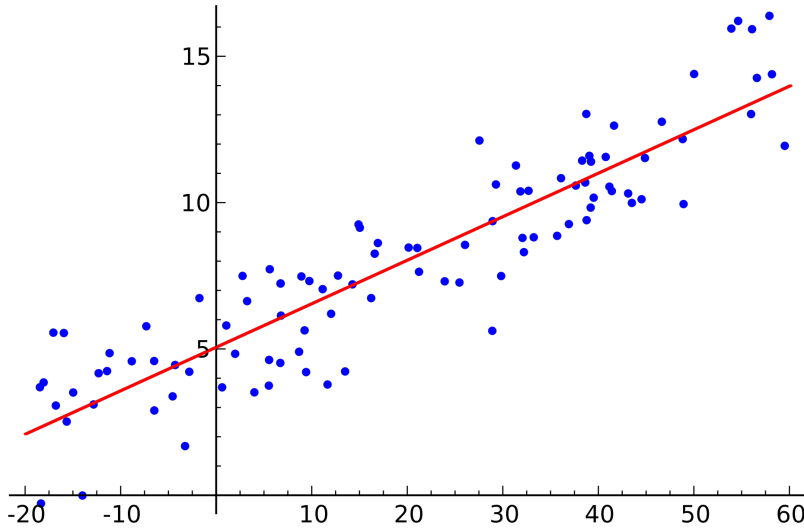


Remark: More generally, we can consider  $n$ -points  $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2), \dots, (a_n, b_n)$ .

- Find a linear function  $h(t) = c_0 + c_1 t$  fits the data by the least squares.

More generally, the following question is very standard in statistics.

**Example 10.** Consider the data with  $n$  points  $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2), \dots, (a_n, b_n)$ . Find a linear function  $h(t) = c_0 + c_1 t$  fits the data by the least squares. (Suppose  $a_1 \neq a_2$ )



$$A\bar{x}' = \text{proj}_{\text{im}A} \vec{b}'$$

dot. prod.

$$A^T A \bar{x}' = A^T \vec{b}'$$

We need to solve the least-squares problem for  $A\bar{x} = \vec{b}$ , for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a_1 \\ 1 & a_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & a_n \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a_1 \\ 1 & a_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & a_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} n & \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i & \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a_1 \\ 1 & a_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & a_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $a_1 \neq a_2$ , we know that  $\text{rank } A = 2$ .

The normal equation  $A^T A \bar{x} = A^T \vec{b}$  has a unique solution

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x}_* &= (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b} = \frac{1}{n \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)^2} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 & -\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \\ -\sum_{i=1}^n a_i & n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{n \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)^2} \begin{bmatrix} (\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2)(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i) - (\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i) \\ -(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i) + n \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{a}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ \vdots \\ a_{1m} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{a}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{2m} \end{bmatrix}$$

...

$m$  points

$\vec{a}_i^T$   
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**Example 11.** Consider the data with  $m$  inputs and 1 output:

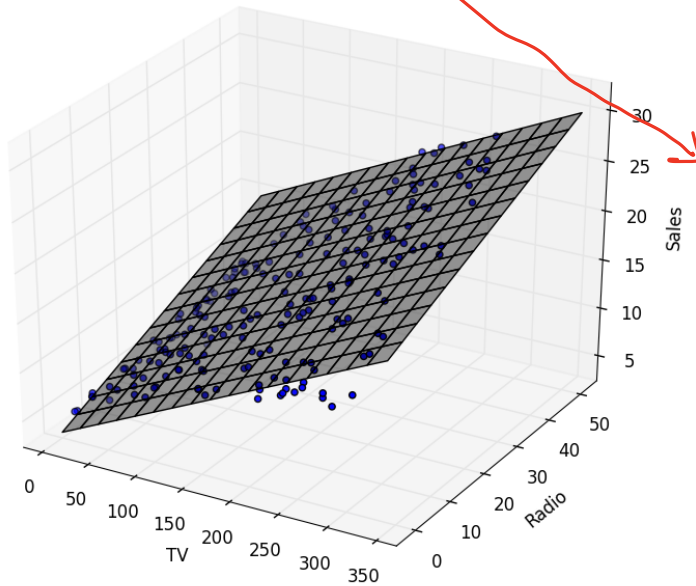
$$(a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{1m}, b_1), (a_{21}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{2m}, b_2), \dots, (a_{n1}, a_{n2}, \dots, a_{nm}, b_n).$$

Find a linear function  $h(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = c_0 + c_1 t_1 + c_2 t_2 + \dots + c_n t_n$  fits the data by the least squares.

For example, when  $m = 2$ ,

$$h: \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$$

$$h(\vec{a}^{(i)}) = b^{(i)}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} | & a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1m} & | & b_1 \\ | & a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2m} & | & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ | & a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nm} & | & b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

$$(A^T A) \vec{x}' = A^T \vec{b}$$

We need to solve the least-squares problem for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots \\ 1 & a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots \\ 1 & a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots \end{bmatrix}$

and  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$

**Example 12.** Consider the data with  $m$  inputs and  $s$  outputs:

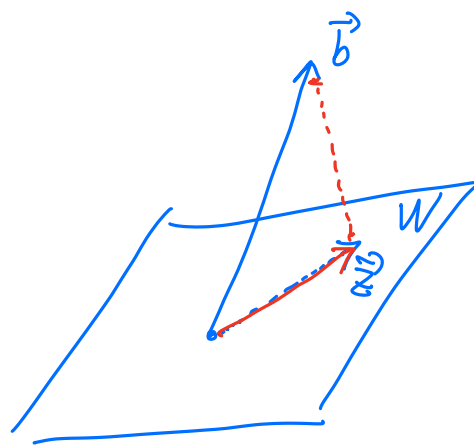
$$(a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{1m}, b_{11}, \dots, b_{1s}), (a_{21}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{2m}, b_{21}, \dots, b_{2s}), \dots, (a_{n1}, a_{n2}, \dots, a_{nm}, b_{n1}, \dots, b_{ns}).$$

Find a linear function  $H(\vec{t}) = \vec{c}_0 + C\vec{t}$  fits the data by the least squares.

•  $V$  inner product space

•  $W \subset V$  subspace

•  $\vec{b} \in V$   $\vec{b} \notin W$



• Least squares problem:

• Find  $\vec{z} \in W$  s.t.  $\|\vec{b} - \vec{z}\|$   $\leq \|\vec{b} - \vec{w}\|$  for any  $\vec{w} \in W$ .

• Answer:  $\vec{z} = \text{proj}_W \vec{b}$ .

inconsistent system

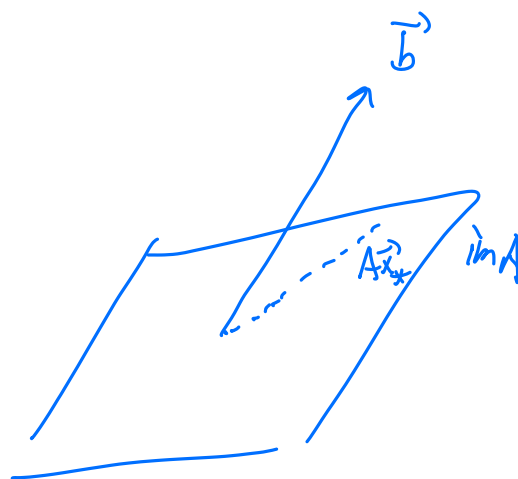
"Application:" Solve "least squares" sln for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$   
 $m \times n$

•  $W = \text{im } A$

•  $V = \mathbb{R}^m$  (same inner product). e.g. "dot prod."

•  $\vec{b} \in V$   $\vec{b} \notin W$ .

Answer:  $A\vec{x}_* = \text{proj}_W \vec{b}$



# 4. <sup>"Best"</sup> <sup>"Closest"</sup> Approximation for Functions

Set up:

Let  $V$  be the vector space of  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous functions.

Consider the inner product on  $V$ :

$$\langle f, g \rangle := \int_a^b f \cdot g \, dx \Rightarrow$$

Let  $W$  be the subspace of polynomials of degree  $\leq n$ .

$$\|f\| = \sqrt{\langle f, f \rangle}$$

Consider a function  $f(x) \in V$ . (e.g.,  $f(x) = e^x$  or  $\sin x$ )

Question:

Find the <sup>"Best"</sup> <sup>"Closest"</sup> degree  $n$  polynomial approximation of  $f(x)$ .

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{Find } \vec{z} = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n \in W \text{ s.t. } \|f(x) - \vec{z}\| \leq \|f(x) - \vec{w}\|$$

Answer:  $\vec{z} = \text{proj}_W f(x)$

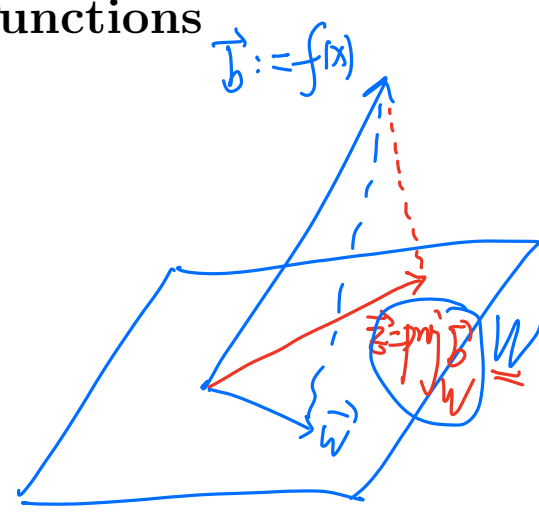
for any  $\vec{w} \in W$ .

Method 1.

If  $W$  has orthogonal basis  $\{\vec{v}_0, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ , then

$$\vec{z} = \text{proj}_W f = \frac{\langle f, \vec{v}_0 \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_0, \vec{v}_0 \rangle} \vec{v}_0 + \dots + \frac{\langle f, \vec{v}_n \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}_n, \vec{v}_n \rangle} \vec{v}_n$$

Method 2 Using standard basis for  $W$



Example:

$$\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n\}$$

$$W = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2\} \quad \langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f \cdot g \, dx$$

•  $\{1, x, x^2\}$  is a basis for  $W$ .

• Gram-Schmidt  $\Rightarrow$   $\left\{ \underbrace{1}_{v_0}, \underbrace{t - \frac{1}{2}}_{v_1}, \underbrace{t^2 - t + \frac{1}{6}}_{v_2} \right\}$  is orthogonal basis for  $W$

• Q: Find the best polynomial ( $\leq 2$ ) approx for  $f(x) = e^x$ !

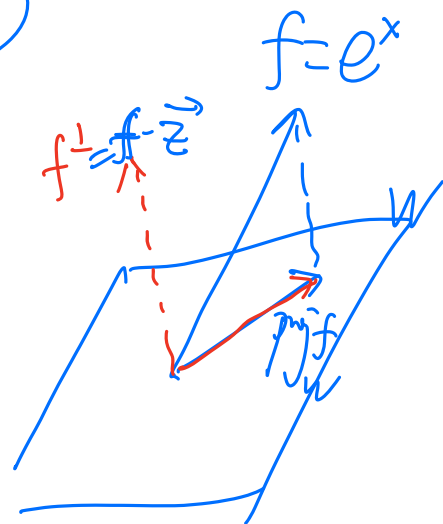
• Method 1:  $\text{proj}_W f(x) :=$

• Method 2. Use  $\{1, x, x^2\}$  basis for  $W$ .

$$\vec{z} = \text{proj}_W f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2$$

Use  $f^\perp \perp W$

$$\begin{cases} \langle f - \vec{z}, 1 \rangle = 0 \\ \langle f - \vec{z}, x \rangle = 0 \\ \langle f - \vec{z}, x^2 \rangle = 0 \end{cases}$$





$$\int_0^1 (e^x - a_0 - c_1 x - c_2 x^2) dx = 0$$

$$\int_0^1 (e^x - a_0 - c_1 x - c_2 x^2)(x) dx = 0$$

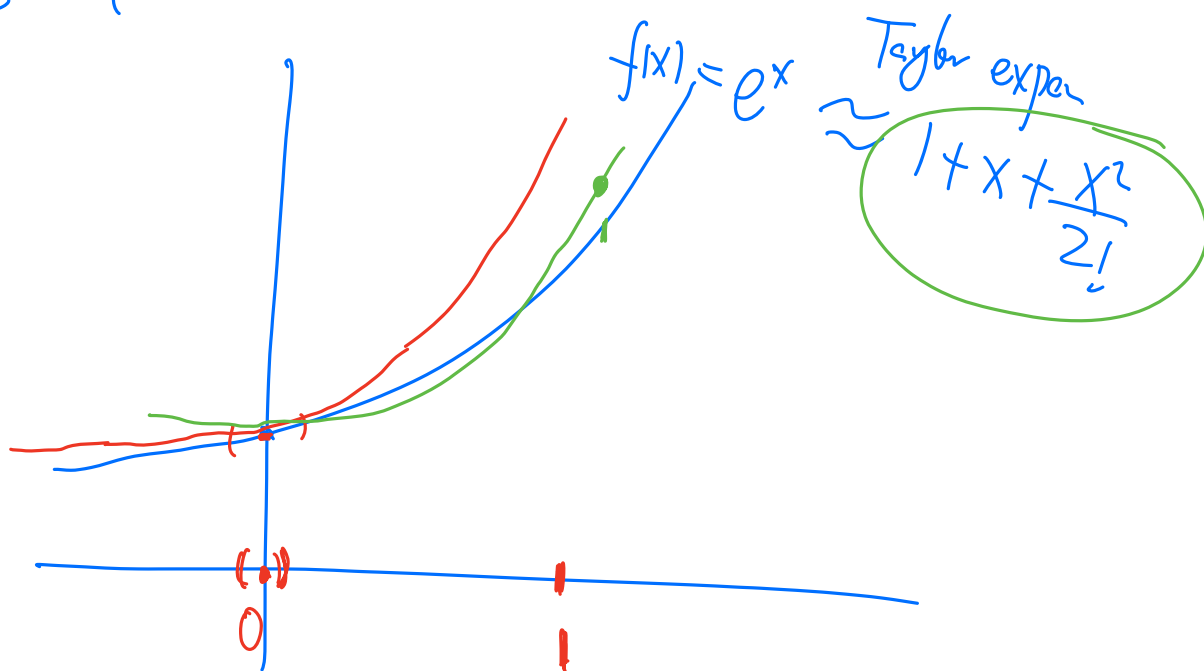
$$\int_0^1 (e^x - a_0 - c_1 x - c_2 x^2)x^2 dx = 0$$

$$C_0 + \frac{1}{2} C_1 + \frac{1}{3} C_2 - (e-1) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} C_0 + \frac{1}{3} C_1 + \frac{1}{4} C_2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{3} C_0 + \frac{1}{4} C_1 + \frac{1}{5} C_2 - (e-2) = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_0 \\ C_1 \\ C_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e-1 \\ 1 \\ e-2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} C_0 \\ C_1 \\ C_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.013 \\ 0.8511 \\ 0.8392 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{z} = 1.013 + 0.8511x + 0.8392x^2$$

HW4: ⑥

$\dim(V) = 3$

Q:

**Question 6.** Let  $P_2(\mathbb{R})$  be the space of polynomials with degree less or equal than 2. Let  $S$  be the subspace of the inner product space  $P_2(\mathbb{R})$  generated by the polynomials  $1-x$  and  $2-x+x^2$  where  $\langle f, g \rangle$  is defined to be  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)dx$ . Find a basis for the orthogonal complement of  $S$ . (Hint: Let  $f(x) = a + bx + cx^2$  be in  $P_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Use definition of orthogonal complement to set up a linear system.)

$$S = \text{Span} \{ \underline{1-x}, \underline{2-x+x^2} \}$$

$\dim S = 2$

Is  $\{1-x, 2-x+x^2\}$  orthogonal?

$$S^\perp = \left\{ f(x) = \underline{a+bx+cx^2} \in V \mid \underline{f(x) \perp S} \right\}$$

$$\begin{cases} \langle f(x), 1-x \rangle = 0 \\ \langle f(x), 2-x+x^2 \rangle = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \int_0^1 (a+bx+cx^2)(1-x) dx = 0 \\ \int_0^1 (a+bx+cx^2)(2-x+x^2) dx = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 40a + 15b + 8c = 0 \\ 110a + 55b + 37c = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 40 & 15 & 8 \\ 110 & 55 & 37 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} a = 23t \\ b = -12wt \\ c = 110t \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = (23 - 120x + 110x^2)$$

$(23 - 120x + 110x^2)$  is a  $b(x)$  for  $S^\perp$