



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

no solution.

If  $\vec{b} \in \text{span}(A) \rightarrow$  ~~no~~ solution.

Case of interest:  $\vec{b} \notin \text{span}(A)$ .

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

Want: Minimize  $\|\vec{e}\|^2$  error

Want:  $\vec{b} - \hat{\vec{b}} = \vec{e} \perp \text{span}(A)$

Orthogonal to every vector in the  $\text{span}(A)$ .

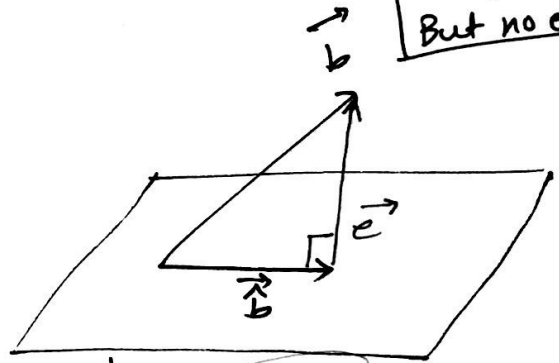
$$\langle \vec{b} - \hat{\vec{b}}, \vec{a}_1 \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow (\vec{b} - \hat{\vec{b}})^T \vec{a}_1 = 0$$

$$\langle \vec{b} - \hat{\vec{b}}, \vec{a}_2 \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{a}_1^T (\vec{b} - \hat{\vec{b}}) = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\langle \vec{b} - \hat{\vec{b}}, \vec{a}_n \rangle = 0$$

Want to solve  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$   
But no exact sol<sup>n</sup>



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

estimate of  $\vec{x}$  (true)

approximation for  $\vec{b}$  in the  $\text{span}(A)$

$$\vec{a}_1^T \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a}_1^T \cdot \hat{\vec{b}}$$

$$\vdots$$
$$\vec{a}_n^T \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a}_n^T \cdot \hat{\vec{b}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\vec{a}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ -\vec{a}_n^T \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\vec{b}} \begin{bmatrix} -\vec{a}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ -\vec{a}_n^T \end{bmatrix} \hat{\vec{b}}$$

$A^T$                        $A^T$

(3)

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

$$A^T \vec{b} = \underbrace{A^T A}_{n \times m} \cdot \hat{\vec{x}}$$

$$\underbrace{A^T}_{n \times m} \quad \underbrace{A}_{m \times n} \rightarrow \boxed{A^T A}_{n \times n}$$

$$\hat{\vec{x}} = (A^T A)^{-1} \cdot A^T \vec{b} \quad (\text{estimate of } \vec{x})$$

$$\hat{\vec{b}} = A \cdot (A^T A)^{-1} \cdot A^T \vec{b} \quad (\text{estimate/projection of } \vec{b} \text{ on } \text{span}(A))$$

$\hookrightarrow$  if  $A^T A$  is invertible

Investigation: Invertibility of  $A^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

Connection: Invertibility  $\leftrightarrow$  Nullspaces.

$$\text{Thm: } \text{Null}(A^T A) = \text{Null}(A)$$

If  $A$  has a non-trivial  $\text{Null}(A) \leftrightarrow$  columns of  $A$  are linearly dependent.

Proof: (1) if  $\vec{u} \in N(A)$  then  $\vec{u} \in N(A^T A)$  (4)

(2) if  $\vec{w} \in N(A^T A)$  then  $\vec{w} \in N(A)$ .

(1)  $\vec{u} \in N(A)$ .

$$A \cdot \vec{u} = \vec{0} \rightarrow (A^T A) \vec{u} = A^T \cdot \vec{0} = \vec{0}$$

$$\vec{u} \in N(A^T A)$$

(2)  $\vec{w} \in N(A^T A)$

$$A^T A \cdot \vec{w} = \vec{0} \rightarrow A \vec{w} = \vec{0}$$

Multiply by  $\vec{w}^T$

$$(\vec{w}^T \cdot A^T)(A \cdot \vec{w}) = \vec{w}^T \cdot \vec{0} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\vec{x}^T \cdot \vec{x}} \\ = \|\vec{x}\|^2$$

$$\|A \vec{w}\|^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A \vec{w} = \vec{0}$$

$$\vec{w} \in N(A)$$

Aside: Transpose

$$(A \cdot B)^T = B^T A^T$$

$m \times n$     $n \times m$

$A^T, B^T$  ⑤

$A^T: n \times m$     $B^T: m \times n$

e.g.  $\left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

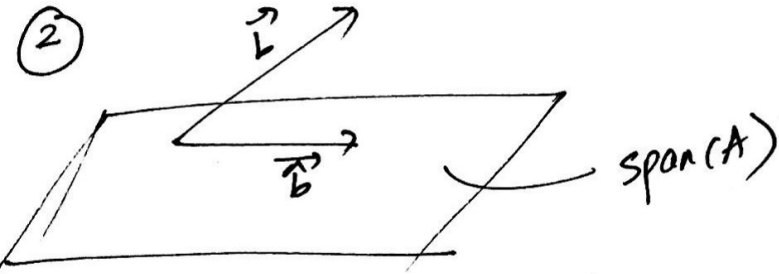
$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  ✓

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \right)^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^T \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

# Interpretations of LS

① Approximate solution to systems of linear equations.

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



Projection interpretation.

Find  $\vec{x}$   
 $\uparrow$   
 argument

$$\arg \min_{\vec{x}} \|A\vec{x} - \vec{b}\|$$

③ Machine-learning / prediction / regression / curve-fitting.

## Financial market

Known:  $x_i, y_i$

Unknown:  $\alpha, \beta$ .

$$y = \alpha \cdot x + \beta$$

$\uparrow$  price       $\uparrow$  slope       $\uparrow$  month       $\uparrow$  intercept

Matrix-Vector eq.  $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$

$$y_1 = \alpha x_1 + \beta$$

$$y_2 = \alpha x_2 + \beta$$

$\vdots$

$$y_n = \alpha x_n + \beta$$

$\rightarrow$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Curve-fitting : Origin of least squares.

1800 - Gauss.

Ceres

Piazzi

Kepler's Law: Elliptical orbits.

$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \dots (x_n, y_n)$

Unknowns.

Ellipse:

$$ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 + dx + ey = 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 & x_1 y_1 & y_1^2 & x_1 & y_1 \\ x_2^2 & x_2 y_2 & y_2^2 & x_2 & y_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n^2 & x_n y_n & y_n^2 & x_n & y_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$