

# EECS16A DIS 6D

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## Takeaways

- When is least squares usable? What sorts of problems?
- How to make least squares even better
- The importance of model choices through a least squares example (ipython)

Things seen in lecture / previous discussions we'll need

Least squares formula:  $\vec{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b}$

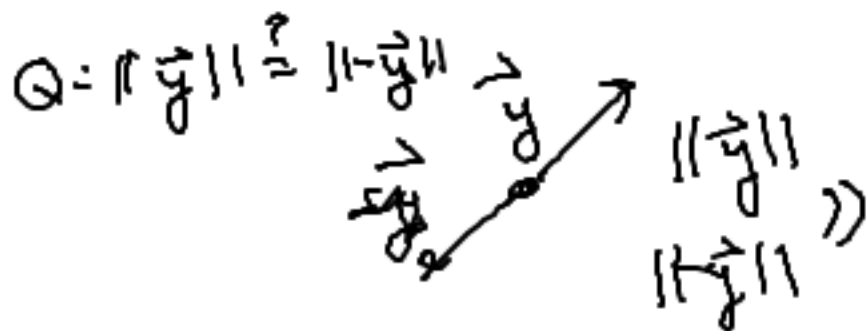
Projection formula:  $\text{proj}_{\vec{a}}(\vec{b}) = \frac{\vec{a}^T \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}\|^2} \vec{a}$

Definition of orthogonality:  $\vec{x} \perp \vec{y} \rightarrow \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = 0$

Not possible  
 ~~$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$~~        $A\vec{x} \approx \vec{b}$

Problem: minimize  $\|A\vec{x} - \vec{b}\|^2$   
 by choosing  $\vec{x}$

$\|A\vec{x} - \vec{b}\|$   
 $\|\vec{b} - A\vec{x}\|^2$   
 $\|\vec{b} - A\vec{x}\|$



(side note: least squares gives a projection onto a subspace of vectors)

$\hat{\vec{b}} = \underbrace{A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T}_{\text{projection of } \vec{b} \text{ on } \underline{C(A)}}$

$\hat{\vec{b}} = \vec{a} (\underbrace{\vec{a}^T \vec{a}})^{-1} \vec{a}^T \vec{b}$

$\hat{\vec{b}} = \vec{a} (\|\vec{a}\|^2)^{-1} \vec{a}^T \vec{b}$

$\hat{\vec{b}} = \vec{a} \frac{\vec{a}^T \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}\|^2}$

$$\boxed{1} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 8 \\ 5 & 16 \end{bmatrix}^A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}^{\vec{b}}$$

(a) Solvable? Try GE (tall matrices can have solutions)  
 $R_3 - R_2 - 2R_1 \rightarrow R_3$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 8 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 - 1 - 2(3) \end{array} \right] \quad \text{inconsistent system}$$

$\vec{b} \notin \text{span} \{ \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$A^T A \vec{x} = A^T \vec{b}$   
 can get many sol.  
 if  $A^T A$  not invertible

Try now: least squares (inconsistent systems  $A\vec{x} \approx \vec{b}$ )

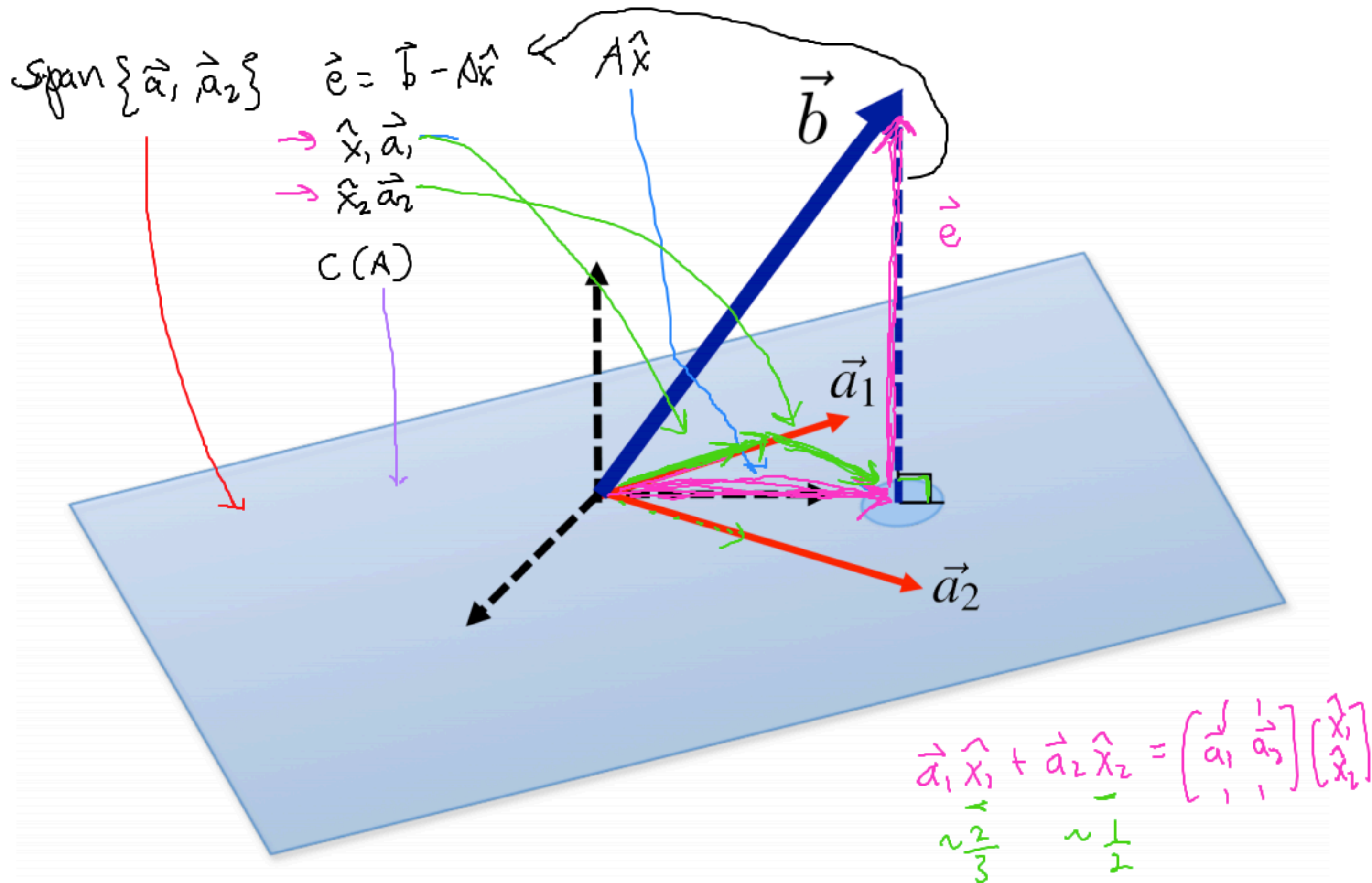
$$\hat{\vec{x}} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b}$$

$2 \times 3 \quad 3 \times 2$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 35 & 108 \\ 108 & 336 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 51 \\ 169 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is the inverse always computable?  
 (does  $(A^T A)^{-1}$  always exist?)

**[No.]** Inverse exists only if  $N(A) = \{ \vec{0} \}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$  If  $A$  has linearly independent cols



(b) We now consider the special case of least squares where the columns of  $A$  are orthogonal (illustrated

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 35 & 108 \\ 108 & 336 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 51 \\ 164 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 35 & 108 \\ 108 & 336 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{35 \cdot 336 - 108^2} \begin{bmatrix} 336 & -108 \\ -108 & 35 \end{bmatrix}$$

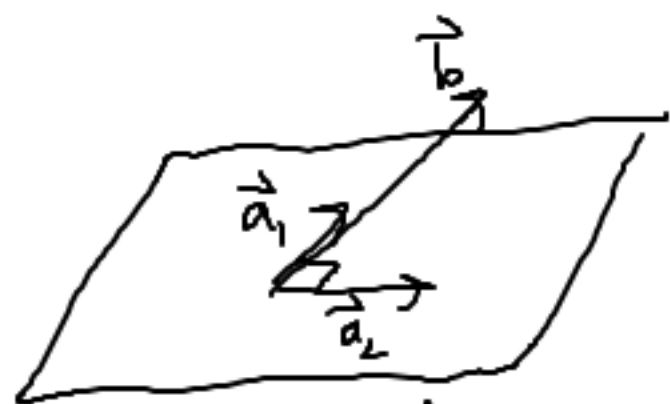
$$\vec{x} = \frac{1}{35 \cdot 336 - 108^2} \begin{bmatrix} 336 & -108 \\ -108 & 35 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 51 \\ 164 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-576} \begin{bmatrix} 336 \cdot 51 - 108 \cdot 164 \\ -108 \cdot 51 + 35 \cdot 164 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} -6 \\ 2.4166.. \end{matrix}$$

approximate?  
maybe arithmetic

Geometric perspective: Orthogonal columns of A



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 \\ | & | \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b}, \text{ also } \vec{a}_1 \perp \vec{a}_2 \Leftrightarrow \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle = 0 \\ \vec{a}_1^T \vec{a}_2 = 0 \\ \vec{a}_2^T \vec{a}_1 = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Want to show:  $\text{proj}_{\vec{a}_1}(\vec{b}) = x_1 \vec{a}_1$   
 $\text{proj}_{\vec{a}_2}(\vec{b}) = x_2 \vec{a}_2$

$$\vec{x} = \left( \begin{bmatrix} - & - \\ \vec{a}_1^T & \vec{a}_2^T \\ - & - \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 \\ | & | \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} - & - \\ \vec{a}_1^T & \vec{a}_2^T \\ - & - \end{bmatrix} \vec{b}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1^T \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_1^T \vec{a}_2 \\ \vec{a}_2^T \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2^T \vec{a}_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1^T \vec{b} \\ \vec{a}_2^T \vec{b} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \|\vec{a}_1\|^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \|\vec{a}_2\|^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1^T \vec{b} \\ \vec{a}_2^T \vec{b} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\|\vec{a}_1\|^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\|\vec{a}_2\|^2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1^T \vec{b} \\ \vec{a}_2^T \vec{b} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\vec{a}_1^T \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}_1\|^2} \\ \frac{\vec{a}_2^T \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}_2\|^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{a}} \vec{b} = \frac{\vec{b}^T \vec{a}}{\|\vec{a}\|^2} \vec{a}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\vec{a}_1^T \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}_1\|^2} \\ \frac{\vec{a}_2^T \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}_2\|^2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \vec{x}_1 \\ \leftarrow \vec{x}_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\min_{\vec{x}} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} \right\|^2$$

Does  $A$  have  $\perp$  cols?

yes:  $\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle = 0 \checkmark$

$$\hat{x}_1 = \frac{\vec{b}^T \vec{a}_1}{\|\vec{a}_1\|^2} \Rightarrow \vec{b}^T \vec{a}_1 = 1$$

$$\hat{x}_2 = \frac{\vec{b}^T \vec{a}_2}{\|\vec{a}_2\|^2} = \vec{b}^T \vec{a}_2 = 3$$

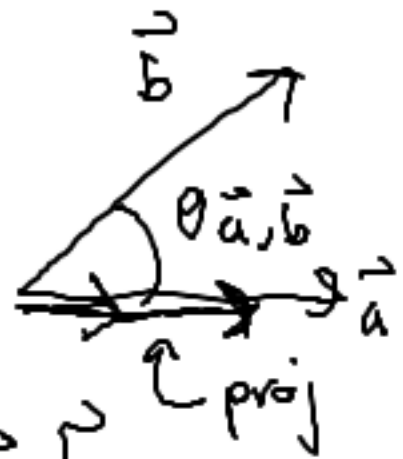
$$\|\vec{a}_1\|^2 = 1$$

$$\|\vec{a}_2\|^2 = 1$$

$$\hat{\vec{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Orthogonality of  $A$  improves least sq.

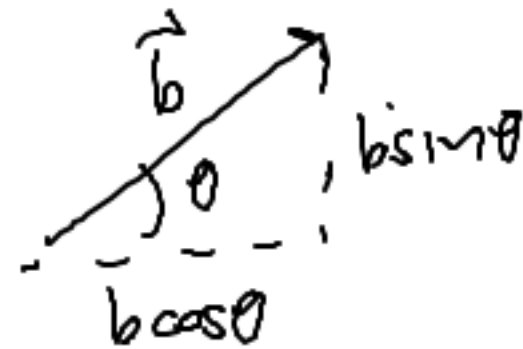
$$\text{proj}_{\vec{a}} \vec{b} = \frac{\vec{a}^T \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}\|^2} \vec{a}$$



$$\vec{a}^T \vec{b} = \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \cos \theta_{\vec{a}, \vec{b}}$$

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{a}} \vec{b} = \frac{\|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \cos \theta_{\vec{a}, \vec{b}}}{\|\vec{a}\|^2} \vec{a}$$

$$= \underbrace{\|\vec{b}\| \cos \theta_{\vec{a}, \vec{b}}}_{\text{mag.} = 1} \boxed{\frac{\vec{a}}{\|\vec{a}\|}} ?$$



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$$y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4$$

↳ linear in the  $a_i$ 's

think of  $1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4$  as numerical constants

$(y_i, x_i) \rightarrow$  equation in the  $a_i$ 's

$$(x=0, y=24)$$

$$24 = \underline{a_0} + 0 \cdot \underline{a_1} + \dots + 0 \cdot \underline{a_4}$$

$$(x=\frac{1}{2}, y=6.61)$$

$$6.61 = a_0 + \frac{1}{2}a_1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 a_2 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^4 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2^4 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

[linear problem]

If trying to find a nonlinear (polynomial) shape, it can be a linear problem  
 $\Rightarrow$  coefficients are linear