

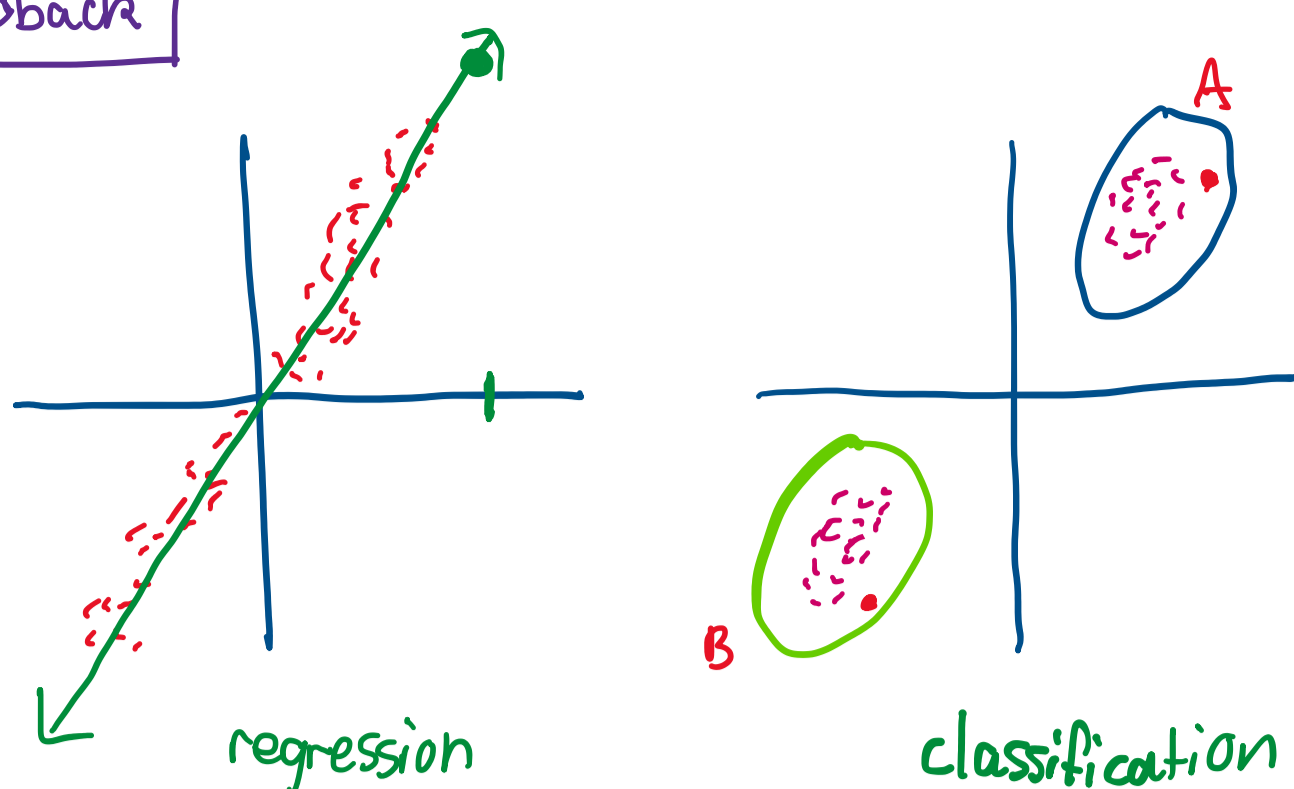
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**1. Building a classifier**

We would like to develop a classifier to classify points based on their distance from the origin. You are presented with the following data. Each data point  $\vec{d}_i^T = [x_i, y_i]^T$  has the corresponding label  $l_i \in \{-1, 1\}$ .

$x_i$	$y_i$	$l_i$
-2	1	-1
-1	1	1
1	1	1
2	1	-1

Table 1: \*  
Labels for data you are classifying



$Nul(A)$ :  
 $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$   
 $Nul(A) = \sum \vec{0}$

(a) You want to build a model to understand the data. You first consider a linear model, i.e. you want to find  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $l_i = \alpha x_i + \beta y_i + \gamma$ . Set up a least squares problem to solve for  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ . If this problem is solvable, solve it, i.e. find the best values for  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ . If it is not solvable, justify why.

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

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} d \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} l_1 \\ l_2 \\ l_3 \\ l_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$-2 \cdot d + 1 \cdot \beta + \gamma = l_i = -1$

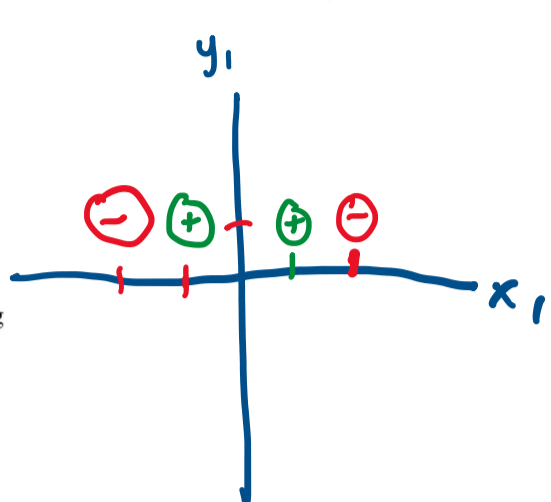
$(A^T A)^{-1}$   
 $A^T A$  to have LI cols       $A$  has LD cols so  $Nul(A)$  is non-trivial

$Nul(A) = Nul(A^T A) \rightarrow$  not trivial  
**NOT SOLVABLE** (can't find  $(A^T A)^{-1}$  since  $Nul(A^T A)$  is non-trivial)

(b) Plot the data points in the plot below with axes  $(x_1, y_1)$ . Is there a straight line such that the data points with a +1 label are on one side and data points with a -1 label are on the other side? Answer yes or no, and if yes, draw the line.

$x_i$	$y_i$	$l_i$
-2	1	-1
-1	1	1
1	1	1
2	1	-1

Table 2: \*  
Labels for data you are classifying



**NO STRAIGHT LINE**

(c) You now consider a model with a quadratic term:  $l_i = \alpha x_i + \beta y_i^2$  with  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Read the equation carefully! Set up a least squares problem to fit the model to the data. If this problem is solvable, solve it, i.e. find the best values for  $\alpha, \beta$ . If it is not solvable, justify why.

$x_i$	$y_i$	$l_i$
-2	1	-1
-1	1	1
1	1	1
2	1	-1

Table 3: \*  
Labels for data you are classifying

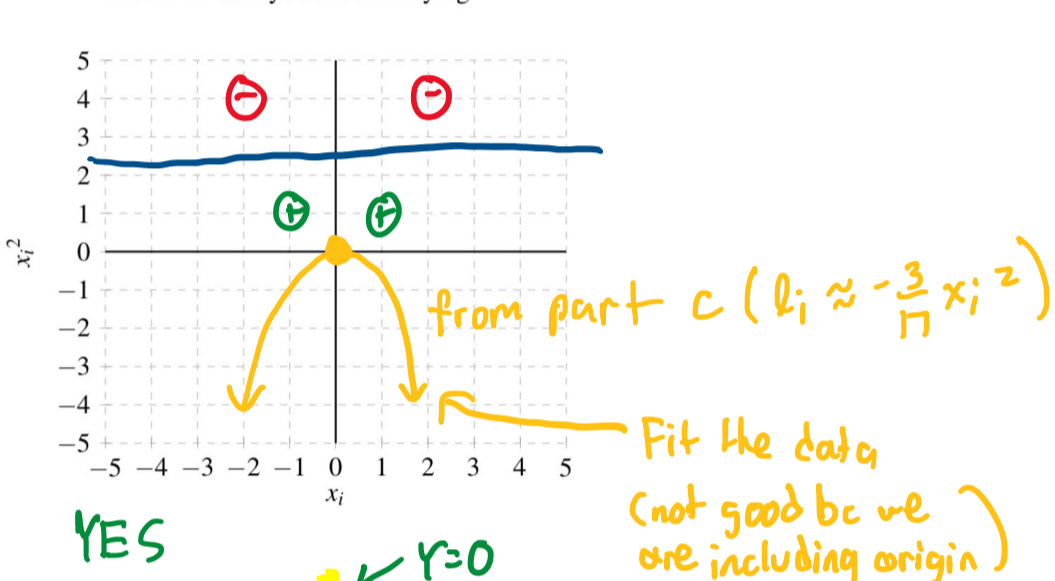
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$Nul(A^T A) = \sum \vec{0}$   
 $(A^T A)^{-1} \cdot A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{3}{17} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$   
 Model:  $l_i \approx -\frac{3}{17} x_i^2$

(d) Plot the data points in the plot below with axes  $(x_1, x_1^2)$ . Is there a straight line such that the data points with a +1 label are on one side and data points with a -1 label are on the other side? Answer yes or no, and if yes, draw the line.

$x_i$	$y_i$	$l_i$
-2	1	-1
-1	1	1
1	1	1
2	1	-1

Table 4: \*  
Labels for data you are classifying



(e) Finally you consider the model:  $l_i = \alpha x_i + \beta x_i^2 + \gamma$  where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ . Independent of the work you have done so far, would you expect this model or the model in part (c) (i.e.  $l_i = \alpha x_i + \beta x_i^2$ ) to have a smaller error in fitting the data? Explain why.

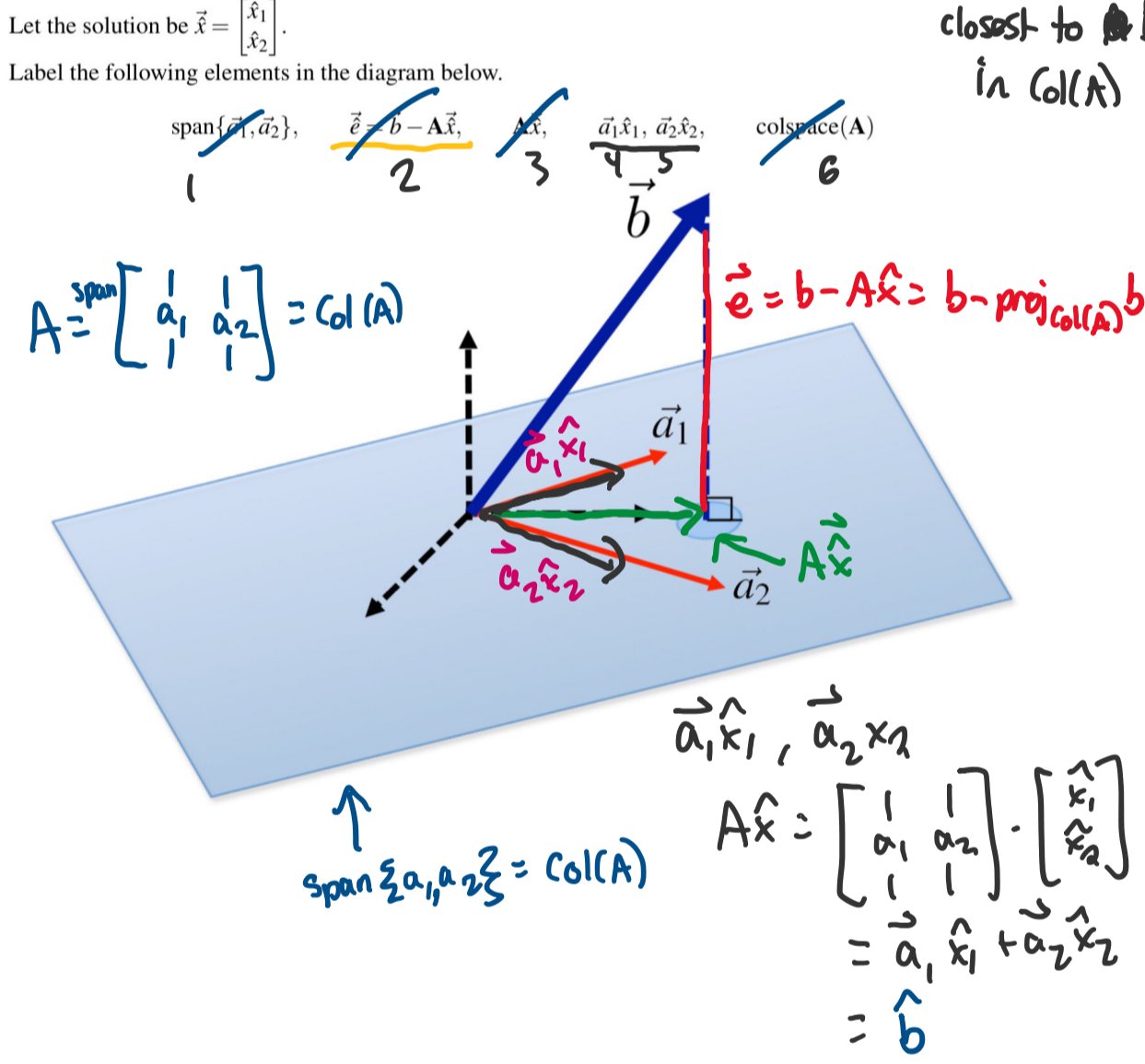
Better model because of  $\gamma$  (more freedom)  
 As seen in the graph for 1c, the parabola does not fit the data well when we constrain it to include origin

**2. Least Squares with Orthogonal Columns**

(a) Consider a least squares problem of the form

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

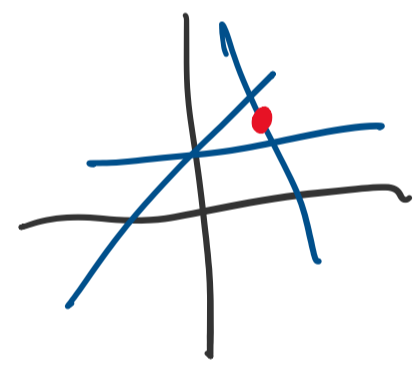
$\min \|b - A\vec{x}\|^2 = \min \|A\vec{x} - b\|^2 = \min \left\| \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2$   
 $A\vec{x} = \hat{b}$   
 closest to  $b$  in  $Col(A)$



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

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

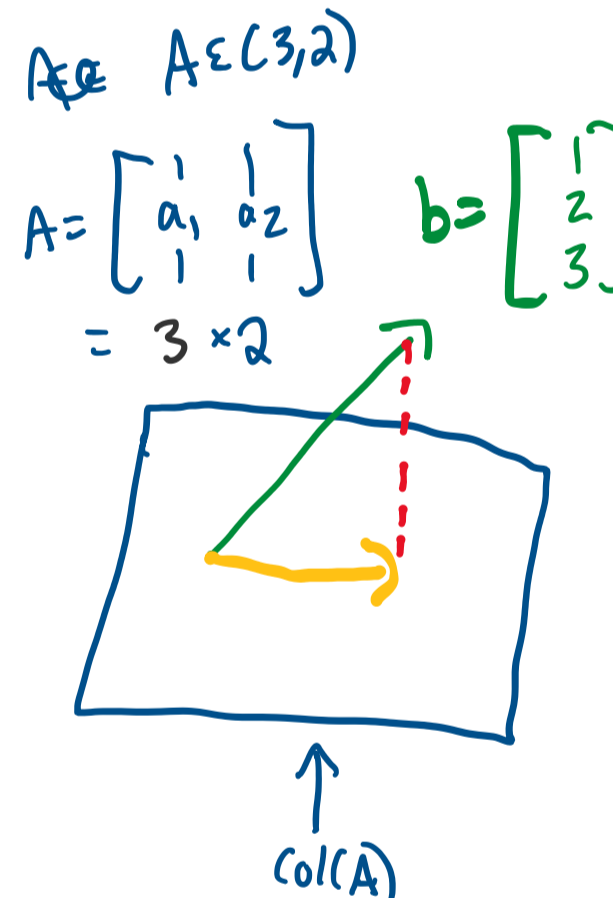
- ①  $\infty$  sol ✗
- ② unique sol ✗
- ③ no sol ✗



$\vec{e} = \min \|b - proj_{Col(A)} b\|$

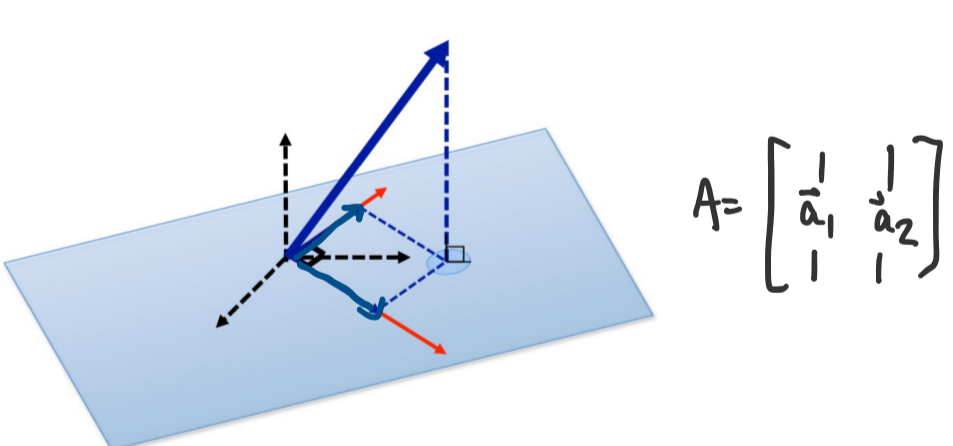
$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$   
 $b \notin Col(A)$   
 $\vec{b} = \vec{\hat{b}} + \vec{e}$   
 $\vec{\hat{b}} \in Col(A)$   
 $\vec{e} \perp Col(A)$   
 $A\vec{x} = \vec{\hat{b}}$   
 $A\vec{x} \approx \vec{b}$

$[A] [x] = [b]$



(b) We now consider the special case of least squares where the columns of  $A$  are orthogonal (illustrated in the figure below). Given that  $\vec{\hat{x}} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$  and  $A\vec{\hat{x}} = proj_{Col(A)} b = x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2$ , show that

$proj_{a_1}(b) = proj_{a_1} b$   
 $proj_{a_2}(b) = proj_{a_2} b$



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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -a_1^T \\ -a_2^T \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a_1 & a_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -a_1^T \\ -a_2^T \end{bmatrix} b$$

$2 \times n \quad n \times 2$

$a_1^T \cdot a_2 = 0$  ← inner product of orthogonal vectors is 0

$= \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T a_1 & a_1^T a_2 \\ a_2^T a_1 & a_2^T a_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -a_1^T \\ -a_2^T \end{bmatrix} b$

$= \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T a_1 & 0 \\ 0 & a_2^T a_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -a_1^T \\ -a_2^T \end{bmatrix} b$

$\|a\| = \sqrt{a \cdot a} = \sqrt{a^T a}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\|a_1\|^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\|a_2\|^2} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -a_1^T \\ -a_2^T \end{bmatrix} b$$

$(A^T A)^{-1}$        $A^T b$

$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a_1^T b}{\|a_1\|^2} \\ \frac{a_2^T b}{\|a_2\|^2} \end{bmatrix}$   
 $scal\ proj_{a_1} b = \frac{a_1^T b}{\|a_1\|^2}$   
 $scal\ proj_{a_2} b = \frac{a_2^T b}{\|a_2\|^2}$

$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_1 \\ \hat{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} scal\ proj_{a_1} b \\ scal\ proj_{a_2} b \end{bmatrix}$   
 Least squares solution when columns of  $A$  are orthogonal

scalar projection (i.e.  $\frac{a_1^T b}{\|a_1\|^2}$  instead of  $\frac{a_2^T b}{\|a_2\|^2} a_2$ )

(c) Compute the least squares solution to

$\min \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2$   
 $\vec{b} - A\vec{x}$

$\min \|b - A \cdot \vec{x}\|$

$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{a_1^T b}{\|a_1\|^2} \\ \frac{a_2^T b}{\|a_2\|^2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_1 \\ \hat{x}_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$\|a_1\|^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1$   
 $\|a_2\|^2 = 1$