

## Chapter 4 Orthogonality

- Overdetermined linear system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \quad m > n : \text{more equations than unknowns}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \boxed{\phantom{A}} & \boxed{\phantom{\vec{x}}} & = & \boxed{\phantom{\vec{b}}} \\ m \times n & n \times 1 & & m \times 1 \end{matrix}$$

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

$$n \text{ cols} \Rightarrow \dim(\text{Col}(A)) \leq n < m$$

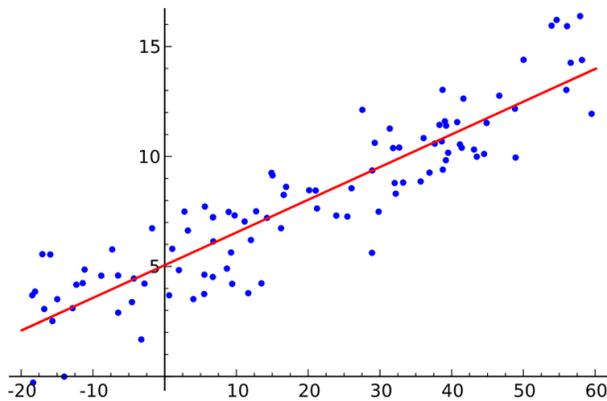
Col rank

$$\text{Col}(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \Rightarrow \text{Col}(A) \neq \mathbb{R}^m$$

$\Rightarrow$  There are vectors  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  that are not in  $\text{Col}(A)$

$\vec{b} \notin \text{Col}(A) \Rightarrow A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has no sol's.

- It comes from finding Line / Curve fitting data



We are given data of coordinates  $(x_i, y_i)$

$$i = 1, \dots, m$$

Want a line  $y = ax + c$  st.

$$y_1 = ax_1 + c$$

$$y_2 = ax_2 + c$$

$\vdots$

$$y_m = ax_m + c$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

First, we do not have the perfect line passing all the data points, i.e.,

$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is overdetermined thus no sol.

Second, we only want the line that is the "closest" to all points, i.e., we want to find  $(a, c)$  for minimizing the "errors":

Line Fitting Error =  $\sum_{i=1}^m |ax_i + c - y_i|^2$

$$A\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & | & 1 \\ x_2 & | & 1 \\ \vdots & | & \vdots \\ x_m & | & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax_1 + c \\ ax_2 + c \\ \vdots \\ ax_m + c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{x} - \vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} ax_1 + c - y_1 \\ \vdots \\ ax_m + c - y_m \end{pmatrix}$$

Line Fitting Error =  $\|A\vec{x} - \vec{b}\|^2$

$$A\vec{x} = a \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Col}(A)$$

$\begin{cases} m=3 \\ n=2 \end{cases}$

$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix}$

$$\min_{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2} \|A\vec{x} - \vec{b}\|^2$$

①  $A\vec{x}$  is a vector in  $\text{Col}(A)$

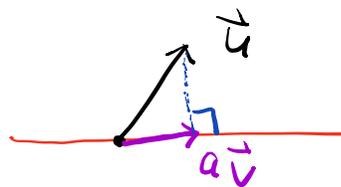
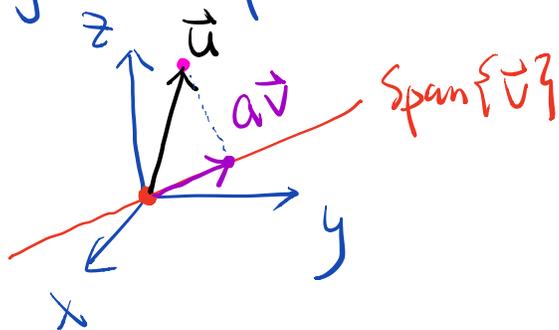
② Any vector in  $\text{Col}(A)$  can be written as

$$s \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s \\ t \end{pmatrix} = A\hat{x} \quad \text{where } \hat{x} = \begin{pmatrix} s \\ t \end{pmatrix}$$

So minimizing the fitting error is the same as find the shortest distance between  $\vec{b}$  and the subspace  $\text{Col}(A)$ .

## Review of Projection Onto a Line

Projection of a vector onto another one:



So we look for a vector  $a\vec{v}$  satisfying

$$(\vec{u} - a\vec{v}) \perp \vec{v}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \langle \vec{u} - a\vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle - a\langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a\langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle = \langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a = \frac{\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle} = \frac{\vec{v}^T \vec{u}}{\vec{v}^T \vec{v}} = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} \\ = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|^2}$$

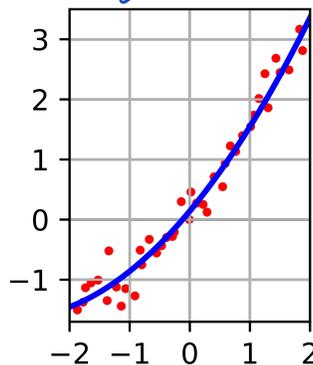
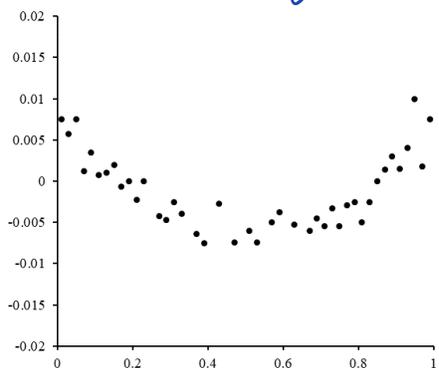
For  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the projection of  $\vec{u}$  onto  $\vec{v}$

$$\text{is } P_{\vec{v}}(\vec{u}) = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|^2} \vec{v}$$

Ex: Projection of  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  onto  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$P_{\vec{v}}(\vec{u}) = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|^2} \vec{v} = \frac{6}{(1+1+1)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Curve Fitting: in general we can consider curves by using polynomials, trigonometrics, etc.



We are given data  
of coordinates  $(x_i, y_i)$

$i = 1, \dots, m$

Want a quadratic fit :

$$y_1 = dx_1^2 + ax_1 + c$$

$$y_2 = dx_2^2 + ax_2 + c$$

$\vdots$

$$y_m = dx_m^2 + ax_m + c$$

Want a cubic fit

$$y_1 = ex_1^3 + dx_1^2 + ax_1 + c$$

$$y_2 = ex_2^3 + dx_2^2 + ax_2 + c$$

$\vdots$

$$y_m = ex_m^3 + dx_m^2 + ax_m + c$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1^2 & x_1 & 1 \\ x_2^2 & x_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_m^2 & x_m & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ a \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{pmatrix}$$

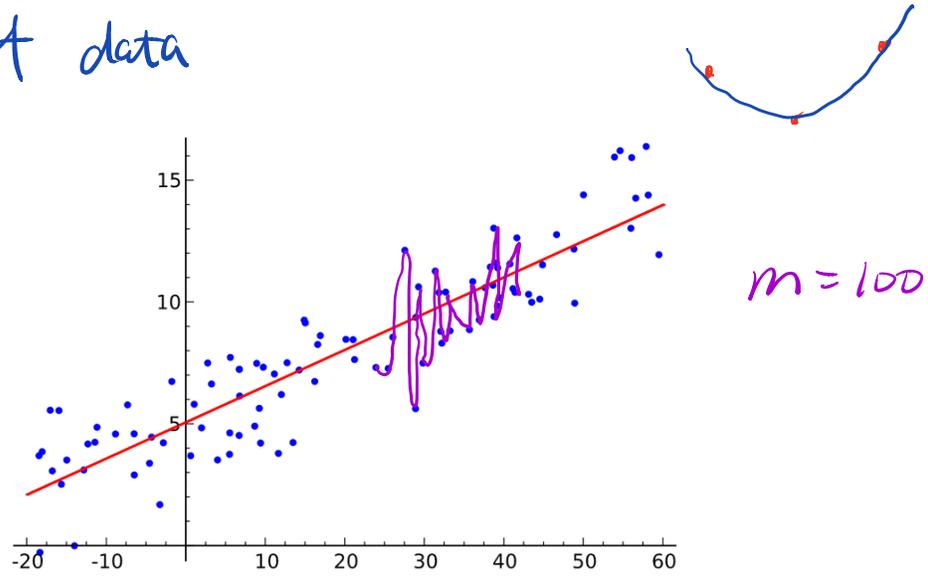
$$A \vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1^3 & x_1^2 & x_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_m^3 & x_m^2 & x_m & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e \\ d \\ a \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{pmatrix}$$

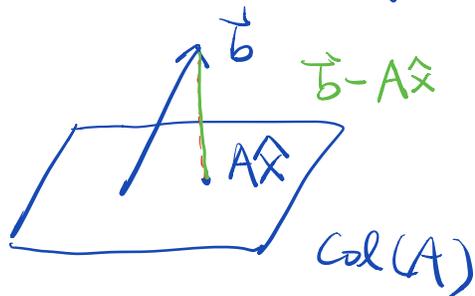
$$A \vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

**Remark** : For the same data, the best fitting error using quadratics is smaller than the best fitting error using lines. For  $m$  points, we can get a perfect fit using polynomial of degree  $m-1$ , but that is overfitting, which should be avoided.

Overfitting means too many terms are used ( $n > \sqrt{m}$ ) and the coefficients from too many terms represent the noise rather than the true model of data



- Now consider how to find projection of  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  onto the col space of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ .



Want to find  $\hat{\vec{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{x}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{x}_n \end{pmatrix}$  s.t.

$$\|A\hat{\vec{x}} - \vec{b}\| = \min_{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|A\vec{x} - \vec{b}\|$$

Intuition:  $\vec{b} - A\hat{x}$  is  $90^\circ$  to the plane  $\text{Col}(A)$ .

Let cols of  $A$  be  $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n$

Assume they are independent.

$$\underline{(\vec{b} - A\hat{x}) \perp \text{Col}(A)} \Leftrightarrow (\vec{b} - A\hat{x}) \perp \vec{a}_i, \forall i$$

$$\langle \vec{b} - A\hat{x}, \vec{a}_i \rangle = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \vec{a}_i^T (\vec{b} - A\hat{x}) = 0, \forall i$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \vec{a}_1^T (\vec{b} - A\hat{x}) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{a}_n^T (\vec{b} - A\hat{x}) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$A^T (\vec{b} - A\hat{x}) = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{matrix} m \times n \\ \begin{bmatrix} | \\ | \\ | \\ | \end{bmatrix} \\ \vec{a}_1 \dots \vec{a}_n \end{matrix}$$

$$A^T = \begin{matrix} n \times m \\ \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{bmatrix} \\ \vec{a}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{a}_n^T \end{matrix}$$

So  $A^T (\vec{b} - A\hat{x}) = \vec{0}$

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

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$$\underline{A^T A \hat{x}} = \underline{A^T \vec{b}}$$

$$\square \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{bmatrix} = \square \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$n \times m \quad m \times n \quad n \times m \quad m \times 1 \quad n \times n \quad n \times 1$$

How to find projection of  $\vec{b}$  onto  $\text{Col}(A)$ :

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

② The projection of  $\vec{b}$  is  $A\hat{x} = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b}$

③ Least Square Solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is  $\hat{x}$ .

If we assume cols of  $A$  are independent,

then  $A^T A$  is invertible

Proof: Want to show  $(A^T A)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has only zero sol

$$A^T \underbrace{A\vec{x}}_{\vec{y}} = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow \vec{y} = A\vec{x} \text{ is a sol to } A^T \vec{y} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A\vec{x} \in \text{Null}(A^T)$$

Since  $A\vec{x} \in \text{Col}(A)$ , we know

$$A\vec{x} \in \text{Col}(A) \cap \text{Null}(A^T)$$

$$\text{Col}(A) \perp \text{Null}(A^T) \Rightarrow$$

$$A\vec{x} \perp A\vec{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle A\vec{x}, A\vec{x} \rangle = 0$$

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

Independence of Cols of  $A$   $\Rightarrow \vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .  $\square$

## Review

- ① Column Space of  $A$  :  $\text{Col}(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$
- ② Row Space of  $A$  :  $\text{Col}(A^T) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$
- ③ Null Space of  $A$  :  $\text{Null}(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$
- ④ Left Null Space of  $A$  :  $\text{Null}(A^T) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\text{Null}(A) = \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \}$$

$$\text{Col}(A^T) \perp \text{Null}(A)$$

$$\text{Null}(A^T) = \{ \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m : A^T\vec{y} = \vec{0} \}$$

$$\text{Col}(A) \perp \text{Null}(A^T)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} A \vec{x} = \vec{0} \\ \begin{array}{c} m \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} A^T \vec{y} = \vec{0} \\ \begin{array}{c} m \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array}$$

If  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ , then each row of  $A$  is  $\perp$  to  $\vec{x}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Col}(A^T) \perp \text{Null}(A)$$

If  $A^T\vec{y} = \vec{0}$ , then each row of  $A^T$  is  $\perp$  to  $\vec{y}$

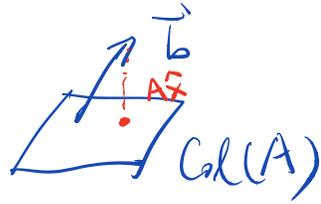
$\Rightarrow$  each col of  $A$  is  $\perp$  to  $\vec{y}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Col}(A) \perp \text{Null}(A^T)$$

Example: Find projection of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  onto

$$\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Sol: } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 4 & 9 & 6 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 3/2 \\ 1 & 9/4 & 3/2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 3/2 \\ 0 & 1/4 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \hat{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3/2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 3/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So projection of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  onto

$$\text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\} \text{ is } \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 3/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$