

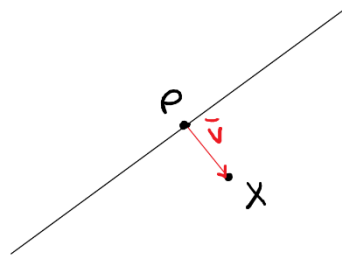
# Exercise 1. Total least squares line fitting.

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Exercise 1.

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We need to find  
a unit vector  $\bar{v}$   
perpendicular to the  
line

$$l: \begin{matrix} ax + by = d \\ a^2 + b^2 = 1 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \bar{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} (a, b) = (a, b)$$

The distance  $d$  between  $P$  and  $X$   
will be:

$$|\vec{PX} \cdot \vec{v}| = \begin{pmatrix} x_i - x_p \\ y_i - y_p \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = |a(x_i - x_p) + b(y_i - y_p)|$$

Since  $P$  belongs to  $l$ :  $ax_p + by_p = d$

$$\text{distance} = |ax_i + by_i - d|$$

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$$E = \sum_{i=1}^n (ax_i + by_i - d)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial d} = \sum_{i=1}^n -2(ax_i + by_i - d) = 0$$

$$a \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + b \sum_{i=1}^n y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n d = 0$$

$$a \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + b \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = nd$$

$$d = \frac{a}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \frac{b}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

$$d = a\bar{x} + b\bar{y}$$

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$$E = \sum_{i=1}^n (ax_i + by_i - a\bar{x} - b\bar{y})^2$$

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^n (a(x_i - \bar{x}) + b(y_i - \bar{y}))^2$$

$$E = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - \bar{x} & y_1 - \bar{y} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n - \bar{x} & y_n - \bar{y} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 = (U \cdot N)^T (U \cdot N)$$

$$E = N^T \cdot U^T \cdot U \cdot N \quad \text{where } N = (a, b)$$

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If we calculate the partial  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial N}$   
knowing  $E = N U^T U N$  from 3)

We get:

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial N} = 2 (U^T U N)$$

The minimum of  $\|U(a, b)^T\|$  must  
satisfy

$$2(U^T U N) = 0$$

$$(U^T U) N = 0$$

subject to  $\|N\|^2 = 1$ .

The solution for this equation by  
definition is the eigenvector of  $U^T U$   
associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 0$

Applying Sylvester's criterion, we know  
that  $U^T U$  is positive-semidefinite.

Since the upper-left corner of  $U^T U$  is positive

$$U^T U = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 & \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) \\ \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) & \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

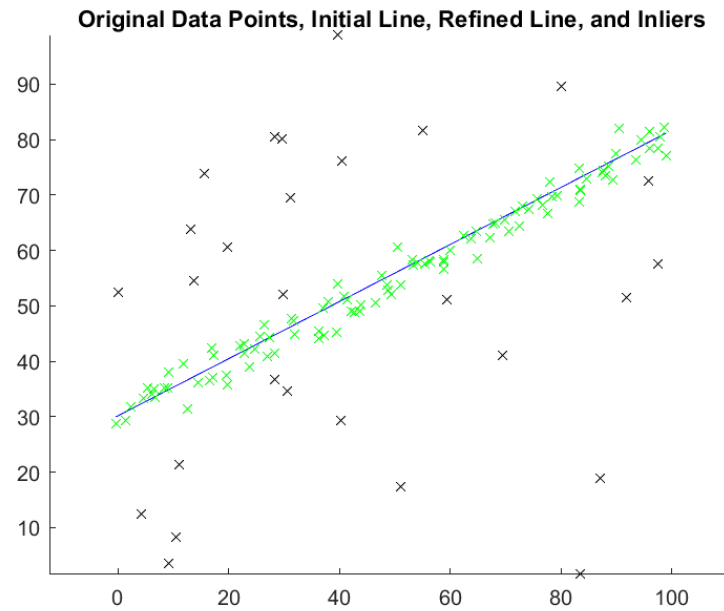
$\Rightarrow$  All the eigenvalues  $\lambda$  are greater or equal to 0 ( $\lambda \geq 0$ ), which means that  $\lambda = 0$  is the smallest eigenvalue.

Once we know  $N = (a, b)$  we can obtain  $d = a\bar{x} + b\bar{y}$  using the expression from 2)

## Exercise 2. Robust line fitting using RANSAC.

Result of applying RANSAC with  $N=88$  and  $t=5$  before least squares fitting.

$$0.49x - y = 30.78$$



Result after refitting the previous solution with least squares fitting.

$$-0.45x - y = 0.89$$

