

1. (a) Not linear.

example:

$$\alpha = \beta = 1, \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{then } f(\alpha\vec{x} + \beta\vec{y}) = f\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 0$$

$$\alpha f(\vec{x}) + \beta f(\vec{y}) = (1 - 0) + (0 - (-1)) = 2 \neq f(\alpha\vec{x} + \beta\vec{y})$$

(b) Linear.

$$\text{proof: } f(\alpha\vec{x} + \beta\vec{y}) = (\alpha x_n + \beta y_n) - (\alpha x_1 + \beta y_1)$$

$$= \alpha(x_n - x_1) + \beta(y_n - y_1)$$

$$= \alpha f(\vec{x}) + \beta f(\vec{y}), \quad \forall \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}.$$

inner product representation:

$$f(\vec{x}) = x_n - x_1 = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{x} \right\rangle = \vec{a}^T \vec{x}, \text{ for } \forall \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \text{ where } \vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow n\text{-th entry}$$

2. (a) False.

Reason: $y = \vec{x}^T \vec{a} + b = \left(\sum_{i=1}^8 x_i \cdot a_i \right) + b$ is not merely depend on a_3 and x_3 , even if $a_3 > 0, x_3 > 0$, if other terms are significantly negative, y can still be negative.

The counterexample is easy to find:

$$\text{when } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 100 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, b = -100,$$

$$\text{so } a_3 > 0, x_3 > 0, \text{ but } y = \vec{x}^T \vec{a} + b = -199 < 0.$$

(b) True.

$$\text{Reason: } y = \vec{x}^T \vec{a} + b = \sum_{i=1}^8 a_i x_i + b \xrightarrow{\text{let } I = \{i | a_i \neq 0\}} \sum_{i \in I} a_i x_i + b$$

thus y only depend on those features whose regression coefficient is not zero.

So, because a_2 (as the regression coefficient of the feature x_2) = 0,

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x_2 doesn't contribute any more to y .

(c) True.

Reason. As we discussed above,

$$y(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_8) = \sum_{i=1}^8 a_i x_i + b$$

if we denote the change of x_i, y as $\Delta x_i, \Delta y$,

then if we keep all other x is the same and only change x_6 to x'_6

$$\text{we have } \Delta y = \left(\sum_{i \in \{1, 2, \dots, 8\} - \{6\}} x_i a_i + x'_6 \cdot a_6 + b \right) - \left(\sum_{i=1}^8 x_i a_i + b \right)$$

$$= a_6 \cdot (x'_6 - x_6)$$

$$= a_6 \cdot \Delta x_6$$

if $a_6 = -0.8 < 0$ and $\Delta x_6 > 0$, then $\Delta y = -0.8 \Delta x_6 < 0$,

which means y is decreased as x_6 is increased.

[Remark: Indeed, $\frac{\partial y(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_8)}{\partial x_6} = a_6$, (the partial derivative $a_6 < 0$) means that,
→ (y is monotonically decreasing in terms of x_6 increasing.)]

3.

(a) Set $L(\vec{\beta}) = \|X\vec{\beta} - \vec{y}\|_2^2$,

to solve $\min_{\vec{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^2} \|X\vec{\beta} - \vec{y}\|_2^2$ is an extremum problem.

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \vec{\beta}} = X^T [2(X\vec{\beta} - \vec{y})] = 2X^T X \vec{\beta} - 2X^T \vec{y}$$

$$\text{set } \frac{\partial L}{\partial \vec{\beta}} = 0, \text{ we have } X^T X \vec{\beta} = X^T \vec{y}$$

if $X = [\vec{x}^{(1)} \ \vec{x}^{(2)}]$ and $\vec{x}^{(1)} = 2\vec{x}^{(2)}$, then $r(X) \leq 1$

so $r(X^T X) \leq r(X) \leq 1$,

which means $X^T X$ is singular, and

$(X^T X) \vec{\beta} = X^T \vec{y}$ has infinite many solutions,

such that we cannot determine a unique $\vec{\beta}$ as our estimation.

$$(b) \text{ Suppose } f(\vec{\beta}) = \underbrace{\|X\vec{\beta} - \vec{y}\|_2^2}_{\downarrow} + \underbrace{\lambda \|\vec{\beta}\|_2^2}_{\downarrow}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \vec{\beta}} = (2X^T X \vec{\beta} - 2X^T \vec{y}) + 2\lambda \vec{\beta}$$

$$\text{Set } \frac{\partial f}{\partial \vec{\beta}} = 0, \text{ we have } (X^T X + \lambda I) \vec{\beta} = X^T \vec{y}$$

As $X^T X$ is spd, λI is diagonal,

thus $X^T X + \lambda I$ is positive-definite, which means

$$r(X^T X + \lambda I) = 2, \quad X^T X + \lambda I \text{ is invertible.}$$

We can get a unique $\vec{\beta}$ as the solution:

$$\vec{\beta} = (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T \vec{y}$$

Suppose $X = \begin{bmatrix} 2a & a \\ 2b & b \end{bmatrix}$, a, b are arbitrary.

$$\begin{aligned} X^T X &= \begin{bmatrix} 2a & 2b \\ a & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2a & a \\ 2b & b \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 4a^2 + 4b^2 & 2a^2 + 2b^2 \\ 2a^2 + 2b^2 & a^2 + b^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$X^T X + \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 4a^2 + 4b^2 + \lambda & 2a^2 + 2b^2 \\ 2a^2 + 2b^2 & a^2 + b^2 + \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} = \frac{1}{(4a^2 + 4b^2 + \lambda)(a^2 + b^2 + \lambda) - (2a^2 + 2b^2)^2} \begin{bmatrix} a^2 + b^2 + \lambda & -(2a^2 + 2b^2) \\ -(2a^2 + 2b^2) & 4a^2 + 4b^2 + \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X^T \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a & 2b \\ a & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2ay_1 + 2by_2 \\ ay_1 + by_2 \end{bmatrix} = (ay_1 + by_2) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{thus } \vec{\beta} &= \frac{ay_1 + by_2}{(4a^2 + 4b^2 + \lambda)(a^2 + b^2 + \lambda) - (2a^2 + 2b^2)^2} \begin{bmatrix} 2(a^2 + b^2 + \lambda) - (2a^2 + 2b^2) \\ -2(2a^2 + 2b^2) + (4a^2 + 4b^2 + \lambda) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{(ay_1 + by_2) \cdot \lambda}{(4a^2 + 4b^2 + \lambda)(a^2 + b^2 + \lambda) - (2a^2 + 2b^2)^2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 / \hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{2}{1} = 2. \checkmark$$

c) ✓ When $\lambda \rightarrow +\infty$, the punishment on $\vec{\beta}$ with greater norm ($\|\vec{\beta}\|_2^2$) is strong, which forces $\vec{\beta} = \frac{(ay_1 + by_2)\lambda}{(4a^2 + 4b^2 + \lambda)(a^2 + b^2 + \lambda) - (2a^2 + 2b^2)^2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \vec{0}$ to adapt the optimization.

(simply as the degree of λ in numerator is less than that in denominator)

✓ When $\lambda \rightarrow 0$, the regularization term loses its constraint force, $\vec{\beta}$ tend to be close to $\min_{\vec{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^2} \|X\vec{\beta} - \vec{y}\|_2^2$, which may make the solution unstable.

✓ So in practice we should choose a proper λ , bigger λ can mitigate issues arising from linear dependency of columns of X , but extremely big λ can force $\vec{\beta}$ to be $\vec{0}$, extremely small λ will loosen the constraint and cause the dependency issues to reoccur.

4. Proof:

$$\min_{\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n, b \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{i=1}^N h(y_i(\langle \vec{a}, \vec{x}_i \rangle + b) - 1) + \lambda \|\vec{a}\|_2^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\underline{h(t) = \max\{0, -t\}} \quad \min_{\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n, b \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{i=1}^N \max\{0, 1 - y_i(\langle \vec{a}, \vec{x}_i \rangle + b)\} + \lambda \|\vec{a}\|_2^2$$

$$\underline{\text{denote } \max\{0, 1 - y_i(\langle \vec{a}, \vec{x}_i \rangle + b)\} \text{ as } \varphi_i} \quad \min_{\substack{\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n, b \in \mathbb{R}, \\ \vec{\varphi} \in \mathbb{R}^n}} \sum_{i=1}^N \varphi_i + \lambda \|\vec{a}\|_2^2 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{when } 1 - y_i(\langle \vec{a}, \vec{x}_i \rangle + b) \leq 0, \quad \varphi_i = 0$$

$$\text{when } 1 - y_i(\langle \vec{a}, \vec{x}_i \rangle + b) > 0, \quad \varphi_i = 1 - y_i(\langle \vec{a}, \vec{x}_i \rangle + b) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi_i \geq 0$$

in ①, we try to find a solution s.t. $h(y_i(\langle \vec{a}, \vec{x}_i \rangle + b) - 1) = 0$.

$$\text{i.e. } \underline{y_i(\langle \vec{a}, \vec{x}_i \rangle + b) \geq 1}$$



in ②, we try to find a solution s.t. $\varphi_i = 0$

$$\text{i.e. } \underline{1 - y_i(\langle \vec{a}, \vec{x}_i \rangle + b) \leq 0} \quad (3)$$

Since $\varphi_i \geq 0$, ③ can be expressed as

$$1 - y_i(\langle \vec{a}, \vec{x}_i \rangle + b) \leq 0 \leq \varphi_i$$

$$\text{i.e. } \underline{y_i(\langle \vec{a}, \vec{x}_i \rangle + b) \geq 1 - \varphi_i}$$

Overall, $\min_{\substack{\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ b \in \mathbb{R}}} \sum_{i=1}^N h(y_i(\langle \vec{a}, \vec{x}_i \rangle + b) - 1) + \lambda \|\vec{a}\|_2^2.$



$$\min_{\substack{\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ b \in \mathbb{R} \\ \varphi \in \mathbb{R}^n}} \sum_{i=1}^N \varphi_i + \lambda \|\vec{a}\|_2^2$$



s.t. $y_i(\langle \vec{a}, \vec{x}_i \rangle + b) \geq 1 - \varphi_i$ and $\varphi_i \geq 0$,
 $i=1, 2, \dots, N.$



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(a) Proof: $\forall \vec{x}, \vec{z} \in S_1 \cap S_2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{1} \quad \langle \vec{a}_1, (1+t)\vec{z} - t\vec{x} \rangle &= \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{z} \rangle + t \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{z} - \vec{x} \rangle \\
 &= \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{z} \rangle + t (\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{z} \rangle - \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{x} \rangle) \\
 &\stackrel{\vec{x}, \vec{z} \in S_1}{=} b_1 + t(b_1 - b_1) \\
 &= b_1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1+t)\vec{z} - t\vec{x} \in S_1 \text{ for } \forall \vec{x}, \vec{z} \in S_1 \cap S_2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{2} \quad \langle \vec{a}_2, (1+t)\vec{z} - t\vec{x} \rangle &= \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{z} \rangle + t \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{z} - \vec{x} \rangle \\
 &= \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{z} \rangle + t (\langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{z} \rangle - \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{x} \rangle) \\
 &\stackrel{\vec{x}, \vec{z} \in S_2}{=} b_2 + t(b_2 - b_2) \\
 &= b_2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1+t)\vec{z} - t\vec{x} \in S_2 \text{ for } \forall \vec{x}, \vec{z} \in S_1 \cap S_2$$

Therefore, by both $\textcircled{1}$ & $\textcircled{2}$ we can conclude that

$$(1+t)\vec{z} - t\vec{x} \in S_1 \cap S_2 \text{ for } \forall \vec{x}, \vec{z} \in S_1 \cap S_2$$

(b) Proof:

 $\textcircled{1}$ We first prove:

$$\boxed{\vec{z} \text{ is a solution of } \min_{\vec{x} \in S_1 \cap S_2} \|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\| \Rightarrow \vec{z} \in S_1 \cap S_2 \text{ and } \langle \vec{z} - \vec{y}, \vec{z} - \vec{x} \rangle = 0, \forall \vec{x} \in S_1 \cap S_2}$$

As we have proved in (a), $(1+t)\vec{z} - t\vec{x} \in S_1 \cap S_2$.

Since \vec{z} is ^{the} closest to \vec{y} on $S_1 \cap S_2$, we have

$$\|\vec{z} - \vec{y}\|^2 \leq \|[(1+t)\vec{z} - t\vec{x}] - \vec{y}\|^2$$

$$= \|(\vec{z} - \vec{y}) + t(\vec{z} - \vec{x})\|^2$$

$$= \|\vec{z} - \vec{y}\|^2 + t^2 \|\vec{z} - \vec{x}\|^2 + 2t \langle \vec{z} - \vec{y}, \vec{z} - \vec{x} \rangle.$$

(as V is a Hilbert space,
 $\|\vec{x}\|^2 = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle$
 for $\forall \vec{x} \in V$)

$$\text{i.e. } t \langle \vec{z} - \vec{y}, \vec{z} - \vec{x} \rangle \geq -\frac{t^2}{2} \|\vec{z} - \vec{x}\|^2$$

- if we choose $t > 0$, then we have

$$\langle \vec{z} - \vec{y}, \vec{z} - \vec{x} \rangle \geq -\frac{t}{2} \|\vec{z} - \vec{x}\|^2$$

$$\text{letting } t \rightarrow 0^+, \text{ then } \langle \vec{z} - \vec{y}, \vec{z} - \vec{x} \rangle \geq 0$$

-if we choose $t < 0$, then

$$\langle \vec{z} - \vec{y}, \vec{z} - \vec{x} \rangle \leq -\frac{t}{2} \|\vec{z} - \vec{x}\|^2$$

letting $t \rightarrow 0^-$, then $\langle \vec{z} - \vec{y}, \vec{z} - \vec{x} \rangle \leq 0$

Altogether, $\langle \vec{z} - \vec{y}, \vec{z} - \vec{x} \rangle = 0$ for $\forall \vec{x} \in S_1 \cap S_2$ ✓

and of course since \vec{z} is a solution, $\vec{z} \in S_1 \cap S_2$

② We then prove:

$$\boxed{\vec{z} \in S_1 \cap S_2 \text{ and } \langle \vec{z} - \vec{y}, \vec{z} - \vec{x} \rangle = 0 \text{ for } \forall \vec{x} \in S_1 \cap S_2 \Rightarrow \vec{z} \text{ is a solution of } \min_{\vec{x} \in S_1 \cap S_2} \|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|}$$

$$\|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|^2 = \|(\vec{z} - \vec{y}) - (\vec{z} - \vec{x})\|^2$$

$$= \|(\vec{z} - \vec{x}) - (\vec{z} - \vec{y})\|^2$$

in Hilbert space
 $\|\vec{x}\|^2 = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle$

$$= \|\vec{z} - \vec{x}\|^2 + \|\vec{z} - \vec{y}\|^2 - 2\langle \vec{z} - \vec{x}, \vec{z} - \vec{y} \rangle$$

$$\langle \vec{z} - \vec{x}, \vec{z} - \vec{y} \rangle = 0$$

$$= \|\vec{z} - \vec{x}\|^2 + \|\vec{z} - \vec{y}\|^2$$

$$\text{as } \|\vec{z} - \vec{x}\|^2 \geq 0$$

$$\geq \|\vec{z} - \vec{y}\|^2 \quad \text{for } \forall \vec{x} \in S_1 \cap S_2$$

Which means \vec{z} is the closest vector \vec{z} on $S_1 \cap S_2$,
to \vec{y}

i.e. \vec{z} is a solution of $\min_{\vec{x} \in S_1 \cap S_2} \|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|$

(C) Solution: We are finding a solution of an optimization problem with 2 linear constraints, which is an extremum problem that can be solved by Lagrange multiplier.

Note that $\min_{\vec{x} \in S_1 \cap S_2} \|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\| = \min_{\vec{x} \in S_1 \cap S_2} \|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|^2$, so:

Construct the Lagrange function:

$$L(\vec{x}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|^2 + \lambda_1 (\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{x} \rangle - b_1) + \lambda_2 (\langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{x} \rangle - b_2)$$

$$L'_{\vec{x}} = 2\vec{x} - 2\vec{y} + \lambda_1 \vec{a}_1 + \lambda_2 \vec{a}_2 = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow 2\vec{x} = 2\vec{y} - \lambda_1 \vec{a}_1 - \lambda_2 \vec{a}_2 \quad ①$$

$$L'_{\lambda_1} = \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{x} \rangle - b_1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \langle \vec{a}_1, 2\vec{x} \rangle = 2b_1 \quad ②$$

$$L'_{\lambda_2} = \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{x} \rangle - b_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \langle \vec{a}_2, 2\vec{x} \rangle = 2b_2 \quad ③$$

put ① into ②, ③ respectively, we get:

$$\begin{cases} \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_1 \rangle \lambda_1 + \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle \lambda_2 = \langle \vec{a}_1, 2\vec{y} \rangle - 2b_1 & \text{④} \\ \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_1 \rangle \lambda_1 + \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_2 \rangle \lambda_2 = \langle \vec{a}_2, 2\vec{y} \rangle - 2b_2 & \text{⑤} \end{cases}$$

✓ ④ - $\frac{\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle}{\langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_2 \rangle} \times \text{⑤}$, we have:

$$\left[\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_1 \rangle - \frac{\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle^2}{\langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_2 \rangle} \right] \lambda_1 = \left(\langle \vec{a}_1, 2\vec{y} \rangle - 2b_1 \right) - \frac{\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle}{\langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_2 \rangle} \left(\langle \vec{a}_2, 2\vec{y} \rangle - 2b_2 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \frac{\langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_2 \rangle (\langle \vec{a}_1, 2\vec{y} \rangle - 2b_1) - \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle (\langle \vec{a}_2, 2\vec{y} \rangle - 2b_2)}{\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_1 \rangle \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_2 \rangle - \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle^2}$$

✓ similarly, by ④ - $\frac{\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_1 \rangle}{\langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_1 \rangle} \times \text{⑤}$, we have:

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle (\langle \vec{a}_2, 2\vec{y} \rangle - 2b_2) - \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_1 \rangle (\langle \vec{a}_2, 2\vec{y} \rangle - 2b_2)}{\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle^2 - \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_1 \rangle \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_2 \rangle}$$

put λ_1, λ_2 into ①, we get the solution of $\min_{\vec{x} \in S_1 \cap S_2} \|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|$:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{z} &= \min_{\vec{x} \in S_1 \cap S_2} \|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\| = \vec{y} - \frac{\lambda_1}{2} \vec{a}_1 - \frac{\lambda_2}{2} \vec{a}_2 \\ &= \vec{y} - \frac{\langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_2 \rangle (\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{y} \rangle - b_1) - \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle (\langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{y} \rangle - b_2)}{(\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_1 \rangle \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_2 \rangle - \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle^2)} \vec{a}_1 \\ &\quad - \frac{\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_1 \rangle (\langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{y} \rangle - b_2) - \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle (\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{y} \rangle - b_1)}{(\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_1 \rangle \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_2 \rangle - \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle^2)} \vec{a}_2 \end{aligned}$$

denoted as p_1
denoted as p_2
denoted as k

Proof: Part 1 First we prove $\vec{z} \in S_1 \cap S_2$.

△ P1.1

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{z} \rangle &= \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{y} \rangle - p_1 \cdot \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_1 \rangle - p_2 \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle \\ &= \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{y} \rangle - \frac{\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_2 \rangle (\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{y} \rangle - b_1) - \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle (\langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{y} \rangle - b_2) + \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle (\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{y} \rangle - b_1)}{\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_1 \rangle \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_2 \rangle - \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \rangle^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{y} \rangle - \frac{(\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{y} \rangle - b_1) \cdot k}{k}$$

$$= b_1$$

So, $\vec{z} \in S_1$

P1.2 similarly:

$$\langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{z} \rangle = \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{y} \rangle - p_1 \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_1 \rangle - p_2 \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_2 \rangle$$

$$= \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{y} \rangle - \underbrace{\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_1 \rangle \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_1 \rangle (\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{y} \rangle - b_1)}_{K} - \underbrace{\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_1 \rangle^2 (\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{y} \rangle - b_2)}_{K} + \underbrace{\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_1 \rangle \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_1 \rangle (\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{y} \rangle - b_1)}_{K} - \underbrace{\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_1 \rangle \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_2 \rangle (\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{y} \rangle - b_1)}_{K}$$

$$= \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{y} \rangle - \frac{K \cdot (\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{y} \rangle - b_2)}{K}$$

$$= b_2.$$

$$\text{so } \vec{z} \in S_2$$

Overall, $\vec{z} \in S_1 \cap S_2$.

Part 2 Then we prove $\langle \vec{z} - \vec{y}, \vec{z} - \vec{x} \rangle = 0$ for $\forall \vec{x} \in S_1 \cap S_2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \vec{z} - \vec{x}, \vec{z} - \vec{y} \rangle &= -\frac{\lambda_1}{2} \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{z} - \vec{x} \rangle - \frac{\lambda_2}{2} \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{z} - \vec{x} \rangle \\ &= -\frac{\lambda_1}{2} (\langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{z} \rangle - \langle \vec{a}_1, \vec{x} \rangle) - \frac{\lambda_2}{2} (\langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{z} \rangle - \langle \vec{a}_2, \vec{x} \rangle) \\ &= -\frac{\lambda_1}{2} (b_1 - b_1) - \frac{\lambda_2}{2} (b_2 - b_2) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(d) Proof: Suppose \vec{z}_1, \vec{z}_2 are both solutions, then we have:

$$\langle \vec{z}_1 - \vec{y}, \vec{z}_1 - \vec{z}_2 \rangle = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\langle \vec{z}_2 - \vec{y}, \vec{z}_2 - \vec{z}_1 \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow \langle \vec{z}_2 - \vec{y}, \vec{z}_1 - \vec{z}_2 \rangle = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$(1) - (2), \text{ we have } \langle \vec{z}_1 - \vec{z}_2, \vec{z}_1 - \vec{z}_2 \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow \vec{z}_1 - \vec{z}_2 = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow \vec{z}_1 = \vec{z}_2.$$

so \vec{z} is unique.