

# Numerical Analysis – Data Fitting

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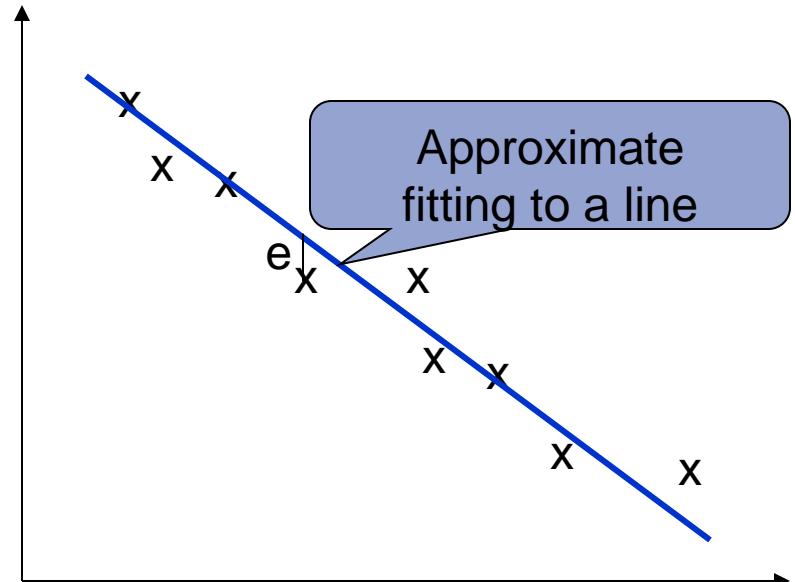
# Fitting

## Exact fit

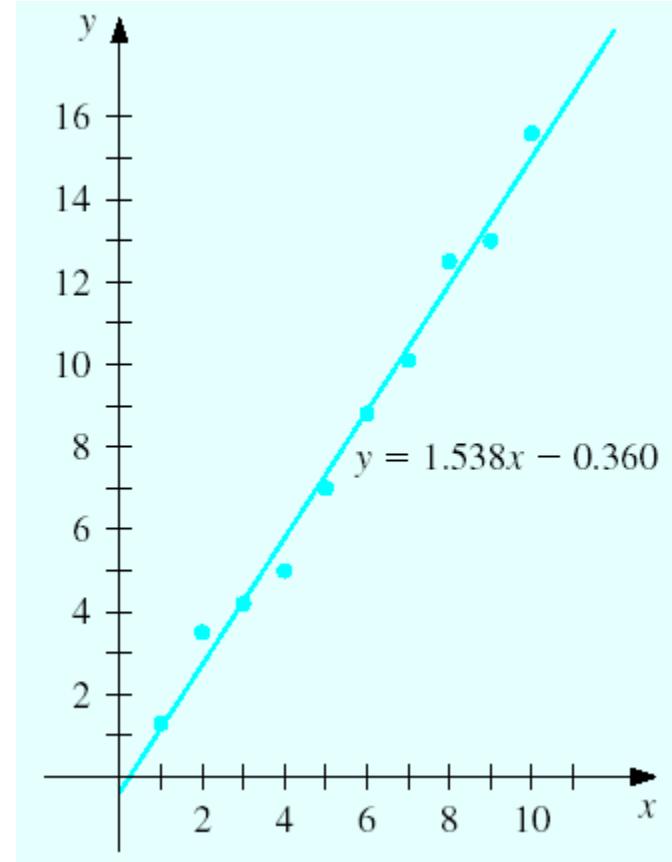
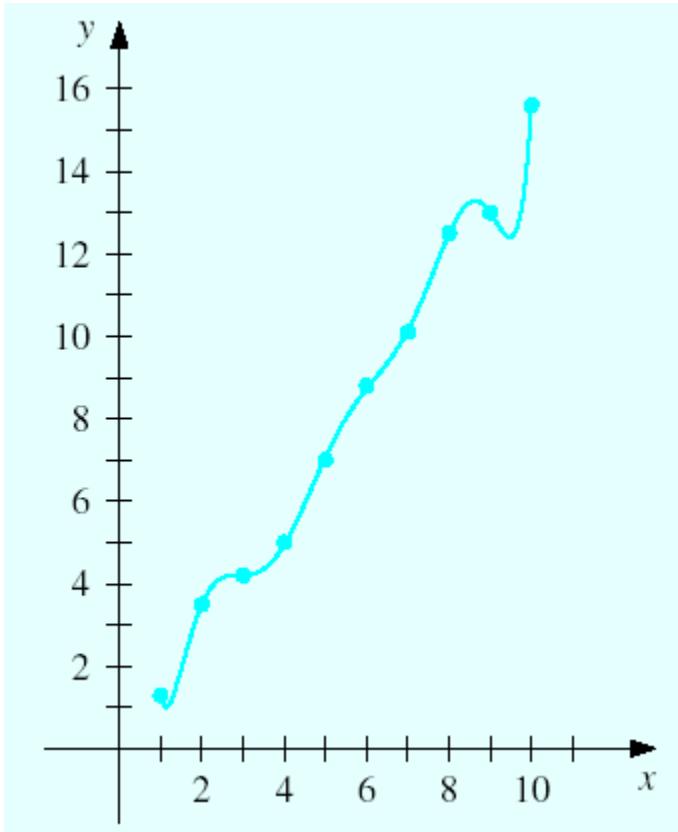
- ❖ Interpolation
- ❖ Extrapolation

## Approximate fit

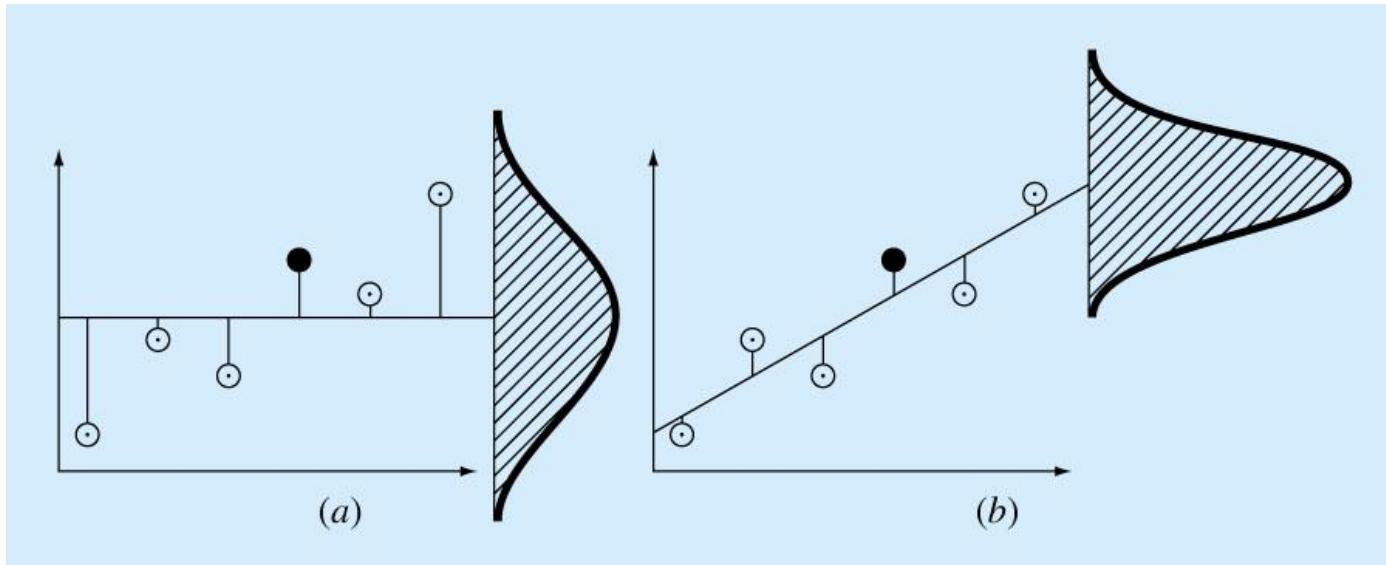
- ❖ Allows some errors
- ❖ Optimality depends on noise model



# Eg. Interpolation vs. Data Fitting



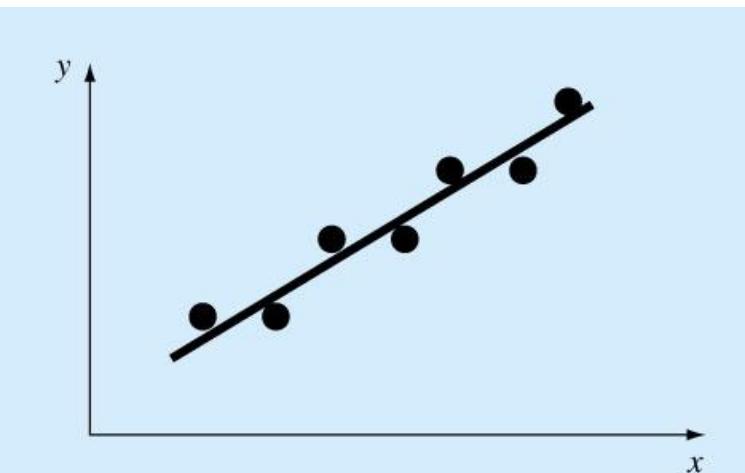
# Regression errors(I)



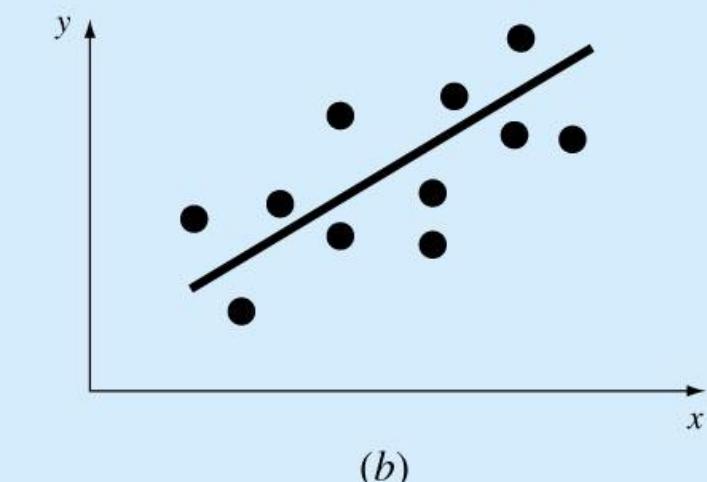
Zero-order model

1st-order model

# Regression errors(I)



Small errors



Large errors



# Least-Square Data Fitting

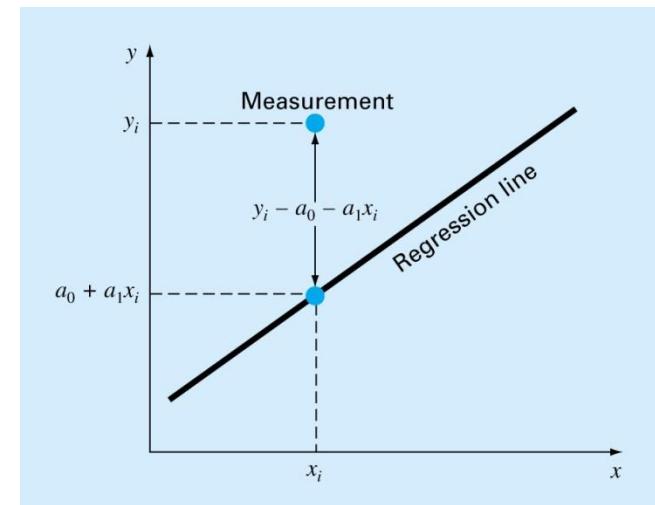
## Problem statement

Given  $\begin{cases} N \text{ data points } (x_i, y_i), i=1, \dots, N \\ \text{a model that has } M \text{ adjustable parameters,} \end{cases}$

$$\underline{a_j}, \quad j = 1, \dots, M$$

find  $\underline{a} = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_M]$  that minimizes

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - y(x_i; \underline{a})]^2 = e_i$$



\* Maximum Likelihood Estimation  
ML  $\equiv$  Least-square  
if  $e_i$  is independently distributed Gaussian



# Fitting data to a straight line

Model

$$y = a + b x$$

Error

$$e_i = y_i - y(x_i)$$

$$= y_i - (a + bx_i)$$

Sum of  
Errors

$$S(a, b) = \sum_{i=1}^N e_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - (a + bx_i)]^2$$

At the minimum error

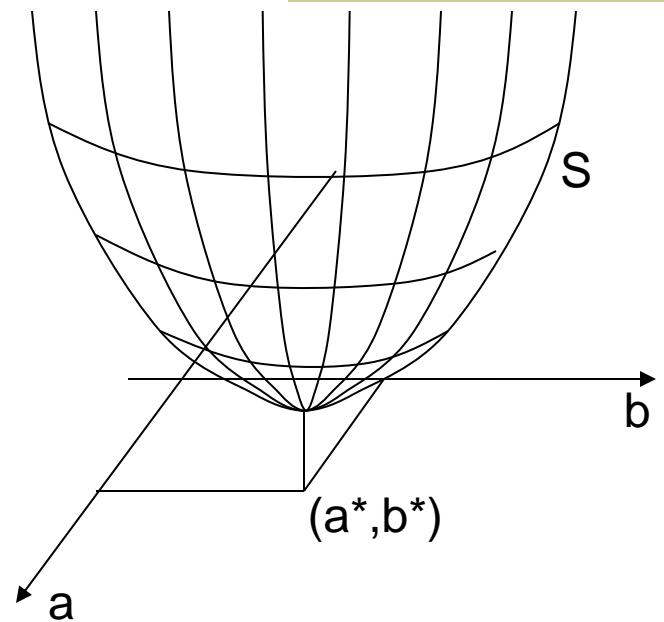
$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - a - bx_i](-1) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial b} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - a - bx_i](-x_i) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} a \sum 1 + b \sum x_i &= \sum y_i \\ a \sum x_i + b \sum x_i^2 &= \sum x_i y_i \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum 1 & \sum x_i \\ \sum x_i & \sum x_i^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sum y_i \\ \sum x_i y_i \end{bmatrix}$$



# Data fitting to a polynomial(I)

Model     $y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n = \sum_{j=0}^n a_jx^j$

At the minimum error     $S = \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - \sum_{j=0}^n a_jx_i^j]^2$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_k} = \sum_{i=1}^N 2[y_i - \sum_{j=0}^n a_jx_i^j](-x_i^k) = 0$$

$$k = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

(n+1) simultaneous eg. (linear)  
(n+1) unknowns



# Data fitting to a polynomial(II)

$$a_0 \sum 1 + a_1 \sum x_i + \cdots + a_n \sum x_i^n = \sum y_i$$

$$a_0 \sum x_i + a_1 \sum x_i^2 + \cdots + a_n \sum x_i^{n+1} = \sum x_i y_i$$

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$$a_0 \sum x_i^n + a_1 \sum x_i^{n+1} + \cdots + a_n \sum x_i^{2n} = \sum x_i^n y_i$$

Rewriting the eq.'s into a matrix form

$$\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{Fa} = \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{y}$$

Linear equation

where

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{a} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{a}_n]^T \\ \mathbf{y} = [\mathbf{y}_1 \ \mathbf{y}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{y}_n]^T \\ \mathbf{F}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_N \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_1^n & x_2^n & \cdots & x_N^n \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$$



# General linear least-square(I)

Model

$$y(x) = \sum_{j=1}^M c_j f_j(x)$$

Error

$$\begin{aligned} e_i &= y_i - y(x_i) \\ &= y_i - \sum_{j=1}^M c_j f_j(x_i) \end{aligned}$$

Sum of Errors

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - \sum_{j=1}^M c_j f_j(x_i)]^2$$

At the minimum error

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial c_k} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^N \underbrace{[y_i - \sum_{j=1}^M c_j f_j(x_i)]}_{= e_i} \underbrace{(-f_k(x_i))}_{= \frac{\partial e_i}{\partial c_k}} = 0 \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, M$$



# General linear least-square(II)

Matrix form

$$\mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{\epsilon} = \mathbf{0}$$

where  $\mathbf{\epsilon} = [\epsilon_1 \ \epsilon_2 \ \dots \ \epsilon_N]^T$

$$\mathbf{J}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial e_1}{\partial c_1} & \frac{\partial e_2}{\partial c_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial e_N}{\partial c_1} \\ \frac{\partial e_1}{\partial c_2} & \ddots & & \frac{\partial e_N}{\partial c_2} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial e_1}{\partial c_M} & \frac{\partial e_2}{\partial c_M} & \cdots & \frac{\partial e_N}{\partial c_M} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1) & f_1(x_2) & \cdots & f_1(x_N) \\ f_2(x_1) & \ddots & & f_2(x_N) \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_M(x_1) & f_M(x_2) & \cdots & f_M(x_N) \end{bmatrix}$$

Since

$$\mathbf{\epsilon} = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{J} \mathbf{c}, \quad \mathbf{c} = [\mathbf{c}_1 \ \mathbf{c}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{c}_M]^T$$

We obtain

$$\mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{J} \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{J} \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{y}$$



# Homework #6: Programming

[Due: Nov. 25]

## Part 1: Given data

### <Linear Data Fitting>

Given  $N$  observations  $(x_i, y_i, \hat{x}_i, \hat{y}_i)$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, N$  and a linear mapping model:

$$x' = a_1x + a_2y + a_3$$

$$y' = a_4x + a_5y + a_6$$

find the "best" (in the least-square sense) set of parameters  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_6)$  that fits the given data.

Data files are given in the course homepage  
(fitdata1.dat, fitdata2.dat, fitdata3.dat).

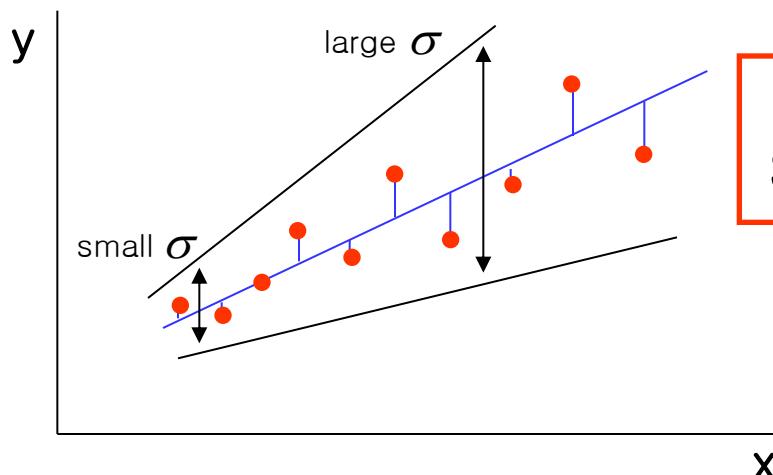


# Chi-Square Fitting

If each data point  $(x_i, y_i)$  has its own, known standard deviation  $\sigma_i$ , we can formulate a weighted least-square problem :

$$\chi^2 \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{y_i - y(x_i, a_1, \dots, a_M)}{\sigma_i} \right)^2$$

Called the “chi-square”



Large  $\sigma$ : less weighted  
Small  $\sigma$ : more weighted

# Eg. Chi-square fitting

## Fitting to a line

$$\chi^2(a, b) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{y_i - a - bx_i}{\sigma_i} \right)^2$$

At the minimum error

$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial a} = -2 \sum \frac{y_i - a - bx_i}{\sigma_i^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial b} = -2 \sum \frac{x_i(y_i - a - bx_i)}{\sigma_i^2} = 0$$

Define

$$S \equiv \sum \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \quad S_x \equiv \sum \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2} \quad S_y \equiv \sum \frac{y_i}{\sigma_i^2}$$

$$S_{xx} \equiv \sum \frac{x_i^2}{\sigma_i^2} \quad S_{xy} \equiv \sum \frac{x_i y_i}{\sigma_i^2}$$

Then we obtain

$$aS + bS_x = S_y$$

$$aS_x + bS_{xx} = S_{xy}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} S & S_x \\ S_x & S_{xx} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_y \\ S_{xy} \end{bmatrix}$$



# Multi-Dimensional Fit

Model

$$y(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^M c_j f_j(\mathbf{x})$$

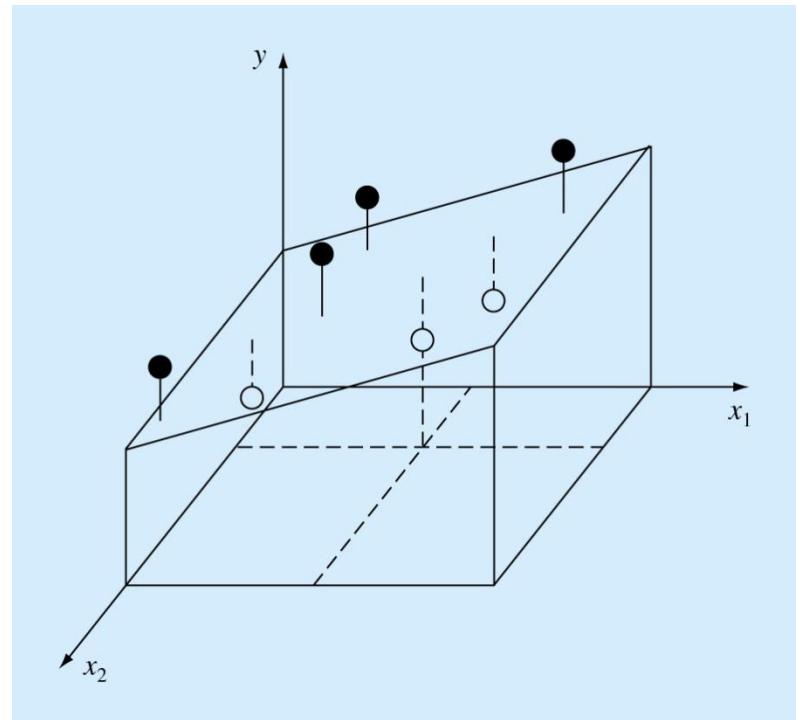
Error

$$\epsilon_i = y_i - y(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

Similarly to the derivation  
for the 1D fits, we get

$$\mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{J} \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{y}$$

The only difference is that the dimension of  $\mathbf{x}$  is generalized  
to an arbitrary dimension



# Nonlinear Models

Model       $y(x) = f(x, a)$

↓                  ↓  
parameters      nonlinear fcn. of  $a$

Eg.)       $y = f(x_1, x_2, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4)$

$$= x_1 + a_3 x_2 - \frac{a_2}{a_4} x_1^2 + \frac{a_1}{a_4} x_1 x_2 - a_2 x_4$$

## Problem

Given  $(x_{1i}, x_{2i}, y_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

find the least-square solution  $\hat{a}$



# Nonlinear fitting: easy case

- Some Nonlinear functions can be transformed into a linear form.

$$y = \alpha e^{\beta x} \xrightarrow{\ln} \ln y = \ln \alpha + \beta x$$

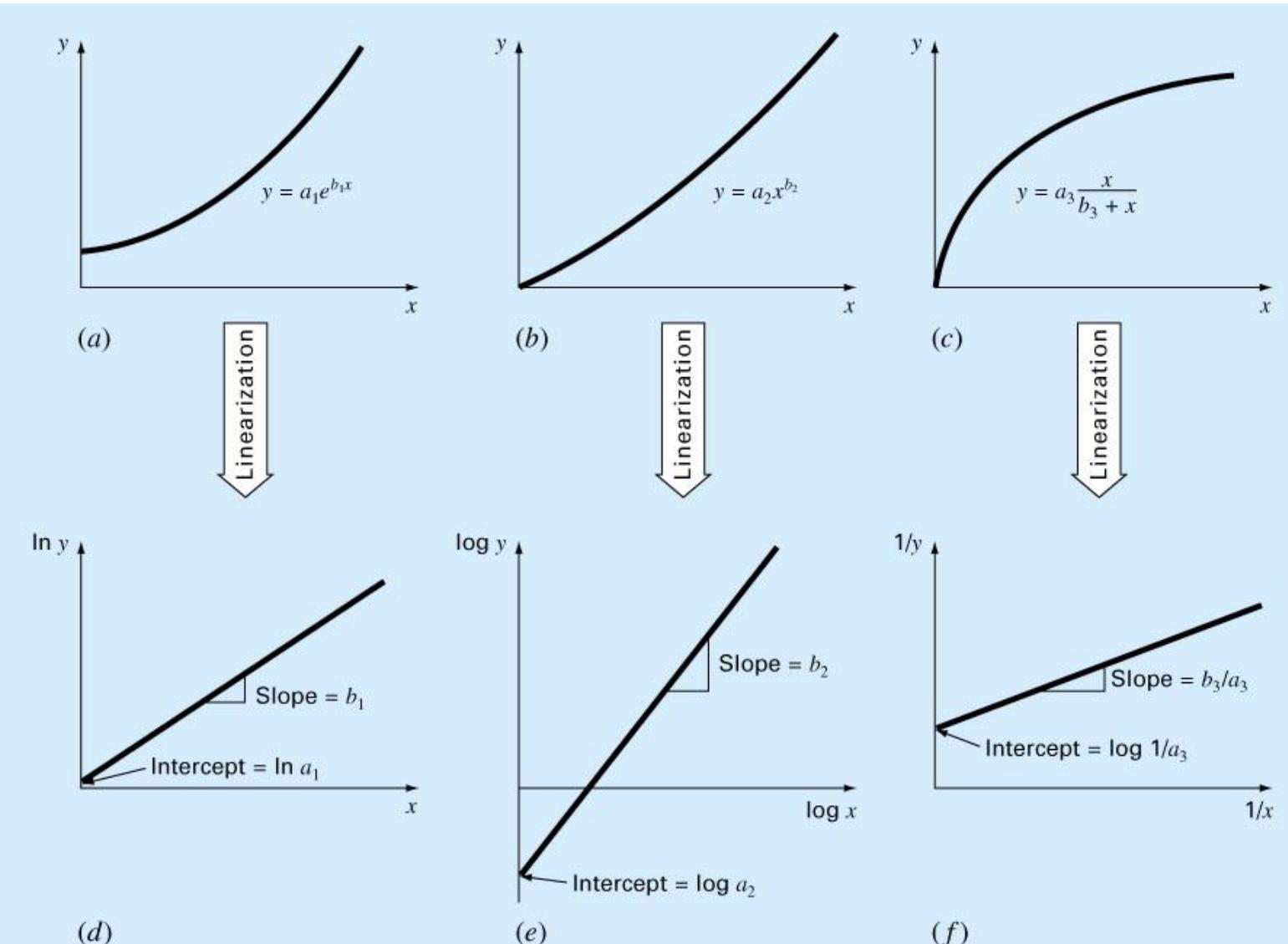
$$\hat{y} = \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta} x$$

; linear

Simple BUT  
Not an optimum fitting!



# Nonlinear fitting by linearization



# Nonlinear Least-Square Fitting

Model

$$y = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a})$$

where  $\mathbf{a} = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_M]$

Cost function  $\chi^2(\mathbf{a}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{y_i - f(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{a})}{\sigma_i} \right]^2$

Problem

Minimize  $\chi^2$ , w.r.t.  $\mathbf{a}$

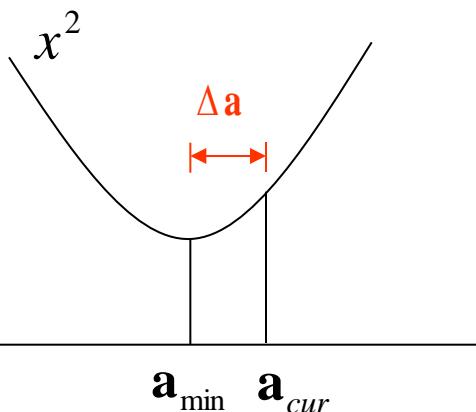
$$\rightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{a}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{a}} \chi^2(\mathbf{a})}$$



# Levenberg-Marquardt Method(I)

## ■ Some insight

$\mathbf{a}_{cur}$  : Near the minimum



$$\mathbf{a}_{\min} = \mathbf{a}_{cur} + \mathbf{H}^{-1}[-\nabla x^2(\mathbf{a}_{cur})]$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a}_{\min} - \mathbf{a}_{cur} = \mathbf{H}^{-1}[-\nabla x^2(\mathbf{a}_{cur})]$$

$$\therefore \underline{\mathbf{H}} \underline{\Delta \mathbf{a}} = -\underline{\nabla x}^2$$

Hessian matrix      update term      gradient

Inverse-Hessian method

$\mathbf{a}_{cur}$  : Far from the minimum

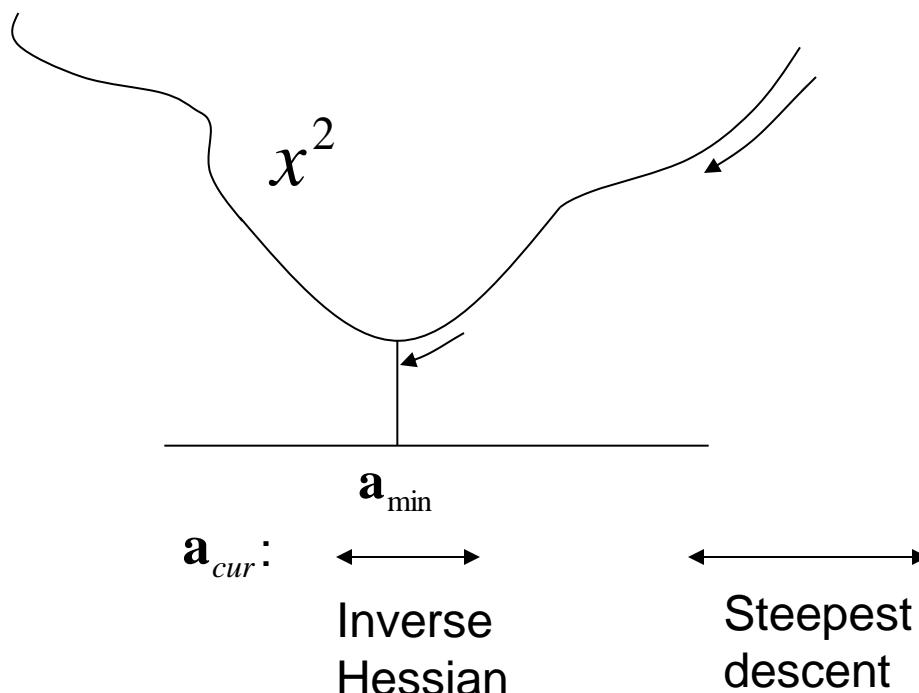
$$\Delta \mathbf{a} = -const \times \nabla x^2(\mathbf{a}_{cur})$$

Steepest Descent method

# Levenberg-Marquardt Method(II)

Idea

- Start : steepest descent method  
↓ gradually change
- End : Inverse-Hessian method



# Levenberg-Marquardt Method(III)

## Algorithm

- i ) Guess  $\mathbf{a}_{cur}$
- ii ) compute  $\mathbf{x}^2(\mathbf{a}_{cur})$
- iii) pick a modest  $\lambda$ , say  $\lambda = 0.001$
- iv) solve

$$\mathbf{H}' \cdot \Delta \mathbf{a} = -\nabla \mathbf{x}^2(\mathbf{a}_{cur}) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where  $\mathbf{H}' = \mathbf{H} + \lambda \mathbf{I}$

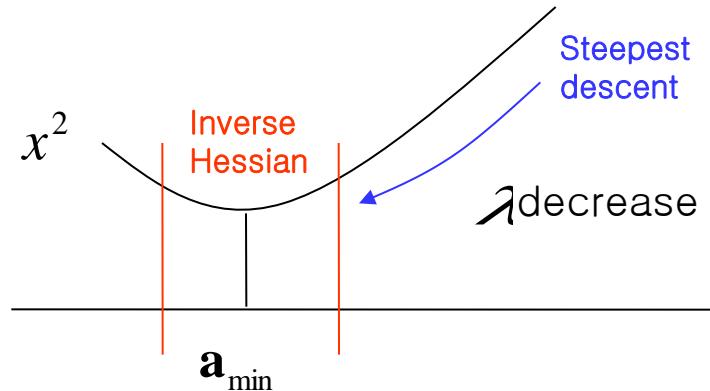
- v ) if  $\mathbf{x}^2(\mathbf{a}_{cur} + \Delta \mathbf{a}) \geq \mathbf{x}^2(\mathbf{a}_{cur})$   
increase  $\lambda$  by a factor of 10 and go to iv)

else

decrease  $\lambda$  by a factor of 10 and  
update  $\mathbf{a}_{cur} = \mathbf{a}_{cur} + \Delta \mathbf{a}$  and go to iv)



# Levenberg-Marquardt Method(IV)



※ For large  $\lambda$  in eq.①,  
the  $\mathbf{H}'$  is diagonal dominant

→ eq.① is close to steepest  
descent!



# Calculation of the gradient

- Calculation of the gradient and the Hessian of

$$x^2(\mathbf{a}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{y_i - y(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{a})}{\sigma_i} \right]^2$$

- Gradient

$$\frac{\partial x^2}{\partial a_k} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{[y_i - y(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{a})]}{\sigma_i^2} \frac{\partial y(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{a})}{\partial a_k}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, M$$

$$\nabla x^2(\mathbf{a}) = \left[ \frac{\partial x^2}{\partial a_1} \frac{\partial x^2}{\partial a_2} \dots \frac{\partial x^2}{\partial a_M} \right]^T$$



# Calculation of the Hessian

$$\frac{\partial^2 x^2}{\partial a_k \partial a_l} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \left[ \frac{\partial y(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{a})}{\partial a_k} \frac{\partial y(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{a})}{\partial a_l} - (y_i - y(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{a})) \frac{\partial^2 y(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{a})}{\partial a_k \partial a_l} \right]$$

ignore

Sensitive to noise

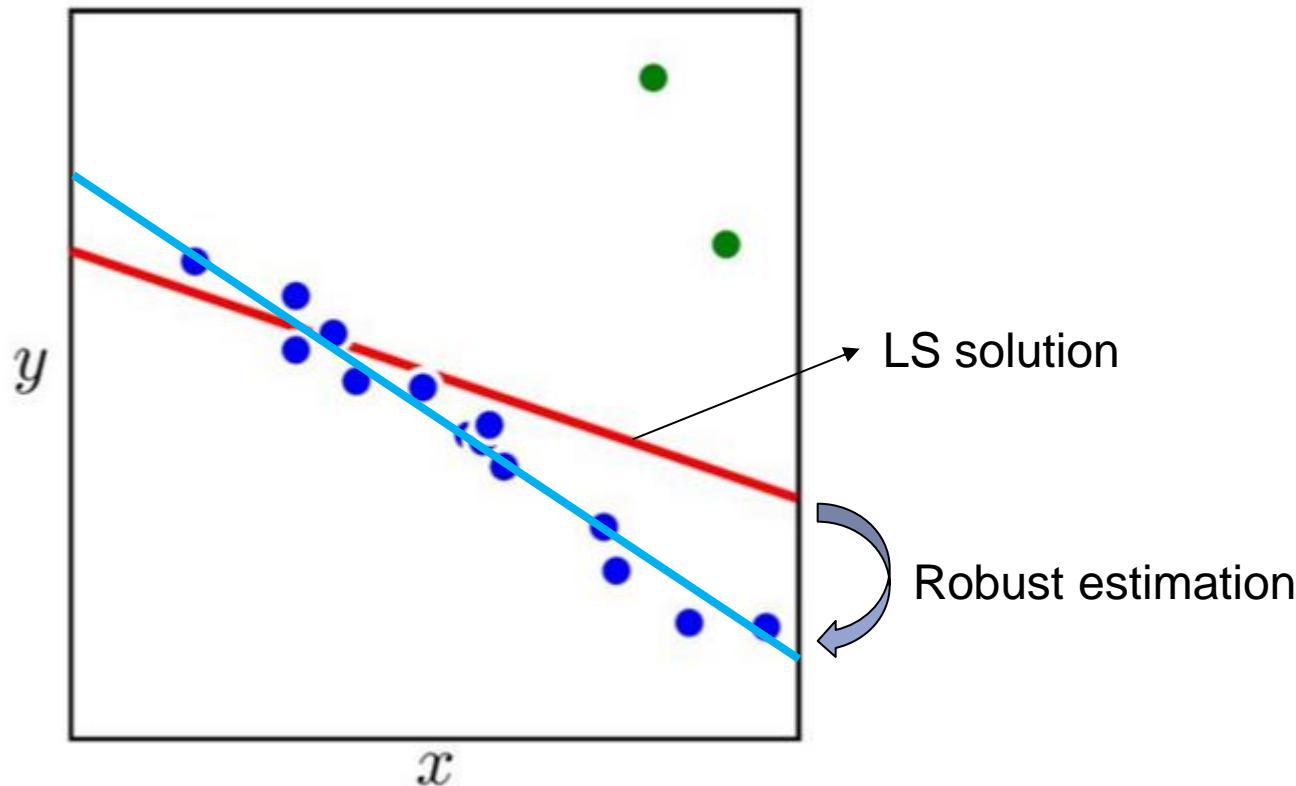
$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2}{\sigma_i^2} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial a_1} \right)^2 & \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2}{\sigma_i^2} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial a_1} \frac{\partial y}{\partial a_2} \right) & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2}{\sigma_i^2} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial a_1} \frac{\partial y}{\partial a_M} \right) \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2}{\sigma_i^2} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial a_2} \frac{\partial y}{\partial a_1} \right) & \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2}{\sigma_i^2} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial a_2} \right)^2 & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2}{\sigma_i^2} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial a_2} \frac{\partial y}{\partial a_M} \right) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2}{\sigma_i^2} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial a_M} \frac{\partial y}{\partial a_1} \right) & \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2}{\sigma_i^2} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial a_M} \frac{\partial y}{\partial a_2} \right) & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2}{\sigma_i^2} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial a_M} \right)^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

; symmetric



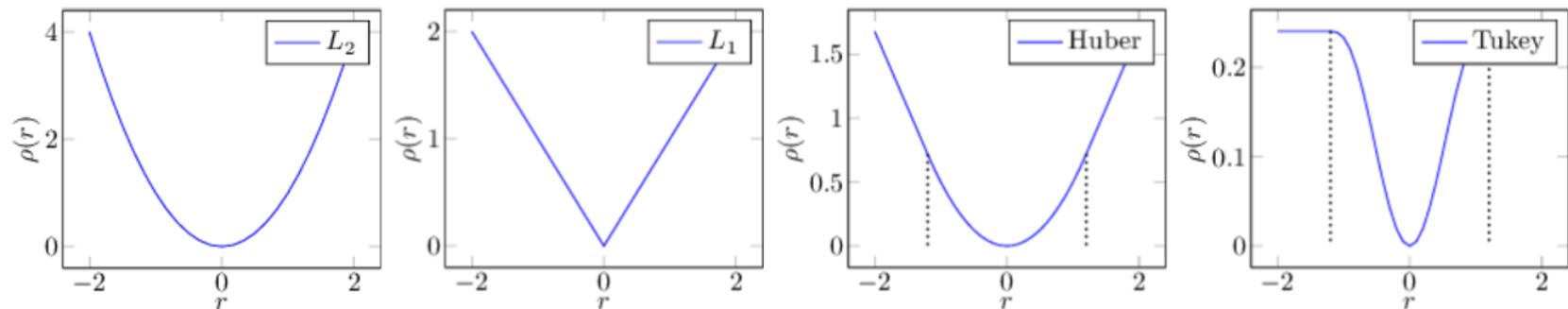
# Robust data fitting

- Outliers → Bad LS solution

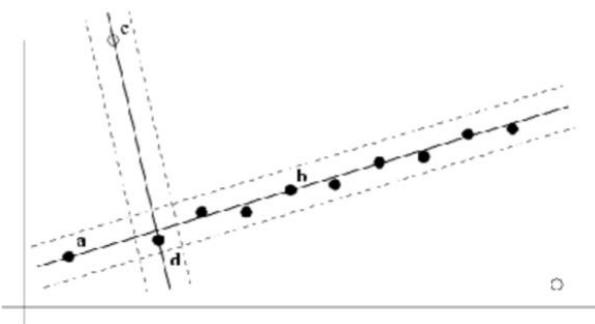


# Robust estimation

## ■ Approach 1: Using robust measures



## ■ Approach 2: Random sampling



RANDom SAmple Consensus:  
RANSAC determines the consistency of a hypothesis by counting the number of points within a threshold. RANSAC determines the consistency of a hypothesis by counting the number of points within a threshold distance (given by the dashed line).

# Homework : Programming

## Part 2: Nonlinear data fitting

Model: 2D transformation between given images

$$x' = \frac{a_{11}x + a_{12}y + a_{13}}{a_{31}x + a_{32}y + 1}$$
$$y' = \frac{a_{21}x + a_{22}y + a_{23}}{a_{31}x + a_{32}y + 1}$$

1. Establish the feature correspondence between the two images (Output:  $x_i, y_i, x'_i, y'_i, i=1 \sim N$ )
2. Find the parameters using the correspondence data.

Add zero mean Gaussian noise( $SD=1, 10, 30$ ) on the image coordinates and discuss the accuracy of estimation.

