

Question 1 True/False: If \hat{x} is a least-squares solution of $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$, then $A\hat{x}$ is a point in the column space of A closest to \vec{b} .

Multiple Choice:

- (a) True ✓
- (b) False

Question 2 When does $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ have exactly one least-squares solution? Select all that apply.

Select All Correct Answers:

- (a) When A is $n \times n$.
- (b) When $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is consistent.
- (c) When the columns of A are linearly independent. ✓
- (d) When $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has exactly one solution. ✓

Question 3 Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Compute $A^T A$. $A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{16} & \boxed{4} \\ \boxed{4} & \boxed{6} \end{bmatrix}$

Compute $A^T \vec{b}$. $A^T \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{4} \\ \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix}$

Solve the normal equations $A^T A \vec{x} = A^T \vec{b}$ to determine the set of least-squares solutions.

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1/4} \\ \boxed{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

Why is there only one least-squares solution?

Multiple Choice:

- (a) Because the columns of A are linearly independent. ✓
- (b) Because $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has exactly one solution.

Question 4 Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Compute $A^T A$. $A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{-1} & \boxed{2} \\ \boxed{-1} & \boxed{30} & \boxed{-2} \\ \boxed{2} & \boxed{-2} & \boxed{4} \end{bmatrix}$

Compute $A^T \vec{b}$. $A^T \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{3} \\ \boxed{10} \\ \boxed{6} \end{bmatrix}$

Solve the normal equations $A^T A \vec{x} = A^T \vec{b}$ to determine the set of least-squares solutions.

$$\vec{x} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{-2} \\ \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{100}/29 \\ \boxed{13}/29 \\ \boxed{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

Question 5 When will the method of solving the normal equations, $A^T A \vec{x} = A^T \vec{b}$, work for finding the least-squares solutions?

Multiple Choice:

- (a) Always ✓
- (b) Only when the columns of A are linearly independent.
- (c) Only when the columns of A are orthogonal.

Question 6 When will the method of finding the orthogonal projection of \vec{b} work for finding the least-squares solutions?

Multiple Choice:

- (a) Always
 - (b) Only when the columns of A are linearly independent.
 - (c) Only when the columns of A are orthogonal. ✓
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Question 7 When will the method of using the QR factorization work for finding the least-squares solutions?

Multiple Choice:

- (a) Always
 - (b) Only when the columns of A are linearly independent. ✓
 - (c) Only when the columns of A are orthogonal.
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