

3.3

Least-Squares Fitting of Data :

Suppose we do a series of experiments and expect the output  $b$  to be a linear function of the input  $t$ . We look for a straight line

$$b = c + Dt.$$

For example :

At different times we measure the distance to a satellite on its way to Mars. In this case  $t$  is the time and  $b$  is the distance. Unless the motor was left on or gravity is strong, the satellite should move with nearly constant velocity  $v$ :  $b = b_0 + vt$ .

Ex  $\div$  Find the best straight line fit (least squares) to the measurements

$$b=1 \text{ at } t=-1, \quad b=1 \text{ at } t=1, \quad b=3 \text{ at } t=2.$$

Soln  $\div$  Let  $b = c + Dt$ .

$$b=1, t=-1 \Rightarrow 1 = c - D$$

$$b=1, t=1 \Rightarrow 1 = c + D$$

$$b=3, t=2 \Rightarrow 3 = c + 2D$$

$$Ax = b$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} c - D = 1 \\ c + D = 1 \\ c + 2D = 3 \end{matrix}$$

$$c + D = 1$$

$$c + 2D = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix},$$



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

$$(A^T A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{14} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x} &= (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b \\ &= \frac{1}{14} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{7} & -\frac{1}{7} \\ -\frac{1}{7} & \frac{3}{14} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 9/7 \\ 4/7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{C} \\ \hat{D} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The best solution is  $\hat{C} = \frac{9}{7}$ ,  $\hat{D} = \frac{4}{7}$  and the best line is  $\frac{9}{7} + \frac{4}{7}x$ .



Problem Set 3.3.

No. 1

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A^T A)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$e = b - p = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} \text{ is perpendicular to both columns.}$$

No. 2

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ax = b$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} u &= 1 \\ v &= 3 \\ u+v &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$E^2 = (u-1)^2 + (v-3)^2 + (u+v-4)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial E^2}{\partial u} = 2(u-1) + 2(u+v-4) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial E^2}{\partial v} = 2(v-3) + 2(u+v-4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 2u + v &= 5 \\ u + 2v &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{--- (1) --- same.}$$

$$A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{--- (2) ---}$$



$$(A^T A)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p = A\hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e = b - p = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow b = p.$$

No. 4.

$$Ax = b$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{lcl} c - d = 4 & \Rightarrow & b = 4 \text{ at } t = -1 \\ c = 5 & \Rightarrow & b = 5 \text{ at } t = 0 \\ c + d = 9 & \Rightarrow & b = 9 \text{ at } t = 1 \end{array}$$

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

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A^T A)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ \frac{5}{2} \end{bmatrix},$$

which is the best estimate.

Best line is  $6 + \frac{5}{2}t$ .

$$p = A\hat{x}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ \frac{5}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7/2 \\ 6 \\ 17/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

No. 6.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -8 \\ -8 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} -11 \\ 27 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A^T A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{22} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{22} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -11 \\ 27 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{22} \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 37 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p = A \hat{x} = \frac{1}{22} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 37 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{22} \begin{bmatrix} 46 \\ -28 \\ 130 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 23/11 \\ -14/11 \\ 65/11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = p + q \\ \Rightarrow q = b - p = \begin{bmatrix} -12/11 \\ 36/11 \\ 12/11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q \perp C(A) \\ \Rightarrow q \in N(A^T)$$

No. 9.

$$b = 4 \text{ at } t = -2$$

$$b = 3 \text{ at } t = -1$$

$$b = 1 \text{ at } t = 0$$

$$b = 0 \text{ at } t = 2$$

$$\text{Line: } b = c + Dt$$

$$c - 2D = 4$$

$$c - D = 3$$

$$c = 1$$

$$c + 2D = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow Ax = b$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A^T A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{35} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 61/35 \\ -36/35 \end{bmatrix}$$

The best line  $61/35 - (36/35)t$ .

The projection of  $b$  onto the column space of  $A$

$$\text{is } p = A \hat{x}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 61/35 \\ -36/35 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 133/35 \\ 97/35 \\ 61/35 \\ -11/35 \end{bmatrix}$$