# The Last Homework Item I'll Turn In During College, Section 6.5: 17, 18

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# 17. A)

True. If mxn and B is in  $R^M$ , a least squares solution of Ax = b is an  $\hat{x}$  in  $R^n$ .

# 17. B)

True. The projection gives us the best approximation

# 17. C)

False. The inequality is facing the wrong way.

# 17. D)

True. This is how we can find the least squares solutions

# 17. E)

True. Then  $A^TA$  is invertible so we can solve  $A^TAx = A^Tb$  for x by taking the inverse.

#### 18. A)

True. See the paragraph after the least squares solution.

#### 18. B)

False. If  $\hat{x}$  is the least squares solution then  $A\hat{x}$  is the point in the column space closest to b.

#### 18. C)

True. See the discussion following equation 1

#### 18. D)

False. The formula applies only when the columns of A are linearly independent.

# 18. E)

False. See example 4.

# 18. F)

False. Eq. (7) numerical note.