6.3 Gauss' Arguments for Least Squares Adjustment



6.3.1 Gauss' First Argument

- ► We assume that our measurements
 - Contain <u>no</u> systematic deviations
 - Contain <u>no</u> blunders
 - Density function of observations is known → Gaussian or Normal distribution

Under the assumption of normal distribution we want to obtain the most probable solution

- ► If we assume normally distributed measurements
 - \rightarrow random deviations ε_i are also normally distributed with density function:

$$f(\varepsilon_i) = \frac{1}{\sigma_i \cdot \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\left(-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon_i^2}{\sigma_i^2}\right)}$$

6.3.1 Gauss' First Argument



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The same distribution can be applied for the case that we consider the empirical residuals v_i

$$f(v_i) = \frac{1}{\sigma_i \cdot \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\left(-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{v_i^2}{\sigma_i^2}\right)}$$

Now, if we consider the joint occurrence of all residuals we obtain the overall probability density from:

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{\sigma_1 \cdot \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\left(-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{v_1^2}{\sigma_1^2}\right)} \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma_2 \cdot \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\left(-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{v_2^2}{\sigma_2^2}\right)} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma_n \cdot \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\left(-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{v_n^2}{\sigma_n^2}\right)}$$

$$\Omega = \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i \cdot \sqrt{2\pi}}\right) e^{\left(-K\right)} \quad \text{with } K = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} v_i^2$$

$$\text{Prof. Dr.-lng. Frank Neitzel | Adjustment Theory |} \quad \lambda^2 = \lambda \quad \text{(I+2)}$$

$$\lambda \cdot \gamma = \delta$$

6.3.1 Gauss' First Argument





Wanted: Maximum of density function



We search for values v_i that yield maximum $\Omega \rightarrow$ That is the case if K obtains a minimum value

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} v_i^2 \to \min \quad \text{with} \quad p_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} v_i^2 \to \text{min with } p_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \quad \text{"weight of observations } l_i\text{"}$$
 following the first probability of the proba

Weight matrix **P**, here diagonal matrix **P** =
$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots \\ 0 & p_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \, v_i^2 \to \min$$

$$\mathbf{v}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} \rightarrow \min$$

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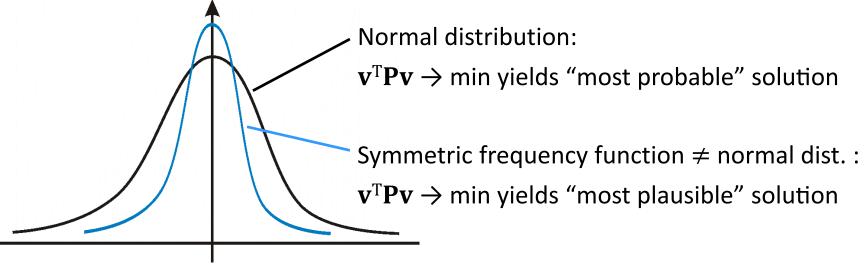
6.3.2 Gauss' Second Argument



Gauss was not satisfied with his first argument

- ► In his "Theoria Combinationes" he did not apply the normal distribution
- ► He has shown that the method of least squares yields the smallest standard deviations if the frequency function $f(\varepsilon)$ is only symmetric to $\varepsilon = 0$.

But: In this case, the results are no longer the most probable solution! Results are referred to instead as the "most plausible" or "most appropriate"





Until now we have considered independent observations, precision represented by a diagonal matrix

Gauss' derivations have been extended by e.g. Helmert, Tienstra and others:

- 1. Instead of original observations (e.g. horizontal directions) we can introduce derived observations (angles) if we consider the <u>correlations</u>.
- 2. We want to consider observations with known mathematical or physical





Generalisation:

$$\mathbf{v}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{v} \to \min$$

with
$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} q_{11} & q_{12} & \cdots & q_{1n} \\ q_{21} & q_{22} & \cdots & q_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ q_{n1} & q_{n2} & \cdots & q_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$



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We know: \mathbf{Q} is symmetric and non-singular $\rightarrow \mathbf{P}$ is symmetric and non-singular

 \rightarrow we can apply Cholesky decomposition: $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{C}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{C}$

$$\mathbf{v}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v}$$
 with $\mathbf{v} = \hat{\mathbf{l}} - \mathbf{l}$

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{v} &= \left(\hat{\mathbf{l}} - \mathbf{l}\right)^T \mathbf{P} \left(\hat{\mathbf{l}} - \mathbf{l}\right) & \text{with} \quad \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C} \\ &= \left(\hat{\mathbf{l}} - \mathbf{l}\right)^T \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C} \left(\hat{\mathbf{l}} - \mathbf{l}\right) \\ &= \left(\hat{\mathbf{l}}^T \mathbf{C}^T - \mathbf{l}^T \mathbf{C}^T\right) \cdot \left(\mathbf{C} \hat{\mathbf{l}} - \mathbf{C} \mathbf{l}\right) & \text{with} \quad \mathbf{l}' = \mathbf{C} \mathbf{l} \text{ and} \quad \hat{\mathbf{l}}' = \mathbf{C} \hat{\mathbf{l}} \\ &= \left(\hat{\mathbf{l}}' - \mathbf{l}'\right)^T \cdot \left(\hat{\mathbf{l}}' - \mathbf{l}'\right) & \text{with} \quad \mathbf{v}' = \hat{\mathbf{l}}' - \mathbf{l}' \\ &= \left(\mathbf{v}'\right)^T \cdot \left(\mathbf{v}'\right) & \text{equally weighted} \end{split}$$

$$\mathbf{v}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{v}')^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot (\mathbf{v}')$$
 $(\mathbf{v}')^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot (\mathbf{v}') \rightarrow \min$ could be solved via Gauss



 \rightarrow Adjustment with $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{v} \rightarrow \min$ yields same result as $(\mathbf{v}')^T \cdot (\mathbf{v}')$

 \rightarrow We can in general introduce correlated observations by introducing $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}$ as weight matrix

$$\mathbf{P}_{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & \cdots & p_{1n} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & \cdots & p_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_{n1} & p_{n2} & \cdots & p_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

6.4 Functional Model and Stochastic Model



6.4.1 Functional model

- ► Functional model in adjustment computation is a set of equations that represents an adjustment condition
- ► If the functional model represents the geometrical or physical situation adequately, observation errors can be expected to conform to the normal distribution
- Example: Functional model $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 200$ gon in a triangle. But: This model is only adequate if the survey is limited to a small region. Large areas: Spherical excess has to be considered.
- → If the functional model does not fit the geometrical or physical situation, an incorrect adjustment will result!

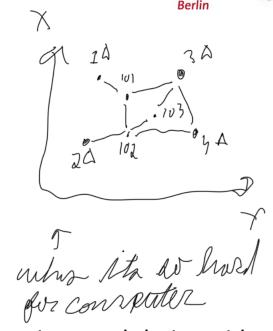
6.4.1 Functional Model

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There are two basic forms for functional models:

- ightharpoonup Conditional adjustment $\Phi(L) = 0$
- Parametric adjustment $L = \Phi(X)$

Gauss-Markov-Model



► Conditional adjustment:

Geometric conditions are enforced on the observations and their residuals, e.g. $\alpha + v_{\alpha} + \beta + v_{\beta} + \gamma + v_{\gamma} = 200$ gon

- Advantage: Small equation systems
- Disadvantage: Often difficult and time consuming to find conditions,
 e.g. in complicated networks

→ Not well suited to computers

6.4.1 Functional Model



► Parametric adjustment:

Observations are expressed as functions of unknown parameters, e.g.

$$s_{ij} + v_{ij} = \sqrt{(x_j - x_i)^2 + (y_j - y_i)^2}$$

- Disadvantage: large equation systems
- Advantages:
 - "Standard" formulas can be applied
 - Well suited to computers
- → Of course, conditional and parametric adjustment yield same results.

This semester: parametric adjustment

Next semester: conditional adjustment

6.4.2 Stochastic Model

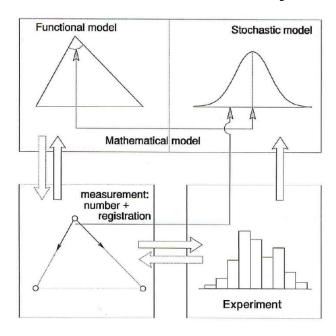


- ► Determination of variances and, subsequently, the weights of the observations is know as <u>stochastic model</u> in least squares adjustment
- Weight of an observation controls the amount of correction it receives during the adjustment → It is <u>very</u> important to select a proper stochastic (weight) model!
- ► Attention: When doing an "unweighted" adjustment (= all obs. have the same weight) then the stochastic model is created implicitly
- Failures to select the stochastic model properly will
 - Influence the adjusted parameters
 - Affect the ability to isolate blunders
- → Combination of functional and stochastic models is called the mathematical model

6.4.2 Stochastic Model



Diagram of the fundamental relations in adjustment theory



Both, stochastic and functional model must be correct if the adjustment is to yield the most probable values!

6.5 Observation Equations



Equations that relate observed quantities (measurements) to both observational residuals and unknown parameters are called observation equations

Functional model, e.g.

Functional model, and for adjust we have the Maduel $L_1 = x + y$ residuals the observation equation $L_2 = 2x - y$ $L_3 = x - y$

$$L_{1} = x + y \qquad (1)$$

$$L_{2} = 2x - y \qquad (2)$$

$$L_{3} = x - y \qquad (3)$$

$$n \text{ obs. } u \text{ unknowns}$$

$$n = 3 \quad u = 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad n > u = \text{only detremit}$$

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6.5 Observation Equations



ightharpoonup functional model can only be fulfilled by "true values"

$$\tilde{L}_1 = \tilde{x} + \tilde{y}$$
 $\tilde{L}_2 = 2\tilde{x} - \tilde{y}$
 $\tilde{L}_3 = \tilde{x} - \tilde{y}$

6.5 Observation Equations



Problem:

We don't know the true values

→ Functional model has usually <u>no</u> solution

► Solution:

We introduce residuals for the observations

→ Resulting set of equations is called



Observation equations (residual equations)

$$L_1 + v_1 = \hat{x} + \hat{y}$$

$$L_2 + v_2 = 2\hat{x} - \hat{y}$$

$$L_3 + v_3 = \hat{x} - \hat{y}$$

with \hat{x} , \hat{y} = adjusted parameters



► Problem:

This equation system has no unique solution

► Solution:

We introduce a target function for the residuals

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i v_i^2$$

and we search for a solution with

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i v_i^2 \to \min$$

→ Least squares adjustment



Example:

Length of the classroom has been measured n-times with same precision

- ► Given: obs. $L_1, L_2, ..., L_n$, equally weighted
- ightharpoonup Wanted: Adjusted unknown \hat{x}

Functional model:

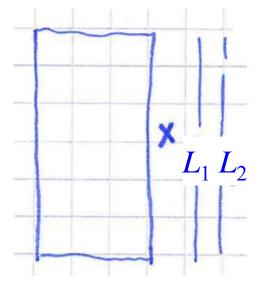
$$L_1 = x$$

$$L_2 = x$$

$$\vdots$$

$$L_n = x$$





Stochastic model:

$$p_1 = p_2 = \dots = p_n = 1$$



Observation equations:

Rearranging:

$$L_1 + v_1 = \hat{x} \qquad v_1 = \hat{x} - L_1$$

$$L_2 + v_2 = \hat{x} \qquad v_2 = \hat{x} - L_2$$

$$\vdots \qquad \vdots$$

$$L_n + v_n = \hat{x} \qquad v_n = \hat{x} - L_n$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i v_i^2 \to \min$$

$$\rightarrow \underbrace{1 \cdot (\hat{x} - L_1)^2 + 1 \cdot (\hat{x} - L_2)^2 + \dots + 1 \cdot (\hat{x} - L_n)^2}_{f_{\chi}} \rightarrow \min$$



How to obtain the min?

- ► Minimum value of a function can be found by taking its first derivative
- ► Equate the resulting function with zero
- → Taking first derivative with respect to *x* and setting the resulting function equal to zero yields

$$\Sigma p_i v_i^2 = 1 \cdot (\hat{x} - L_1)^2 + 1 \cdot (\hat{x} - L_2)^2 + \dots + 1 \cdot (\hat{x} - L_n)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma p_i v_i^2}{\partial \hat{x}} = 2 \cdot (\hat{x} - L_1) + 2 \cdot (\hat{x} - L_2) + \dots + 2 \cdot (\hat{x} - L_n) = 0$$
normal equation



Solution of normal equation:

$$(\hat{x} - L_1) + (\hat{x} - L_2) + \dots + (\hat{x} - L_n) = 0$$

$$n \cdot \hat{x} = L_1 + L_2 + \dots + L_n$$

Adjusted unknown:

$$\widehat{x} = \frac{L_1 + L_2 + \dots + L_n}{n}$$

$$\widehat{x} = \frac{\Sigma L_i}{n}$$



Example:

Length of the classroom has been measured n-times with different precision (standard deviation) σ_i

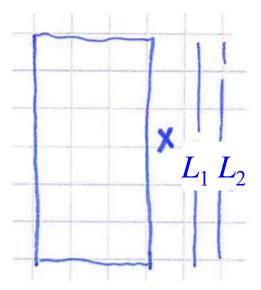
► Given: L_1 , σ_1

 L_2 , σ_2

:

 L_n , σ_n

ightharpoonup Wanted: Adjusted unknown \hat{x}





Functional model:

$$L_1 = x$$

$$L_2 = x$$

$$\vdots$$

$$L_n = x$$

Stochastic model:

$$p_1 = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_1}\right)^2, p_2 = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_2}\right)^2, \dots, p_n = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_n}\right)^2$$
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Observation equations:

$$L_1 + v_1 = \hat{x} \qquad v_1 = \hat{x} - L_1$$

$$L_2 + v_2 = \hat{x} \qquad v_2 = \hat{x} - L_2$$

$$\vdots \qquad \vdots$$

$$L_n + v_n = \hat{x} \qquad v_n = \hat{x} - L_n$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i v_i^2 \to \min$$

$$\rightarrow p_1(\hat{x} - L_1)^2 + p_2(\hat{x} - L_2)^2 + \dots + p_n(\hat{x} - L_n)^2 \rightarrow \min$$

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma p_i v_i^2}{\partial \hat{x}} = 2p_1(\hat{x} - L_1) + 2p_2(\hat{x} - L_2) + \dots + 2p_n(\hat{x} - L_n) = 0 = \emptyset$$
normal equation



Solution of normal equation:

$$p_{1}(\hat{x} - L_{1}) + p_{2}(\hat{x} - L_{2}) + \dots + p_{n}(\hat{x} - L_{n}) = 0$$

$$p_{1}(\hat{x} - p_{1}L_{1}) + p_{2}(\hat{x} - p_{2}L_{2}) + \dots + p_{n}(\hat{x} - p_{n}L_{n}) = 0$$

$$\hat{x} \cdot \Sigma p_i = \Sigma p_i L_i$$

Adjusted unknown:

- Wieght airethantie Mean

$$\hat{x} = \frac{\sum p_i L_i}{\sum p_i}$$

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Example:

Functional model:

$$3.0 = x + y$$

 $1.5 = 2x - y$
 $0.2 = x - y$

Values 3.0, 1.5, 0.2 are observations

Parameters x, y are unknowns

Stochastic model for the observations:

$$p_1 = 1$$
, $p_2 = 1$, $p_3 = 1$



Observation equations:

$$3.0 + v_1 = \hat{x} + \hat{y}$$

$$1.5 + v_2 = 2\hat{x} - \hat{y}$$

$$0.2 + v_3 = \hat{x} - \hat{y}$$

Rearranging:

$$v_1 = \hat{x} + \hat{y} - 3.0$$

$$v_2 = 2\hat{x} - \hat{y} - 1.5$$

$$v_3 = \hat{x} - \hat{y} - 0.2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i v_i^2 \to \min$$

⇒
$$1 \cdot (\hat{x} + \hat{y} - 3.0)^2 + 1 \cdot (2\hat{x} - \hat{y} - 1.5)^2 + 1 \cdot (\hat{x} - \hat{y} - 0.2)^2$$
 → min



Normal equations:

$$\sum p_i v_i^2 = 1 \cdot (\hat{x} + \hat{y} - 3.0)^2 + 1 \cdot (2\hat{x} - \hat{y} - 1.5)^2 + 1 \cdot (\hat{x} - \hat{y} - 0.2)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma p_i v_i^2}{\partial \hat{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2(\hat{x} + \hat{y} - 3.0) + 2 \cdot (2\hat{x} - \hat{y} - 1.5) \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot (\hat{x} - \hat{y} - 0.2) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial \Sigma p_i v_i^2}{\partial \hat{y}} = 2(\hat{x} + \hat{y} - 3.0) + 2 \cdot (2\hat{x} - \hat{y} - 1.5) \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot (\hat{x} - \hat{y} - 0.2) \cdot (-1) = 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

normal equations

$$\hat{x} + \hat{y} - 3.0 + 4\hat{x} - 2\hat{y} - 3.0 + \hat{x} - \hat{y} - 0.2 = 0$$

$$\hat{x} + \hat{y} - 3.0 - 2\hat{x} + \hat{y} + 1.5 - \hat{x} + \hat{y} + 0.2 = 0$$

$$6\hat{x} - 2\hat{y} = 6.2 \qquad (1)$$

$$-2\hat{x} + 3\hat{y} = 1.3 \qquad (2)$$



Solution of normal equations:

$$(1) + 3 \cdot (2)$$
:

$$7\hat{y} = 10.1$$

$$\Rightarrow$$

$$\hat{y} = 1.443$$

$$\hat{y}$$
 in (1):

(1) + 3 · (2):
$$7\hat{y} = 10.1 \implies \hat{y} = 1.443$$

 \hat{y} in (1): $\hat{x} = \frac{6.2 + 2\hat{y}}{6} \implies \hat{x} = 1.514$

$$\hat{x} = 1.514$$

Residuals:

Can be computed from observation equations

$$v_1 = -0.044$$

$$v_2 = 0.085$$

$$v_3 = -0.128$$



Same example, but now we know the precision (standard deviation) s_i of the measured values

3.0,
$$s_1 = 4 \text{ cm}$$

1.5,
$$s_2 = 2 \text{ cm}$$

0.2,
$$s_3 = 1 \text{ cm}$$

Stochastic model:

How to obtain weights p_1 , p_2 , p_3 ?

$$p_1 = \frac{1}{(s_1)^2}$$

$$p_1 = \frac{1}{16}$$

$$p_2 = \frac{1}{(s_2)^2}$$

$$p_2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$p_3 = \frac{1}{(s_3)^2}$$

$$p_3 = 1$$



$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i v_i^2 \to \min$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{16} \cdot (\hat{x} + \hat{y} - 3.0)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot (2\hat{x} - \hat{y} - 1.5)^2 + 1 \cdot (\hat{x} - \hat{y} - 0.2)^2 \rightarrow \min$$

$$\frac{\sum p_i v_i^2}{\partial \hat{x}} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{16} (\hat{x} + \hat{y} - 3.0) + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} (2\hat{x} - \hat{y} - 1.5) \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot (\hat{x} - \hat{y} - 0.2) = 0$$

$$\frac{\sum p_i v_i^2}{\partial \hat{y}} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{16} (\hat{x} + \hat{y} - 3.0) + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} (2\hat{x} - \hat{y} - 1.5)(-1) + 2 \cdot (\hat{x} - \hat{y} - 0.2)(-1) = 0$$



$$\hat{x} + \hat{y} - 3.0 + 16\hat{x} - 8\hat{y} - 12 + 16\hat{x} - 16\hat{y} - 3.2 = 0$$

$$\hat{x} + \hat{y} - 3.0 + 8\hat{x} + 4\hat{y} - 6 - 16\hat{x} + 16\hat{y} + 3.2 = 0$$

$$33\hat{x} - 23\hat{y} = 18.2 \qquad (1)$$

$$-23\hat{x} + 21\hat{y} = -6.2 \qquad (2)$$

Solution of normal equations:

$$21 \cdot (1) + 23 \cdot (2)$$
: $(21 \cdot 33 - 23 \cdot 23)\hat{x} = (21 \cdot 18.2) - (23 \cdot 6.2)$
 $164 \, \hat{x} = 239.6$
 $\hat{x} = 1.4610$
 $\hat{x} = 1.3049$

Residuals:

Solution \hat{x} , \hat{y} in observation equations $\rightarrow v_i$



$$\hat{x} + \hat{y} - 3.0 + 16\hat{x} - 8\hat{y} - 12 + 16\hat{x} - 16\hat{y} - 3.2 = 0$$

$$\hat{x} + \hat{y} - 3.0 + 8\hat{x} + 4\hat{y} - 6 - 16\hat{x} + 16\hat{y} + 3.2 = 0$$

$$33\hat{x} - 23\hat{y} = 18.2\tag{1}$$

$$-23\hat{x} + 21\hat{y} = -6.2\tag{2}$$

Solution of normal equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 33 & -23 \\ -23 & 21 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \hat{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 18.2 \\ -6.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}} \qquad \hat{\mathbf{n}}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{N}}\hat{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{n}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{N}^{-1}\mathbf{n}$$