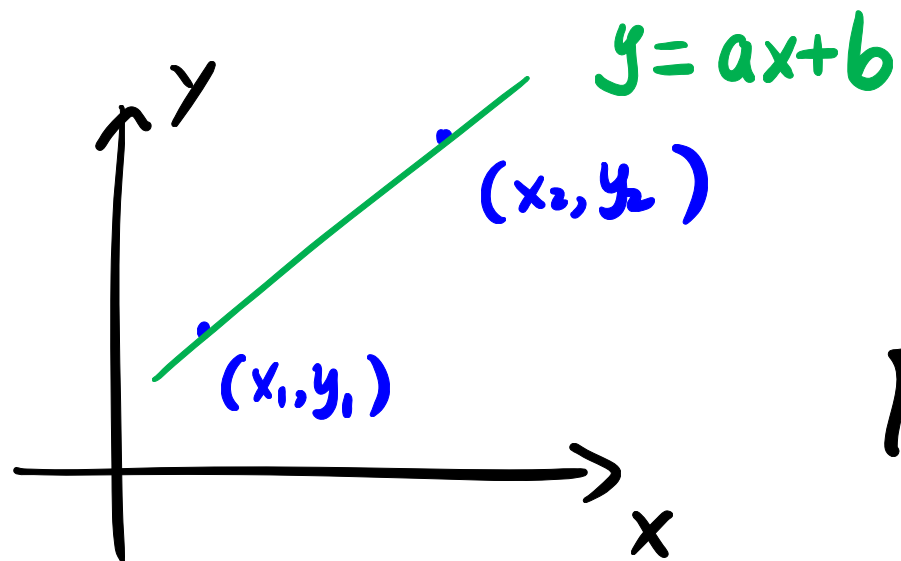


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2 points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$   $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)$

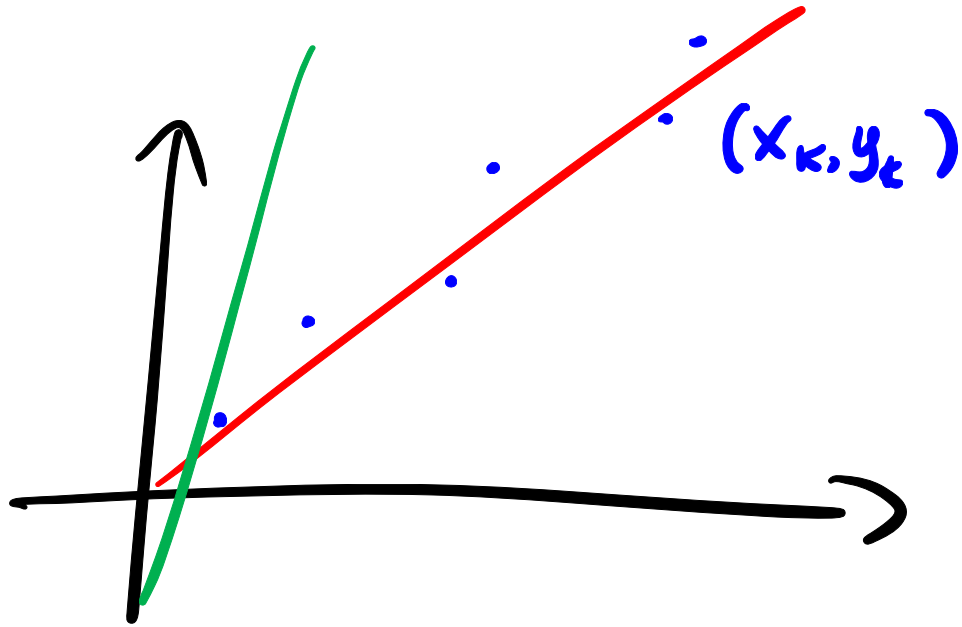


$$\begin{cases} ax_1 + b = y_1 \\ ax_2 + b = y_2 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  solve  $(a, b)$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 1 & | & y_1 \\ x_2 & 1 & | & y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$





$N$  points

$$ax_k + b = y_k$$

$$k=1, \dots, N.$$

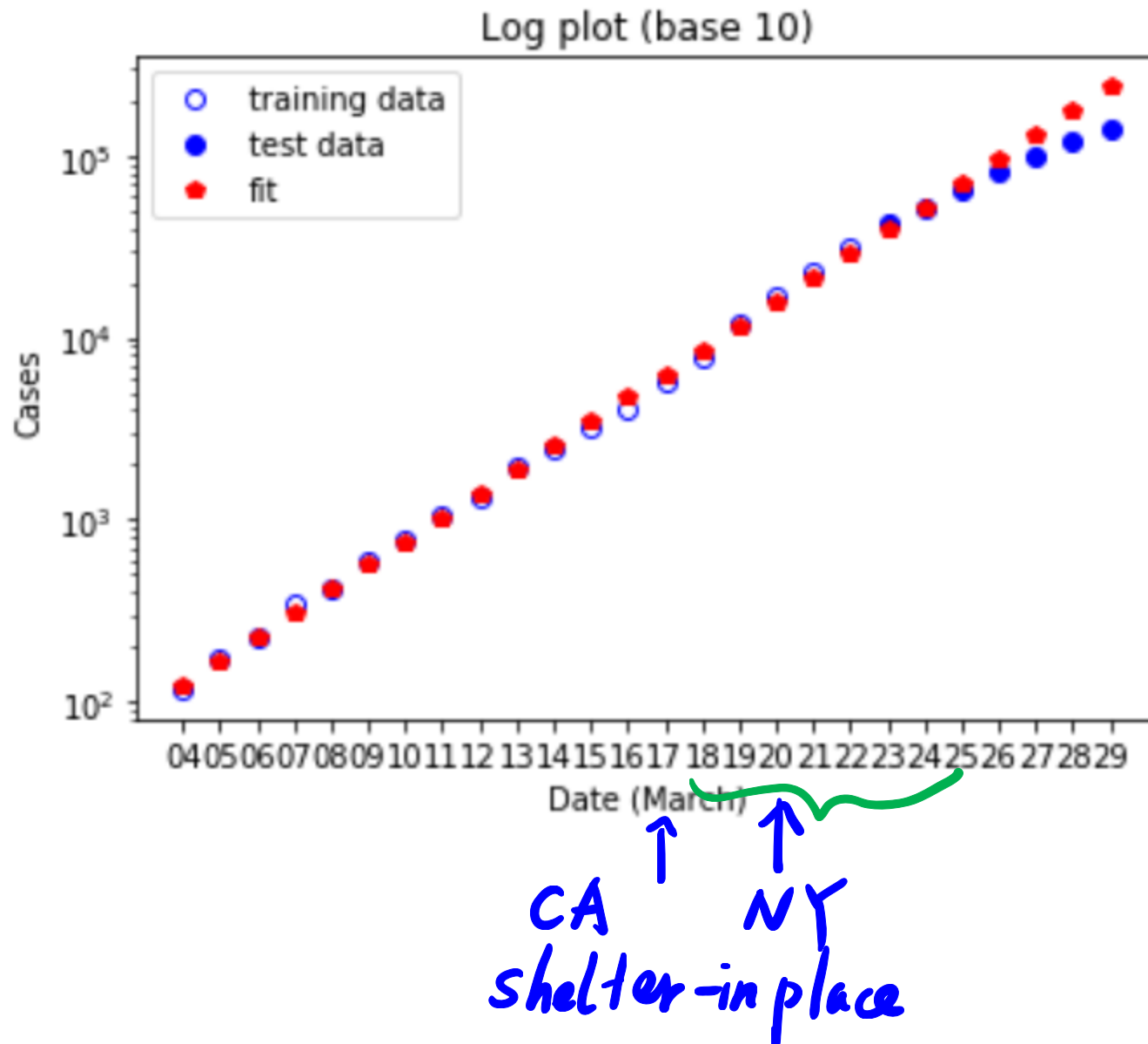
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 1 & 1 & y_1 \\ x_2 & 1 & 1 & y_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_N & 1 & 1 & y_N \end{bmatrix}$$

→ most likely  
no sol.

One possibility : least-squares

$$\min_{a,b} \sum_{i=1}^N (ax_i + b - y_i)^2 := f(a,b)$$

# Least-squares study of COVID-19 in US



# Optimization problem

$$f(a,b) \geq 0, \text{ if } f(a,b) = 0$$

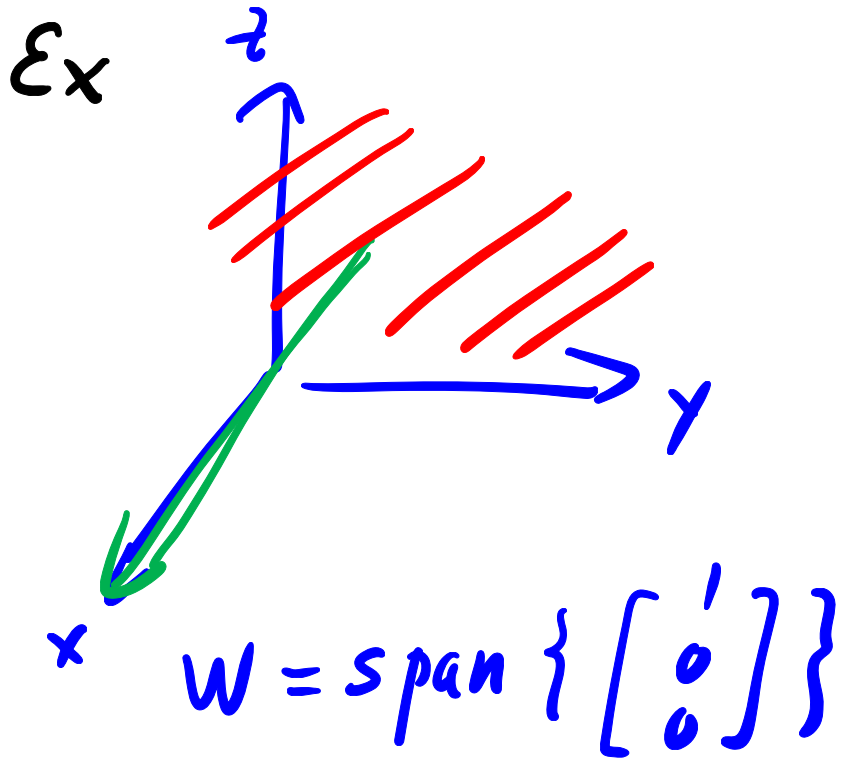
$$\Rightarrow ax_i + b = y_i, i=1, \dots, N$$

$\rightarrow$  linear sys. is solvable.

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Def.  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$  subspace. The subset in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  orthogonal to  $W$

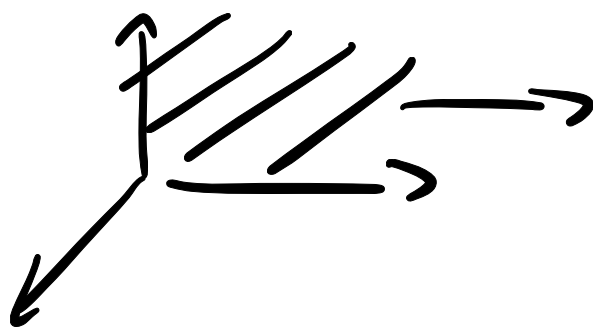
$$W^\perp = \{ \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ s.t. } \vec{v} \perp \vec{w} \text{ for all } \vec{w} \in W \}.$$



$$W^\perp := \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$y$ - $z$  plane.

$W^\perp$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Ex.   $W$   $y$ - $z$  plane  
 $W^\perp$  :  $x$ -axis.

$$(W^\perp)^\perp = W$$

Properties:

1)  $W^\perp$  is a subspace

2)  $W = \text{span} \{ w_1, \dots, w_k \} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Then  $W^\perp = \{ \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}_i = 0, i=1, \dots, k \}$ .

$\epsilon_x.$   $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  Find  $\text{Col}(A)^\perp$

$\vec{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $\vec{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $\text{Col}(A) = \text{span} \{ \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 \}$   
 $= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$

Find  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$  s.t.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$

One sol:  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \text{Col}(A)^\perp = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$

More generally.

$$A = [\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n]$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{x} = 0 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{a}_n \cdot \vec{x} = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \vec{a}_1^T \vec{x} = 0 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{a}_n^T \vec{x} = 0 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow A^T \vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$\vec{x} \in \text{Col}(A)^\perp.$

$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{a}_n^T \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \vec{x} \in \text{Null}(A^T) \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Col}(A)^\perp = \text{Null}(A^T)}$$

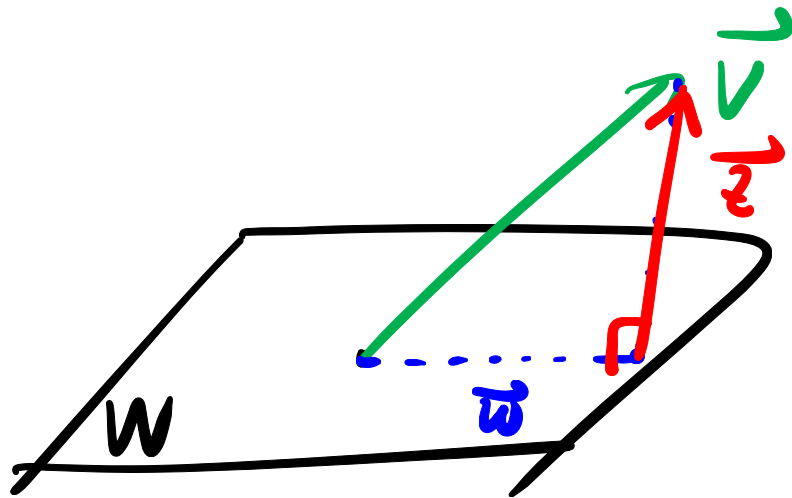


Thm. (Uniqueness of Projection)

$W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a subspace. any vector

$\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  has a **unique** decomposition

$$\vec{v} = \vec{w} + \vec{z}, \quad \vec{w} \in W, \quad \vec{z} \in W^\perp.$$



$$\vec{w} = \text{Proj}_W \vec{v}$$

Pf: Only need to show uniqueness.

Suppose this is not true

$$\vec{v} = \vec{w} + \vec{z} = \vec{w}' + \vec{z}' \quad . \quad \begin{array}{l} \vec{w}, \vec{w}' \in W \\ \vec{z}, \vec{z}' \in W^\perp \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{w} - \vec{w}') + (\vec{z} - \vec{z}') = \vec{0}$$

$\begin{array}{cc} \nearrow & \nearrow \\ W & W^\perp \end{array}$

If  $\vec{w} - \vec{w}' \neq 0$ ,  $\vec{z} - \vec{z}' \neq 0$ , Then

they are lin. indep.  $\Rightarrow \vec{w} = \vec{w}', \vec{z} = \vec{z}'$

$\Rightarrow$  uniqueness.

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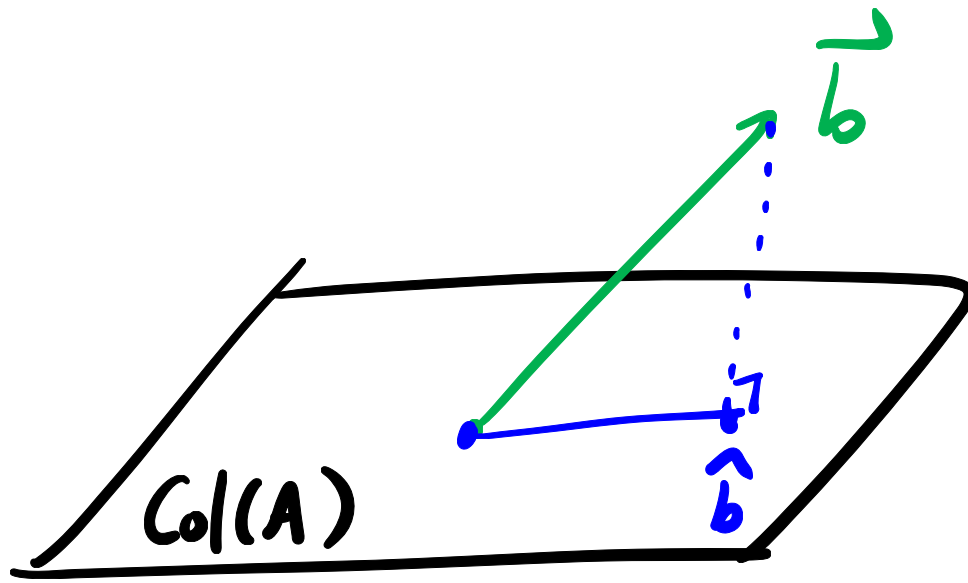
Solve least-squares problem.

$$\underbrace{A \vec{x}}_{\cap} = \vec{b}$$

has no sol.

$\uparrow$   
target vector.  
 $\text{Col}(A)$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \quad \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$



$\mathbb{R}^m$

$A \vec{x} = \hat{b}$ , by definition solvable problem.

$$\hat{b} = \text{Proj}_{\text{Col}(A)} \vec{b}$$

Least - squares.

$$\min_{\vec{x}} \|A\vec{x} - \vec{b}\|^2$$

Thm. (Best approximation).

$W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a subspace.  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\vec{v} = \vec{w} + \vec{z}, \quad \vec{w} \in W, \quad \vec{z} \in W^\perp.$$

$\vec{w} = \text{Proj}_W \vec{v}$  . Then

$$\|\vec{z}\| \equiv \|\vec{v} - \text{Proj}_W \vec{v}\|$$

$$\leq \|\vec{v} - \vec{w}'\|$$

→ best approx.

For any  $\vec{w}' \in W$  .

