

# CS450: Numerical Analysis

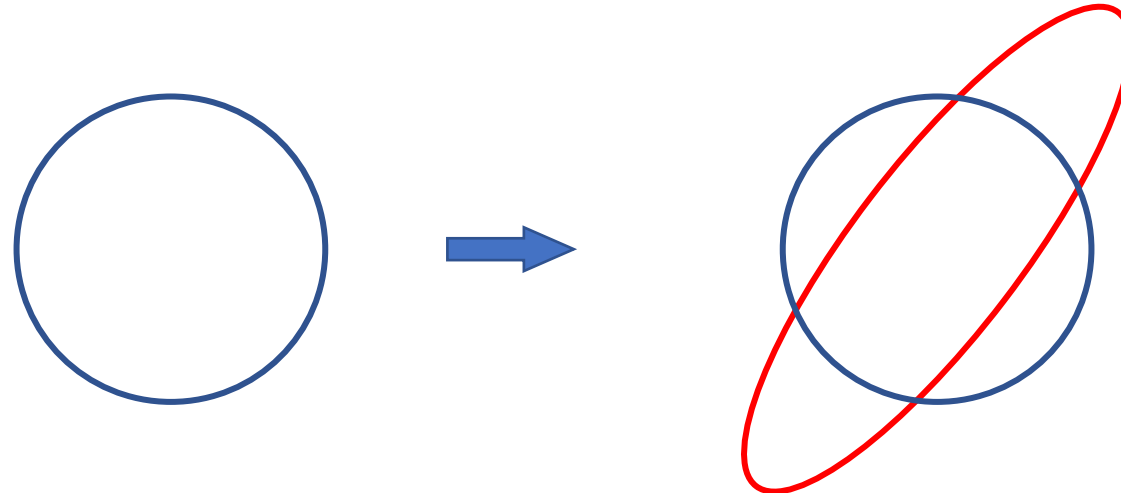
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# Matrix Norm

- What does matrix multiplication do to a linear (sub)space?
  - Rotation & stretching
- What does matrix norm mean?
  - How much a particular linear operator  $A$  stretch a unit ball
  - This unit ball depends on which norm we used for defining it



# Matrix Norms (cont'd)

- Given a vector norm  $\|\cdot\|$ 
  - The matrix norm induced by this vector norm is given as

$$\|A\| = \max_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\|$$

- Different vector norms can induce different matrix norms for the same matrix
- Examples
  - When the norm is L-1 norm,  $\|A\|_1 = \max_j \sum_{i=1}^m |a_{ij}|$ : the maximum absolute **column sum** of the matrix
  - When the norm is L- $\infty$  norm,  $\|A\|_\infty = \max_i \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|$ : the maximum absolute **row sum** of the matrix

# Matrix Norms (cont'd)

- When the norm is the Euclidean norm  $\|\cdot\|_2$ 
  - The matrix norm induced by this vector norm is given as

$$\|A\|_2 = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_2}{\|x\|_2} = \max_{\|x\|_2=1} \|Ax\|_2$$

- This is called the spectral norm of matrix  $A$

# Matrix Condition Number

- Given a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , the condition number is

$$\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \|\mathbf{A}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|$$

- Definition: a  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is said to be nonsingular/invertible if  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  exists such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ ; otherwise, it is singular
- Large  $\kappa(\mathbf{A})$  implies the matrix is nearly singular

# Matrix Condition Number (cont'd)

- Is small determinant a good indicator for singularity?
- What is determinant really doing?

# Matrix Condition Number (cont'd)

- Given a matrix  $A$ , the condition number is

$$\kappa(A) = \|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\|$$

- Estimating  $\|A\|$  is generally easy, but estimating  $\|A^{-1}\|$  is usually challenging
- Example: how to quickly estimate  $\|A^{-1}\|$  for the following matrix?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.913 & 0.659 \\ 0.457 & 0.330 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Matrix Condition Number (cont'd)

- Estimating  $\|A^{-1}\|$  is usually challenging, we can try to find a pair  $\mathbf{z}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ , such that  $A\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y}$ , then

$$\|\mathbf{z}\| = \|A^{-1}\mathbf{y}\| \leq \|A^{-1}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{y}\|$$

- Since  $\frac{\|\mathbf{z}\|}{\|\mathbf{y}\|} \leq \|A^{-1}\|$ , if the ratio  $\frac{\|\mathbf{z}\|}{\|\mathbf{y}\|}$  is relatively large, it provides a good estimation for  $\|A^{-1}\|$



# Matrix Condition Number (cont'd)

- Example: how to quickly estimate  $\|A^{-1}\|$  for the following matrix?

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- Since  $\mathbf{y} = [0, 1.5]$ ,  $\mathbf{z} = [-7780, 10780]$  is a candidate pair for  $A\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y}$

$$\|A^{-1}\|_1 \approx \frac{\|\mathbf{z}\|_1}{\|\mathbf{y}\|_1} \approx 1.238 \times 10^4$$

- Hence the condition number is

$$\kappa(A) = \|A\|_1 \cdot \|A^{-1}\|_1 \approx 1.370 \times 1.238 \times 10^4 = 1.696 \times 10^4$$

# Linear System

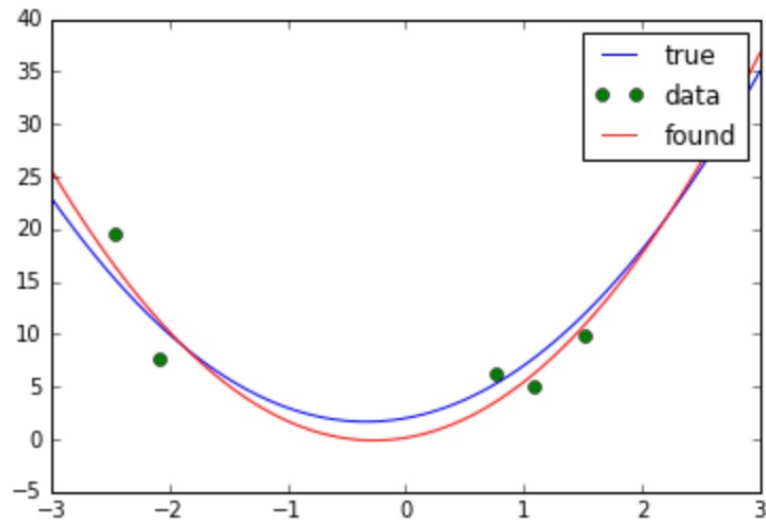
- Suppose we want to solve a linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , with  $A$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  being known, what does this mean?
  - What does  $A\mathbf{x}$  mean?
  - What does  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  mean?
- What happens if  $A$  is not a square matrix?

# Linear Least Square

- Instead of solving  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , we aim to find  $\mathbf{x}$  to minimize  $\|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2$ 
  - Generally, a perfect fitting may not be possible, and we look for an approximation
  - In data science, this is called Linear Regression
- Motivating examples: Room renting price

# Linear Least Square (Cont'd)

- Motivating examples: Does linear least square only deals with “linear”?
- Data fitting: Non-linearity



# Solving the Linear Least Square

- How to find  $\mathbf{x}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|_2$  where  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ?

- The residual error can be written as

$$\text{Err}(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b})^T (\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b})$$

- Let  $\frac{\partial \text{Err}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = 2\mathbf{A}^T (\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{0}$ , which is equivalent to  $(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$

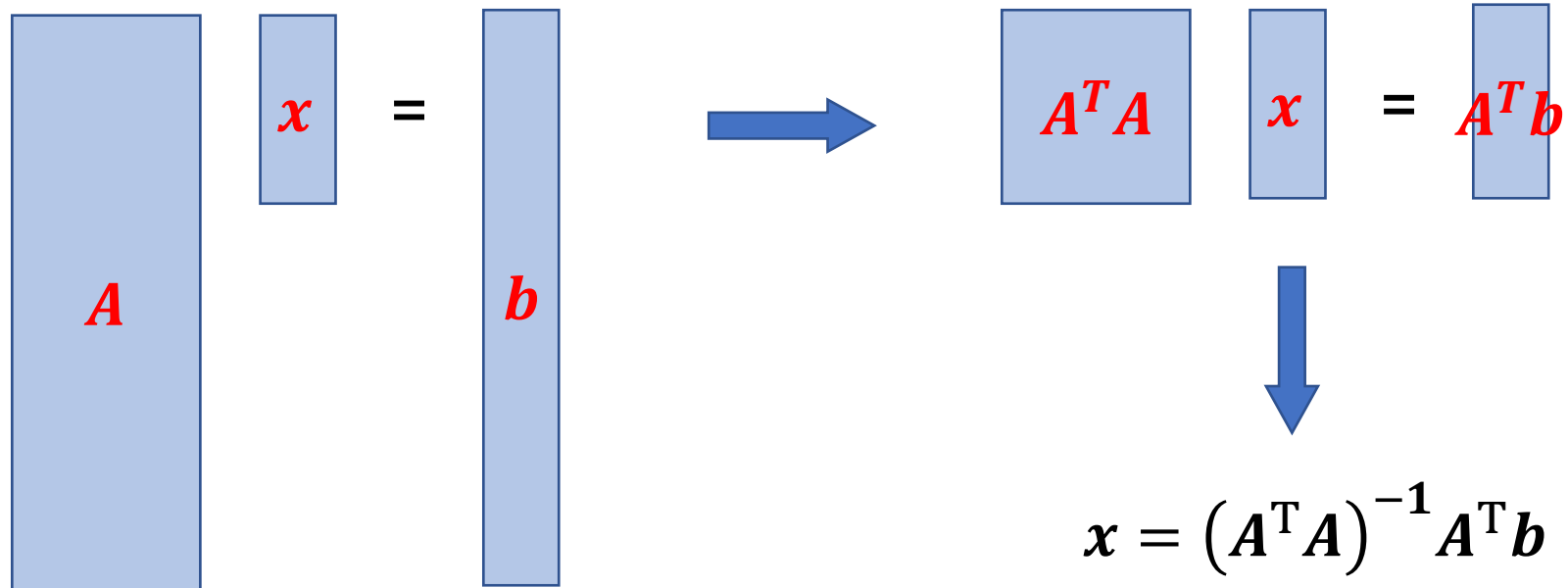
- If  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$  is nonsingular, we obtain the solution as

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

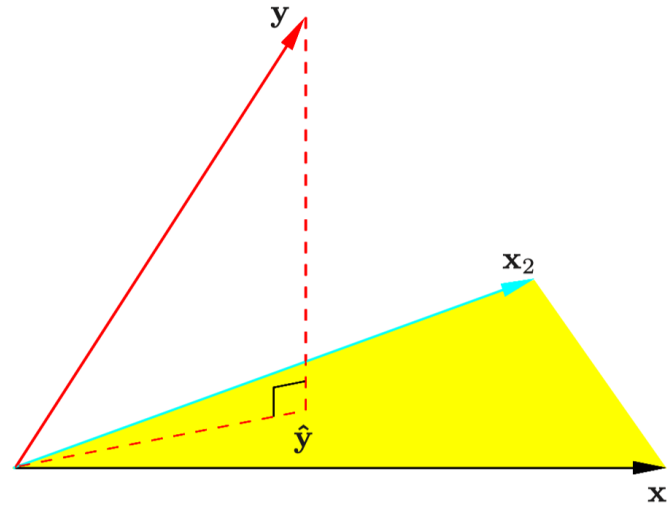
- This is known as the **normal equation**

# Solving the Linear Least Square (cont'd)

- An algebraic view of the minimizer
  - Typically, the matrix  $A$  is a tall matrix, and the solution procedure of linear regression is somewhat like the following


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

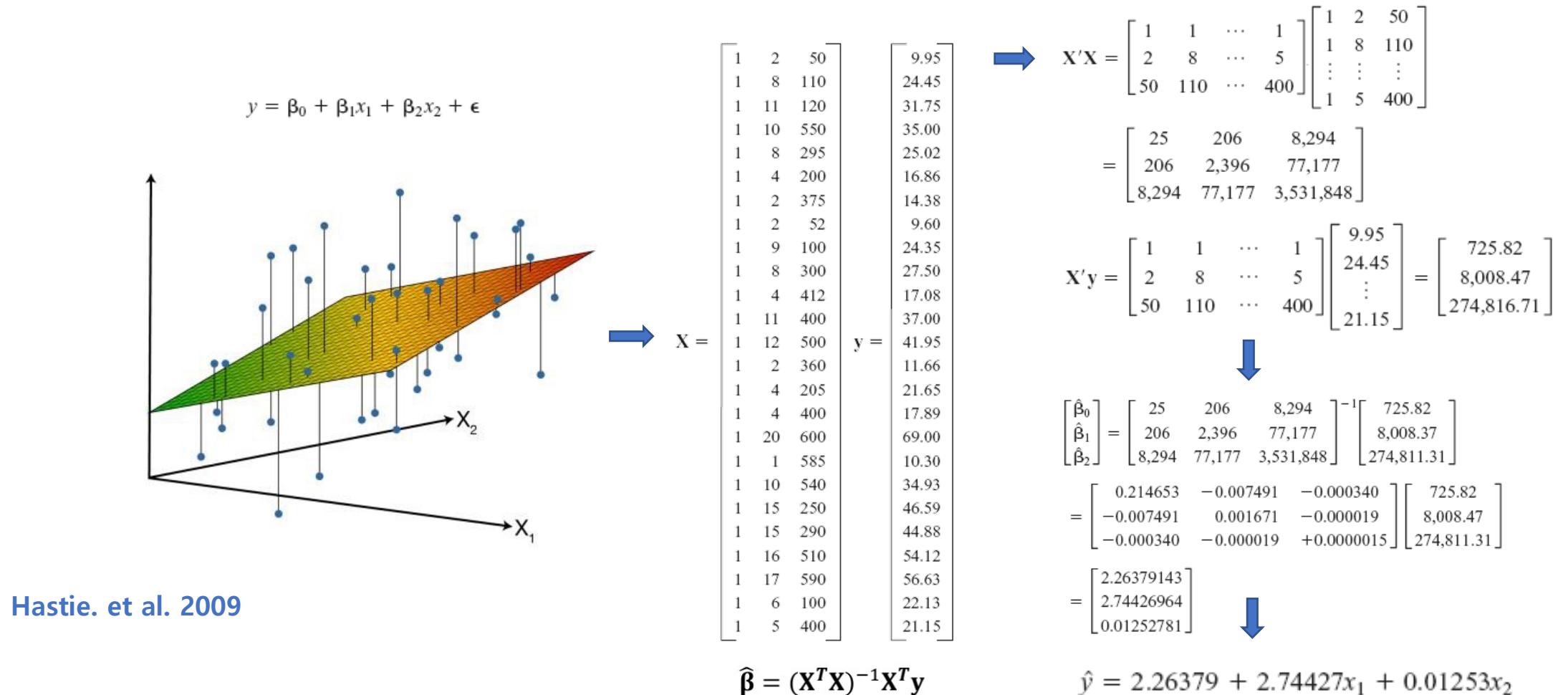
# Solving the Linear Least Square (cont'd)



- A geometric point of view
  - A square matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  is called a projector if  $\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{P}$ 
    - It project a vector onto the space of  $\text{span}(\mathbf{P})$  but leave whatever already in it
  - The linear least square operates at minimizing the error between the label vector  $\mathbf{b}$  and the space spanned by the data points  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$

# Example

- Pull strength of a wired bond against wire length and die height:



Hastie. et al. 2009



# Potential Issue

- We talked about all these by assuming that we can solve the normal equation
- What is the condition number of this linear system?

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n = 5  
  
A = np.random.randn(5, 5) * 10**-np.linspace(0, -5, n)  
la.cond(A)
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1157203.022995764
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la.cond(np.dot(A.T, A))
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1339118843597.7017
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# Conditioning of Rectangular Matrix

- Given an overdetermined system  $Ax = b$  where  $A \in R^{m \times n}, m > n$  and  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ ,
  - recall that  $\kappa(A) = \|A\|_2 \cdot \|A^{-1}\|_2$
  - we can calculate  $\|A\|_2$ , but  $A$  is not invertible, therefore, ...
  - we define a **pseudoinverse** of  $A$  by  $A^+ = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ , note that  $A^+ A = I$
- Then, the condition number of a rectangular matrix  $A$  is defined as

$$\kappa(A) = \|A\|_2 \cdot \|A^+\|_2$$

- What if  $\text{rank}(A) < n$ ?  $\kappa(A) = \infty$
- We also define  $\kappa(A) = \sigma_{\max}/\sigma_{\min}$ , is it still true here?

# Example (1)

- Calculate the condition number of the following rectangular matrix  $\mathbf{A}$

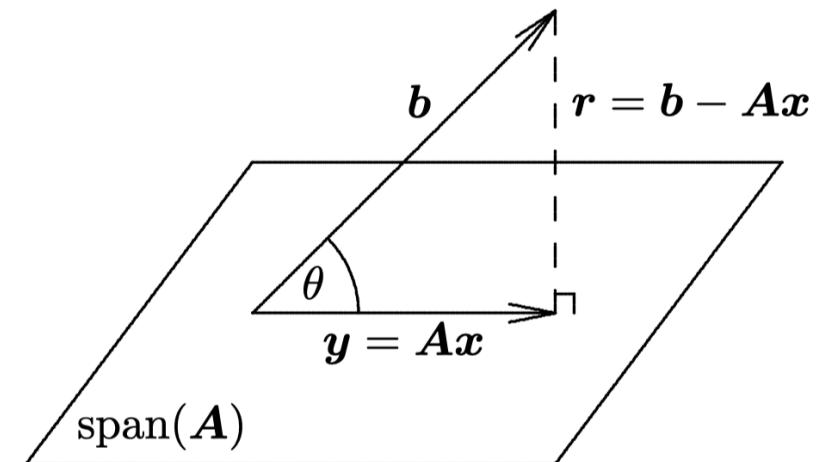
$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \cong \begin{bmatrix} 1237 \\ 1941 \\ 2417 \\ 711 \\ 1177 \\ 475 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^+ = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Consequently,  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 = 2$  and  $\|\mathbf{A}^+\|_2 = 1$ , which gives  $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \cdot \|\mathbf{A}^+\|_2 = 2$

# Conditioning of Linear Least Square

- Back to the problem of finding  $\mathbf{x}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|_2$  where  $\mathbf{A} \in R^{m \times n}$
- Unlike the conditioning of a linear system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ , which only depends on the condition of the  $\mathbf{A}$ ; the conditioning/sensitivity of the solution to an LSQ depends on both  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ 
  - It is more stable when  $\mathbf{b}$  lies near  $\operatorname{span}(\mathbf{A})$
  - It is sensitive if  $\mathbf{b}$  lies near orthogonal to  $\operatorname{span}(\mathbf{A})$

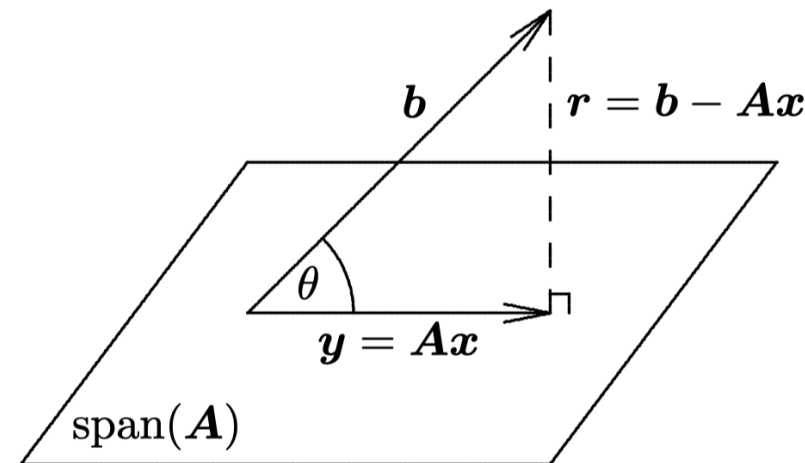


# Conditioning of LSQ: A Closer Look (1)

- Recall that solution of the normal equation  $A^T A x = A^T b$  solves the LSQ
- For a perturbation on the RHS, it gives  $A^T A(x + \Delta x) = A^T(b + \Delta b)$ , i.e.,  $A^T A \Delta x = A^T \Delta b$ . As such,  $\Delta x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \Delta b = A^+ \Delta b$ , and this leads to:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\|\Delta x\|_2}{\|x\|_2} &\leq \|A^+\|_2 \frac{\|\Delta b\|_2}{\|x\|_2} \\
 &= \text{cond}(A) \frac{\|b\|_2}{\|A\|_2 \cdot \|x\|_2} \frac{\|\Delta b\|_2}{\|b\|_2} \\
 &\leq \text{cond}(A) \frac{\|b\|_2}{\|Ax\|_2} \frac{\|\Delta b\|_2}{\|b\|_2} \\
 &= \text{cond}(A) \frac{1}{\cos(\theta)} \frac{\|\Delta b\|_2}{\|b\|_2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- What determines  $\theta$ ?
- What values of  $\theta$  are bad?



# Conditioning of LSQ: A Closer Look (2)

- Recall that solution of the normal equation  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$  solves the LSQ
- What about there is a perturbation to matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  (i.e.,  $\mathbf{A}$  becomes  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{E}$ )?

$$\frac{\|\Delta \mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2} \leq ([\text{cond}(\mathbf{A})]^2 \tan(\theta) + \text{cond}(\mathbf{A})) \frac{\|\mathbf{E}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_2}$$

- Two notable behaviors
  - If  $\theta \approx 0$ , the condition number is  $\text{cond}(\mathbf{A})$
  - Otherwise,  $\text{cond}(\mathbf{A})^2$

