

CSSS Math Camp Lecture 2

Matrix Algebra

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Lecture 2: Matrix Algebra

- Matrix Algebra
 - Definitions, notation
 - Matrix Arithmetic
 - Determinants - existence of an inverse
 - Linear equations
 - Least Squares and Regression with matrices

applications

Motivation

3 columns

2 rows

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 7 \\ 8 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix algebra provides concise notation and rules for manipulating matrices (arrays of numbers).

Matrix algebra will be important for computing linear regression estimates.

Motivation

Example dataframe:

	region	years	u5m	lower	upper
1	All	80-84	0.1691030	0.1573394	0.1815566
2	All	85-89	0.1603335	0.1490694	0.1722763
3	All	90-94	0.1208087	0.1079371	0.1349829
4	tanga	80-84	0.1810487	0.1369700	0.2354425
5	tanga	85-89	0.2230574	0.1677716	0.2902086

Definitions & Notation

What is a matrix?

A *matrix* is an array of numbers in a rectangular form.

Examples:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & 4 \\ 5 & 8 & 12 & 8 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

where A is a 3×4 matrix and B is a 2×3 matrix. Note: matrix dimensions are always listed as rows \times columns.

rows \times columns "roman columns"

Definitions & Notation

What is a matrix?

In mathematical notation, a matrix is written

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} & x_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Where x_{ij} is the value in the i th row and the j th column of matrix X .

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A *square matrix* has the same number of rows and columns.

Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Definitions & Notation

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Example:

A 3x3 matrix with blue annotations. The matrix is enclosed in a black bracket. The entries are: Row 1: 1, 4, 5. Row 2: 4, 2, 3. Row 3: 5, 3, 7. Blue circles highlight the diagonal elements (1, 2, 3) and the off-diagonal elements (4, 5, 7). A blue line connects the top-left element (1) to the bottom-right element (7), illustrating the symmetry $x_{ij} = x_{ji}$. The matrix is symmetric about its main diagonal.

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Definitions & Notation

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A special case of a diagonal matrix is the *identity* matrix. Its diagonal elements are all ones.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Clearly, the identity matrix (or any other diagonal matrix) is also symmetric.

Matrix Arithmetic

Basic Operations

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Equality: Two matrices A, B are equal if and only if, for all elements, each $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$. (Note: this means they must have the same dimensions.)

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$$A^+ \quad A^+ \quad A'$$

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^t = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

2×3 3×2

Matrix Arithmetic

Addition & Subtraction

Two matrices can be added or subtracted only if their dimensions are the same (both rows and columns). The corresponding elements are then added or subtracted.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & a_{12} + b_{12} \\ a_{21} + b_{21} & a_{22} + b_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 8 \\ 6 & 9 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -2 \\ -3 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Arithmetic

Scalar Multiplication

// number

To multiply a matrix by a **scalar** (a constant value), multiply each element by that number.

Example:

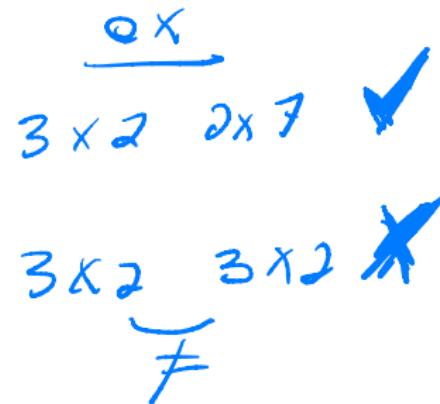
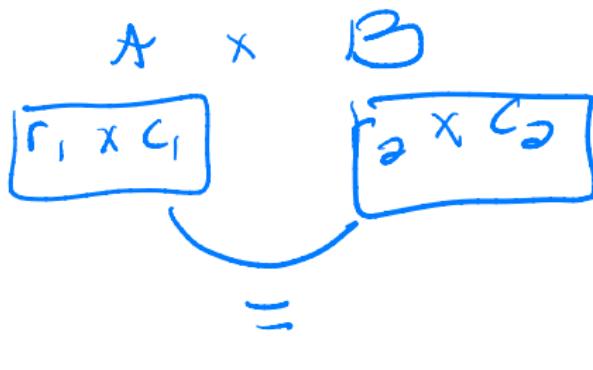
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 8 \\ 6 & 9 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$3A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 9 & 24 \\ 18 & 27 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

The diagram illustrates the scalar multiplication of matrix A by 3. It shows the scalar 3 being distributed to each element of the matrix A. The resulting matrix 3A is shown with circled elements: 3, 18, 27, and 18.

Matrix Arithmetic

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A is (1×3) ; B is (3×1) , AB is (1×1) , i.e. a scalar.

$$a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} + a_{13}b_{31}$$

AB is 1×1

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We multiply a row and column vector by taking the cross product of the numbers in A and B .

$$A \cdot B = a_{11} \cdot b_{11} + a_{12} \cdot b_{21} + a_{13} \cdot b_{31}$$

Matrix Arithmetic

Matrix Multiplication

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A is (2×3) ; B is (3×2) .

$A \cdot B$ is $(2 \times 3 \cdot 3 \times 2)$ results in 2×2 .

$B \cdot A$ is $(3 \times 2 \cdot 2 \times 3)$ results in 3×3 .

Matrix Arithmetic

Matrix Multiplication

AS

$$\boxed{A_{r1} \times B_{c1}} \\ A_{r2} \times B_{c1}$$

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We find each element $(ab)_{ij}$ by summing the crossproducts of the i th row of A and the j th column of B .

$$A \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \cdot b_{11} + a_{12} \cdot b_{21} + a_{13} \cdot b_{31} & a_{11} \cdot b_{12} + a_{12} \cdot b_{22} + a_{13} \cdot b_{32} \\ a_{21} \cdot b_{21} + a_{12} \cdot b_{21} + a_{23} \cdot b_{31} & a_{21} \cdot b_{12} + a_{22} \cdot b_{22} + a_{23} \cdot b_{32} \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Arithmetic

Multiplication Examples

Examples:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{3x3} \\ A = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 8 \\ 6 & 9 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{3x2} \\ B = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 9 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}} \end{array} \\ \frac{AB}{3 \times 2} \end{array}$$
$$A \cdot B = \left[\begin{array}{cc} 1 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 2 + 8 \cdot 3 & 1 \cdot 9 + 3 \cdot 1 + 8 \cdot 2 \\ 6 \cdot 3 + 9 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 3 & 6 \cdot 9 + 9 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 2 \\ 2 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 3 & \boxed{2 \cdot 9 + 1 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 2} \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} 33 & 28 \\ 54 & 75 \\ 17 & \boxed{25} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$18 + 1 + 6 = 25$$

Matrix Arithmetic

Multiplication Examples

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 8 \\ 6 & 9 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 9 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 2 + 8 \cdot 3 & 1 \cdot 9 + 3 \cdot 1 + 8 \cdot 2 \\ 6 \cdot 3 + 9 \cdot 2 + 6 \cdot 3 & 6 \cdot 9 + 9 \cdot 1 + 6 \cdot 2 \\ 2 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 3 & 2 \cdot 9 + 1 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 33 & 28 \\ 54 & 75 \\ 17 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: $A \cdot B$ is not necessarily equal to $B \cdot A$. For matrix multiplication, order matters. In this case $B \cdot A$ cannot be computed as the dimensions are not compatible ($3 \times 2 \cdot 3 \times 3$).

Matrix Arithmetic

Practice

$$BA : (4 \times 1) \times (2 \times 4)$$

~~Not Possible~~

What is the dimension of AB ? Is it possible to compute BA ? Find AB .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 5 & 9 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB \quad (2 \times 4) \times (4 \times 1) = 2 \times 1$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0 \\ 5 \cdot 1 + 9 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 1 + 6 \cdot 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Arithmetic

Inverse

Matrix Inverse:

The inverse of a number is its reciprocal; a number multiplied by its inverse equals 1. ($4 \cdot 1/4 = 1$)

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

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The inverse of a matrix A is the matrix A^{-1} that satisfies $A \cdot A^{-1} = I$. Where I is the identity matrix (ones along the diagonal and the rest are zeros). **Only square matrices can have inverses.**


$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AA^{-1} = I$$

$$A^{-1}A = I$$

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Remember that matrix multiplication is not just multiplying pairs of elements, so we can't just find the reciprocal of each element. So how do we find the inverse? How do we know if the inverse exists?

Matrix Arithmetic

Determinant

The *determinant* is a number that can be computed for any square matrix.

For a 2×2 matrix,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

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If the determinant is zero, no inverse exists. If the determinant is nonzero then the inverse exists.

If no inverse exists the matrix is called *singular*.

Matrix Arithmetic

Determinant Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 12 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$D = 2 \cdot 2 - 4 \cdot 1 = 0$. Inverse does not exist,

side note



Matrix Arithmetic

Inverse Example

Once we know the inverse exists, we can find it.

For a 2×2 matrix,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{D(A)} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

where again $D(A) = a \cdot d - b \cdot c$. Example:

$$D(A) = 4 \cdot 6 - 3 \cdot 12 = -12$$

$$\begin{matrix} 6 & -12 \\ -12 & -12 \end{matrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 12 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-12} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -12 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 1 \\ 1/4 & -1/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} -1/2 & 1 \\ 1/4 & -1/3 \end{matrix}$$

Note: Finding the inverse for higher dimensions involves more complicated formulas and is usually solved by a math software.

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solve(A)

gives A^{-1}

$\det(A)$

gives determinant

Linear Equations

Let's go back to thinking about systems of two equations:

$$\begin{array}{l} ax + by = g \\ cx + dy = f \end{array}$$

→ equations of
lines

Previously we solved this system by eliminating the y variable, solving for x , and then substituting back in for y .

Now we can write this system in matrix notation:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, \quad z = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}, \quad w = \begin{bmatrix} g \\ f \end{bmatrix}$$

Ax + By = C
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Solving our system of equations is the same as solving for z in the matrix equation:

$$A \cdot z = w$$

2x2 2x1 2x1

Linear Equations

Examples

numbers

$$az = w$$

$$\frac{1}{a}az = \frac{1}{a}w \rightarrow z = \frac{1}{a}w$$

Solving our system of equations is the same as solving for z in the matrix equation:

$$A \cdot z = w$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

So how do we solve for z ?

$$\underbrace{A^{-1}A}_{} z = A^{-1}w$$

$$I \cdot z = A^{-1}w$$

$$z = A^{-1}w$$

note
anything
times
(identity)
is
itself

Linear Equations

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So how do we solve for z ? First, left-multiply the equation by A^{-1} :

$$A^{-1} \cdot A \cdot z = A^{-1} \cdot w$$

By definition $A^{-1} \cdot A = I$. Thus,

$$I \cdot z = A^{-1} \cdot w \text{ or } z = A^{-1} \cdot w.$$

So we can find $z = (x, y)$, the solution to our system, by finding $z = A^{-1} \cdot w$.

Linear Equations

Examples

$$\begin{array}{cc} 4 & 2 \\ \left[\begin{matrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{matrix} \right] & \left[\begin{matrix} x \\ y \end{matrix} \right] = \left[\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 8 \end{matrix} \right] \end{array}$$

$$2x + y = 1$$

$$4x + 3y = 8$$

ex no unique solution

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= 1 \\ 2x + 2y &= 2 \\ A = \left[\begin{matrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{matrix} \right] \quad \text{det}(A) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$z = A^{-1}w$$

$$D(A) = 2 \cdot 3 - 1 \cdot 4 = 6 - 4 = 2$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\begin{matrix} 3 & -1 \\ -4 & 2 \end{matrix} \right] = \left[\begin{matrix} 3/2 & -1/2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{matrix} \right]$$

$$\stackrel{\rightarrow}{D(A)} \left[\begin{matrix} x \\ y \end{matrix} \right] = z = \left[\begin{matrix} 3/2 & -1/2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{matrix} \right] \left[\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 8 \end{matrix} \right]$$

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$$z = A^{-1} \cdot w = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 & -1/2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \cdot 1 + -1/2 \cdot 8 \\ -2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5/2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Least Squares

Often we have much more data than pairs of points. We may have a survey where we asked n people the same p questions. We can put that data in a matrix of dimensions $n \times p$, where each row is a person and each column is one of the asked questions.

x_1	x_2	\dots	x_n	y
60	30		M	30k
61	23		F	70 k
65	47		X	50 k

Least Squares

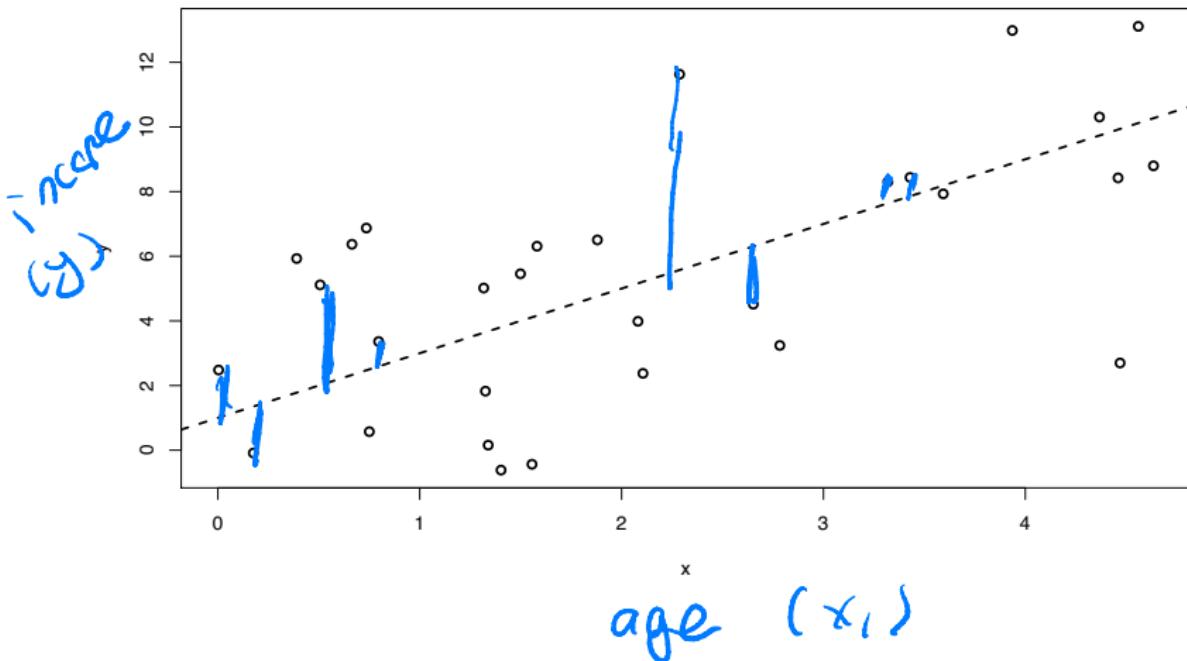
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Before we saw how to put a line through two points ($y = mx + b$). What if we wanted to put a line through many points?

Least Squares

Example

$$y = b + mx$$
$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$



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where we have an intercept β_0 and then a slope β_i for each x_i (where $i = 1, \dots, p$). This equation has to describe the relationship as best it can for all n people we asked.

ex if $p=3$

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Least Squares

$$y = X\beta$$

⌈ $(n \times p+1)$ ⌉
 ⌋ $(p+1 \times 1)$ ⌋

y	x_1	x_2	\dots	x_p
y_1	x_{11}	x_{21}		
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$\underbrace{A\beta = w}_{\text{or } y \approx X\beta}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & \dots & x_{1p} \\ 1 & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & x_{n1} & \dots & x_{np} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_p \end{bmatrix}$$

ex | correlate 3 people

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & x_{21} \\ 1 & x_{12} & x_{22} \\ 1 & x_{13} & x_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Least Squares

Example

X is an $n \times (p+1)$

The linear least squares procedure finds the line that minimizes the squared distance between the points and the line.

$$\begin{aligned} & X^T X \\ & [(p+1) \times n] \\ & + [n \times (p+1)] \\ & = (p+1) \times (p+1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\beta = (X^T \cdot X)^{-1} X^T y}$$

$$y = X \beta$$

$$X^T y = \underline{X^T X} \beta$$

$$(X^T X)^{-1} X^T y = (X^T X)^{-1} \underline{X^T X} \beta$$

$$(X^T X)^{-1} X^T y = \beta$$

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$$y \approx X\beta$$

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