

**ISTA 421 + INFO 521**  
**Introduction to  
Machine Learning**

**Lecture 4: Higher Dimensions,  
Geometry of LLMS,  
Nonlinear response (basis fns)**

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## Solving LMS: Method 1 (analytic)

(for single variable, 2 parameter linear model)

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (w_1^2 x_n^2 + 2w_1 x_n (w_0 - t_n) + w_0^2 - 2w_0 t_n + t_n^2)$$

- Partial derivative for  $w_0$ :

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_0} = 2w_0 + 2w_1 \frac{1}{N} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N x_n \right) - \frac{2}{N} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N t_n \right)$$

- Set  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_0} = 0$  and solve for  $w_0$ :

$$w_0 = \frac{1}{N} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N t_n \right) - w_1 \frac{1}{N} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N x_n \right) = \bar{t} - w_1 \bar{x}$$

The so-called  
normal equations!

- Partial derivative for  $w_1$ :

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_1} = 2w_1 \frac{1}{N} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N x_n^2 \right) + \frac{2}{N} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N x_n (w_0 - t_n) \right)$$

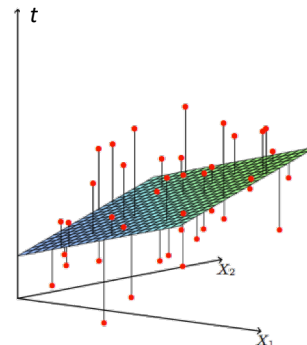
- Plug in  $w_0$ , set  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_1} = 0$  and solve for  $w_1$ :

$$w_1 = \frac{\left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n t_n \right) - \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N t_n \right) \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n \right)}{\left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n^2 \right) - \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n \right)^2} = \frac{\overline{xt} - \bar{x}\bar{t}}{\overline{x^2} - (\bar{x})^2}$$

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## How about more than 1 input?

- Most problems will involve more than just the relationship between 1 input attribute and a target.
- Extending our linear models to higher dimensions is desirable. For 2 inputs it is easy to visualize the geometry: now the “line” is a plane in 3D
- In general, a (regression) linear model with  $n$  input variables and  $n+1$  parameters (the  $\mathbf{w}$ 's, with their values determined) is an  $n$ -dimensional “**hyperplane**” embedded in  $n+1$  dimensions.

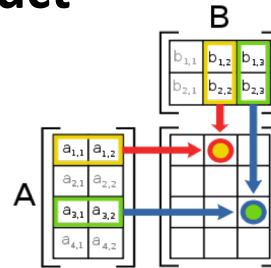


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Dot product

$$\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n b_n$$

## Matrix Product

Let  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB}$ , where $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $N \times P$  matrix $\mathbf{B}$  is a  $P \times M$  matrix $\mathbf{C}$  is a  $N \times M$  matrixand each entry  $C$  of  $\mathbf{C}$  is:  $C_{ij} = \sum_k A_{ik} B_{kj}$ 

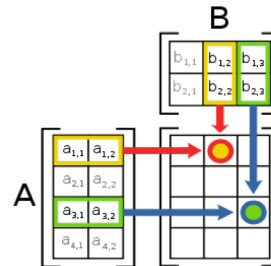
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} & a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22} & a_{11}b_{13} + a_{12}b_{23} \\ a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21} & a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22} & a_{21}b_{13} + a_{22}b_{23} \\ a_{31}b_{11} + a_{32}b_{21} & a_{31}b_{12} + a_{32}b_{22} & a_{31}b_{13} + a_{32}b_{23} \\ a_{41}b_{11} + a_{42}b_{21} & a_{41}b_{12} + a_{42}b_{22} & a_{41}b_{13} + a_{42}b_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

(1<sup>st</sup> edition of FCML, has small error on p.18: copies first line, but index for  $a$ 's become  $a_{21}, a_{22}$ )

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## Inner versus Outer Product

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}^\top = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$$



**Inner (dot) product** of vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  (where both are size  $N$ )

$$\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n b_n$$

Inner product is commutative:

$$\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{a}$$

**Outer product** of vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  (of size  $N$ ) and  $\mathbf{b}$  (of size  $M$ )

$$\mathbf{ab}^\top = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 b_1 & a_1 b_2 & \dots & a_1 b_m \\ a_2 b_1 & a_2 b_2 & \dots & a_2 b_m \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_n b_1 & a_n b_2 & \dots & a_n b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Outer product is *not necessarily* commutative:

$$\mathbf{ab}^\top \neq \mathbf{ba}^\top \quad (\text{in general})$$

Both inner and outer products are just special cases of matrix product.

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## Simple Linear Model in Matrix Notation

- First, express our original 1-variable, 2-param model in matrix notation:

$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f(x_n; w_0, w_1) = \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_n = w_0 + w_1 x_n$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_n)^2$$

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## Simple Linear Model in Matrix Notation

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_n)^2$$

- Next, express the operations involving all of the data (the inputs  $\mathbf{x}_n$  and the targets  $\mathbf{t}_n$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w} &= \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} & \mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} &= \begin{bmatrix} t_1 - w_0 - w_1 x_1 \\ t_2 - w_0 - w_1 x_2 \\ \vdots \\ t_N - w_0 - w_1 x_N \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{X} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1^\top \\ \mathbf{x}_2^\top \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_N^\top \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ \vdots \\ t_N \end{bmatrix} & (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^\top (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}) &= (t_1 - (w_0 + w_1 x_1))^2 + (t_2 - (w_0 + w_1 x_2))^2 + \dots \\ & & &+ (t_N - (w_0 + w_1 x_N))^2 \\ & & &= \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - (w_0 + w_1 x_n))^2 \\ & & &= \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - f(x_n; w_0, w_1))^2 \\ \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 + w_1 x_1 \\ w_0 + w_1 x_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_0 + w_1 x_N \end{bmatrix} & \mathcal{L} &= \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^\top (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_n)^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - (w_0 + w_1 x_n))^2 \end{aligned}$$

Much nicer! The  $\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{y}$  operation allows us to drop the sums!

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## Simple Linear Model in Matrix Notation

- Now that we have the matrix version of the loss function, “just” take derivative...

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} &= \frac{1}{N}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{t})^\top(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{t}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{N}((\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^\top - \mathbf{t}^\top)(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{t}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{N}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^\top\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \frac{1}{N}\mathbf{t}^\top\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \frac{1}{N}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^\top\mathbf{t} + \frac{1}{N}\mathbf{t}^\top\mathbf{t} \\
 &= \frac{1}{N}\mathbf{w}^\top\mathbf{X}^\top\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \frac{2}{N}\mathbf{w}^\top\mathbf{X}^\top\mathbf{t} + \frac{1}{N}\mathbf{t}^\top\mathbf{t}
 \end{aligned}$$

note: book accidentally drops the 1/N here

$\mathbf{t}^\top\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{w}^\top\mathbf{X}^\top\mathbf{t}$  are the transpose of one another ... and both products come out to be scalars (i.e., “1x1 matrices”, where transpose of one is the same as the other), so the products are the same and can be combined.

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_0} \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$f(\mathbf{w})$	$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{w}}$
$\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}$	$\mathbf{x}$
$\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{w}$	$\mathbf{x}$
$\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{w}$	$2\mathbf{w}$
$\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{C} \mathbf{w}$	$2\mathbf{C} \mathbf{w}$

Some useful identities

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \frac{2}{N}\mathbf{X}^\top\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} - \frac{2}{N}\mathbf{X}^\top\mathbf{t} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{X}^\top\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{X}^\top\mathbf{t}.$$

$$\mathbf{I}\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{X}^\top\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^\top\mathbf{t}$$

The **matrix normal equation!**

(guaranteed unique solution when the  $n$  column vectors of  $\mathbf{X}$  are linearly independent)

**But what does this mean??**

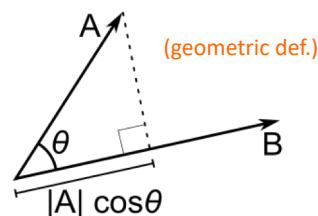
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## Relation of $\mathbf{a}^\top\mathbf{b}$ to Geometry

- $\mathbf{a}^\top\mathbf{b}$  is special (also  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ ), called the *dot product* (aka *scalar product*; the *inner product* for the Euclidean space)

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n \quad (\text{algebraic def.})$$

- Plays a role in defining
  - Euclidean distance (norm)
  - Angles



$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} = \|\mathbf{a}\|^2$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = \arccos \left( \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} \right).$$

The dot product of vectors that are 90° (or more generally, orthogonal) is = 0

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## Geometry of Linear Systems and their Solution

A linear equation expresses a constraint between variables

A system of linear equations – more constraints!

$$2w_0 - w_1 = 0$$

$$-w_0 + 2w_1 = 3$$

$$\begin{matrix} u \\ v \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\begin{matrix} \text{c}_1 & \text{c}_2 \end{matrix}$

$$Xw = t \quad w = X^{-1}t$$

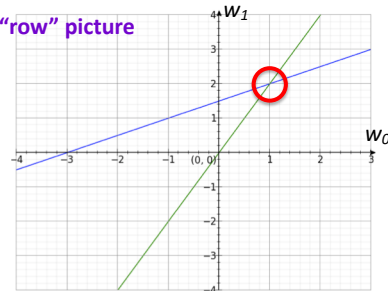
“Solving” the linear system involves finding the linear combinations (i.e., the amounts  $w_0$  and  $w_1$ ) of  $\text{c}_1$  and  $\text{c}_2$  that equal the column vector  $(0,3)^T$ .

Solve using your favorite method (e.g., Gaussian Elimination)

Here, the solution happens to be  $w_0=1$  ( $1 \text{ c}_1$ ),  $w_1=2$  ( $+2 \text{ c}_2$ )

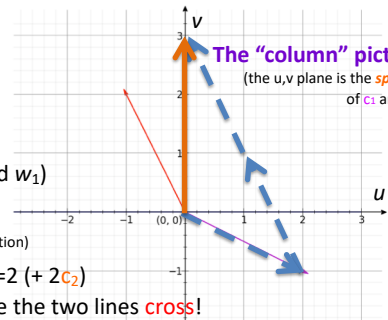
The  $w_0$ 's and  $w_1$ 's corresponds to the point where the two lines cross!

The “row” picture



The “column” picture

(the  $u, v$  plane is the span of  $\text{c}_1$  and  $\text{c}_2$ )



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## Geometry of Linear Systems and their Solution

But what happens if we're **over-constrained**?

**GOAL:** Find a solution that is **closest** to (minimizes the distance between) the crossing points!

$$2w_0 - w_1 = 0$$

$$-w_0 + 2w_1 = 3$$

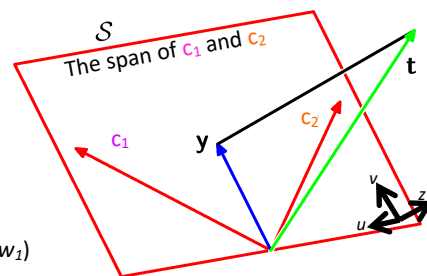
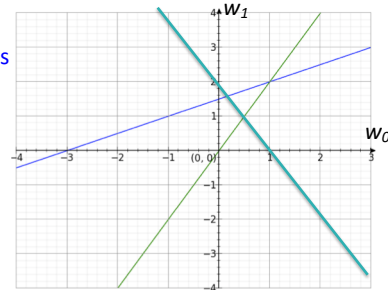
$$2w_0 + w_1 = 2$$

$$\begin{matrix} u \\ v \\ z \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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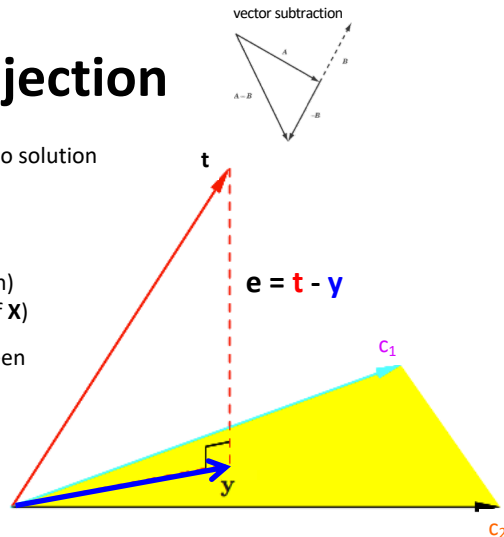
## Finding the projection

$X \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{t}$  ...what we started with, but no solution

$X \hat{\mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{y}$  ...something we can solve

In particular, we want  $\mathbf{y}$  to be the *closest* to  $\mathbf{t}$  but in the column space (the span) of  $\mathbf{c}_1$  and  $\mathbf{c}_2$  (which are the columns of  $X$ )

But we know the shortest distance between the end of  $\mathbf{t}$  and the span is a vector  $\mathbf{e}$  that is *orthogonal* (right angles!) to  $\mathbf{c}_1$  and  $\mathbf{c}_2$  (i.e., orthogonal to  $X$ )

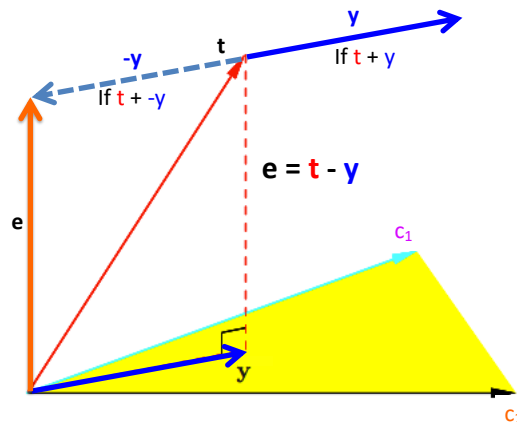


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## In case you need to remember vector subtraction...

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Now we want to enforce:  $\mathbf{e}$ 's length to be *minimal* and direction *orthogonal* to  $X$

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Let's solve for when  $\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{e} = 0$

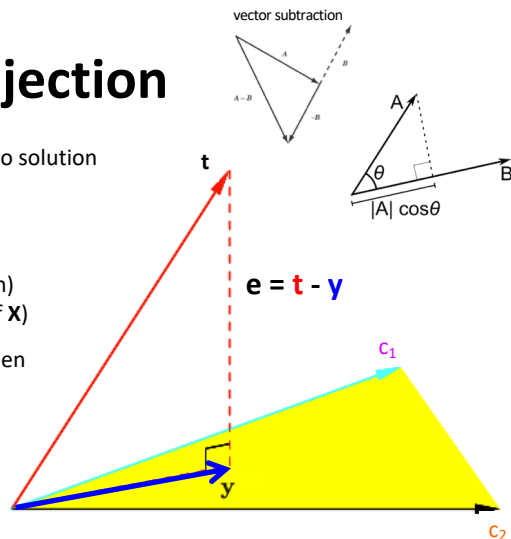
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$$\mathbf{X}^T(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\mathbf{w}}) = 0 \quad \text{substitute original } \mathbf{X}\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{y} \text{ (since we don't know } \mathbf{y}\text{)}$$

$$\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}\hat{\mathbf{w}} = 0 \quad \text{multiply through...}$$

$$\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{t}$$

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This is just what minimizing the squared loss did!

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N}(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^T(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})$$

This "error" vector  $\mathbf{e}$  is the shortest distance (Note: we can't differentiate the "absolute value" so the squaring of the difference – of the *length* of  $\mathbf{e}$  – was a better choice for doing it the calc way)

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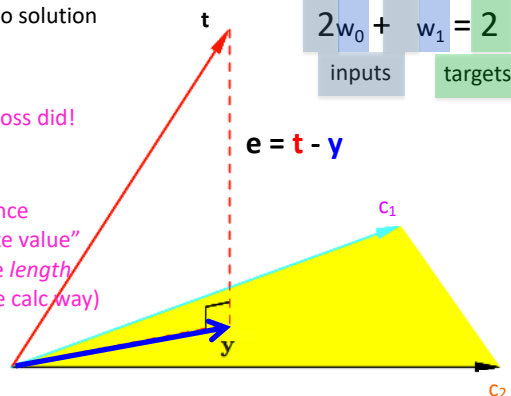
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Parameters of hyperplane

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$-w_0 + 2w_1 = 3$	
$2w_0 + w_1 = 2$	
inputs	targets

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# The Normal Equations

For model:  $t = f(x_1, \dots, x_k; w_0, \dots, w_k) = \sum_{i=0}^k x_i w_i$

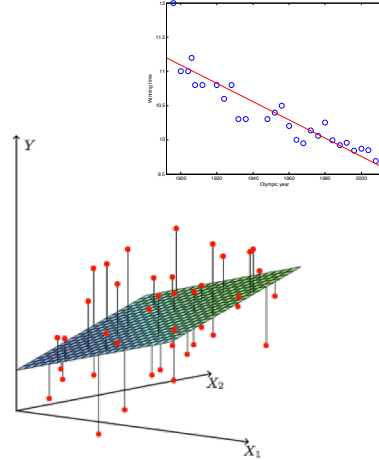
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$$\hat{\mathbf{w}} = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{t}$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1^\top \\ \mathbf{x}_2^\top \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_N^\top \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{t} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ \vdots \\ t_N \end{bmatrix}$$



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