

# SC223 - Linear Algebra

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Lecture 2



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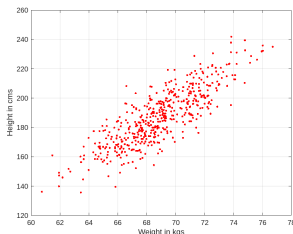
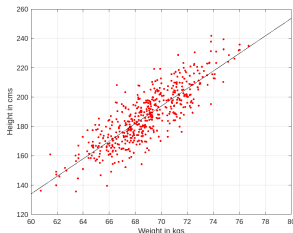


Figure: Height and Weight data for 500 Males, Source: Mustafa Ali, Kaggle.

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**Figure:** Black line depicts the prediction obtained after solving the above equations.  $p \simeq 5.98, q \simeq -225$

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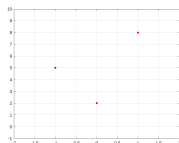
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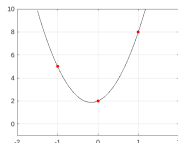
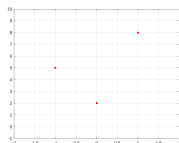




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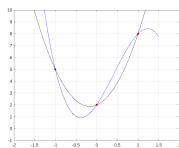
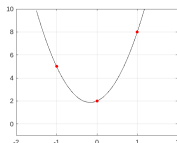
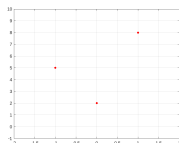
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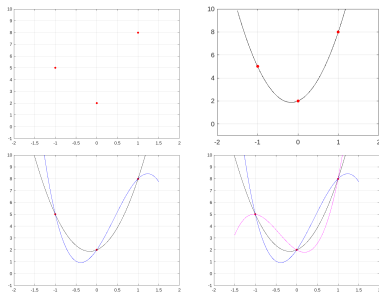


Figure: (top-left) 3 points to be interpolated, (top-right) One soln., (bottom-left) Two solutions. (bottom-right) Third soln.

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$$(a_{q*})^T$$

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1. Multiply  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  to any row
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$$2x_4 = 6 \Rightarrow \boxed{x_4 = 3}$$

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$$4x_2 + 5x_3 + 4x_4 = 6$$

$$\boxed{x_2 = 1}$$

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- A matrix  $A$  is said to be in row-echelon form if
  - ▶ All non-zero rows are above any rows of all zeros
  - ▶ Each leading entry of a row is in a column to the right of the leading entry of the row above it.
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