

Maths/LA/Tutorial/Ch7 (Least Squares) (Rev 24 July 2021)

Q1 Lay5e/Ch6.5/pg364/Ex1

EXAMPLE 1 Find a least-squares solution of the inconsistent system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q2) Lay5e/Ch6.5/pg366/Ex4

EXAMPLE 4 Find a least-squares solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 \\ 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q3) Lay5e/ch6.5/pg 362/Ex2,

what is the difference of this solution to Example 1 (Q1)

EXAMPLE 2 Find a least-squares solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

14. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -3 & -4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$. Compute $A\mathbf{u}$ and $A\mathbf{v}$, and compare them with \mathbf{b} . Is it possible that at least one of \mathbf{u} or \mathbf{v} could be a least-squares solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$? (Answer this without computing a least-squares solution.)

In Exercises 17 and 18, A is an $m \times n$ matrix and \mathbf{b} is in \mathbb{R}^m . Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

17. a. The general least-squares problem is to find an \mathbf{x} that makes $A\mathbf{x}$ as close as possible to \mathbf{b} .
- b. A least-squares solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is a vector $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ that satisfies $A\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{b}}$, where $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$ is the orthogonal projection of \mathbf{b} onto $\text{Col } A$.
- c. A least-squares solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is a vector $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ such that $\|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\| \leq \|\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}\|$ for all \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^n .
- d. Any solution of $A^T A\mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$ is a least-squares solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.
- e. If the columns of A are linearly independent, then the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has exactly one least-squares solution.

18. a. If \mathbf{b} is in the column space of A , then every solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is a least-squares solution.
- b. The least-squares solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is the point in the column space of A closest to \mathbf{b} .
- c. A least-squares solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is a list of weights that, when applied to the columns of A , produces the orthogonal projection of \mathbf{b} onto $\text{Col } A$.
- d. If $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ is a least-squares solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, then $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b}$.
- e. The normal equations always provide a reliable method for computing least-squares solutions.
- f. If A has a QR factorization, say $A = QR$, then the best way to find the least-squares solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is to compute $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = R^{-1} Q^T \mathbf{b}$.

Q6) Lay5e/ch6.5/pg369/Ex19+20+21

Given the following Theorem 14, answer Q6 (Ex19-21)

THEOREM 14

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. The following statements are logically equivalent:

- The equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a unique least-squares solution for each \mathbf{b} in \mathbb{R}^m .
- The columns of A are linearly independent.
- The matrix $A^T A$ is invertible.

When these statements are true, the least-squares solution $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ is given by

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b} \quad (4)$$

19. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. Use the steps below to show that a vector \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^n satisfies $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ if and only if $A^T A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. This will show that $\text{Nul } A = \text{Nul } A^T A$.
- Show that if $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, then $A^T A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.
 - Suppose $A^T A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Explain why $\mathbf{x}^T A^T A\mathbf{x} = 0$, and use this to show that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.
20. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix such that $A^T A$ is invertible. Show that the columns of A are linearly independent. [*Careful:* You may not assume that A is invertible; it may not even be square.]
21. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix whose columns are linearly independent. [*Careful:* A need not be square.]
- Use Exercise 19 to show that $A^T A$ is an invertible matrix.
 - Explain why A must have at least as many rows as columns.
 - Determine the rank of A .

Q7: Applications to linear models: Linear regression least squares

Ref: <https://calcworkshop.com/linear-regression/least-squares-regression-line/>

You can use a programming language to find the answer for this question.

Given the following table of measured height and weight of 7 individuals,

Dataset

Height (in)	Weight (lb)
48	93
50	105
53	102
55	118
61	121
64	135
73	180

- a) Assume that the weight (w) and height (h) are related by the following equation:

$$w = \beta_0 + \beta_1 h$$

find the unknown variable β_0, β_1 .

- b) Calculate and plot the residuals using the β found

Q8) Least squares fit of other curves

You can use a programming language to find the answer for this question.

Given that y is generated by the following equation:

$$y_{clean} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2$$

$$y_{noisy} = y_{clean} + n$$

for $x = -3 \dots 3$ and n is some random noise with mean 0,
we recorded the following value pairs:

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x      = [-3,      -2,      -1,      0,      1,      2,      3]
y_clean = [4.3000   2.6000   1.5000   1.0000   1.1000   1.8000   3.1000];
n       = [-0.0830  0.2203  -0.4999  -0.1977  -0.3532  -0.4077  -0.3137];
y_noisy = [ 4.2170   2.8203   1.0001   0.8023   0.7468   1.3923   2.7863];
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Answer the followings:

- A) find the parameters β_{clean} using (x, y_{clean}) and β_{noisy} using (x, y_{noisy}) ;
- B) why is the residual error using β_{clean} with the equation $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2$ while it is not zero when using β_{noisy} ?

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