# 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 Ax = 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

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

## Q4) Lay4e/ch6.5/pg 368/Ex14/

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  $A\mathbf{v}$  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

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.)

## Q5) Lay5e/ch6.5/pg368/Ex17+18

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

- a. The general least-squares problem is to find an x that makes Ax as close as possible to 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 Col A.
  - c. A least-squares solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is a vector  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  such that  $\|\mathbf{b} A\mathbf{x}\| \le \|\mathbf{b} A\hat{\mathbf{x}}\|$  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 **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 Ax = b is a list of weights that, when applied to the columns of A, produces the orthogonal projection of b onto 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:

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

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

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

- 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 Nul  $A = \text{Nul } A^T A$ .
  - a. Show that if  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $A^T A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .
  - b. Suppose  $A^T A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Explain why  $\mathbf{x}^T A^T A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , and use this to show that  $A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- 20. Let A be an m × n matrix such that A<sup>T</sup>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.]
- Let A be an m × n matrix whose columns are linearly independent. [Careful: A need not be square.]
  - a. 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.
  - c. 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  $\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_1$ .

b) Calculate and plot the residuals using the  $\beta$  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 generate by the following equation:

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

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

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

$$x = [-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3]$$
   
 $y_{clean} = [4.3000 2.6000 1.5000 1.0000 1.1000 1.8000 3.1000];$    
 $n = [-0.0830 0.2203 -0.4999 -0.1977 -0.3532 -0.4077 -0.3137];$    
 $y_{noisy} = [4.2170 2.8203 1.0001 0.8023 0.7468 1.3923 2.7863];$ 

Answer the followings:

- A) find the parameters  $\beta_{clean}$  using  $(x, y_{clean})$  and  $\beta_{noisy}$  using  $(x, y_{noisy})$ ;

  B) why is the residual error using  $\beta_{clean}$  with the equation  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2$  while it is not zero when using  $\beta_{noisy}$ ?

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