

# Lab 10

DSGA-1014: Linear Algebra and Optimization

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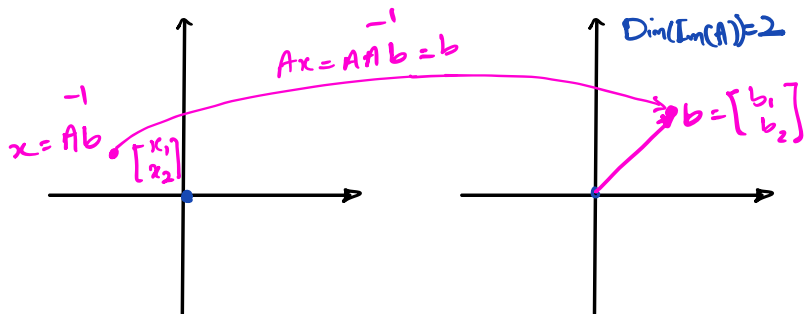
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# A with linearly independent columns

Assume  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is full rank. We have learned that  $A\underline{x} = b$  has a unique solution.

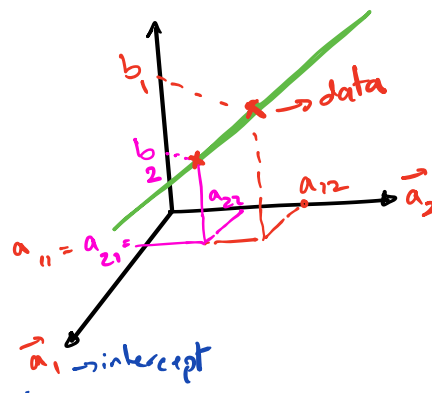
Example :  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

Column view :



$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

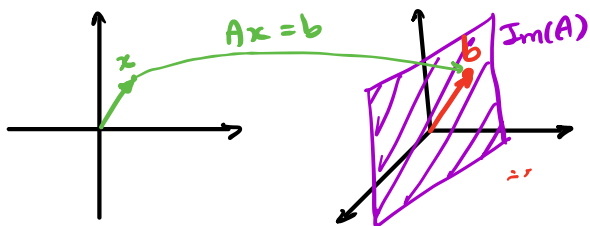
Regression :  
Find the best fitting line



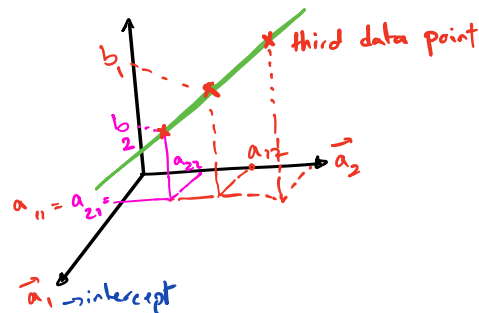
## A with linearly independent columns

Assume  $A \in R^{n \times m}$  is full rank, where  $n > m$  (i.e.  $A$  is a tall matrix). In this case  $Ax = b$  is a system of equations with too many rows (i.e. more equations than variables). We call this system of equations over-determined, which happens a lot in practice. Describe the solution of this system.

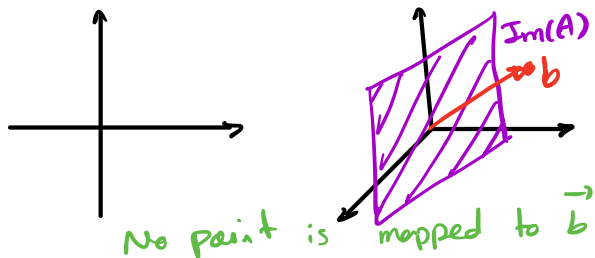
Case 1) Unique Solution: Example:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$



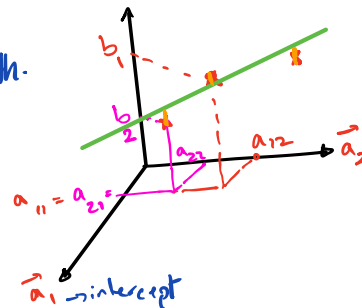
unlikely case.  
There is always noise in measurements



Case 2) No Solution  
 $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$



This is what we normally deal with.



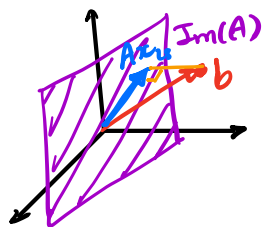
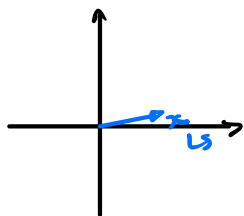
## A with linearly independent columns

How do we solve  $Ax = b$  when  $b \notin \text{Im}(A)$ ? We can't! So we compromise and find the next best vector:  $x_{LS}$  such that Euclidean distance between  $Ax_{LS}$  and  $b$  is minimum. That is,  $x_{LS}$  is mapped to a vector on  $\text{Im}(A)$  which is as close to  $b$  as possible.

$$x_{LS} = \operatorname{argmin}_x \|Ax - b\|^2$$

Show that  $Ax_{LS}$  is the projection of  $b$  onto  $\text{Im}(A)$ .

Show that error,  $e = Ax - b$ , is in  $\text{Im}(A)^\perp$ .



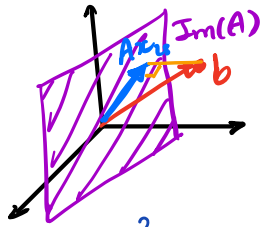
$f(x) = \|Ax - b\|^2$  is a convex function  
So we can find the min analytically:  
 $x_{LS} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$  (from lecture 10)  
 $\Rightarrow Ax_{LS} = \underbrace{A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T}_{\text{Projection matrix onto } \text{Im}(A) \text{ (from lab 8)}} b = Pb$

Take  $z \in \mathbb{R}^m$  s.t.  $Az \in \text{Im}(A)$

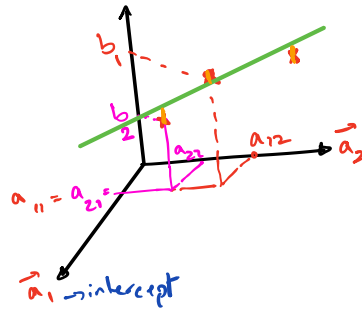
$$\langle Az, e \rangle = (Az)^T e = z^T A^T (Ax_{LS} - b) = z^T (A^T A x_{LS} - A^T b)$$

$$= z^T \left( \underbrace{A^T A (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b}_I - \underbrace{A^T b}_0 \right) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow e \text{ is perpendicular to } Az \text{ for } \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\Rightarrow e \in \text{Im}(A)^\perp$$



$$\|e\|^2 = \|b\|^2 - \|Ax_{LS}\|^2$$



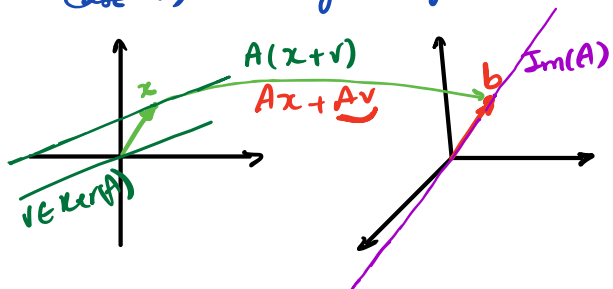
$$\|e\|^2 = e_1^2 + e_2^2 + e_3^2$$

# A with linearly dependent columns

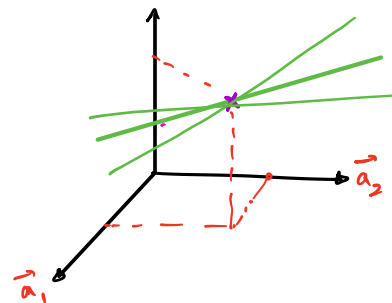
The least square solution presented above only works if  $A^T A$  is invertible. Since the  $\text{Ker}(A^T A) = \text{Ker}(A)$ , the least square as defined above only exists when columns of  $A$  are independent.

Describe possible solutions.

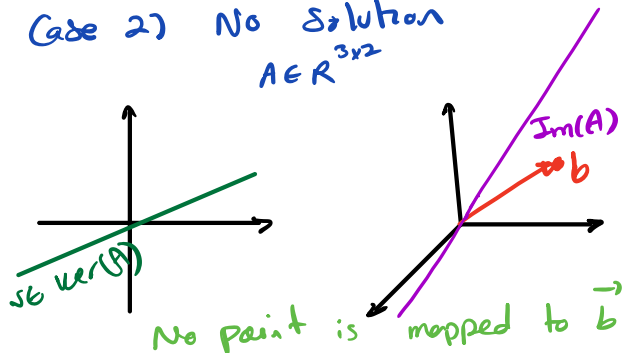
Case 1) Infinitely many solutions. Example:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$   $\text{rank}(A) = 1$



many lines  
satisfy the  
solution

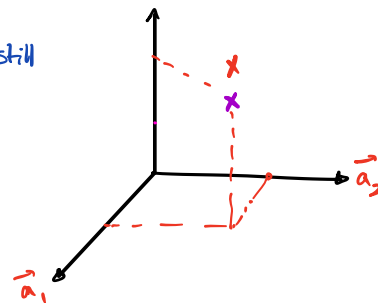


Case 2) No solution  
 $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$



No point is mapped to  $b$

Note: The equation  $AA^T x = A^T b$  still must have a solution because  $A^T b \in \text{Im}(A^T) = \text{Im}(A^T A)$   
So there must be an  $x$  that minimizes the objective



# A with linearly dependent columns: pseudo-inverse

To solve this problem, we define pseudo-inverse as  $A^\dagger = V\Sigma'U^T$  where  $\Sigma' \in R^{d \times n}$  with  $\Sigma'_{ii} = 1/\Sigma_{ii}$  if  $\Sigma_{ii} \neq 0$ , and zero otherwise. Show that  $A^\dagger \in R^{d \times n}$  is the only matrix in  $R^{d \times n}$  such that

1.  $AA^\dagger A = A$
2.  $A^\dagger AA^\dagger = A^\dagger$
3.  $AA^\dagger \in R^{n \times n}$  and  $A^\dagger A \in R^{d \times d}$  are symmetric matrices.

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_r & & \\ & & & 0 & \\ & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times d} \quad \Sigma' = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1/\sigma_r & & \\ & & & 0 & \\ & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: If A invertible:  $A^\dagger = A^{-1}$

$$A = U\Sigma V^T \quad A^\dagger = V\Sigma'U^T$$

$$1) \quad AA^\dagger A = U \underbrace{\Sigma V^T V}_{I} \underbrace{\Sigma' U^T U}_{I} \Sigma V^T = U \underbrace{\Sigma \Sigma' \Sigma}_{d \times n} V^T = U \Sigma V^T = A$$

$$\begin{matrix} r\text{th} \rightarrow \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 0 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_r & & \\ & & & 0 & \\ & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times d} \end{matrix} = \Sigma_{n \times d}$$

$$2) A^+ A A^+ = V \Sigma' U^T U \Sigma V^T V \Sigma' U^T = V \Sigma \underbrace{\Sigma \Sigma'}_{n \times n} U^T = V \Sigma' U^T = A^+$$

$$3) A^+ A = V \Sigma' U^T U \Sigma V^T = V \underbrace{\Sigma \Sigma'}_{\substack{\text{diag} \\ d_1 \dots d_r}} V^T = \underbrace{\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \begin{matrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \hline \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \end{array} \right]}_{\text{basis for row space}} \underbrace{\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \begin{matrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \hline & & \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{matrix} \end{array} \right]}_{\text{projection onto row space}(A)} \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \begin{matrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \hline \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \end{array} \right]^T$$

$$A A^+ = U \Sigma V^T V \Sigma' U^T = U \underbrace{\Sigma \Sigma'}_{n \times n} U^T \quad \text{projection onto column space of } A$$



# A with linearly dependent columns: pseudo-inverse

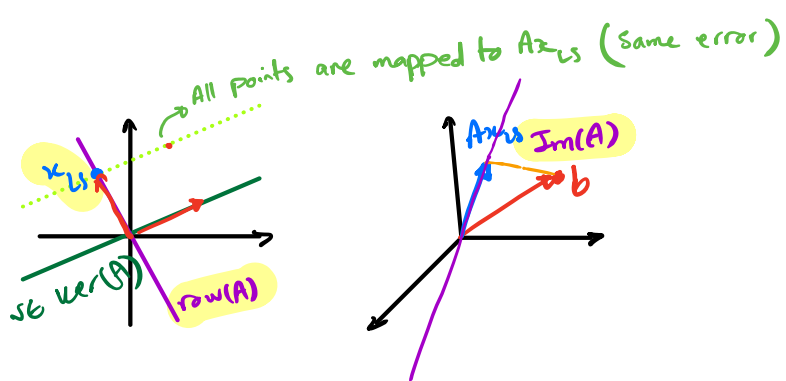
Using pseudo-inverse, we define the least square solution as  $x_{LS} = A^\dagger y$ .

1. Show that when columns of A are independent the two least square solutions are the same.
2. Show that  $x_{LS}$  is always in the row space of A.
3. Give the set of all vectors that minimize  $\|Ax - y\|^2$ ?

1) Show:  $(A^T A)^{-1} A^T y = A^\dagger y$

$$(V \Sigma^T U U^T \Sigma^T V^T)^{-1} V \Sigma U^T = V (\Sigma^T \Sigma)^{-1} V^T \Sigma^T U^T$$

$$= V \underbrace{(\Sigma^T \Sigma)^{-1}}_{d \times d} \underbrace{\Sigma^T}_{d \times n} U^T = V \overbrace{\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \frac{1}{\sigma_1} & \\ \vdots & \\ \frac{1}{\sigma_d} & \\ \hline & 0 \end{array} \right]}^A U^T$$



If columns of  $A$  are independent  
 $\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) = m \Rightarrow \text{row space} = \text{domain}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  every  $x$  including  $x_{LS} \in \text{row space}(A)$

If columns of  $A$  are not independent:  $x_{LS} = A^+ y = V \Sigma' U^T y$   
 $y' \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | & & | \\ v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_r & \dots & v_m \\ | & | & & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_1} \langle u_1, y \rangle \\ \frac{1}{\sigma_2} \langle u_2, y \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{\sigma_r} \langle u_r, y \rangle \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{\sigma_i} \langle u_i, y \rangle \vec{v}_i$$

basis for  $\text{row}(A)$ 
basis for  $\text{Ker}(A)$ 
 $m-r$

$\left. \begin{matrix} \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \right\} m-r$   
 $m \times 1$

$$\forall z \in \text{Ker}(A): A(x_{LS} + z) = Ax_{LS} + Az = Ax_{LS}$$

All points in affine space  $\text{Ker}(A) + x_{LS}$  give the same error.

## A with linearly dependent columns: pseudo-inverse

Note: pseudo-inverse is particularly useful when  $A \in R^{n \times m}$  is a short matrix ( $n < m$ ). In this case,  $Ax = b$  is an under-determined system of equations and even if  $A$  is full rank,  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ , columns of  $A$  are not independent and  $A^T A$  is not invertible.

# Ridge regression

Sometimes the objective deviates from least square solution. In Ridge regression, we add a penalty term to least square objective to promote a solution with small norm.

$$x_{ridge} = \arg \min_x ||Ax - b||^2 + \lambda ||x||^2$$

Show that  $x_{ridge}$  is in the row space of A.

$$x_{ridge} = (A^T A + \lambda I_m)^{-1} A^T y$$

$$= (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T + \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{V}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{y}$$

$$= (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{V}^T + \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{V}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{y}$$

$$= (\mathbf{V} (\mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T + \mathbf{\Lambda}) \mathbf{V}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{y}$$

$$= \mathbf{V} (\mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T + \mathbf{\Lambda})^{-1} \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{y}$$

$$= \mathbf{V} (\underbrace{\mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T}_{m \times m} + \mathbf{\Lambda})^{-1} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{y}$$

$$\underbrace{m-r \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 + \lambda & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_r^2 + \lambda \\ & & & \lambda & \ddots \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & \dots & \sigma_r & 0 & \dots \end{bmatrix} \right\}}_{m-r \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_1^2 + \lambda} & \dots & \frac{\sigma_r}{\sigma_r^2 + \lambda} & 0 & \dots \end{bmatrix} \right\}_{m \times n}}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{ridge}} = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda} \langle \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{y} \rangle \underbrace{\mathbf{v}_i}_{\substack{\hookrightarrow \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r \text{ (basis for row space)}}$$

# Ridge regression

$Ax_{\text{ridge}}$  is no longer an orthogonal projection of  $b$  onto the  $\text{Im}(A)$ . It is a modified projection where the component of the data in the direction of each left singular vector of the feature matrix is shrunk by a factor of  $\sigma_i^2 / (\sigma_i^2 + \lambda)$  where  $\sigma_i$  is the corresponding singular value. Show that

$$Ax_{\text{ridge}} = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda} \langle b, u_i \rangle u_i$$

where  $u_i$  are the left singular vectors of  $A$ .

From previous question:

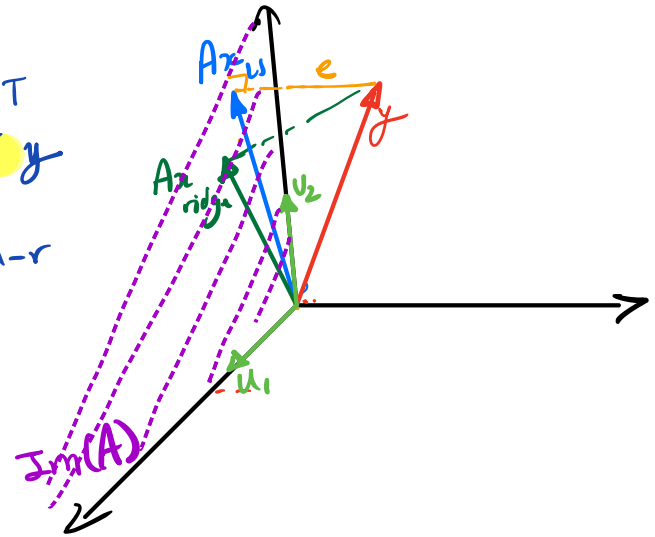
$$x_{\text{ridge}} = V \left( \sum_{\substack{T \\ m \times m}} + \lambda \right) \sum_{\substack{-1 \quad T \quad T \\ m \times m}} U^T y$$

$$\Rightarrow Ax_{\text{ridge}} = U \sum V^T V \left( \sum_{\substack{T \\ m \times m}} + \lambda \right) \sum_{\substack{-1 \quad T \quad T \\ m \times m}} U^T y$$

$$= U \underbrace{\Sigma (\Sigma^T \Sigma + \lambda I)^{-1} \Sigma^T}_{n \times n} U^T y$$

$$= U \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \lambda} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{\sigma_r^2}{\sigma_r^2 + \lambda} & 0 \dots 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} U^T y \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \\ \\ \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \\ \\ \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{matrix}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda} \langle u_i, y \rangle u_i$$



This reduces the influence of the directions corresponding to smaller singular values which are the ones responsible for more noise amplification.