

# Lecture 1 : Linear Algebra - Reminder

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## Outline

- Introduction
- Vector spaces
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## Vector spaces (1)

- **Vector:**  $n$ -uple  $x$  (also noted  $\vec{x}$  or  $\underline{x}$  or  $\mathbf{x}$ ) of elements of the field  $K$  (*e.g.*,  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ):

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_i \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

## Vector spaces (2)

- **Vector space:** A set of vectors  $E$  on the field  $K$  supplemented with an internal addition operation  $(+)$  and an external product operation  $(\times)$  on  $E \times K$  such that  $(E, +)$  is a group and for all scalars  $\lambda, \mu \in K$ ,
  - $\lambda \times x = x \times \lambda \in E$  ( $E$  closed under mult. with scalar),
  - $\lambda \times (x + y) = \lambda \times x + \lambda \times y$  ( $\lambda$  distributes over vector add.),
  - $(\lambda + \mu) \times x = \lambda \times x + \mu \times x$  (vector distributes over  $\lambda$  add.),
  - $\lambda \times (\mu \times x) = (\lambda\mu) \times x$  (associative law of mult. by scalar),
  - $1 \times x = x$

## Vector spaces (3)

- $F$  is a **vector subspace** of  $E$  if for all  $x, y \in F$  and all  $\lambda, \mu \in K$ ,  $\lambda \times x + \mu \times y \in F$ .
- Examples (Vector spaces)
  - Polynomials with coefficients from  $K$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(K)$ ,
  - $n \times n$  matrices with elements in  $K$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(K)$ ,
  - $\mathcal{C}^0(I)$ : Continuous functions on an interval  $I \subset K$
- Examples (Vector subspaces)
  - $\mathcal{P}_n(K)$ ,  $n < n^*$
  - $\mathcal{C}^1(I)$ : Continuous functions on an interval  $I \subset K$  whose first derivative is also continuous.

## Vector spaces (4)

- $x_1, \dots, x_n \in E$  and  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$y \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \times x_i$$

is called a **linear combination** of vectors in  $E$ .

- $F = \{\text{linear combinations of } n \text{ vectors } x_1, \dots, x_n \text{ of } E\}$   
 $F$  is a vector subspace of  $E$ .

- $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  are **linearly independent** if and only if

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i e_i = 0_E \text{ implies } \lambda_i = 0 \text{ for all } i = 1 \dots n$$

otherwise,  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  are **linearly dependent**.

## Vector spaces (5)

- The **rank** of  $F$  is the maximal number of linearly independent vectors that one can extract from  $F$ .
- $\mathcal{B} = \{e_1, \dots\} \subset E$  is a **basis** of  $E \Leftrightarrow$  any vector from  $E$  can uniquely be written as a linear combination of elements from  $\mathcal{B}$

$\mathcal{B}$  basis of  $E \Leftrightarrow e_1, \dots, e_n$  linearly independent  $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{B}$  **generates**  $E$

## Vector spaces (6)

A **scalar product** (or **dot product** or **inner product**) is a symmetric positive definite bilinear form from  $E \times E$  to  $K$ :

$x, y \mapsto \langle x, y \rangle$  (also noted  $x.y$ ) such that:

- $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$  for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $E$  (commutativity)
- $\langle \lambda x + \mu y, z \rangle = \lambda \langle x, z \rangle + \mu \langle y, z \rangle$  (bilinearity)
- $\langle x, x \rangle > 0$  if  $x \neq 0_E$  (positive definiteness)

The scalar product induces a **norm** noted  $\|x\|$  such that

$$\|x\|^2 = \langle x, x \rangle$$

$E$  added with the scalar product is said to be a **pre-Hilbert** space.



## Vector spaces (6)

$E$  pre-Hilbert space and  $F$  subset of  $E$ . The **orthogonal space** of  $F$  in  $E$  is

$$F^\perp \triangleq \{x \in E \text{ such that } \langle x, y \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } y \in F\}$$

$E$  is equivalently characterised by **Hilbert decomposition**

$$E = F \oplus F^\perp$$

In other words,

For any  $x \in E$  there exist a unique pair  $(x_1, x_2)$

with  $x_1 \in F$  and  $x_2 \in F^\perp$  such that  $x = x_1 + x_2$

## Matrix of a linear transform

$E$  and  $F$  vector spaces with  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}'$  as bases of  $E$  and  $F$   
 $f : E \rightarrow F$  a linear transform, the matrix

$$A = (a_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & a_{ij} & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

defined **with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}'$** .

In other words, if  $\mathcal{B} = \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  and  $\mathcal{B}' = \{e'_1, \dots, e'_m\}$ ,

$$f(e_i) = \sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} e'_j \quad y = f(x) \Leftrightarrow Y = AX$$

- $\text{range}(A) = \{b \text{ such that } \exists x \text{ such that } b = Ax\}$
- $\text{Ker}(A) = \{x \text{ such that } Ax = 0\}$

## Specific matrices (1)

- **Null** matrix  $O_n = (a_{ij})_{ij}$  with  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i, j = 1 \dots n$ ,
- **Identity**  $I_n = (\delta_{ij})_{ij=1\dots n}$  ( $\delta_{ij} = 1$  if  $i = j$ ,  $\delta_{ij} = 0$  otherwise),
- **Upper triangular** matrix  $U = (u_{ij})_{ij}$   $u_{ij} = 0$  if  $i > j$ ,
- **Lower triangular** matrix  $L = (l_{ij})_{ij}$  such that  $l_{ij} = 0$  if  $i < j$ ,
- **Diagonal** matrix  $D = (d_{ij}\delta_{ij})_{ij}$ ,
- **Symmetric** matrix  $A = A^T$ ,

## Specific matrices (2)

- A **block matrix** can be divided into similar parts:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & \dots & A_{1b} \\ \vdots & A_{ij} & \vdots \\ A_{b'1} & \dots & A_{b'b} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- A **block diagonal matrix**:  $A_{ij} = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ ,
- **Positive definite** matrix:  $x^T A x > 0$  for all  $x \neq 0_E$ ,
- **Orthogonal** matrix  $A^T A = I$  ( $A$  is real),
- **Unitary** matrix  $A^H A = I$  ( $A$  is complex),
- **Nilpotent** matrix  $\exists k_0$  such that  $A^k = 0$  for all  $k \geq k_0$

### Specific matrices (3)

- If  $\det(A) = 0$  then  $A$  is a **singular**, in that case  $\text{rank}(A) < n$ .
- $A$  and  $B$  **equivalent** then there exist  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $B = Q^{-1}AP$  (note that  $A$  may not be a square matrix),
- $A$  and  $B$  are **similar** then there exists  $P$  such that  $B = P^{-1}AP$  (note that this assumes that  $A$  is a square matrix),
- $A$  and  $B$  are **congruent** then there exists  $P$  non-singular such that  $B = P^TAP$  ( $B = P^HAP$ , if  $B$  is complex),

## Specific matrices (4)

- $A = (a_{ij})_{ij}$  is a **Toeplitz** matrix if there exist  $2n - 1$  scalar  $r_k$ ,  $k = -n + 1, \dots, n - 1$  such that  $a_{ij} = r_{j-i}$ . In that case:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} r_0 & r_1 & \dots & r_{n-2} & r_{n-1} \\ r_{-1} & r_0 & \dots & r_{n-3} & r_{n-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ r_{-n+1} & r_{-n+2} & \dots & r_{-1} & r_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Each diagonal or sub-diagonal is formed by only one value.

- A **dyadic** matrix is such that  $A = xy^\top$
- A pos. def. mat.,  $B$  **matrix square root** of  $A$  if  $A = BB^\top$ ,
- $P$  is a **projection matrix** if  $P^\top = P$  and  $P^2 = P$ .

## Matrix calculus (1)

- The **trace** of  $A$  is defined as  $\text{Tr}(A) \triangleq \sum_i a_{ii}$
- $\lambda A + \mu B \triangleq (\lambda a_{ij} + \mu b_{ij})_{ij}$
- $AB \triangleq (\sum_k a_{ik} b_{kj})_{ij}$  (only the number of columns of  $A$  needs to be the same as the number of lines of  $B$  for the matrix multiplication to be possible),
- Other operations are defined from the elements:

$$A^T = (a_{ji})_{ji} \text{ (transpose) ; } \bar{A} = (\bar{a}_{ij})_{ij} \text{ (conjugate) ;}$$

$$A^H = (\bar{a}_{ji})_{ji} = \bar{A}^T \text{ (Hermitian),}$$

## Matrix calculus (2)

- Let  $A_{ij}$  be the sub-matrix created from  $A$  when removing the column and the line containing  $a_{ij}$  then, the determinant of  $A$  is defined recursively as

$$\det(A) = |A| \triangleq \sum_j (-1)^{i+j} a_{ij} \det(A_{ij})$$

$A_{ij}$  is a **minor** and  $(-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{ij})$  is a **cofactor** of  $A$ .



## Properties (1)

- $AB \neq BA$  in general
- $\text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA)$
- $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B) = \det(BA)$
- $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$
- $\det(A^{-1}) = (\det(A))^{-1}$ .  $A^{-1}$  exists iff  $A$  non-singular.
- $A$   $n \times n$  matrix,  $\det(\lambda A) = \lambda^n \det(A)$ ,  $\forall \lambda \in K$ .
- $\det(A^H) = \overline{\det(A)}$
- $A$   $n \times m$  matrix and  $B$   $m \times n$  matrix then  
 $\det(I_n - AB) = \det(I_m - BA)$

## Properties (2)

- $M$  block matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix},$$

then  $\det(M) = \det(A) \det(D - CA^{-1}B)$ .

If  $B = C = 0$  ( $M$  block diag.),  $\det(M) = \det(A) \det(D)$ .

- If  $A$  is a dyadic matrix then  $\text{rank}(A) = ?$ .
- **Matrix inversion lemma:** Given  $A, B, C, D$

$$(A + BCD)^{-1} = A^{-1} - A^{-1}B(DA^{-1}B + C^{-1})^{-1}DA^{-1},$$

if  $A^{-1}$ ,  $C^{-1}$  and  $(DA^{-1}B + C^{-1})^{-1}$  exist.

- $B$  matrix square root of  $A$ , then  $\text{range}(B) = \text{range}(A)$ .

## Eigenspaces (1)

### Eigenvalue, eigenvector:

- $f : E \rightarrow F$  linear transform.  $\lambda$  is an **eigenvalue** of  $f$  if there exists  $u \neq 0_E$  such that  $f(u) = \lambda u$ . In that case  $u$  is an **eigenvector** of  $f$ .

The subspace generated by  $\{u \text{ such that } f(u) = \lambda u\}$  is called the **eigensubspace** associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

- Given  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  associated with the eigenvector  $u$  if and only if

$$Au = \lambda u$$

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## Eigenspaces (2)

A a  $n \times n$  matrix its **characteristic polynomial** is given by

$$P_A(\lambda) \triangleq \det(A - \lambda I)$$

Its is a polynomial in  $\lambda$  of order  $n$  and is of the form

$$P_A(\lambda) = (-1)^n \lambda^n + (-1)^{n-1} \text{Tr}(A) \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + \det(A)$$

## Eigenspaces (3)

- **Characteristic equation:**

$$P_A(\lambda) = 0$$

and the set  $\{\lambda_i\}$  of all eigenvalues of  $A$  is defined by the set of solution of the characteristic polynomial.

- In other words, the eigenvalues of  $A$  are the roots of the characteristic polynomial.
- **Cayley Hamilton theorem:** Any matrix satisfies its own characteristic equation,

$$P_A(A) = 0.$$

## Eigenspaces (4)

- The equation  $Ax = \lambda x$  can be generalised as  $AX = X\Lambda$ , where the column of  $X$  are the eigenvectors of  $A$ . This therefore shows that  $\Lambda = X^{-1}AX$  so that  $A$  is similar to the diagonal matrix  $\Lambda$  formed by its eigenvalues. The transition matrix is such that its columns are the eigenvectors of  $A$ .
- This generalises to the base change case. When **changing the basis**  $\mathcal{B}$  for another basis  $\mathcal{B}'$  then the matrix is mapped onto a similar matrix  $A'$  by a **transition matrix**  $P$  as follows

$$A' = P^{-1}AP,$$

where the columns of  $P$  are the coordinates of the new basis vectors (vectors of  $\mathcal{B}'$ ) in the former basis  $\mathcal{B}$ . Moreover, if  $A$  is symmetric then,  $P$  is orthogonal (or unitary).

## Gram-Schmidt orthogonalisation (1)

### Gram determinant

$n$  vectors  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  are linearly independent if and only if their corresponding Gram determinant  $\det(G)$  is non-zero, where

$$G \triangleq \begin{pmatrix} \langle x_1, x_1 \rangle & \dots & \langle x_1, x_n \rangle \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \langle x_n, x_1 \rangle & \dots & \langle x_n, x_n \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$G$  is called the **Gram matrix** associated with  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ .

Clearly,  $G$  is symmetric positive definite.

## Gram-Schmidt orthogonalisation (2)

- Normalise  $x_1$  to define  $e_1$ .
- Given  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{i-1}\}$ ,  $e_i$  is defined by subtracting from  $x_i$  its projection on the space spanned by  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{i-1}\}$  and normalising the result

$$p_i = \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \langle x_i, e_k \rangle e_k \text{ and } e_i = \frac{x_i - p_i}{\|x_i - p_i\|}$$



## Gram-Schmidt orthogonalisation (3)

1.  $C \leftarrow \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$
2.  $m \leftarrow 1, t \leftarrow 0, y \leftarrow x_1, C \leftarrow C - \{x_1\}$
3.  $t \leftarrow n + 1, e_t \leftarrow y/\|y\|$
4. If  $C$  is empty, then end.
5. Else  $m \leftarrow m + 1, y \leftarrow x_m - \sum_{k=1}^t \langle x_m, e_k \rangle e_k,$   
 $C \leftarrow C - \{x_m\}$
6. If  $y = 0$  repeat 4. (This may happen if one of the initial vectors is null).
7. Else go to 3.

$m$  gives the dimension of the space spanned by  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  (and therefore the number of orthonormal vectors  $e_i$  found).

## QR decomposition

- Any  $n \times m$  matrix  $A$  whose columns are linearly independent can be written as  $A = QR$  where the columns of  $Q$  are orthonormal and  $R$  is an upper triangular invertible matrix. Moreover, if  $m = n$ , then  $Q$  is an orthogonal matrix.
- The idea here is to use this scheme for solving a system  $Ax = b$ . In the case where matrices are square,  $Q$  is orthogonal so that  $Q^T = Q^{-1}$ . Therefore

$$Ax = b \Leftrightarrow QRx = b \Leftrightarrow Rx = Q^T b$$

The latter system is straightforward to solve since  $R$  is an upper triangular matrix.

## Singular Value Decomposition (1)

If  $A$  is a real  $m \times n$  matrix, there exist two square orthogonal matrices  $U$  ( $m \times m$ ) and  $V$  ( $n \times n$ ) such that

$$U^T A V = \Sigma \triangleq \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \sigma_p \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $p = \min(m, n)$  and  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_p \geq 0$  are called the **singular values** of  $A$  and the columns  $u_i$  of  $U$  and  $v_i$  of  $V$  are the left and right **singular vectors** of  $A$ .

## SVD (2)

If we define  $r$  such that

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > \sigma_{r+1} = \dots = \sigma_p = 0$$

then

- $\text{rank}(A) = r$ ,
- $\ker(A)$  is the subspace generated by  $\{v_{r+1}, \dots, v_n\}$ ,
- $\text{range}(A)$  is the subspace generated by  $\{u_1, \dots, u_r\}$ ,
- and the SVD expansion of  $A$  is defined as

$$A \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i u_i v_i^{\top}.$$

SVD (3)

If  $U^T AV = \Sigma$  then,

$$(U^T AV)^T U^T AV = \Sigma^T \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \sigma_p^2 \end{pmatrix} = (V^T A^T U)(U^T AV)$$

## SVD (4)

Therefore, since  $U$  and  $V$  are orthogonal,

$$V^T(A^T A)V = \Sigma^T \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \sigma_p^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U^T(AA^T)U = \Sigma \Sigma^T = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \sigma_p^2 & & \\ & & & 0 & \\ & 0 & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## SVD (5)

Finally,

$$A^T A = V \Sigma^T \Sigma V^T = V \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \sigma_p^2 \end{pmatrix} V^T$$

$$A A^T = U \Sigma \Sigma^T U^T$$

The computation of the singular value decomposition is therefore simply done by calculating the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A^T A$  ( $n \times n$ ). This gives  $V$  as eigenvector matrix and  $\{\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_p^2\}$  as eigenvalues.  $U$  is similarly computed from the eigensystem corresponding to  $A A^T$  ( $m \times m$ ).

## SVD (6)

It is often the case that  $n \ll m$ . In that case finding the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  is far easier than finding the eigensystem of  $AA^T$ . Since often only the singular values are of interest, the calculation only concentrates on  $A^T A$ .



## Pseudo-inverse matrix (1)

Given the equation system  $Ax = b$ , one would ideally like to calculate  $x = A^{-1}b$ . In the case where  $A^{-1}$  does not exist, we define a matrix  $A^\#$  (also noted  $A^+$ ) called the **pseudo-inverse** of  $A$ , such that,

$$x = A^\#b = A^+b.$$

## Pseudo-inverse matrix (2)

It should be an inverse in a weaker sense and we define it such that:

- $AA^\#A = A$  (as opposed to  $AA^{-1} = I$ )
- $A^\#AA^\# = A^\#$  (as opposed to  $A^{-1}A = I$ )

One can easily verify that if we define

$$A^\# = (A^\top A)^{-1} A^\top$$

The properties are satisfied.

## Pseudo-inverse matrix (3)

It can be shown that the above definition derives from the solution of the system “projected” into the range of  $A$  ( $\text{range}(A)$ ). In other words, the solution  $x^* = A^+b$  characterised is such that  $b^* = Ax^*$  is the projection of  $b$  on  $\text{range}(A)$  (minimum square error (MSE) solution). The projection matrix such that  $b^* = Pb$  is then

$$P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T.$$

## Solving linear systems (1)

Cramer system:  $A^{-1}$  exists

$$\Rightarrow x = A^{-1}b$$

$$\Rightarrow b \in \text{range}(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ker}(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Unique solution

## Solving linear systems (2)

Over determined system:  $n$  equations,  $m$  unknown,  $n > m$

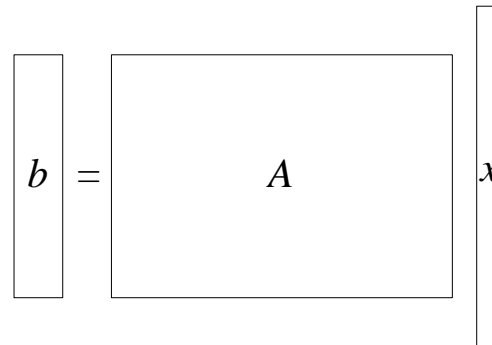
$\Rightarrow$  Unlikely to have  $b \in \text{range}(A)$

A diagram illustrating the linear system equation  $b = Ax$ . The variable  $b$  is enclosed in a tall, narrow rectangle. The variable  $A$  is enclosed in a tall, wide rectangle. The variable  $x$  is enclosed in a short, narrow rectangle. The equation is written as  $b = Ax$ , with the rectangles positioned around the variables to indicate their dimensions:  $b$  is  $n \times 1$ ,  $A$  is  $n \times m$ , and  $x$  is  $m \times 1$ .

## Solving linear systems (3)

Under determined system:  $n$  equations,  $m$  unknown,  $n < m$

$\Rightarrow$  Many possible solutions. Which to choose?



A diagram representing the linear system  $b = Ax$ . It consists of three rectangular boxes arranged horizontally. The first box on the left is tall and narrow, containing the variable  $b$ . To its right is an equals sign  $=$ . The third box is a wide rectangle containing the variable  $A$ . To the right of this wide box is another tall and narrow box containing the variable  $x$ .

Cases 2 and 3: characterise a solution. We define

$$\varepsilon = b - Ax$$

## Solving linear systems (case 2)

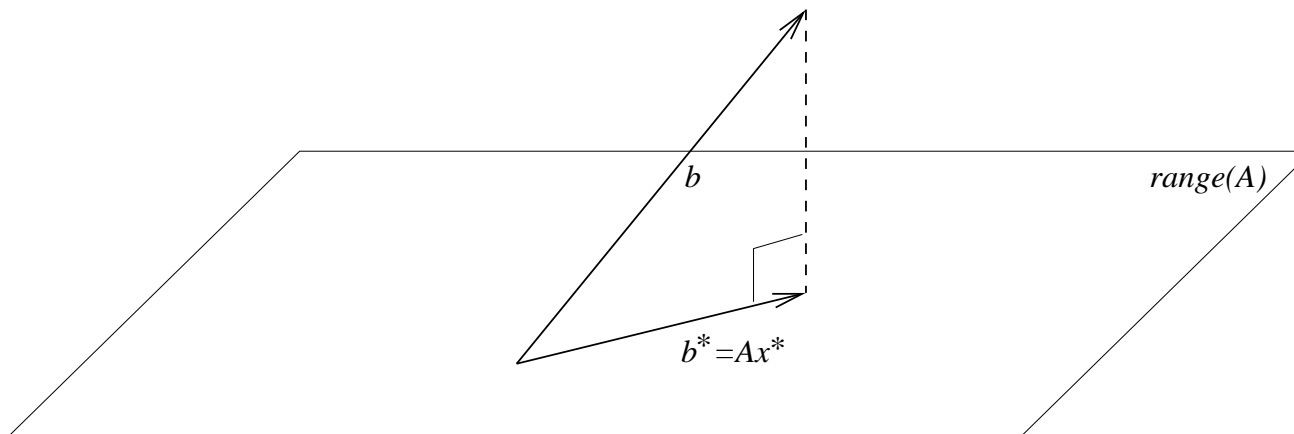
MSE criterion  $\|\varepsilon\|^2 = \varepsilon^\top \varepsilon$ 

$$\|\varepsilon\|^2 = b^\top b - 2x^\top A^\top b + x^\top A^\top A x$$

$$\frac{\partial \|\varepsilon\|^2}{\partial x} = 0 - 2A^\top b + 2A^\top A x$$

$$\frac{\partial \|\varepsilon\|^2}{\partial x} = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^* = (A^\top A)^{-1} A^\top b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow b^* = Ax^* = A(A^\top A)^{-1} A^\top b$$



## Solving linear systems (case 3)

We have plenty of solutions.

We choose  $\min \|x\|^2$  as criterion (min norm least square MNLS)

$Ax = b$  is a constraint

Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L} = \|x\|^2 + \lambda^\top (b - Ax)$

Saddle point:  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = 0; \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda} = 0$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = 2x - A^\top \lambda \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda} = b - Ax$$

$$\text{Saddle point} \Leftrightarrow 2Ax - AA^\top \lambda = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda = 2(AA^\top)^{-1}b \quad \Leftrightarrow x^* = A^\top (AA^\top)^{-1}b$$

$$\text{Duality: MSE } ((A^\top A)^{-1}A^\top) \leftrightarrow \text{MNLS } (A^\top (AA^\top)^{-1})$$