

## Step-1

Consider the equation:

$$Ax = b$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \\ E \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The objective is to find the minimum length least squares solution  $x^+ = A^+b$  to the above equation.

## Step-2

First find the general solution to  $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$ .

Obtain,  $A^T A$  as follows:

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Step-3

Assume that,

$$\hat{x} = (C, D, E)$$

So,

$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \\ E \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3C + D + E \\ C + D + E \\ C + D + E \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Step-4

Consider the following three equations:

$$3C + D + E = 4$$

$$C + D + E = 2$$

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Subtracting second (or third) equation from the first equation, obtained as  $2C = 2$ .

This gives  $C = 1$ .

Substituting this value in the second (or third) equation, obtained as,  $D + E = 1$ .

That is,  $E = 1 - D$ .

Thus, the general solution is,  $\hat{x} = (1, D, 1 - D)$ .

## Step-5

Assume that,  $\hat{x} = (1, D, 1 - D)$  lies in the row space of the matrix  $A$ .

So,  $\hat{x}$  can be expressed as a linear combination of the rows of the matrix  $A$

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned}(1, D, 1 - D) &= a(1, 0, 0) + b(1, 0, 0) + c(1, 1, 1) \\ &= (a + b + c, c, c)\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $D = 1 - D$

$$D = \frac{1}{2}.$$

This gives,  $\boxed{\hat{x} = \left(1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)}.$

This solution fits for the plane  $C + Dt + Ez = 2$  for  $t = z = 1$ .