

$$\theta_6) \quad p_{ij} = (x_i, y_j) \quad , \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m \quad , \quad j=1, 2, \dots, N$$

$$f(u, v) = \theta_1 + \theta_2 u + \theta_3 v + \theta_4 uv$$

$$f(p_{ij}) = f_{ij}$$

$$(a) \quad A\theta = b$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & y_1 & x_1 y_1 \\ 1 & x_1 & y_2 & x_1 y_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_1 & y_n & x_1 y_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_2 & y_1 & x_2 y_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_m & y_1 & x_m y_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_m & y_n & x_m y_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \theta_3 \\ \theta_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} \\ f_{12} \\ \vdots \\ f_{1n} \\ \vdots \\ f_{m1} \\ \vdots \\ f_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow \\ \mathbb{R}^{mn \times 4}$$

$$\downarrow \\ \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 1}$$

$$\downarrow \\ \mathbb{R}^{mn \times 1}$$

(b) For unique solution to the equation $A\theta = b$
 Firstly for the existence of solution $b \in \text{colspan}(A)$
 Secondly for it to be unique columns of A
 should form the basis of $\text{colspan}(A)$.
 This implies that columns of A should be
 linearly independent.

Hence, no. of rows \geq no. of columns

$$\text{No. of rows} = MN$$

$$\text{No. of columns} = 4$$

$$\text{Hence } MN \geq 4$$

Since we want to minimise M and N , we will choose $MN = 4$.

Now for M and N individually, we have three possibilities.

a) $M = 1$ $N = 4$

b) $M = 2$ $N = 2$

c) $M = 4$ $N = 1$

Consider

(a) $M = 1$, $N = 4$, Second column becomes all x_1 and thus linearly dependent because first column is all 1. Hence the solution will not be unique in this case.

(c) If we consider $M = 4$, $N = 1$, then similarly third column will become all y_1 and thus linearly dependent. Resulting in no unique solutions.

Thus minimum values of M and N such that $AX = b$ may expect a unique solution are

$$M = 2 \text{ and } N = 2$$