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# Linear Algebra

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# Lecture Overview

- Elements in linear algebra
- Linear system
- Linear combination, vector equation,  
Four views of matrix multiplication
- Linear independence, span, and subspace
- Linear transformation
- Least squares
- Eigendecomposition
- Singular value decomposition



# Over-determined Linear Systems (#equations >> #variables)

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# Over-determined Linear Systems (#equations >> #variables)

- Recall a linear system:
- What if we have much more data examples?

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- Matrix equation:  $\begin{bmatrix} 60 & 5.5 & 1 \\ 65 & 5.0 & 0 \\ 55 & 6.0 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$   
 $A \quad x = b$

**$m \gg n$ : more equations than variables**  
→ **Usually no solution exists**



# Vector Equation Perspective

- Vector equation form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 60 \\ 65 \\ 55 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} x_1 + \begin{bmatrix} 5.5 \\ 5.0 \\ 6.0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} x_2 + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{a}_1 x_1 + \mathbf{a}_2 x_2 + \mathbf{a}_3 x_3 = \mathbf{b}$$

- Compared to the original space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  
Span  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}$  will be a thin hyperplane,  
so it is likely that  $\mathbf{b} \notin \text{Span } \{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}$
- No solution exists.



# Motivation for Least Squares

- Even if no solution exists, we want to **approximately obtain the solution** for an over-determined system.
- Then, how can we define the **best approximate solution** for our purpose?



# Inner Product

- Given  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we can consider  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  as  $n \times 1$  matrices.
  - The transpose  $\mathbf{u}^T$  is a  $1 \times n$  matrix, and the matrix product  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}$  is a  $1 \times 1$  matrix, which we write as a scalar without brackets.
  - The number  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}$  is called the **inner product** or **dot product** of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ , and it is written as  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ .
- For  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} = [3 \quad 2 \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = [14]$
- $$(1 \times 3)(3 \times 1) = 1 \times 1$$



# Properties of Inner Product

- **Theorem:** Let  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $c$  be a scalar. Then
  - a)  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}$
  - b)  $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$
  - c)  $(c\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = c(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot (c\mathbf{v})$
  - d)  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \geq 0$ , and  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$  if and only if  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$
- Properties (b) and (c) can be combined to produce the following useful rule:

$$(c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \cdots + c_p\mathbf{u}_p) \cdot \mathbf{w} = c_1(\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{w}) + \cdots + c_p(\mathbf{u}_p \cdot \mathbf{w})$$





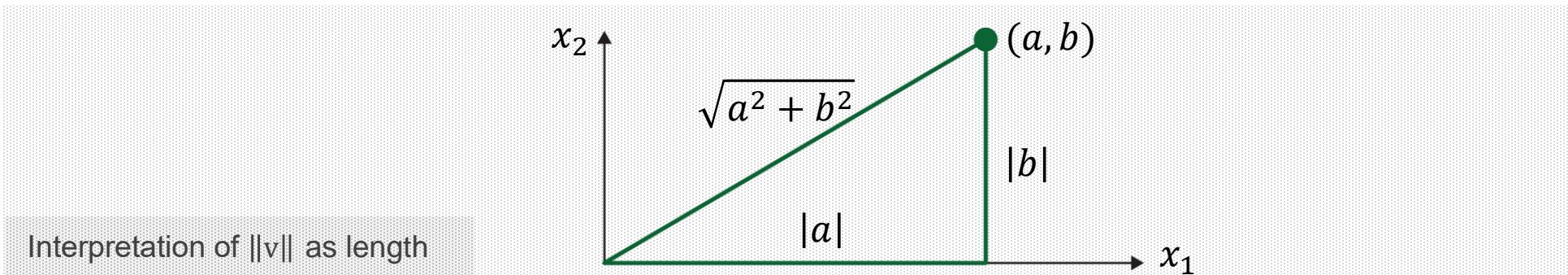
# Vector Norm

- For  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , with entries  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ , the square root of  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}$  is defined because  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}$  is nonnegative.
- **Definition:** The **length** (or **norm**) of  $\mathbf{v}$  is the non-negative scalar  $\|\mathbf{v}\|$  defined as the square root of  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}$  :

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \cdots + v_n^2} \text{ and } \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

# Geometric Meaning of Vector Norm

- Suppose  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , say,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ .
- $\|\mathbf{v}\|$  is the length of the line segment from the origin to  $\mathbf{v}$ .
- This follows from Pythagorean Theorem applied to a triangle such as the one shown in the following figure:



- For any scalar  $c$ , the length  $c\mathbf{v}$  is  $|c|$  times the length of  $\mathbf{v}$ . That is,

$$\|c\mathbf{v}\| = |c|\|\mathbf{v}\|$$



# Unit Vector

- A vector whose length is 1 is called a **unit vector**.
- **Normalizing** a vector: Given a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{v}$ , if we divide it by its length, we obtain a unit vector  $\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \mathbf{v}$ .
- **$\mathbf{u}$**  is in the same direction as  **$\mathbf{v}$** , but its length is 1.



# Distance between Vectors in $\mathbb{R}^n$

- **Definition:** For  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the **distance between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$** , written as  $\text{dist}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$ , is the length of the vector  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$ .  
That is,

$$\text{dist}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|$$

- **Example:** Compute the distance between the vector  
 $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- **Solution:** Calculate

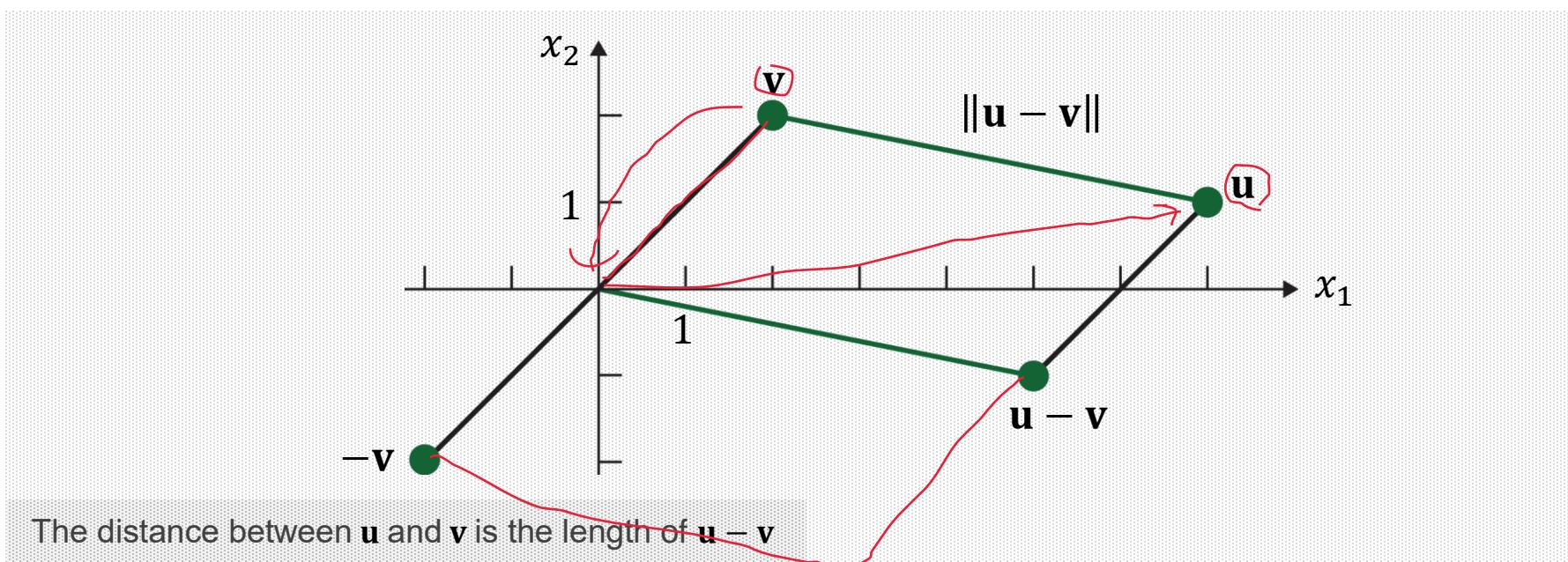
$$\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{3^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{10}$$

# Distance between Vectors in $\mathbb{R}^n$

- The distance from  $\mathbf{u}$  to  $\mathbf{v}$  is the same as the distance from  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$  to 0.

$$\|\mathbf{u} + (-1)\mathbf{v}\|$$

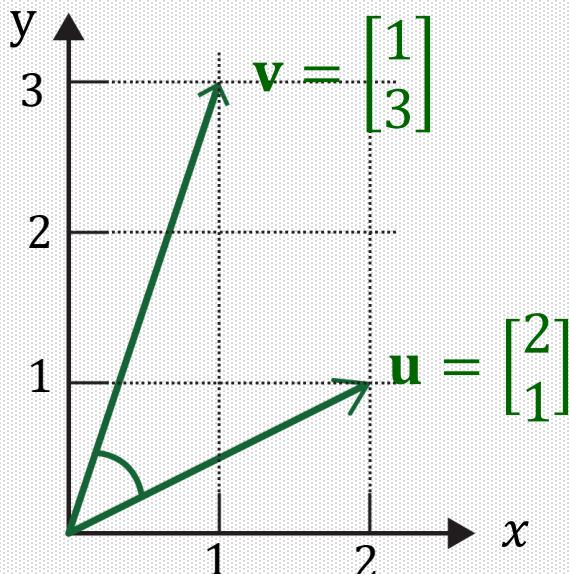


# Inner Product and Angle Between Vectors

- Inner product between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  can be rewritten using their norms and angle:

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \cos \theta$$

- Example:**



$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = [2 \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 5$$

$$\|\mathbf{u}\| = \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{5} \quad \|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{10}$$

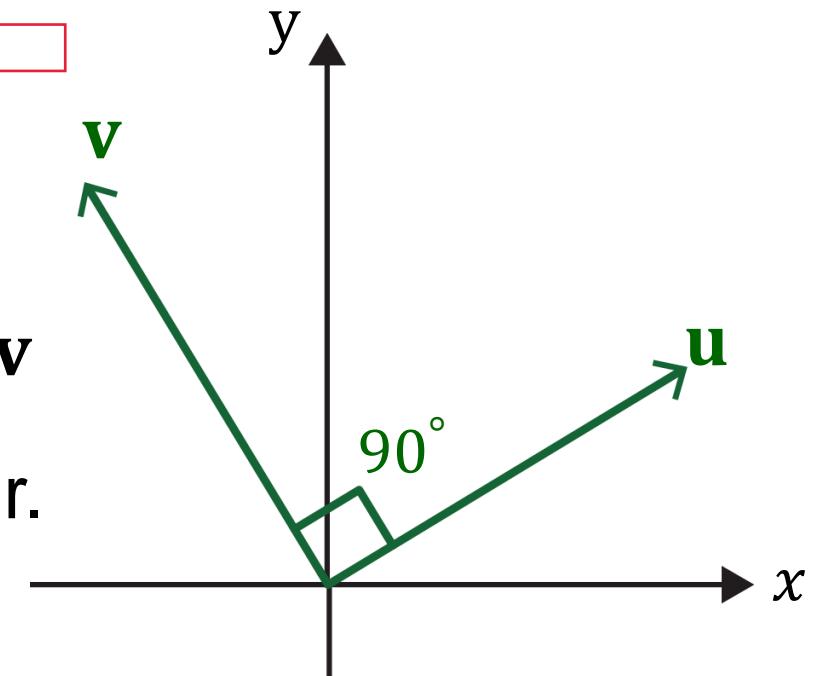
$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 5 = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \cos \theta = \sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{10} \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{5}{\sqrt{50}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 45^\circ$$

# Orthogonal Vectors

- **Definition:**  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are **orthogonal** (to each other) if  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$   
That is,  
$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \cos \theta = 0.$$
  - $\cos \theta = 0$  for nonzero vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$
  - $\theta = 90^\circ$  ( $\mathbf{u} \perp \mathbf{v}$ ).
  - $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are perpendicular each other.





# Summary So Far

- Linear transformation
  - Properties of linear transformation
  - Standard matrix
  - One-to-one
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- Vector norm, distance, and inner product
- Intro to least squares

# Back to Over-Determined System

- Let's start with the original problem:

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$$\begin{array}{c} A \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \\ \left[ \begin{matrix} 60 & 5.5 & 1 \\ 65 & 5.0 & 0 \\ 55 & 6.0 & 1 \end{matrix} \right] \left[ \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{matrix} \right] = \left[ \begin{matrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \end{matrix} \right] \end{array}$$

- Using the inverse matrix, the solution is  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.4 \\ 20 \\ -20 \end{bmatrix}$

# Back to Over-Determined System

- Let's add one more example:

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3	55kg	6.0ft	Yes (=1)	78
4	50kg	5.0ft	Yes (=1)	72

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 60 & 5.5 & 1 \\ 65 & 5.0 & 0 \\ 55 & 6.0 & 1 \\ 50 & 5.0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \\ 72 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -0.4 \\ 20 \\ -20 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Now, let's use the previous solution  $x =$

Errors

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 60 & 5.5 & 1 \\ 65 & 5.0 & 0 \\ 55 & 6.0 & 1 \\ 50 & 5.0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -0.4 \\ 20 \\ -20 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \\ 60 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \\ 72 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\mathbf{b} - Ax) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Back to Over-Determined System

- How about using slightly different solution  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.12 \\ 16 \\ -9.5 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

$A$	$\mathbf{x}$	$\neq$	$\mathbf{b}$	Errors
$\begin{bmatrix} 60 & 5.5 & 1 \\ 65 & 5.0 & 0 \\ 55 & 6.0 & 1 \\ 50 & 5.0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -0.12 \\ 16 \\ -9.5 \end{bmatrix}$	$=$	$\begin{bmatrix} 71.3 \\ 72.2 \\ 79.9 \\ 64.5 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \\ 72 \end{bmatrix}$
		$\neq$		$\begin{bmatrix} -5.3 \\ 1.8 \\ -1.9 \\ 7.5 \end{bmatrix}$



# Which One is Better Solution?

$A$	$x$	$\neq$	$b$	Errors $(b - Ax)$
$\begin{bmatrix} 60 & 5.5 & 1 \\ 65 & 5.0 & 0 \\ 55 & 6.0 & 1 \\ 50 & 5.0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -0.12 \\ 16 \\ -9.5 \end{bmatrix}$	$=$	$\begin{bmatrix} 71.3 \\ 72.2 \\ 79.9 \\ 64.5 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \\ 72 \end{bmatrix}$	$-5.3$ $1.8$ $-1.9$ $7.5$

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# Least Squares: Best Approximation Criterion

- Let's use the squared sum of errors:

Vector Norm

$A$	$x$	$\neq$	$b$	$(b - Ax)$	Errors	Sum of squared errors
$\begin{bmatrix} 60 & 5.5 & 1 \\ 65 & 5.0 & 0 \\ 55 & 6.0 & 1 \\ 50 & 5.0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -0.12 \\ 16 \\ -9.5 \end{bmatrix}$	$=$	$\begin{bmatrix} 71.3 \\ 69 \\ 79.9 \\ 64.5 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \\ 72 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -5.3 \\ 1.8 \\ -1.9 \\ 7.5 \end{bmatrix}$	$((-5.3)^2 + 1.8^2 + (-1.9)^2 + 7.5^2)^{0.5} = 9.55$

Better solution

$\begin{bmatrix} 60 & 5.5 & 1 \\ 65 & 5.0 & 0 \\ 55 & 6.0 & 1 \\ 50 & 5.0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -0.4 \\ 20 \\ -20 \end{bmatrix}$	$=$	$\begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \\ 60 \end{bmatrix}$	$\neq$	$\begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \\ 72 \end{bmatrix}$	$0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -12$	$(0^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 + (-12)^2)^{0.5} = 12$
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# Least Squares Problem

- Now, the sum of squared errors can be represented as  $\|\mathbf{b} - Ax\|$ .
- Definition:** Given an overdetermined system  $Ax \simeq \mathbf{b}$  where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $m \gg n$ , a least squares solution  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  is defined as

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{b} - Ax\|$$

- The most important aspect of the least-squares problem is that no matter what  $\mathbf{x}$  we select, the vector  $Ax$  will necessarily be in the column space  $\text{Col } A$ .
- Thus, we seek for  $\mathbf{x}$  that makes  $Ax$  as the closest point in  $\text{Col } A$  to  $\mathbf{b}$ .