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# Linear Algebra

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# Back to Over-Determined System

- Let's start with the original problem:

Person ID	Weight	Height	Is_smoking	Life-span
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$$A \begin{bmatrix} 60 & 5.5 & 1 \\ 65 & 5.0 & 0 \\ 55 & 6.0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

# Back to Over-Determined System

- Let's add one more example:

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

Errors

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

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 A & \mathbf{x} \\
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 \begin{bmatrix} 60 & 5.5 & 1 \\ 65 & 5.0 & 0 \\ 55 & 6.0 & 1 \\ 50 & 5.0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} -0.4 \\ 20 \\ -20 \end{bmatrix} \\
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 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \\ 60 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \\ 72 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\mathbf{b} - Ax) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix}$$



# 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:

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

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

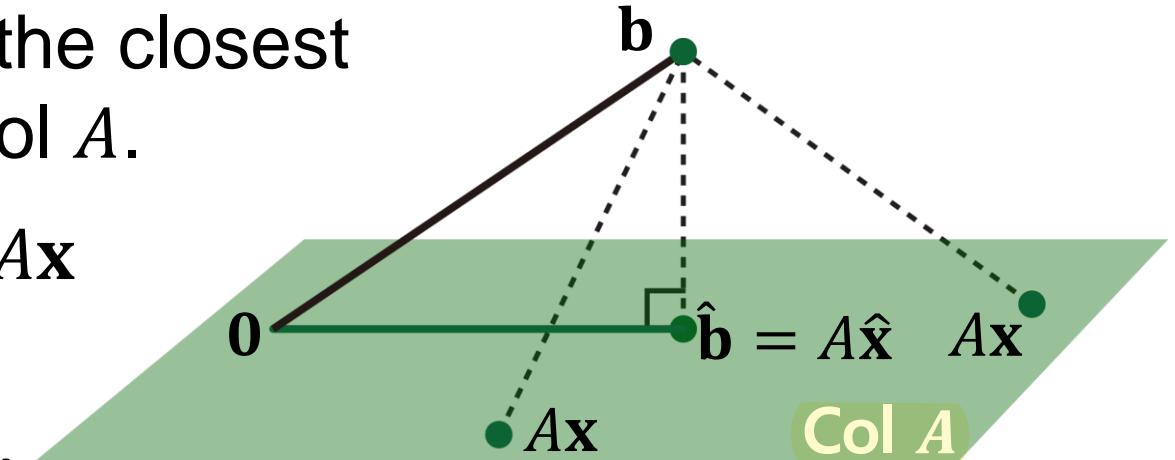
- Now, the sum of squared errors can be represented as  $\|\mathbf{b} - Ax\|$ .
- **Definition:** Given an overdetermined system  $Ax \simeq \mathbf{b}$  where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $m \gg n$ , a least squares solution  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  is defined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

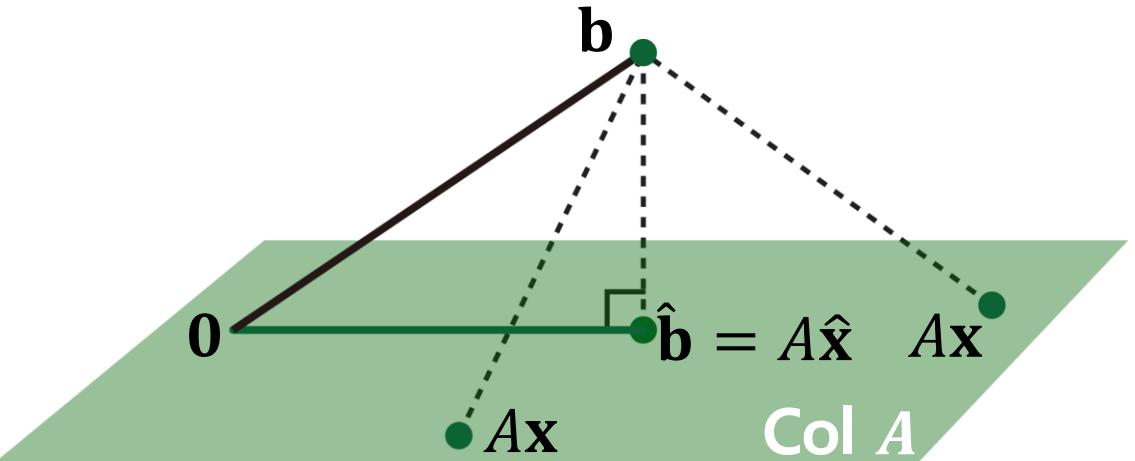
# Geometric Interpretation of Least Squares

- Consider  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  such that  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = A\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  is the closest point to  $\mathbf{b}$  among all points in  $\text{Col } A$ .
- That is,  $\mathbf{b}$  is closer to  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$  than to  $Ax$  for any other  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- To satisfy this, the vector  $\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  should be orthogonal to  $\text{Col } A$ .
- This means  $\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  should be orthogonal to any vector in  $\text{Col } A$ :  
$$\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}} \perp (x_1\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\mathbf{a}_2 \cdots + x_p\mathbf{a}_n) \text{ for any vector } \mathbf{x}$$



# Geometric Interpretation of Least Squares

- $\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}} \perp (x_1\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\mathbf{a}_2 \cdots + x_p\mathbf{a}_n)$   
for any vector  $\mathbf{x}$



- Or equivalently,

$$(\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \perp \mathbf{a}_1$$

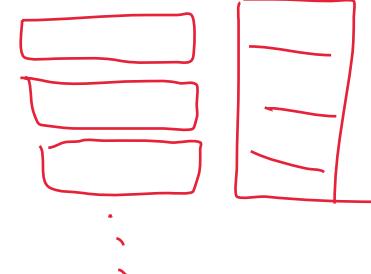
$$(\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \perp \mathbf{a}_2$$

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$$(\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \perp \mathbf{a}_m$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a}_1^T (\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}) &= 0 \\ \mathbf{a}_2^T (\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}) &= 0 \\ &\vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_m^T (\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \hat{\mathbf{x}} &= 0 \\ \mathbf{A}^T (\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}) &= 0\end{aligned}$$



# Normal Equation

- Finally, given a least squares problem,  $Ax \simeq b$ , we obtain

$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T b,$$

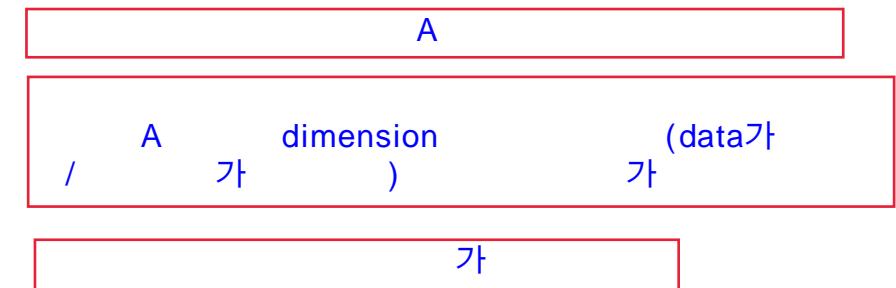
which is called a **normal equation**.

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- This can be viewed as a new linear system,  $Cx = d$ , where a square matrix  $C = A^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , and  $d = A^T b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- If  $C = A^T A$  is **invertible**, then the solution is computed as

$$\hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$



# Another Derivation of Normal Equation

- $\|x\|^2 = X^T X = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 9 + 4$
- $\left[\frac{3}{2}\right]^2 = 9 + 4 = 13$
- $\hat{x} = \arg \min_x \|b - Ax\| = \arg \min_x \|b - Ax\|^2$
  - $= \arg \min_x (b - Ax)^T (b - Ax) = b^T b - x^T A^T b - b^T A x + x^T A^T A x$
  - Computing derivatives w.r.t.  $x$ , we obtain  
 $-A^T b - A^T b + 2A^T A x = 0 \Leftrightarrow A^T A x = A^T b$ 

zero
  - Thus, if  $C = A^T A$  is invertible, then the solution is computed as  
 $x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$
- $f(x) = \underline{A^T x} = x^T A^T$
- $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 3x_1 + 2x_2$
- $f \cdot g = f'g + f,g'$

# Life-Span Example

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- The normal equation  $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$  is

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 13350 & 1235 & 165 \\ 1235 & 116.25 & 16.5 \\ 165 & 16.5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16600 \\ 1561 \\ 216 \end{bmatrix}$$

# What If $C = A^T A$ is NOT Invertible?

- Given  $A^T A x = A^T b$ , what if  $C = A^T A$  is NOT invertible?
- Remember that in this case, the system has either no solution or infinitely many solutions.
- However, the solution always exist for this “normal” equation, and thus infinitely many solutions exist.
- When  $C = A^T A$  is NOT invertible?  
If and only if the columns of  $A$  are linearly dependent. Why? feature
- However,  $C = A^T A$  is usually invertible. Why?

