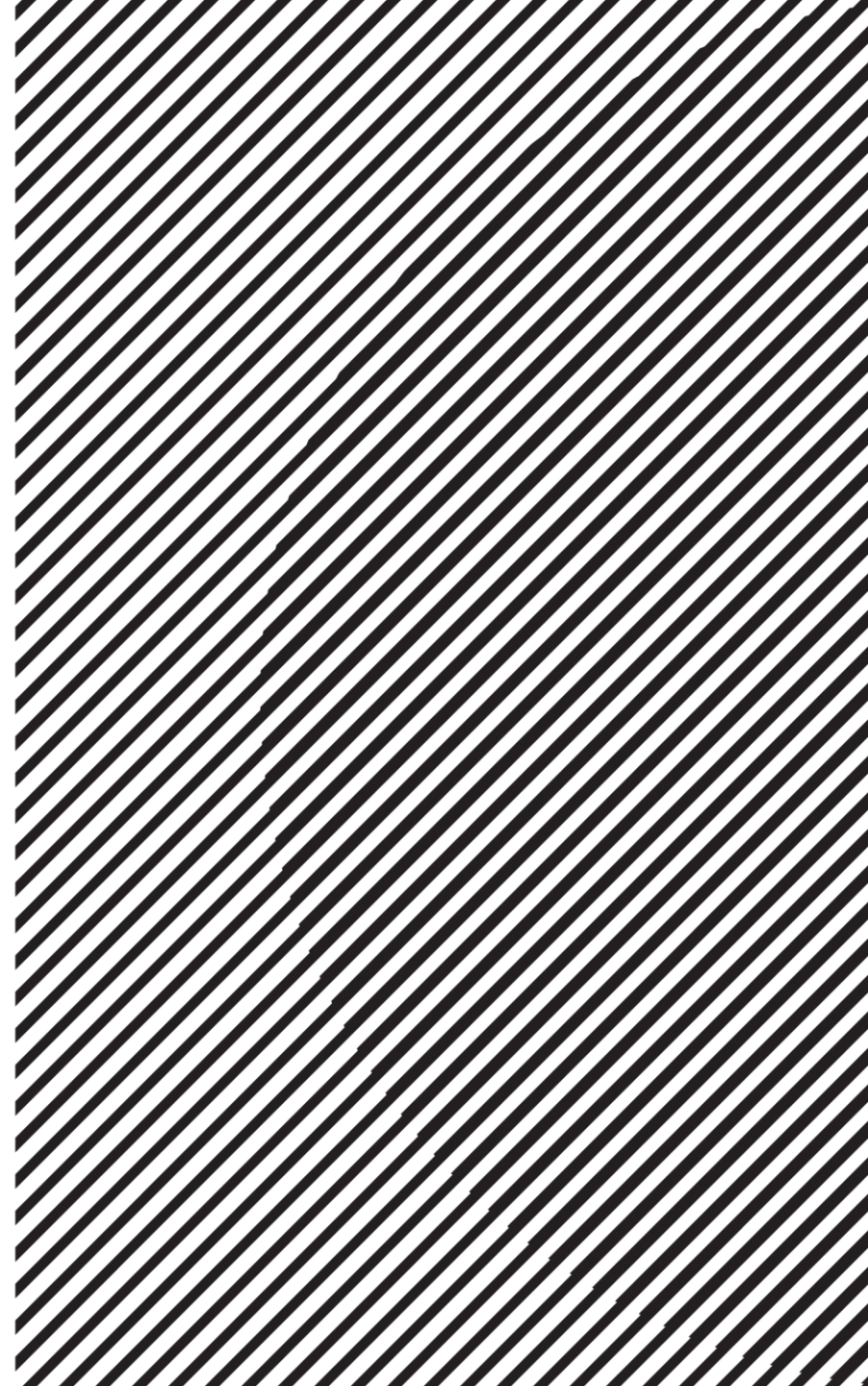

Linear Algebra

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Back to Over-Determined System

- Let's start with the original problem:

Person ID	Weight	Height	Is_smoking	Life-span
1	60kg	5.5ft	Yes (=1)	66
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$$\begin{matrix} & \mathbf{A} & & \mathbf{x} & = & \mathbf{b} \\ \rightarrow & \begin{bmatrix} 60 & 5.5 & 1 \\ 65 & 5.0 & 0 \\ 55 & 6.0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & & \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

- 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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 \end{matrix}$$

- Now, let's use the previous solution $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.4 \\ 20 \\ -20 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{x} & \neq \mathbf{b} & \text{Errors} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 60 & 5.5 & 1 \\ 65 & 5.0 & 0 \\ 55 & 6.0 & 1 \\ 50 & 5.0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} -0.4 \\ 20 \\ -20 \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \\ 60 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \\ 72 \end{bmatrix} & \left| \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -12 \end{array} \right.
 \end{matrix}$$

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

Which One is Better Solution?

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

$\begin{bmatrix} 60 \\ 65 \\ 55 \\ 50 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 5.5 & 1 \\ 5.0 & 0 \\ 6.0 & 1 \\ 5.0 & 1 \end{matrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -0.4 \\ 20 \\ -20 \end{bmatrix}$	$=$	$\begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \\ 60 \end{bmatrix}$	\neq	$\begin{bmatrix} 66 \\ 74 \\ 78 \\ 72 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix}$
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Least Squares: Best Approximation Criterion

- Let's use the squared sum of errors:

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

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

- Now, the sum of squared errors can be represented as $\|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|$.
- **Definition:** Given an overdetermined system $A\mathbf{x} \simeq \mathbf{b}$ 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

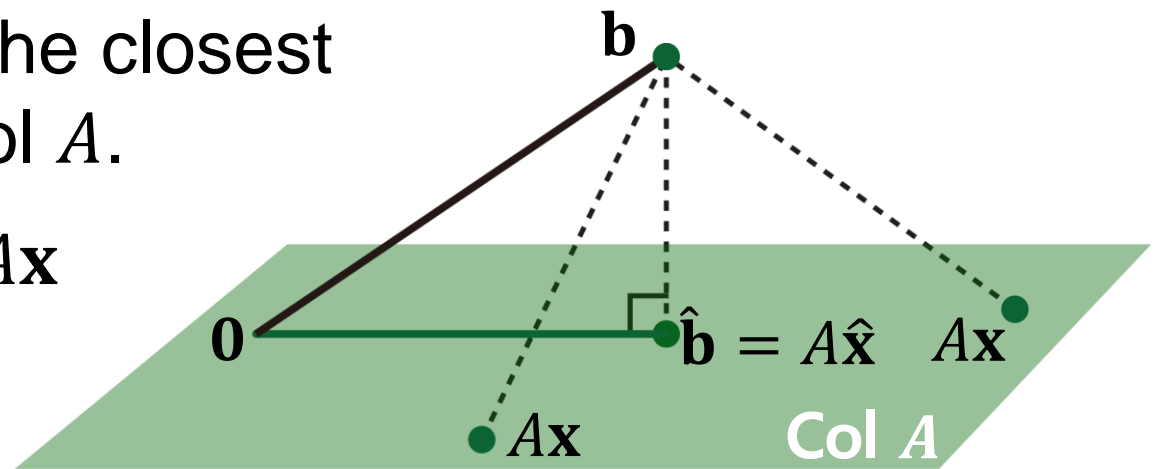
$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|$$

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

Geometric Interpretation of Least Squares

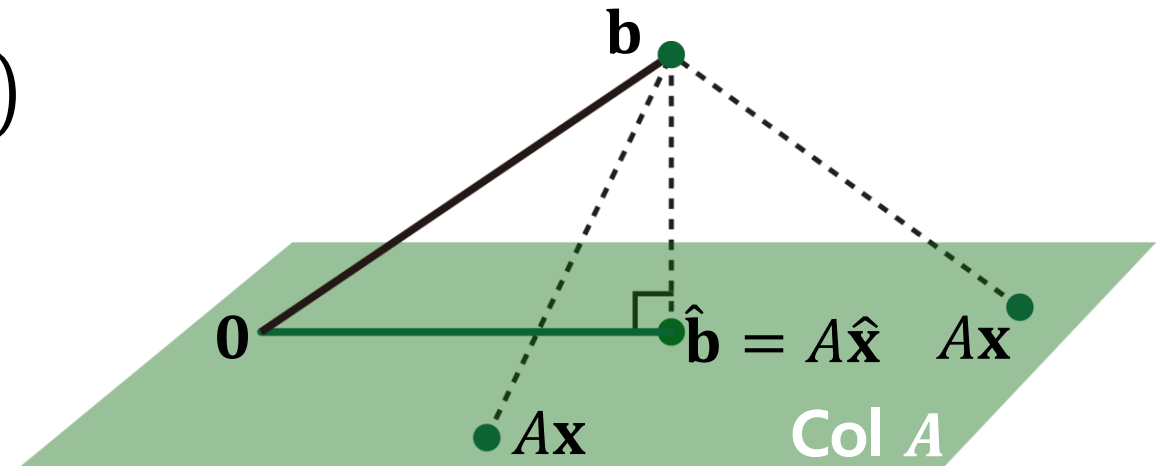
- Consider $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ such that $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = A\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ is the closest point to \mathbf{b} among all points in $\text{Col } A$.
- That is, \mathbf{b} is closer to $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$ than to $A\mathbf{x}$ for any other \mathbf{x} .
- To satisfy this, the vector $\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ 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,
 $(\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \perp \mathbf{a}_1$
 $(\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \perp \mathbf{a}_2$
 \vdots
 $(\mathbf{b} - A\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \perp \mathbf{a}_m$

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

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



Normal Equation

- Finally, given a least squares problem, $A\mathbf{x} \simeq \mathbf{b}$, we obtain

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

which is called a **normal equation**.

- This can be viewed as a new linear system, $C\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d}$,
where a square matrix $C = A^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, and $\mathbf{d} = A^T \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- If $C = A^T A$ is **invertible**, then the solution is computed as
$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b}$$

Another Derivation of Normal Equation

$$\|x\|^2 = X^T X = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 9 + 4$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}^2 = 9 + 4 = 13$$

- $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\| = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|^2$

$$= \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} (\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{x}^T A^T \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}^T A \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T A^T A \mathbf{x}$$

- Computing derivatives w.r.t. \mathbf{x} , we obtain

$$-A^T \mathbf{b} - A^T \mathbf{b} + 2A^T A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad A^T A \mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$$

- Thus, if $C = A^T A$ is invertible, then the solution is computed as

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

$$\boxed{}$$

$$f(x) = A^T x = x A^T$$

$$\frac{df}{dx} = 1$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 3x_1 + 2x_2$$

$$f \cdot g = f'g + f \cdot g'$$

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

