

HW 3 Help Session,
but I won't write down
the solutions!



Matrices $A^T A$ & $A A^T$:

KEY: $N(A^T A) = N(A)$.

Remark: IF E^{-1} exists then
already know

$$R(EA) = R(A).$$

$$N(EA)^\perp = N(A)^\perp$$

$$N(EA) = N(A)$$

But A^T need not be invertible!
need not be square!

TRICK: $\vec{x}^T A^T A \vec{x}$
 $= (A\vec{x})^T (A\vec{x})$

$$= (A\vec{x}) \cdot (A\vec{x}) = \|A\vec{x}\|^2.$$

Follows that

$$\dim N(A^T A) = \dim N(A)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \text{rank}(A^T A) = \text{rank}(A)$$

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Then know

- $A^T A$ square
- the rank of $A^T A$

$$\rightsquigarrow \text{does } (A^T A)^{-1} \text{ exist?}$$

To study $A A^T$, instead of doing it from scratch, just replace A by A^T .



CMR Factorization:

let A be $m \times n$, rank r .

$$r = \dim C(A) = \dim R(A).$$

General Fact: Every spanning set of a vector space contains a basis.

Proof: Let $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k \in V$

be a spanning set for V .

If say $\vec{v}_i = \sum_{j \neq i} c_j \vec{v}_j$ with c_j not all zero, then throw \vec{v}_i away

$$\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_{i-1}, \vec{v}_{i+1}, \vec{v}_k \in V$$

is still a spanning set, keep throwing away \vec{v} 's until you have an independent spanning set, i.e., a basis. ✓

Consequence: We can find columns $\vec{c}_1, \dots, \vec{c}_r \in \mathbb{R}^m$ & rows $\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_r \in \mathbb{R}^n$ so

$\vec{c}_1, \dots, \vec{c}_r$ basis for $\mathcal{C}(A)$

$\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_r$ basis for $\mathcal{R}(A)$

Define $C = \begin{pmatrix} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \vec{c}_1 & \dots & \vec{c}_r \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \end{pmatrix} \quad m \times r$

$R = \begin{pmatrix} - & \vec{r}_1^T & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \vec{r}_r^T & - \end{pmatrix} \quad r \times n$

e.g. $A = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{3} & \boxed{8} \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{6} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad r=2$

[Because 3 is a small number the first two cols & rows are bases. For larger matrices, better to compute RREF:

$\text{RREF}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{2} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} \end{pmatrix}$

Definitely the first two cols
of A will be a basis for $C(A)$.

Reason: Row ops. preserve col. relations.

$$2(\text{col } 1) + 2(\text{col } 2) = (\text{col } 3).$$

$$2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

A BASIS.]

Next: $C \ R \rightsquigarrow m \times n$
 $m \times r \quad r \times n$

$CR = A$? NO.

$$A = CMR$$

for some (invertible) $r \times r$ M .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

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To find M ,
use the fact that

$$(C^T C)^{-1} \text{ \& } (R R^T)^{-1} \text{ exist,}$$

which follows from Prob 1.

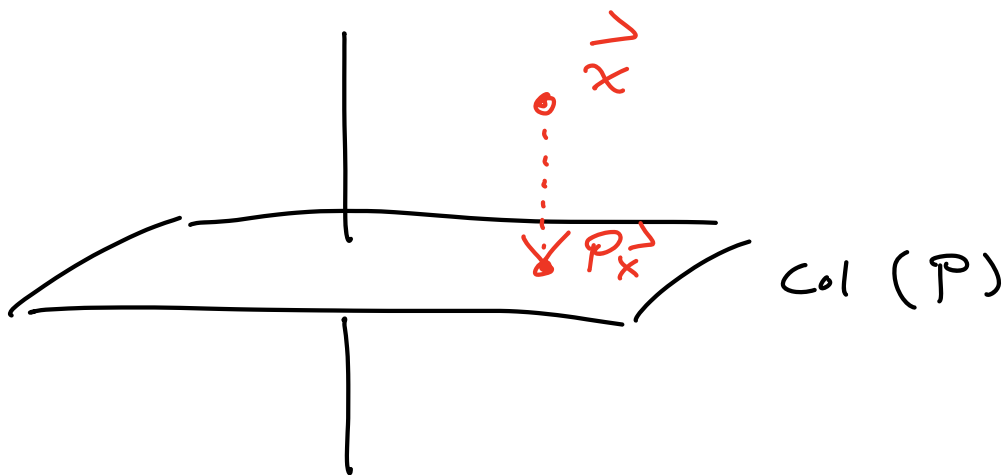


Projection Matrices :

$$P^2 = P \quad \& \quad P^T = P$$

do P twice
= do P once

=> square



$$r = \text{rank } P$$

P is $n \times n$

Then P is projection onto
 r -dim subspace in \mathbb{R}^n

WHY? Facts:

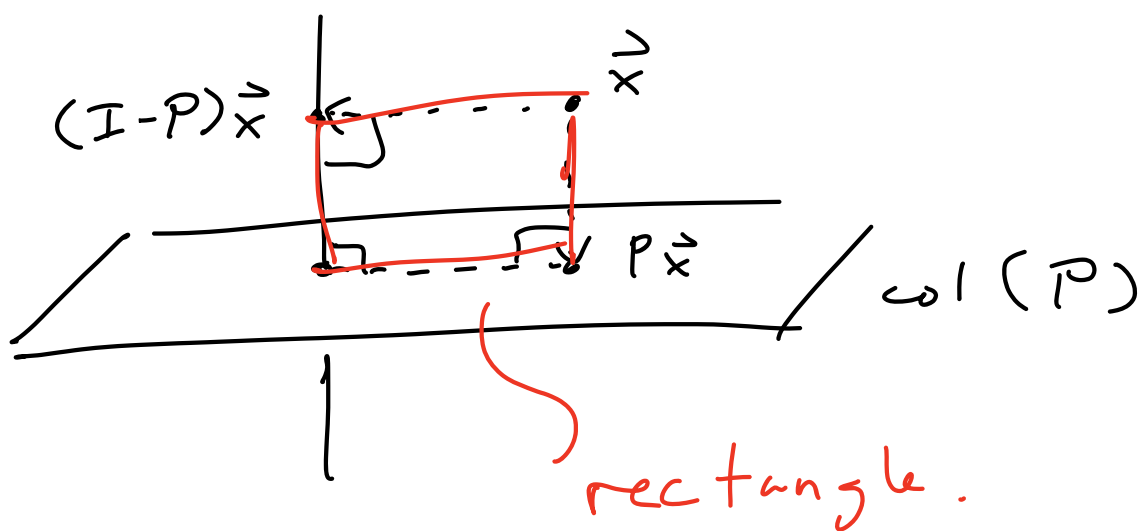
$$\text{Let } P^2 = P \text{ \& } P^T = P.$$

$$\text{Then } (I-P)^2 = I-P$$

$$(I-P)^T = I-P$$

so $I-P$ also a projection.

Projections come in Pairs!



Indeed:

$$P\vec{x} + (I-P)\vec{x}$$

$$P\vec{x} + \vec{x} - P\vec{x} = \vec{x} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Also } (P\vec{x})^T ((I-P)\vec{x}) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

[Behind the scenes:

$$C(P)^\perp = C(I-P). \quad]$$

In general:

$$P^2 = P \quad P \text{ } n \times n$$

$$P^T = P$$

$$\text{rank } P = r$$

see below \exists $n \times r$ A with
ind columns

$$\text{such that } P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T.$$

Don't prove this.

Just check any matrix

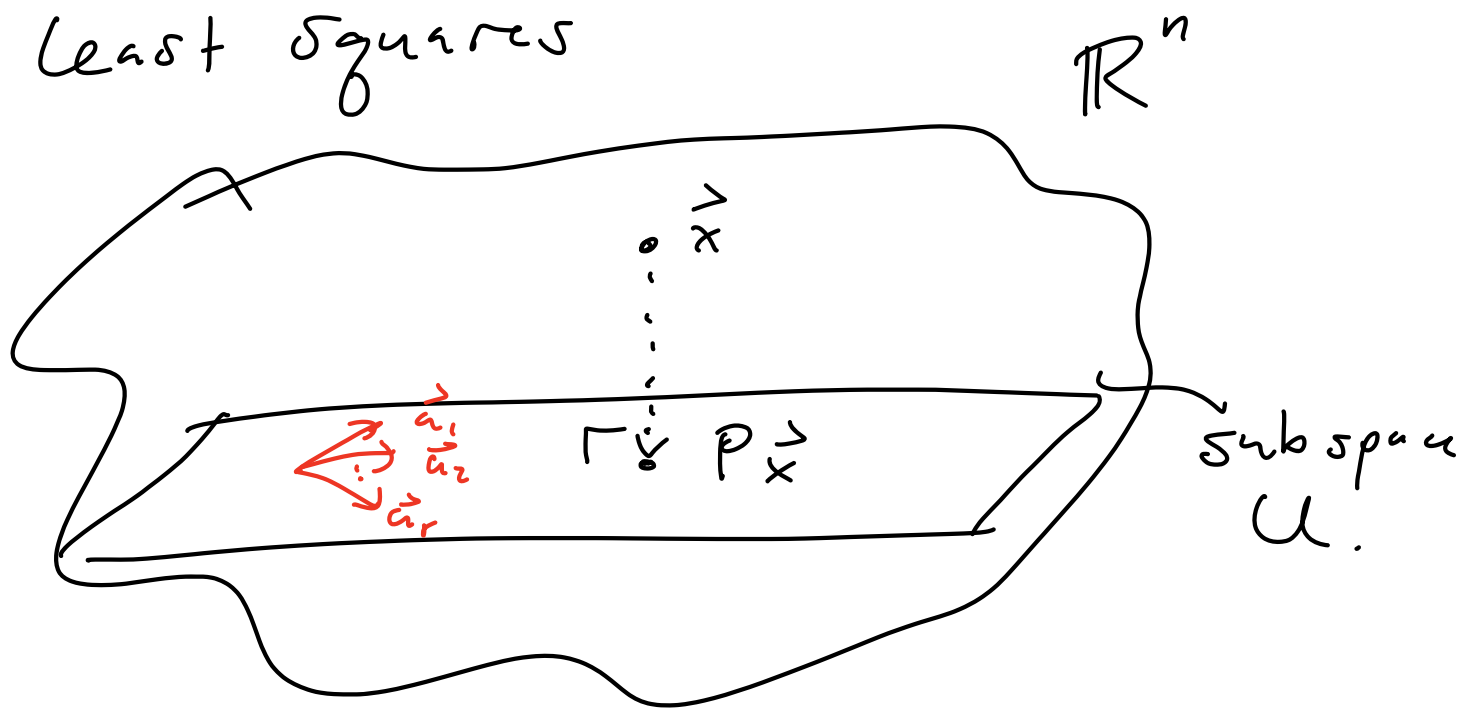
$$P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$$

satisfies $P^2 = P$, $P^T = P$.

Moral: Working with projections is mostly algebraic.



Least Squares



Let P be projection onto subspace

$U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Say $\dim U = r$.

Let $U = C(A)$

A $n \times r$ with ind. cols
giving a basis of U .

$$A = \left(\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \dots & \vec{a}_r \\ | & & | \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}}_r \right) \}^n$$

Geometry:

$$P_{\vec{x}} - \vec{x} \perp \text{all } \vec{a}_i$$

Algebra:

Think $\begin{cases} \circ & A^T (P_{\vec{x}} - \vec{x}) = \vec{0} \\ \circ & P_{\vec{x}} = A \hat{x} \end{cases}$

for some \hat{x} because

$$P_{\vec{x}} \in C(A)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{a} \\ \vec{x} \end{pmatrix} \neq \vec{x}$$

Put it together:

I don't
care what it is!

$$A^T (P\vec{x} - \vec{x}) = \vec{0}$$

$$A^T (A\hat{x} - \vec{x}) = \vec{0}$$

$$A^T A \hat{x} - A^T \vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T \vec{x}$$

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

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

$$P\vec{x} = A (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{x}$$

for all \vec{x}

$$\rightsquigarrow P = A (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \quad \checkmark$$

Least Squares:

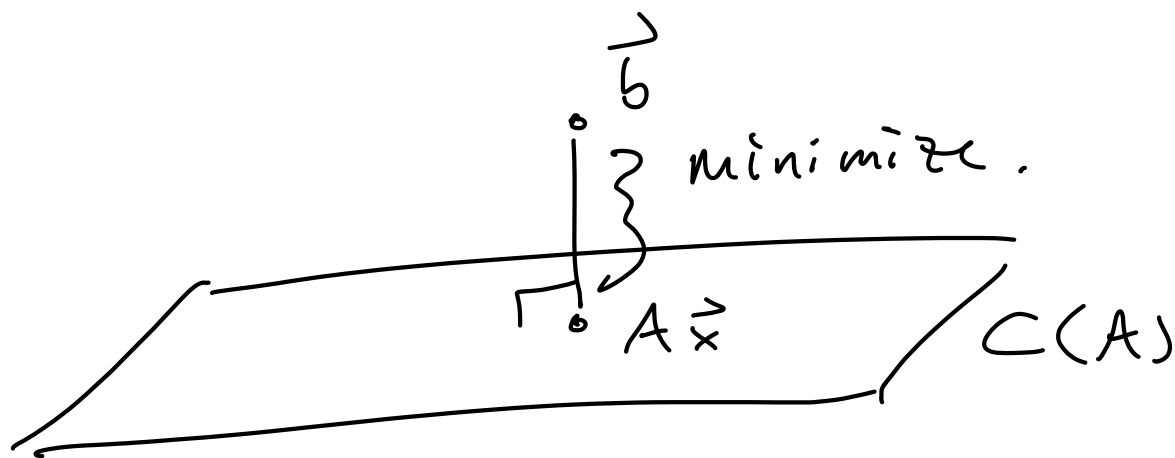
$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

$\vec{b} \notin C(A)$ so no solution.

Don't Think

Prob 1

Minimize $\|A\vec{x} - \vec{b}\|^2$.



Solution: let $A\vec{x}$ be
projection of \vec{b} onto $C(A)$

$$A\vec{x} = P\vec{b}$$

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

A not invertible, but still have

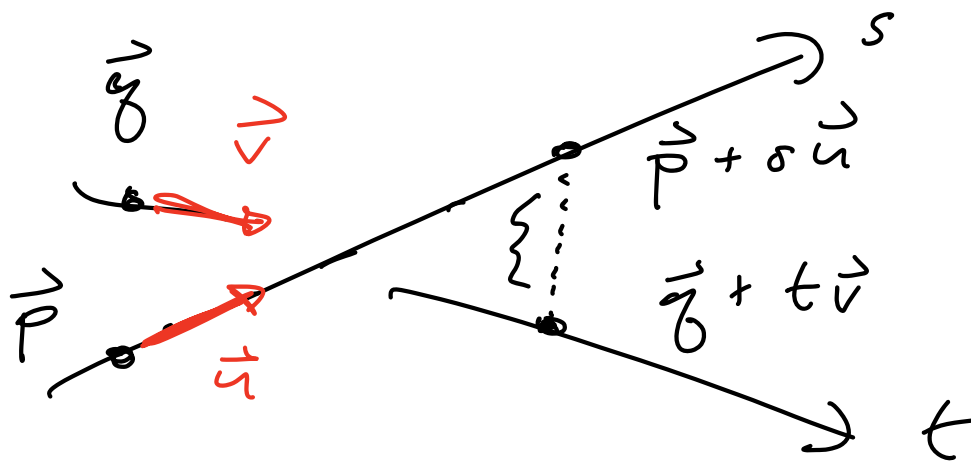
$$\vec{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b}$$



least squares

solution of $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

Distance Between Skew Lines :



Minimize $\| (\vec{p} + s\vec{u}) - (\vec{q} + t\vec{v}) \|^2$.

Two ways :

(1) Calculus \frown

(2) Linear Algebra \smile

Idea : Be Optimistic !

$$\vec{p} + s\vec{u} = \vec{q} + t\vec{v}$$

$$s\vec{u} - t\vec{v} = \vec{q} - \vec{p}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{u} & -\vec{v} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \vec{q} - \vec{p}$$

$$A \begin{pmatrix} s \\ t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} s \\ t \end{pmatrix} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T (\vec{q} - \vec{p})$$

See:

$$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{u}^T \\ -\vec{v}^T \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{u}^T \\ -\vec{v}^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{u} & -\vec{v} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \|\vec{u}\|^2 & -\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} \\ -\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} & \|\vec{v}\|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(A^T A) = \|\vec{u}\|^2 \|\vec{v}\|^2 - (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})^2$$

$$= \|\vec{u}\|^2 \|\vec{v}\|^2 - (\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \cos \theta)^2$$

$$= \|\vec{u}\|^2 \|\vec{v}\|^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta).$$

$$= \|\vec{u}\|^2 \|\vec{v}\|^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

From this we can work out
a general algebraic formula
for s & t . Maybe I'll do
this in the typed solutions.