

Chapter 12 Solving Linear Equations

An Introduction to Optimization

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Least-Squares Analysis

- ▶ Consider a system of linear equations $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, where $A \in R^{m \times n}$ and $\mathbf{b} \in R^m$, $m \geq n$, and $\text{rank}(A) = n$. Note that the number of unknowns, n , is no larger than the number of equations, m .
- ▶ If \mathbf{b} does not belong to the range of A , that is, $\mathbf{b} \notin \mathcal{R}(A)$, then this system of equations is said to be *inconsistent* or *overdetermined*.
- ▶ Our goal is to find the vector(s) \mathbf{x} minimizing $\|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|^2$. This problem is a special case of the nonlinear least-squares problem discussed in Section 9.4.

Least-Squares Analysis

- ▶ Let x^* be a vector that minimizes $\|Ax - b\|^2$; that is, for all $x \in R^n$

$$\|Ax - b\|^2 \geq \|Ax^* - b\|^2$$

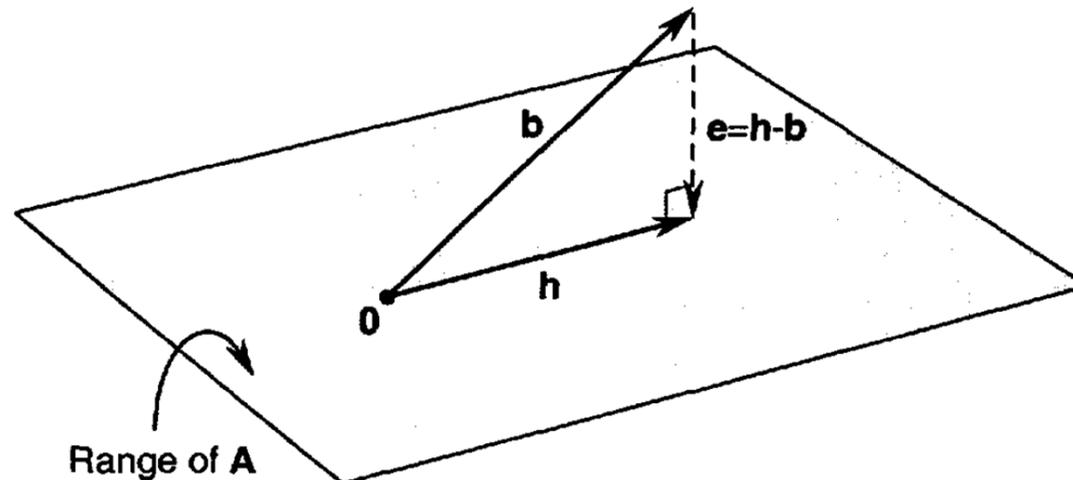
- ▶ We refer to the vector x^* as a least-squares solution to $Ax = b$. In the case where $Ax = b$ has a solution, then the solution is a least-squares solution. Otherwise, a least-squares solution minimizes the norm of the difference between the left- and right-hand sides of the equation $Ax = b$

Least-Squares Analysis

- ▶ Lemma 12.1: Let $A \in R^{m \times n}$, $m \geq n$. Then, $\text{rank}(A) = n$ if and only if $\text{rank}(A^T A) = n$ (i.e., the square matrix $A^T A$ is nonsingular).
- ▶ Theorem 12.1: The unique vector x^* that minimizes $\|Ax - b\|^2$ is given by the solution to the equation $A^T Ax = A^T b$; that is,
$$x^* = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$
- ▶ The columns of A span the range $\mathcal{R}(A)$ of A , which is an n -dimensional subspace of R^m . The equation $Ax = b$ has a solution if and only if $b \in \mathcal{R}(A)$.
- ▶ If $m = n$, then $b \in \mathcal{R}(A)$ always, and the solution is $x^* = A^{-1}b$

Least-Squares Analysis

- ▶ Suppose now that $m > n$. We would expect the likelihood of $b \in \mathcal{R}(A)$ to be small, because the subspace spanned by the columns of A is very “thin.”
- ▶ Suppose that $b \notin \mathcal{R}(A)$. We wish to find a point $h \in \mathcal{R}(A)$ that is “closest” to b . Geometrically, the point h should be such that the vector $e = h - b$ is orthogonal to the subspace $\mathcal{R}(A)$
- ▶ We call h the *orthogonal projection* of b onto the subspace $\mathcal{R}(A)$. It turns out that $h = Ax^* = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$.



Least-Squares Analysis

- ▶ Write $A = [\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n]$, where $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ are the columns of A
- ▶ The vector \mathbf{e} is orthogonal to $\mathcal{R}(A)$ if and only if it is orthogonal to each of the columns $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ of A .
- ▶ Note that $\langle \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{a}_i \rangle = 0, i = 1, \dots, n$ if and only if for any set of scalars $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$, we also have

$$\langle \mathbf{e}, x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + \dots + x_n \mathbf{a}_n \rangle = 0$$

Any vector in $\mathcal{R}(A)$ has the form $x_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + \dots + x_n \mathbf{a}_n$

Least-Squares Analysis

- ▶ Proposition 12.1: Let $\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$ be such that $\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{b}$ is orthogonal to $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$. Then, $\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$
- ▶ Note that the matrix

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \langle \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_1 \rangle & \cdots & \langle \mathbf{a}_n, \mathbf{a}_1 \rangle \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \langle \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_n \rangle & \cdots & \langle \mathbf{a}_n, \mathbf{a}_n \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

plays an important role in the least-squares solution. This matrix is often called the *Gram matrix* (or *Grammian*).

Example

- ▶ Suppose that you are given two different types of concrete. The first type contains 30% cement, 40% gravel, and 30% sand (all percentages of weight). The second type contains 10% cement, 20% gravel, and 70% sand. How many pounds of each type of concrete should you mix together so that you get a concrete mixture that has as close as possible to a total of 5 pounds of cement, 3 pounds of gravel, and 4 pounds of sand?
- ▶ The problem can be formulated as a least-squares problem with

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 & 0.1 \\ 0.4 & 0.2 \\ 0.3 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

where the decision variable is $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2]^T$ and x_1 and x_2 are the amounts of concrete of the first and second types, respectively.

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- ▶ After some algebra, we obtain the solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^* &= (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} \\ &= \frac{1}{(0.34)(0.54) - (0.32)^2} \begin{bmatrix} 0.54 & -0.32 \\ -0.32 & 0.34 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3.9 \\ 3.9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10.6 \\ 0.961 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Example

- ▶ **Line Fitting.** Suppose that a process has a single input $t \in R$ and a single output $y \in R$. Suppose that we perform an experiment on the process, resulting in a number of measurements.

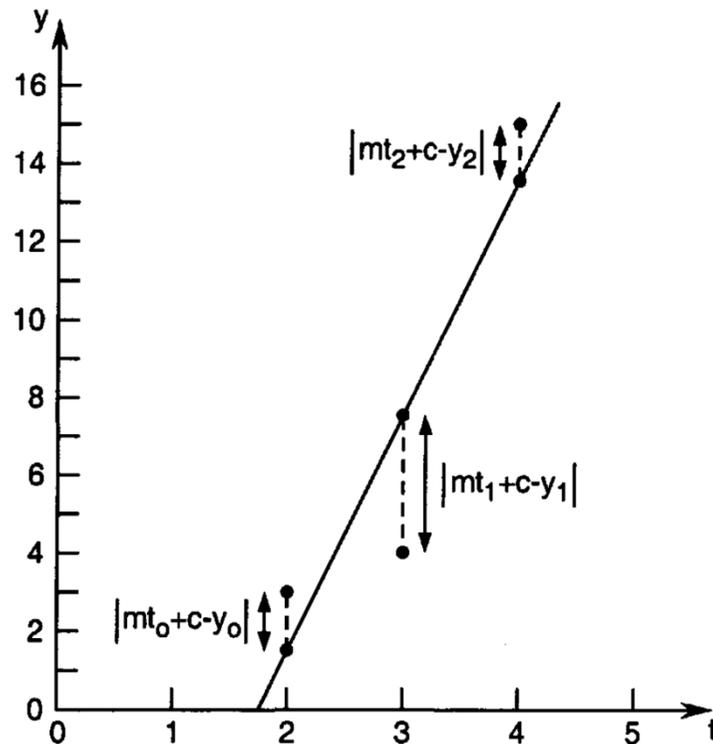
i	0	1	2
t_i	2	3	4
y_i	3	4	15

The i th measurement results in the input labeled t_i and the output labeled y_i . We would like to find a straight line given by $y = mt + c$ that fits the experimental data.

In other words, we wish to find two numbers, m and c , such that $y_i = mt_i + c, i = 0, 1, 2$.

Example

- ▶ However, it is apparent that there is no choice of m and c that results in the requirement above. Therefore, we would like to find the values of m and c that best fit the data.



i	0	1	2
t_i	2	3	4
y_i	3	4	15

Example

- ▶ We can represent our problem as a system of linear equations of the form

$$2m + c = 3$$

$$3m + c = 4$$

$$4m + c = 15$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} m \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

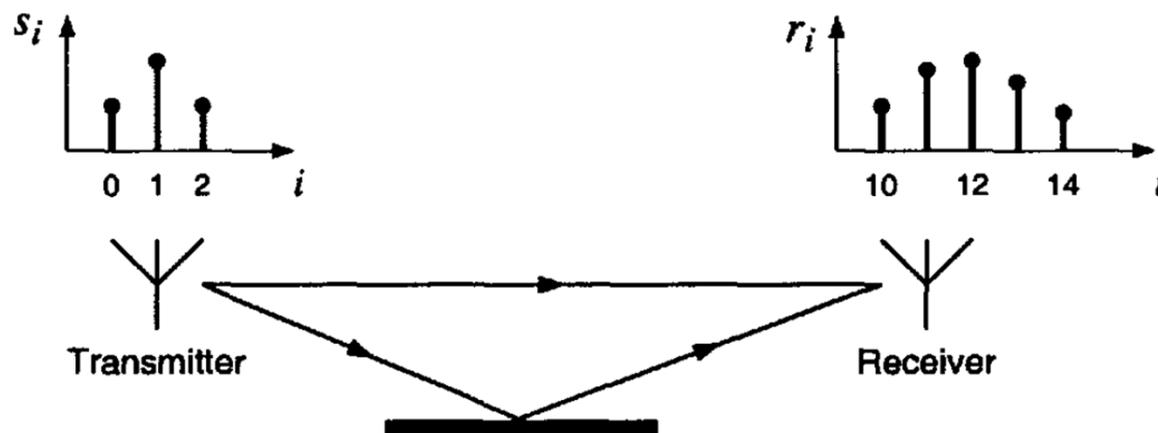
Notice that since $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) < \text{rank}([\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b}])$, the vector \mathbf{b} does not belong to the range of \mathbf{A} . Thus, this system is inconsistent.

- ▶ The solution to this least-squares problem is

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \begin{bmatrix} m^* \\ c^* \end{bmatrix} = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -32/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example

- ▶ **Attenuation Estimation.** A wireless transmitter sends a discrete-time signal $\{s_0, s_1, s_2\}$ (of duration 3) to a receiver. The real number s_i is the value of the signal at time i .
- ▶ The transmitted signal takes two paths to the receiver: a direct path, with delay 10 and attenuation factor a_1 , and an indirect (reflected) path, with delay 12 and attenuation factor a_2 . The received signal is the sum of the signals from these two paths, with their respective delays and attenuation factors.



Example

- ▶ Suppose that the received signal is measured from times 10 through 14 as $r_{10}, r_{11}, \dots, r_{14}$. We wish to compute the least-squares estimates of a_1 and a_2 , based on the following values

s_0	s_1	s_2	r_{10}	r_{11}	r_{12}	r_{13}	r_{14}
1	2	1	4	7	8	6	3

- ▶ The problem can be posed as a least-squares problem with

$$a_1 s + a_2 s' = r$$

→ $a_1 s_0 + 0 = r_{10}$
 $a_1 s_1 + 0 = r_{11}$
 $a_1 s_2 + a_2 s_0 = r_{12}$
 $0 + a_2 s_1 = r_{13}$
 $0 + a_2 s_2 = r_{14}$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} s_0 & 0 \\ s_1 & 0 \\ s_2 & s_0 \\ 0 & s_1 \\ 0 & s_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{10} \\ r_{11} \\ r_{12} \\ r_{13} \\ r_{14} \end{bmatrix}$$

Example

- ▶ The least-squares estimate is given

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}^* &= \begin{bmatrix} a_1^* \\ a_2^* \end{bmatrix} = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \|\mathbf{s}\|^2 & s_0 s_2 \\ s_0 s_2 & \|\mathbf{s}\|^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} s_0 r_{10} + s_1 r_{11} + s_2 r_{12} \\ s_0 r_{12} + s_1 r_{13} + s_2 r_{14} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 4 + 14 + 8 \\ 8 + 12 + 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{35} \begin{bmatrix} 133 \\ 112 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Example

- ▶ **Discrete Fourier Series.** Suppose that we are given a discrete time signal, represented by the vector

$$\mathbf{b} = [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m]^T$$

We wish to approximate this signal by a sum of sinusoids.

Specifically, we approximate \mathbf{b} by the vector

$$y_0 \mathbf{c}^{(0)} + \sum_{k=1}^n \left(y_k \mathbf{c}^{(k)} + z_k \mathbf{s}^{(k)} \right)$$

where $y_0, y_1, \dots, y_n, z_1, \dots, z_n \in \mathbb{R}$ and the vectors $\mathbf{c}^{(k)}$ and $\mathbf{s}^{(k)}$ are given by

$$\mathbf{c}^{(0)} = \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \dots, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right]^T$$

$$\mathbf{c}^{(k)} = \left[\cos\left(1 \frac{2k\pi}{m}\right), \cos\left(2 \frac{2k\pi}{m}\right), \dots, \cos\left(m \frac{2k\pi}{m}\right) \right]^T, k = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\mathbf{s}^{(k)} = \left[\sin\left(1 \frac{2k\pi}{m}\right), \sin\left(2 \frac{2k\pi}{m}\right), \dots, \sin\left(m \frac{2k\pi}{m}\right) \right]^T, k = 1, \dots, n$$

Example

- ▶ We call the sum of sinusoids above a *discrete Fourier series*.

We wish to find $y_0, y_1, \dots, y_n, z_1, \dots, z_n$ such that

$$\left\| \left(y_0 \mathbf{c}^{(0)} + \sum_{k=1}^n \left(y_k \mathbf{c}^{(k)} + z_k \mathbf{s}^{(k)} \right) \right) - \mathbf{b} \right\|^2$$

is minimized.

- ▶ To proceed, we define

$$\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{c}^{(0)}, \mathbf{c}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{c}^{(n)}, \mathbf{s}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{s}^{(n)}]$$

$$\mathbf{x} = [y_0, y_1, \dots, y_n, z_1, \dots, z_n]^T$$

Our problem can be reformulated as minimizing

$$\|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|^2$$

Example

- ▶ We assume that $m \geq 2n + 1$. To find the solution, we first compute $A^T A$. We make use of the following trigonometric identities: for any nonzero integer k that is not an integral multiple of m , we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \cos\left(i \frac{2k\pi}{m}\right) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sin\left(i \frac{2k\pi}{m}\right) = 0$$

with the aid of these identities, we can verify that

$$\mathbf{c}^{(k)T} \mathbf{c}^{(j)} = \begin{cases} m/2 & \text{if } k = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{s}^{(k)T} \mathbf{s}^{(j)} = \begin{cases} m/2 & \text{if } k = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{c}^{(k)T} \mathbf{s}^{(j)} = 0 \text{ for any } k, j$$

Example

- ▶ Hence, $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \frac{m}{2} \mathbf{I}_{2n+1}$, which is clearly nonsingular, with inverse $(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} = \frac{2}{m} \mathbf{I}_{2n+1}$

Therefore, the solution to our problem is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}^* &= [y_0^*, y_1^*, \dots, y_n^*, z_1^*, \dots, z_n^*]^T \\ &= (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} \\ &= \frac{2}{m} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}\end{aligned}$$

We represent the solution as

$$\begin{aligned}y_0^* &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m b_i & y_k^* &= \frac{2}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m b_i \cos\left(i \frac{2k\pi}{m}\right) & k &= 1, \dots, n \\ z_k^* & & z_k^* &= \frac{2}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m b_i \sin\left(i \frac{2k\pi}{m}\right) & k &= 1, \dots, n\end{aligned}$$

We call these *discrete Fourier coefficients*.

Example

- ▶ **Orthogonal Projections.** Let $\mathcal{V} \subset R^n$ be a subspace. Given a vector $x \in R^n$, we write the orthogonal decomposition of x as

$$x = x_{\mathcal{V}} + x_{\mathcal{V}^{\perp}}$$

where $x_{\mathcal{V}} \in \mathcal{V}$ is the orthogonal projection of x onto \mathcal{V} and $x_{\mathcal{V}^{\perp}} \in \mathcal{V}^{\perp}$ is the orthogonal projection of x onto \mathcal{V}^{\perp} . We can write $x_{\mathcal{V}} = Px$ for some matrix P called **orthogonal projector**.

In the following, we derive expressions for P for the case where $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{R}(A)$ and the case where $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{N}(A)$

- ▶ Consider a matrix $A \in R^{m \times n}$, $m \geq n$, and $\text{rank}(A) = n$. Let $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{R}(A)$ be the range of A . In this case we can write an expression for P in terms of A

Example

- ▶ By Proposition 12.1 we have $\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{V}} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x}$, whence $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T$. Note that by Proposition 12.1, we may also write $\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{V}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{V}} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|$
- ▶ Next, consider a matrix $\mathbf{A} \in R^{m \times n}$, $m \leq n$, and $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = m$. Let $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ be the nullspace of \mathbf{A} . To derive an expression for the orthogonal projector \mathbf{P} in terms of \mathbf{A} for this case, we use the formula derived above and the identity $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})^\perp = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^T)$ (see Theorem 3.4).
Indeed, if $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^T)$, then the orthogonal decomposition with respect to \mathcal{U} is $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{U}} + \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{U}^\perp}$, where $\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{U}} = \mathbf{A}^T (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$

Example

- ▶ Because $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})^\perp = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^T)$, we deduce that $\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{V}^\perp} = \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{U}} = \mathbf{A}^T(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$

Hence,

$$\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{V}} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{V}^\perp} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{A}^T(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^T(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1}\mathbf{A})\mathbf{x}$$

Thus, the orthogonal projector in this case is

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

The Recursive Least-Squares Algorithm

- ▶ Assume that we are originally given three experimental results $(t_0, y_0), (t_1, y_1), (t_2, y_2)$, and we find the parameters m^* and c^* of the straight line that best fits these data. Suppose that we are now given an extra measurement point (t_3, y_3) . We can use previous calculations of m^* and c^* for the three data points to calculate the parameters for the four data points. This procedure is called the *recursive least-squares* (RLS) algorithm.

The Recursive Least-Squares Algorithm

- ▶ Consider the problem of minimizing $\|A_0x - b^{(0)}\|^2$. The solution is given by $x^{(0)} = G_0^{-1}A_0^T b^{(0)}$, where $G_0 = A_0^T A_0$. Consider now the problem of minimizing

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} A_0 \\ A_1 \end{bmatrix} x - \begin{bmatrix} b^{(0)} \\ b^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2$$

The solution is given by

$$x^{(1)} = G_1^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} A_0 \\ A_1 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} b^{(0)} \\ b^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \quad G_1 = \begin{bmatrix} A_0 \\ A_1 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} A_0 \\ A_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Our goal is to write $x^{(1)}$ as a function of $x^{(0)}$, G_0 , and the new data A_1 and $b^{(1)}$

The Recursive Least-Squares Algorithm

- ▶ To this end, we first write \mathbf{G}_1 as

$$\mathbf{G}_1 = [\mathbf{A}_0^T \ \mathbf{A}_1^T] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_0 \\ \mathbf{A}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A}_0^T \mathbf{A}_0 + \mathbf{A}_1^T \mathbf{A}_1 = \mathbf{G}_0 + \mathbf{A}_1^T \mathbf{A}_1$$

Next, we write

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_0 \\ \mathbf{A}_1 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}^{(0)} \\ \mathbf{b}^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{A}_0^T \ \mathbf{A}_1^T] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}^{(0)} \\ \mathbf{b}^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A}_0^T \mathbf{b}^{(0)} + \mathbf{A}_1^T \mathbf{b}^{(1)}$$

To proceed further, we write $\mathbf{A}_0^T \mathbf{b}^{(0)}$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_0^T \mathbf{b}^{(0)} &= \mathbf{G}_0 \mathbf{G}_0^{-1} \mathbf{A}_0^T \mathbf{b}^{(0)} = \mathbf{G}_0 \mathbf{x}^{(0)} \\ &= (\mathbf{G}_1 - \mathbf{A}_1^T \mathbf{A}_1) \mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{G}_1 \mathbf{x}^{(0)} - \mathbf{A}_1^T \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{x}^{(0)} \end{aligned}$$

The Recursive Least-Squares Algorithm

- ▶ Combining these formulas, we see that we can write $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}^{(1)} &= \mathbf{G}_1^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_0 \\ \mathbf{A}_1 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}^{(0)} \\ \mathbf{b}^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{G}_1^{-1} \left(\mathbf{G}_1 \mathbf{x}^{(0)} - \mathbf{A}_1^T \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{x}^{(0)} + \mathbf{A}_1^T \mathbf{b}^{(1)} \right) \\ &= \mathbf{x}^{(0)} + \mathbf{G}_1^{-1} \mathbf{A}_1^T \left(\mathbf{b}^{(1)} - \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{x}^{(0)} \right)\end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{G}_1 can be calculated using $\mathbf{G}_1 = \mathbf{G}_0 + \mathbf{A}_1^T \mathbf{A}_1$

- ▶ With this formula, $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ can be computed using only $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$, \mathbf{A}_1 , $\mathbf{b}^{(1)}$ and \mathbf{G}_0 . Hence, we have a way of using our previous efforts in calculating $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$ to compute $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$. Observe that if the new data are consistent with the old data, that is, $\mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{b}^{(1)}$, then the correction term is 0 and the updated solution $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ is equal to the previous solution $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$.

The Recursive Least-Squares Algorithm

- ▶ At the $(k + 1)$ th iteration, we have

$$\mathbf{G}_{k+1} = \mathbf{G}_k + \mathbf{A}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{A}_{k+1}$$
$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \mathbf{G}_{k+1}^{-1} \mathbf{A}_{k+1}^T \left(\mathbf{b}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{A}_{k+1} \mathbf{x}^{(k)} \right)$$

The vector $\mathbf{b}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{A}_{k+1} \mathbf{x}^{(k)}$ is often called the *innovation*. As before, observe that if the innovation is zero, then the updated solution $\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)}$ is equal to the previous solution $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$

- ▶ We can see that to compute $\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)}$ we need \mathbf{G}_{k+1}^{-1} rather than \mathbf{G}_k . It turns out that we can derive an update formula for \mathbf{G}_{k+1}^{-1} itself.

The Recursive Least-Squares Algorithm

- ▶ Lemma 12.2: Let A be a nonsingular matrix. Let U and V be matrices such that $I + VA^{-1}U$ is nonsingular. Then, $A + UV$ is nonsingular, and

$$(A + UV)^{-1} = A^{-1} - (A^{-1}U)(I + VA^{-1}U)^{-1}(VA^{-1})$$

- ▶ By Lemma 12.2, we get

$$\begin{aligned} G_{k+1}^{-1} &= \left(G_k + A_{k+1}^T A_{k+1} \right)^{-1} \\ &= G_k^{-1} - G_k^{-1} A_{k+1}^T (I + A_{k+1} G_k^{-1} A_{k+1}^T)^{-1} A_{k+1} G_k^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

For simplicity of notation, we rewrite G_k^{-1} as P_k . We summarize by writing the RLS algorithm using P_k

$$\begin{aligned} P_{k+1} &= P_k - P_k A_{k+1}^T (I + A_{k+1} P_k A_{k+1}^T)^{-1} A_{k+1} P_k \\ \mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} &= \mathbf{x}^{(k)} + P_{k+1} A_{k+1}^T \left(\mathbf{b}^{(k+1)} - A_{k+1} \mathbf{x}^{(k)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

The Recursive Least-Squares Algorithm

- ▶ In the special case where the new data at each step are such that \mathbf{A}_{k+1} is a matrix consisting of a single row, $\mathbf{A}_{k+1} = \mathbf{a}_{k+1}^T$, and $\mathbf{b}^{(k+1)}$ is a scalar, b_{k+1} , we get

$$\mathbf{P}_{k+1} = \mathbf{P}_k - \frac{\mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{a}_{k+1} \mathbf{a}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{P}_k}{1 + \mathbf{a}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{a}_{k+1}}$$
$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \mathbf{P}_{k+1} \mathbf{a}_{k+1} \left(b_{k+1} - \mathbf{a}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{x}^{(k)} \right)$$

Example

► Let $\mathbf{A}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\mathbf{b}^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \mathbf{a}_1^T = [2 \ 1] \quad \mathbf{b}^{(1)} = b_1 = [3]$$

$$\mathbf{A}_2 = \mathbf{a}_2^T = [3 \ 1] \quad \mathbf{b}^{(2)} = b_2 = [4]$$

First compute the vector $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$ minimizing $\|\mathbf{A}_0\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}^{(0)}\|^2$. Then, use the RLS algorithm to find $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ minimizing

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_0 \\ \mathbf{A}_1 \\ \mathbf{A}_2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} - \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}^{(0)} \\ \mathbf{b}^{(1)} \\ \mathbf{b}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2$$

We have

$$\mathbf{P}_0 = (\mathbf{A}_0^T \mathbf{A}_0)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & -1/3 \\ -1/3 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{P}_0 \mathbf{A}_0^T \mathbf{b}^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example

- ▶ Applying the RLS algorithm twice, we get

$$\mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{P}_0 - \frac{\mathbf{P}_0 \mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{a}_1^T \mathbf{P}_0}{1 + \mathbf{a}_1^T \mathbf{P}_0 \mathbf{a}_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & -1/3 \\ -1/3 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(0)} + \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{a}_1 (b_1 - \mathbf{a}_1^T \mathbf{x}^{(0)}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{P}_1 - \frac{\mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{a}_2^T \mathbf{P}_1}{1 + \mathbf{a}_2^T \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{a}_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/6 & -1/4 \\ -1/4 & 5/8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \mathbf{x}^{(1)} + \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{a}_2 (b_2 - \mathbf{a}_2^T \mathbf{x}^{(1)}) = \begin{bmatrix} 13/12 \\ 5/8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution to A Linear Equation with Minimum Norm

- ▶ Consider now a system of linear equations $Ax = b$, where $A \in R^{m \times n}$, $b \in R^m$, $m \leq n$, and $\text{rank}(A) = m$. Note that the number of equations is no longer than the number of unknowns. There may exist an infinite number of solutions to this system of equations.
- ▶ However, as we shall see, there is only one solution that is closest to the origin: the solution to $Ax = b$ whose norm $\|x\|$ is minimal.
- ▶ Let x^* be this solution that is $Ax^* = b$ and $\|x^*\| \leq \|x\|$ for any x such that $Ax = b$. In other words, x^* is the solution to the problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } \|x\| \\ & \text{subject to } Ax = b \end{aligned}$$

Solution to A Linear Equation with Minimum Norm

- ▶ Theorem 12.2: The unique solution \mathbf{x}^* to $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ that minimizes the norm $\|\mathbf{x}\|$ is given by

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

- ▶ Example: Find the point closest to the origin of R^3 on the line of intersection of the two planes defined by the following two equations:

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 1$$

$$4x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 = 0$$

Note that this problem is equivalent to the problem

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{minimize } \|\mathbf{x}\| \\ \text{subject to } \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \end{array} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{A}^T(\mathbf{AA}^T)^{-1}\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0952 \\ 0.3333 \\ -0.2381 \end{bmatrix}$$

Kaczmarz's Algorithm

- ▶ Kaczmarz's algorithm converges to the vector $\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{A}^T(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ without explicitly having to invert the matrix $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$. This is important from a practical point of view, especially when \mathbf{A} has many rows.
- ▶ Let \mathbf{a}_j^T denote the j th row of \mathbf{A} , and b_j the j th component of \mathbf{b} and μ a positive scalar, $0 < \mu < 2$. Kaczmarz's algorithm is:
 - ▶ 1. Set $i := 0$, initial condition $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$
 - ▶ 2. For $j = 1, \dots, m$, set
$$\mathbf{x}^{(im+j)} = \mathbf{x}^{(im+j-1)} + \mu(b_j - \mathbf{a}_j^T \mathbf{x}^{(im+j-1)}) \frac{\mathbf{a}_j}{\mathbf{a}_j^T \mathbf{a}_j}$$
 - ▶ 3. Set $i := i + 1$; go to step 2.

Kaczmarz's Algorithm

- ▶ For the first m iterations, we have

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \mu(b_{k+1} - \mathbf{a}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{x}^{(k)}) \frac{\mathbf{a}_{k+1}}{\mathbf{a}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{a}_{k+1}}$$

where, in each iteration, we use rows of \mathbf{A} and corresponding components of \mathbf{b} successively. For the $(m + 1)$ th iteration, we revert back to the first row of \mathbf{A} and the first component of \mathbf{b} ; that is,

$$\mathbf{x}^{(m+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(m)} + \mu(b_1 - \mathbf{a}_1^T \mathbf{x}^{(m)}) \frac{\mathbf{a}_1}{\mathbf{a}_1^T \mathbf{a}_1}$$

We continue with the $(m + 2)$ th iteration using the second row of \mathbf{A} and the second component of \mathbf{b} , and so on, repeating the cycle every m iterations. The reason for $0 < \mu < 2$ will become apparent from the convergence analysis.

Kaczmarz's Algorithm

- ▶ Theorem 12.3: In Kaczmarz's algorithm, if $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}$, then $\mathbf{x}^{(k)} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{A}^T(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T)^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$.
- ▶ Example: Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

In this case $\mathbf{x}^* = [5, 3]^T$. This figure shows a few iterations of Kaczmarz's algorithm with $\mu = 1$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}$. We have $\mathbf{a}_1^T = [1, -1]$, $\mathbf{a}_2^T = [0, 1]$, $b_1 = 2$, $b_2 = 3$. The diagonal line passing through the point $[2, 0]^T$ corresponds to the set $\{\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{a}_1^T \mathbf{x} = b_1\}$, and the horizontal line passing through the point $[0, 3]^T$ corresponds to the set $\{\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{a}_2^T \mathbf{x} = b_2\}$.

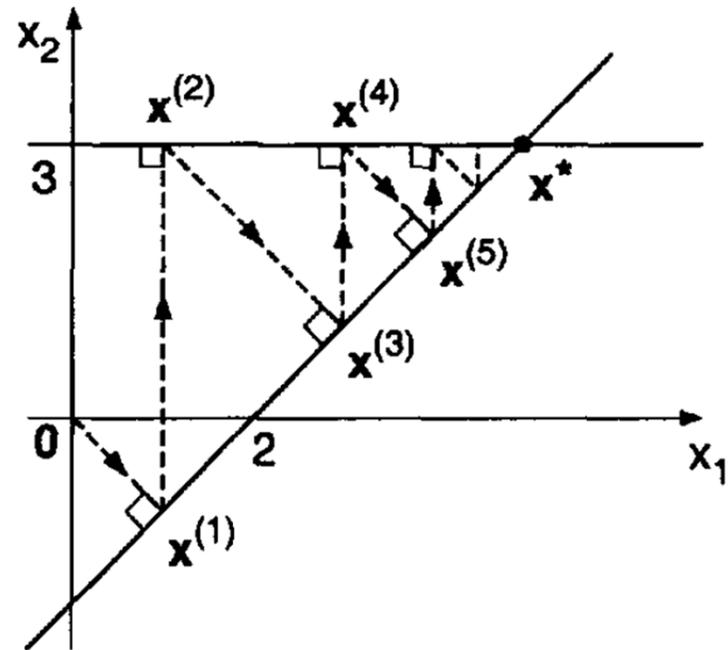
Kaczmarz's Algorithm

- ▶ We perform three iterations:

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + (2 - 0)\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + (3 - (-1)) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + (2 - (-2))\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Solving Linear Equations in General

- ▶ Consider a system of linear equations $Ax = b$, where $A \in R^{m \times n}$ and $\text{rank}(A) = r$. Note that we always have $r \leq \min\{m, n\}$. In the case $A \in R^{n \times n}$ and $\text{rank}(A) = n$, the unique solution to the equation above has the form $x^* = A^{-1}b$. Thus, to solve the problem in this case it is enough to know the inverse A^{-1} .
- ▶ A general approach to solving $Ax = b$. The approach involves defining a *pseudoinverse* or *generalized inverse* of a given matrix $A \in R^{m \times n}$, which plays the role of A^{-1} when A does not have an inverse. In particular, we discuss the **Moore-Penrose inverse** of a given matrix A , denoted A^\dagger .

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- ▶ **Lemma 12.3 Full-Rank Factorization:** Let $A \in R^{m \times n}$, $\text{rank}(A) = r \leq \min\{m, n\}$. Then, there exist matrices $B \in R^{m \times r}$ and $C \in R^{r \times n}$ such that $A = BC$, where

$$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(B) = \text{rank}(C) = r$$

- ▶ **Proof:** Because $\text{rank}(A) = r$, we can find r linearly independent columns of A . Without loss of generality, let $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_r$ be such columns, where \mathbf{a}_i is the i th column of A . The remaining columns of A can be expressed as linear combination of $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_r$. Thus, a possible choice for B and

C are

$$B = [\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_r] \in R^{m \times r} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 0 & c_{1,r+1} & \cdots & c_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 1 & c_{r,r+1} & \cdots & c_{r,n} \end{bmatrix} \in R^{r \times n}$$

where the entries $c_{i,j}$ are such that for each $j = r + 1, \dots, n$, we

- ▶ have $\mathbf{a}_j = c_{1,j}\mathbf{a}_1 + \cdots + c_{r,j}\mathbf{a}_r$. Thus, $A = BC$

Solving Linear Equations in General

- ▶ Note that if $m < n$ and $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = m$, then we take $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}_m$ and $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}$
- ▶ If, on the other hand, $m > n$ and $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = n$, then we can take $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{I}_n$

- ▶ Example: Let
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & -13 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = 2$$

We can write a full-rank factorization of \mathbf{A} based on the proof of Lemma 12.3

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{BC}$$

Solving Linear Equations in General

- ▶ Consider the matrix equation $AXA = A$, where $A \in R^{m \times n}$ is a given matrix and $X \in R^{n \times m}$ is a matrix we wish to determine. Observe that if A is a nonsingular square matrix, then the equation above has the unique solution $X = A^{-1}$
- ▶ Definition 12.1: Given $A \in R^{m \times n}$, a matrix $A^\dagger \in R^{n \times m}$ is called a *pseudoinverse* of the matrix A if $AA^\dagger A = A$, and there exist matrices $U \in R^{n \times n}$ and $V \in R^{m \times m}$ such that $A^\dagger = UA^T$ and $A^\dagger = A^T V$

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- ▶ The requirement $\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{V}$ can be interpreted as follows. Each row of the pseudoinverse matrix \mathbf{A}^\dagger of \mathbf{A} is a linear combination of the rows of \mathbf{A}^T , and each column of \mathbf{A}^\dagger is a linear combination of the columns of \mathbf{A}^T
- ▶ For the case which a matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ with $m \geq n$ and $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = n$, we can easily check that the following is a pseudoinverse of \mathbf{A} :

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

- ▶ Indeed, $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}$, and if we define $\mathbf{U} = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1}$ and $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T$, then $\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{V}$
- ▶ Note that we have $\mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}_n$. For this reason, $(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T$ is often called the *left pseudoinverse* of \mathbf{A} . This formula also appears in least-squares analysis (Sec. 12.1)

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- ▶ For the case which a matrix $\mathbf{A} \in R^{m \times n}$ with $m \leq n$ and $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = m$, we can easily check that the following is a pseudoinverse of \mathbf{A} :

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

- ▶ Note that we have $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{I}_m$. For this reason, $\mathbf{A}^T (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T)^{-1}$ is often called the *right pseudoinverse* of \mathbf{A} . This formula also appears in the problem of minimizing $\|\mathbf{x}\|$ subject to $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

Solving Linear Equations in General

- ▶ Theorem 12.4: Let $A \in R^{m \times n}$. If a pseudoinverse A^\dagger of A exists, then it is unique.
- ▶ Our goal now is to show that the pseudoinverse matrix always exists. In fact, we show that the pseudoinverse of any given matrix A is given by the formula

$$A^\dagger = C^\dagger B^\dagger$$

where B^\dagger and C^\dagger are the pseudoinverse of the matrices B and C that form a full-rank factorization of A ; that is, $A = BC$, where B and C are of full rank (Lemma 12.3)

- ▶ Note that we already know how to compute B^\dagger and C^\dagger :

$$B^\dagger = (B^T B)^{-1} B^T \quad C^\dagger = C^T (C C^T)^{-1}$$

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- ▶ Theorem 12.5: Let a matrix $A \in R^{m \times n}$ have a full-rank factorization $A = BC$, with $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(B) = \text{rank}(C) = r$, $B \in R^{m \times r}$, $C \in R^{r \times n}$, then

$$A^\dagger = C^\dagger B^\dagger$$

(Does not necessarily hold if $A = BC$ is not a full-rank factorization)

- ▶ Example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & -13 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = BC$$

$$B^\dagger = (B^T B)^{-1} B^T = \frac{1}{27} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 5 \\ 16 & 1 & -11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C^\dagger = C^T (C C^T)^{-1} = \frac{1}{76} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 5 \\ 5 & 7 \\ -7 & 13 \\ 23 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^\dagger = C^\dagger B^\dagger = \frac{1}{2052} \begin{bmatrix} 123 & 23 & -10 \\ 137 & 17 & -52 \\ 173 & -1 & -178 \\ 387 & 63 & -72 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving Linear Equations in General

- ▶ We can simplify the expression

$$\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{C}^\dagger \mathbf{B}^\dagger = \mathbf{C}^T (\mathbf{C} \mathbf{C}^T)^{-1} (\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B})^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T$$

to

$$\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{C}^T (\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T$$

This is easily verified by substituting $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{C}$

- ▶ **Theorem 12.6:** Consider a system of linear equations $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = r$. The vector $\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{b}$ minimizes $\|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|^2$ on \mathbb{R}^n . Furthermore, among all vectors in \mathbb{R}^n that minimizes $\|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|^2$, the vector $\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{b}$ is the unique vector with minimal norm.

Solving Linear Equations in General

- ▶ The generalized inverse has the following useful properties
 - ▶ $(\mathbf{A}^T)^\dagger = (\mathbf{A}^\dagger)^T$
 - ▶ $(\mathbf{A}^\dagger)^\dagger = \mathbf{A}$
- ▶ These two properties are similar to those that are satisfied by the usual matrix inverse. However, the property $(\mathbf{A}_1\mathbf{A}_2)^\dagger = \mathbf{A}_2^\dagger\mathbf{A}_1^\dagger$ does not hold in general.