

More Related to Workshop 1b Problem 2b: $[A|b]$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$, then $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is inconsistent.

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} x & x & x \\ * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Want to find \vec{x} that minimizes $\|A\vec{x} - \vec{b}\|$.

1st Approach:

Let $W =$ column span of A . $A\vec{x} = \vec{c}$ has a solution exactly when \vec{c} is in W .

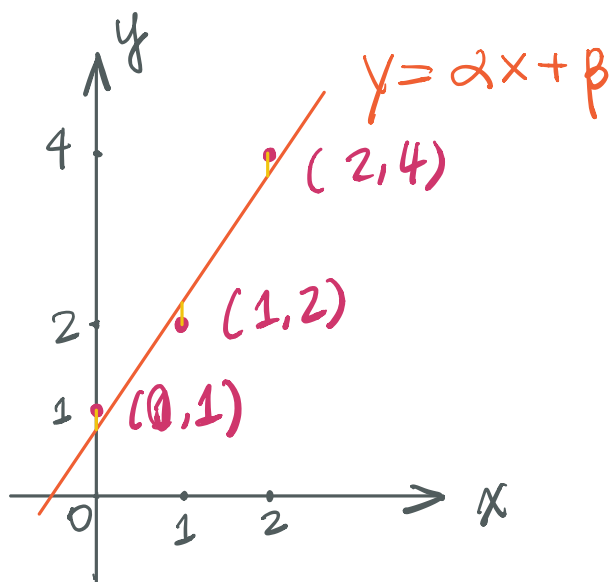
Let $\vec{w} = U_W(\vec{b})$, then $A\vec{x} = \vec{w}$ will have a solution \vec{x}_0 .
 $\|A\vec{x}_0 - \vec{b}\| = \|\vec{w} - \vec{b}\|$ (this is as small as $\|A\vec{x} - \vec{b}\|$ can get!)

$$\vec{0} = A^T \vec{z} = A^T(\vec{b} - \vec{w}) = A^T \vec{b} - A^T \vec{w} = A^T \vec{b} - A^T A \vec{x}_0$$

So solve $A^T A \vec{x} = A^T \vec{b}$!

2nd Approach:

Use multivariable calculus.



Least squares

$$\begin{cases} \alpha \cdot 0 + \beta = 1 \\ \alpha \cdot 1 + \beta = 2 \\ \alpha \cdot 2 + \beta = 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

A

\vec{b}

Def. A matrix A with real entries is called symmetric if

