

LAST TIME:

- \* Projections
- \* Normal equation
- \* Projection matrices

TODAY

- \* Least squares
- \* Fitting a polynomial to given data points

## RECAP

For cases when  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has no solution

(when  $\vec{b} \notin C(A)$ , too many equations, imperfect measurements)

Solve (normal equation)  $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T \vec{b}$

\*  $\hat{x}$  minimizes length of the error  $\vec{e} = \vec{b} - A\vec{x}$

\*  $\hat{x}$  is called the least squares solution

EXAMPLE: Fit the points  $(1,2)$ ,  $(0,3)$ ,  $(2,7)$  and  $(3,-1)$  with a line as best as you can.

No straight line  $y = ax + b$  passes exactly through these four points

We will set up 4 equations we wish were true

$$\text{at } x=1, \quad 2 = a(1) + b$$

$$x=0, \quad 3 = a(0) + b$$

$$x=2, \quad 7 = a(2) + b$$

$$x=3, \quad -1 = a(3) + b$$

write as a  
linear  
system  
for unknowns  
 $a, b$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A \quad \vec{x} = \vec{y}$

(note:  $b \notin C(A)$ )

We want to solve the system with minimal error;

i.e., find  $\vec{x}$  s.t.  $A\vec{x} = \vec{y} + \vec{e}$  with smallest possible  $\|\vec{e}\|^2$

Here  $\vec{e} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{error in } y\text{-value for pt. 1} \\ \text{error in } y\text{-value for pt. 2} \\ \text{error in } y\text{-value for pt. 3} \end{pmatrix}$

(least squares solution)

We will solve  $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T y$  instead

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 6 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

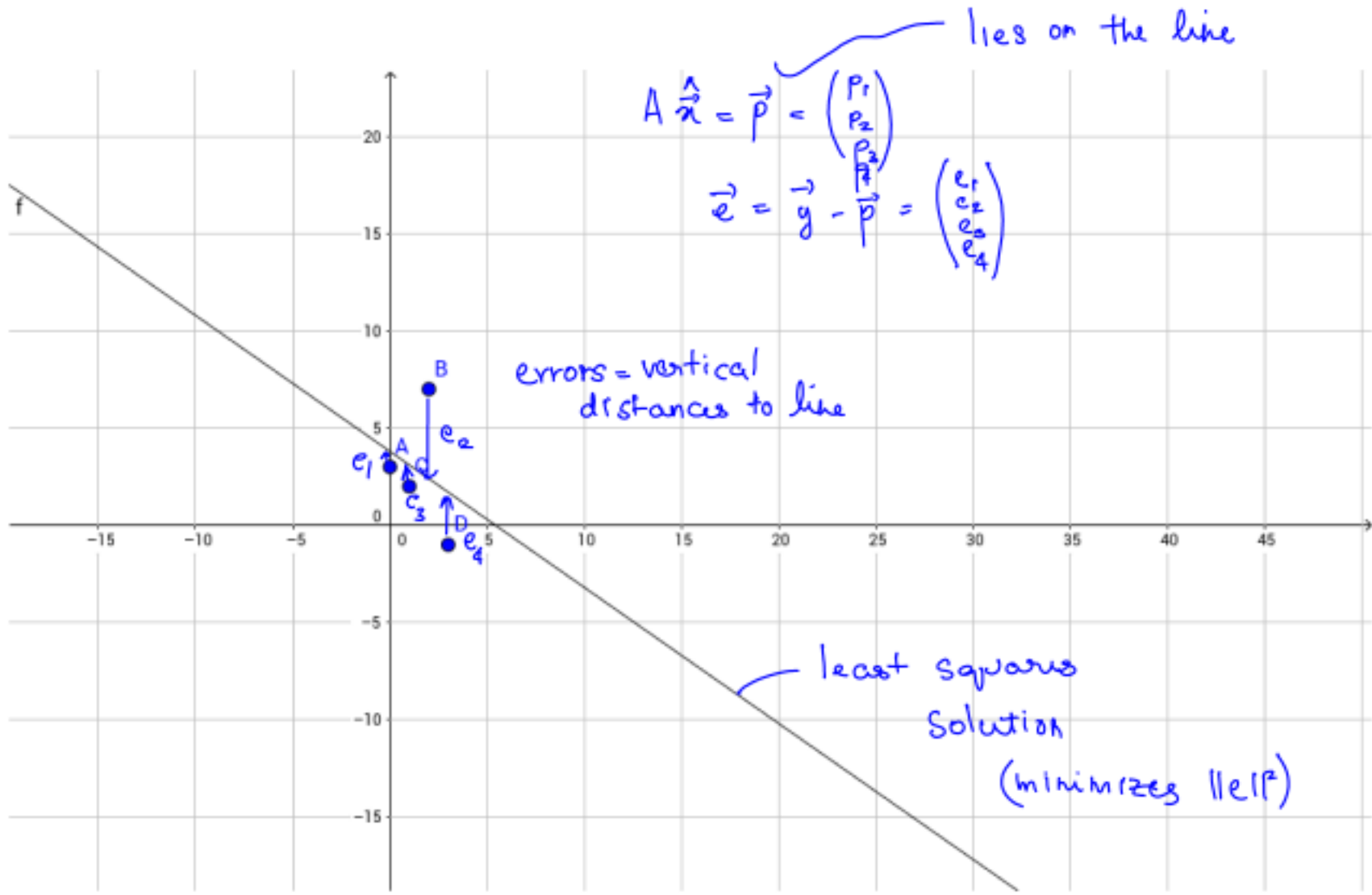
$$A^T A \hat{x} = A^T y \iff \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 6 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

(elimination)  $\begin{bmatrix} 14 & 6 & | & 13 \\ 6 & 4 & | & 11 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 6 & | & 13 \\ 0 & \frac{10}{7} & | & \frac{38}{7} \end{bmatrix}$  gives  $b = \frac{19}{5} = 3.8$   
 $a = -0.7$

Hence, least-squares solution is the line  $y = -0.7x + 3.8$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A \quad x = y$



Note:

For our problem,  $\|e\|^2 = \|A\hat{x} - \vec{y}\|^2$

*residual*  $= (a(1) + b - 2)^2$   
+  
 $(a(0) + b - 3)^2$   
+  
 $(a(2) + b - 7)^2$   
+  
 $(a(3) + b - (-1))^2$

at $x=1,$	$2 = a(1) + b$
$x=0,$	$3 = a(0) + b$
$x=2,$	$7 = a(2) + b$
$x=3,$	$-1 = a(3) + b$

setting the (partial) derivatives to 0,

$\frac{\partial \|e\|^2}{\partial a} = 0 \iff 2(a+b-2) \boxed{(1)} + \boxed{0} + 2(2a+b-7) \boxed{(2)} + 2(3a+b+1) \boxed{(3)} = 0$

$(2a+2b-4) + (8a+4b-28) + (18a+6b+6) = 0$

$28a+12b = 26$  or  $14a+6b = 13$  eqn ① in  $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T \vec{y}$

$\frac{\partial \|e\|^2}{\partial b} = 0 \iff 2(a+b-2) + 2(b-3) + 2(2a+b-7) + 2(3a+b+1) = 0$

$(2a+2b-4) + (2b-6) + (4a+2b-14) + (6a+2b+2) = 0$

$12a+8b = 22$  or  $6a+4b = 11$  eqn ② in  $A^T A \hat{x} = A^T \vec{y}$

EXAMPLE 2: Fit the same points with a quadratic as best as you can.  
Points are  $(1, 2)$ ,  $(0, 3)$ ,  $(2, 7)$  and  $(3, -1)$ .

Note: In general form, the equation of a quadratic (parabola) is  
 $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

Set up the equations we would like to be  
Satisfied

$$2 = a(1^2) + b(1) + c \quad \text{at } x=1$$

$$3 = a(0^2) + b(0) + c \quad \text{at } x=0$$

$$7 = a(2^2) + b(2) + c \quad \text{at } x=2$$

$$-1 = a(3^2) + b(3) + c \quad \text{at } x=3$$

Writing as a linear system,

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 9 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{x}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{y}}$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & 9 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 9 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 98 & 36 & 14 \\ 36 & 14 & 6 \\ 14 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & 9 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 21 \\ 13 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

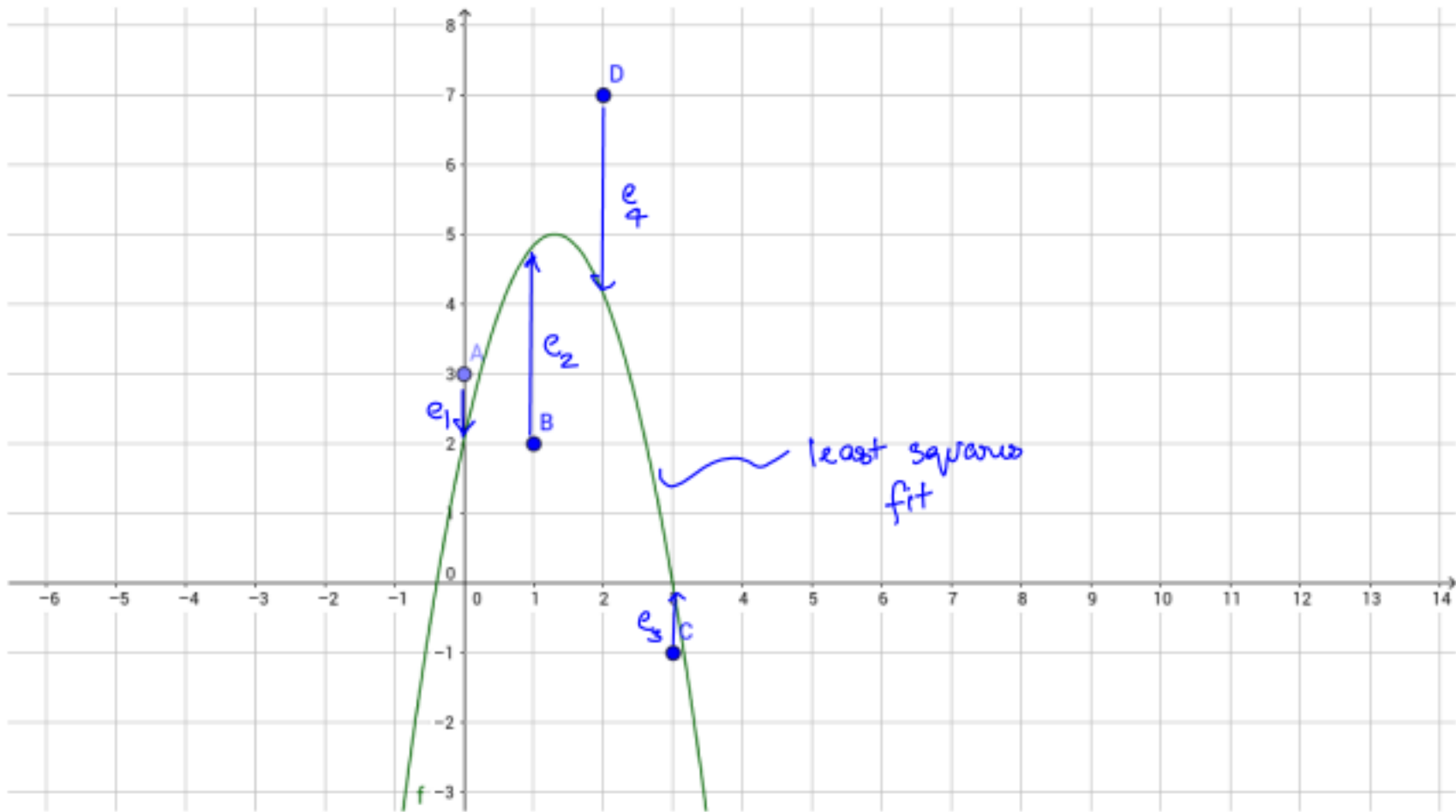
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 9 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}}_{\hat{\vec{x}}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{y}}$$

$\vec{y} \notin C(A)$

Solve  $A^T A \hat{\vec{x}} = A^T \vec{y}$   $\rightarrow$   $\begin{bmatrix} 98 & 36 & 14 \\ 36 & 14 & 6 \\ 14 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 21 \\ 13 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$

We get  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1.75 \\ 4.55 \\ 2.05 \end{pmatrix}$

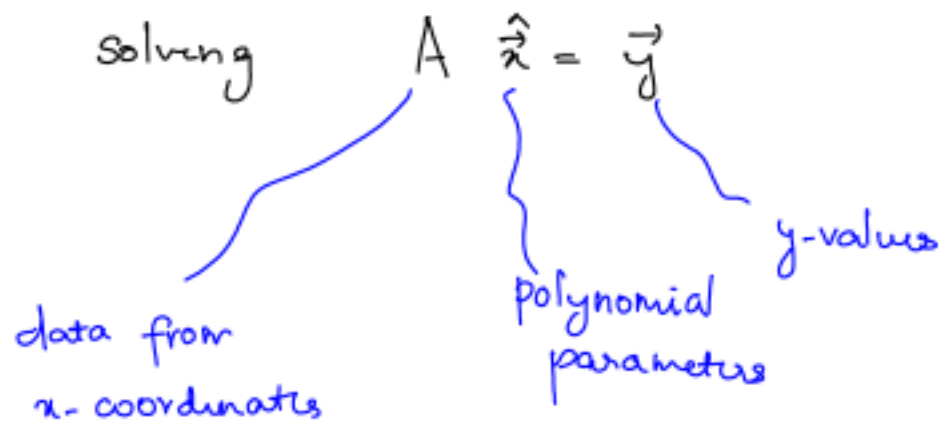




What happens if we want to fit these points to a cubic function?

EXACT FIT!

In general,



we get a solution  $\hat{\vec{x}}$

$$\text{s.t. } A \hat{\vec{x}} = \vec{y} + \vec{e}$$

error in each y-coordinate

So that  $\|\vec{e}\|^2$  is minimized

squared error of polynomial from each y-coordinate