

Problem 6. Use the normal equation to find the least squares best fit straight line on the plane to the data points

$(-1, 1), (1, 1), (2, 3)$.

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} x & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline y & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{x} = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$$

Solve $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2} \|A\bar{x} - \bar{y}\|$. Then $y(x) = c + dx$.

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$A^T \bar{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \text{Solve } A^T A \bar{x} = A^T \bar{y}.$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 & 6 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & -7 & -4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{7} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 + (-3)\frac{4}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{7} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 \cdot \frac{3}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & 4/7 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 9/7 \\ 0 & 1 & 4/7 \end{array} \right].$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 9/7 \\ 4/7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \boxed{y(x) = \frac{9}{7} + \frac{4}{7}x}$$