

In exercises 1 through 4, find a least squares solution to $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.

$$388-1 \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$rref(A)$ shows that $\text{rank } A = 2$. The normal system $A^T A\mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$ is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{24}{17} \\ -\frac{8}{17} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$388-4 \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 4 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$rref(A)$ shows that $\text{rank } A = 4$. The normal system $A^T A\mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$ is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 30 & -8 & 3 & -2 \\ -8 & 8 & -4 & 0 \\ 3 & -4 & 6 & -2 \\ -2 & 0 & -2 & 21 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{25}{49} \\ \frac{85}{17} \\ \frac{196}{17} \\ \frac{49}{3} \\ -\frac{3}{49} \end{bmatrix}$

In exercises 7 through 10, find a least squares line for the given data points.

388-9 (2,3), (3,4), (4,3), (5,4), (6,3), (7, 4)

When you put those data points into matrices A and \mathbf{b} , you get

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 \\ 6 & 1 \\ 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b}$, $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{35} \\ \frac{109}{35} \end{bmatrix}$. Since (in this case) $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} m \\ b \end{bmatrix}$, $y = \frac{3}{35}x + \frac{109}{35}$.

In Exercises 11 and 12, find a quadratic least squares polynomial for the given data.

388-11 (0, 3.2), (0.5, 1.6), (1, 2), (2, -0.4), (2.5, -0.8), (3, -1.6), (4, 0.3), (5, 2.2)

When you put those data points into matrices A and \mathbf{b} , you get

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0.25 & 0.5 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 6.25 & 2.5 & 1 \\ 9 & 3 & 1 \\ 16 & 4 & 1 \\ 25 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3.2 \\ 1.6 \\ 2 \\ -0.4 \\ -0.8 \\ -1.6 \\ 0.3 \\ 2.2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b}, \text{ so } \hat{\mathbf{x}} \approx \begin{bmatrix} .5718 \\ -3.1314 \\ 3.4627 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, $y \approx .5718x^2 - 3.1314x + 3.4627$.

388-14 | A steel producer gathers the following data.

<i>Year</i>	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<i>Annual sales</i> (millions of dollars)	1.2	2.3	3.2	3.6	3.8	5.1

Represent the years 1997, ..., 2002 as 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, respectively, and let x denote the year. Let y denote the annual sales (in millions of dollars).

- (a) Find the least squares line relating x and y .

When you put those data points into matrices A and \mathbf{b} , you get

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.2 \\ 2.3 \\ 3.2 \\ 3.6 \\ 3.8 \\ 5.1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b}, \text{ so } \hat{\mathbf{x}} \approx \begin{bmatrix} .6971 \\ 1.4571 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus, $y \approx .6971x + 1.4571$.

- (b) Use the equation obtained in (a) to estimate the annual sales for the year 2006.

$$y \approx .6971(9) + 1.4571 \rightarrow y \approx 7.7314.$$

389-16 The distributor of a new car has obtained the following data.

<i>Number of Weeks After Introduction of Car</i>	<i>Gross Receipts per Week</i> (millions of dollars)
1	0.8
2	0.5
3	3.2
4	4.3
5	4
6	5.1
7	4.3
8	3.8
9	1.2
10	0.8

Let x denote the gross receipts per week (in millions of dollars) t weeks after the introduction of the car.

- (a) Find a least squares quadratic polynomial for the given data.

When you put those data points into matrices A and \mathbf{b} , you get

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 9 & 3 & 1 \\ 16 & 4 & 1 \\ 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 36 & 6 & 1 \\ 49 & 7 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 81 & 9 & 1 \\ 100 & 10 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 \\ 0.5 \\ 3.2 \\ 4.3 \\ 4 \\ 5.1 \\ 4.3 \\ 3.8 \\ 1.2 \\ 0.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{b}, \text{ so } \hat{\mathbf{x}} \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.2129 \\ 2.3962 \\ -2.1833 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus, $y \approx -0.2129x^2 + 2.3962x - 2.1833$.

- (b) Use the equation in part (a) to estimate the gross receipts 12 weeks after the introduction of the car.

$$y \approx -0.2129(12)^2 + 2.3962(12) - 2.1833 \rightarrow y \approx -4.0833.$$

This is, of course, impossible, but it goes to show you what extrapolation can do to you ...