

$$y = Ax \rightarrow x = A \backslash y$$

*← introduced by MATLAB  
m divide ...*

## Least-Squares

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- Least-squares (**approximate**) solution of overdetermined equations
- **Projection and orthogonality principle**
- **Least-squares estimation**
- **BLUE (Best Linear Unbiased Estimator) property**



# Overdetermined Linear Equations

$$y = Ax \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \quad m > n \quad \text{slightly "skinny" } A$$

over determined - more equations than unknowns  
for most  $y$ , I cannot solve for  $x$

$R(A)$  is at most  $n$ .

inconsistent answers.

Approximately solve  $y = Ax$ , error  $r \triangleq Ax - y$   
find  $x$ ,  $\min \|r\|_2$  - LEAST SQUARES



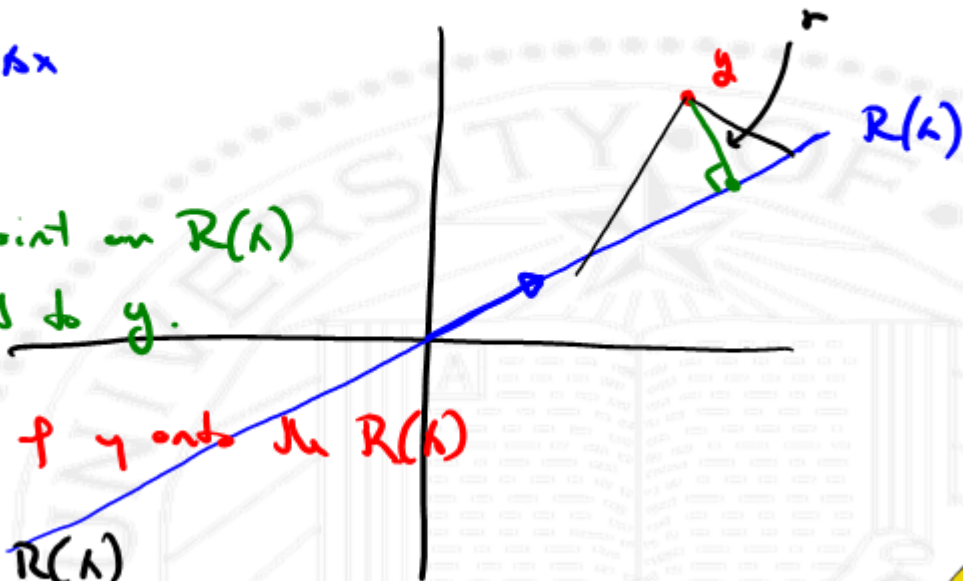
# Geometric Interpretation

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix} \quad y = Ax$$

$Ax_{1s}$  is the point on  $R(A)$   
that is closest to  $y$ .

$Ax_{1s}$  projection of  $y$  onto the  $R(A)$

$$r \perp R(A)$$



## Least-Squares (approximate) solution

Assume that  $A$  is skinny and full rank

$$\|r\|_2^2 = (y - Ax)^T (y - Ax) = x^T A^T A x - 2y^T A x + y^T y$$

$$\frac{\partial \|r\|_2^2}{\partial x} = 0 = 2x^T A^T A - 2y^T A = 0$$
$$[x^T A^T A = y^T A]^T \rightarrow A^T A x = A^T y$$



$$\underbrace{[A^T A]^{-1}}_I A^T A x = [A^T A]^{-1} A^T y$$

$$x_b = [A^T A]^{-1} A^T y$$

← Normal Equations

$[A^T A]^{-1} A^T$  —  $A^+$  pseudo-inverse  
moore-penrose

$$x = A \backslash y = \text{pinv}(A) \cdot y$$



# Least-Squares (approximate) solution

$$x_{ls} = \underbrace{[A^T A]^{-1}} A^T y$$

$x_{ls}$  is a linear function of  $y$ .

$$x_{ls} = B y \quad B = [A^T A]^{-1} A^T$$

$A^T \triangleq [A^T A]^{-1} A^T$  pseudo-inverse  $A^T A$  is "small", square, invertible

if  $A$  is square and invertible, then  $A^T = \bar{A}^{-1}$

$$\underbrace{[A^T A]^{-1}} A^T A = \underbrace{\bar{A}^{-1} \bar{A}^{-T}}_I \cdot A^T A = \bar{A}^{-1} A = I$$



$A^\dagger$  is a LSFT inverse of  $A$  when  $A$  is skinny, full rank

$$A^\dagger A = I_{n \times n}$$






# Projection on $R(A)$

$Ax_1$  by definition the point on  $R(A)$  closest to  $y$ .

$Ax_1$  is the projection of  $y$  onto  $R(A)$

$$Ax_1 = P_r(x) y = Ax_1 = A [A^T A]^{-1} A^T y$$

$$P_r(x) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} A [A^T A]^{-1} A^T \leftarrow \text{Projection matrix}$$



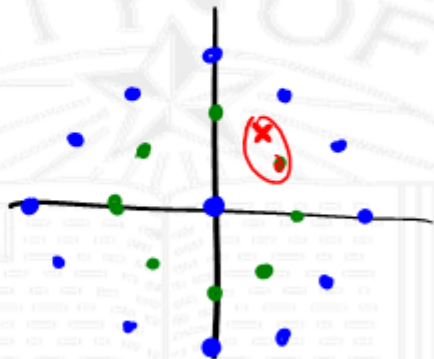
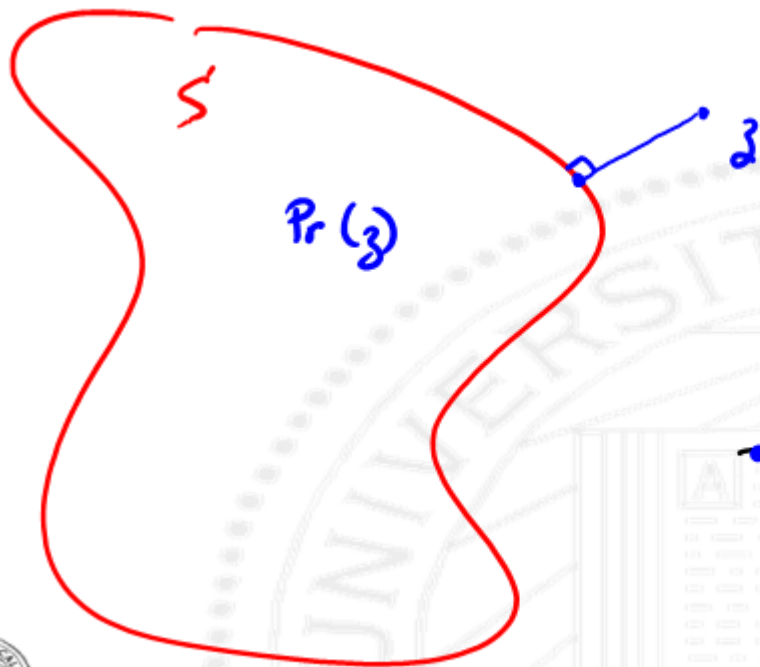
# Orthogonality Principle

Optimal Residue

$$\|r\|_{\min} = Ax_1 - y = \underbrace{[A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T - I]}_{\text{orthogonal to } \mathcal{R}(A)} y.$$

$$\langle r, A_3 \rangle = y^T [A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T - I]^T A_3 = 0 \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$





# Least Squares via QR Factorization

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  skinny, full rank  $\begin{bmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{bmatrix}$

$$A = QR$$

$$Q^T Q = I_{n \times n}$$

$$R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$



upper triangular

$$Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^T &= (A^T A)^{-1} A^T = \left[ R^T Q^T Q R \right]^{-1} R^T Q^T \\ &= \left[ R^T R \right]^{-1} R^T Q^T = \underbrace{I}_{I_{n \times n}}^{-1} R^{-T} R^T Q^T \end{aligned}$$

$$A^T = R^{-T} Q^T$$



$$P_r(\lambda) = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T = A \bar{R}^{-1} Q^T = Q \underbrace{R \bar{R}^{-1}}_I Q^T = Q Q^T$$

$$A = QR$$

$$\boxed{P_r(\lambda) = Q Q^T} \leftarrow \text{NOT IDENTITY!!}$$

$$P_r(\lambda) \cdot y = \sum_{i=1}^n (q_i^T y) \cdot q_i$$



# Least-Squares via "Full" QR Factorization (1.3)

$$A = [q_1 \dots q_m] \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad [q_1 \dots q_m] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \text{ orthogonal}$$
$$R_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \quad \square, \text{ invertible}$$

$$\|Ax - y\|_2^2 = \|[q_1 \dots q_m] \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x - y\|_2^2$$

$$\|[q_1 \dots q_m]^T [q_1 \dots q_m] \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x - [q_1 \dots q_m]^T y\|_2^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_1 x - q_1^T y \\ 0 - q_2^T y \end{bmatrix}^2 = \|R_1 x - q_1^T y\|_2^2 + \|q_2^T y\|_2^2$$



## Least-Squares via "Full" QR Factorization (2.3)

$$\|Ax - y\|^2 = \|(R_1 x) - Q_1^T y\|^2 + \|Q_2^T y\|^2$$

$$x_1 = R_1^{-1} Q_1^T y \rightarrow \underbrace{\| \underbrace{R_1 R_1^{-1}}_I Q_1^T y - Q_1^T y \|^2}_0 + \|Q_2^T y\|^2$$

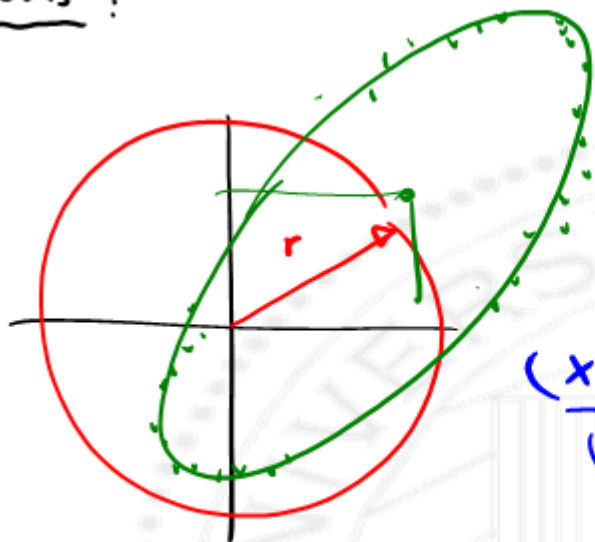
$$Ax_1 - y = -Q_2 Q_2^T y$$

$Q_1 Q_1^T$  projection of  $y$  on  $R(K)$

$Q_2 Q_2^T$  projection of  $y$  on  $R(K)^\perp \approx N(K^T)$



Questions?



$$y = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{(x-x_0)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(x-x_0)(y-y_0)}{ab} + \frac{(y-y_0)^2}{b^2} = h^2$$

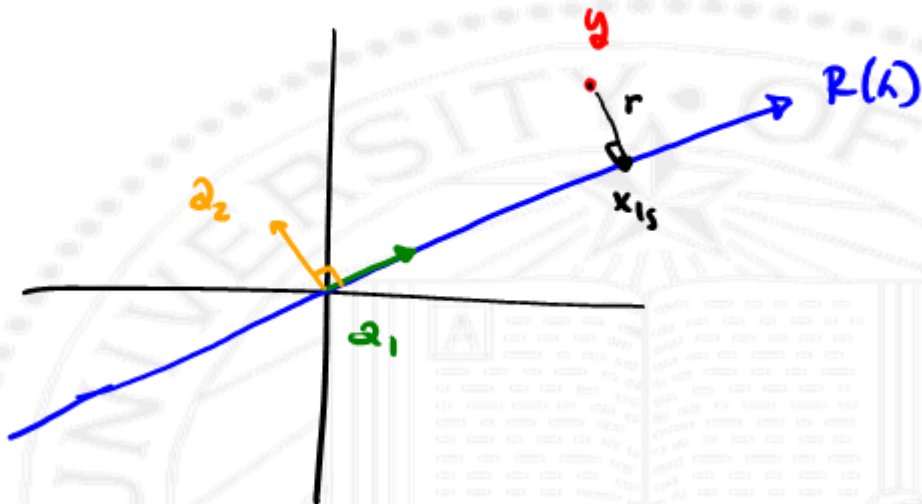
↗  $h^2$





# Least-Squares via "Full" QR Factorization (3.3)

$$y = Ax$$



## Least-Squares Estimation (1.2)

$$y = Ax + \upsilon$$

↖ noise  
↑ Forward model

$x$  is what we want to reconstruct or estimate ( $\hat{x}$ )

$y$  are sensor measurements.

$\upsilon$  is an unknown measured noise or sensor error  
assume that  $\upsilon$  is "small"



## Least-Squares Estimation (2.2)

$i$ th row of  $A$  characterizes the  $i$ th sensor.

$$\hat{x} \approx x \quad \hat{y} = A\hat{x} \rightarrow \underbrace{\hat{v} = y - A\hat{x}}$$

$$\min_{\hat{x}} \|A\hat{x} - y\|$$

minimize the deviation between

- what we observe ( $y$ )

- what we would observe if  $x = \hat{x}$  and there were no noise.

$$\hat{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T y$$



BEST LINEAR ESTIMATOR

# BLUE Property (1.2)

$y = Ax + v$     $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  skinny, full rank

linear estimator:  $\hat{x} = By$     $\hat{v} = B(Ax + v) = BAx + Bv$

$B$  must be a LEFT inverse of  $A$ .   , any left inverse of  $A$ .

unbiased if  $\hat{x} = x$  if  $v = 0$ .    $\rightarrow BA = I$ .

$$x - \hat{x} = x - BAx - Bv = -Bv$$

WANT  $B$  to be the "SMALLEST" LEFT INVERSE of  $A$



## BLUE Property (2.2)

$A^+ = [A^T A]^{-1} A^T$  is the smallest left inverse of  $A$ .

For any  $B \mid BA = I$

$$\sum_{i,j} B_{ij}^2 \geq \sum_{i,j} A_{ij}^{+2} \quad \left. \vphantom{\sum_{i,j} B_{ij}^2} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Frobenius} \\ \text{Norm} \end{array}$$

$$A^+ A = I$$

$$(A^+ + \alpha F) A = I$$

$$\alpha F A = 0$$

$F$  should be small

$$F \in N(A^+)$$

rows of  $F$  are orthogonal to columns of  $A$  (2nd left p. 20)



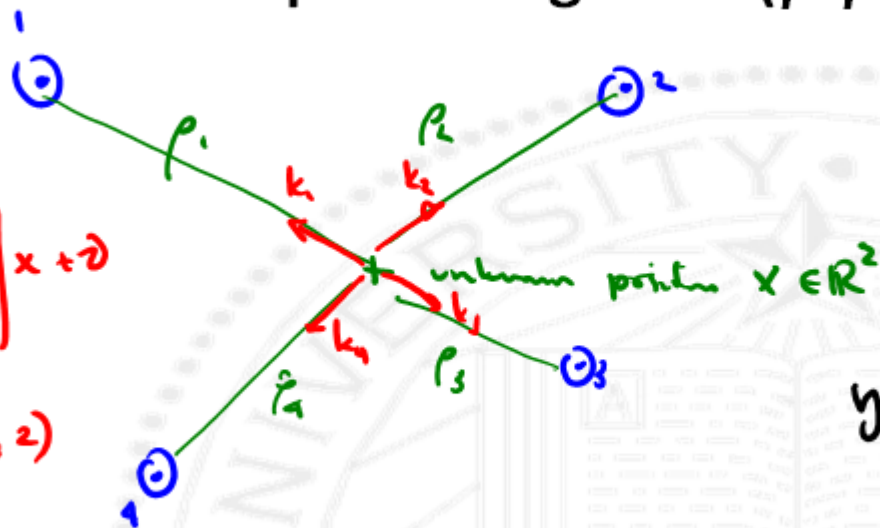
# Example: Navigation ( $\rho$ - $\rho$ )



initially  
 $x_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$y = - \begin{bmatrix} k_1^T \\ \vdots \\ k_n^T \end{bmatrix} x + d$$

$d \sim (0, 2)$

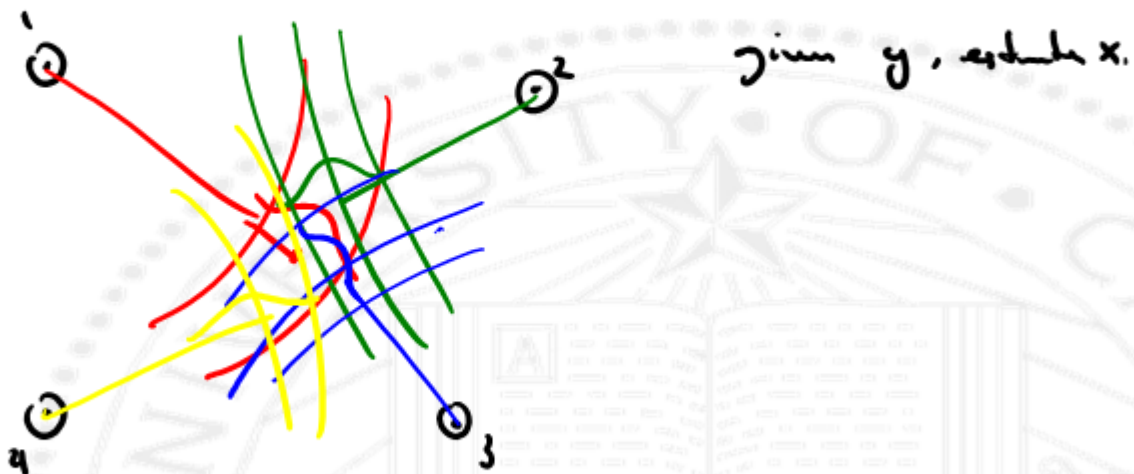


$$x_{true} = \begin{bmatrix} 5.59 \\ 10.55 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} -11.95 \\ -2.89 \\ -9.81 \\ 2.81 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Example: Navigation ( $\rho$ - $\rho$ )



# Just Enough Measurements



$$\hat{x} = B y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1.12 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} y.$$

$$\hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.97 \\ 11.9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \|r\| = 3.02$$

BEST LOCATION IF I KNOW BEACONS 3 & 4 ARE BAD.

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# Least-Squares Method

$$\hat{x} = (K^T K)^{-1} K^T y = K^+ y = \begin{bmatrix} -0.23 & -0.98 & 0.09 & 0.79 \\ -0.97 & -0.02 & -0.51 & -0.16 \end{bmatrix}$$

BLENDING MATRIX

$$\hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 9.95 \\ 10.26 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|r\| = 0.72$$

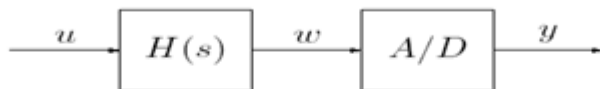
SENSOR FUSION

$B$  and  $K^T$  are both left inverses of  $A$

Larger entries of  $B_{ij}$  lead to larger errors.



# Example from Overview: Comm



$u$  is piecewise constant, period of 1 in unit  $0 \leq t \leq 10$

$$w(t) = \int_0^t h(t-\tau) u(\tau) d\tau$$

sample  $y \in 10 \times$   $\tilde{y}_i = w(0.1i)$   $i = 1$  to  $100$ .

3 bit  $A/D$   $Q(a) = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \text{round}(4a + \frac{1}{2}) - \frac{1}{2} \right]$





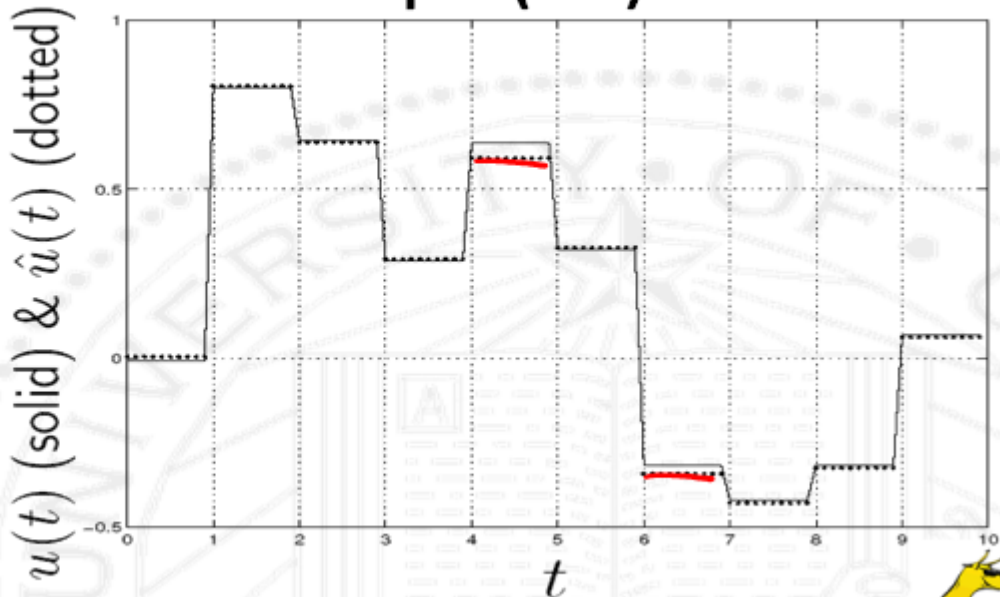
$$x_{ik} = A^T y$$

$$\frac{\|x - x_{ik}\|}{T_{10}} = 0.02$$

$$h(s) = 1.$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$T_{0.01} = 0.07$$

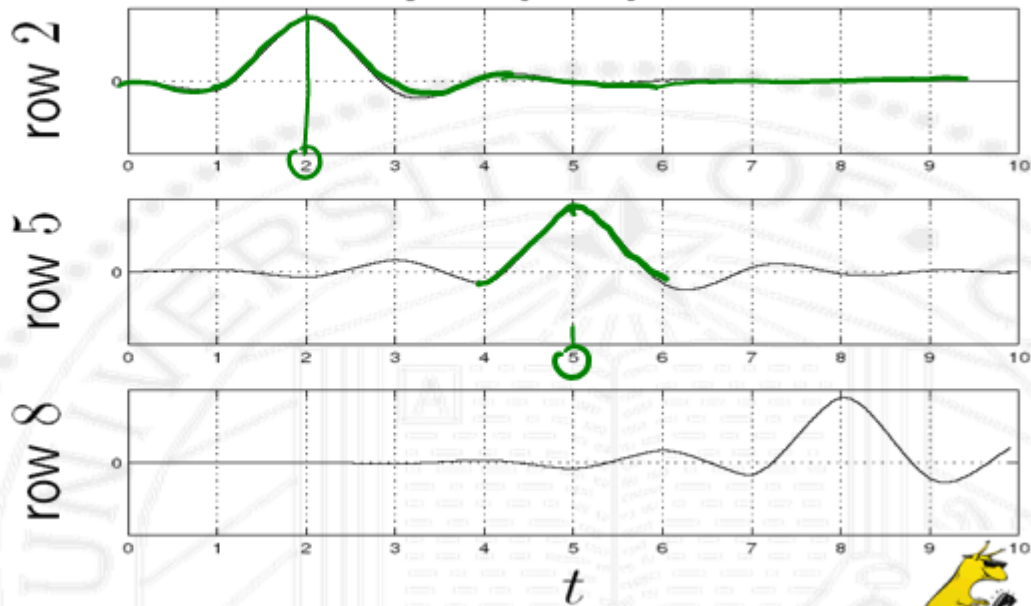
## Comm. Example (2.3)



Row 1 of  $B_{L_1} = A^T$

$$\hat{x} = B_{L_1} \cdot y.$$

## Comm. Example (3.3)



$$x_5 \approx f(y_{t_0} - y_{t_0})$$

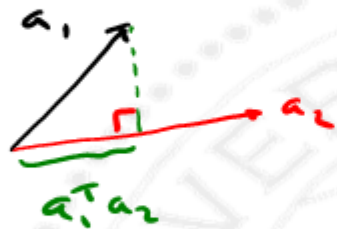


Questions?



$\langle u_i, u_j \rangle = u_i^T u_j$  — inner product

orthogonal vectors —  $\langle u_i, u_j \rangle = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$



normed vector  $\langle u_i, u_i \rangle = 1$

