

# Least-Norm Solutions of Underdetermined Equations

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## Underdetermined Linear Eq'ns (1.2)

$y = Ax$  each equation is a specification

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is fat ( $m < n$ )

Then one linear equation than unknowns

$x$  is under-specified, many choices for  $x$  give the same  $y$ .

Assume  $A$  is full rank ( $m$ )

For each  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$  there is an exact solution



## Underdetermined Linear Eq'ns (2.2)

$$\{x \mid Ax=y\} = \{x_p + z \mid z \in N(A)\}$$

$x_p$  - "particular solution"  $Ax_p = y$ .

In DESIGN this is GREAT NEWS

Solve  $h$ , dim  $N(A) = n-m$  "degrees of freedom"

Choose  $z$  to satisfy some OTHER specifications  
or to optimize something else.



# Least-norm Solution (1.3)

$$X_{ln} = \underbrace{A^T(AA^T)^{-1}}_{\text{right inverse of } A} y \quad \leftarrow \text{least norm solution} \quad X_{ln} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T y$$

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} A \\ I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1}$$

$(AA^T)$  invertible because  $A$  full rank ( $m$ )

LS:  $y \approx Ax$  (approximate)

(N):  $y = Ax$  (exactly)

$X_{ln}$  is solution  $y = Ax$  w/  $\|x\|^2$  minimized



## Least-norm Solution (2.3)

$$CN \begin{cases} \min_x \|x\|^2 \\ \text{subj } Ax=y \end{cases}$$

$$LS: \begin{cases} \min_x \|Ax-y\|^2 \end{cases}$$

$$Ax=y \quad A(x-x_{ln})=0$$

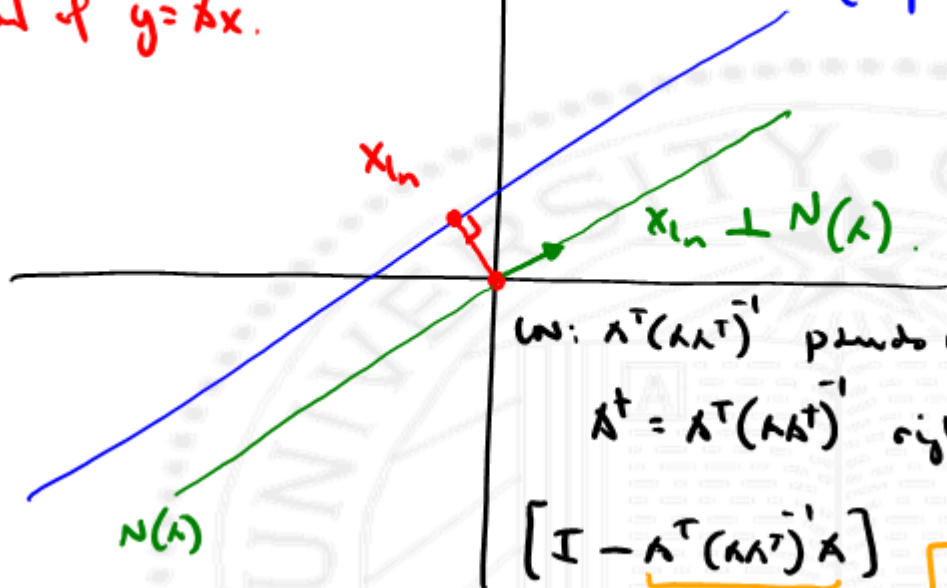
$$(x-x_{ln})^T x_{ln} = \underbrace{(x-x_{ln})^T A^T}_{0} (AA^T)^{-1} y$$

$$x-x_{ln} \perp x_{ln}$$



$x_{\min}$  projection of  $(b)$  onto solution set of  $y = Ax$ .

$$\{x \mid Ax = y\}$$



(LS):  $A^T(AA^T)^{-1}$  pseudo inverse of FAT  $A$ .

$A^+ = A^T(AA^T)^{-1}$  right inverse of  $A$ .

$$\underbrace{[I - A^T(AA^T)^{-1}A]}_{\text{orange bracket}} \rightarrow \text{Pr}(N(A))$$



## Least-norm Solution (3.3)

$$\|x\|^2 = \|x_{in} + x - x_{in}\|^2 = \|x_{in}\|^2 - 2x_{in}^T(x - x_{in}) + \|x - x_{in}\|^2$$
$$\geq \|x_{in}\|^2$$

$$\|x_{in}\|^2 + \|x - x_{in}\|^2 \geq \|x_{in}\|^2$$

$x_{in}$  has the smallest norm of all solutions to  $y = Ax$ .





# Least-norm Solution via QR (1.3)

find  $QR$  of  $A^T$  —  $A^T = QR$  (G.S on  $A^T$ )

$$A^T = QR \quad Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m} \quad Q^T Q = I_{m \times m}$$

$$R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \quad \text{upper diagonal, invertible}$$

$$x_{ln} = A^T (A A^T)^{-1} y = QR (R^T Q^T Q R)^{-1} y = QR (R^T R)^{-1} = QR \bar{R}^{-1} R^{-T}$$

$$x_{ln} = QR^{-T}$$

$$\|x_{ln}\| = \|R^{-T} y\|$$

$$\bar{R}^{-T} \triangleq (R^T)^{-1}$$



## Least-norm Solution via QR (2.3)

if  $A$  is FAT and full rank ( $m$ ) ... plenty of solutions

why choose  $\min \|x\|^2$ .

EASY TO CALCULATE.

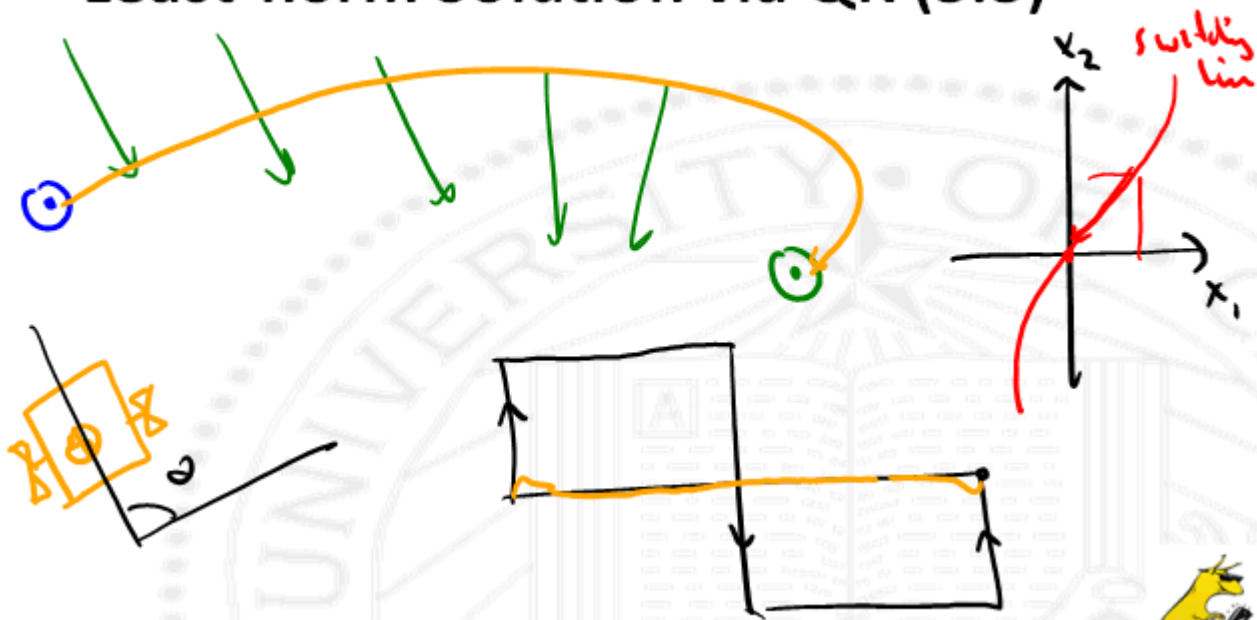
$\min \sum |x_i|$  - 1 norm (FUEL BURN)

$\min \max |x_i|$  -  $\infty$  norm (THRUSTER SIZE)

$H_2$  control ( $w_R, w_E, w_G$ )



# Least-norm Solution via QR (3.3)



# Derivation via Lagrange Multipliers

$$\min x^T x$$

$$L(x, \lambda) = x^T x + \lambda(Ax - y)$$

$$\text{subj } Ax = y$$

optimality conditions are:  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0$   $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda} = 0$ .

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 2x^T + \lambda A = 2x + A^T \lambda = 0 \rightarrow x = -\frac{A^T \lambda}{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda} = Ax - y = 0 \rightarrow A\left(-\frac{A^T \lambda}{2}\right) - y = 0 \rightarrow -\frac{AA^T \lambda}{2} = y$$

$$\therefore \lambda = -2(AA^T)^{-1} y$$



## Derivation via Lagrange Multipliers

$$x = -A^T \frac{\lambda}{2} \quad \lambda = -2 (AA^T)^{-1} y$$

$$\therefore x = -A^T \frac{\lambda}{2} = -A^T \frac{(-2 (AA^T)^{-1} y)}{2}$$

$$x_{\text{ls}} = A^T (AA^T)^{-1} y$$



# Lagrange Multiplier: Example (1.3)

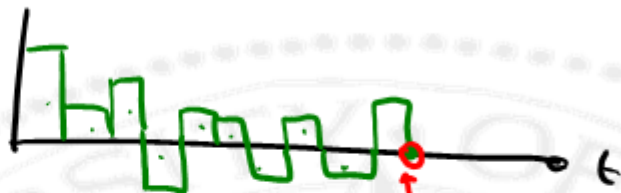


$y_1$  position @  $t=10$

$y_2$  velocity @  $t=10$

Find a least norm mess

transfer to you =  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$



$$y = Ax$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 10}$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$$

$A$  is FAT



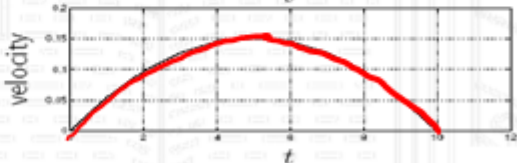
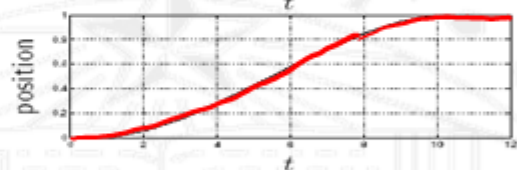
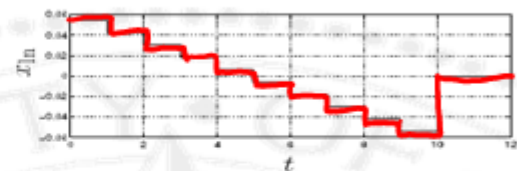
## Lagrange Multiplier: Example (2.3)



$$x_{L_2} = A^T (AA^T)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Lagrange Multiplier: Example (3.3)





# Relation to Regularized L-S (1.2)

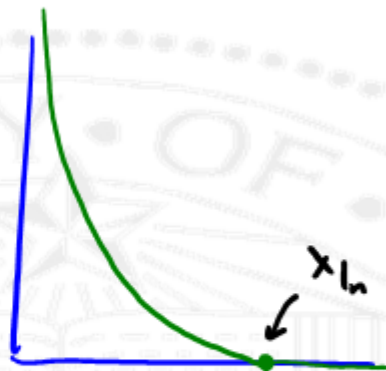
$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

FAT, FULL RANK

$$\text{data } J_1 = \|Ax - y\|^2$$

$$J_2 = \|x\|^2$$

$J_1$



LEAST NORM:  $\min J_2$  w/  $J_1 = 0$ .

$$\min (J_1 + \mu J_2) = \|Ax - y\|^2 + \mu \|x\|^2$$

$J_2$

$$x_\mu = (A^T A + \mu I)^{-1} A^T y$$

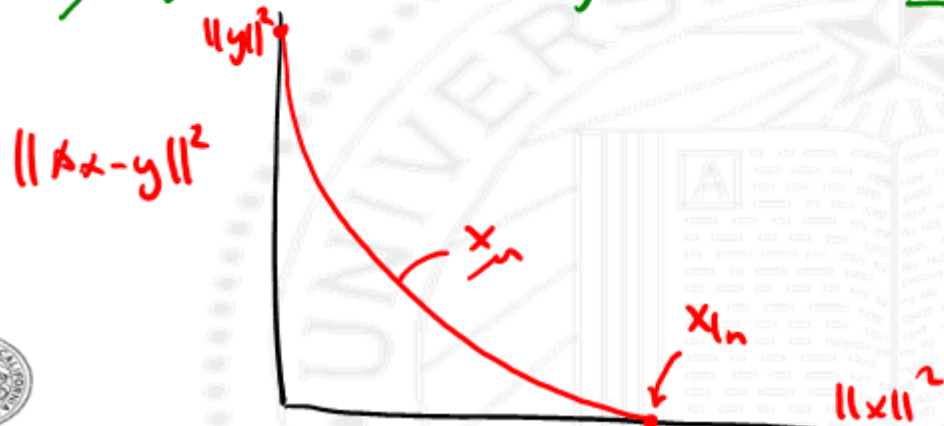
$$x_\mu \rightarrow x_{LS} \text{ as } \mu \rightarrow 0$$



## Relation to Regularized L-S (2.2)

as  $\mu \rightarrow 0$

$$(A^T A + \mu I)^{-1} A^T \rightarrow A^T (A A^T)^{-1} \text{ for } A \text{ is FAT full rank (m)}$$



# General Norm Minimization with Equality Constraints (1.3)

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x & \|Ax - b\| \\ \text{subj to: } & Cx = d \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \min_x & \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - b\|^2 \\ \text{subj. } & Cx = d \end{aligned}$$



# General Norm Minimization with Equality Constraints (2.3)

$$L(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - b\|^2 + \lambda^T (Cx - d)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} x^T A^T A x - b^T A x + \frac{1}{2} b^T b + \lambda^T C x - \lambda^T d$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0 = A^T A x - A^T b + C^T \lambda = 0 \quad \text{— solve for } \lambda.$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda} = 0 = Cx - d = 0 \quad \text{— solve for } x, \text{ substitute in } \lambda.$$



# General Norm Minimization with Equality Constraints (3.3)

$$\begin{bmatrix} A^T A & C^T \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A^T b \\ d \end{bmatrix} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{KKT}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A^T A & C^T \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} A^T b \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$



if  $(A^T A)$  is invertible

$$x = (A^T A)^{-1} (A^T b - c^T \lambda) \quad Cx = d$$

$$c (A^T A)^{-1} (A^T b - c^T \lambda) = d$$

$$\lambda = [c (A^T A)^{-1} c^T]^{-1} [c (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b - d]$$

solve for  $x = \underline{UGUY}$



$$\begin{aligned} \min_x & \|Ax - b\| \\ \text{subj. } & Cx = d \end{aligned}$$

LN:  $A = I, b = 0$   
 $C = A, d = y.$   $\begin{bmatrix} I & A^T \\ K & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{bmatrix}$

$$x_{LN} = A^T (K^T)^{-1} y$$

LS:  $C = \{\}$   
 $d = \{\}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A^T b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A^T y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T A x = A^T y \rightarrow x_{LS} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T y$$



Questions?





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