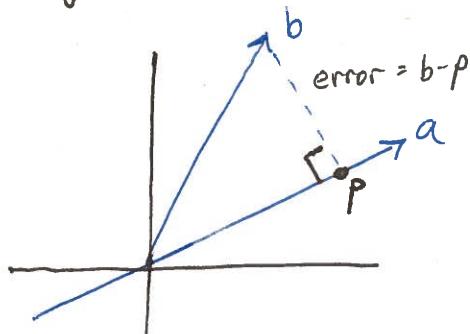


# Projection, Least Squares, Projection Matrix

## Projection:



In calculus the projection has trig function solns in linear algebra the projection is a matrix :  $p = a \frac{a^T b}{a^T a} = Pb$

projection,  $p$ , is some multiple of  $a$ ,

$$p = x a$$

and  $a \perp \text{error}$ ,  $[a \cdot \text{error} = 0]$

$$a^T(b - xa) = 0$$

solve for  $x$ , projection mult of  $a$ ,

$$x = \frac{a^T b}{a^T a} \rightarrow p = a \frac{a^T b}{a^T a}$$

Projection matrix,  $P$ ,

$$P = \frac{a a^T}{a^T a}$$

so projection  $p$  is  $p = Pb$

Notes about projection Matrix,  $P$ :

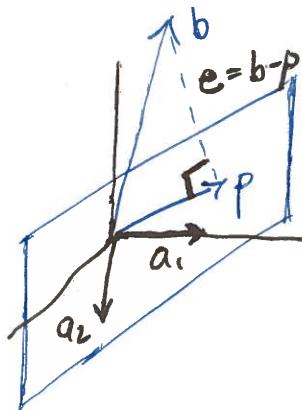
- Column space  $C(P)$  is a line through  $a$
- $\text{Rank}(P) = 1$ , it's a line
- $P$  is symmetric,  $P^T = P$
- Projecting more than once produces no change,  $P^2 = P$

Why use projection?

if  $Ax = b$  has no solutions (say, more unknowns than eqns)

then we solve  $A\hat{x} = p$  ( $p$  is projection of  $b$  into colspace of  $A$ )

Now consider 3-dimension case:



- project vector  $b$  into plane
- Describe plane using 2 basis vectors  
plane of  $= \text{colspace}$  of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} & \\ a_1, a_2 & \end{bmatrix}$
- error ( $e = b - p$ ) is perpendicular to  $p$
- projection,  $p$ , is some multiple of plane

$$p = \hat{x}_1 a_1 + \hat{x}_2 a_2 = A \hat{x}$$

Projection:

$$p = A \hat{x}, \text{ we want } \hat{x}$$

key is: error =  $e = b - p = b - A \hat{x}$  (error  $\perp$  plane)  
[ $a \cdot \text{error} = 0$ ]

$$a_1^T (b - A \hat{x}) = 0$$

$$a_2^T (b - A \hat{x}) = 0$$

$$\downarrow \\ A^T (b - A \hat{x}) = \emptyset$$

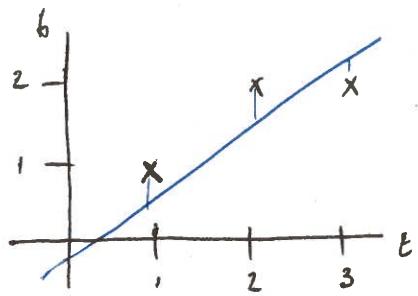
$e$  is in nullspace of  $A^T$  (from  $A^T e = 0$ )  
 $\rightarrow e \perp C(A)$  !

$$\downarrow \\ \boxed{\hat{x}} \quad \boxed{(A^T A)^{-1} A^T b}$$

$$\rightarrow p = A \hat{x} = A (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

$$\boxed{P = A (A^T A)^{-1} A^T} \\ \text{so } \boxed{p = Pb}$$

## Least Squares (fitting by a line)



$$b = C + D t$$

$$C + D = 1$$

$$C + 2D = 2$$

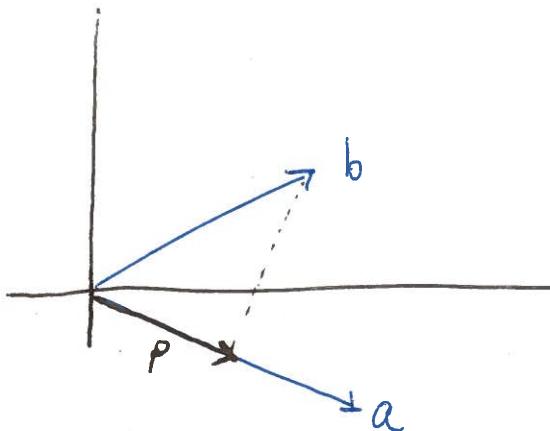
$$C + 3D = 3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$A \quad x = b$$

So, we can't solve  $Ax=b$ , but we can solve  
the next best thing,  $Ax=P \dots A^T A x = A^T b$

## The DOT PRODUCT IN Matrix notation

$$a \cdot b = B^T A$$



given 2 vectors,  $a \in b$   
the projection of  $a$  onto  $b$   
is given by the dot product

$$a \cdot b = |a||b| \cos \theta$$

Say  $\Rightarrow a = (1, 2, 4) \quad b = (-2, 4, -1)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } a \cdot b &= 1 \cdot -2 + 2 \cdot 4 + 4 \cdot -1 \\ &= -2 + 8 - 4 \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

In matrix form,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B^T A &= \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -2 + 8 - 4 \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$