

1. Consider the points  $P_1 = (1, -16)$ ,  $P_2 = (3, 10)$ ,  $P_3 = (7, 8)$ , and  $P_4 = (9, 10)$ , measurements made in a lab where the data was supposed lie on a single line. Obviously something went wrong; these four points can't possibly be on the same line.

1a. Explicitly, what are the *design matrix*  $X$  and *observation vector*  $y$  you would use in a matrix equation  $X\beta = y$  to find  $\beta = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix}$  such that the four points above are on the line  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$ ?

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 7 \\ 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} -16 \\ 10 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

1b. Since  $X\beta = y$  has no solution, we'll have to be content with the least-squares solution. Find it; ie, find  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  for which  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$  is the least-squares line that best fits the four given points. *Show all your work!*

we need to solve  $X^T X \vec{\beta} = X^T \vec{y}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 20 \\ 20 & 140 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 160 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{now, } \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 20 & | & 12 \\ 20 & 140 & | & 160 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & -9.5 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 2.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta_0 = -9.5$$

&

$$\beta_1 = 2.5$$

$$\beta_0 = -9.5 = -\frac{19}{2}$$

$$\beta_1 = 2.5 = \frac{5}{2}$$

1c. Find the four  $y$  coordinates corresponding to  $x = 1, 3, 7, 9$  on the best-fit line, and assemble them into a vector we'll call  $p$ ;  $p$  is our vector of *predicted values*.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 7 \\ 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -9.5 \\ 2.5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -2 \\ 8 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -2 \\ 8 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

1d. Find the four residuals, and then the sum of their squares (SOS).

$$\text{Four Residuals: } \vec{y} - \vec{p} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 12 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{SOS: } = 81 + 144 + 0 + 9 = 234$$

1e. You might think that the line  $y = -77/4 + 13/4x$  would be a better fit: At least it goes through  $P_1$  and  $P_4$ . Find the four residuals for *this* line, and then the sum of *their* squares.

$$\text{Four Residuals: } \vec{y} - \begin{bmatrix} -16 \\ -9.5 \\ 3.5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -16 \\ 10 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -16 \\ -9.5 \\ 3.5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 19.5 \\ 4.5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{SOS: } 380.25 + 20.25 = 400.5$$

1f. Which line is a better fit? Explain.

The 1<sup>st</sup> line, since the SOS is smaller. This means the distance from  $\begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -2 \\ 8 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$  to  $\begin{bmatrix} -16 \\ 10 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$  is smaller than the distance from  $\begin{bmatrix} -16 \\ -9.5 \\ 3.5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$  to  $\begin{bmatrix} -16 \\ 10 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$