

# Geometry of Least Squares

$$\underline{y} = \underline{X} \underline{\beta} + \underline{e}$$

$$\underline{y} \text{ } n \times 1, \quad \underline{X} \text{ } n \times k, \quad \underline{\beta} \text{ } k \times 1, \quad \underline{e} \text{ } n \times 1$$

$$\text{Least Squares, } \Rightarrow \quad \underline{\hat{\beta}} = (\underline{X}^T \underline{X})^{-1} \underline{X}^T \underline{y}$$

Our interest lies in  $\hat{\beta}$ ;  
Numerical Properties.

## 2.2. Geometry of Vector Spaces.

$\underline{y} \text{ } n \times 1$  and it belongs to  
what is called a Euclidean Space,  
denoted  $E^n$ .

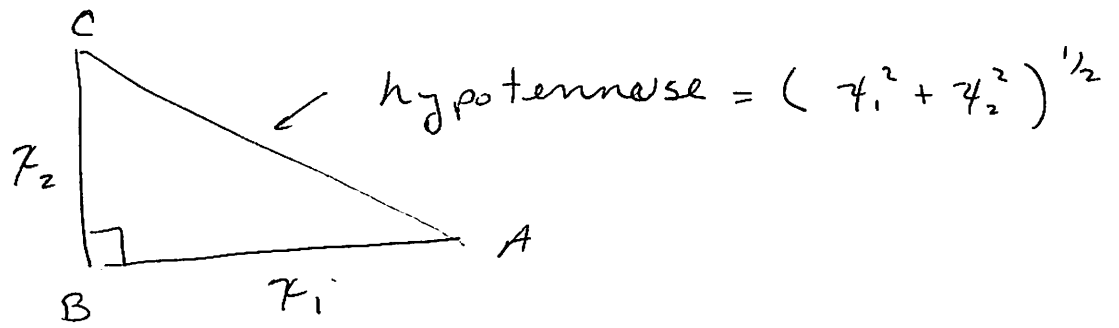
$$\underline{x} \in E^n$$

The length of a vector (NORM)

$$\text{is } \|\underline{x}\| = (\underline{x}^T \underline{x})^{1/2}$$

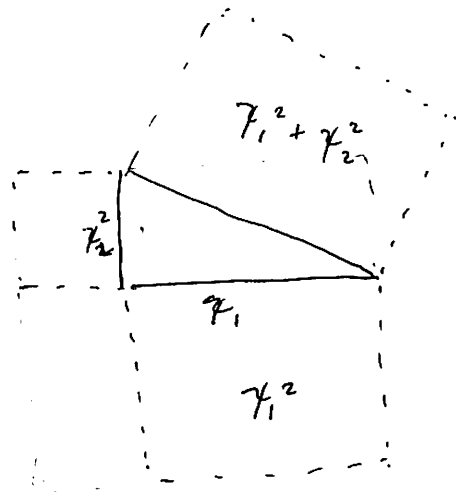
$$= (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2)^{1/2}$$

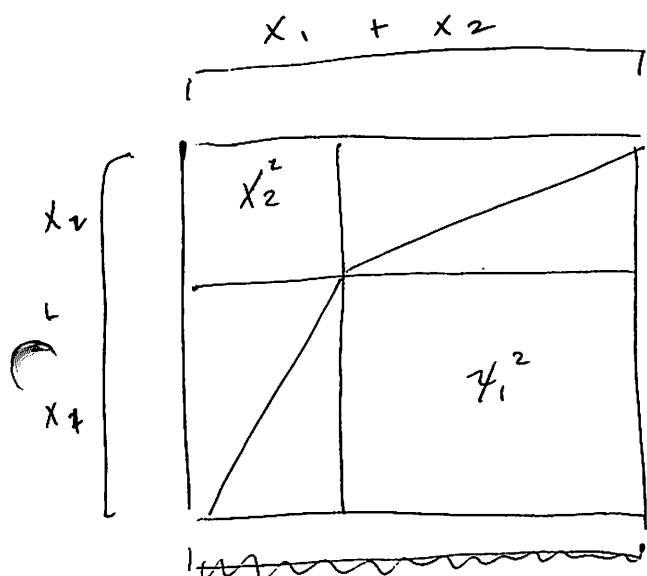
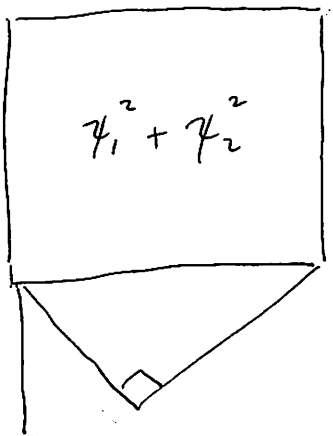
Pythagorean Theorem



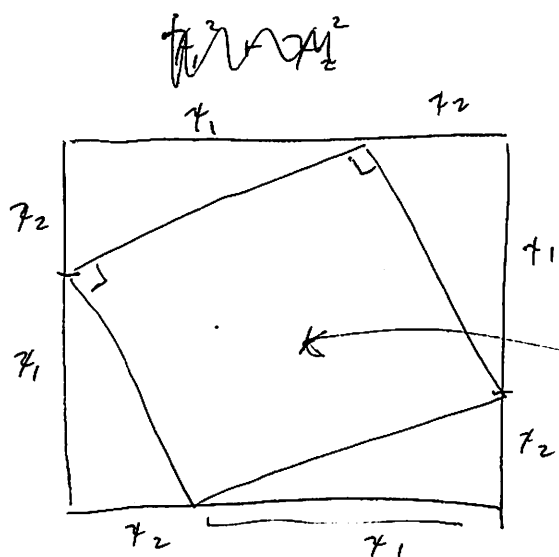
$x_1$  &  $x_2$  are the lengths of the 2 sides of the triangle.

Proof.





4 copies of the right triangle contained in this box



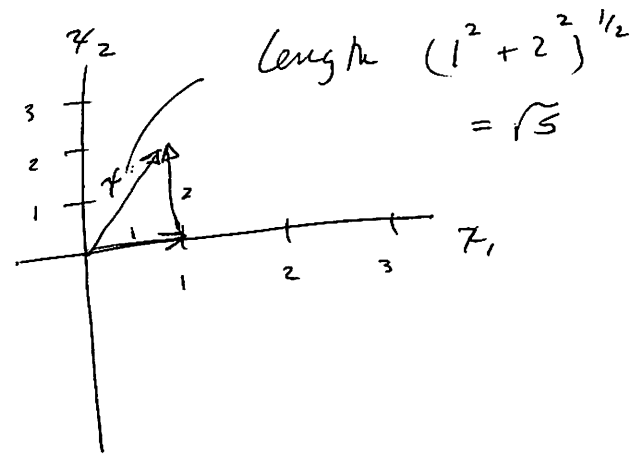
Same 4 copies, what is left must be equal to

$x_1^2 + x_2^2$

The elements of a vector can be thought of as coordinates in n-space.

Example

$$\text{Let } \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

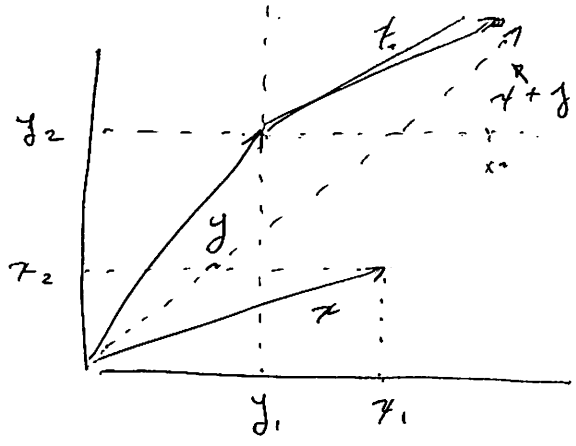


Geometry in 2-space.

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x} + \vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_2 + y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Vector Addition

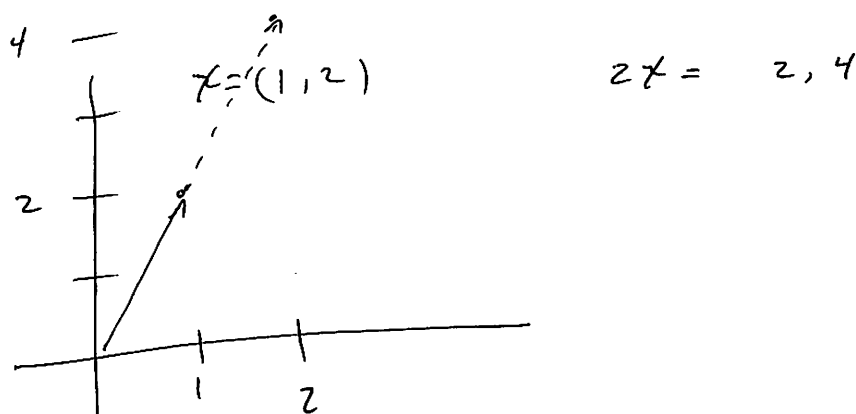


## Multiply vector by scalar

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha \vec{r} &= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha r_1 \\ \alpha r_2 \end{pmatrix} && \text{length } \|\alpha \vec{r}\| \\
 &&& (\alpha^2 r_1^2 + \alpha^2 r_2^2)^{1/2} \\
 &&& = |\alpha| \|\vec{r}\|
 \end{aligned}$$

So, you can shorten or lengthen any vector by multiplying it by a scalar.

Its position is not changed though.



$$|\alpha| = \sqrt{\alpha^2}$$

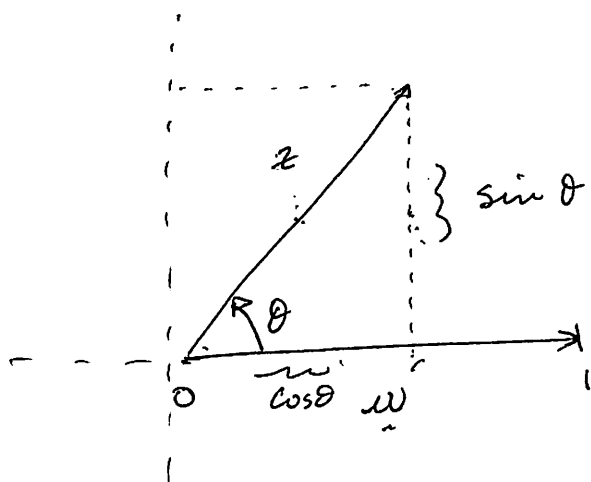
## Geometry of Scalar Products

Take 2 vectors with length = 1

$$\underline{w}, \underline{z}$$

$$\underline{w} = (1, 0) \quad \text{note } (1^2 + 0^2)^{1/2} = 1$$

The vector  $\underline{z}$  is also of length 1  
and in max angle  $\theta$  relative to  $\underline{w}$



$$\sin \theta = \frac{O}{H}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{A}{H}$$

$$\underline{z} = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \sin \\ \cos \end{array} \begin{array}{l} O \\ A \end{array} \begin{array}{l} H \\ H \end{array}$$

Then, By Pythagoras Theorem  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\vec{w} = (1, 0) \quad \vec{z} = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$$

$w \cdot z$

$$w^T z = \cos^2 \theta$$

More generally, let  $\vec{x} = \alpha \vec{w}$        $\alpha, \gamma > 0$   
 $\vec{y} = \gamma \vec{z}$

$$\vec{x}^T \vec{y} = \alpha \gamma w^T z = \alpha \gamma \cos \theta$$

$x$  is parallel to  $w$        $\Rightarrow$  angle between  
 $y$  " " to  $z$       the 2 is same.

$$\alpha = \|\vec{x}\|, \quad \gamma = \|\vec{y}\|$$

$$\text{Since } \|\vec{x}\| = \|\alpha \vec{w}\| = (\alpha^2 w_1^2 + \alpha^2 w_2^2)^{1/2}$$

$$= |\alpha| \|\vec{w}\|$$

and  $\|\vec{w}\| = 1$  so,

$$\|\vec{x}\| = |\alpha|$$

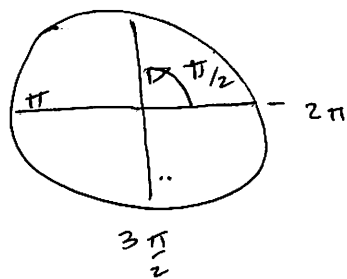
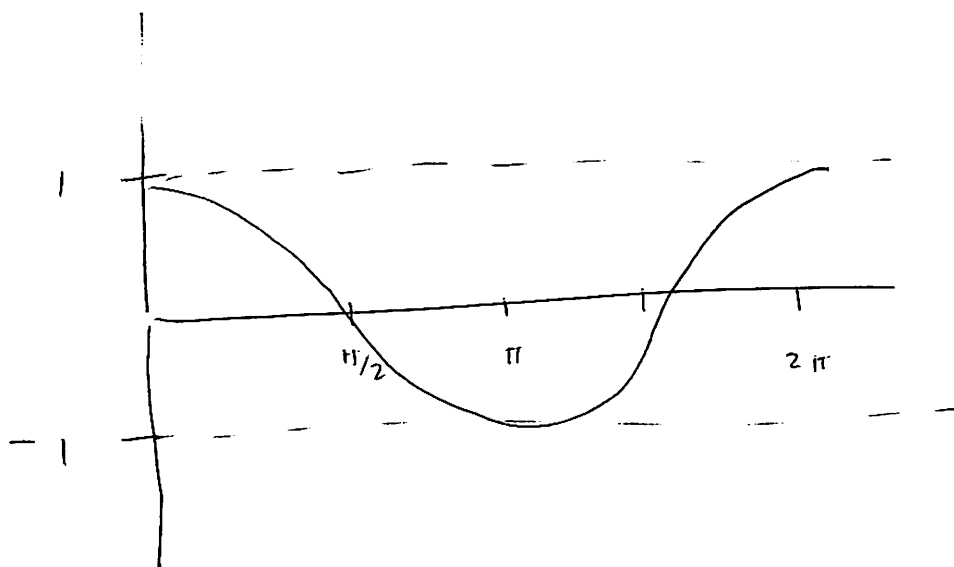
$$\Rightarrow \vec{x}^T \vec{y} = \|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\| \cos \theta$$

This is true of vectors of any length

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\| \cos \theta$$

$\theta$  tells us something about the directional relationship between 2 vectors.

$$-1 \leq \cos \theta \leq 1$$



$\pi/2 - 90^\circ \cos \theta = \underline{\underline{0}}$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \cos \theta = \underline{\underline{1}}$   
 $0, \text{ \& } 2\pi \text{ if parallel.}$

If at right angles -  $\cos \theta = 0$

If parallel -  $\cos \theta = 1$

If pointing in opposite directions  $\cos \theta = -1$

$\Rightarrow$  2 vectors at right angles

$$\vec{x}^T \vec{y} = \|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\| \cos \theta = \|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\| \cdot 0 = 0$$

These vectors are said to be orthogonal.

$$\vec{x}^T \vec{y} =$$

Also, since  $\cos(\theta)$  is always between  $-1$  and  $1$  then

$$|\vec{x}^T \vec{y}| \leq \|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\|$$

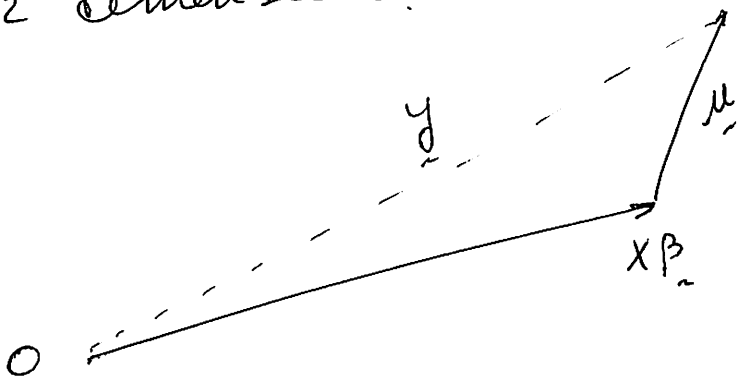
which is the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.

## Subspace of $E_n$

$$\underset{\sim}{y} = X \underset{\sim}{\beta} + \underset{\sim}{u}$$

Each of these are  $n$ -vectors.

on the R.H.S there are 2 vectors -  
and we can draw  $n$  vectors in  
2 dimensions.



Since they are equal,  $\underset{\sim}{y}$  is implied!

The matrix  $X = \{ \underline{x}_1 \ \underline{x}_2 \ \dots \ \underline{x}_k \}$

has  $k$  columns,  $n$  rows with

$n \geq k$ . The columns of  $X$  define

a subspace of  $X$  ( $k$  dimension). These  
are called Basis Vectors

The subspace associated with these  
 $k$  basis vectors is denoted

$S(X)$  or  $\mathcal{S}(\underline{x}_1 \ \underline{x}_2 \ \dots \ \underline{x}_k)$ . The

Basis vectors are said to Span

this subspace.

~~That spans~~ The subspace

$S(X)$  consists of every vector  
that can be formed as a linear  
combination of  $\underline{x}_i \ i=1, \dots, k$ .

$\mathcal{S}(X)$  is called the subspace spanned by the columns of  $X$ .

Sometimes called the column space of  $X$ , or just the span of  $X$ .

The orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{S}(X)$  in  $E^m$  ( $\mathcal{S}^\perp(X)$ ) is the set of all vectors in  $E^m$  that are orthogonal to everything in the column space of  $X$ . (or span of  $X$ ).

$$\mathcal{S}(\underline{r}_1, \underline{r}_2, \dots, \underline{r}_k) \equiv \left\{ z \in E^m \mid z = \sum_{i=1}^k b_i \underline{r}_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

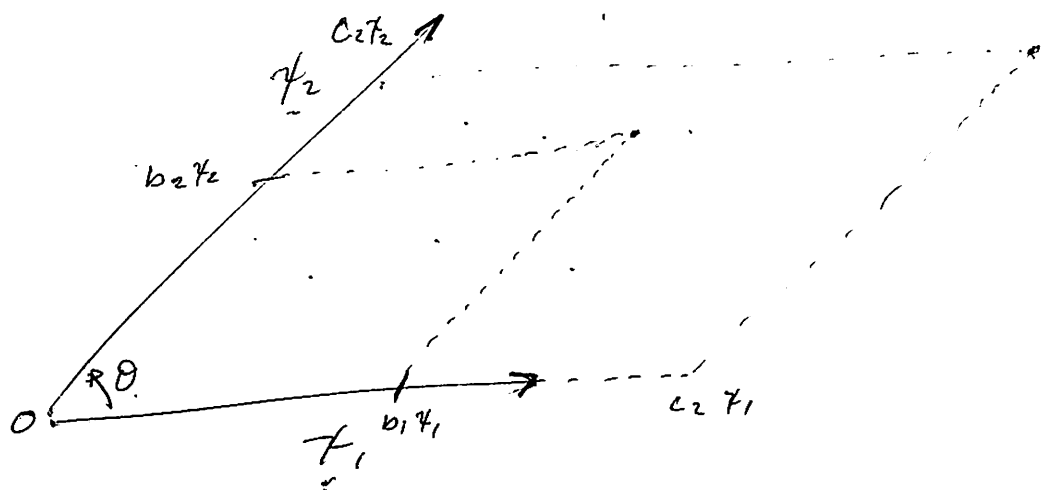
$\underline{w}$  are the orthog complement, hence

$$z^T \underline{w} = 0$$

since  $\mathcal{S}^\perp(\underline{r}_1, \dots, \underline{r}_k) \equiv \left\{ \underline{w} \in E^m \mid \underline{w}^T z = 0 \text{ for all } z \in \mathcal{S}(X) \right\}$

Consider the 2 dimensional subspace

$$\mathcal{S}(\vec{\gamma}_1, \vec{\gamma}_2)$$



The column space is all linear  
combs of  $\vec{\gamma}_1, \vec{\gamma}_2$

$$\vec{z}_1 = b_1 \vec{\gamma}_1 + b_2 \vec{\gamma}_2$$

$$\vec{z}_2 = c_1 \vec{\gamma}_1 + c_2 \vec{\gamma}_2$$

Basically this spans the entire plane.

## Linear Independence

To get LS,  $X^T X$  must be invertible, and to be invertible  $X$  must have a rank of  $k$ .

If the  $\text{Rank}(X) < k$  Then there is at least 1 column in  $X$  that can be expressed as a linear comb of the others.

$$\underline{x}_j = \sum_{i \neq j} c_i \underline{x}_i$$

$$\text{or} \quad \sum_{i \neq j} c_i \underline{x}_i - \underline{x}_j = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k b_i \underline{x}_i = 0$$

$$\text{note} \quad c_i = \frac{b_i}{b_j}$$

In Matrix Terms this can be written

$$X \underline{b} = \underline{0}$$

If the columns of  $X$  are linearly independent, then  $X^T X$  is invertible.

Proof:

If linearly dependent, then there is some nonzero vector  $\underline{b}$  s.t.

$$X \underline{b} = \underline{0}.$$

Premultiply by  $X^T$

$$X^T X \underline{b} = X^T \underline{0} = \underline{0}$$

$$(X^T X)^{-1} (X^T X) \underline{b} = (X^T X)^{-1} \cdot \underline{0}$$

$$\underline{b} = \underline{0}$$

This is a contradiction  $\therefore$

~~the~~  $(X^T X)^{-1}$  cannot exist when

columns of  $X$  are linearly dep.

□.

Note:

This is also sufficient

# Geometry of OLS

Any point in a subspace of  $S(X)$  can be represented as a linear comb. of the columns of  $X$ .

$$X_{n \times k} \quad \text{Rank}(X) = k$$

$\therefore S(X)$  is  $k$ -dimensional subspace. The basic vectors span this space.

$$X = \{ \vec{x}_1 \quad \vec{x}_2 \quad \vec{x}_3 \quad \dots \quad \vec{x}_k \}$$

$X\vec{\beta}$  is a linear comb of columns of  $X$ .

$$X\vec{\beta} = \vec{x}_1\beta_1 + \vec{x}_2\beta_2 + \dots + \vec{x}_k\beta_k$$

$X\vec{\beta}$  Belongs to  $S(X)$

$X\hat{\beta}$  " "  $S(X)$   $\hat{\beta}$  OLS

ANY  $X\vec{\beta}$  " "  $S(X)$  !

$$\text{OLS } \hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

satisfies

$$X^T (y - X \hat{\beta}) = \underset{k \times m}{X^T} \underset{n \times 1}{(y - X \hat{\beta})} = \underset{k \times 1}{0} \quad \text{or } \text{Orthog} \text{ Conditions}$$

$$X^T \hat{e} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{e} \text{ is orthogonal to } X$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{e} \text{ is in orthogonal complement.}$$

1) The OLS residuals  $\hat{u}$  are orthogonal to each regressor

$$\underset{k \times m}{X^T} (y - X \hat{\beta}) = 0 \quad \text{here}$$

2) The OLS residuals are orthogonal to every vector in  $S(X)$   
(with  $\hat{u}$  above or special case)

$$\text{if } X^T (y - X \hat{\beta}) = 0 \quad \text{then } \beta^T X^T (y - X \hat{\beta}) = 0$$

$$\beta^T X^T \hat{u} = 0$$

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For any vector  $\beta$ . So, if  $\beta = \hat{\beta}$  (OLS)

Then

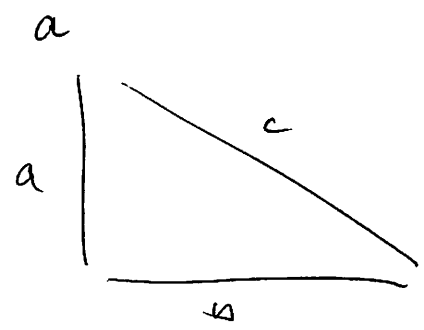
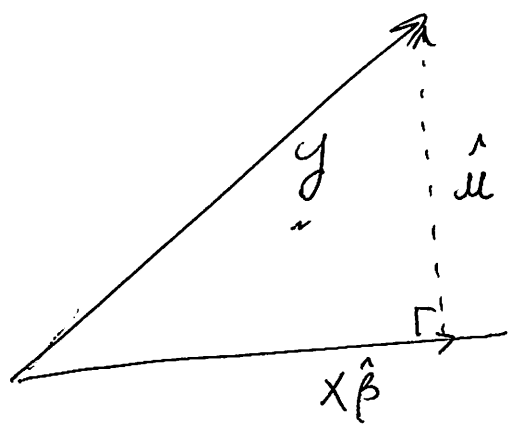
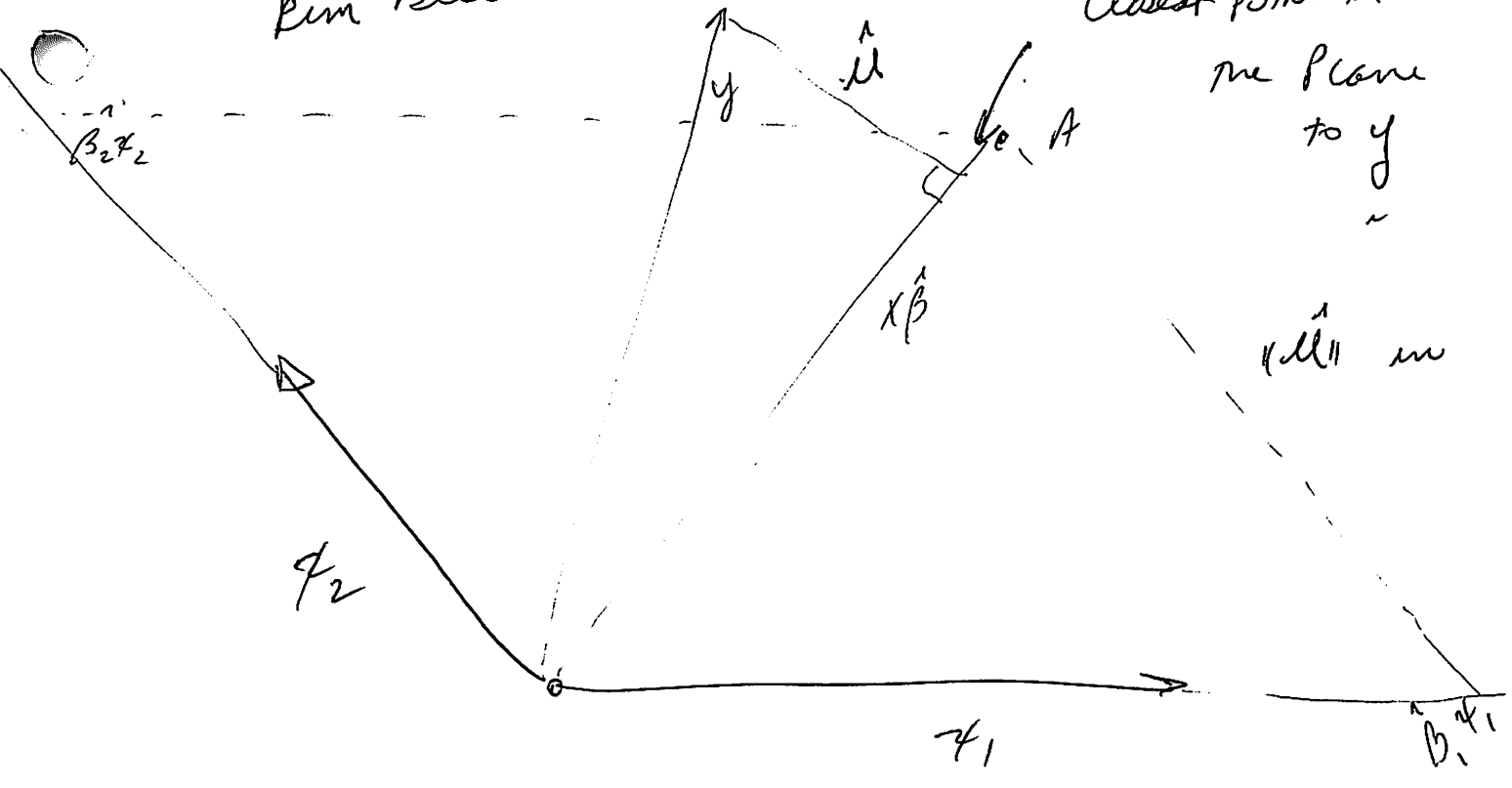
$$\hat{\beta}^T X^T \hat{u} = 0$$

$$\hat{\beta}^T X^T = \hat{y} - \text{fitted values.}$$

(3) Fitted values from OLS are orthogonal to the OLS residuals.

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Closest point in the Plane to  $y$



$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$\| \hat{u} \|^2 + \| \hat{x}\hat{\beta} \|^2 = \| y \|^2$$

$$\hat{u}^T \hat{u} + \hat{\beta}^T X^T X \hat{\beta} = y^T y$$

$$SSR + ESS = TSS$$