

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\| \mathcal{A}x - \mathcal{B} \right\|^2$$

## Nonnegative least squares

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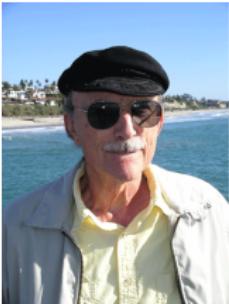


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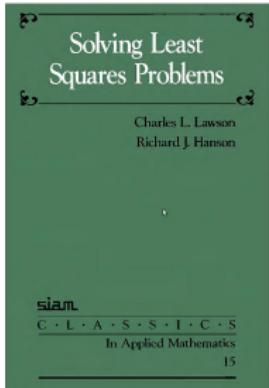
# Introduction

1. Venerable history of least squares
2. Estimates optimal, but thanks to “cancellations” — so solution usually has positive and negative entries
3. Physical, modeling, or numerical reasons request nonnegative estimates

# History



C. Lawson (2004)



The book

# Applications

1. Astronomy [WP99, ?, ?]
2. Medicine (radio-therapy [PMB09, Gun99, MLV<sup>+</sup>04])
3. Drug delivery [Bur05]
4. Medical imaging (MRI [RMRG09, JVO09], PET [?], etc.)
5. Inverse problems, e.g., [ATB05, Par94, ?]
6. Image Processing, computer graphics
7. Face recognition [VMC09]
8. Neural networks [Tim08]
9. Subproblem of NMA/NMF [?, CZPiA09]
10. Anomaly detection, e.g. in remote sensing [GB08]
11. Chemometrics [Gem08]
12. Bioinformatics [SGD05]
13. Machine learning (dual of SVM)
14. Fisheries acoustics [SM05]
15. Mechanical engineering [SI99]
16. Statistics (constrained least squares)

# Algorithms

1. **NNLS**, by Lawson and Hanson (1976) – Widely used;  
matlab impl; slow
2. **FNNLS** Bro, Jong (19??) – faster
3. take from bbsg paper, and from pqnj paper

## Our approach

1. large scale problems
2. low-medium accuracy solutions acceptable
3. generic algorithmic approaches, progress in optimization
4. gradient-projection

# Numerical Results

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# Summary

# Questions?

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