



# Lecture 26

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Moreover,  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\} = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k\}$  for every  $k \in \{1, \dots, p\}$ .

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$$\hat{\mathbf{b}} = \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2} \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 29/14 \\ 39/14 \\ 22/7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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to get that  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 5/14 \\ 2/7 \end{bmatrix}$  is a least-squares solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

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