

FODA 218

# Dimensionality Reduction


## Data Matrices & Projections

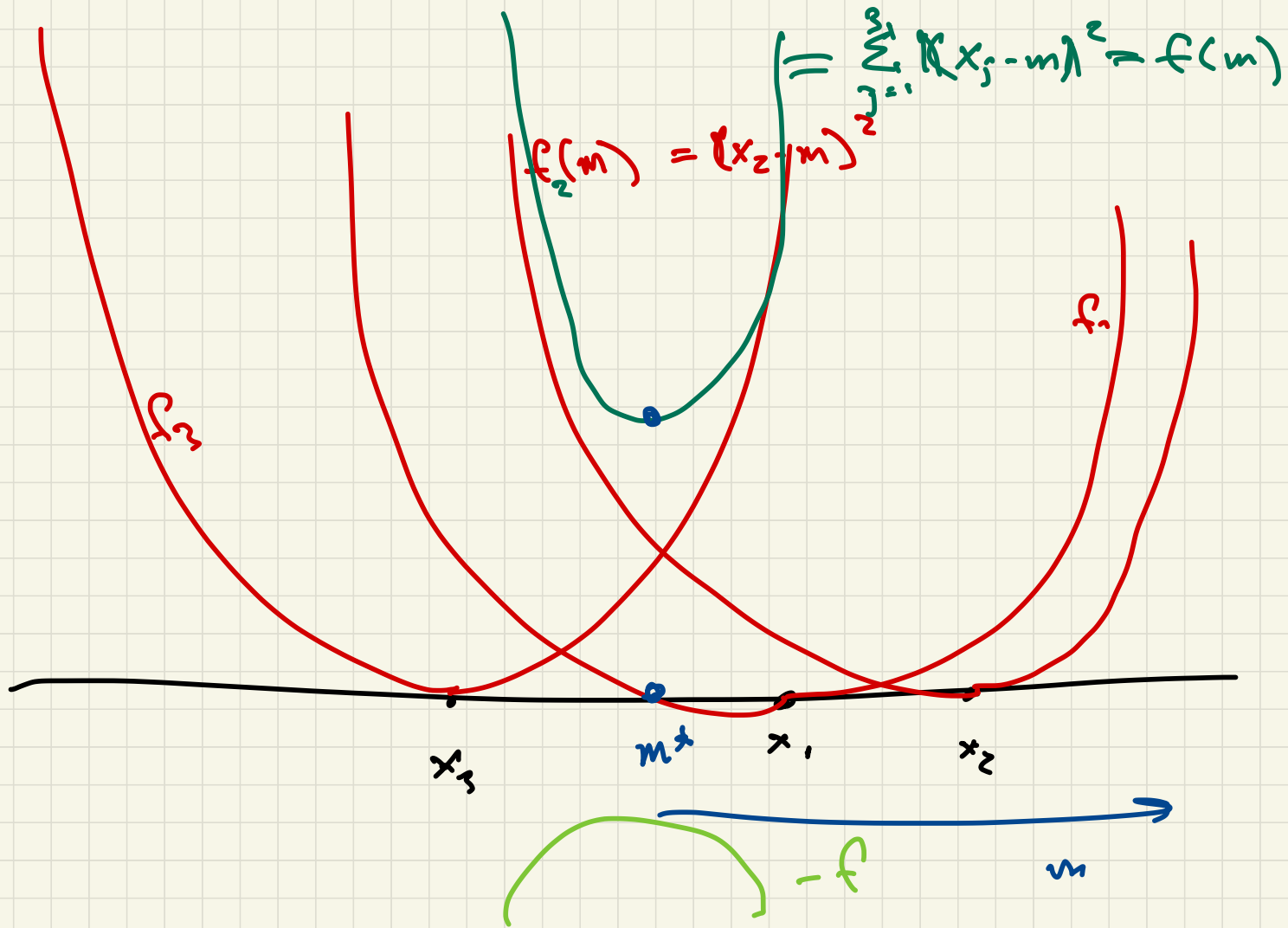
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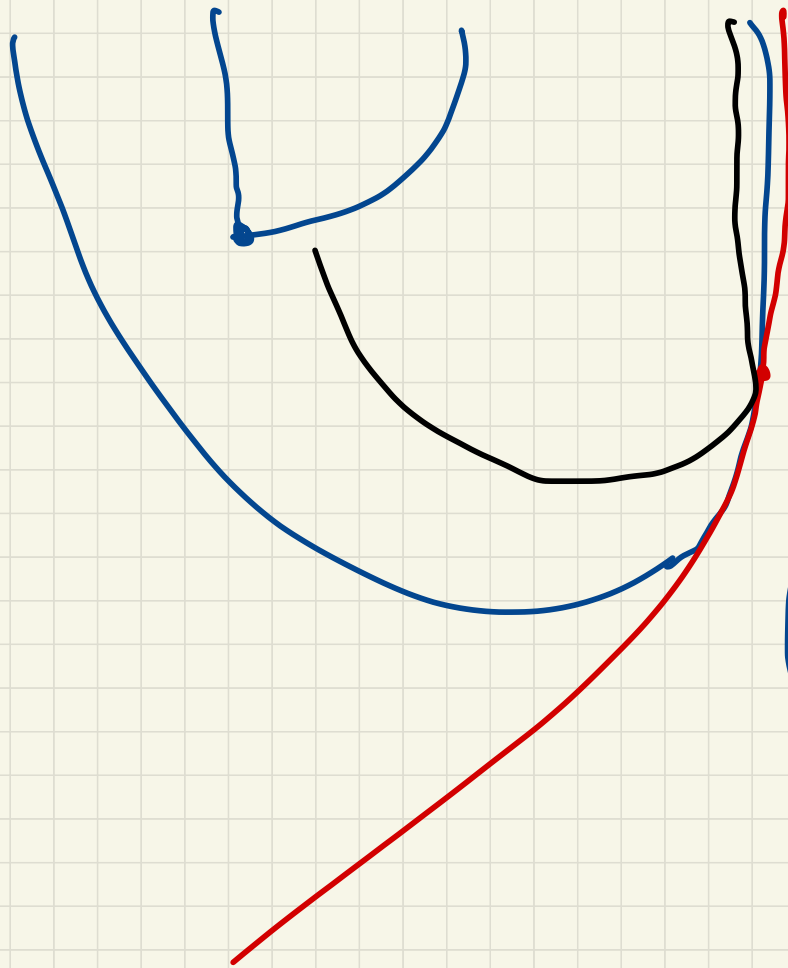
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Strongly convex

- no kinks

↳ 2nd deriv  
continuous

- convex

↑ not  
convex

# Dimensional Reduction

Why high dimensions bad?

- hard to understand

- computationally expensive.

read 1 point  $O(d)$

"curse of dimensionality"

algo. runtime  $O(n^d)$

- "overfit"

Input  
d columns

$$A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$$

d = big

typical  $n > d$

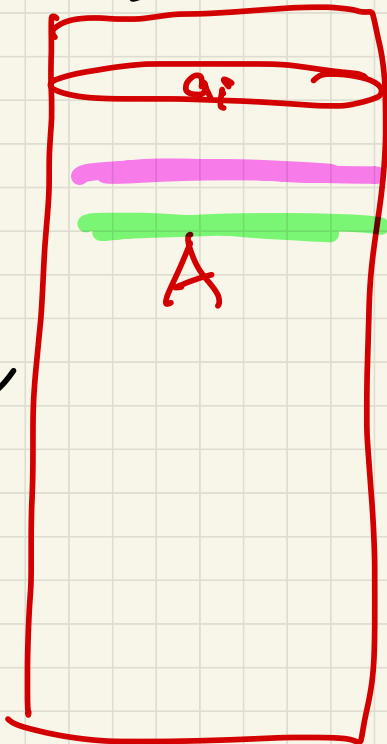
one data point.

$$a_i = (a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{id})$$

- n weather stations  
d days of max temp.
- n user, d movies  
↳  $a_{ij}$  i rates movie j
- N days of stock prices



Every  $a_{ij}$  same units



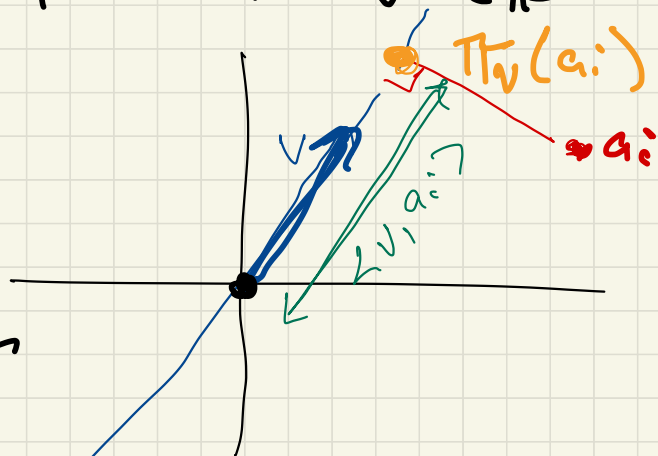
# Projections

data point  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$   
unit vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\langle a_i, v \rangle$$

$\pi_v(a_i) \equiv$  closest point  
on line through  
 $v$ , to  $a_i$

$$= \langle v, a_i \rangle v \in \mathbb{R}^d$$



Subspace  $B$  (assume contains origin)  
set of <sup>orthogonal</sup> basis vectors  $V_B = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

•  $\|v_i\| = 1$

•  $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = 0$  if  $i \neq j$

• For any  $x \in B$  can write

$$x = \sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j v_j$$

$\alpha_j$  scalar

Projection onto  $B$

$$\pi_B(a) = \sum_{j=1}^k \pi_{v_j}(a) = \sum_{j=1}^k \langle v_j, a \rangle v_j$$

$\mathbb{R}^3$

