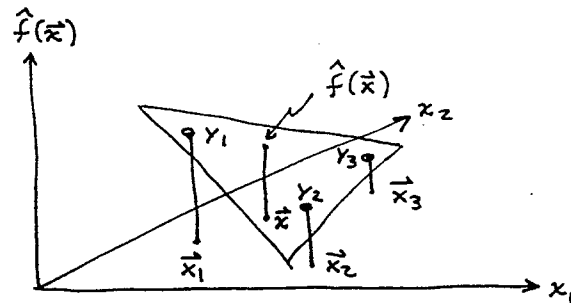


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tool: Having found the vertices of the triangle containing  $\vec{x}$ , we find the plane passing through the  $y$  values for those vertices by solving a matrix equation.



The equation for the plane has the form

$$y = a_0 \cdot 1 + a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2, \text{ or } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{x}_+ = y$$

where  $\vec{x}_+ = (1, x_1, x_2)$  and  $\vec{a} = (a_0, a_1, a_2)$ .

Since the plane passes through the data points we have

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{x}_{1+} &= y_1 \\ \vec{a} \cdot \vec{x}_{2+} &= y_2 \\ \vec{a} \cdot \vec{x}_{3+} &= y_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } \begin{bmatrix} - & \vec{x}_{1+} & - \\ - & \vec{x}_{2+} & - \\ - & \vec{x}_{3+} & - \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | \\ \vec{a} \\ | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | \\ \vec{y} \\ | \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{or } X \vec{a} = \vec{y}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \vec{a} = X^{-1} \vec{y}.$$

Having found  $\vec{a}$ , we have  $\hat{f}(\vec{x}) = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{x}_+$ .

note: We can compute  $\vec{a}$  ahead of time and store them.