**TOOL:** A hyper-plane is defined by a dot-product formula:

$$y = a_0 + a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \ldots + a_N x_N = \vec{a} \circ \vec{x}_+$$

where

$$\vec{x}_{+} \equiv (1, x_{1}, x_{2}, \dots, x_{N}) = (1, \vec{x})$$

The following matrix equation is solved by the vector,  $\vec{a}$ , that defines the hyper-plane passing through N + 1 specified points,  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_N, y_N)$ :

1	<i>x</i> <sub>11</sub>		$x_{1N}$	$\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \end{bmatrix}$	]	y <sub>1</sub>	7
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1	$x_{N+1,1}$	•••	$x_{N+1,N}$	$a_N$		<i>УN</i> +1	

or in matrix notation:

 $X_+\vec{a} = \vec{y}$ 

Assuming the  $X_+$  matrix is full rank, the solution of the above equation yields  $\vec{a}$ :

$$\vec{a} = X_+^{-1} \vec{y}$$