



1. The following points  $(x_i, y_i)$  are discrete samples from a function  $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ .
- 5 points. 0.5 hrs. Show the update rule equation used to find the current  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  after each iteration. Make sure you show the mathematics on how this is derived.
  - 15 points. 2 hrs. Write a program to find the best fit  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  using gradient descent. You must write the gradient descent loop yourself and not use any gradient descent libraries. Attach the source code as well. *Hint*: You should get  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  close to 0.5, 5.3, -2.7, and 3.5, respectively.

$x_i$	$y_i$
-6	103
-5	87
-4	67
-3	46
-2	26
-1	11
0	4
1	7
2	23
3	57
4	110
5	185
6	286

2. 10 points. 1 hrs. Redo Problem 1b, but use the numerical method to calculate all your partial derivatives, where  $h$  is a very small number.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n) = \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_i + h, \dots, x_n) - f(x_1, \dots, x_i - h, \dots, x_n)}{2h}$$

3. 10 points. 1 hrs. Solve Problem 1b using Pseudo-Inverse Linear Regression to find  $(a, b, c, d)$ . You can use numpy or other tools to invert matrices.
4. 10 points. 1 hrs. Solve Problem 1b using the Gauss-Newton method to find  $(a, b, c, d)$ . You can use numpy or other tools to invert matrices in each iteration.

$$X^{t+1} = X^t - \alpha J^{\#1} r(X^t) = X^t - \alpha (J^T J)^{-1} J^T r(X^t); \alpha = 1 \text{ works for linear case.}$$