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6. Curve fitting

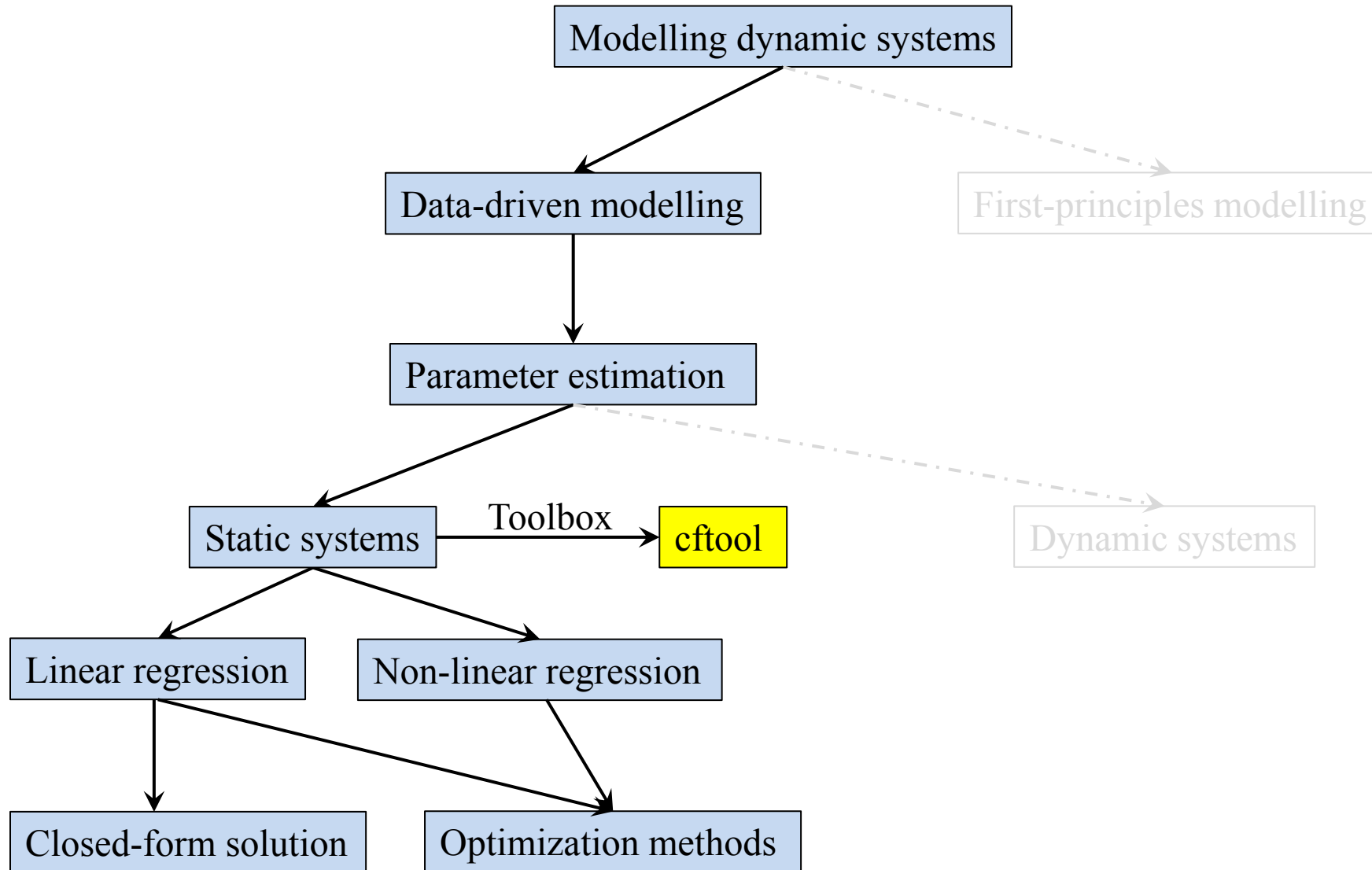
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Recap



Data-driven modelling

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Machine learning

Grey-box modelling

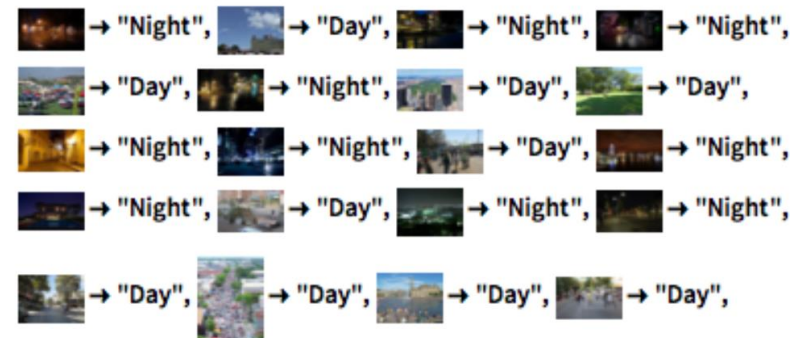
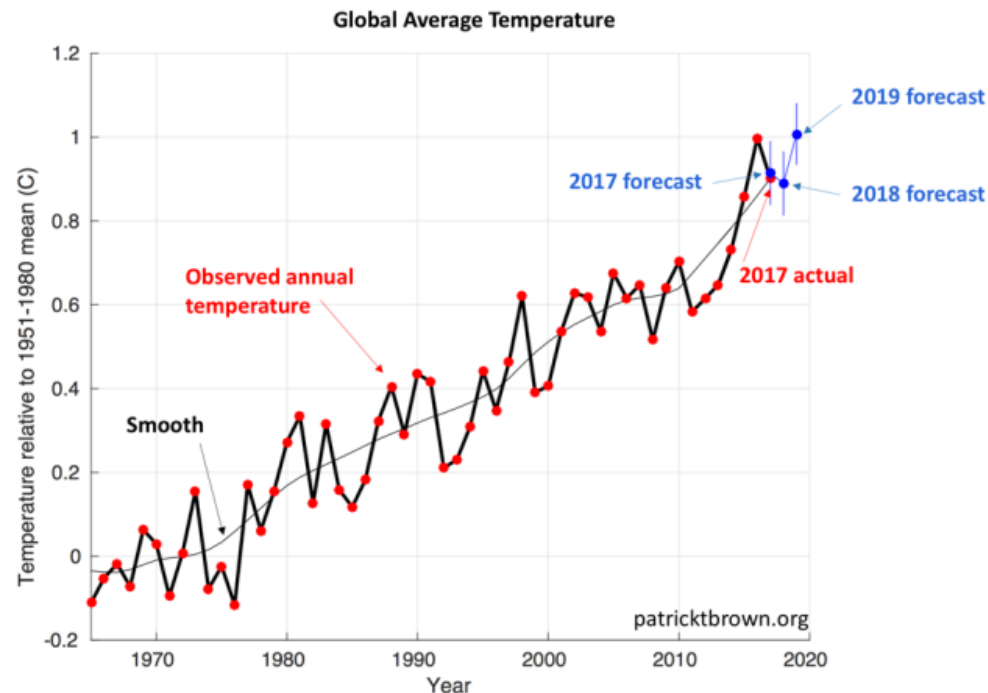
Data-driven modelling

Regression

Classification

Predicting a continuous-valued output
(e.g., temperature)

Predicting a discrete-valued output
(e.g., Day or Night)



Day or night?

Linear vs. nonlinear regression

Linear or nonlinear regression?

$$y = k_1x + k_2$$

Linear regression, linear function

$$y = k_1x^2 + k_2x + k_3$$

Linear regression, nonlinear function

$$z = k_1x^2 + k_2xy + k_3y^2$$

Linear regression, nonlinear function

$$y = k_1 \sin(k_2x + k_3) + k_4 \cos(k_5x + k_6)$$

Nonlinear regression, nonlinear function

$$y = k_1(1 - e^{-k_2x})$$

Nonlinear regression, nonlinear function

$$y = k_1x^{k_2}$$

Nonlinear \rightarrow Linear

Nonlinear → Linear regression problem

Nonlinear regression: $y = k_1 x^{k_2}$

Convert to a **linear** regression problem:

$$\ln y = \ln(k_1 x^{k_2})$$

$$\ln y = \ln k_1 + k_2 \ln x$$

$$y_{\text{new}} = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x_{\text{new}}$$

Solve the linear regression problem and extract k_1 and k_2 from α_1 and α_2 thereafter. 👍

MATLAB Curve Fitting Toolbox

- Interactive curve-fitting procedure:
 - ✓ Generate data
 - ✓ Import training and validation data sets
 - ✓ Select the model structure
 - ✓ Parameter estimation → Confidence bounds
 - ✓ Fit post-processing
 - ✓ Analyze the goodness of fit
 - ✓ Code generation
 - ✓ Using generated code in MATLAB scripts

MATLAB Curve Fitting Toolbox

- Generate training and validation data with the following structure:

$$y = k_1x^2 + k_2x + k_3$$

- Add noise to x, y, xv, and yv data.
 - Fit polynomials with orders 1, 2, 3, and 4 to the data.
 - Compare the results of fitting on training and validation data sets.
 - Generate a MATLAB code to fit data with your selected structure.
 - Plot the resulted function in MATLAB for a range of x. (for instance $x \in [0,20]$)
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- Estimate the parameters of the following nonlinear function for the second dataset,

$$y = k_1 \sin(k_2x + k_3) + k_4 \sin(k_5x + k_6)$$

Closed-form solution

- Linear regression:

$$y = \theta_1 + \theta_2 \cdot x$$

- Use matrix notation:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = \theta_1 + \theta_2 \cdot x_1 \\ y_2 = \theta_1 + \theta_2 \cdot x_2 \\ \dots \\ y_n = \theta_1 + \theta_2 \cdot x_n \end{cases} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X} \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}$$

- Estimating $\boldsymbol{\theta}$:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X} \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}$$

$$\mathbf{X}^T \cdot \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}^T \cdot \mathbf{X} \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}$$

$$(\mathbf{X}^T \cdot \mathbf{X})^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{X}^T \cdot \mathbf{Y} = (\mathbf{X}^T \cdot \mathbf{X})^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{X}^T \cdot \mathbf{X} \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}$$

$$\boxed{(\mathbf{X}^T \cdot \mathbf{X})^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{X}^T \cdot \mathbf{Y} = \boldsymbol{\theta}}$$



Closed-form solution

- Linear regression:

$$y = \theta_1 + \theta_2 \cdot x$$

Number of samples: n

Number of parameters: k

- Closed-form solution

最小二乘法

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\mathbf{X}^T \cdot \mathbf{X})^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{X}^T \cdot \mathbf{Y}$$

Parameters matrix

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow k \times 1$$

Input matrix

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow n \times k$$

Output matrix

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow n \times 1$$

Closed-form solution: Example

- Linear regression for **nonlinear functions**:

$$z = \theta_1 + \theta_2 x + \theta_3 xy + \theta_4 \sin(x)$$

Input matrix

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1 y_1 & \sin(x_1) \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2 y_2 & \sin(x_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n y_n & \sin(x_n) \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow n \times k$$

Output matrix

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow n \times 1$$

Parameters matrix

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \theta_3 \\ \theta_4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow k \times 1$$

Nonlinear regression

- Cost function

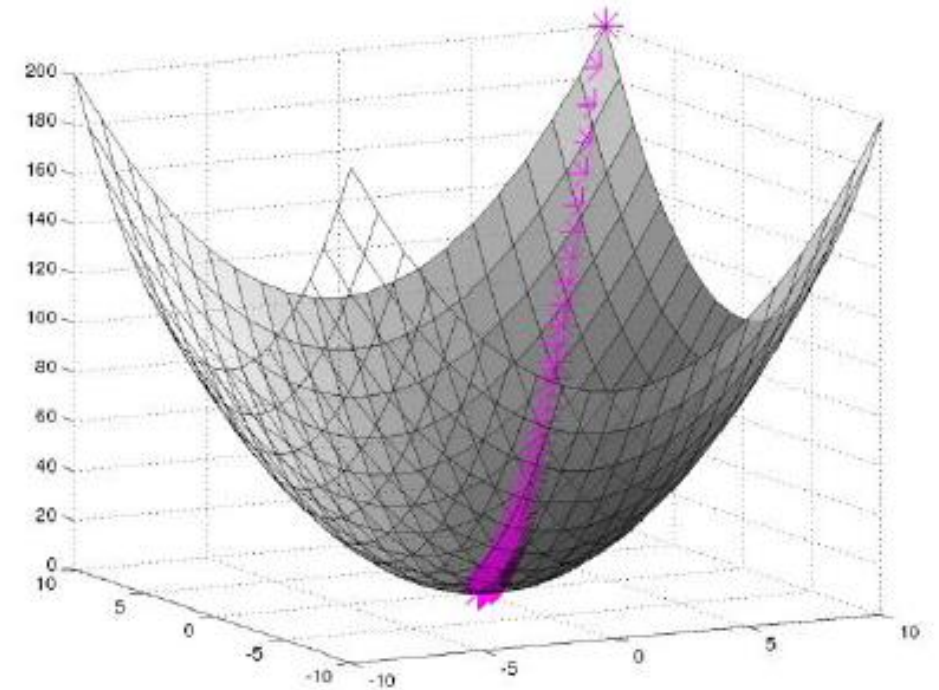
$$J = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - f(x_i, k))^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - \frac{k_1 x_i}{k_2 + x_i} \right)^2$$

Diagram illustrating the cost function components:

- y_i is labeled as **Data**.
- $f(x_i, k)$ is labeled as $y = f(x) = \frac{k_1 x}{k_2 + x}$.

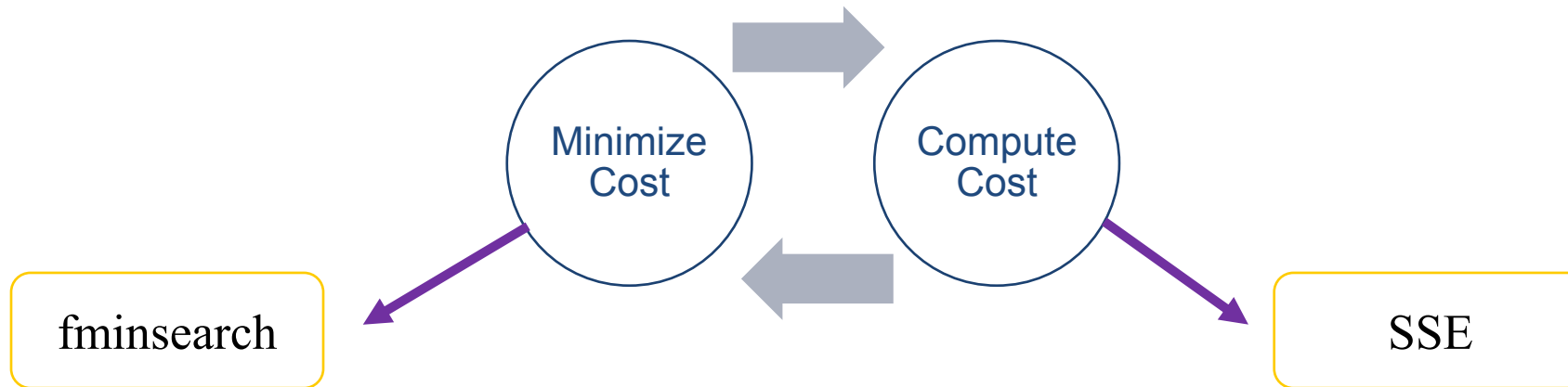
- Minimization of cost function using search algorithms in MATLAB

- ✓ [fminsearch](#)
- ✓ [fminunc](#)
- ✓ Gradient descent
- ✓ ...



Nonlinear regression

- How to solve the nonlinear regression problems using search algorithms systematically?



- MATLAB implementation

```
k = fminsearch('computeCost', k0);
```

Function to minimize

Initial point

Readings

- MATLAB Curve Fitting Toolbox guide:
<https://se.mathworks.com/help/curvefit/curvefitting-app.html>
- Polynomial curve fitting in MATLAB:
<https://se.mathworks.com/help/matlab/ref/polyfit.html>
- Nonlinear optimization in MATLAB:
<https://se.mathworks.com/help/matlab/ref/fminsearch.html>

Questions

