

Non-linear least square regression

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Exercise

- load the data `PEG.txt`. This data shows the degradation (in days) of a emergent contaminant: polyethylene glycol - `PEG8EO` found in personal-care products. The response, *PEG8EO* is relative procentage of the compound.
- Visually inspect the data
- Fit a simple exponential model (hint: fit the model on the log of the resposne, but plot the results by exponentiating the predictions)
- Evaluate the model and its assumptions visually and via tests
- Fit an `nls()`. We treat the model as a simple decay model, so we fit this formula:

`PEG8EO ~ exp(a + b * time)`

- set the initial values for a and b to 0.
- Evaluate the results.
- Plot the predictions of the simple exponential model and the `nls` one.