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Problem 1.

(1) Estimated Functions:

$$\hat{y}_1(x) = 27.407x + 76.549 \quad (\text{Write numerical values for } a_i's \text{ and } b's)$$

$$\hat{y}_2(x) = -1.265x^2 + 27.028x + 88.441$$

$$\hat{y}_3(x) = 1.762x^3 - 1.368x^2 - 0.650x + 101.164$$

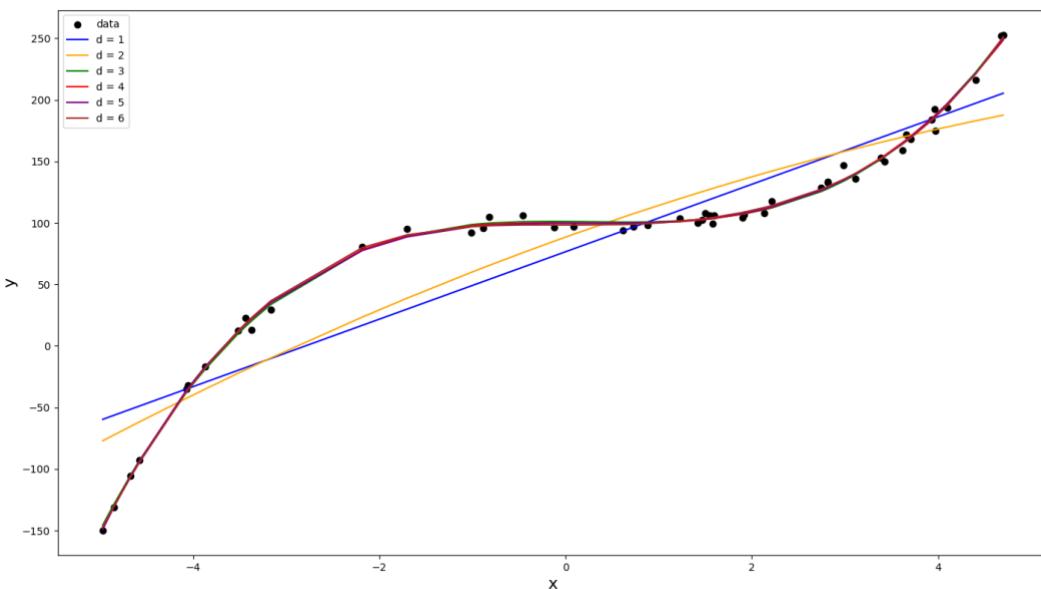
$$\hat{y}_4(x) = -0.023x^4 + 1.756x^3 - 0.888x^2 - 0.6519x + 99.924$$

$$\hat{y}_5(x) = 0.005x^5 - 0.020x^4 + 1.615x^3 - 0.899x^2 + 0.171x + 99.708$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{y}_6(x) = & 0.004x^6 + 0.005x^5 - 0.162x^4 + 1.638x^3 + 0.335x^2 - 0.238 \\ & + 98.307 \end{aligned}$$

(2) Data Visualization:

(Insert plot obtained from data in poly.txt. Note that the plot below is not the solution)



(3) What degree polynomial does the relationship seem to follow? Please explain your answer.

(Discuss relationship of data and state a numerical value for the best-fitting polynomial degree)

Answer: The data seems to best follow a third-order polynomial (i.e., the green line), as indicated by the low error between the estimated regression function and the data in the plot above. Higher-degree polynomials ($d=4,5,6$) may be considered overfitting, while lower-degree polynomials are likely underfitting the data.

(4) If we measured a new data point, $x = 4$, what would be the predicted value of y , based on the polynomial identified as the best fit in Question (3)?

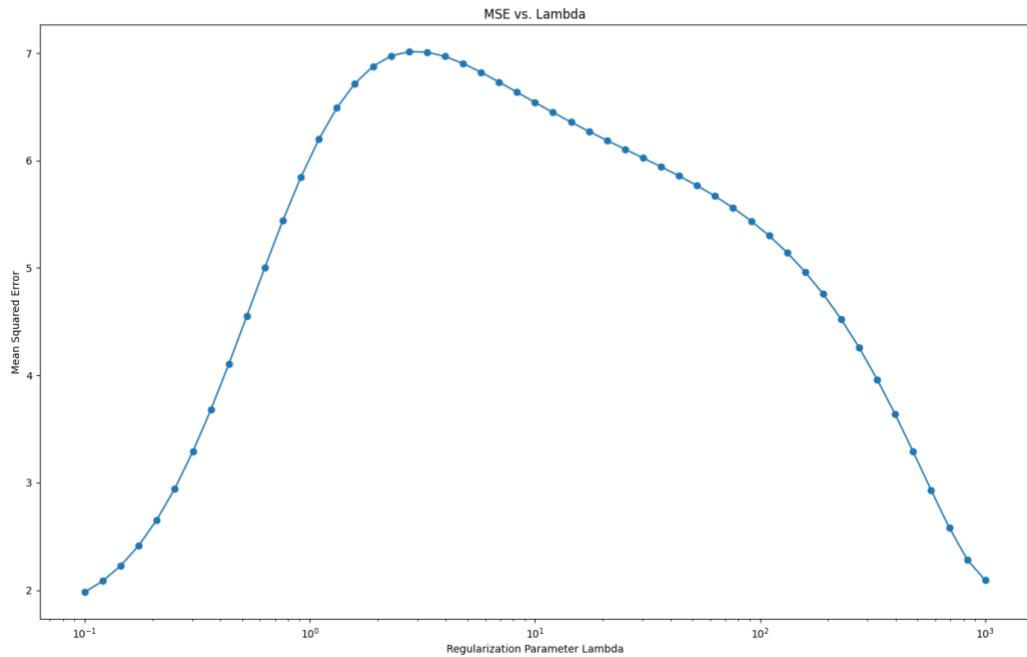
Sample answer:

If we measured a new data point, $x = 4$, the corresponding predicted value would be 189.465

Problem 2.

(1) Plot the mean squared error as a function of lambda in Ridge Regression:

*(Insert plot obtained by completing the **main** function. Note that the plot below is not the solution)*



(2) Find best lambda:

Sample answer:

(insert numerical values for c and d)

Based on the range of Lambda values tested, the best lambda value is 0.100, which yields an MSE of 1.982 as shown on the plot above.

(3) Find equation of the best fitted model:

(Insert numerical values for a_i 's and b)

$$\hat{y}(x) = -0.434x_1 + 0.816x_2 + 0.519x_3 + 3.833x_4 + 0.211x_5 + 0.000454x_6 + 2.562$$

(4) Plot the predicted stock prices and actual stock prices using Google data

(Note that the plot below is not the solution)

