

MAT 343 Lab 5 - Your name

Exercise 1

Load the file co2.dat

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% Exercise 1
% Load the CO2 data file
co2 = load('co2.dat');           % assumes co2.dat is in the same folder

% Columns: year, concentration, (third column is not used here)
yeat = co2(:, 1);              % years
conc = co2(:, 2);              % CO2 concentration
```

Create the data vectors yeat and conc and plot the data points.

```
% Create the data vectors and plot the data points
figure
plot(yeat, conc, 'o')
xlabel('Year')
ylabel('CO2 concentration (ppm)')
title('CO2 data')
grid on
```

(a)

Write the code for finding and plotting the best linear fit. Make sure the vector c is displayed.

```
% Linear least squares fit: conc ~ c1 + c2 * year

A_lin = [ones(size(yeat)) yeat];    % design matrix for linear model
c_lin = A_lin \ conc                % c_lin is displayed because there is no
semicolon

c_lin = 2x1
103 ×
-2.9393
0.0017

% Plot the linear fit on a fine grid
year_fine = linspace(min(yeat), max(yeat), 300).';
conc_lin_fine = c_lin(1) + c_lin(2) * year_fine;

hold on
plot(year_fine, conc_lin_fine, '-')
legend('Data', 'Best linear fit', 'Location', 'best')
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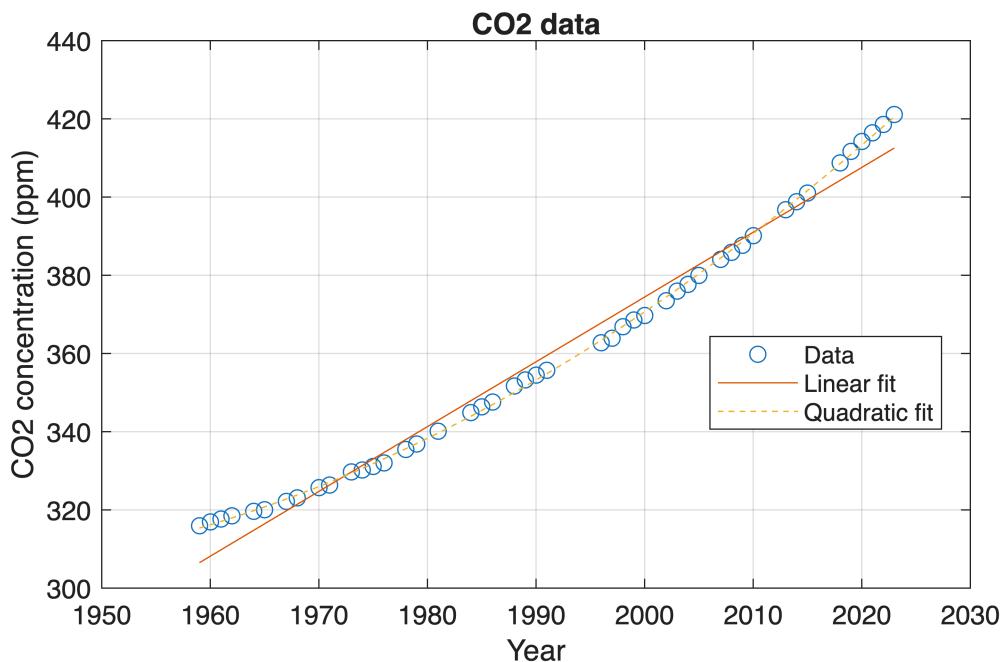
(b)

Write the code for finding the quadratic fit and plot the quadratic and linear fit in the same figure. Make sure the vector c is displayed.

```
% Quadratic least squares fit: conc ≈ c1 + c2 * year + c3 * year^2  
A_quad = [ones(size(yeat)) yeat yeat.^2]; % design matrix for quadratic  
model  
c_quad = A_quad \ conc % c_quad is displayed
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```
c_quad = 3x1  
104 ×  
4.7846  
-0.0049  
0.0000
```

```
% Quadratic fit on the same fine grid  
conc_quad_fine = c_quad(1) + c_quad(2)*year_fine + c_quad(3)*year_fine.^2;  
  
plot(year_fine, conc_quad_fine, '--')  
legend('Data', 'Linear fit', 'Quadratic fit', 'Location', 'best')  
hold off
```



Question 2

(a)

Enter the vector t (use the colon operator ":") and the vector Y (note the upper case) as given in the statement of the problem. Plot the data points (t, Y), find the best linear fit and plot it together with the points. Make sure the vector c is displayed.

```
% Question 2(a)
% Enter t and g as COLUMN vectors

t = (0:2:20)';           % Example – replace with YOUR t values
g = [5; 9; 14; 22; 35; 52; 77; 110; 160; 230; 330];    % Replace with YOUR g
data
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(b)

Define y (lower case) in terms of Y (upper case), and a and b in terms of $c(1)$ and $c(2)$ where c is the vector from part (a)

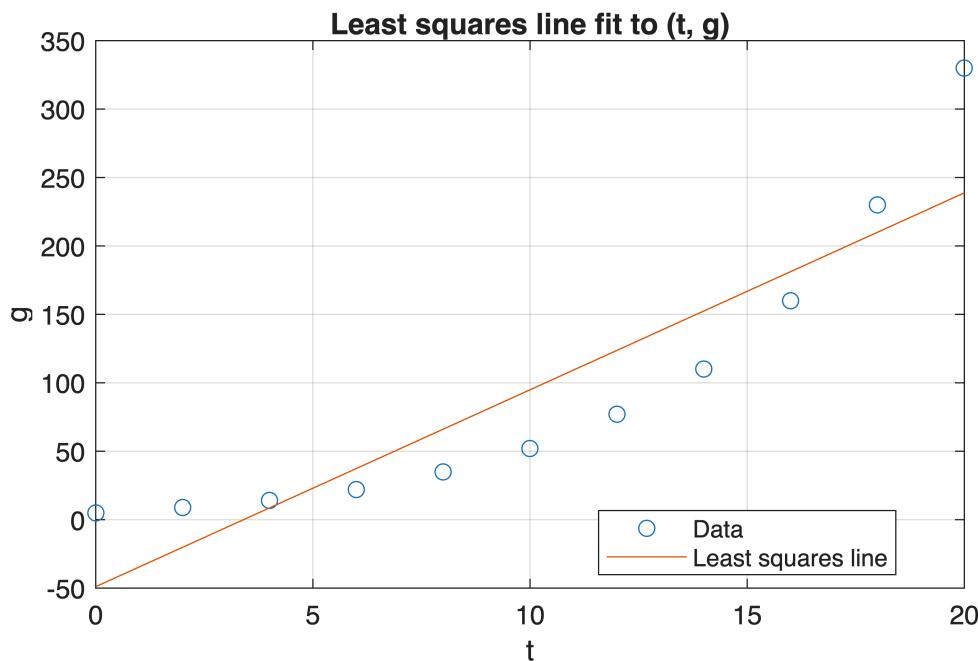
```
% Question 2(b)
% Least squares fit  $g \approx c_1 + c_2 * t$ 

A2 = [ones(size(t)) t];
c = A2 \ g                         % display c
```

```
c = 2x1
-48.9545
14.3864
```

```
% Plot data and least squares line
t_fine = linspace(min(t), max(t), 200).';
g_fit = c(1) + c(2)*t_fine;

figure
plot(t, g, 'o', t_fine, g_fit, '-')
xlabel('t')
ylabel('g')
title('Least squares line fit to (t, g)')
legend('Data', 'Least squares line', 'Location', 'best')
grid on
```



```
y = exp(g); % convert Y = log(y) back to y
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plot the data points (t,y) together with the exponential fit $y = ae^{bt}$. Use an appropriate vector q to graph the exponential fit.

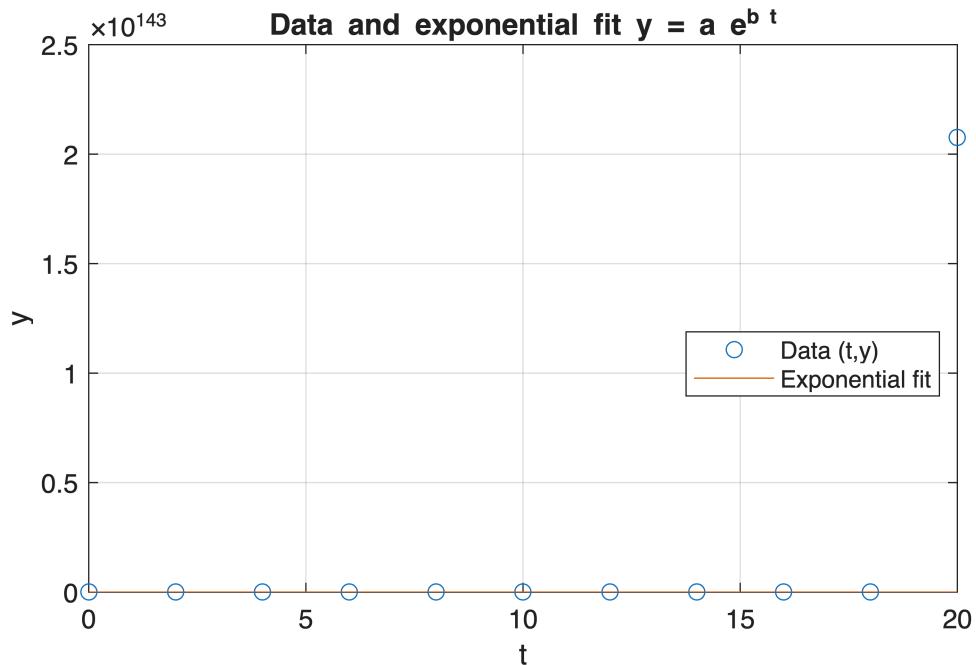
```
% Using c from part (a), where Y = log(y) and Y ≈ c(1) + c(2)*t
% So: a = e^{c(1)}, b = c(2)

a = exp(c(1));
b = c(2);

% Recover y from Y (which in this lab is stored in g)
y = exp(g);

% Vector for smooth exponential curve
q = linspace(min(t), max(t), 200).'; % column vector
y_exp = a * exp(b*q);

% Plot data and exponential fit
figure
plot(t, y, 'o', q, y_exp, '-')
xlabel('t')
ylabel('y')
title('Data and exponential fit y = a e^{b t}')
legend('Data (t,y)', 'Exponential fit', 'Location', 'best')
grid on
```



(c)

Enter the time at which the balance will reach the given amount (make sure you explain how you find the value of t)

Question 3

Enter the vector m (use the colon operator $:$), and enter the average temperature Y . Both vectors must be **column** vectors.

```
% Question 3
% Enter m and Y as COLUMN vectors

m = (1:12)'; % months 1 through 12
Y = [ % replace with your temperature data
    32;
    35;
    41;
    50;
    60;
    68;
    73;
    71;
    64;
    54;
```

```
45;  
35  
];
```

(a)

```
% Question 3(a)  
% Least squares fit  $Y \approx c_1 + c_2 * m$  using normal equations  
  
A3 = [ones(size(m)) m];  
  
% Normal equations:  $(A3' * A3) * c = A3' * Y$   
c = (A3.' * A3) \ (A3.' * Y) % display c
```

```
c = 2x1  
45.0152  
1.1259
```

```
m_fine = linspace(min(m), max(m), 200).';  
Y_fit = c(1) + c(2) * m_fine;  
  
figure  
plot(m, Y, 'o', m_fine, Y_fit, '-')  
xlabel('m')  
ylabel('Y')  
title('Least squares line from normal equations')  
legend('Data', 'Normal equation fit', 'Location', 'best')  
grid on
```

(b)

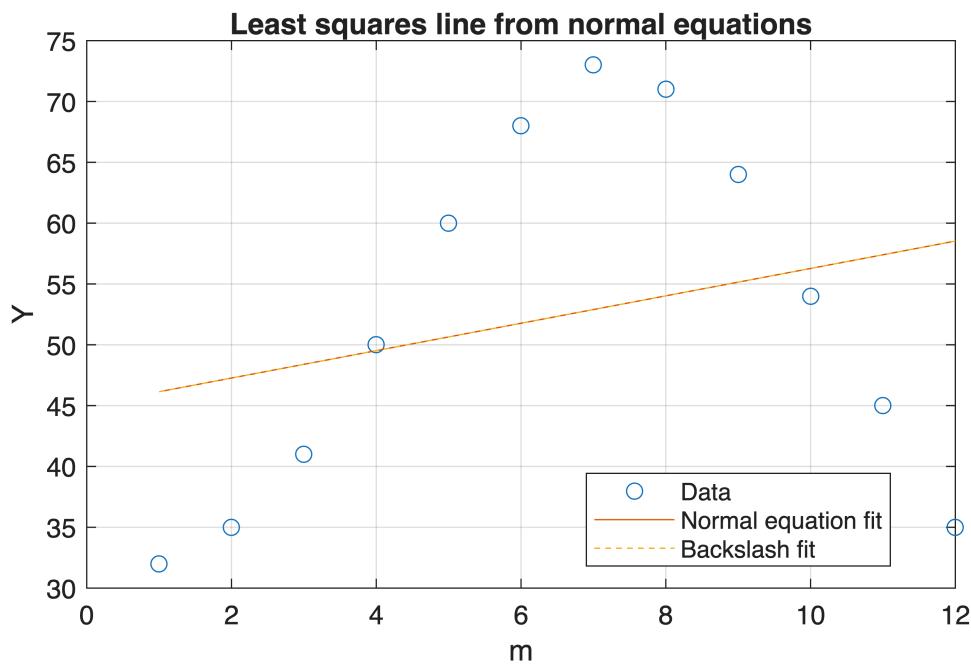
Enter the given commands

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% Question 3(b)  
% Same model using MATLAB backslash instead of explicit normal equations  
  
A3 = [ones(size(m)) m];  
c2 = A3 \ Y % display c2
```

```
c2 = 2x1  
45.0152  
1.1259
```

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Y_fit2 = c2(1) + c2(2) * m_fine;  
  
hold on  
plot(m_fine, Y_fit2, '--')  
legend('Data', 'Normal equation fit', 'Backslash fit', 'Location', 'best')
```

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hold off
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How do the values of c compare to the ones you found in part (a)?

Answer: **both methods produce the same best-fit line**, and any difference is too small to matter.

How does the plot compare to the one you found in part (a)?

Answer: The plots lie **directly on top of each other**, showing the same straight line.