

Q. > Multi-Line Fitting Problem

- Input: 1) A set of n points in a 2-dimensional plane

$$P = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)\}$$

with $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$.

- 2) A real number $C > 0$ i.e. a penalty for addition of an extra line.

⇒ Main idea of Algorithm:

In the given problem we need to find the ~~minimum~~ lines which can fit all points such that the overall cost is minimum.

we know, $\boxed{\text{cost}(C) = \text{error} + N * C}$

where, error: sum of all squared errors in each segment

N : No. of lines

C : Penalty of adding an extra line

If we are trying to find the lines that best fits n points, it would be easy if we knew the best solutions for $n-1$ points. We will break the complete problem into smaller subsequence problems and then use those results to compute bigger problem.

So for calculating an optimal cost of lets say i starting points, we will first calculate optimal cost of first point, best fit for 2 points, 3 points and so on.

let us call optimal cost of point P_1, P_2, \dots, P_j i.e first j points as $\hat{C}(j)$,

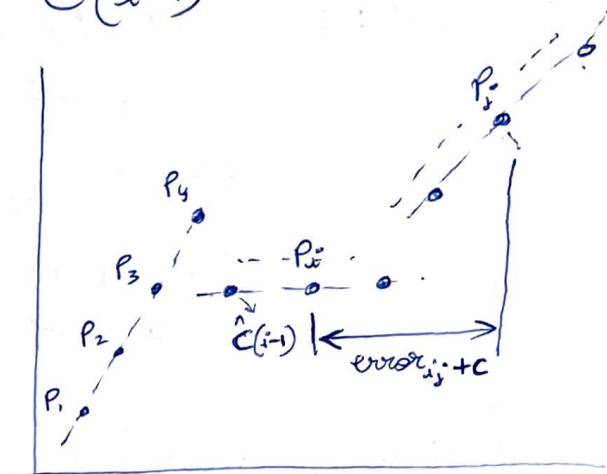
$$\hat{C}(j) = \text{error}_{i,j} + c + \hat{C}(i-1)$$

for any i between 1 and j .

where, $\text{error}_{i,j}$: min sum of error square for points P_i, \dots, P_j

c : penalty of adding an extra line between $i \rightarrow j$

$\hat{C}(i-1)$: optimal cost of points P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{i-1}



We will calculate this for every value of i between 1 and j and then take the minimum of those costs as optimal cost for j points i.e.

$$\hat{C}(j) = \min_{1 \leq i \leq j} \{ \text{error}_{i,j} + c + \hat{C}(i-1) \}$$

optimal cost of fitting first j points is the minimum of $\text{error}_{i,j}$, line penalty and $\hat{C}(i-1)$ across all of values of i that are smaller than j . This shows how we can solve the sub problem of size j as a function of optimal solution of smaller sub-problem of size $i-1$. Likewise we can find optimal cost for all fitting all n points.

⇒ Correctness of Algorithm:

we will prove the correctness using mathematical induction. Let us assume that for a given value of n , the algorithm correctly computes the minimum error for fitting first n points using min number of line segments. We will show that the algorithm will also correctly compute the minimum error for fitting the first $n+1$ points using min number of line segments.

we calculate $\hat{C}(1)$ i.e ~~cost~~ optimal cost of first two points. Since a line can exactly pass two points so.

$$\hat{C}(1) = 0 + C = C.$$

Let assume we compute $\hat{C}(1) \rightarrow \hat{C}(K)$ correctly for some $K < n$. We will show that we can compute $\hat{C}(K+1)$ correctly using this information.

To calculate $\hat{C}(K+1)$ we will take all possible cases that minimize the cost. This we did by iterating over all possible starting points i between 1 & $K+1$.

$$\hat{C}(K+1) = \min_{1 \leq i \leq K+1} \{ \text{error}_{i, K+1} + C + \hat{C}(i-1) \}.$$

The above formula computes the minimum error for fitting the first $(K+1)$ points using a min number of line segments.

By inductive hypothesis, we know that $\hat{C}(1), \hat{C}(2) \dots \hat{C}(K)$ have been computed correctly. So min error for fitting the line is also correctly computed for all $i \leq K+1$.

And since we are taking minimum of all the cost value for every possible i we are definitely achieving the minimum error for fitting first $(k+1)$ points.

Therefore, by mathematical induction we have proved that algorithm correctly fits the n points such that overall cost is minimum.

⇒ Pseudo Code & Time Complexity:

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def Multiline_parameters(x, y): -----  $O(n^2)$ 
    create a matrix of size  $(\text{len}(x) \times \text{len}(x))$ 
    for i in range( $\text{len}(x) - 2$ ): -----  $O(n)$ 
        for j in range( $i + 2, \text{len}(x)$ ): -----  $O(n)$ 
             $n = j - i + 1$ 
            • calculate  $a = \frac{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right)}{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2} \dots O(1)$ 
            • and  $b = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i - a \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} \dots O(1)$ 
            using prefix sum array of  $\sum x$ ,  $\sum y$ ,  $\sum x^2$ ,  $\sum y^2$  and  $\sum xy$ .
            • use a, b values to compute error
               $\text{error}[i][j] = (y - ax - b)^2 \dots O(1)$ 
    return error
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def Multiline_fitting(x, y, c): -----  $O(n^2)$ 
    error = Multiline_parameters(x, y) -----  $O(n^2)$ 
    n = len(error[0]) -----  $O(1)$ 
    optimal_cost = [0] * n -----  $O(1)$ 
    line_si_ind = [0] * n -----  $O(1)$ 
    for j in range(n): -----  $O(n)$ 
        optimal_temp = [0] * (j + 1) -----  $O(1)$ 
        optimal_temp[0] = error[0][j] + c -----  $O(1)$ 
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$\text{line_si_ind}[j] = \text{argmin}_i (\text{optimal_temp}[i] + c + \text{error}[i][j])$ $-O(n)$
 for i in range(1, j+1):
 $\text{optimal_temp}[i] = \text{optimal_temp}[i-1] + c + \text{error}[i][j]$ $-O(1)$
 $\text{optimal_cost}[j] = \min(\text{optimal_temp})$ $-O(n)$
 $\text{line_si_ind}[j] = \text{index of min value in optimal_temp}$ $-O(1)$

$\text{line_ei_ind} = []$ $-O(1)$
 # Backtracking to store end points of every line segment.
~~while j > 0:~~
 $j = n-1$ $-O(1)$
 while $j \geq 0$: $-O(n)$
 $\text{line_ei_ind.append}(j)$
 $j = \text{int}(\text{line_si_ind}[j] - 1)$
 $\text{line_ei_ind.reverse}()$ $-O(1)$
 return $\text{line_ei_ind}, \text{optimal_cost}[-1]$

def main :- $-O(n^2)$
 read instances using pickle $-O(n)$
 share x, y, c values of every instances
 in loop.
 $\text{last_points, opt} = \text{Multiline_fitting}(x, y, c)$ $-O(n^2)$
 Append output in solution dictionary. $-O(n)$

From above pseudo code and corresponding time analysis, we can observe that $O(n^2)$ time is taken for calculate errors of every i, j pairs. Apart from this we are traversing all points from $0 \rightarrow n$ and for each point we are considering all values before that point. This again is an $O(n^2)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Overall time complexity} &= O(n^2) + O(n^2) + O(1) \\ &\quad \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \\ &\quad \text{error matrix} \quad \text{traversing} \\ &\quad \text{calculation} \quad \text{of points} \\ &\quad \quad \quad \quad \text{and cal min} \\ &\quad \quad \quad \quad \text{case.} \\ &= O(n^2). \end{aligned}$$

⇒ How to run code:

- ① go to main function.
- ② ~~change~~ Add the test instances file ^{address} ~~name~~ to "name-of-source-file" variable
- ③ change the O/P file ^{address} ~~name~~ you want by changing "name-of-solution-file" variable
- ④ **Note:** if ~~the~~ test instances file is in same folder and just add file names in above variable.
- ⑤ Run code and it will automatically generate solution file. (You need to parse solution file using pickle for reading).