Answers to Questions asked in Assignment

Answer 2(b): As we can see from the error graph the error value for both training set and test set is minimum for N = 4. Also from the curve fitting part we can see the best fit is achieved at N = 4. Therefore, we choose N = 4 as a suitable value for the dataset that we have. Please note the following result is based on 1,50,000 iterations when the error values for all the order polynomials began to saturate.

Answer 3(c):

Difference: The basic difference is that in Lasso Regression the training and testing error decreased with increasing lambda and the vice-versa happened in Ridged regression.

Preference: On comparing the train and test error value, the conclusion drawn is that it is better to use Lasso regression for this case as even the minimum error for a particular N in Ridge regression is more than the maximum error in Lasso regression.