

## Imports

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In [1]: import numpy as np
import scipy as sp
import scipy.optimize
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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## Import data

<https://www.cset-foretell.com/questions/93-what-will-the-dollar-value-of-u-s-exports-of-semiconductor-chips-to-china-be-in-the-first-half-of-2021> (<https://www.cset-foretell.com/questions/93-what-will-the-dollar-value-of-u-s-exports-of-semiconductor-chips-to-china-be-in-the-first-half-of-2021>)

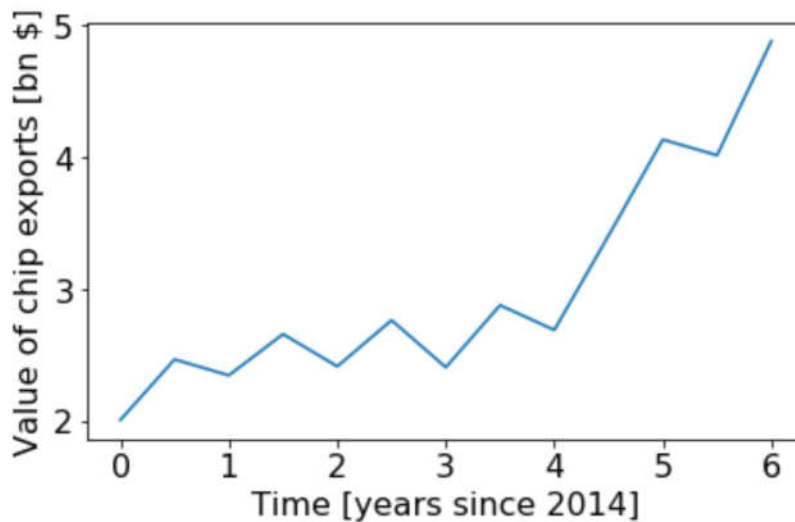
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In [2]: # Data from https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EcDCcmAZEbtAinKiihb
JTQyUUHcSvCJ9Qtqb55TCKDY/edit#gid=692543022
data = {"date": np.array([2014.0, 2014.5, 2015.0, 2015.5, 2016.0, 2016.
5, 2017.0, 2017.5,
                        2018.0, 2018.5, 2019.0, 2019.5, 2020.0]) - 20
14,
        "quant": np.array([2008178186, 2467481307, 2346783148, 265933049
9, 2414793804, 2764693603,
                        2408053469, 2878326021, 2690440177, 340662560
1, 4134127600, 4015046435, 4880404188]) * 1e-9}

xlabel = 'Time [years since 2014]'
ylabel = 'Value of chip exports [bn $]'
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In [3]: plt.rcParams.update({'font.size': 16})
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,1)

ax.plot(data['date'], data['quant'])
ax.set_xlabel(xlabel)
ax.set_ylabel(ylabel)

plt.tight_layout()
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## Generate trend-fit values, linear

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In [29]: def outside_func(t, m, b):
          return m*t + b
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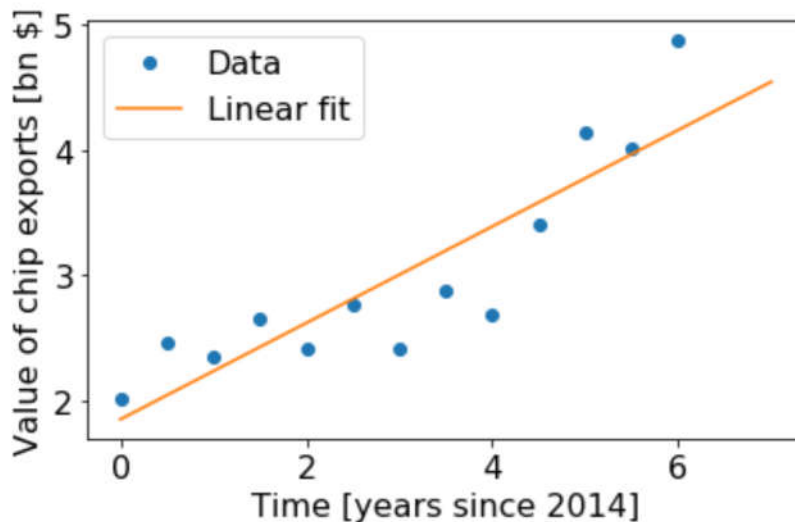
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In [30]: slope_guess = 1 # 1 bn $ / year
offs_guess = 2
popt, pcov = sp.optimize.curve_fit(outside_func, data['date'], data['quant'], p0=[slope_guess, offs_guess])
perr = np.sqrt(np.diag(pcov)) # The standard deviations of the parameters
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In [31]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,1)

t_final = 7
fit_label = 'Linear fit'
ax.plot(data['date'], data['quant'], 'o', label='Data')
t_plot = np.linspace(0, t_final, 100)
ax.plot(t_plot, outside_func(t_plot, *popt), label=fit_label)
ax.set_xlabel(xlabel)
ax.set_ylabel(ylabel)

ax.legend()

plt.tight_layout()
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In [32]: outside_func(t_final, *popt)
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Out[32]: 4.545378769067208
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## Monte Carlo of trends

I think with the fit we could probably just build up the probability density function  $P(y) = \Pr(f(x) = y)$  for the ranges of  $y$  we care about, just given our fit parameters and covariance matrix. However, I think an equivalent way to do this is to just run a monte carlo simulation where we randomly sample from our fit parameters, drawing the fit parameters from the multivariate gaussian distribution defined by `popt` and `pcov`. Then bin the value of  $f(x)$  that we get from the simulation.

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In [33]: # Generate fits

n_fits = 1000
fit_params_gen = np.random.multivariate_normal(popt, pcov, n_fits)

fit_params = fit_params_gen
# Comment out the line above and uncomment the below lines to clean to
# fit based on some criteria.
# Be very careful throwing only a lot of data though!!
# fit_params = []
# n_removed = 0
# for fit_list in fit_params_gen:
#     if fit_list[0] < 0:
#         n_removed += 1
#         n_fits -= 1
#     else:
#         fit_params.append(fit_list)
# print('Generated %i plots, discarded %i' %(n_fits + n_removed, n_remo
ved))

# Plot MC simulations and build MC data
fig, ax_mc = plt.subplots(1,1)

final_vals = []
for i, popt_mc in enumerate(fit_params):
    label = 'MC simulation' if i == 0 else None
    t_plot = np.linspace(0, t_final, 100)
    ax_mc.plot(t_plot, outside_func(t_plot, *popt_mc), 'k', alpha=0.1,
label=label)

    final_vals.append(outside_func(np.array([t_final]), *popt_mc)[0])

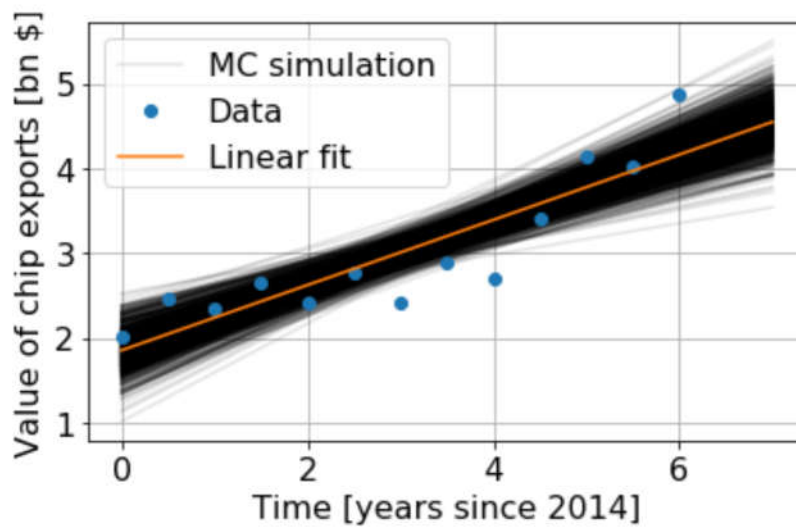
# Plot original data and fit
ax_mc.plot(data['date'], data['quant'], 'o', label='Data')
t_plot = np.linspace(0, t_final, 100)
ax_mc.plot(t_plot, outside_func(t_plot, *popt), label=fit_label)

ax_mc.set_xlabel(xlabel)
ax_mc.set_ylabel(ylabel)

ax_mc.grid()
ax_mc.legend()

plt.tight_layout()

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**Including histogram**

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In [34]: # Plot MC simulations and build MC data
cset_boundaries = [3.9, 4.5, 5.1, 5.7]

fig, [ax_mc, ax_hist] = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(8, 4), gridspec_kw=
{'width_ratios': [3, 1]}, sharey=True)

for i, popt_mc in enumerate(fit_params):
    label = 'MC simulation' if i == 0 else None
    t_plot = np.linspace(0, t_final, 100)
    ax_mc.plot(t_plot, outside_func(t_plot, *popt_mc), 'k', alpha=0.1,
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t_plot = np.linspace(0, t_final, 100)
ax_mc.plot(t_plot, outside_func(t_plot, *popt), label=fit_label)

# for boundary in cset_boundaries:
#     ax_mc.axhline(boundary, color='r', linewidth=0.3)

ax_mc.set_xlabel(xlabel)
ax_mc.set_ylabel(ylabel)
# ax_mc.set_yscale('log')

ax_mc.grid()
ax_mc.legend()

# Plot histogram
bin_min = min(final_vals) if min(final_vals) < min(cset_boundaries) else
min(cset_boundaries) - np.diff(cset_boundaries)[0]
bin_max = max(final_vals) if max(final_vals) > max(cset_boundaries) else
max(cset_boundaries) + np.diff(cset_boundaries)[-1]

bins = np.concatenate([[bin_min], cset_boundaries, [bin_max]])

n, bins, patches = ax_hist.hist(np.array(final_vals), bins, color='k',
orientation='horizontal')
# ax_hist.set_ylim(ax_mc.get_ylim())

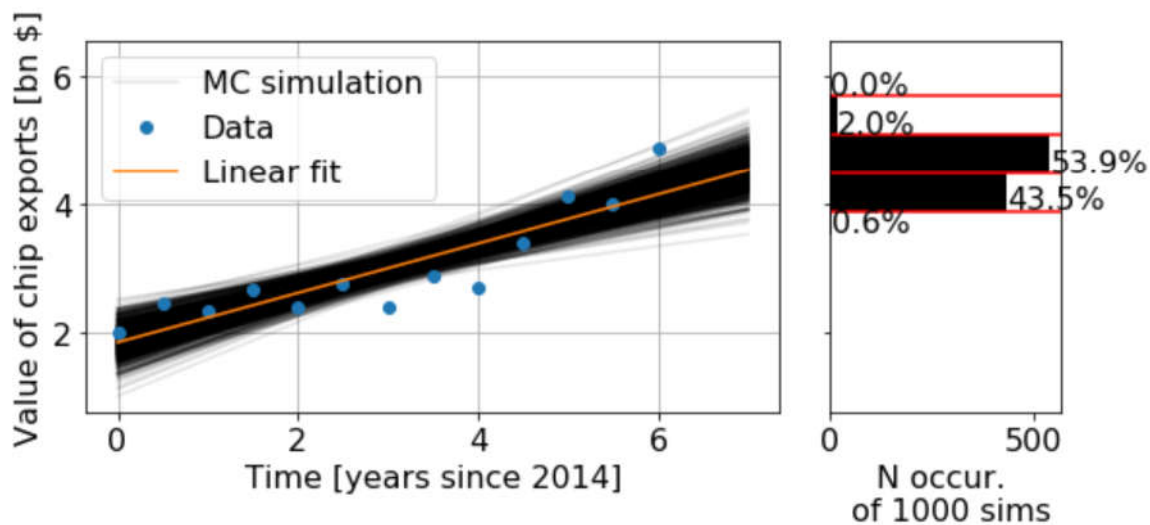
ax_hist.set_xlabel('N occur. \n of {} sims'.format(n_fits))

for boundary in cset_boundaries:
    ax_hist.axhline(boundary, color='r')

text_offset = (max(bins) - min(bins)) / 100
percentages = [n_val / n_fits * 100 for n_val in n]
for n_val, bin_min, percent in zip(n, bins[:-1], percentages):
    ax_hist.text(n_val, bin_min + text_offset, '%.1f%%' %(percent))

plt.tight_layout()

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In [35]: percentages_linear = percentages
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## Generate trend-fit values, exponential fit

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In [36]: def outside_func(t, a, tau, b):
         return a*np.exp(t/tau) + b
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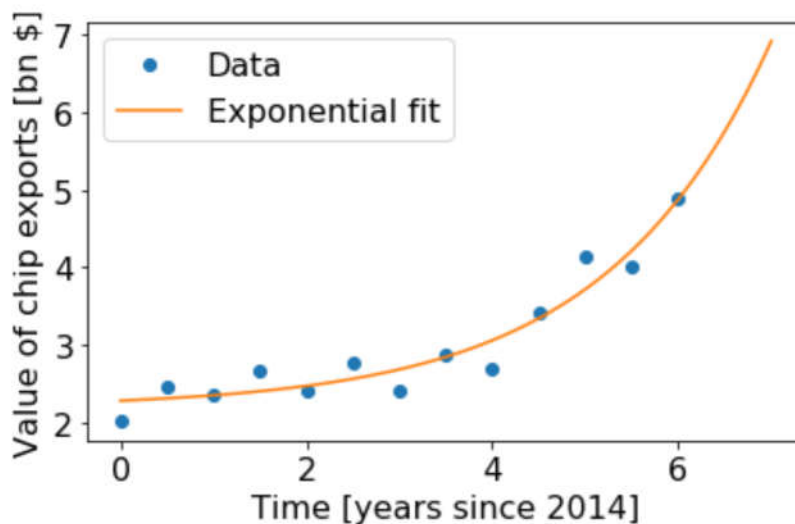
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In [37]: a_guess = 1
         tau_guess = 10
         offs_guess = 2
         popt, pcov = sp.optimize.curve_fit(outside_func, data['date'], data['quant'], p0=[a_guess, tau_guess, offs_guess])
         perr = np.sqrt(np.diag(pcov)) # The standard deviations of the parameters
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In [38]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,1)

t_final = 7
fit_label = 'Exponential fit'
ax.plot(data['date'], data['quant'], 'o', label='Data')
t_plot = np.linspace(0, t_final, 100)
ax.plot(t_plot, outside_func(t_plot, *popt), label=fit_label)
ax.set_xlabel(xlabel)
ax.set_ylabel(ylabel)

ax.legend()

plt.tight_layout()
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In [39]: outside_func(t_final, *popt)
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Out[39]: 6.92440868359785
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In [40]: popt
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Out[40]: array([0.09081673, 1.77000204, 2.18512504])
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fit_params = []
n_removed = 0
for fit_list in fit_params_gen:
    if fit_list[0] < 0:
        n_removed += 1
        n_fits -= 1
    else:
        fit_params.append(fit_list)
print('Generated %i plots, discarded %i' %(n_fits + n_removed, n_remove
d))

# Plot MC simulations and build MC data
fig, ax_mc = plt.subplots(1,1)

final_vals = []
for i, popt_mc in enumerate(fit_params):
    label = 'MC simulation' if i == 0 else None
    t_plot = np.linspace(0, t_final, 100)
    ax_mc.plot(t_plot, outside_func(t_plot, *popt_mc), 'k', alpha=0.1,
label=label)

    final_vals.append(outside_func(np.array([t_final]), *popt_mc)[0])

# Plot original data and fit
ax_mc.plot(data['date'], data['quant'], 'o', label='Data')
t_plot = np.linspace(0, t_final, 100)
ax_mc.plot(t_plot, outside_func(t_plot, *popt), label=fit_label)

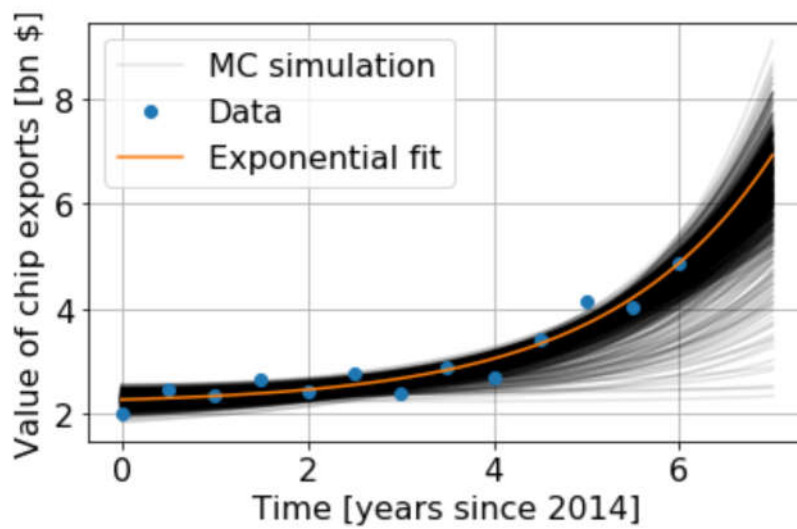
ax_mc.set_xlabel(xlabel)
ax_mc.set_ylabel(ylabel)

ax_mc.grid()
ax_mc.legend()

plt.tight_layout()

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Generated 1000 plots, discarded 127



**Including histogram**

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In [42]: # Plot MC simulations and build MC data
cset_boundaries = [3.9, 4.5, 5.1, 5.7]

fig, [ax_mc, ax_hist] = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(8, 4), gridspec_kw=
{'width_ratios': [3, 1]}, sharey=True)

for i, popt_mc in enumerate(fit_params):
    label = 'MC simulation' if i == 0 else None
    t_plot = np.linspace(0, t_final, 100)
    ax_mc.plot(t_plot, outside_func(t_plot, *popt_mc), 'k', alpha=0.1,
label=label)

# Plot original data and fit
ax_mc.plot(data['date'], data['quant'], 'o', label='Data')
t_plot = np.linspace(0, t_final, 100)
ax_mc.plot(t_plot, outside_func(t_plot, *popt), label=fit_label)

# for boundary in cset_boundaries:
#     ax_mc.axhline(boundary, color='r', linewidth=0.3)

ax_mc.set_xlabel(xlabel)
ax_mc.set_ylabel(ylabel)
# ax_mc.set_yscale('log')

ax_mc.grid()
ax_mc.legend()

# Plot histogram
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min(cset_boundaries) - np.diff(cset_boundaries)[0]
bin_max = max(final_vals) if max(final_vals) > max(cset_boundaries) else
max(cset_boundaries) + np.diff(cset_boundaries)[-1]

bins = np.concatenate([[bin_min], cset_boundaries, [bin_max]])

n, bins, patches = ax_hist.hist(np.array(final_vals), bins, color='k',
orientation='horizontal')
# ax_hist.set_ylim(ax_mc.get_ylim())

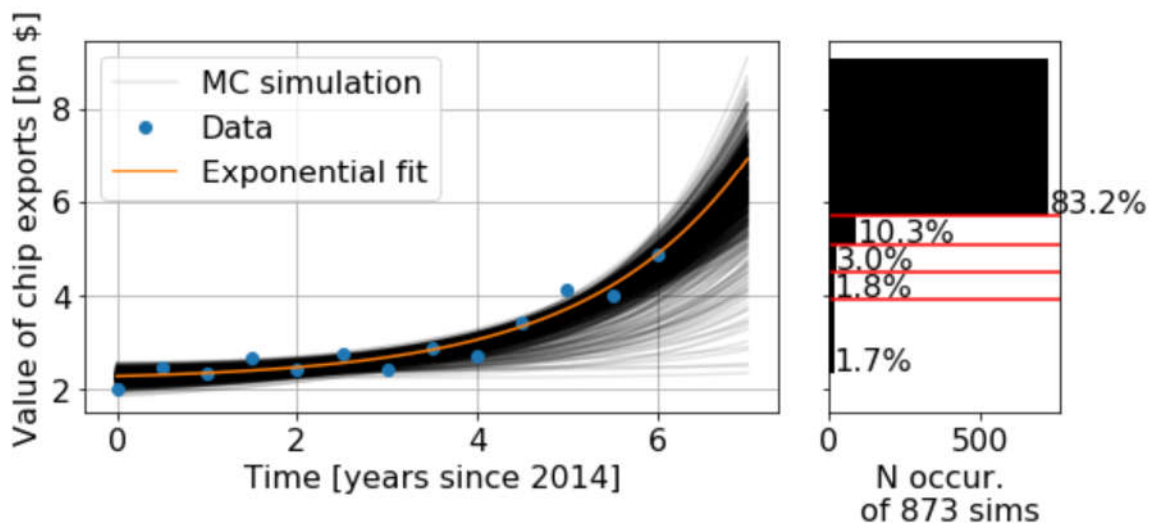
ax_hist.set_xlabel('N occur. \n of {} sims'.format(n_fits))

for boundary in cset_boundaries:
    ax_hist.axhline(boundary, color='r')

text_offset = (max(bins) - min(bins)) / 100
percentages = [n_val / n_fits * 100 for n_val in n]
for n_val, bin_min, percent in zip(n, bins[:-1], percentages):
    ax_hist.text(n_val, bin_min + text_offset, '%.1f%%' %(percent))

plt.tight_layout()

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In [43]: percentages_exponential = percentages
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## Generate final forecast

Before I saw any data, I would have put equal confidence in each of the 5 bins, so my prior was {0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2}.

I then tried to incorporate information about historical trends alone by doing both a linear fit on the data, and estimating the distribution for 2021 given the uncertainty in this linear fit. From this curve fitting, my best estimate of the probabilities of the trend reaching the values {<3.9, 3.9-4.5, 4.5-5.1, 5.1-5.7, >5.7} is {0.6%, 43.5%, 53.9%, 2%, 0%} for the linear fit and {1.7, 1.8, 3.0, 10.3, 83.2} for the exponential fit (For how I arrived at these, see <https://github.com/cphenicie/forecasts/tree/main/Foretell> (<https://github.com/cphenicie/forecasts/tree/main/Foretell>) in the file 20201111\_value-of-US-chip-exports-to-China).

I arbitrarily assigned 33% confidence to my prior values and 33% confidence to each of these trend-fits values. I then arrived at updated values by taking the mean of the prior with the trend-fit value  $(0.33 \text{ [prior]} + (0.33) \text{ [linear trend-fit value]} + (0.33) * \text{ [exponential trend-fit value]})$ , and then normalizing the resulting distribution

In the future, I will try to update these priors as I learn more about the specifics of this case

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In [48]: prior = [0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2]
fit_lin = [p/100 for p in percentages_linear]
fit_exp = [p/100 for p in percentages_exponential]
mean_vals = [(0.33) * p + 0.33 * f_l + 0.33 * f_e for p, f_l, f_e in zip(prior, fit_lin, fit_exp)]
final_dist = mean_vals / np.sum(mean_vals)
print('Prior = ', prior)
print('Fit values = ', fit_lin)
print('Final distribution = ', final_dist)

Prior = [0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2]
Fit values = [0.006, 0.435, 0.539, 0.02, 0.0]
Final distribution = [0.07439404 0.21777587 0.25626079 0.10769759 0.34387171]
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In [ ]:
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