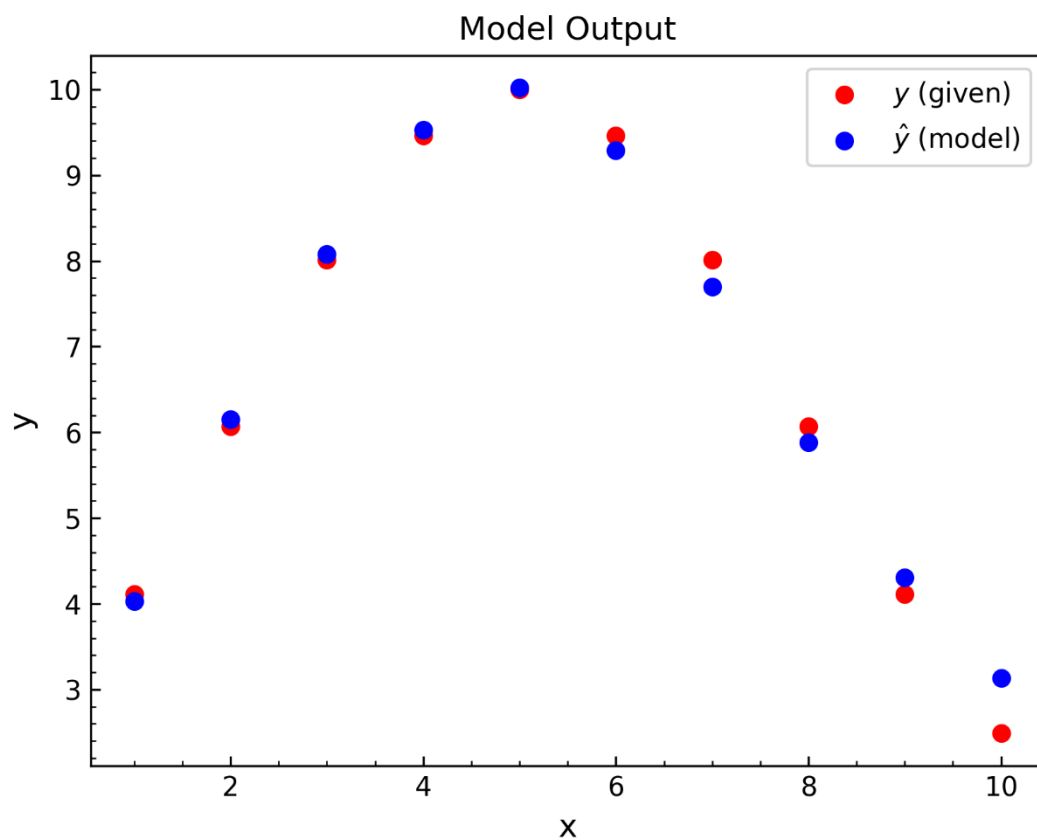


1a)



Number of Iterations: 285120.  $MSE = 6.38058e - 02$ . Runtime: 311.810 ms.

Figure 1: Model output for question 1a.

$$w = \{-0.656, -1.084, 4.715, -4.888\}$$

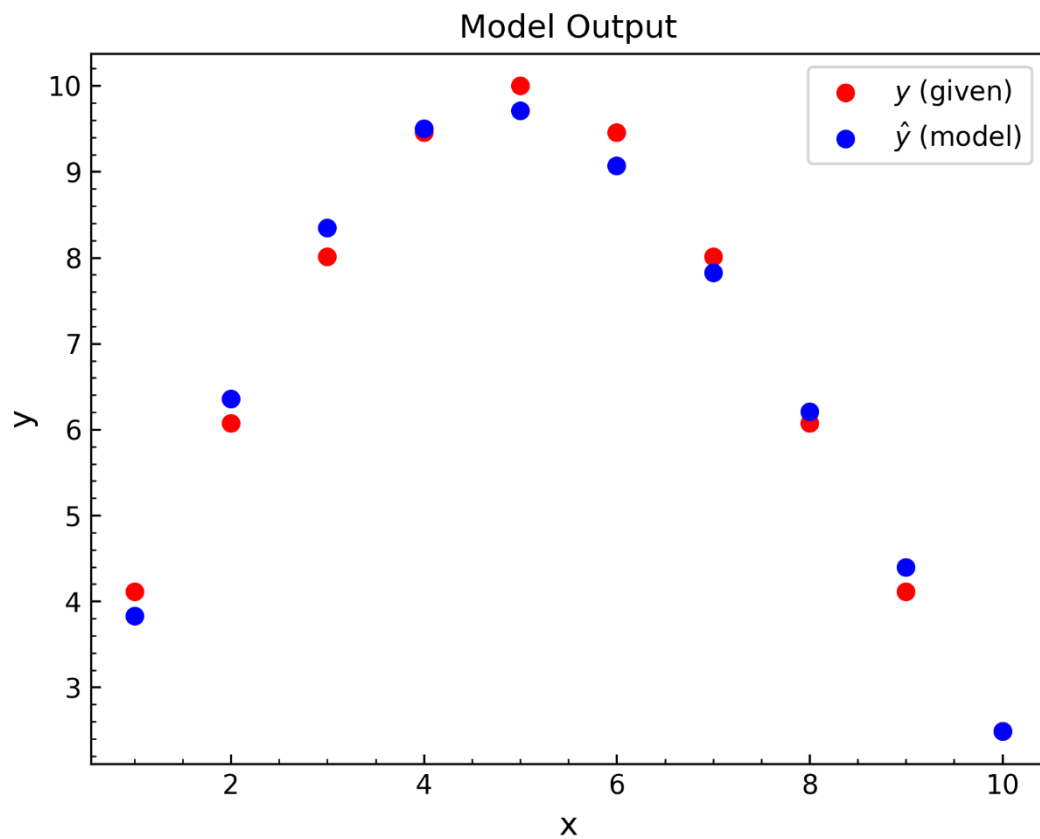
$$b = \{5.790, 5.483, 1.360\}$$

$$k = 285120$$

$$MSE = 6.3805 \cdot 10^{-2}$$

$$t = 311.9 \text{ ms}$$

1b)



Number of Iterations: 110256.  $MSE = 6.45280e - 02$ . Runtime: 533.547 ms.

Figure 1: Model output for question 1b.

$w = \{-1.527, 0.668, -1.249, -0.782, 0.776, 0.665, -0.098, -0.052, -0.540, -0.045, 0.570, -2.391, 0.799, -3.936, 0.127, -0.109, 3.666, 2.340, -2.184, 2.026\}$

$b = \{-0.262, -2.164, -0.433, 3.424, 0.568, 0.349, 2.598, 1.404, 1.407, 1.134, 1.415\}$

$k = 110256$

$MSE = 6.4528 \cdot 10^{-2}$

$t = 533.5 \text{ ms}$

2)

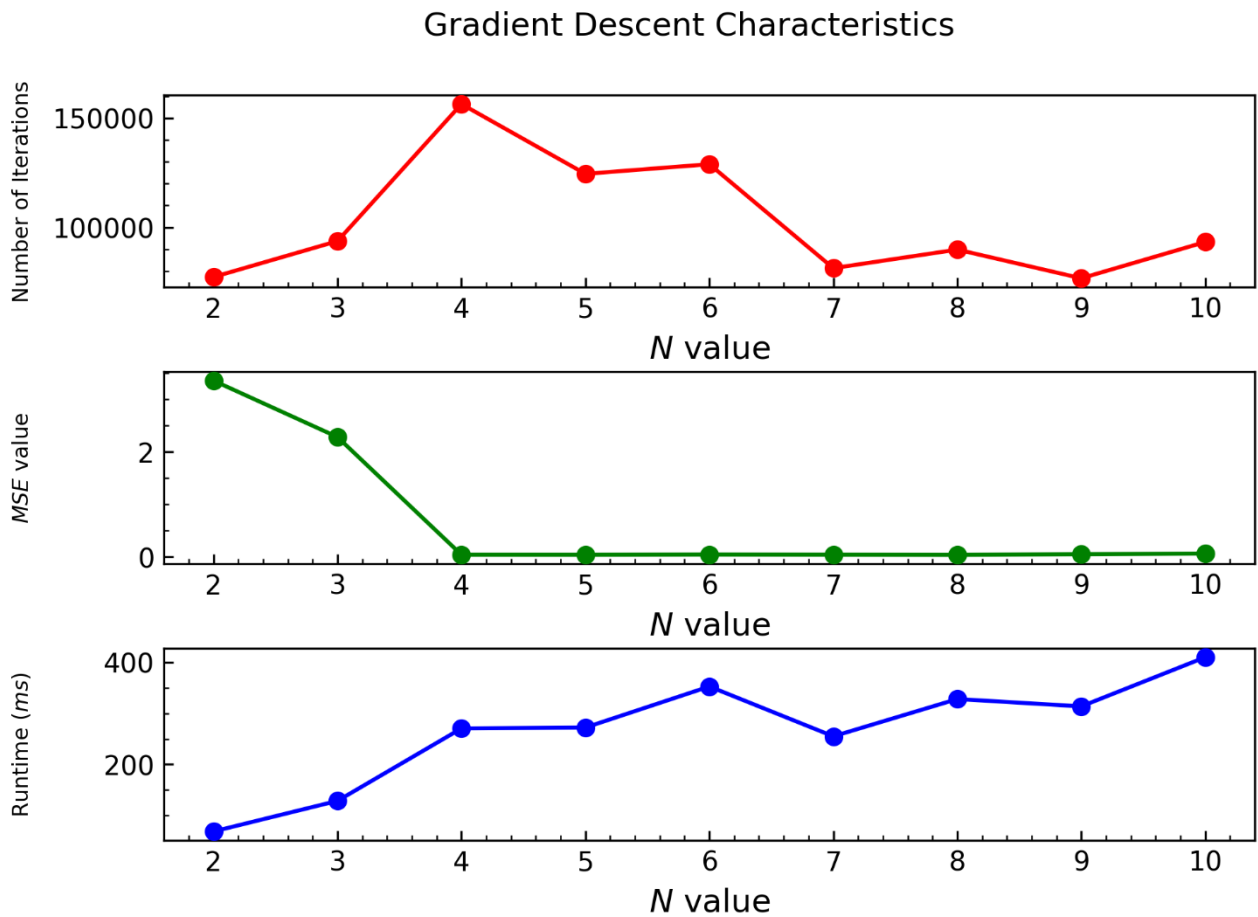


Figure 1: Gradient Descent Characteristics for question 2.

For this problem, 4 seems the optimal number of hidden nodes. Above 4 nodes, the MSE value stays around the same for every  $N$ , while the runtime increases compared to the lower  $N$  values. The number of iterations was a bit higher than the others, but nothing too far away from the total average, and assuming we have the necessary computational power, the runtime (which was good) is a more relevant characteristic.

I spent 3h doing this assignment in Python. Then, since I had some free time and everything was working, I spent another 9h coding in C (3 of which were spent tracking down a bug that boiled down to a missing parenthesis in my activation function). In total, I probably spent around 12h in this final.