

Model Fitting

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Overview

- Model Fitting (Curve fitting)
- Functional Approach: Non-Linear Equation
- Algebraic Approach: Normal Equations
- Efficiency Indicators
- Polynomial Models
- Non-Polynomial Models
- Examples

Interpolation Problem

- Popular choice is equidistant nodes:

$$x_j = a + jh \quad h = (b - a)/n$$

- Y-nodes are known

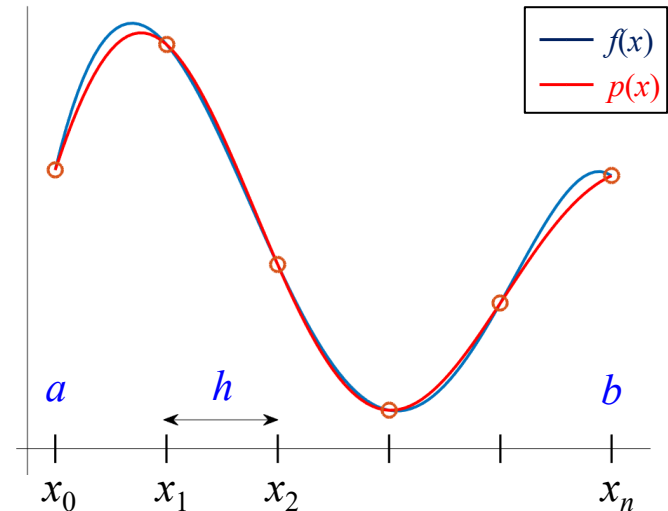
$$y_j = f(x_j)$$

- Interpolate

$$f(x) \approx p_n(x)$$

- Define error

$$E_n = \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f(x) - p_n(x)|$$



Two questions:

- Does it converge?
- How fast?

Nice Functions

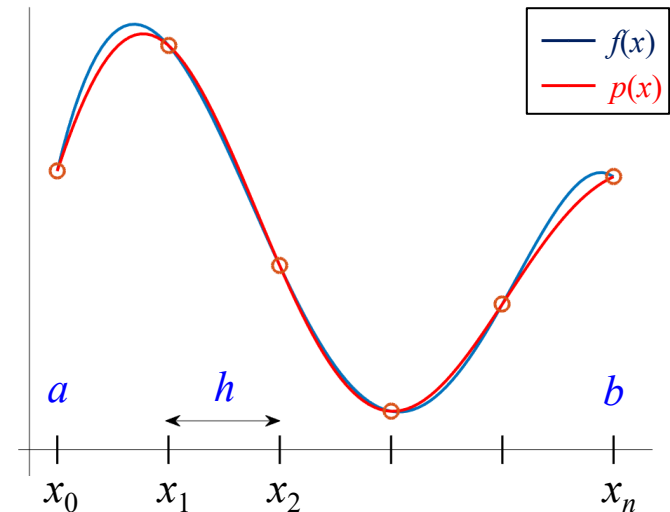
Well-behaved functions such as $y = \sin(x)$ are well approximated by polynomials

Theorem

$$E_n \leq \max_{a \leq x \leq b} \frac{|f^{(n+1)}(\xi)|}{4(n+1)} h^{n+1}$$

Numerical practice shows:

- Equidistant nodes are often worst
- Does not converge uniformly
- $p_n(x)$ strongly oscillates (Runge)



$$\frac{|f^{(n+1)}(\xi)|}{4(n+1)} h^{n+1} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \infty$$

Piecewise Linear

- Polynomial degree is limited by 1.
- Does converge

Theorem

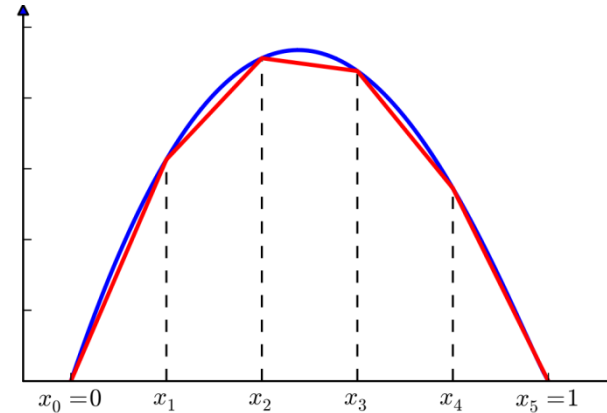
$$E_n \leq Mh^2$$

$$h = \frac{b-a}{n}$$

$$M = \max_{a \leq \xi \leq b} \frac{|f''(\xi)|}{8}$$

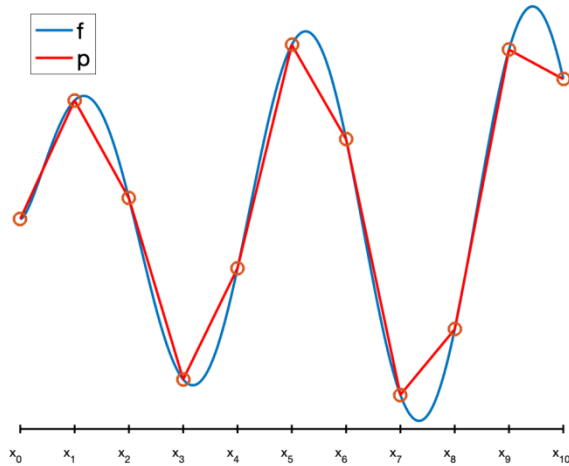
$$E_n \leq Mh^2 \leq \text{tol} \longrightarrow h \leq \sqrt{\text{tol}/M}$$

$$n \geq (b-a)\sqrt{M/\text{tol}}$$



Piecewise Linear

- M does not depend on h (and n)
- Converges, $E_n \rightarrow 0$ as $O(h^2)$
- For small h , $E_n \approx Mh^2$



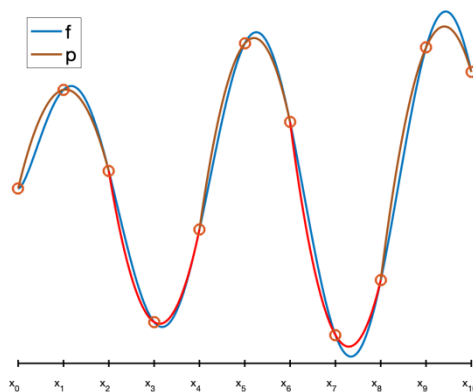
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Piecewise Polynomial

- Polynomial degree is limited by k :
 - Quadratic, $k = 2$;
 - Cubic, $k = 3$ (splines)
- Converges faster with $n \rightarrow \infty$
- Beginning with $k = 4$ and higher, oscillations and instability
- Matlab, `y = interp1(xnod, ynod, x, method) ;`
 - method
 - 'linear', 'cubic', 'spline' etc



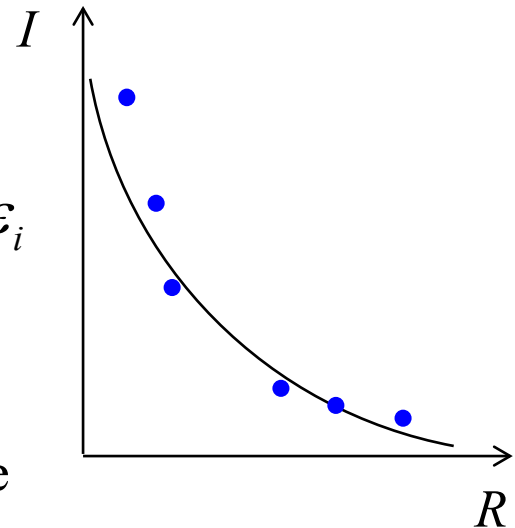
Spline

$$\|f - S\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{5}{384} h^4 \|f^{(4)}\|_{\infty}$$

Curve Fitting

Constructing a curve (mathematical function) that has best fit to a series of data points.

- Ohm's law $I = U/R$
- Noise in each measurement $I_i = U/R_i + \varepsilon_i$
- Polynomials give strong oscillations
- Least squares method can significantly reduce noise



Least Squares

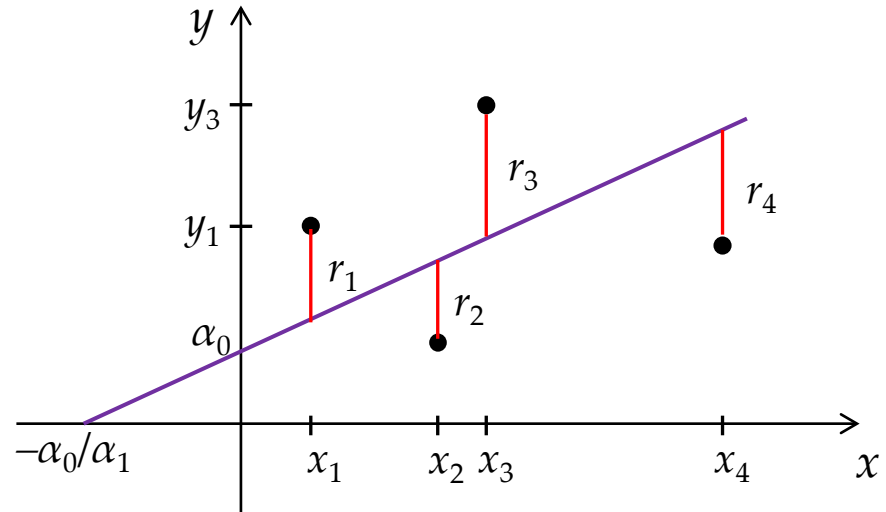
Least Squares Method, LSM, finds the straight line that minimizes the total distance from the given points.

Model function

$$f(x; \alpha_0, \alpha_1) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x$$

$$r_i(\alpha_0, \alpha_1) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_i - y_i$$

$$R^2(\alpha_0, \alpha_1) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^n r_i^2(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)$$



Solution may be found by

- Differential calculus
- Normal equations

$$\begin{cases} \partial_0 R^2(\alpha_0, \alpha_1) = \frac{\partial R(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)}{\partial \alpha_0} = 0 \\ \partial_1 R^2(\alpha_0, \alpha_1) = \frac{\partial R(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)}{\partial \alpha_1} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Deriving System of Equations

$$R^2(\alpha_0, \alpha_1) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^n r_i^2(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial R^2(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)}{\partial \alpha_0} = \sum_{i=1}^N 2r_i(\alpha_0, \alpha_1) \frac{\partial r_i(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)}{\partial \alpha_0} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial R^2(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)}{\partial \alpha_1} = \sum_{i=1}^N 2r_i(\alpha_0, \alpha_1) \frac{\partial r_i(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)}{\partial \alpha_1} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial r_i(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)}{\partial \alpha_0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_0} (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_i - y_i) = 1 \\ \frac{\partial r_i(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)}{\partial \alpha_1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_1} (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_i - y_i) = x_i \end{cases}$$

Deriving System of Equations

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$$r_i(\alpha_0, \alpha_1) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_i - y_i$$

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^N (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_i - y_i) = 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^N (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_i - y_i) x_i = 0 \end{cases}$$

System of Equations

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_0 N + \alpha_1 \sum_{i=1}^N x_i = \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \\ \alpha_0 \sum_{i=1}^N x_i + \alpha_1 \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i y_i \end{cases} \quad \begin{bmatrix} N & \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^N x_i & \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^N x_i y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta} = \frac{N \sum_{i=1}^N x_i y_i - \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N y_i}{N \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i \right)^2} \quad \alpha_0 = \frac{1}{N} \left[\sum_{i=1}^N y_i - \alpha_1 \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \right]$$

Cramer's Rule

Gabriel Cramer, 1704 – 1752. Published 1750.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} f_1 & b_1 \\ f_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{f_1 b_2 - f_2 b_1}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1}; \quad y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & f_1 \\ a_2 & f_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{a_1 f_2 - a_2 f_1}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1}.$$

Algebraic Method

$$f(x; \alpha_0, \alpha_1) = y$$

Model function

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(x_1; \alpha_0, \alpha_1) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_1 = y_1 \\ f(x_2; \alpha_0, \alpha_1) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_2 = y_2 \\ \vdots \\ f(x_N; \alpha_0, \alpha_1) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_N = y_N \end{array} \right.$$

System of equations

Matrix Form

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_1 = y_1 \\ \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_2 = y_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_N = y_N \end{array} \right. \quad \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{b}$$

Normal Equations

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\alpha} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_N \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} N & \sum x_i \\ \sum x_i & \sum x_i^2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_N \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum y_i \\ \sum x_i y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Sample Statistics

Two data sets can be characterised by:

$$\mathbf{x} \equiv \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$$

$$\mathbf{y} \equiv \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N\}$$

Samples, observations, measurements etc.

- Sample mean

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$$

- Sample standard deviation

$$S_x \equiv \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^2}$$

- Sample variance

$$\text{Var}(\mathbf{x}) = S_x^2 \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^2$$

- Sample covariance

$$\text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(y_i - \bar{\mathbf{y}})$$

- Sample correlation

$$\text{Corr}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \equiv \frac{\text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{S_x \cdot S_y}$$

Link to Sample Statistics

$$\begin{bmatrix} N & \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^N x_i & \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^N x_i y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N\}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^2 = \{x_1^2, x_2^2, \dots, x_N^2\}$$

$$\mathbf{xy} = \{x_1 y_1, \dots, x_N y_N\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \bar{\mathbf{x}} \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}} & \overline{\mathbf{x}^2} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{y}} \\ \overline{\mathbf{xy}} \end{bmatrix}$$

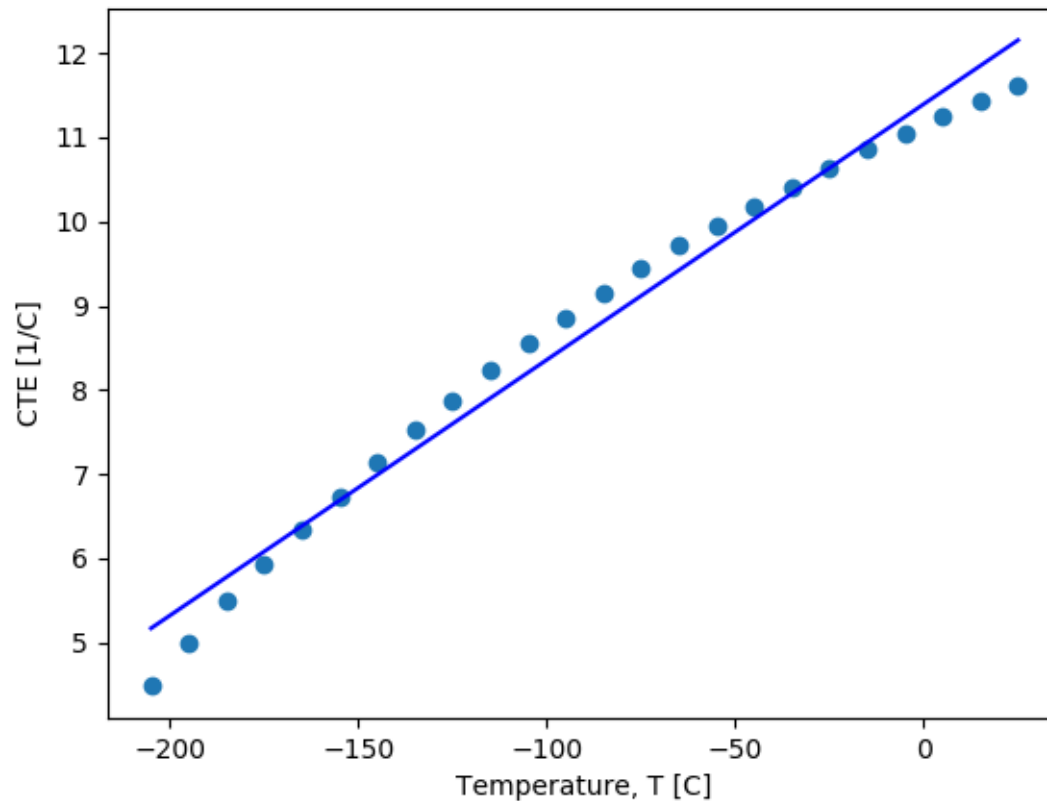
$$\alpha_1 = \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta} = \frac{\overline{\mathbf{xy}} - \bar{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{y}}}{\overline{\mathbf{x}^2} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^2} = \frac{\text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{S_x^2}$$

$$\alpha_0 = \bar{\mathbf{y}} - \bar{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \alpha_1$$

$$y = f(x; \alpha_0, \alpha_1) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x = \alpha_1 (x - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) + \bar{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{S_y}{S_x} \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) (x - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) + \bar{\mathbf{y}}$$

Coefficient of Thermal Exp.

$$\alpha_L(T) = \frac{1}{L} \frac{dL}{dT} \quad (L_1 - L_0)/L_0 \ll 1 \quad \alpha_L(T_0) \approx \frac{1}{L_0} \frac{L_1 - L_0}{T_1 - T_0}$$

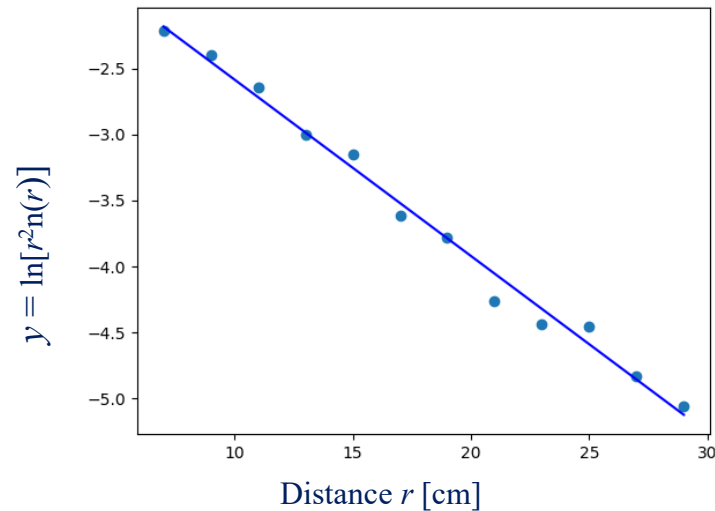
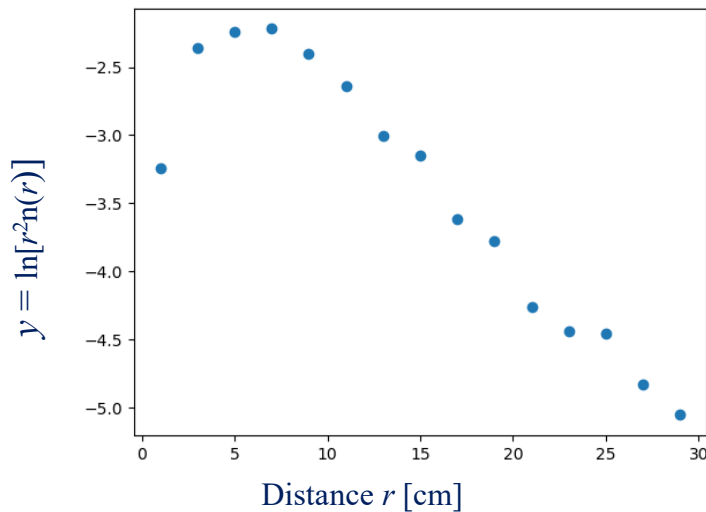


Non-Linear Problems

Reactor physics predicts that the density of fast neutrons in water from a point neutron source behaves with distance r from the source as

$$n(r) = \frac{A}{r^2} e^{-r/\lambda}$$

$$y \equiv \ln[r^2 n(r)] = \ln A - r/\lambda$$



Regression Model

Data points

$$\mathbf{x} \equiv \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\} \quad \boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_M)$$
$$\mathbf{y} \equiv \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N\} \quad y(x) = f(x; \boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

Model function with parameters

Degree of Freedom, DoF:

$$\text{DoF} \equiv N - (M + 1)$$

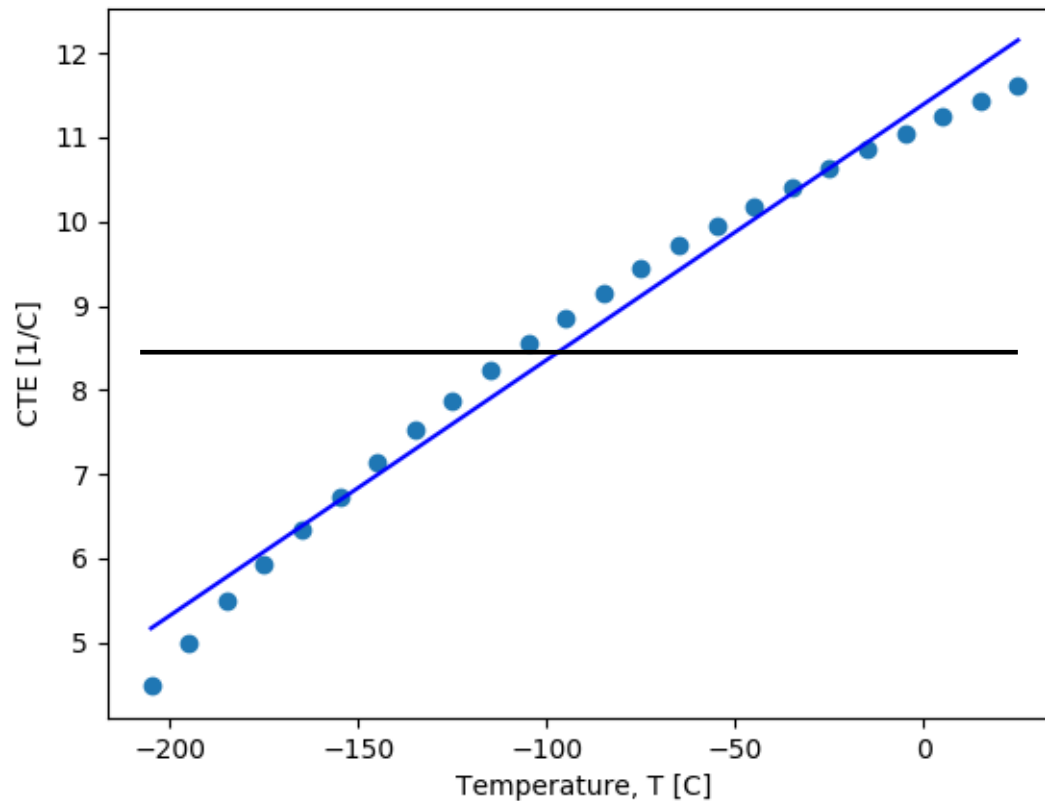
$$f(x; \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 x^2 + \dots + \alpha_M x^M$$

Baseline model $M = 0$:

$$y = f(x; \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \bar{y} \quad \bar{y} \equiv (y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_N) / N$$

Baseline for Thermal Exp.

$$\alpha_L(T) = \frac{1}{L} \frac{dL}{dT} \quad \alpha_L(T_0) \approx \frac{1}{L_0} \frac{L_1 - L_0}{T_1 - T_0}$$

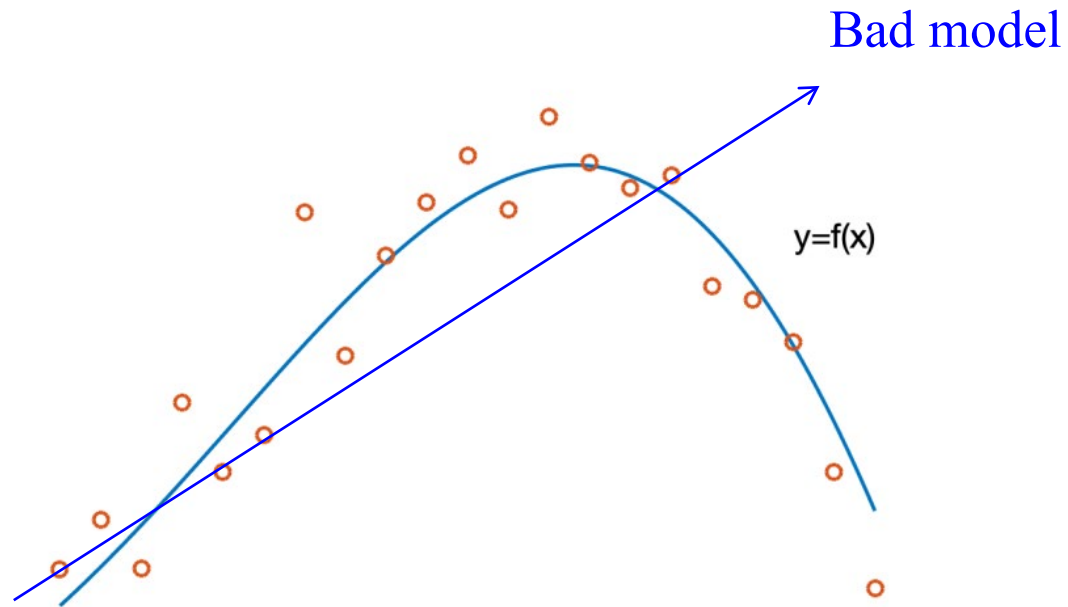


Selecting Model

A particular choice of the model may stem from:

- Physical model such as Ohm's law;
- Numerical simulation such as solving numerically Neutron Diffusion Equation, NDE;
- Previous experience e.g. the current conditions are similar to the previous ones;
- Educated guess;
- Visual inspection;
- Assumption subject to confirm or reject.

Visual Inspection



Sum of Squared Residuals

When parameter vector α is found,
the model function is defined

$$y = f(x; \alpha)$$

Predicted (computed) values: $\hat{y}_i = f(x_i; \alpha)$

$$r_i \equiv \hat{y}_i - y_i$$

$$\text{SSR} \equiv R^2 \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N r_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N [\hat{y}_i - y_i]^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N [f(x_i; \alpha) - y_i]^2$$

Also, Sum of Squared Errors, SSE; Residual Sum of Squares, RSS.

Root Mean Square Error

$$\text{RMSE} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [\hat{y}_i - y_i]^2}$$

$$S_y \equiv \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{y})^2}$$

$$\text{RMSN} \equiv \text{RMSE} / S_y \quad (\text{normalised})$$

Coefficient of Determination

CoD, is a popular choice to characterize the quality of the regression model.

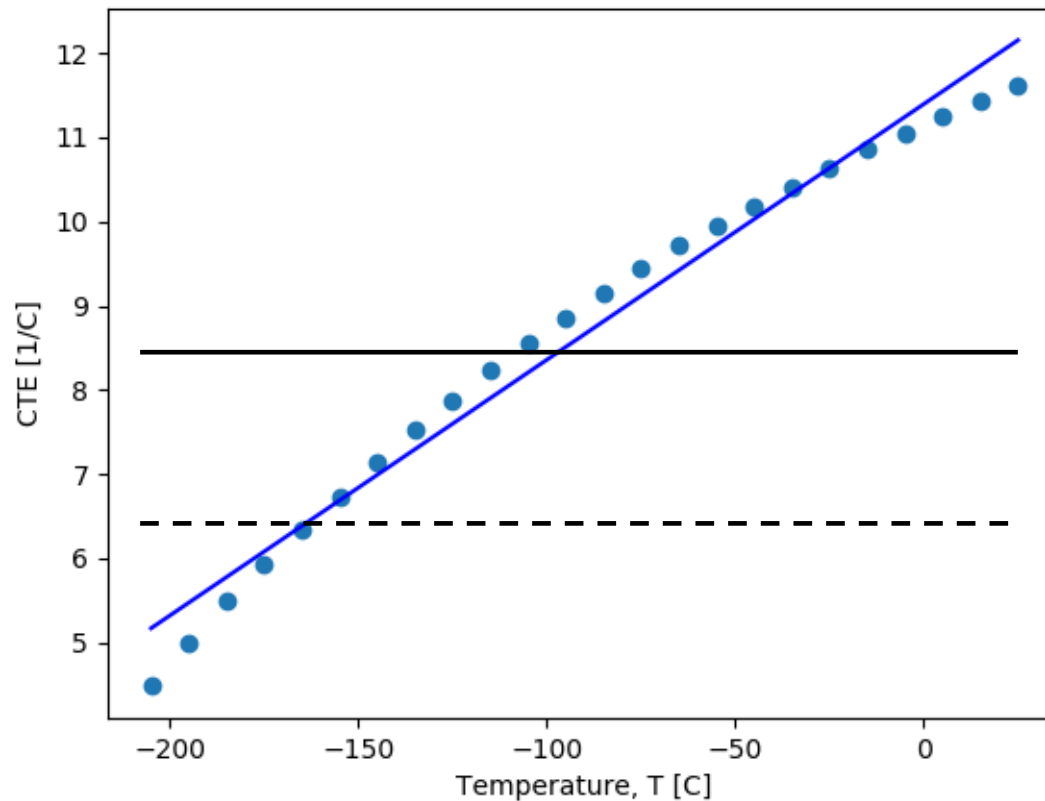
$$\text{CoD} \equiv r^2 \equiv R^2 \equiv 1 - \text{RMSN}^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N [\hat{y}_i - y_i]^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N [\bar{y} - y_i]^2}$$

Baseline $\hat{y}_i = \bar{y}$ $0 \leq \text{CoD} \leq 1$ $\hat{y}_i = y_i$ Best

It may happen $\text{CoD} < 0$ Pathology !!

Unacceptable Baseline

$$\alpha_L(T) = \frac{1}{L} \frac{dL}{dT} \quad \alpha_L(T_0) \approx \frac{1}{L_0} \frac{L_1 - L_0}{T_1 - T_0}$$



CoD = 0

CoD < 0

Polynomial Model Function

$$f(x; \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 x^2 + \cdots \alpha_M x^M$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(x_1; \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_1^2 + \cdots \alpha_M x_1^M = y_1 \\ f(x_2; \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_2 + \alpha_2 x_2^2 + \cdots \alpha_M x_2^M = y_2 \\ \vdots \\ f(x_N; \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_N + \alpha_2 x_N^2 + \cdots \alpha_M x_N^M = y_N \end{array} \right.$$

Functional Approach

$$r_i(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \equiv r_i \equiv f(x_i; \boldsymbol{\alpha}) - y_i \quad R^2(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \equiv R^2 \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N r_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N [f(x_i; \boldsymbol{\alpha}) - y_i]^2$$

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} R^2(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \min_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \sum_{i=1}^N [f(x_i; \boldsymbol{\alpha}) - y_i]^2$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial R^2(\boldsymbol{\alpha})}{\partial \alpha_m} = 0 & m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^N 2[f(x_i; \boldsymbol{\alpha}) - y_i] \frac{\partial f(x_i; \boldsymbol{\alpha})}{\partial \alpha_m} = 0 & m = 0, 1, \dots, M \end{cases}$$

Linear Equations

$$g_m(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N [f(x_i; \boldsymbol{\alpha}) - y_i] \frac{\partial f(x_i; \boldsymbol{\alpha})}{\partial \alpha_m} = 0 \quad m = 0, 1, \dots, M$$

$$\mathbf{G}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \equiv \begin{bmatrix} g_0(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \\ \vdots \\ g_M(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

Algebraic Approach

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(x_1; \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_1^2 + \cdots + \alpha_M x_1^M = y_1 \\ f(x_2; \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_2 + \alpha_2 x_2^2 + \cdots + \alpha_M x_2^M = y_2 \\ \vdots \\ f(x_N; \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_N + \alpha_2 x_N^2 + \cdots + \alpha_M x_N^M = y_N \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & \cdots & x_1^M \\ 1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_2^M \\ 1 & x_3 & \cdots & x_3^M \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{N-1} & \cdots & x_{N-1}^M \\ 1 & x_N & \cdots & x_N^M \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_M \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_{N-1} \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{V}\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \mathbf{y}$$
$$\mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{V} \boldsymbol{\alpha} = \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{y}$$

Trigonometric Functions

(1) Assume model function

$$f(x; c_0, c_1) = c_0 \sin(x) + c_1 \cos(x)$$

(2) Find coefficients c_0 and c_1 that minimize residual

$$R(\mathbf{c}) = \sum_{j=1}^n \left[f(x_j; c_0, c_1) - y_j \right]^2 \quad R'_{c_0}(\mathbf{c}) = 0 \quad R'_{c_1}(\mathbf{c}) = 0$$

(3) Form linear equations

$$f(x_1) = c_0 \sin(x_1) + c_1 \cos(x_1) = y_1$$

$$f(x_2) = c_0 \sin(x_2) + c_1 \cos(x_2) = y_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$f(x_N) = c_0 \sin(x_N) + c_1 \cos(x_N) = y_N$$

Matrix Form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sin(x_1) & \cos(x_1) \\ \sin(x_2) & \cos(x_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \sin(x_N) & \cos(x_N) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(x_1) & \cos(x_1) \\ \sin(x_2) & \cos(x_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \sin(x_N) & \cos(x_N) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{V}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(x_0) & \sin(x_1) & \cdots & \sin(x_n) \\ \cos(x_0) & \cos(x_1) & \cdots & \cos(x_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum \sin^2(x_i) & \sum \sin(x_i) \cos(x_i) \\ \sum \sin(x_i) \cos(x_i) & \sum \cos^2(x_i) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum y_i \sin(x_i) \\ \sum y_i \cos(x_i) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{y}$$

Matlab

Backslash command

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>> x = A\b
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solves:

- $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ in ordinary sense when $n = m$
- $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ in least squares sense when $n \neq m$

$$\begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ * \\ * \\ * \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ * \end{bmatrix}$$

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>> c = polyfit(x,y,m)
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finds:

- Coefficients c of polynomial of degree m that is the best fit.

Important

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