## 5<sup>th</sup> Homework

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#### Exercise 1.

(a) Under what conditions (theoretically) the quantity  $E_D[(f(\boldsymbol{x};D) - E[y|\boldsymbol{x}])^2]$  becomes zero?

Let's first understand what are the values in the equation we are investigating. First of all the quantity  $f(\mathbf{x}; D)$  is an estimator of y whose realizations are  $f(\mathbf{x}; D_1), \ldots, f(\mathbf{x}; D_K)$ . That means that for every subset of D (with |D| = N) we will get various estimates of y:,  $f(\mathbf{x}; D_1), \ldots, f(\mathbf{x}; D_K)$ . In order to quantify the performance of an estimator  $f(\mathbf{x}; D)$  we can measure the mean-square deviation from the optimal estimate  $E[y|\mathbf{x}]$  as follows:  $E_D[(f(\mathbf{x}; D) - E[y|\mathbf{x}])^2]$ . Since the optimal estimate,  $E[y|\mathbf{x}]$ , is a number, the quantity would be equal to zero if all the estimates of y were the same and equal to the optimal estimate. In practice the estimator of y would actually match the model.

(b) Why this cannot be achieved in practice?

In practice this is impossible because all models include noise in them  $(y = g(x) + \eta)$  and as we know in practice it is impossible to simulate noise. That means that all estimates of y will have deviations at minimum  $\pm$  noise, thus the quantity in question will never be zero.

#### Exercise 2.

Consider  $y = g(\mathbf{x}) + \eta$  and  $f_{\theta}$  an estimator of y. Let  $\mathbf{Tr}$  be the training set and  $\mathbf{Te}$  the test set which will be used for testing the performance of  $f_{\hat{\theta}}$  (where  $\hat{\theta}$  is the estimate of  $\theta$  on  $\mathbf{Tr}$ .  $\mathbf{Tr}$  and  $\mathbf{Te}$  are disjoint.

(a) What indicates a small error value on the training set Tr?

A small error value on the training set usually indicates more complex models.

(b) What may indicate a small error value on the test set Te?

A small value on the test set indicates the optimal performance, in which the model complexity is not too high and the cost function has been minimized optimally. This is the ideal scenario.

(c) What indicates a small error value on the training set Tr and a large error value on the test set Te?

This cases is an indication of overfitting. The model has learned the training dataset efficiently, but doesn't perform well with new data.

(d) What conclusion can be drawn if a large error value on the training set Tr and a small error value on the test set Te is encountered?

This case would indicate the case when the model has not learned the data efficiently, but is performing good in the subset of the data given for testing.

#### Exercise 3.

Consider  $y = g(x) + \eta$  where y and x are modeled by the random variables y and x. The joint pdf is:

$$p(x,y) = \frac{4}{3}, for \ x \in (0,1), y \in (x^3, 1)$$
(3.1)

(a) Verify that p(x, y) is a pdf (prove that it integrates to 1).

It is:

$$\iint p(x,y) \, dx \, dy = \int_0^1 \int_{x^3}^1 \frac{4}{3} \, dy \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{4}{3} \right]_{x^3}^1 \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{4}{3} - \frac{4}{3} x^3 \, dx$$

$$= \left[ \frac{4}{3} x - \frac{1}{3} x^4 \right]_0^1$$

$$= 1$$

(b) Compute the marginal pdf of  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $p_{\mathbf{x}}(x)$ 

It is:

$$p_X(x) = \int_{x^3}^1 p_{X,Y}(x,y) \, dy$$

$$= \int_{x^3}^1 \frac{4}{3} \, dy$$

$$= \left[ \frac{4}{3} \right]_{x^3}^1$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} (1 - x^3)$$
(3.2)

## (c) Compute the conditional pdf p(y|x).

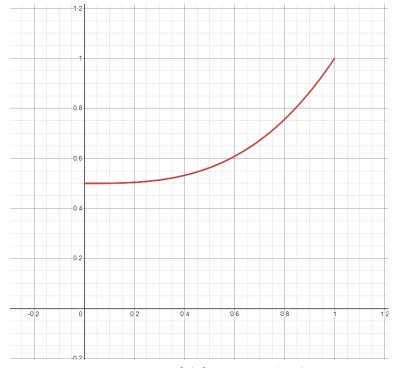
We know that the conditional pdf is defined as:  $p_{X|Y}(y|x) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x,y)}{p_X(x)}$ , thus, using (3.1) and (3.2):

$$\frac{p_{X,Y}(x,y)}{p_X(x)} = \frac{4/3}{4/3(1-x^3)} = \frac{1}{(1-x^3)}$$

## (d) Compute and plot E[y|x]

We can calculate the mean as follows:

$$E[y|x] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} y \, p(y|x) \, dy = \frac{1}{(1-x^3)} \int_{x^3}^{1} y \, dy = \frac{1}{(1-x^3)} \cdot \frac{1-x^6}{2}$$
$$= \frac{1-x^6}{2(1-x^3)}$$



**Figure 1:** E[y|x] Plot,  $x \in (0,1)$ .

## **Imports**

```
[1]: import numpy as np
   import scipy.io as sio
   from scipy.stats import norm

from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   import matplotlib.patches as mpatches
   import matplotlib.cm as cm

import pandas as pd

from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error

# for creating a responsive plot
%matplotlib inline
```

## **Exercise 4**

```
[2]: # define variables
mu = np.ones((2,1))
s = np.array([[4,3],[3,5]])
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[3]: # Define variances
s_xy = s[0,1]
s_y = np.sqrt((s[0,0]))
s_x = np.sqrt((s[1,1]))
s_xy, s_y, s_x
```

[3]: (3, 2.0, 2.23606797749979)

## **4.a Determine** E[y|x]

Recalling that the optimal MSE estimate E[y|x] is equal to  $\mu_y + \frac{\alpha \sigma_y}{\sigma_x}(x - \mu_x)$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$ .

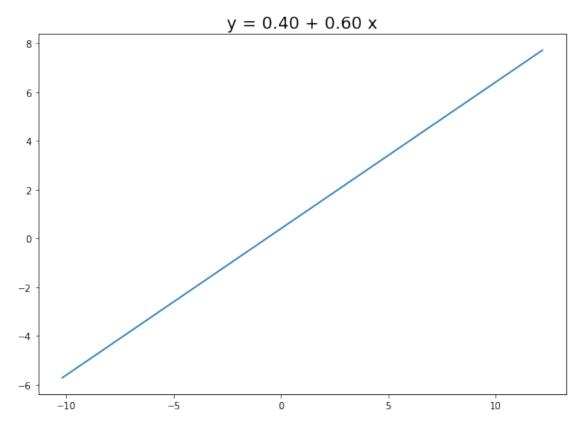
• We will define a function to calculate E[y|x] (for a given range of x) and then plot the result

```
[4]: def MSE(x_range):
    # Calculate E[y/x]
    return c * x_range - c *mu[1] + mu[0]

# calculate alpha
a = s_xy/(s_x * s_y)
```

```
# coef
c = a * (s_y /(s_x))

# Plot E
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
x = np.linspace(mu[1] - 5*s_x, mu[1] + 5*s_x, 100)
ax.plot(x, MSE(x))
_ = ax.set_title(f"y = {(-c *mu[1] + mu[0])[0]:.2f} + {c:.2f} x", fontsize=18)
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## 4.b Generate 100 data sets, each consisting of 50 pairs

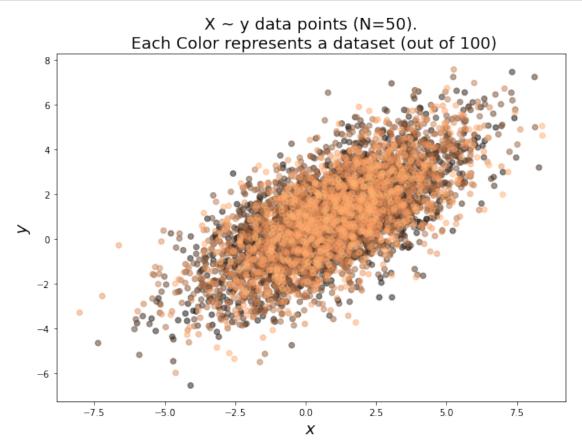
```
[5]: def generate_data(mu,s, size):

# Yield 50 X, y pairs
y, X = np.random.multivariate_normal(mu.flatten(), s, size).T

# define normal error
n = np.random.normal(0,np.sqrt(0.01),len(X))
```

```
# add noise to y
         y = y + n
         # return X and y
         return(np.concatenate((X.reshape(-1,1), y.reshape(-1,1), n.reshape(-1,1)), u
      →axis=1))
     def yield_index(ds, num, size):
         Function to return a virtual dataset from a np array with \{size\} data points.
      \rightarrowper dataset
         Input: an array containing all dataset, in order
                  the requested dataset point (ex. in order to fetch dataset \{size\}_{\sqcup}
      \rightarrownum should be {size})
         Output: the range in which the specific dataset can be found
         return ds[num*size-size: num*size]
[6]: size = 50
     # Generate 100 datasets of size = 50
     data = np.empty((1,3))
     for i in range(100):
         data = np.concatenate((data, generate_data(mu, s, size)))
     data = data[1:]
     X_{all} = data[:,0]
     y_all = data[:,1]
     data[:5]
[6]: array([[ 1.23414441, 1.351992 , 0.1282746 ],
            [-2.06646859, 1.50978976, 0.00432508],
            [ 2.94544033, 3.31383237, 0.13508284],
            [0.71112185, -1.44562892, 0.01566671],
            [ 1.39235447, 3.81783262, -0.00502644]])
[7]: # Create 100 shades of color
     colormap = plt.cm.copper #nipy_spectral, Set1,Paired
     colorst = [colormap(i) for i in np.linspace(0, 0.9,100)]
     #plot X data
     fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))
     ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
     for i in range(100):
         ax.scatter(yield_index(X_all, i+1, size),yield_index(y_all, i+1, size),__
     \leftarrowc=[colorst[i]]*50,marker='o', alpha = 0.5)
     ax.set_ylabel('$y$', fontsize=18)
     ax.set_xlabel('$x$', fontsize=18)
```

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ax.set_title('X ~ y data points (=50).\n Each Color represents a dataset (out of ⊔ →100)', fontsize=18)
plt.show()
```



#### 4.c Adopt a linear estimator and determine its instances utilizing the LS criterion

```
[8]: def perform_LS(X, y):
    """ Function to calculate the LS coeff. based on X (input) and y (output)
    tables"""

# add ones to the transformed table for LS (since we have theta_0)

X_new = np.append(np.ones((len(X),1)), X.reshape(-1,1), axis = 1)

# Calculate the LS tables

Xx_inv = np.linalg.inv(X_new.T.dot(X_new))

Xy = X_new.T.dot(y)

return Xx_inv.dot(Xy)
```

```
[9]: # Calculate \theta
theta = np.empty((1,2))
for i in range(100):
    # Fetch X and y for the given dataset number
    X = yield_index(X_all, i+1, size)
    y = yield_index(y_all, i+1, size)

    th = perform_LS(X, y)

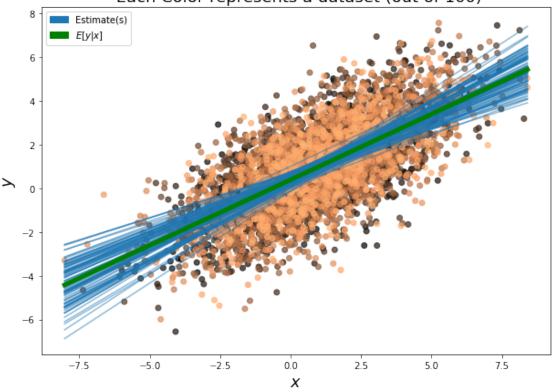
# Calculate and print coeff
    theta = np.concatenate((theta,th.reshape(1,2)))

theta = theta[1:]
# theta = np.array(theta).reshape(-1,1)
theta.mean(axis=0)
```

## [9]: array([0.397218 , 0.59541279])

```
[10]: # Create patches for the legend
      patches = [ mpatches.Patch(color = 'CO', label = 'Estimate(s)'), mpatches.
       →Patch(color = 'green', label = '$E[y \\vert x]$') ]
      # Define plot range
      range_x = np.linspace(X_all.min(), X_all.max(), 100)
      #plot X data
      fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))
      ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
      for i in range(100):
          ax.plot(range_x, theta[i][0] + theta[i][1] * range_x, c='CO',alpha = 0.5)
          ax.scatter(yield_index(X_all, i+1, size), yield_index(y_all, i+1, size), u
       \rightarrow c = [colorst[i]] *50, marker = 'o', alpha = 0.7)
      ax.plot(range_x, MSE(range_x), c='green',alpha = 1, lw=5)
      # Labels and Title
      ax.set_ylabel('$y$', fontsize=18)
      ax.set_xlabel('$x$', fontsize=18)
      ax.set_title('X \sim y data points (=50).\n Each Color represents a dataset (out of
       \hookrightarrow100)', fontsize=18)
      # Legend
      _ = ax.legend(handles = patches, loc = 'upper left')
```

 $X \sim y$  data points (N=50). Each Color represents a dataset (out of 100)



#### • Calculate the MSE

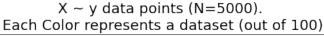
The MSE is 8.48e-02

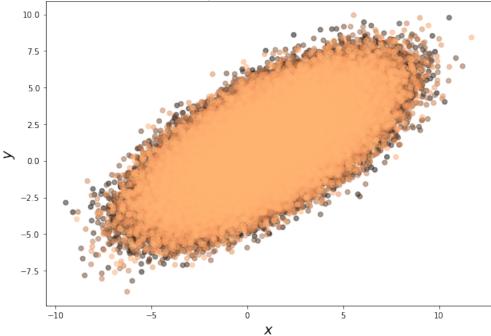
## 4.e Repeat steps (b)-(d) where now each data set consists of =5000 points.

```
[12]: size = 5000

# Generate 100 datasets
data = np.empty((1,3))
for i in range(100):
    data = np.concatenate((data, generate_data(mu, s, size)))
data = data[1:]
```

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X_all = data[:,0]
      y_all = data[:,1]
      data[:5]
[12]: array([[ 0.33027702, -0.30529462, -0.11819526],
             [ 3.61192219, 2.84690511, 0.0561533 ],
             [-3.1218365, -0.45013544, -0.06299249],
             [ 4.06673899, -0.9115135 , 0.01411599],
             [ 1.01267396, 2.25921837, -0.11222848]])
[13]: # Create 100 shades of color
      colormap = plt.cm.copper #nipy_spectral, Set1,Paired
      colorst = [colormap(i) for i in np.linspace(0, 0.9,100)]
      #plot X data
      fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))
      ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
      for i in range(100):
          ax.scatter(yield_index(X_all, i+1, size),yield_index(y_all, i+1, size),__
       ⇒c=[colorst[i]]*size,marker='o', alpha = 0.5)
      ax.set_ylabel('$y$', fontsize=18)
      ax.set_xlabel('$x$', fontsize=18)
      ax.set_title('X ~ y data points (=5000).\n Each Color represents a dataset (out_
       \rightarrowof 100)', fontsize=18)
      plt.show()
```





```
[14]: # Calculate \theta
theta = np.empty((1,2))
for i in range(100):
    # Fetch X and y for the given dataset number
    X = yield_index(X_all, i+1, size)
    y = yield_index(y_all, i+1, size)

    th = perform_LS(X, y)

# Calculate and print coeff
theta = np.concatenate((theta,th.reshape(1,2)))

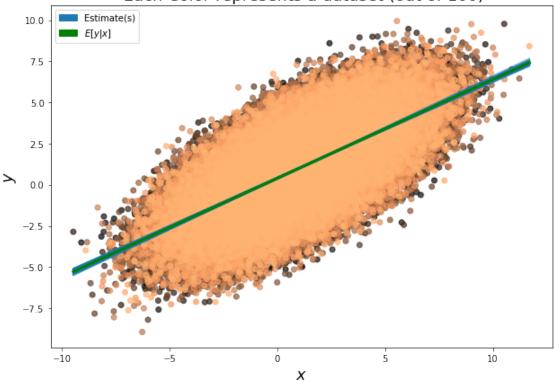
theta = theta[1:]
theta.mean(axis=0)
```

#### [14]: array([0.3976096, 0.59959555])

```
[15]: # Define plot range
  range_x = np.linspace(X_all.min(), X_all.max(), 100)

#plot X data
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
for i in range(100):
    ax.plot(range_x, theta[i][0] + theta[i][1] * range_x, c='CO',alpha = 0.5)
    ax.scatter(yield_index(X_all, i+1, size),yield_index(y_all, i+1, size),_\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\t
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## $X \sim y$ data points (N=5000). Each Color represents a dataset (out of 100)



#### • Calculate the MSE

The MSE is 8.21e-04

## 4.f Discuss the results (in your discussion, take into account the decomposition of the MSE to a variance and a bias term).

The optimal MSE can be writen as:  $E_D[(f(x;D) - E[y|x])^2] = E_D[(f(x;D) - E_D[(f(x;D)])^2] + (E_D[f(x;D)] - E[y|x])^2$ 

We can explain the two terms as follows: \* Variance Term: Variance of the estimator around its mean value \* Bias <sup>2</sup> Term: Difference of the mean from optimal estimate

In this excercise we demonstrared how the increase in the number of samples reduces the MSE. As we know for a fixed number of points N in all data sets D, it is not possible to reduce both terms simultaneously. Thus, by increasing the number of samples we achieved two things. First, the Bias

term (which is the difference of the mean from the optimal estimate) deacreased, since with more points each estimation will be closer to the optimal estimate and, second, the variance of each estimator is closer to the mean value. That way we managed to decrease the MSE, decreasing both the variance and the Bias term.

Those observations can be better understood in the two corresponding graphs, showing the points along with the lines.

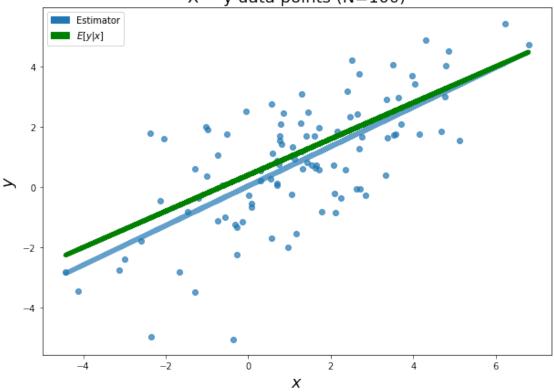
### Exercise 5

### 5.a Generate a single data set D of 100 pairs.

#### 5.b Determine the linear estimate that minimizes the MSE criterion based on D.

```
ax.set_title('X ~ y data points (=100)', fontsize=18)
_ = ax.legend(handles = patches, loc = 'upper left')
```





## 5.c Generate randomly a set D' of additional 50 points and determine the estimate

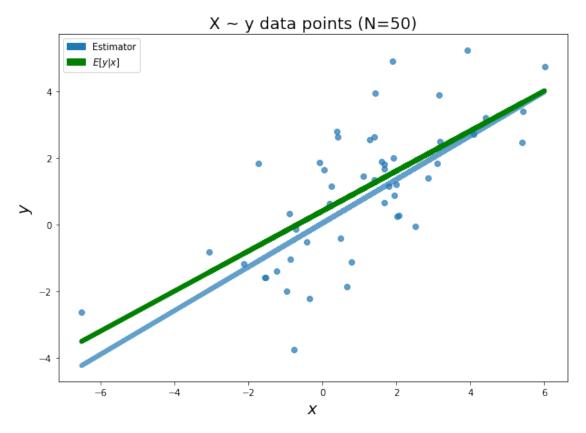
```
[20]: # Generate 50 pairs
    data = np.empty((1,3))
    data = np.concatenate((data, generate_data(mu, s, 50)))
    data = data[1:]

X_50 = data[:,0]
    y_50 = data[:,1]
    data[:5]

# Print coeff
print(f"y = {theta_100[0]:.2f} + {theta_100[1]:.2f} x")
```

y = 0.03 + 0.66 x

```
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.plot(X_50, theta_100[0] + theta_100[1] * X_50, c='C0',alpha = 0.7, lw=5)
ax.scatter(X_50,y_50, marker='o', alpha = 0.7)
ax.plot(X_50, MSE(X_50), c='green',alpha = 1, lw=5)
ax.set_ylabel('$y$', fontsize=18)
ax.set_xlabel('$x$', fontsize=18)
ax.set_title('X ~ y data points (=50)', fontsize=18)
_ = ax.legend(handles = patches, loc = 'upper left')
```



## 5.d Determine the associated estimates based on the optimal estimator

```
[22]: # determine estimates based on linear estimate
y_hat = theta_100[0] + theta_100[1] * X_50

# determine estimates based on optimal estimate
y_bar = MSE(X_50)

print(f"MSE for the Linear estimates:\t {mean_squared_error(y_50,y_hat):.2f}\n\
```

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MSE for the optimal estimates:\t {mean_squared_error(y_50,y_bar):.2f}")

MSE for the Linear estimates: 2.15

MSE for the optimal estimates: 2.07
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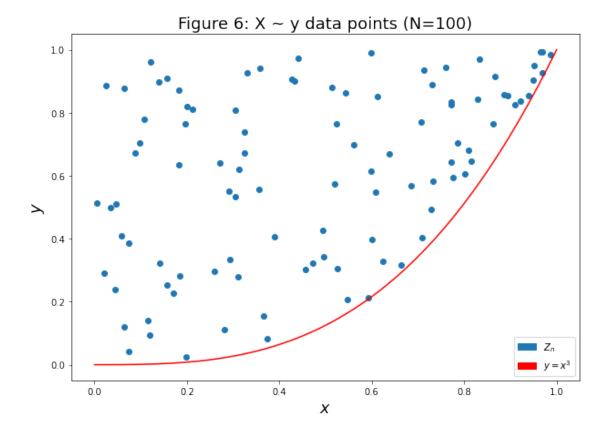
# 5.e Based on the previous derived estimates for the 50 points, propose and use a (practical) way for quantifying the performance of the two estimators.

As shown in the results of 5.d, we can see that one wasy of quantifying the performance of the two estimators is to use the Mean Squared Error on the estimates vs the actual values. As we can see in this example, the Linear estimates derived a higher MSE compared to the optimal one. Other metrics that could potentially be used are the MAE, RMSE and more.

#### Exercise 6

Generate a set D of N = 100 data pairs.

```
[23]: np.random.seed(42)
      # Define Z
      X = np.random.random(100)
      y = []
      for i in X:
          y.append(np.random.uniform(i**3,1))
      y = np.array(y)
      # Create patches for the legend
      patches = [ mpatches.Patch(color = 'CO', label = '$Z_n$'), mpatches.Patch(color_
       \Rightarrow 'red', label = '$y = x^3$') ]
      #plot X data
      fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))
      ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
      # Define Range
      plot_range = np.linspace(0,1,50)
      ax.scatter(X, y, c='C0')
      ax.plot(plot_range, np.power(plot_range,3), c='r')
      ax.set_ylabel('$y$', fontsize=18)
      ax.set_xlabel('$x$', fontsize=18)
      ax.set_title('Figure 6: X ~ y data points (=100)', fontsize=18)
      _ = ax.legend(handles = patches, loc = 'lower right')
```

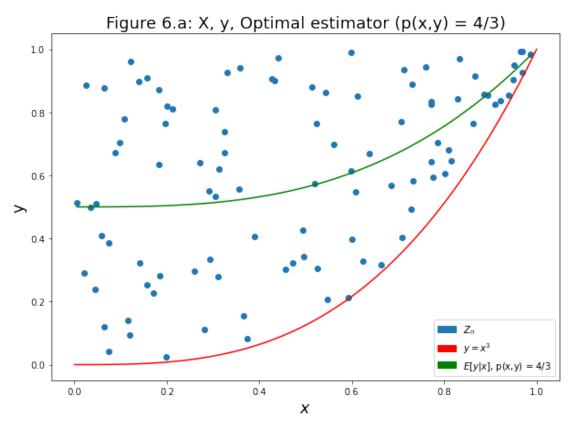


## **6.a** For each $x_n$ compute the optimal MSE estimate

We recall (from ex. 3) that:  $E[y|x] = \frac{1 - x^6}{2(1 - x^3)}$ .

[25]: 0.05916528520380385

```
[26]: # sort tables to print
x_o = X.copy()
x_o.sort()
E_xy.sort()
```



#### **6.b** Compute $\mu$ and $\Sigma$

```
[27]: # Calculate mu
mu = np.array([[X.mean()],[y.mean()]])
print('mean',mu)

# Calculate s
s = np.zeros((2,2))
for i in range(len(z)):
    s += ((mu - z[i].reshape(-1,1)).dot((mu - z[i].reshape(-1,1)).T))
s = s/len(z)
print('var',s)

mean [[0.47018074]
    [0.61565022]]
var [[0.08761495 0.03522882]
    [0.03522882 0.07619404]]
```

#### 6.c

Pretend that you do not know the true distribution that generates the data and you (erroneously) assume that the joint pdf of x and y is a normal one with mean and covariance matrix those computed in (b). Derive the optimum MSE estimate for this case and compute the MSE estimate for each one of the  $100 \, x_n$ 's.

```
[28]: # Define variances
s_xy = s[0,1]
s_y = np.sqrt((s[0,0]))
s_x = np.sqrt((s[1,1]))

def MSE(x_range):
    # Calculate E[y/x]
    return c * x_range - c *mu[0] + mu[1]

# calculate alpha
a = s_xy/(s_x * s_y)

# coef
c = a * (s_y /(s_x))

# calculate the optimal MSE of X
mean_squared_error(y, MSE(X))
```

```
[28]: 0.06234724804068661
```

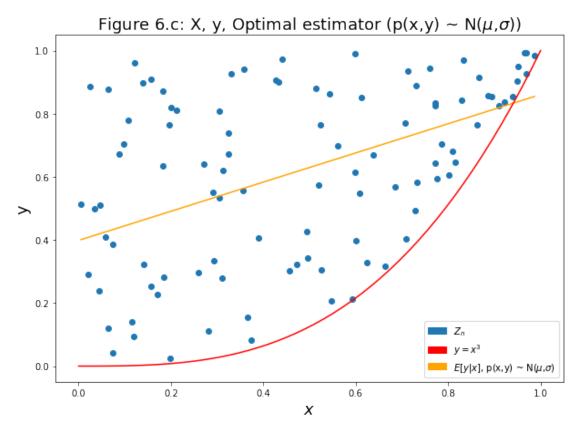
```
[29]: result = MSE(x_o).copy()
result.sort
```

```
# add legend
patches.append(mpatches.Patch(color = 'orange', label = '$E[y \\vert x]$, p(x,y)_\(\text{u} \times^*\) \(\text{N(\text{wms},\text{sigma})'})\)
#plot X data
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)

ax.plot(x_o, result, c='orange')

ax.scatter(X, y, c='CO')
ax.plot(plot_range, np.power(plot_range,3), c='r')

ax.set_ylabel('y', fontsize=18)
ax.set_xlabel('\text{$x$}', fontsize=18)
ax.set_title('Figure 6.c: X, y, Optimal estimator (p(x,y) ~ N(\text{$\text{mu$}},\text{$\text{$\text{sigma}$}\))',\(\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$\text{$
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#### 6.d Discuss the results obtained from (a) and (c).

In this excersice we approached the problem in two ways. Initially we used the optimal MSE, which is derived using the joint pdf, and presented in the previous exercise (3). That way our estimates follow the curve shown in FIgure 6.a. Following this approach, after calculating the mean and variance for both inputs (X,y) we considered that the random variables follow a normal distribution and derived the Optimal (linear) estimate, which can be found in Figure 6.c.

In order to evaluate the results we calculated the MSE of both cases comparing the actual vs the predicted values. We received the following results:

Method	MSE
$p(x,y) = 4/3$ $p(x,y) \sim N(\mu,\sigma)$	5.92e-2 6.230e-2

As we see the results are close, but what does this mean?

Looking at both graphs we can see that the data doesn't follow a clear "trend" inside the domain,  $x \in [0,1), y \in (x^3,1)$ , apart from a general upwards trend, thus. Since both MSEs follow that trend, either using a straight line or a slight curve we expect to get more of less the same results. As we can see the optimal MSE explains the data is a better way, and we expect to have better results.

Finally it is worth noting that the number of samples is relatively low, thus a clearer picture could be obtained if we had an increased number of samples, but the conclusions would be the same

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[30]: #plot X data
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10,7))
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)

ax.plot(x_o, result, c='orange')
ax.plot(x_o, E_xy, c='g')

ax.scatter(X, y, c='C0')
ax.plot(plot_range, np.power(plot_range,3), c='r')

ax.set_ylabel('y', fontsize=18)
ax.set_xlabel('$x$', fontsize=18)
ax.set_title('Figure 6.c: X, y, Both estiators', fontsize=18)

_ = ax.legend(handles = patches, loc = 'lower right')
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