

NON-LINEAR OPTIMIZATION

we know how to fit lines or linear functions.
what about when the function is non-linear?

consider the corona data of your choice
(eg. countries / states / cities / world)
and what (infected, tested, death, recovered)
you can also take multiple such data.

- ① fit a function that suits the data.
clearly explain why this is good model,
including references.
write the objective function, and how to
optimize with GD and newton's. your
output is a brief report (not more than
one page in writing).
- ② demonstrate how to model using the data.
please show how the objective function
converge and how good your model at the
end (quantitatively). your output is a
set of graphs and brief explanations.

- ③ consider the phase of decline of cases in the case of corona. how do we fit a model and calculate when $f(x) = 0$. i.e. when is it safe to start moving freely? (or should we solve for $f(x) = \alpha$).

Use china data and the data from italy and see when will italy be safe? if your answer is not realistic, what could be the reasons?