

# Group Assignment 4

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## Description of Linear Program:

To find the daily average temperature at any location, we can use a linear function plus two sinusoidal functions. The first sinusoidal function models the temperature with the season and has a period of one year. The second sinusoidal function is modelled after the solar cycle and has a period of 10.7 years. Using  $T$  for temperature and  $d$  for days, we get the following function:

$$T(d) = x_0 + x_1 * d + x_2 * \cos\left(\frac{2\pi d}{365.25}\right) + x_3 * \sin\left(\frac{2\pi d}{365.25}\right) + x_4 * \cos\left(\frac{2\pi d}{365.25 * 10.7}\right) + x_5 * \sin\left(\frac{2\pi d}{365.25 * 10.7}\right)$$

$x_0 + x_1 * d$  represents the linear trend for the function.

$x_2 * \cos\left(\frac{2\pi d}{365.25}\right) + x_3 * \sin\left(\frac{2\pi d}{365.25}\right)$  represents the sinusoidal function for the seasonal pattern.

$x_4 * \cos\left(\frac{2\pi d}{365.25 * 10.7}\right) + x_5 * \sin\left(\frac{2\pi d}{365.25 * 10.7}\right)$  represents the sinusoidal function for the solar cycle.

The values for  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5$  all vary based on location. Using a linear programming solver, we will solve the function above and plot the best fit curve of the temperature data on a graph.

## Values of All Variables:

$$\text{Objective} = 14.870473$$

$$x_0 = 6.221111$$

$$x_1 = 0.00025167514$$

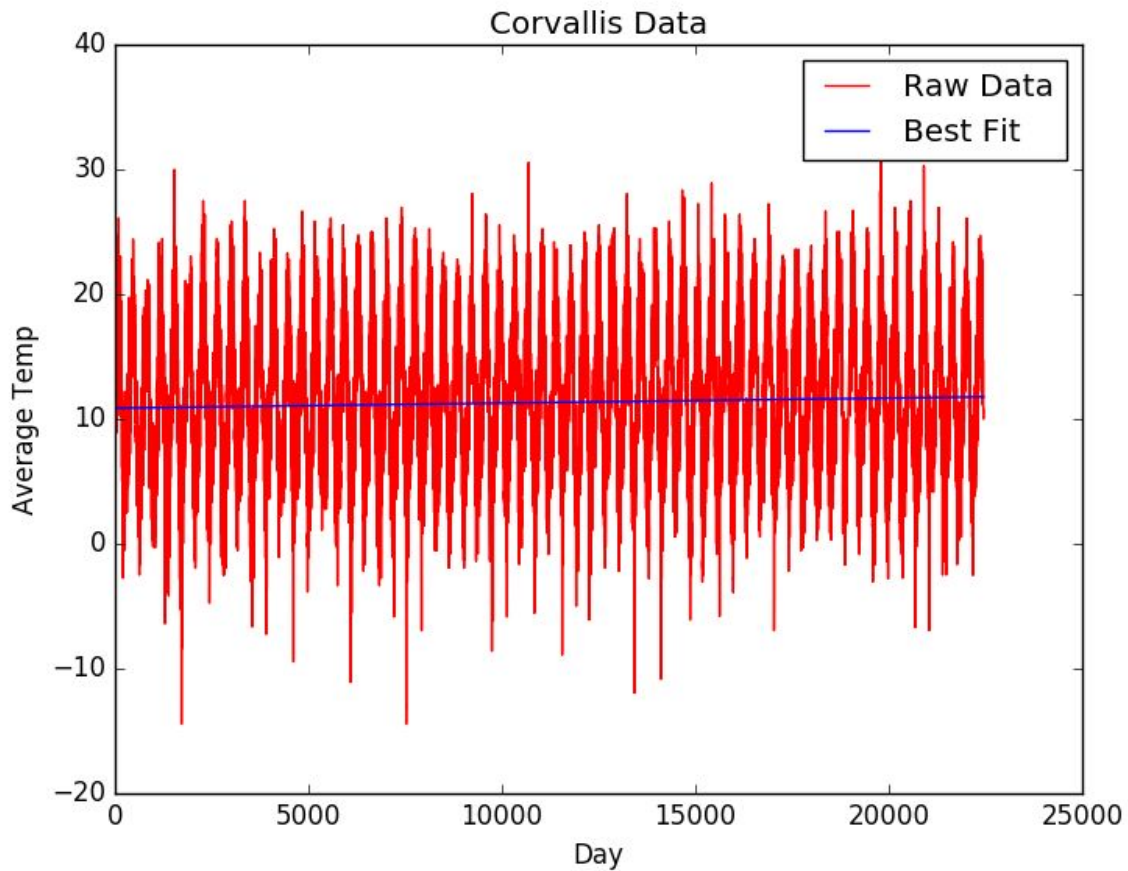
$$x_2 = 0.009784343$$

$$x_3 = 8.9282845$$

$$x_4 = 0.0$$

$$x_5 = 0.054530602$$

Plot:



Change:

Corvallis is changing about  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$  per century. As you can see in the graph above, the average temperature is slowly increasing. The initial average temperature is about  $10.86^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the final average temperature is around  $11.76^{\circ}\text{C}$  for about 2/3rds of a century. This is a warming trend, and while pretty small over the course of a century, over the course of many centuries the effects might become noticeable.