

# AM 213A HW3

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## Part 1

1.

- We can show that a positive definite matrix can be written as lower triangular matrix multiplied by its conjugate transpose. We end up with the equations 2.82 and 2.83. We've seen before how  $Ax = b$  can easily be solved with substitution if  $A$  is triangular. Using this fact we have

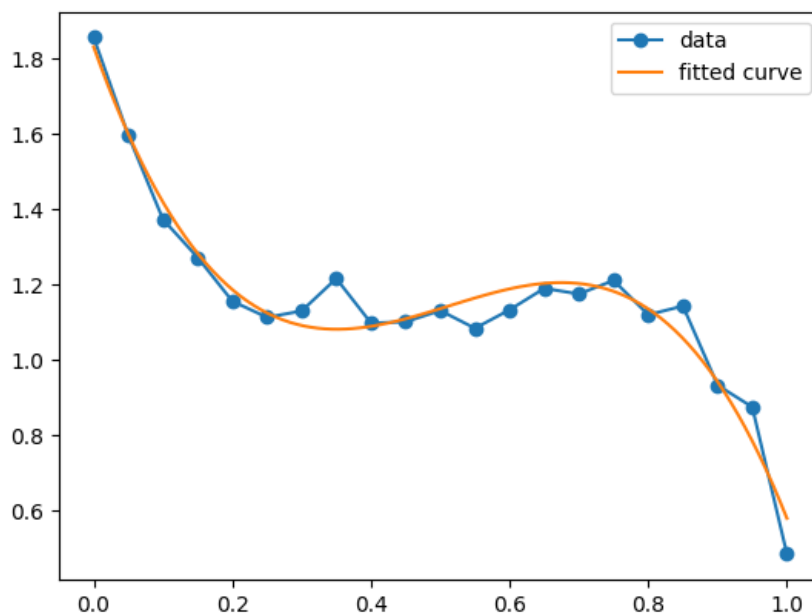
$$A^T Ax = A^T b = \tilde{A}x = \tilde{b} = LL^*x = \tilde{b}.$$

Then we solve  $Ly = \tilde{b}$  for  $y$  and then  $L^*x = y$  for  $x$  which is the solution to our original equation.

- The resulting equation for the third degree polynomial fit is

$$f(x) = 1.83 - 5.17x + 11.2x^2 - 7.28x^3.$$

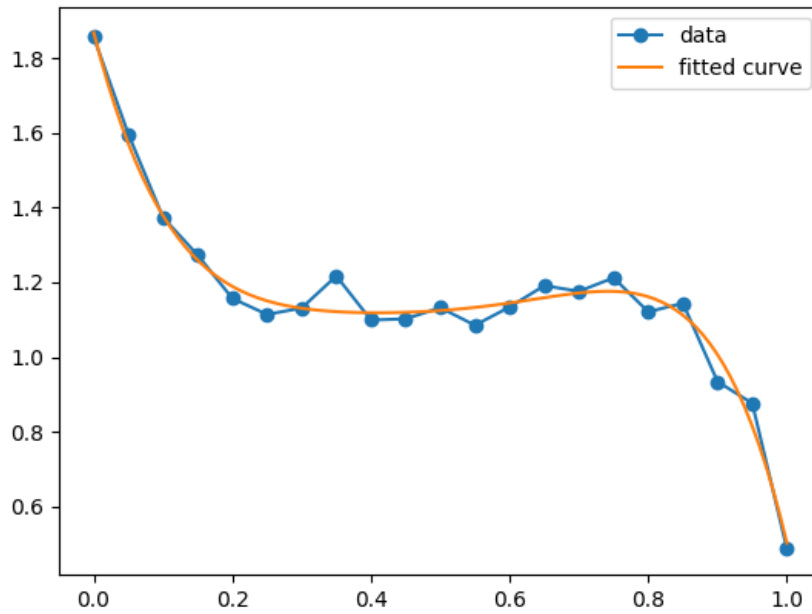
The 2-norm of the resulting error  $E = \|b - Ax\| = 6.98 \cdot 10^{-6}$ . Below is the resulting fitted curve.



- The resulting equation for the fifth degree polynomial fit is

$$f(x) = 1.87 - 7.25x + 28.8x^2 - 58.7x^3 + 71.0x^4 - 25.2x^5.$$

The 2-norm of the resulting error  $E = \|b - Ax\| = 2.84 \cdot 10^{-5}$ . Below is the resulting fitted curve.



- single precision floats only store numbers from  $10^{-38}$  up to  $10^{38}$

2.