Generalization

MLAI: Week 3

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Review

- ► Last time: Looked at univariate and multivariate linear regression.
- ► Showed how to maximize the likelihood of a multivariate model.
- ► Introduced basis functions to make the model non-linear.

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Nonlinear Regression

- ► Problem with Linear Regression—x may not be linearly related to y.
- ▶ Potential solution: create a feature space: define $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ where $\phi(\cdot)$ is a nonlinear function of \mathbf{x} .
- Model for target is a linear combination of these nonlinear functions

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{K} w_i \phi_i(\mathbf{x})$$
 (1)

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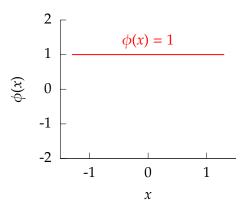


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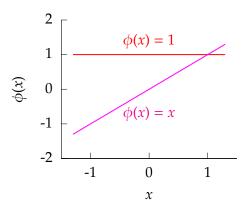


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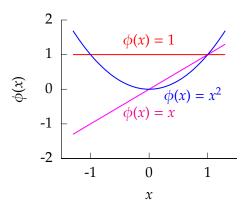


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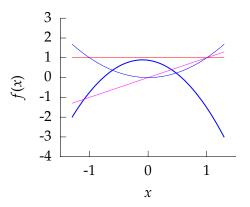


Figure: Function from quadratic basis with weights $w_1 = 0.87466$, $w_2 = -0.38835$, $w_3 = -2.0058$.

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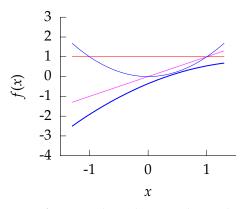


Figure: Function from quadratic basis with weights $w_1 = -0.35908$, $w_2 = 1.2274$, $w_3 = -0.32825$.

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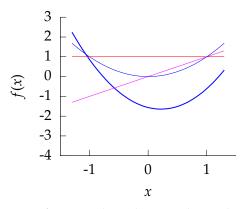


Figure: Function from quadratic basis with weights $w_1 = -1.5638$, $w_2 = -0.73577$, $w_3 = 1.6861$.

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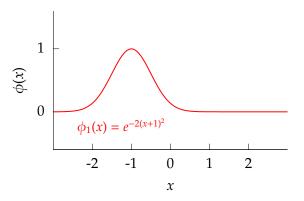


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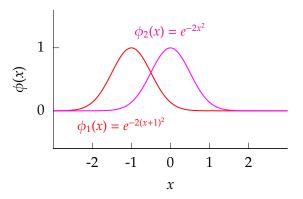


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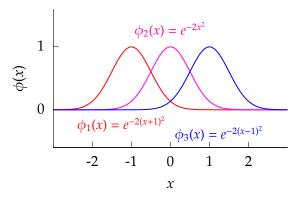


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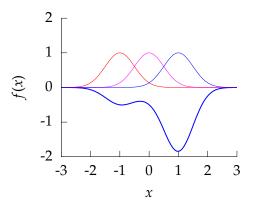


Figure: Function from radial basis with weights $w_1 = -0.47518$, $w_2 = -0.18924$, $w_3 = -1.8183$.

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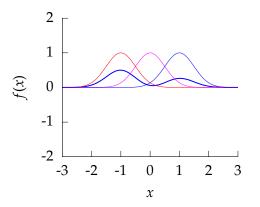


Figure: Function from radial basis with weights $w_1 = 0.50596$, $w_2 = -0.046315$, $w_3 = 0.26813$.

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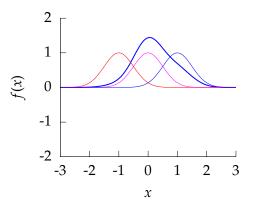


Figure: Function from radial basis with weights $w_1 = 0.07179$, $w_2 = 1.3591$, $w_3 = 0.50604$.

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Basis Function Models

► A Basis function mapping is now defined as

$$f(\mathbf{x}_i) = \sum_{j=1}^m w_j \phi_{i,j} + c$$

Vector Notation

▶ Write in vector notation,

$$f(\mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{w}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{\phi}_i + c$$

Log Likelihood for Basis Function Model

► The likelihood of a single data point is

$$p\left(y_i|x_i\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\left(y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_i\right)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$

Leading to a log likelihood for the data set of

$$L(\mathbf{w}, \sigma^2) = -\frac{N}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{N}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \mathbf{w}^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}.$$

And a corresponding error function of

$$E(\mathbf{w}, \sigma^2) = \frac{N}{2} \log \sigma^2 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \mathbf{w}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{\phi}_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}.$$

Expand the Brackets

$$\begin{split} E(\mathbf{w}, \sigma^2) &= \frac{N}{2} \log \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i^2 - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i \mathbf{w}^{\top} \phi_i \\ &+ \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbf{w}^{\top} \phi_i \phi_i^{\top} \mathbf{w} + \text{const.} \\ &= \frac{N}{2} \log \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i^2 - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{w}^{\top} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \phi_i y_i \\ &+ \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \mathbf{w}^{\top} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N} \phi_i \phi_i^{\top} \right] \mathbf{w} + \text{const.} \end{split}$$

Multivariate Derivatives Reminder

▶ We will need some multivariate calculus.

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{a}^{\top}\mathbf{w}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{a}$$

and

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{w}^{\top}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{w}} = \left(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^{\top}\right)\mathbf{w}$$

or if **A** is symmetric (*i.e.* $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^{\top}$)

$$\frac{\mathbf{d}\mathbf{w}^{\top}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{d}\mathbf{w}} = 2\mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}.$$

Differentiate

Differentiating with respect to the vector \mathbf{w} we obtain

$$\frac{\partial L(\mathbf{w}, \beta)}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \beta \sum_{i=1}^{N} \phi_i y_i - \beta \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N} \phi_i \phi_i^{\mathsf{T}} \right] \mathbf{w}$$

Leading to

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \left[\sum_{i=1}^N \boldsymbol{\phi}_i \boldsymbol{\phi}_i^\top\right]^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \boldsymbol{\phi}_i y_i,$$

Rewrite in matrix notation:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \boldsymbol{\phi}_{i} \boldsymbol{\phi}_{i}^{\top} = \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Phi}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \boldsymbol{\phi}_{i} y_{i} = \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\top} \mathbf{y}$$

Update Equations

▶ Update for w*.

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \left(\mathbf{\Phi}^\top \mathbf{\Phi}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{\Phi}^\top \mathbf{y}$$

► The equation for σ^{2^*} may also be found

$$\sigma^{2^*} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \left(y_i - \mathbf{w}^{*\top} \boldsymbol{\phi}_i \right)^2}{N}.$$

Reading

- ► Section 1.4 of Rogers and Girolami.
- ► Chapter 1, pg 1-6 of Bishop.
- ► Chapter 3, Section 3.1 of Bishop up to pg 143.

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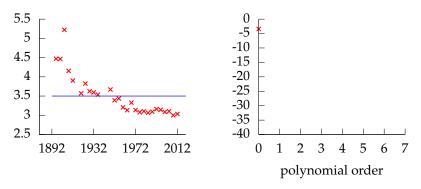
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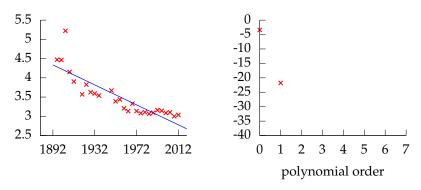
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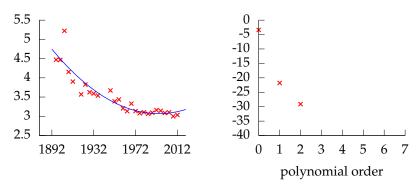
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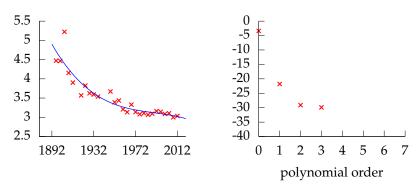
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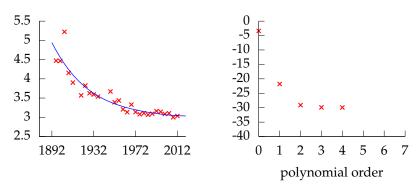
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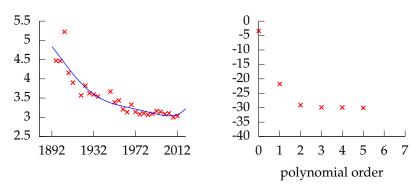
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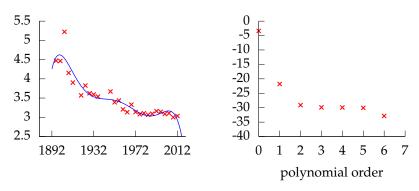
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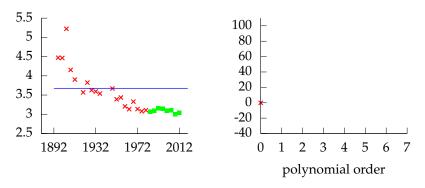
Overfitting

- ► Increase number of basis functions, we obtain a better 'fit' to the data.
- ► How will the model perform on previously unseen data?

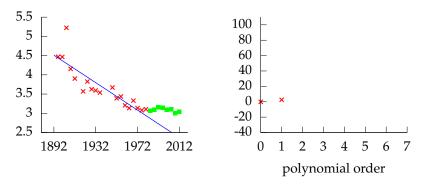
Training and Test Sets

- We call the data used for fitting the model the 'training set'.
- ▶ Data not used for training, but when the model is applied 'in the field' is called the 'test data'.
- Challenge for generalization is to ensure a good performance on test data given only training data.

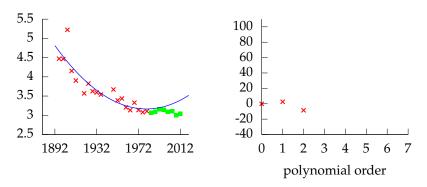
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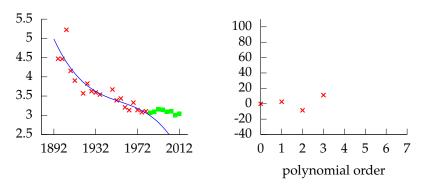
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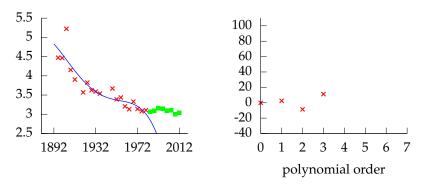
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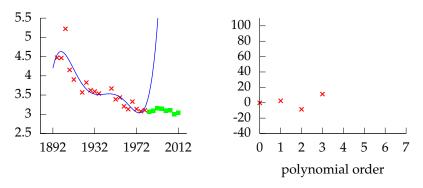
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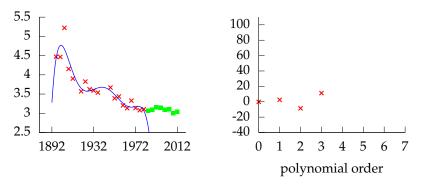
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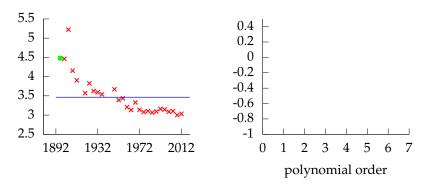


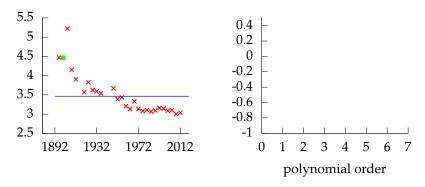
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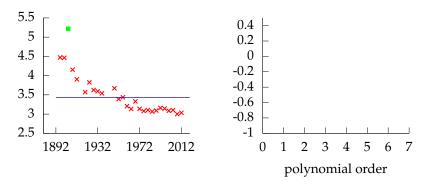


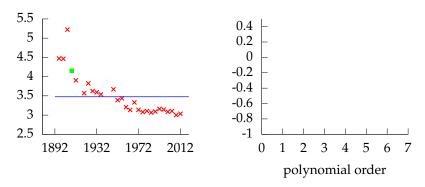
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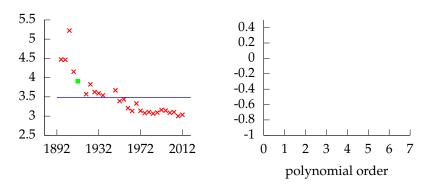
- ► Take training set and remove one point.
- ► Train on the remaining data.
- Compute the error on the point you removed (which wasn't in the training data).
- ▶ Do this for each point in the training set in turn.
- Average the resulting error. This is the leave one out error.

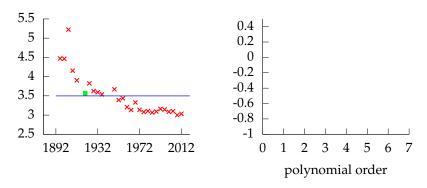


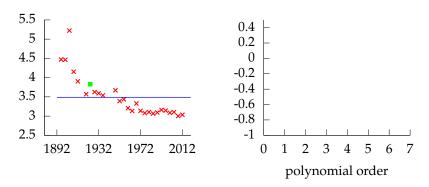


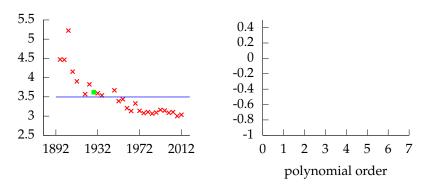




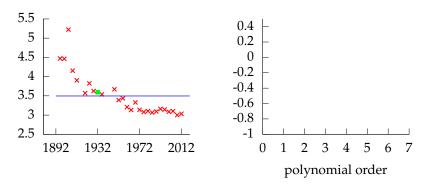


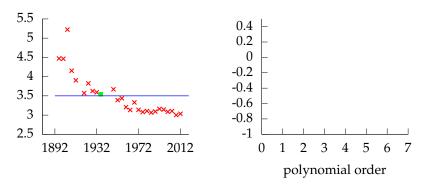


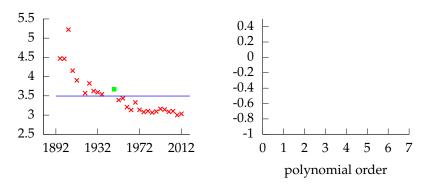


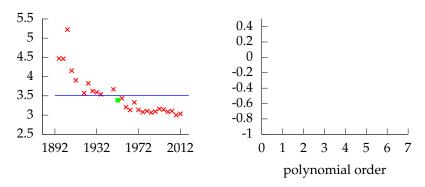


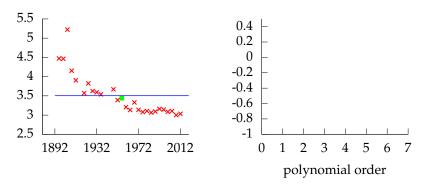
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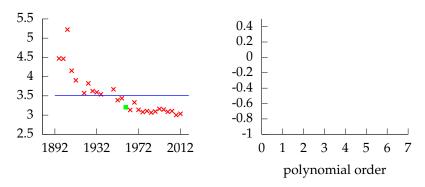


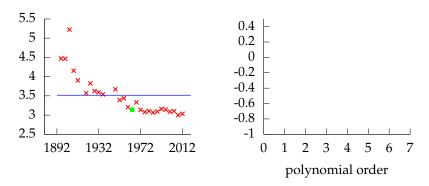


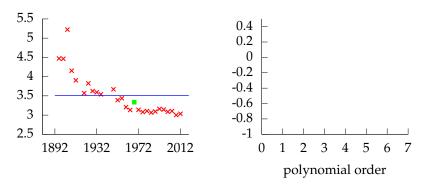


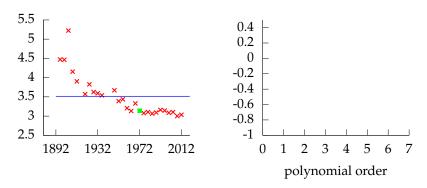


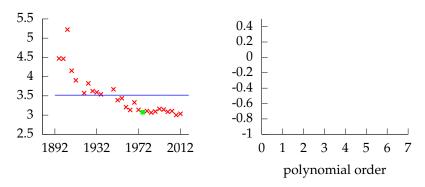


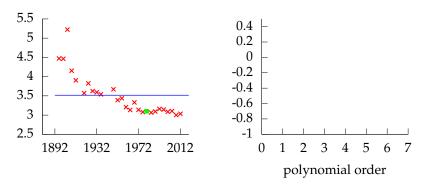


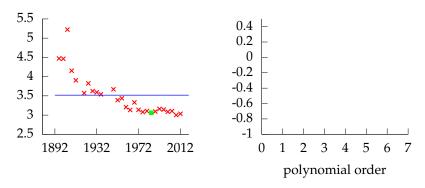


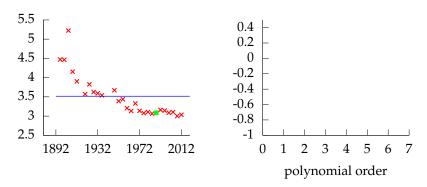




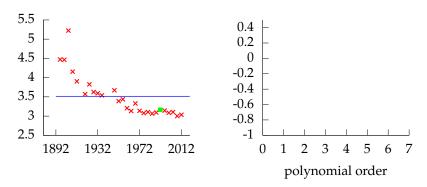




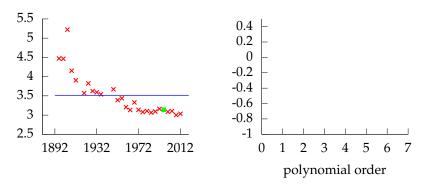


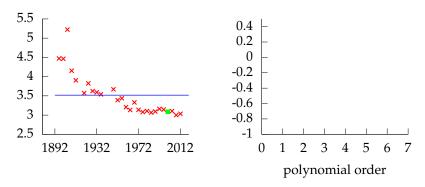


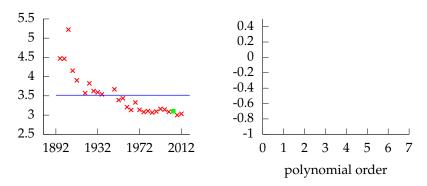
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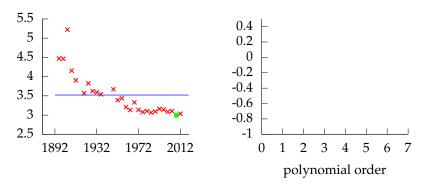


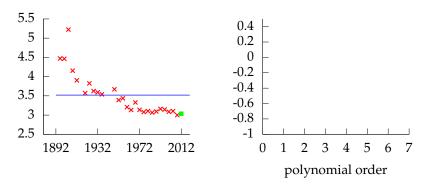
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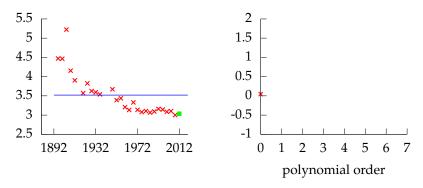


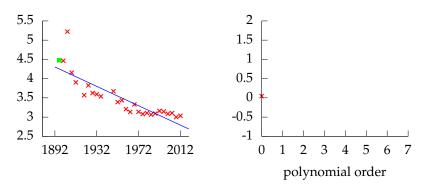




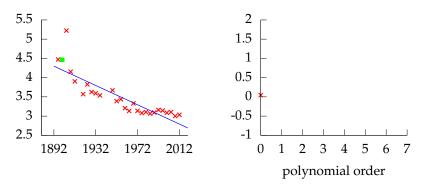


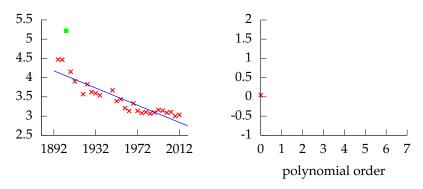




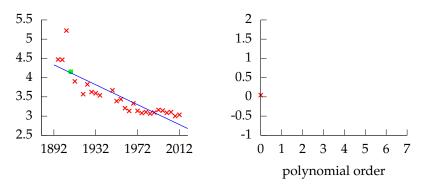


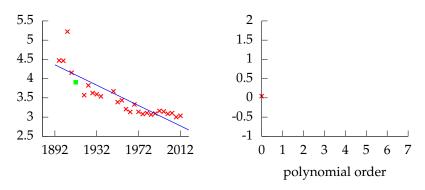
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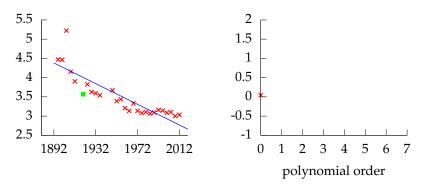


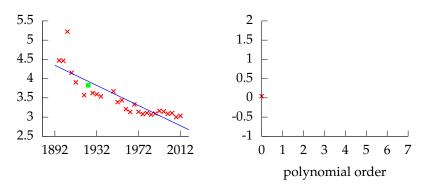
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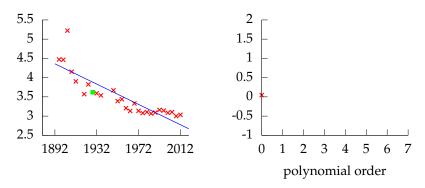


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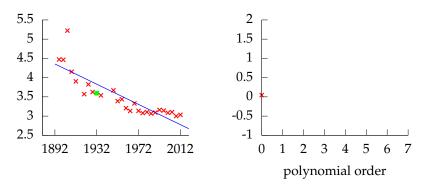




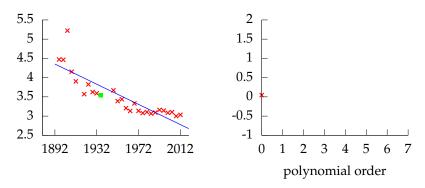
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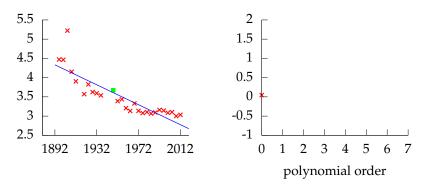
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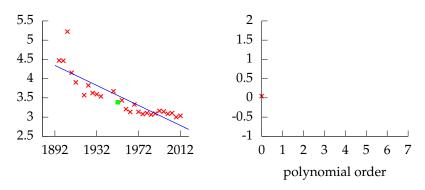
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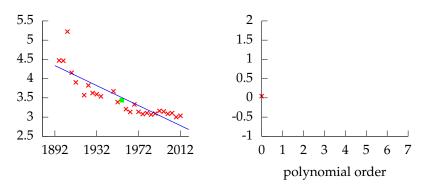
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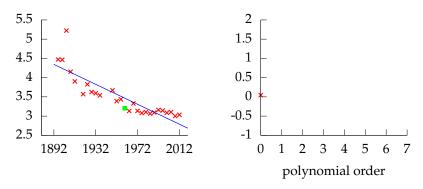
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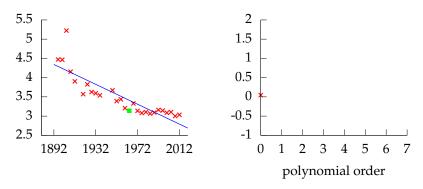


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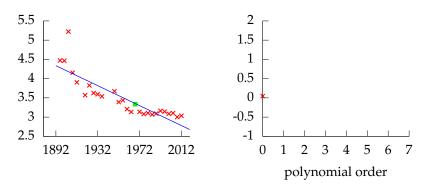


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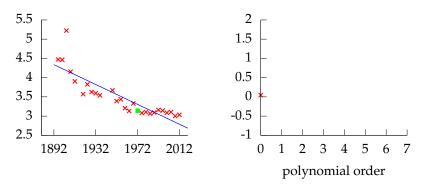


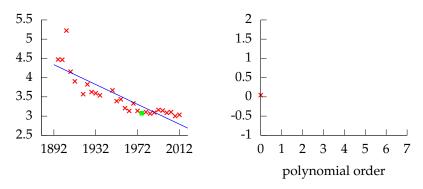


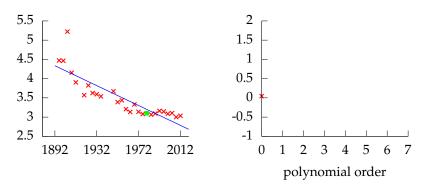
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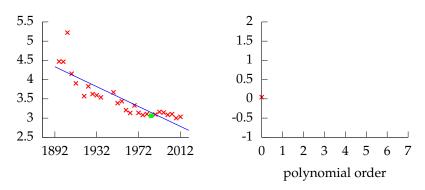
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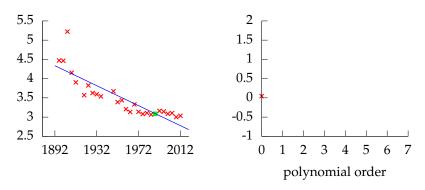




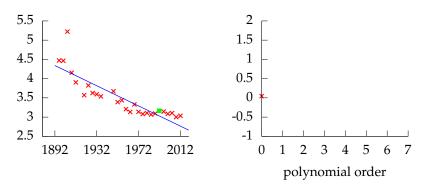


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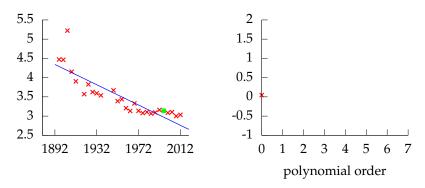




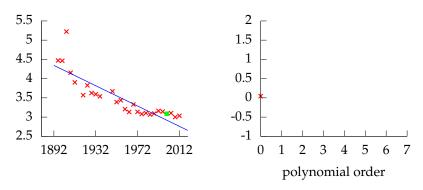
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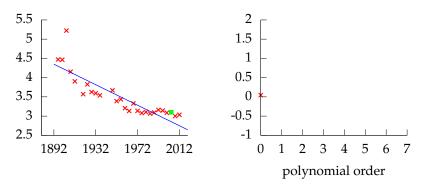
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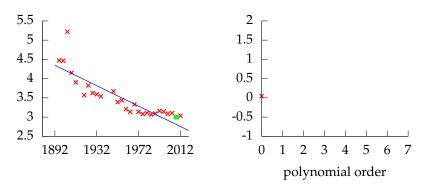


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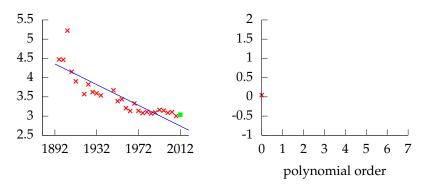


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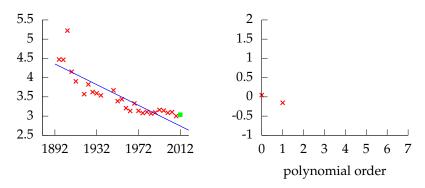




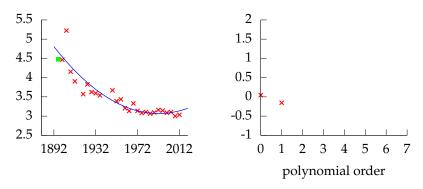
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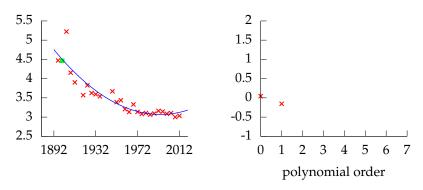
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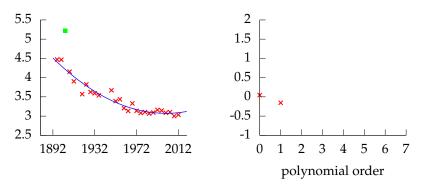
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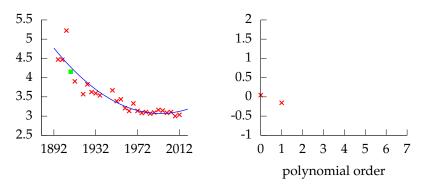
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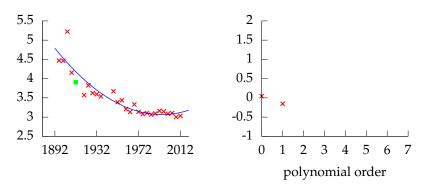
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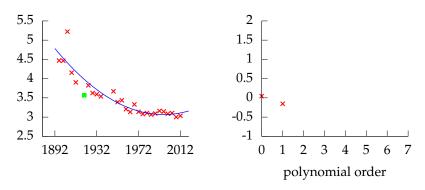
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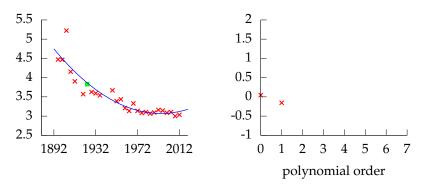
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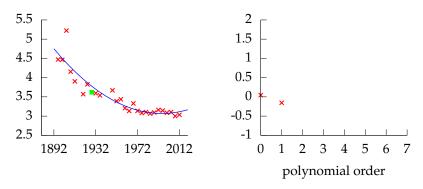
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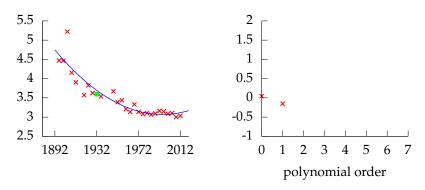
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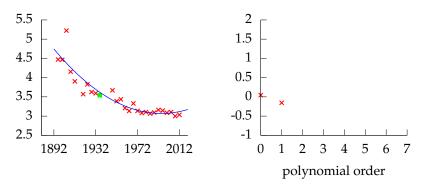
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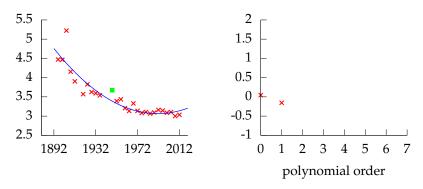


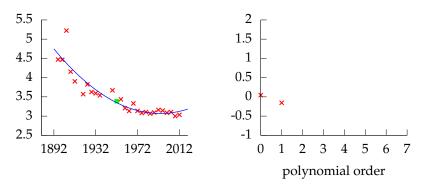
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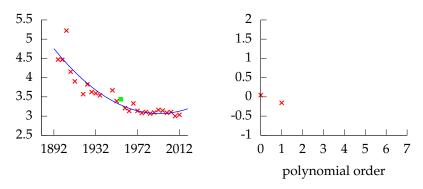


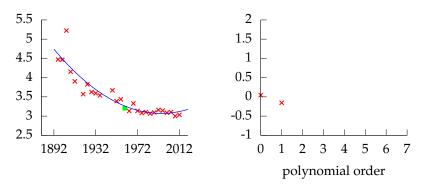
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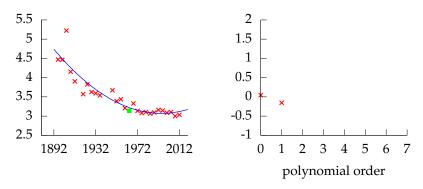


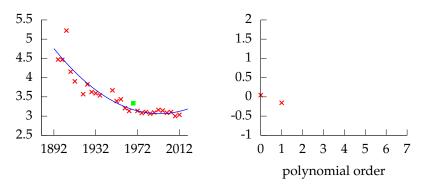


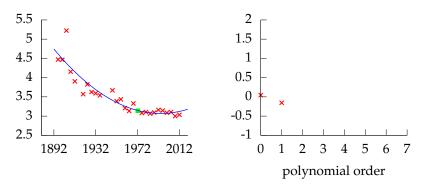


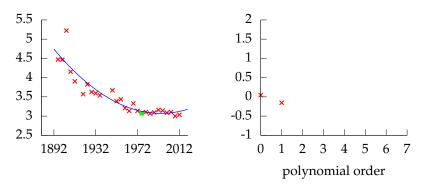


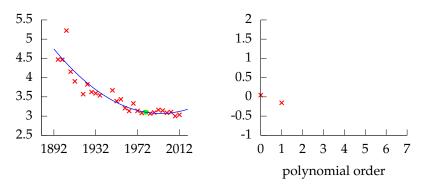


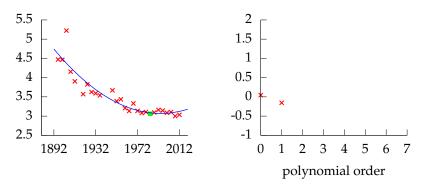


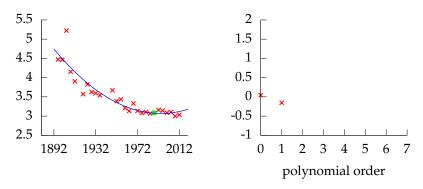


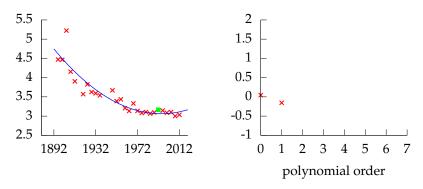


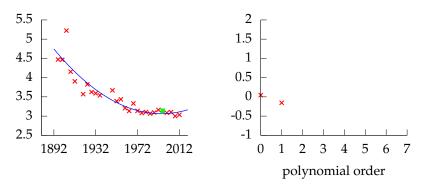


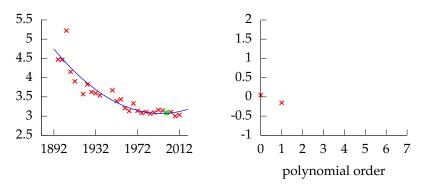


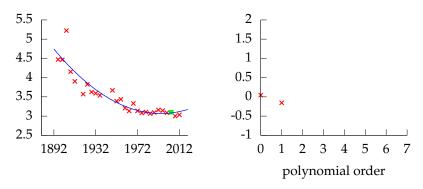


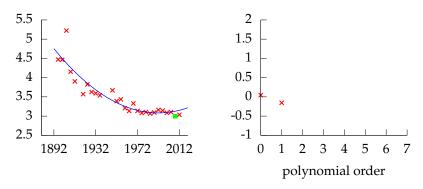


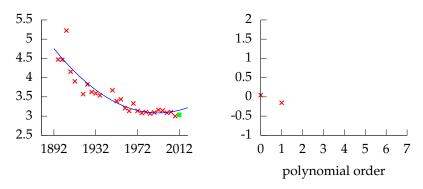


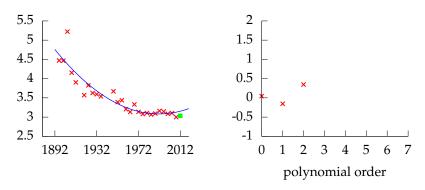




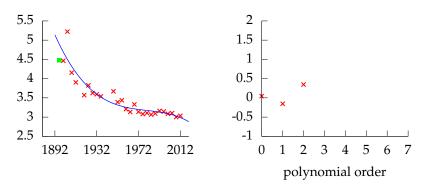




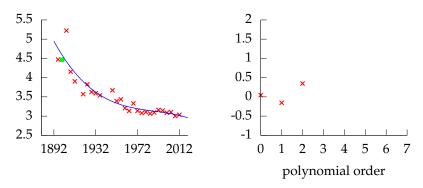




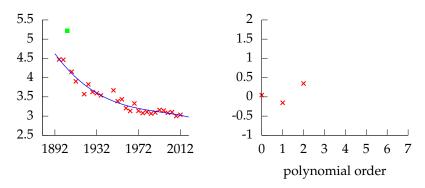
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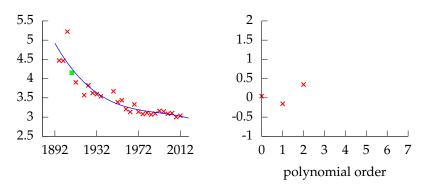
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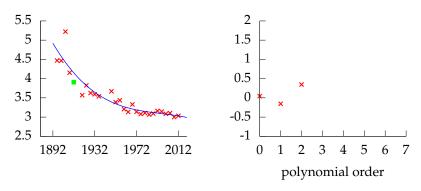
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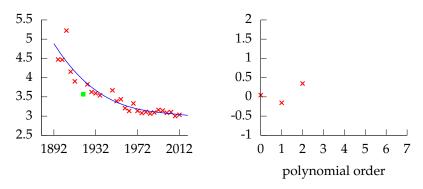
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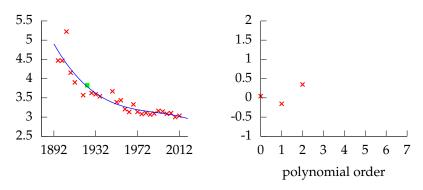
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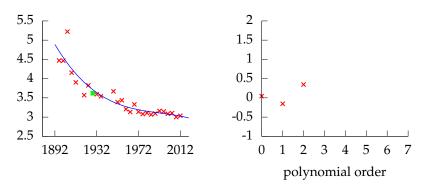
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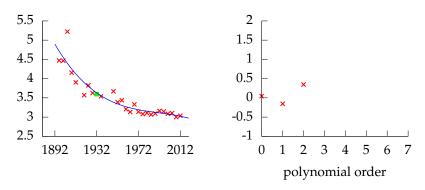
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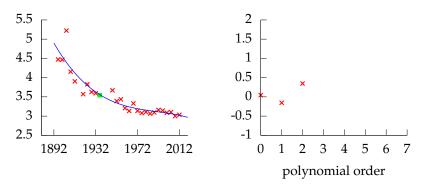
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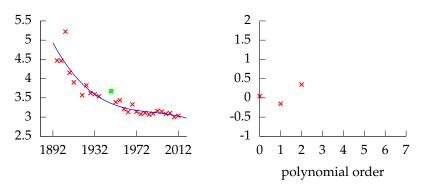
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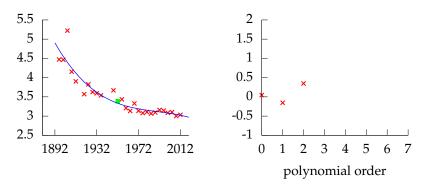
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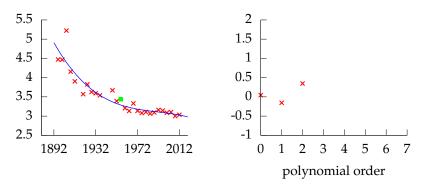
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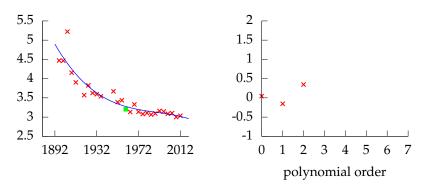
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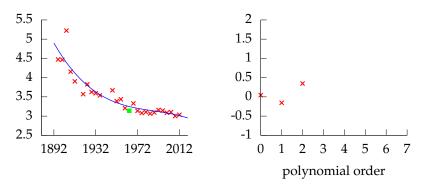
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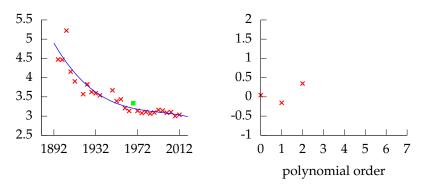
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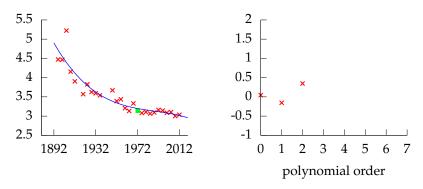
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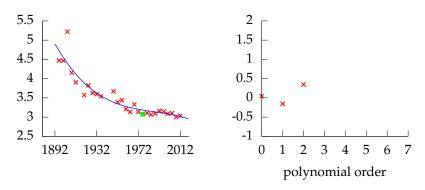
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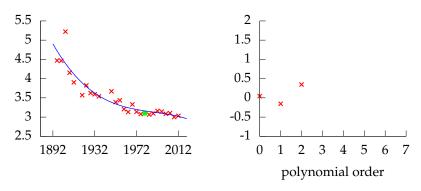
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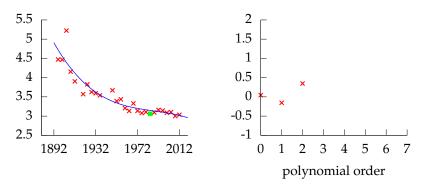
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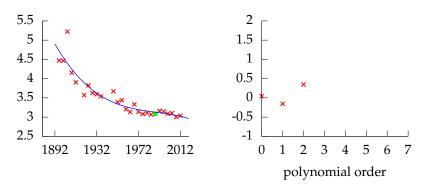
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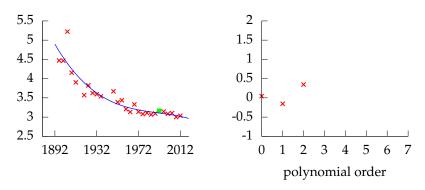
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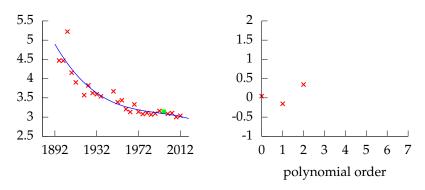
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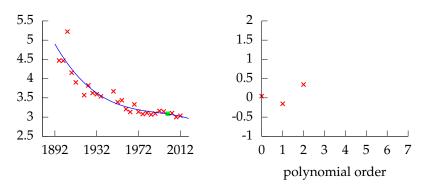
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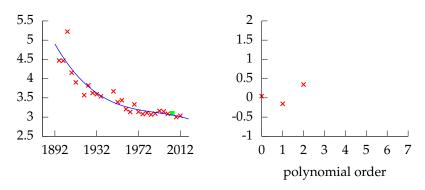
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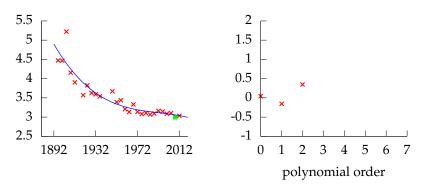
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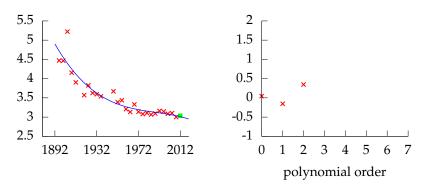
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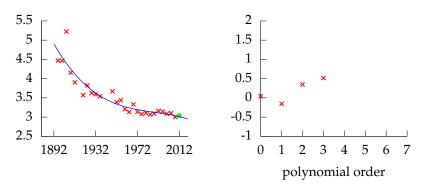
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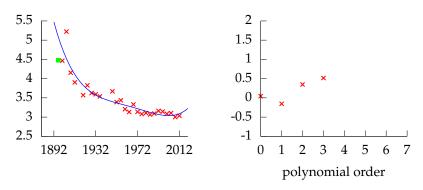
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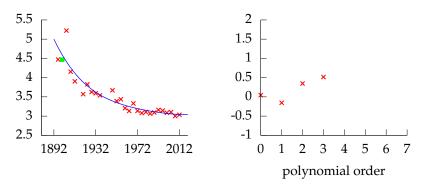
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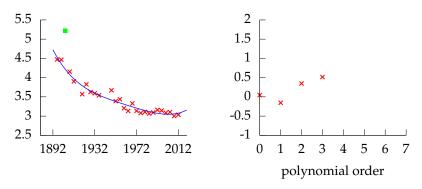
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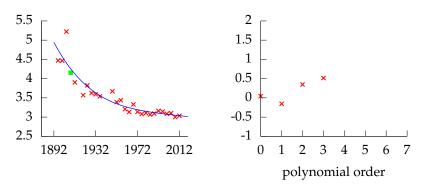
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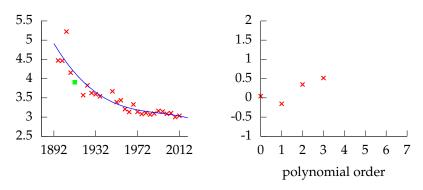
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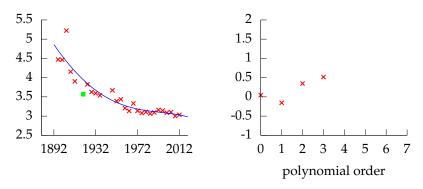
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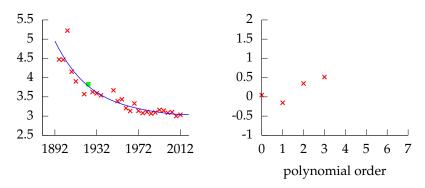
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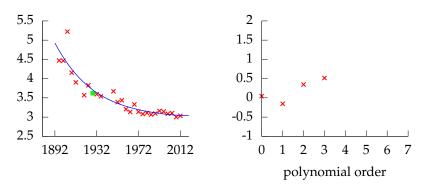
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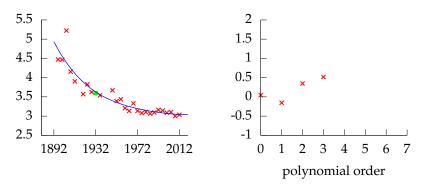
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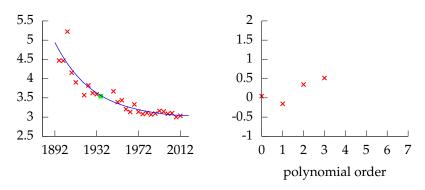
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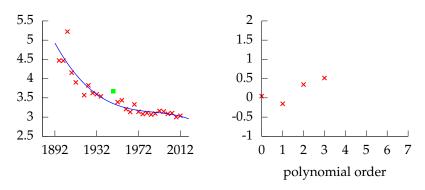
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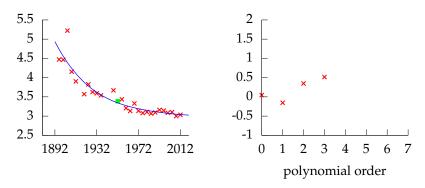
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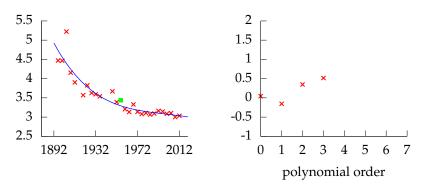
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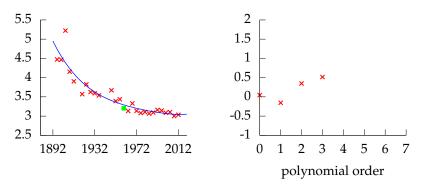
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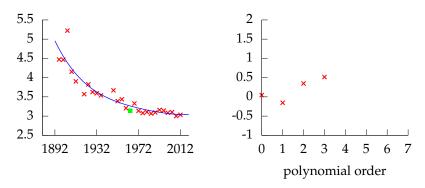
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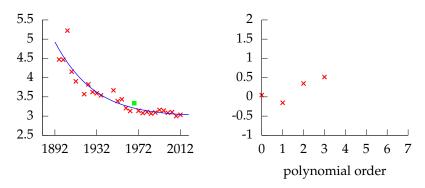
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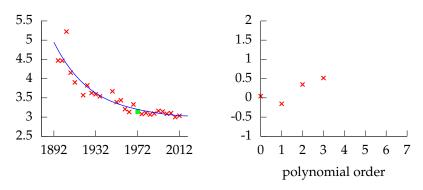
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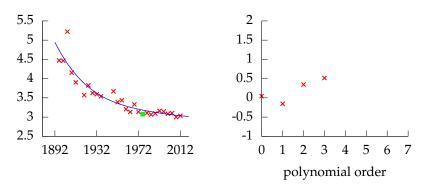
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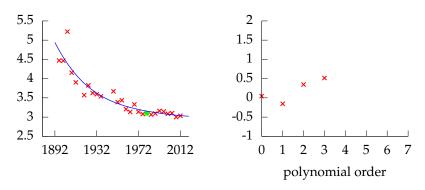
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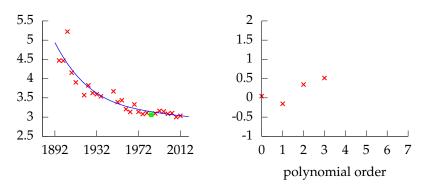
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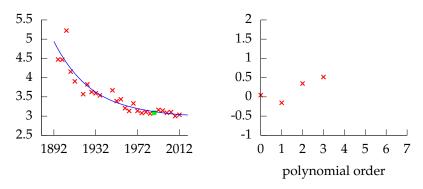
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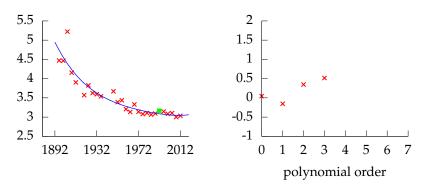
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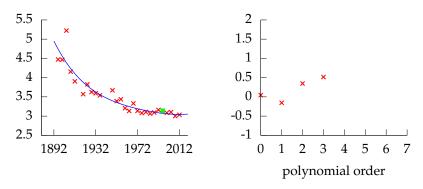
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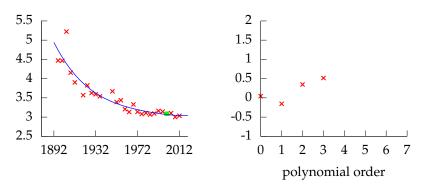
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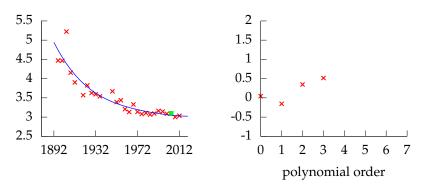
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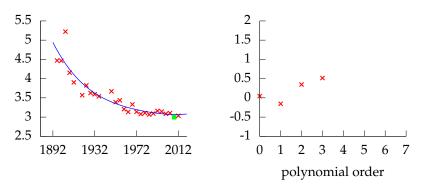
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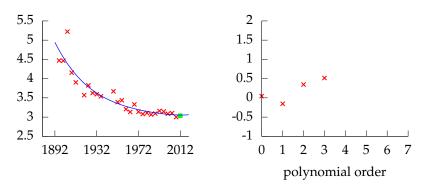
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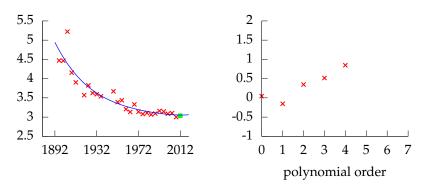
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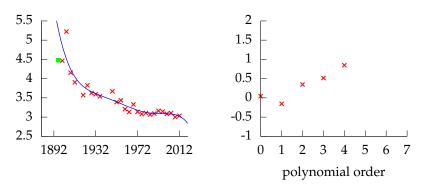
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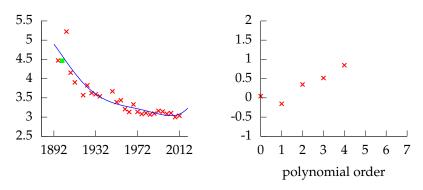
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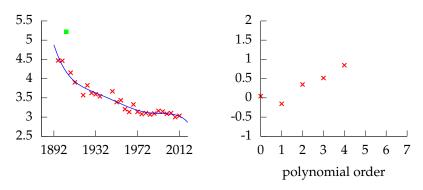
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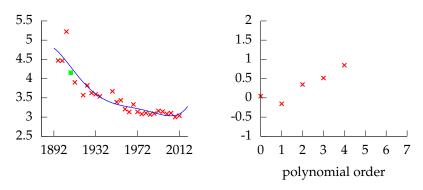
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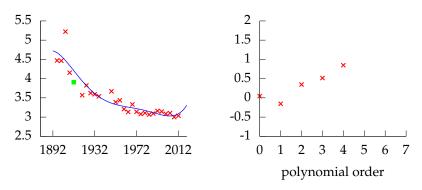
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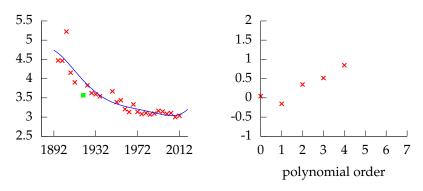
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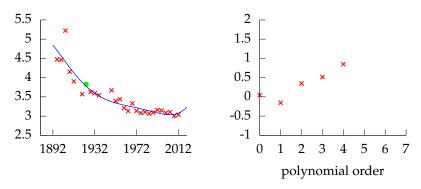
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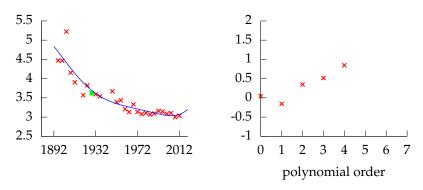
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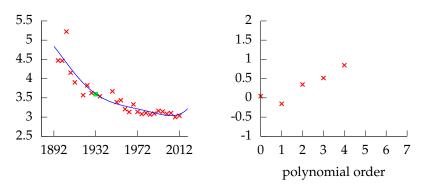
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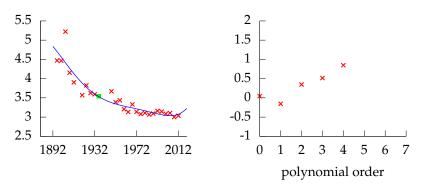
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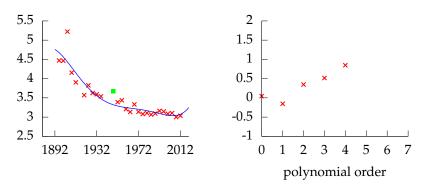
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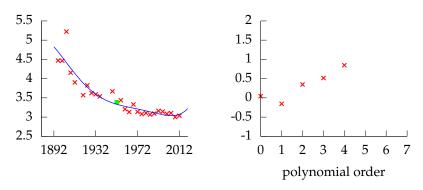
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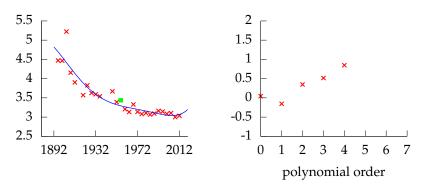
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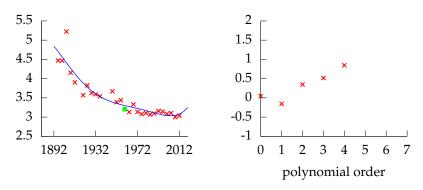
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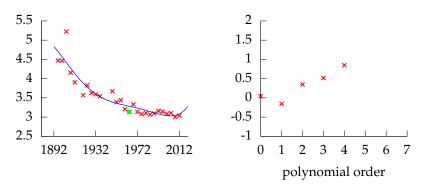
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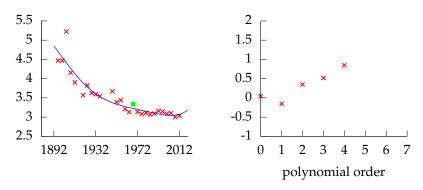
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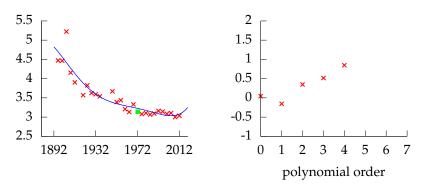
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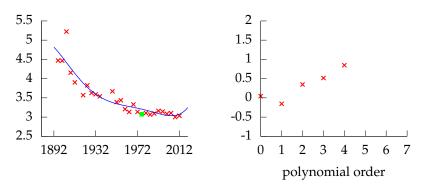
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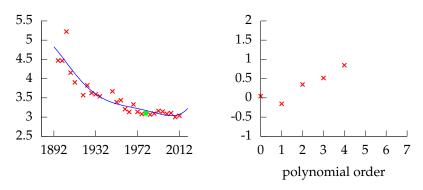
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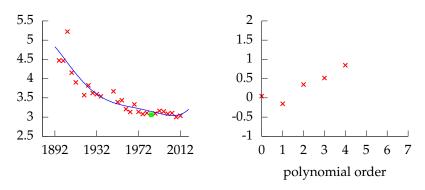
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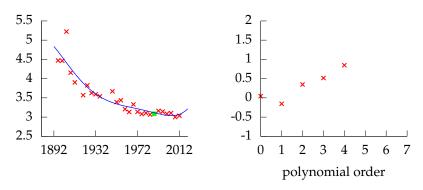
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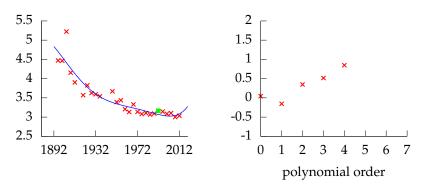
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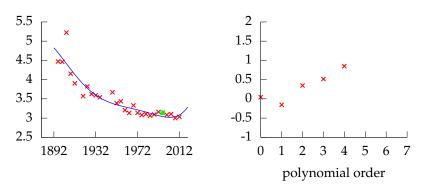
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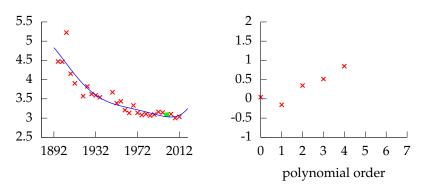
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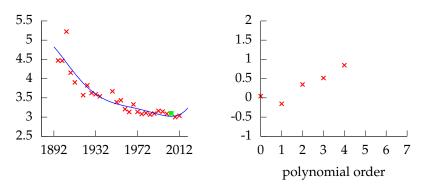
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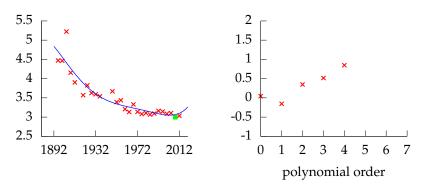
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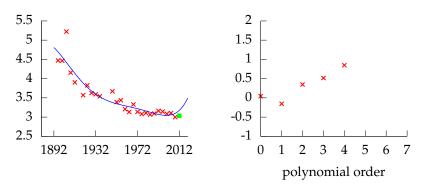
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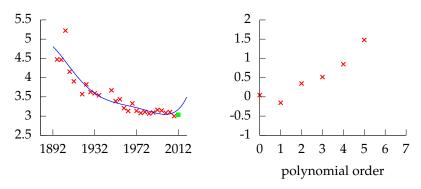
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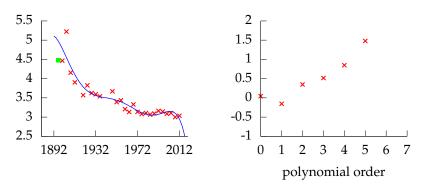
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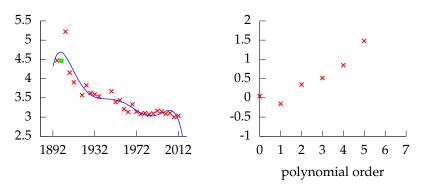
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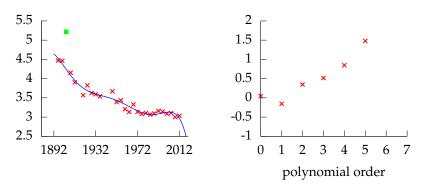
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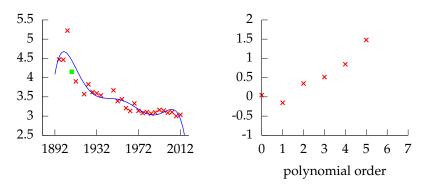
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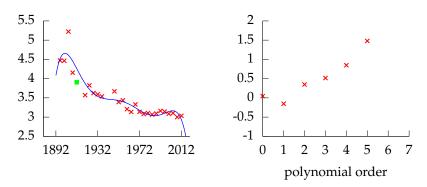
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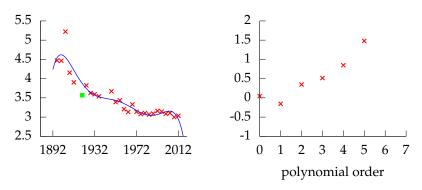
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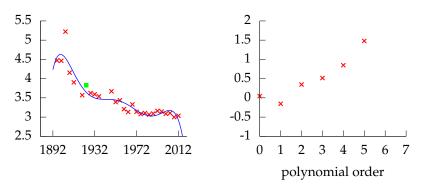
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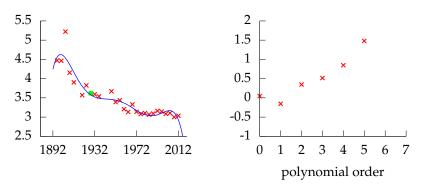
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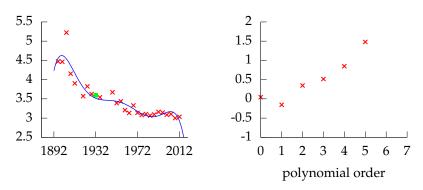
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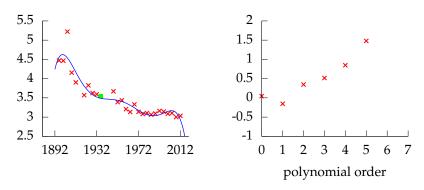
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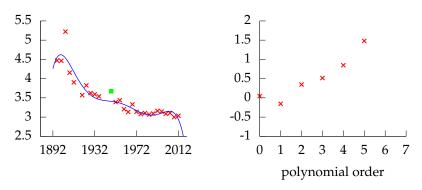
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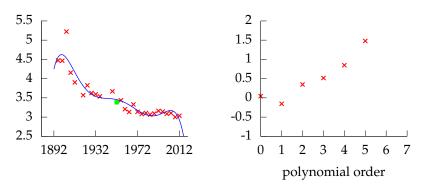
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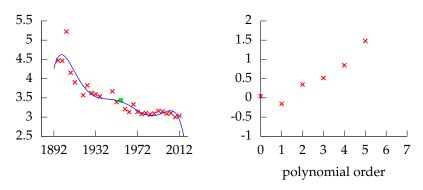
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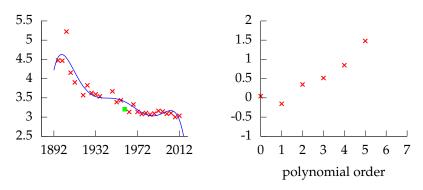
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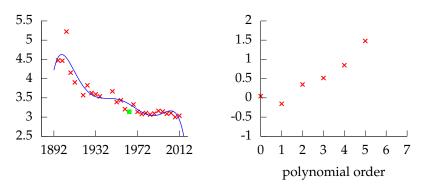
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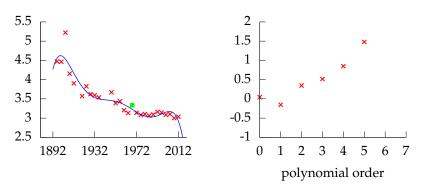
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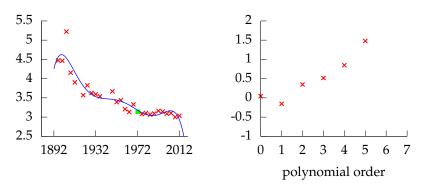
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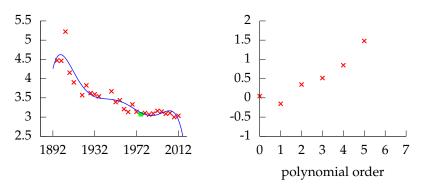
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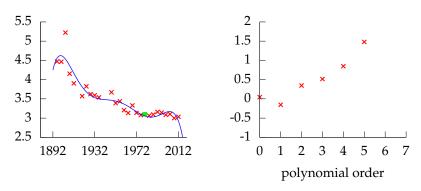
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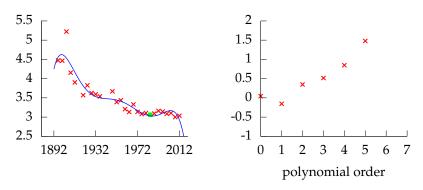
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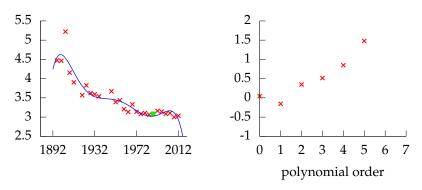
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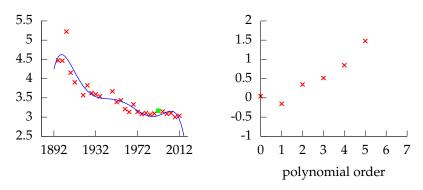
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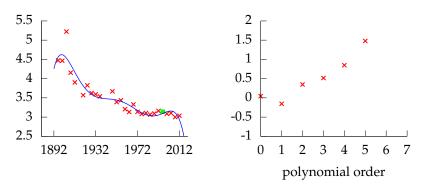
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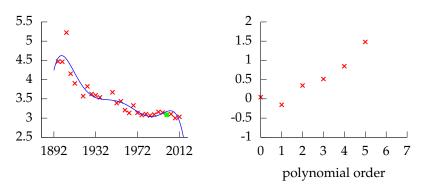
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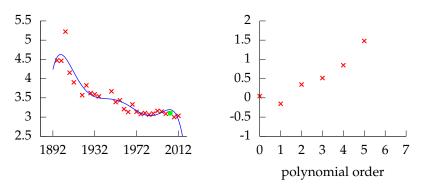
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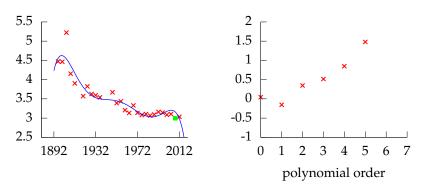
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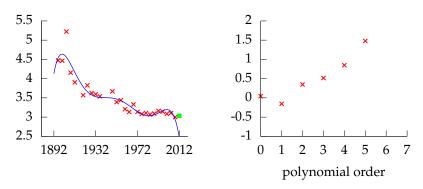
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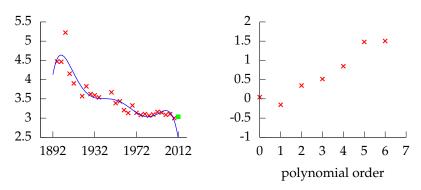
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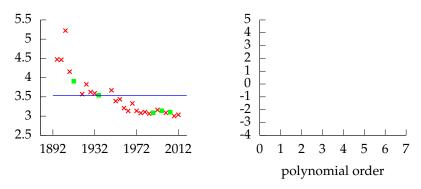
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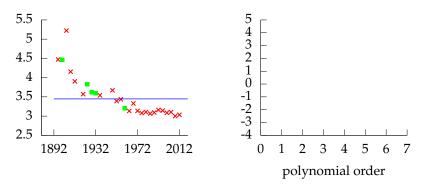


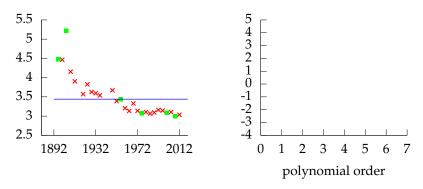
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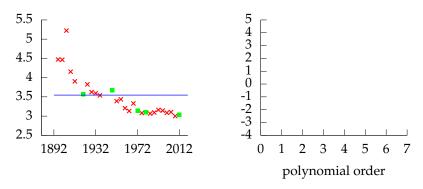
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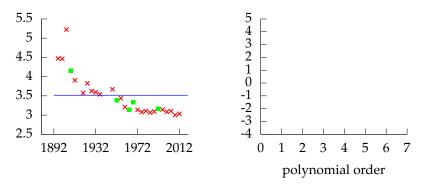
- Leave one out cross validation can be very time consuming!
- ▶ Need to train your algorithm *N* times.
- ► An alternative: *k* fold cross validation.

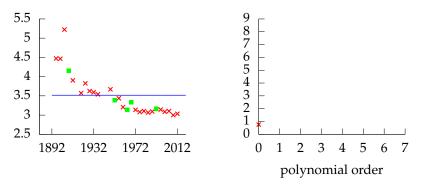


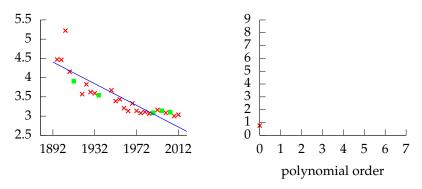




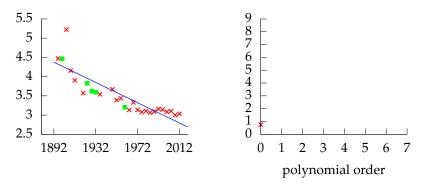




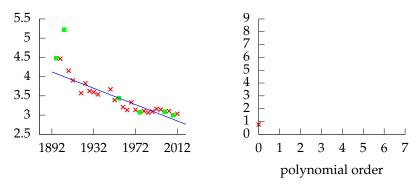




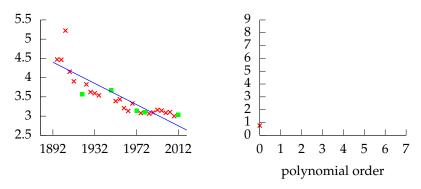
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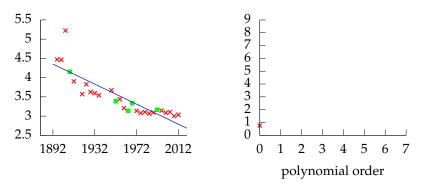
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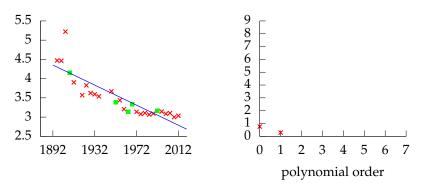
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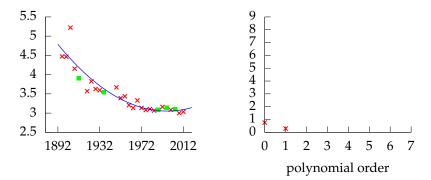
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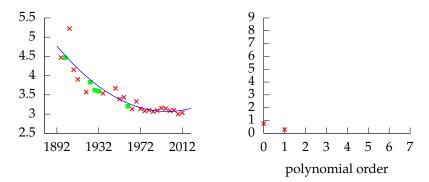
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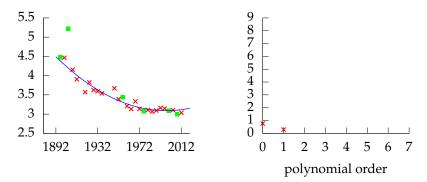
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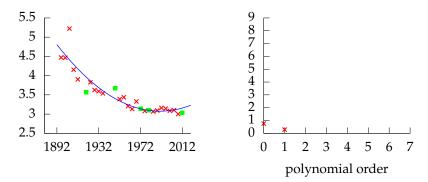
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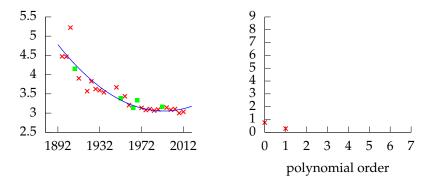
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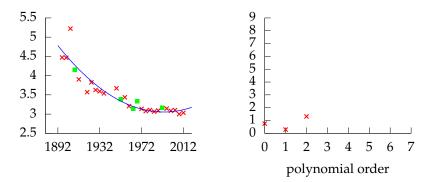
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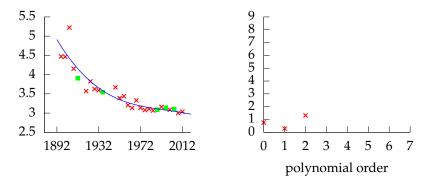
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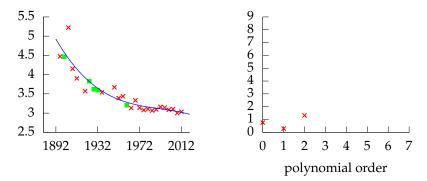
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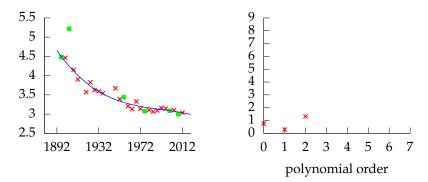
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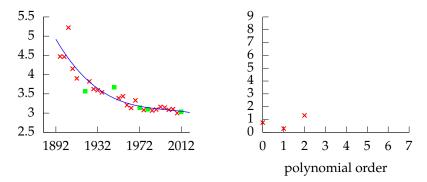
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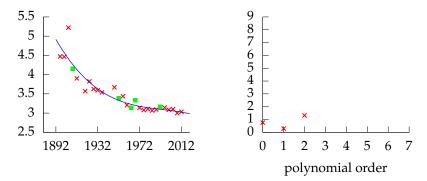
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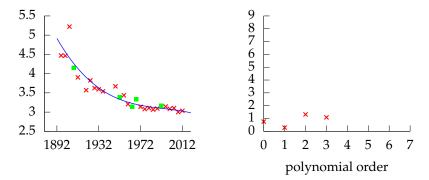
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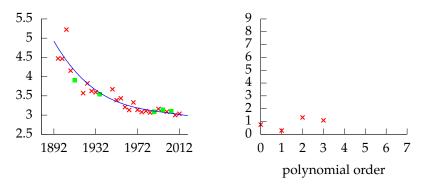
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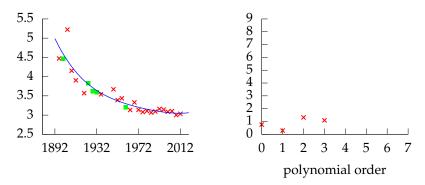
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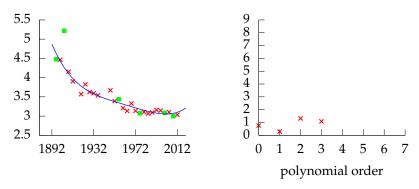
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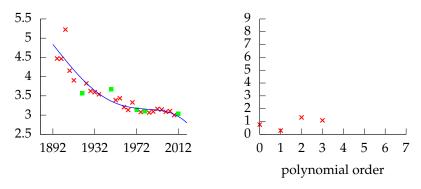
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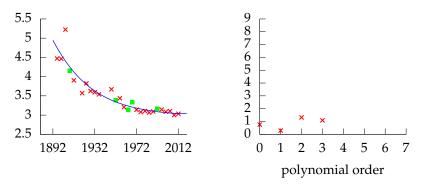
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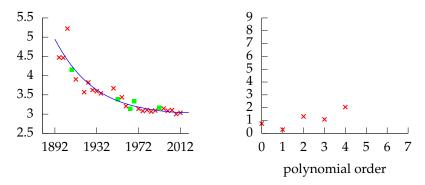
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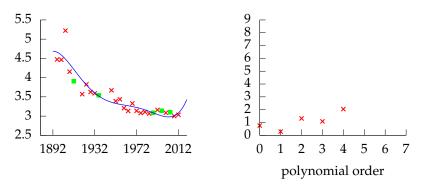
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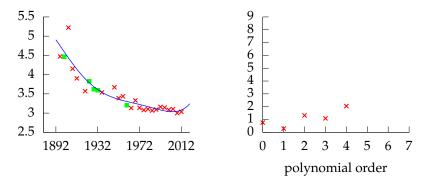
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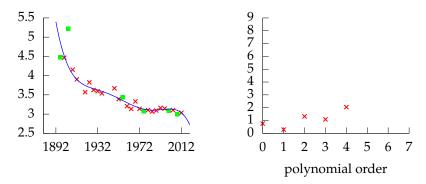
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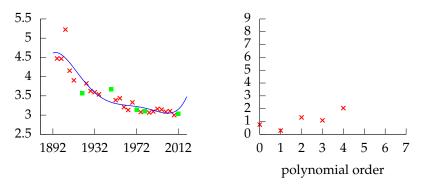
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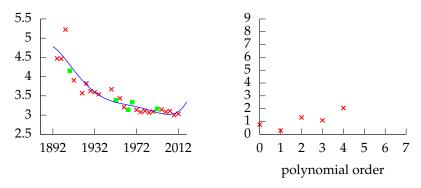
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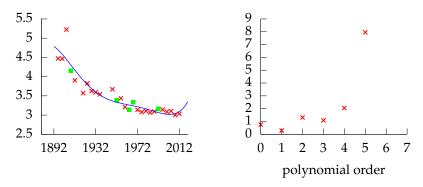
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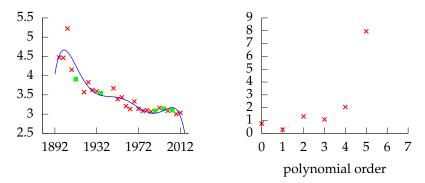
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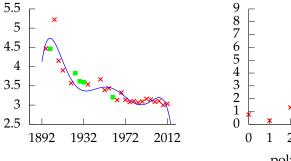
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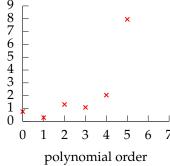


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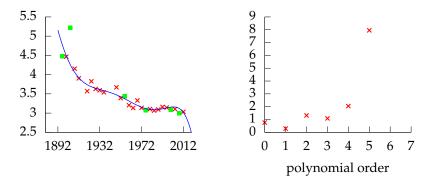


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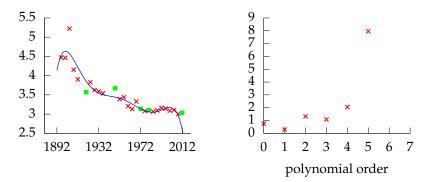




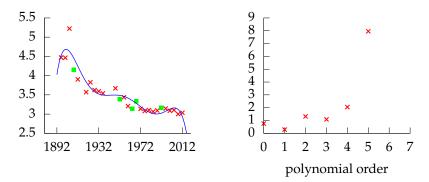
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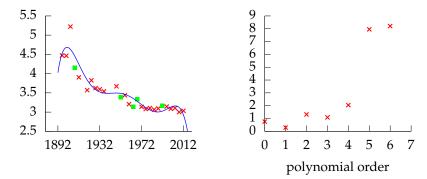
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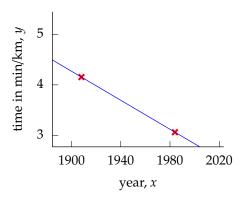
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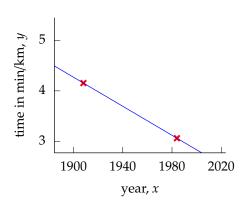
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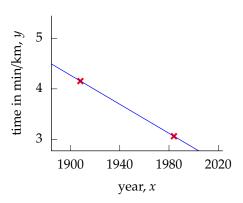
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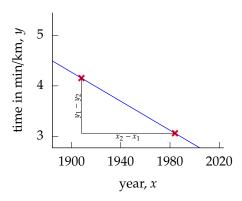
$$y_1 - y_2 = m(x_1 - x_2)$$



$$\frac{y_1 - y_2}{x_1 - x_2} = m$$



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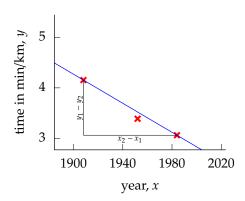
Two Simultaneous Equations

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► This problem is solved through a noise model $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$

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Noise Models

- ▶ We aren't modeling entire system.
- ► Noise model gives mismatch between model and data.
- Gaussian model justified by appeal to central limit theorem.
- ▶ Other models also possible (Student-*t* for heavy tails).
- Maximum likelihood with Gaussian noise leads to least squares.

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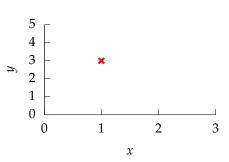
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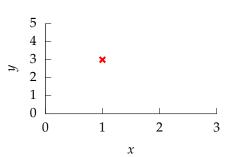
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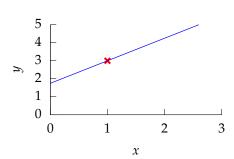
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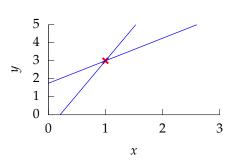
$$m=\frac{y_1-c}{r}$$



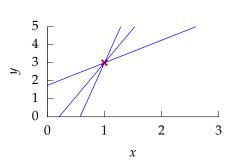
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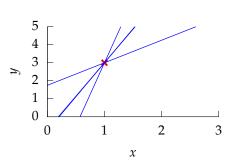
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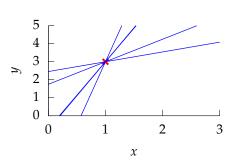
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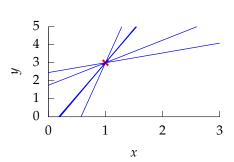
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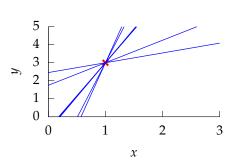
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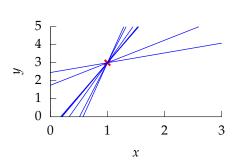
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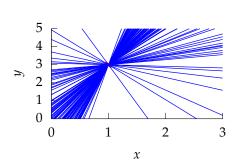
$$c = -1.47 \Longrightarrow m = 4.47$$



Can compute m given c. Assume

$$c \sim \mathcal{N}(0,4)$$
,

we find a distribution of solutions.



Different Types of Uncertainty

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- ► The second type of uncertainty we are assuming is *epistemic* uncertainty.

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Bayesian Approach

Likelihood for the regression example has the form

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{w}, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^N \mathcal{N}(y_i|\mathbf{w}^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_i, \sigma^2).$$

- Suggestion was to maximize this likelihood with respect to w.
- ► This can be done with gradient based optimization of the log likelihood.
- ► Alternative approach: integration across **w**.
- Consider expected value of likelihood under a range of potential ws.
- ► This is known as the *Bayesian* approach.

Note on the Term Bayesian

- We will use Bayes' rule to invert probabilities in the Bayesian approach.
 - Bayesian is not named after Bayes' rule (v. common confusion).
 - The term Bayesian refers to the treatment of the parameters as stochastic variables.
 - ► This approach was proposed by Laplace (1774) and Bayes (1763) independently.
 - For early statisticians this was very controversial (Fisher et al).

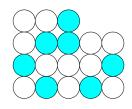
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Bayesian Controversy

- ▶ Bayesian controversy relates to treating *epistemic* uncertainty as *aleatoric* uncertainty.
- Another analogy:
 - Before a football match the uncertainty about the result is aleatoric.
 - If I watch a recorded match without knowing the result the uncertainty is epistemic.

Simple Bayesian Inference

$$posterior = \frac{likelihood \times prior}{marginal\ likelihood}$$

Four components:

- 1. Prior distribution: represents belief about parameter values before seeing data.
- 2. Likelihood: gives relation between parameters and data.
- 3. Posterior distribution: represents updated belief about parameters after data is observed.
- 4. Marginal likelihood: represents assessment of the quality of the model. Can be compared with other models (likelihood/prior combinations). Ratios of marginal likelihoods are known as Bayes factors.

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Prior Distribution

- ▶ Bayesian inference requires a prior on the parameters.
- ► The prior represents your belief *before* you see the data of the likely value of the parameters.
- ► For linear regression, consider a Gaussian prior on the intercept:

$$c \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha_1)$$

Posterior Distribution

- ► Posterior distribution is found by combining the prior with the likelihood.
- Posterior distribution is your belief after you see the data of the likely value of the parameters.
- ► The posterior is found through Bayes' Rule

$$p(c|y) = \frac{p(y|c)p(c)}{p(y)}$$

Bayes Update

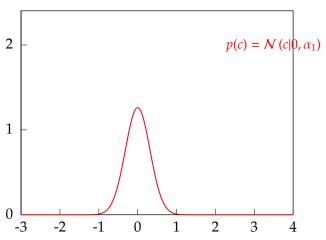


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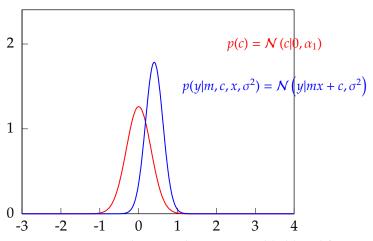


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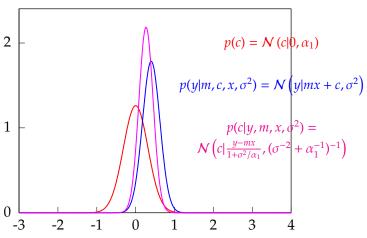


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Stages to Derivation of the Posterior

- Multiply likelihood by prior
 - they are "exponentiated quadratics", the answer is always also an exponentiated quadratic because $\exp(a^2) \exp(b^2) = \exp(a^2 + b^2)$.
- Complete the square to get the resulting density in the form of a Gaussian.
- Recognise the mean and (co)variance of the Gaussian. This is the estimate of the posterior.

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$$= -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - mx_i)^2 - \left(\frac{N}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\alpha_1}\right) c^2$$

 $\log p(c|\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}, m, \sigma^2) = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(c - \mu)^2 + \text{const},$

where $\tau^2 = (N\sigma^{-2} + \alpha_1^{-1})^{-1}$ and $\mu = \frac{\tau^2}{\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (y_i - mx_i)$.

complete the square of the quadratic form to obtain

 $+c\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N}(y_i-mx_i)}{\sigma^2}$

The Joint Density

- ► Really want to know the *joint* posterior density over the parameters *c* and *m*.
- ► Could now integrate out over *m*, but it's easier to consider the multivariate case.

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Epistemic Uncertainty

- ► This is uncertainty we could in principal know the answer too. We just haven't observed enough yet, e.g. the result of a football match *after* it's played.
- What colour socks your lecturer is wearing.

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