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Assignment 2

All assignment submissions are to be made on LEARN Quiz by 11:59 PM on the assigned due date. No extensions will be given, and assignments will not be accepted after the due date.

Problem Statement: A nonlinear model can describe a process that we want to estimate its states:

$$x = [0:0.01:10]$$

y = can be found as a separate.mat file

1. Build a 4^{th} order polynomial model of y = f(x), considering that y contains added white noise, using **ordinary least squares**.

Then answer the questions below:

- a. What is the obtained weight for x^4 ?
- b. What is the obtained R²?
- 2. Apply a regularization of norm 2, with $\lambda = 2$: your new cost function will be

$$J_{L2-reg} = e^T e + \lambda ||w||^2$$

This is equivalent to solve ridge regression with $\lambda = 2$.

a. What would be $\frac{\|W_{L2-reg}\|}{\|W_{LS}\|}$?

where W_{L2-reg} is the weight vector resulted from regularized Least Squares and W_{LS} is the weight vector from Least squares.

3. Build a 4^{th} order polynomial model of y = f(x) this time using **Bisquare** method (robust least squares). For simplicity of the weight matrix calculation use the formula below which is a function of absolute error of the points.

Hint: do not use distance to the curve as it can become computationally expensive for this case.

$$q_i = \frac{1}{1 + h|e_i|}$$

s.t. h: 4x standard deviation of the absolute error $h=4\times std(|e|)$ $e_i=y_{act}-\hat{y}$

- a. What is the obtained weight for x4?
- b. What is the obtained R²?
 Note that for R² of weighted LS or robust LS you can use this alternative formula:

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$$R^{2} = 1 - \frac{SSE}{SST}$$

$$SSE = \sum q_{i}e_{i}^{2}$$

$$SST = \sum q_{i}\left(y_{i} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} q_{i}y_{i}}{\sum_{j=1}^{N} q_{j}}\right)^{2}$$

 q_i s are the weights to be used for samples, to increase or decrease the importance of samples in weighted LS. e_i s are the error of the bisquare regression, y_i s are samples of actual y data.

4. What are the reasonable orders of model for these measurements?