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## HW5

### Exercise 1. (Component Skill 5.1)

Solve the following least-squares problem:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

To solve this least-squares problem, we need to minimize the following expression:

$$\|AX - B\|^2$$

To minimize it, we need to derive the normal equation:

$$A^T A X = A^T B$$

Compute  $A^T A$  and  $A^T B$ :

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, we can solve the linear system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The solution of the linear system is:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Exercise 2. (Component Skill 5.2)

The following data represents the temperature  $T$  (in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) in Seattle  $t$  hours after sunrise:

| $t$ | $T$ |
|-----|-----|
| 0   | 0   |
| 1   | 0   |
| 2   | 2   |

We want to find the equation of the line that fits these data points and minimizes the least-squares error. Let's represent the line as  $T = a + bt$ .

First, create the matrix A and vector B:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, we can derive the normal equation:

$$A^T A X = A^T B$$

Compute  $A^T A$  and  $A^T B$ :

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, we can solve the linear system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

The solution of the linear system is:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, the equation of the line that fits these data points and minimizes the least-squares error is:

$$T = -2 + 2t$$

### Exercise 3. (Component Skill 5.3)

Suppose we sample  $y = \sin^2(x)$  at  $x = 0$ ,  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , and  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ . We obtain the following data:

| <b>x</b> | <b>y</b> |
|----------|----------|
| 0        | 0        |
| $\pi/4$  | $1/2$    |
| $\pi/2$  | 1        |

**(a)** Fit the data points above to the curve  $y = a + b \cos(2x)$ . Determine  $a$  and  $b$  that minimize the least-squares error.

First, create the matrix  $A$  and vector  $B$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cos(0) \\ 1 & \cos(\pi) \\ 1 & \cos(2\pi) \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, we can derive the normal equation:

$$A^T A X = A^T B$$

Compute  $A^T A$  and  $A^T B$ :

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, we can solve the linear system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The solution of the linear system is:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, the curve that fits these data points and minimizes the least-squares error is:

$$y = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos(2x)$$

**(b)** The values of  $a$  and  $b$  you found in (a) should not surprise you. Give a one-sentence explanation for why you should not be surprised.

The values of  $a$  and  $b$  are not surprising because, for the given data points, the curve  $y = a + b \cos(2x)$  is similar to the original function  $y = \sin^2(x)$ , which is a periodic

function with a mean value of  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and the  $\cos(2x)$  term can capture the shape of the original function.

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% HW5 Code
% Exercise 1 (Component Skill 5.3) - Part a

% Load the salmon_data.mat file
load('salmon_data.mat');

% first-degree polynomial that best fits the salmon data in the least-squares
sense
A1 = polyfit(year, salmon, 1);

% Display the coefficients of the first-degree polynomial
disp('Coefficients of the first-degree polynomial:');
disp(A1);

% Exercise 1 (Component Skill 5.3) - Part b

% Use the MATLAB built-in function 'polyfit' to find the coefficients of the
% third-degree polynomial that best fits the salmon data in the least-squares
sense
% Assign the row vector of coefficients to the variable A2
A2 = polyfit(year, salmon, 3);

% Display the coefficients of the third-degree polynomial
disp('Coefficients of the third-degree polynomial:');
disp(A2);

% Exercise 1 (Component Skill 5.3) - Part c

% Use the MATLAB built-in function 'polyfit' to find the coefficients of the
% fifth-degree polynomial that best fits the salmon data in the least-squares
sense
% Assign the row vector of coefficients to the variable A3
A3 = polyfit(year, salmon, 5);

% Display the coefficients of the fifth-degree polynomial
disp('Coefficients of the fifth-degree polynomial:');
disp(A3);

% Exercise 1 (Component Skill 5.3) - Part d

% True salmon count in 2021
true_salmon_2021 = 489523;

% Calculate the predicted salmon count in 2021 using the polynomials p1, p3,
and p5
p1_2021 = polyval(A1, 2021);
p3_2021 = polyval(A2, 2021);
p5_2021 = polyval(A3, 2021);

% Calculate the relative errors (epsilon1, epsilon2, epsilon3)
epsilon1 = abs(p1_2021 - true_salmon_2021) / true_salmon_2021;
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epsilon2 = abs(p3_2021 - true_salmon_2021) / true_salmon_2021;
epsilon3 = abs(p5_2021 - true_salmon_2021) / true_salmon_2021;

% Assign the variable A4 to the 3x1 row vector [epsilon1, epsilon2, epsilon3]
A4 = [epsilon1; epsilon2; epsilon3];

% Display the relative errors
disp('Relative errors:');
disp(A4);

% Exercise 2 (Component Skill 5.3)

% Load CO2_data.mat file
load('CO2_data.mat');

% Part a
% Find the values of a, r, and b that minimize the least-squares error
initial_guess = [30; 0.03; 300];
A5 = fminsearch(@(params) lse(params, year, CO2), initial_guess);

% Part b
% Find the values of a, r, and b that minimize the L1 error
A6 = fminsearch(@(params) lle(params, year, CO2), initial_guess);

% Plot the results
plot_results(year, CO2, A5, A6);

% Exercise 3 (Component Skill 5.3)

% Load spring_data.mat file
load('spring_data.mat');

% Part a
% Estimate the value of the toy displacement at t = pi/2 seconds using cubic
    spline interpolation
A7 = interp1(time, deltaz, pi/2, 'spline');

% Part b
% Plot the data and cubic spline interpolation
plot_spline(time, deltaz);

% Create separate functions for least-squares error and L1 error
function error = lse(params, year, CO2)
    error = sum((CO2 - (params(1) * exp(params(2) * year) + params(3))).^2);
end

function error = lle(params, year, CO2)
    error = sum(abs(CO2 - (params(1) * exp(params(2) * year) + params(3))));
end

function plot_results(year, CO2, A5, A6)

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% Plot CO2 data in black
figure;
plot(year, CO2, '.', 'MarkerSize', 10, 'Color', 'k', 'LineStyle', 'none');
hold on;

% Plot least-squares error exponential curve in red
x = linspace(0, 63, 1000);
y_lse = A5(1) * exp(A5(2) * x) + A5(3);
plot(x, y_lse, 'r', 'LineWidth', 2);

% Plot L1 error exponential curve in blue
y_lle = A6(1) * exp(A6(2) * x) + A6(3);
plot(x, y_lle, 'b--', 'LineWidth', 2);

% Set axis limits
xlim([0, 63]);
ylim([300, 420]);

% Add legend, labels, and title
legend('CO2 data', 'LSE', 'L1E', 'Location', 'NorthWest');
xlabel('Years since 1958', 'FontSize', 16);
ylabel('CO_2 Concentration (ppm)', 'FontSize', 16);
title('CO_2 Concentration vs. Time', 'FontSize', 20);

% Hold off
hold off;
end

function plot_spline(time, deltaz)
% Create cubic spline interpolation with sample points t = 0:0.01:10
t_interp = 0:0.01:10;
z_interp = interp1(time, deltaz, t_interp, 'spline');

% Plot cubic spline interpolation in blue
figure;
plot(t_interp, z_interp, 'b', 'LineWidth', 2);
hold on;

% Superimpose the displacement data in black
plot(time, deltaz, 'k.', 'MarkerSize', 15, 'LineStyle', 'none');

% Set axis limits
xlim([0, 10]);
ylim([-1, 1]);

% Add labels and title
xlabel('Time (s)', 'FontSize', 16);
ylabel('Vertical Displacement (cm)', 'FontSize', 16);
title('Vertical Displacement vs. Time', 'FontSize', 20);

% Hold off
hold off;
end

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Coefficients of the first-degree polynomial:

1.0e+06 \*

0.0042    -7.8654

Warning: Polynomial is badly conditioned. Add points with distinct X values, reduce the degree of the polynomial, or try centering and scaling as described in *HELP POLYFIT*.

Coefficients of the third-degree polynomial:

1.0e+10 \*

0.0000    -0.0000    0.0016    -1.0637

Warning: Polynomial is badly conditioned. Add points with distinct X values, reduce the degree of the polynomial, or try centering and scaling as described in *HELP POLYFIT*.

Coefficients of the fifth-degree polynomial:

1.0e+14 \*

-0.0000    0.0000    -0.0000    0.0000    -0.0103    4.0754

Relative errors:

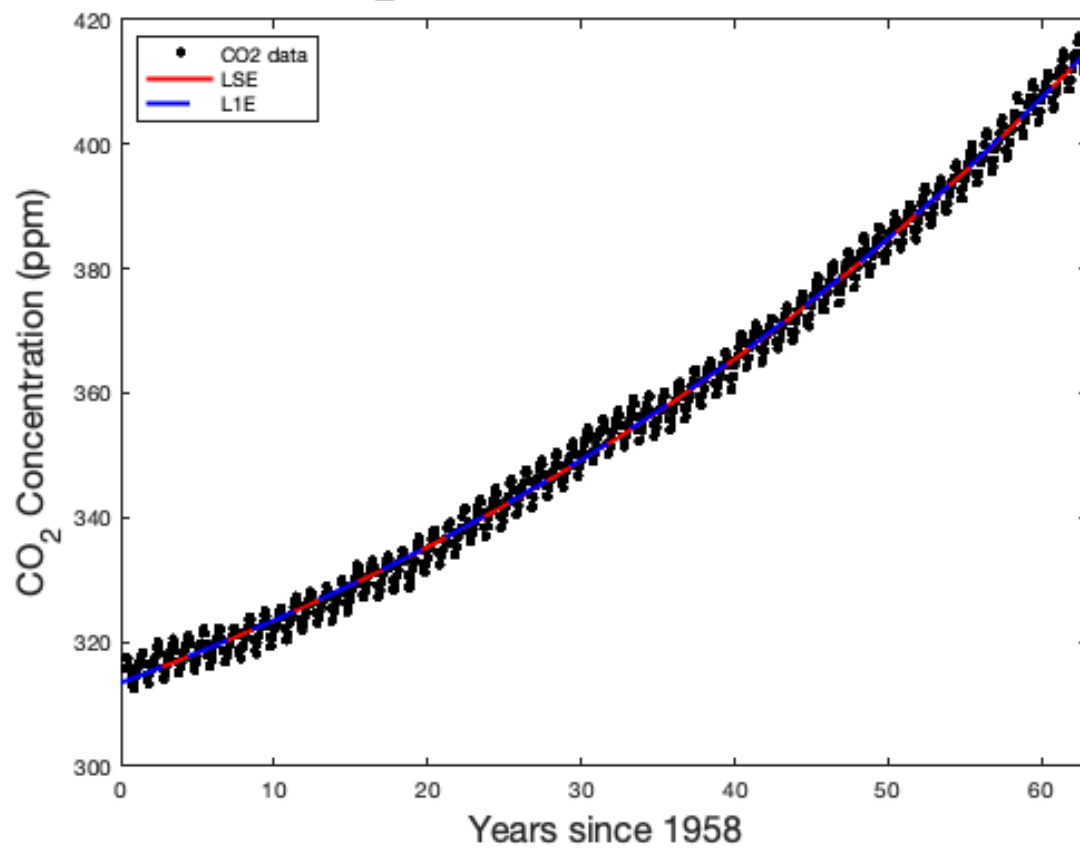
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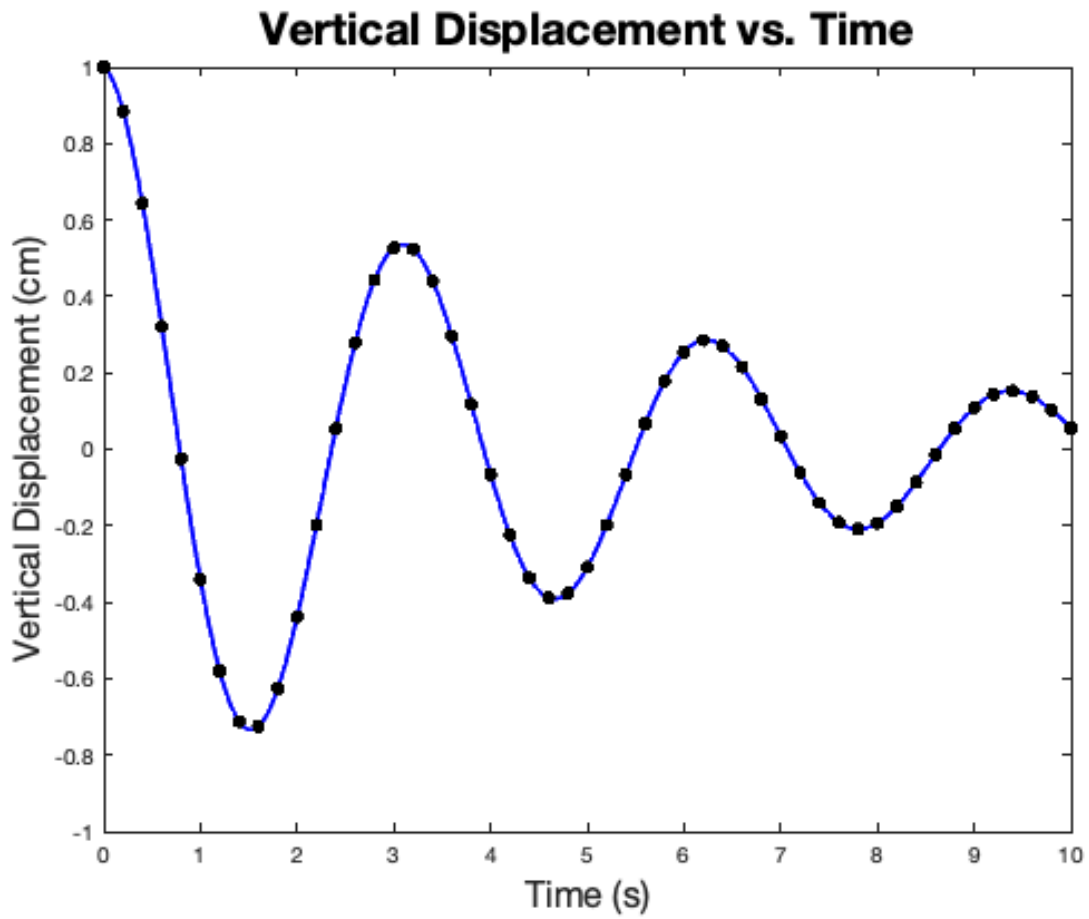
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0.1778



## CO<sub>2</sub> Concentration vs. Time





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