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## Module 5 Assessment - Part 2 (incl. Matlab)


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In the following Matlab assignment, you should fit a quadratic polynomial to a synthetic (accelerating) sea level rise dataset. The dataset is given in the 'W6\_syntheticdata2.txt' file, and it contains yearly sea level measurements over 20 years (in total 20 observations). The time of observations are given in years as  $[1, 2, 3, \dots, 20]$ . The observations are assumed to be normally distributed and have a precision of  $\sigma = 5 \text{ cm}$ . The sea level at time zero is unknown and should also be estimated together with the annual rate  $x_1$  and the acceleration component  $x_2$ . So in total, we have three unknown parameters as indicated in the following functional model for an observation  $y_i$

$$E\{y_{t_i}\} = x_0 + x_1 t_i + x_2 t_i^2.$$

In this assignment, you should

1. Import the data, create the design matrix A, and the covariance matrix Qy
2. Compute the BLUE of parameters, as well as the BLUE of adjusted observations and residuals (xhat, yhat, and ehat)
3. Compute the corresponding covariance matrices of xhat, yhat, and ehat
4. For vectors xhat, yhat, and ehat, compute the lower and upper bounds of the **97%** confidence interval

Graded Assignment due Feb 8,  
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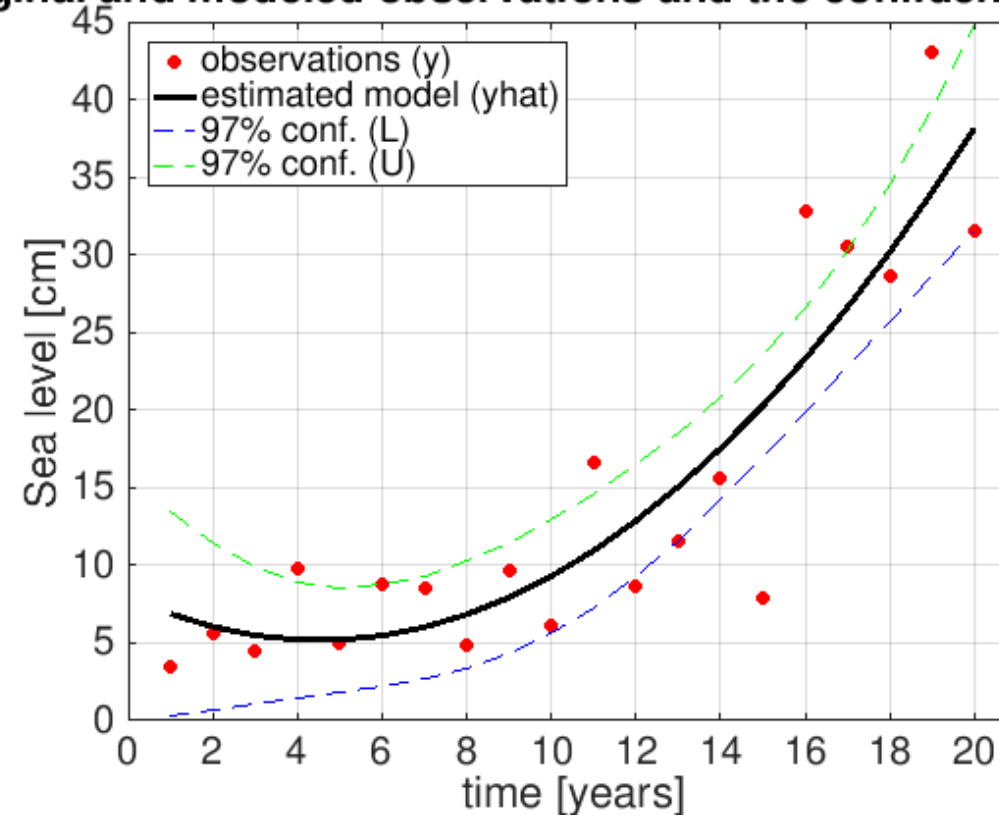
5. Plot the original and adjusted observations, together with the **97%** confidence interval of  $\hat{y}$  and  $\hat{e}$

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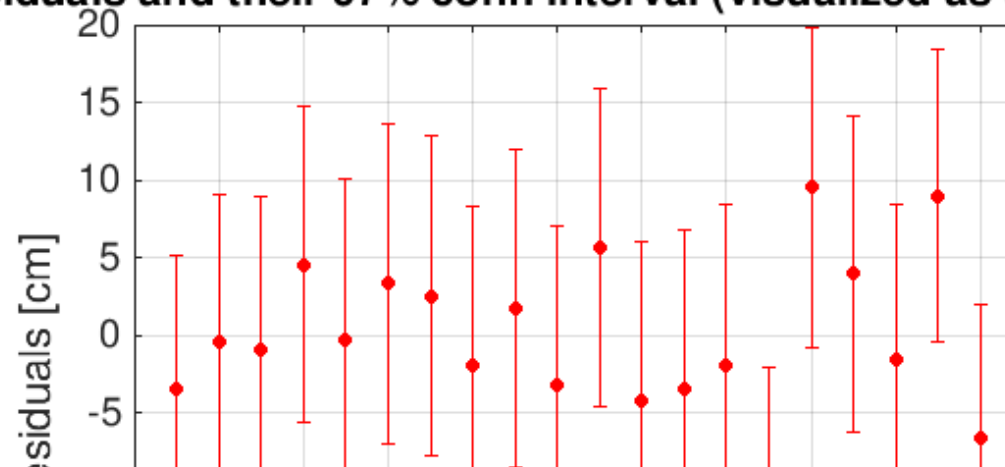
ACCELERATING SEA LEVEL RISE (MATLAB EXERCISE) (EXTERNAL RESOURCE)

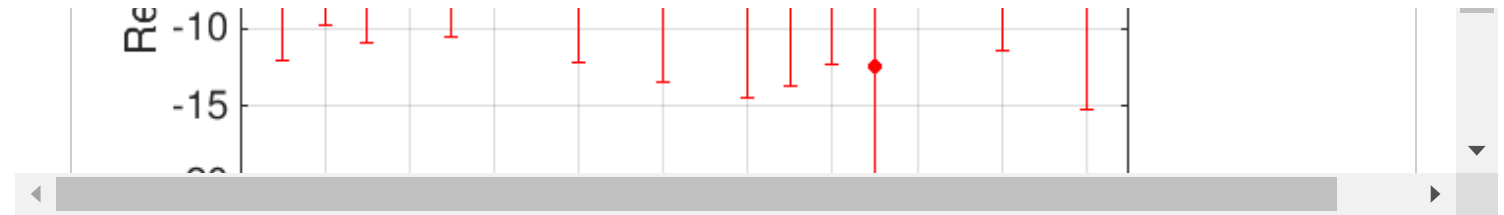
- ▶ 6. Does the estimate make sense?
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## Original and modeled observations and the confidence interval



## Residuals and their 97% conf. interval (visualized as error bars)





### BLUE and the confidence intervals (sea level rise problem)

6/6 points (graded)

Insert the requested values...

The lower bound of the 97% confidence interval of the initial value  $x_0$  in cm (upto 2 decimal places, note the correct sign of the value!)

✓ Answer: -0.097

The lower bound of the 97% confidence interval of the linear rate  $x_1$  in cm/year (upto 2 decimal places, note the correct sign of the value!)

✓ Answer: -3.016

The upper bound of the 97% confidence interval of the acceleration parameter  $x_2$  in cm/year<sup>2</sup> (upto 2 decimal places)

✓ Answer: 0.219

The upper bound of the 97% confidence interval of 10th adjusted observation  $\hat{y}_{10}$  in cm (upto 2 decimal places)

✓ Answer: 12.929

The lower bound of the 97% confidence interval of 12th residual  $\hat{e}_{12}$  in cm (upto 2 decimal places)

✓ Answer: -14.403

Correlation coefficient between BLUE estimators of the annual rate  $x_1$  and the acceleration parameter  $x_2$  (upto 2 decimal places, note that the Correlation coefficient should be between -1 and 1. use the correct sign!)

✓ Answer: -0.97

You have used 2 of 3 attempts

✓ Correct (6/6 points)

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