

1 Linear: $at + b$

$$\begin{aligned} L(a, b) &= \sum_{i=1}^k \log(at_i + b) - \int_{t_1}^{t_k} (at + b) dt \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k \log(at_i + b) - \frac{a}{2}(t_k^2 - t_1^2) - b(t_k - t_1) \end{aligned}$$

let $M = t_k - t_1$ and $P = t_k + t_1$ then

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^k \log(at_i + b) - \frac{a}{2}MP - bM \\ \frac{\partial L(a, b)}{\partial b} &= \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{at_i + b} - M = 0 \\ \implies M &= \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{at_i + b} \\ \frac{\partial L(a, b)}{\partial a} &= \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{t_i}{at_i + b} - \frac{MP}{2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Use R to compute a and b.

2 Exponential: e^{at+b}

$$\begin{aligned} L(a, b) &= \sum_{i=1}^k \log(e^{at_i+b}) - \int_{t_1}^{t_k} e^{at+b} dt \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k (at_i + b) - \frac{1}{a} [e^{a(t_k-t_1)+b}] \end{aligned}$$

let $M = t_k - t_1$, then

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k (at_i + b) - \frac{1}{a} (e^{aM+b})$$

$$\frac{\partial L(a, b)}{\partial b} = k - \frac{1}{a} (e^{aM+b}) = 0$$

$$\implies k = \frac{1}{a} (e^{aM+b}) \quad \text{and } b = \ln(ka) - aM$$

$$\frac{\partial L(a, b)}{\partial a} = \sum_{i=1}^k t_i + \frac{1}{a^2} (e^{aM+b}) - \frac{M}{a} (e^{aM+b}) = 0$$

substitute $\frac{1}{a} (e^{aM+b}) = k$, then we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^k t_i + \frac{k}{a} - Mk = 0$$

solve for a then substitute into b, we will have

$$a = \frac{k}{Mk - \sum t_i}$$

$$b = \ln \left(\frac{k^2}{Mk - \sum t_i} \right) - \frac{Mk}{Mk - \sum t_i}$$

3 Power: at^b

$$\begin{aligned} L(a, b) &= \sum_{i=1}^k \log(at_i^b) - \int_{t_1}^{t_k} at_i^b dt \\ &= k \log a + \sum_{i=1}^k \log t_i^b - \frac{a}{b+1} M^{b+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial L(a, b)}{\partial a} = \frac{k}{a} - \frac{M^{b+1}}{b+1} = 0$$

$$\implies \frac{k}{a} = \frac{M^{b+1}}{b+1} \quad \text{and} \quad a = \frac{k(b+1)}{M^{b+1}}$$

$$\frac{\partial L(a, b)}{\partial b} = \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^k t_i\right) + \frac{aM^{b+1}}{b+1} \left(\frac{1}{b+1} - \log M\right) = 0$$

substitute $\frac{M^{b+1}}{b+1} = \frac{k}{a}$, then we have

$$\frac{\partial L(a, b)}{\partial b} = \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^k t_i\right) + k \left(\frac{1}{b+1} - \log M\right) = 0$$

solve for b then substitute into a, we will have

$$b = \frac{k}{k \log M - \log(\prod t_i)} - 1$$

$$a = \frac{k^2}{M^{k \log M - \log(\prod t_i)} [k \log M - \log(\prod t_i)]}$$