

**Data Set:** Use a parking lot dataset given with the project in **P2input2024.txt** The dataset is comprised of a pair of values: 24-hour time in decimal notation and corresponding open parking spots at that time.

**Assignment Algorithm:** Linear Regression

You need to design an AI based predictive model for a parking lot. The overnight parking lot opens its doors at midnight and allows parking until noon. As per the data provided to you by the parking lot owner, so far the lot has stayed open only for 12 hours each day. The owner wants to become more profitable. You now have only the data provided by the owner and no other additional information. Your AI-based solution needs to answer the prediction problems.

Consider a simple fitting problem in the **time domain** where we look to find the best fit of the data using linear regression with a set of linear, polynomial, and sinusoidal terms. The following equation represents the equation you will use to relate the first and the second column in the data from the data file. The first column takes a value of time “**t**” ranging from 0 to 12 hours in increments of 0.25 and predicts “**y**”, the number of available parking slots (second column) at any given time- ranging from 0 to 100 during the 12 hours on a weekday. Time “**t**” is represented in hours and starts from 0 at midnight and each whole number represents a full hour. For example, 3.25 represents 3:15 AM while 13.75 would represent 1:45 PM. All cars have to leave latest by 11:00 PM and the lot opens again at midnight for new cars.

$y(t)=a_0 - (a_1*t+ a_2*t^2+a_3*t^3) - b \sin(c*t)$  where  $c= \pi/8$  The constant term is the full capacity of the parking lot.

The polynomial models a general decrease in availability over time, peaking when parking demand is highest and ebbing when the demand is lower. Sinusoidal term models the daily cyclic demand for parking and accounts for peak hours during busy neighboring activity times and non-peak time reductions in demand for parking spots. This means that this prediction problem can be solved using linear regression as the function is linear in terms of the parameters  $\Theta = (a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, b)$ . In other words,  $\Theta$  is a vector of  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3$ , and  $b$ .

**Q1** Implement a linear regression learner to solve this best fit problem for 1 dimensional data. You can use scikit-learn and other libraries. Compute the MSE.

**Q2** Implement Linear Regression from scratch.

- a. Implement a linear regression learner to solve this best fit problem for 1 dimensional data in Python using only NumPy, math, matplotlib libraries. Compute the MSE.
- b. If the garage stays open beyond noon, at what time will it become fully utilized (no parking spots available)? Use the learnt model to predict this time.
- c. Plot the  $t$  and the  $y_{pred}$  (predicted number of available spots ) till the parking lot gets full. Additionally plot with it the scatter plot for the original data from P2input2024.txt. It shows the real and the predicted data and a clear visual on any discrepancy between them.

**Q3** In Q2 you used linear regression to compute the values of  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$ , and  $b$ . Vary the coefficients as follows and find the MSE to find the best set of coefficients for the most accurate prediction.

- a. Try  $a_0: 100$   $a_1: 0,1$   $a_2: 0.2, 0.4$   $a_3: 0, 4$   $b: 20, 40$  and compute MSE for each set of parameters.
- b. Sort and list the sets of parameters by MSE so that the parameters with the least MSE value are listed first and so on.
- c. Use the 4 sets of parameters with the least amount of MSE and plot the  $t$  (X-axis) and  $y_{pred}$  (Y-axis).
- d. If the owner makes the parking lot bigger to increase the parking spots to 200 ( $a_0=200$  now), at what time will the 200 parking spots be occupied if you were to use  $a_0=200$  and the other parameters learnt in Q3.a and Q3.b. These are the set of parameters of the model that have the least MSE.
- e. Plot the  $t$  and  $y$  in Q3.d to indicate when the 200-spot parking lot will be full.

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