Homework Set #4 Problem 1

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1 Exponential Regrassion

We need to fit an exponential curve to the data for the years 1790 through 1900 and submit a graph of actual population and the predicted population. Let's first input the data

We want to use an exponential function $y = ae^{bx}$ to fit the curve. Notice it is necessarily true that

$$ln y = ln a + bx$$

which means $\ln y$ and x have a linear relationship. We could use the method of least square to calculate b and $\ln a$.

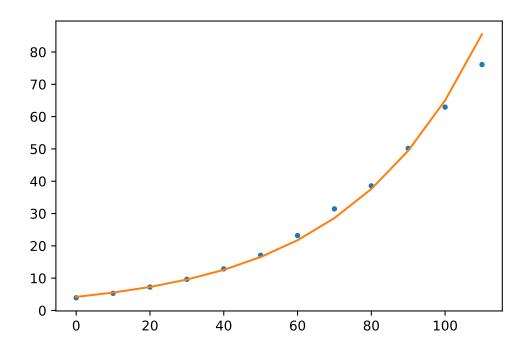
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In [19]: # np.polyfit(x, y, deg) returns a vector of coefficients
    # that minimises the squared error.

%config InlineBackend.figure_format = 'svg'
    import math
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

b, lna = np.polyfit(x1, np.log(y1), 1)
    a = math.exp(lna)
    predicted_y1 = a * np.exp(b * x1)

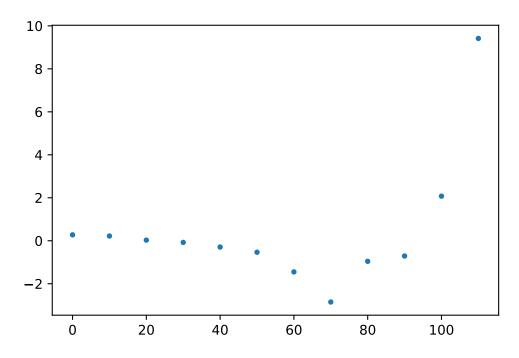
plt.plot(x1, y1, '.')
    plt.plot(x1, predicted_y1, '-')
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Out[19]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x1e273487710>]



In [20]: # Residual plot
 plt.plot(x1, predicted_y1 - y1, '.')

Out[20]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x1e2735ebda0>]



2 Logistic Regression

We need to fit a logistic curve to the data for the years 1790 through 2010 and submit a graph of actual population and the predicted population. Let's first input the data

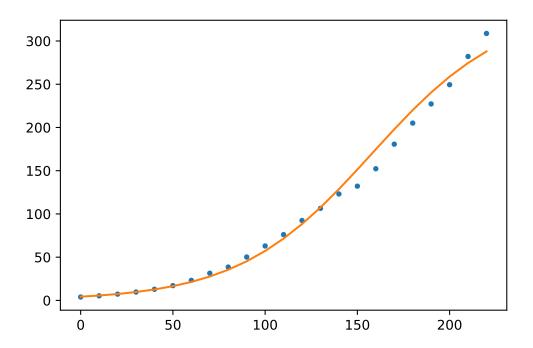
We want to use a logistic function

$$y = \frac{L}{1 + e^{a + bx}}$$

to model the data. Notice that, as the book points out, it is necessarily true that

$$\ln\left(\frac{L-y}{y}\right) = a + bx$$

which means, $\ln\left(\frac{L-y}{y}\right)$ is linear with x. In this problem, we assume the limit L is 340. Now we can find the values of a and b by similar process.



In [23]: # Residual plot
 plt.plot(x2, predicted_y2 - y2, '.')

Out[23]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x1e273713d68>]

