

# Homework Set #4 Problem 1 (Costa Huang)

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## Exponential Regresssion

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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

```
import numpy as np

# Data from year 1790 through 1900
x1 = np.array([
    0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50,
    60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110
])
y1 = np.array([
    3.929, 5.308, 7.240, 9.638, 12.866, 17.069,
    23.192, 31.443, 38.558, 50.156, 62.948, 76.094
])
```

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  $\ln a$ .

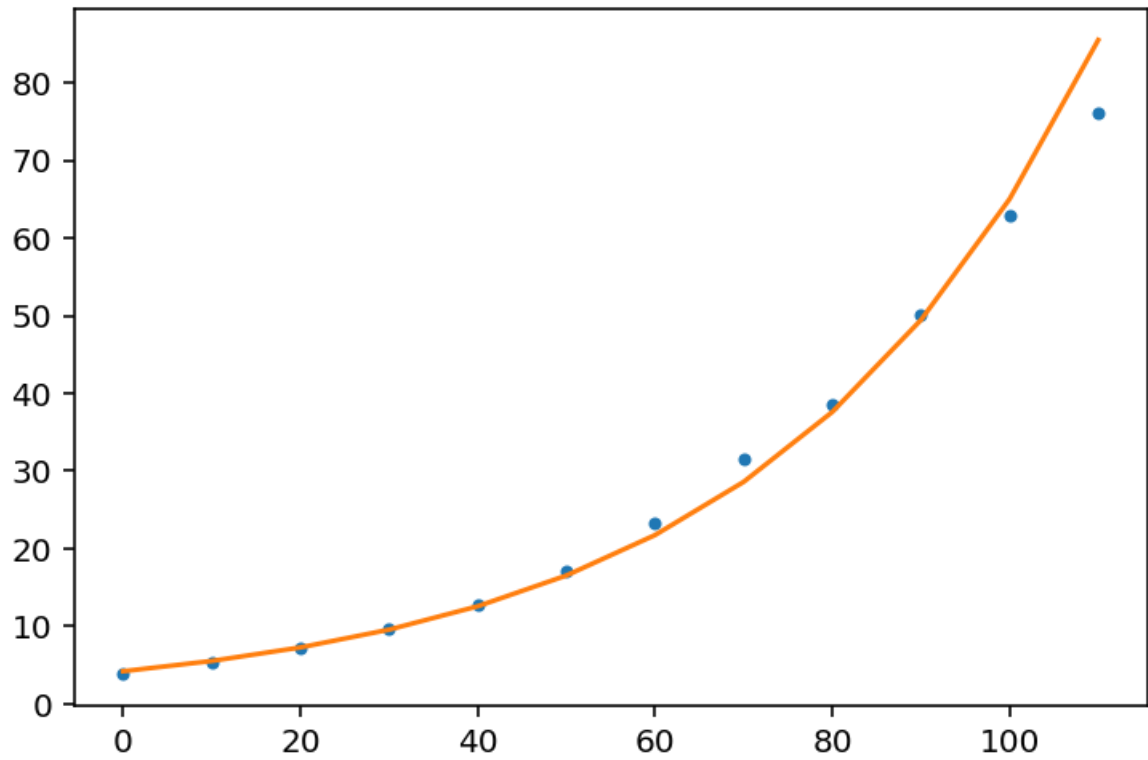
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# np.polyfit(x, y, deg) returns a vector of coefficients
# that minimises the squared error.

%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)

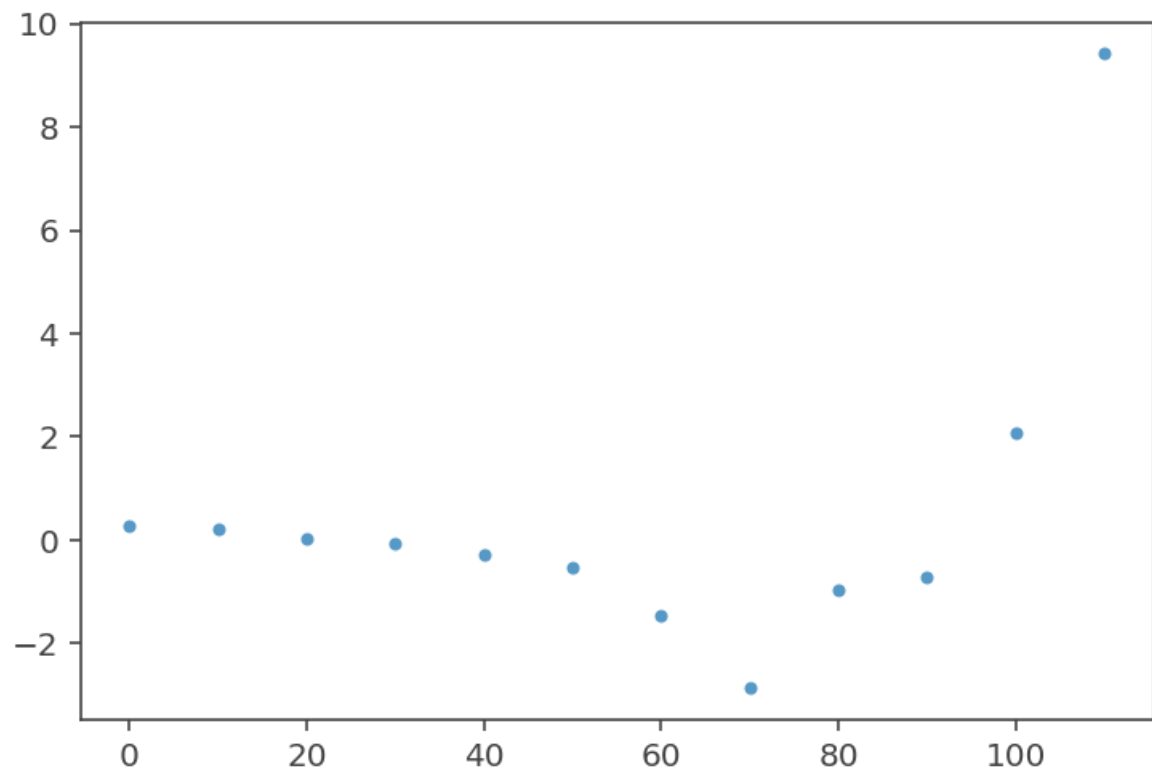
plt.plot(x1, y1, '.')
plt.plot(x1, predicted_y1, '-')
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```
# Residual plot  
plt.plot(x1, predicted_y1 - y1, 'r')
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## Logistic Regression

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

```
x2 = np.array([
    0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50,
    60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110,
    120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170,
    180, 190, 200, 210, 220
])
y2 = np.array([
    3.929, 5.308, 7.240, 9.638, 12.866, 17.069,
    23.192, 31.443, 38.558, 50.156, 62.948, 76.094,
    92.407, 106.461, 123.077, 132.122, 152.271, 180.671,
    205.052, 227.225, 249.464, 282.125, 308.745
])
```

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

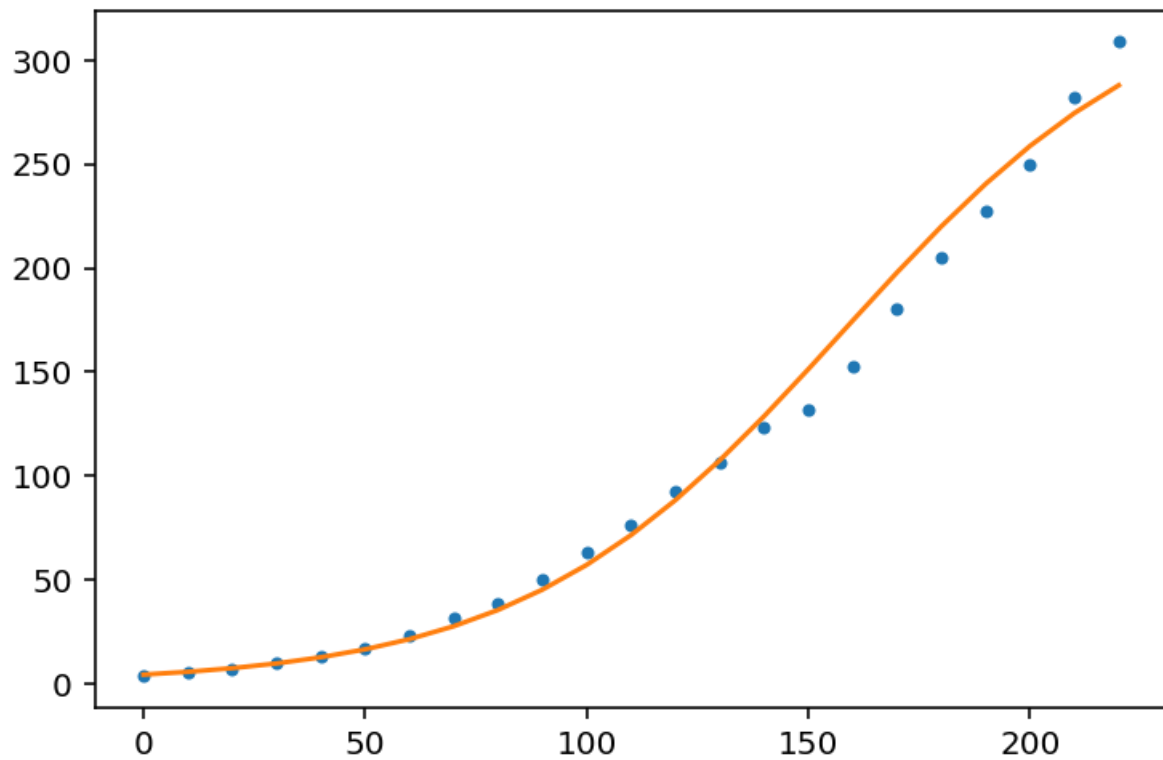
$$\ln\left(\frac{L-y}{y}\right) = a + bx$$

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.

```
L = 340
b, a = np.polyfit(x2, np.log((L - y2) / y2), 1)
predicted_y2 = L / (1 + np.exp(a + b * x2))

plt.plot(x2, y2, '.')
plt.plot(x2, predicted_y2, '-')
```

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```
# Residual plot  
plt.plot(x2, predicted_y2 - y2, 'r.')
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