

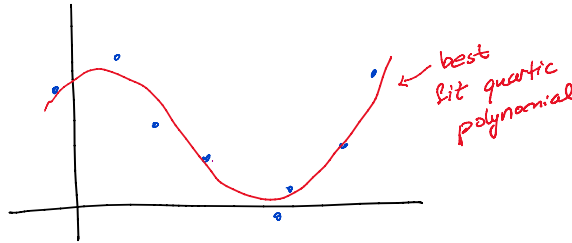
1. Polynomial Fitting

Let's try an example. Say we know that the output,  $y$ , is a quartic polynomial in  $x$ . This means that we know that  $y$  and  $x$  are related as follows:

$$y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4$$

We're also given the following observations:

$x$	$y$
0.0	24.0
0.5	6.61
1.0	0.0
1.5	-0.95
2.0	0.07
2.5	0.73
3.0	-0.12
3.5	-0.83
4.0	-0.04
4.5	6.42



\* unique sol would give a curve that goes through each data point

(a) What are the unknowns in this question? What are we trying to solve for?

$a_0, \dots, a_4$       5 unknowns

(b) Can you write an equation corresponding to the first observation  $(x_0, y_0)$ , in terms of  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3$ , and  $a_4$ ? What does this equation look like? Is it linear in the unknowns?

$$(x_0, y_0) \rightarrow (0, 0, 24, 0)$$

$$24.0 = a_0 + a_1(0.0) + a_2(0.0)^2 + a_3(0.0)^3 + a_4(0.0)^4$$

(c) Now, write a system of equations in terms of  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3$ , and  $a_4$  using all of the observations.

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1, y_1) \quad * \quad 6.61 &= a_0 + a_1(0.5) + a_2(0.5)^2 + a_3(0.5)^3 + a_4(0.5)^4 \\ 0.0 &= a_0 + a_1(1) + a_2(1)^2 + a_3(1)^3 + a_4(1)^4 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 24.0 \\ 6.61 \\ 0.0 \\ \vdots \\ 6.42 \end{bmatrix}_{10 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0^2 & 0^3 & 0^4 \\ 1 & 0.5 & 0.5^2 & 0.5^3 & 0.5^4 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}_{10 \times 5} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{bmatrix}_{5 \times 1}$$

$D$

$$\vec{y} = D\vec{a}$$

$\rightarrow$  probably no soln

to find our best guess  $\hat{\vec{a}}$   
 $\rightarrow$  use least squares

$$\hat{\vec{a}} = (D^T D)^{-1} D^T \vec{y}$$

\* if it was a unique sol  
 $\hat{\vec{a}} = \vec{a}$  using least squares formula

(d) Finally, solve for  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3$ , and  $a_4$  using IPython. You have now found the quartic polynomial that best fits the data!

$$\hat{\vec{a}} = (D^T D)^{-1} D^T \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 24.009 \\ -49.995 \\ 35.004 \\ -9.996 \\ 0.998 \end{bmatrix}$$

\* this data was generated using

$$\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 24 \\ -50 \\ 35 \\ -10 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ but with noise!}$$

$\rightarrow$  pretty good estimation!

$$\text{error} = \text{cost} = \|\vec{y} - D\hat{\vec{a}}\|^2$$

\* if unique sol cost = 0

## 2. Orthogonal Subspaces

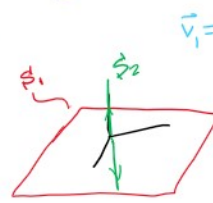
Two vectors  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$  are said to be orthogonal if their inner product is zero. That is  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = 0$ .

Two subspaces  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  of  $\mathbb{R}^N$  are said to be orthogonal if all vectors in  $S_1$  are orthogonal to all vectors in  $S_2$ . That is,

$$\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle = 0 \quad \forall \vec{v}_1 \in S_1, \vec{v}_2 \in S_2$$

↑  
for all

Ex:  $S_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$      $S_2 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$



$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rangle = 0$$

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(a) Recall that the column space of an  $M \times N$  matrix  $A$  is the subspace spanned by the columns of  $A$  and that the null space of  $A$  is the subspace of all vectors  $\vec{v}$  such that  $A\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ .

Prove that the column space of  $A^T$  and null space of any matrix  $A$  are orthogonal subspaces. This can be denoted by  $\text{Col}(A^T) \perp \text{Null}(A) \quad \forall A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$ .

Hint: Use the row interpretation of matrix multiplication.

Def: orthogonality  $\vec{x} \perp \vec{y}$  if  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \vec{x}^T \vec{y} = 0$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{w}_1^T \\ \vec{w}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{w}_n^T \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Col}(A^T) = \text{span} \{ \vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \dots, \vec{w}_n \}$$

$$N(A) = \text{all } \vec{v} \text{ such that } A\vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1^T \\ \vec{a}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{a}_n^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{w}_1^T \\ \vec{w}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{w}_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{v} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \vec{w}_1^T \\ \vec{w}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{w}_n^T \end{bmatrix} \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{w}_1^T \vec{v} \\ \vec{w}_2^T \vec{v} \\ \vdots \\ \vec{w}_n^T \vec{v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \langle \vec{w}_1, \vec{v} \rangle \\ \langle \vec{w}_2, \vec{v} \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle \vec{w}_n, \vec{v} \rangle \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$M \times N$      $N \times 1$      $M \times 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 3 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [1 \ 2 \ 3]^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Now prove that the column space and null space of  $A^T$  of any matrix  $A$  are orthogonal subspaces. This can be denoted by  $\text{Col}(A) \perp \text{Null}(A^T) \quad \forall A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$ .

switched which one was transposed

$$\Rightarrow \text{Col}(A^T) \perp N(A) \quad \forall A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$$

Columnspace of  $A^T$  is orthogonal to nullspace of  $A$   
for all  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$

rewrite as something we've already proved (i.e. part a)

$$\text{define } B = A^T \quad B^T = A$$

$$\text{Col}(A) = \text{Col}(B^T) \quad N(A^T) = N(B)$$

$$\text{Col}(A) \perp N(A^T) \Rightarrow \text{Col}(B^T) \perp N(B) \quad \text{proved in part (a)}$$

then switch back to  $A$