

Curve Fitting

Chapter 4





Curve fitting

Curve fitting is the process of constructing a curve,

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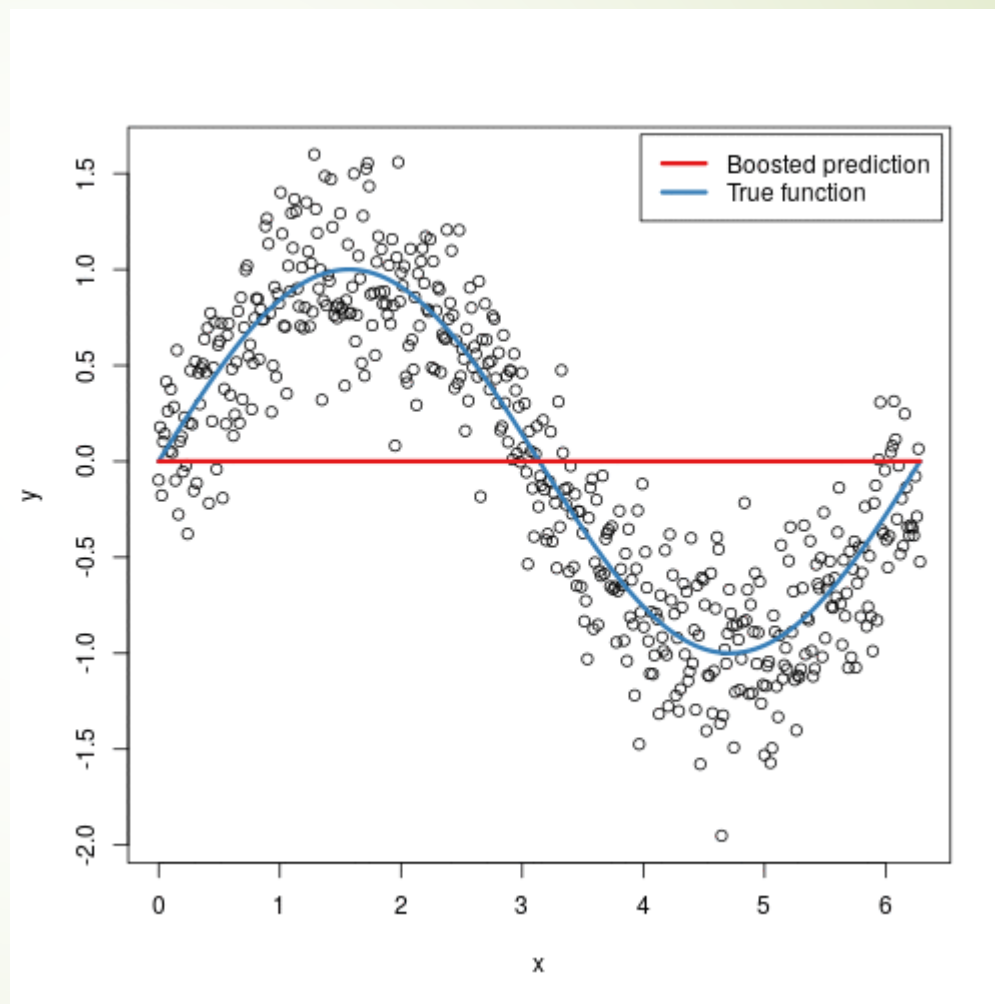
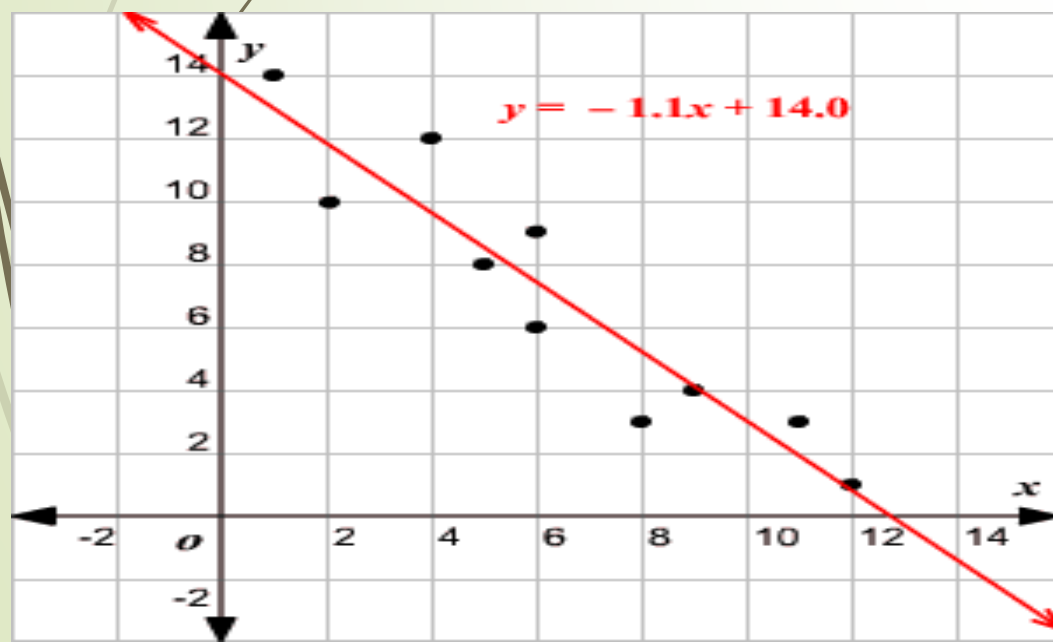
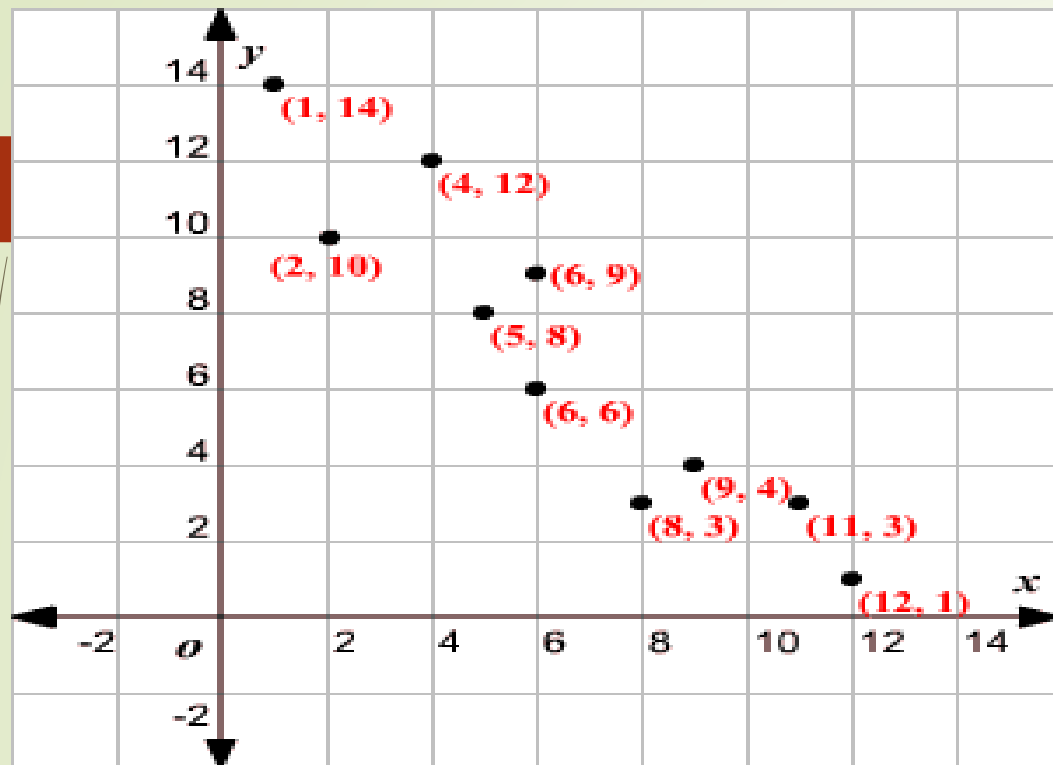
The procedure in finding a curve which matches a series of data points , possibly subject to constraints.

Example

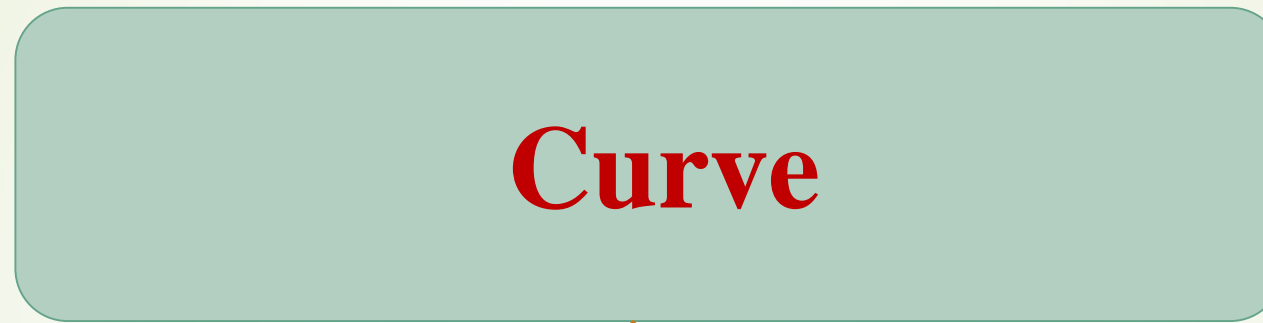
Plot the line.

x	8	2	11	6	5	4	12	9	6
y	3	10	3	6	8	12	1	4	9

**(8,3) ,(2,10),(11 , 3) , (6 ,6) , (5,8) , (4,12) , (12,1) ,
(9,4) , (6, 9) .**



Types of curves



Linear

$$y = ax + b.$$

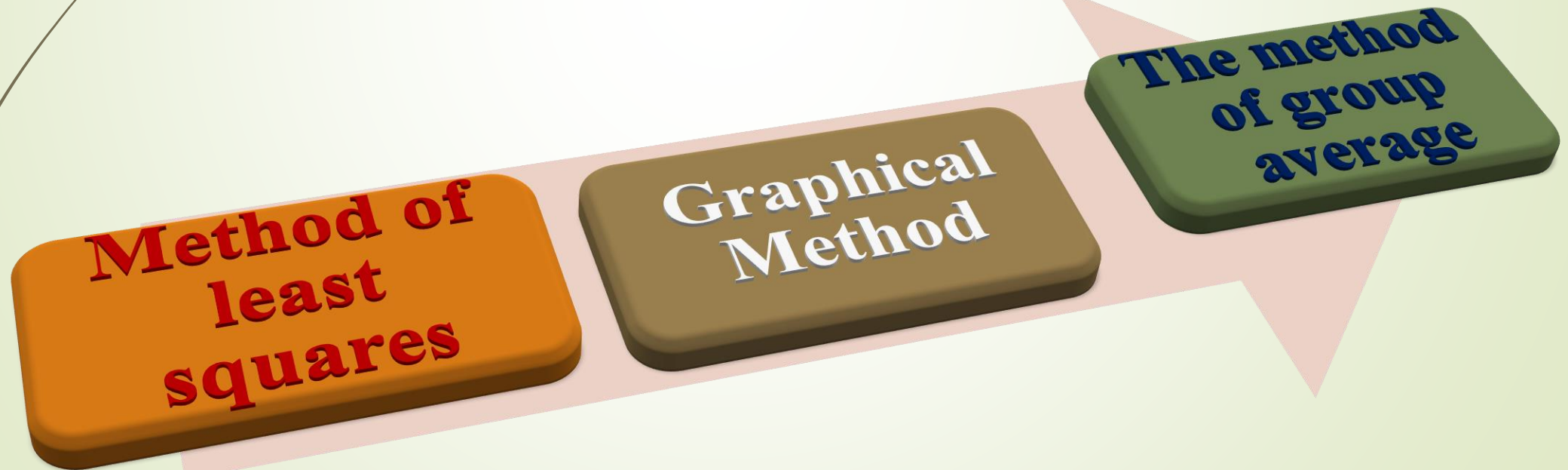
Non Linear

$$y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n$$

Circle
Parabola
Hyperbola
Ellipse

Types of Methods on curve

- The constant occurring in the equation $y = f(x)$ of the approximating curve can be found by several methods mentioned in the followings:



Linear Curve Fitting

There are two useful methods for finding a straight line.

The Least
square method

The graphical
method

Linear Curve Fitting

The Least Square method for finding a straight line.

The Least square method

Linear Curve Fitting

- **Least Square Formula for fitting the linear Curve :**
Normal Equations:

$$y = ax + b$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n y_i = a \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + bn$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i = a \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 + b \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

Procedure of Linear Curve Fitting

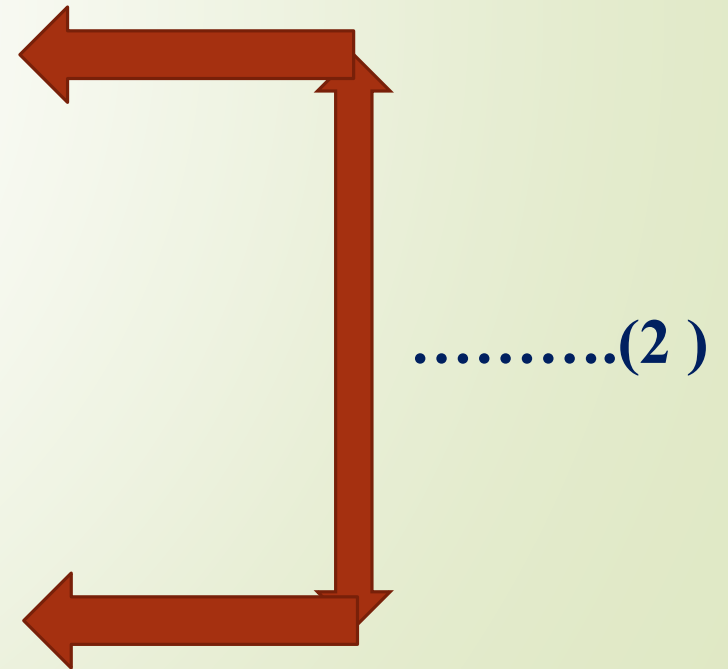
So , Task:

$$(i) \ y = ax + b \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

(ii)

$$\Sigma y = a \Sigma x + bn \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$\Sigma xy = a \Sigma x^2 + b \Sigma x \dots\dots(3)$$



Procedure of Linear Curve Fitting

Task:

- (iii) Make a table to calculate the necessary summations.
- (iv) Substituting those values in normal equations make two equations of a and b
- (v) Solve two equations for a and b .
- (vi) substitute the values of a and b in $y = ax + b$.

Problem

Problem 01: Use the method of least squares to fit a straight line to the following data:

x	0	5	10	15	20
y	7	11	16	20	26

Estimate the value of y when $x = 25$.

Solution :

Let the least square straight line to be fitted to the given data be $y = ax + b$(1)

Then the normal Equations are:

$$\Sigma y = a \Sigma x + bn \text{(2)}$$

$$\Sigma xy = a \Sigma x^2 + b \Sigma x \text{(3)}$$

Here the number of data points of x , $n = 5$.

Calculation for finding the coefficients a and b of the least square line.

x	y	xy	x^2
0	7	0	0
5	11	55	25
10	16	160	100
15	20	300	225
20	26	520	400
$\Sigma x = 50$	$\Sigma y = 80$	$\Sigma xy = 1035$	$\Sigma x^2 = 750$



Now putting these values in the above equations (2) and (3) we get

$$50a + 5b = 80 \dots\dots (4)$$

$$750a + 50b = 1035 \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

**Solving above equations we get, $a = 0.94$ and
 $b = 6.6$**



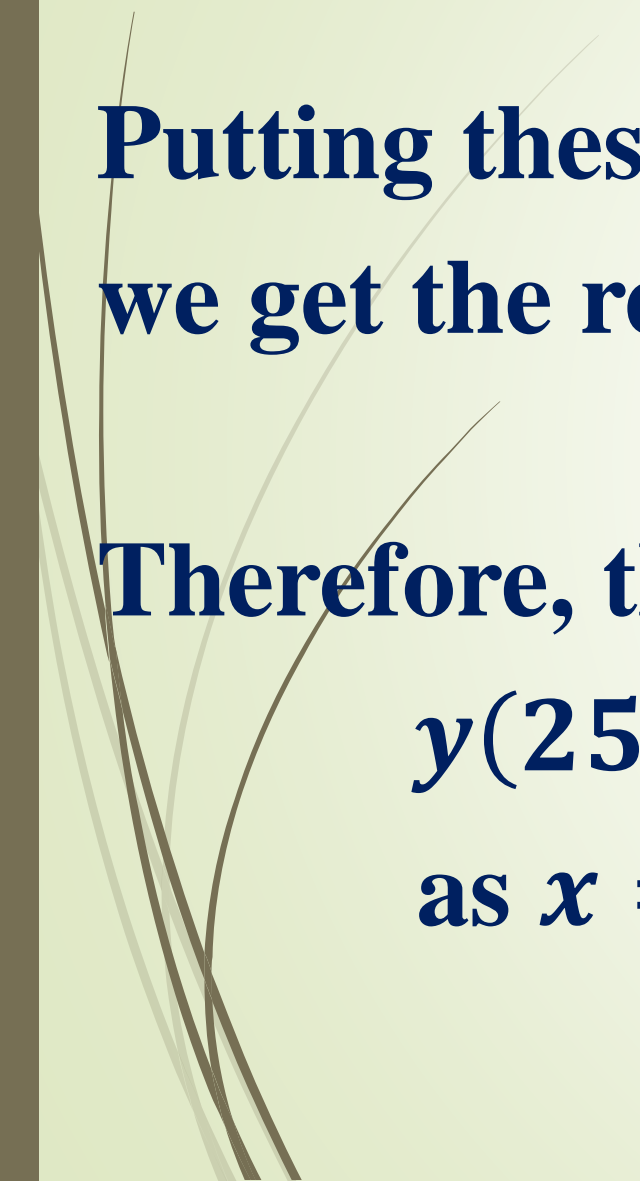
**Putting these values in the equation $y = ax + b$
we get the required line as**

$$y = 0.94x + 6.6$$

Therefore, the expected value of y at $x = 25$ is

$$y(25) = 0.94 \times 25 + 6.6 = 30.1$$

as $x = 25$.



Problem

**02: find the Least square line $y = ax + b$
for the data points**

**$(-1, 10), (0, 9), (1, 7), (2, 5), (3, 4), (4, 3), (5, 0),$
and $(6, -1)$.**

Solution

Let the least square straight line to be fitted to the given data be $y = ax + b$(1)

Then the normal Equations are:

$$\sum y = a \sum x + bn \text{(2)}$$

$$\sum xy = a \sum x^2 + b \sum x \text{(3)}$$

Here the number of data points of x , $n = 8$.



Calculation for finding the coefficients a and b of the least square line.



x	y	x y	x ²
-1	10	-10	1
0	9	0	0
1	7	7	1
2	5	10	4
3	4	12	9
4	3	12	16
5	0	0	25
6	-1	-6	36
$\Sigma x = 20$	$\Sigma y = 37$	$\Sigma xy = 25$	$\Sigma x^2 = 92$



Now putting these values in the above equations (2) and (3) we get

$$92a + 20b = 25 \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

$$20a + 8b = 37 \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

**Solving above equations we get, $a = -1.60714$ and
 $b = 8.64286$**



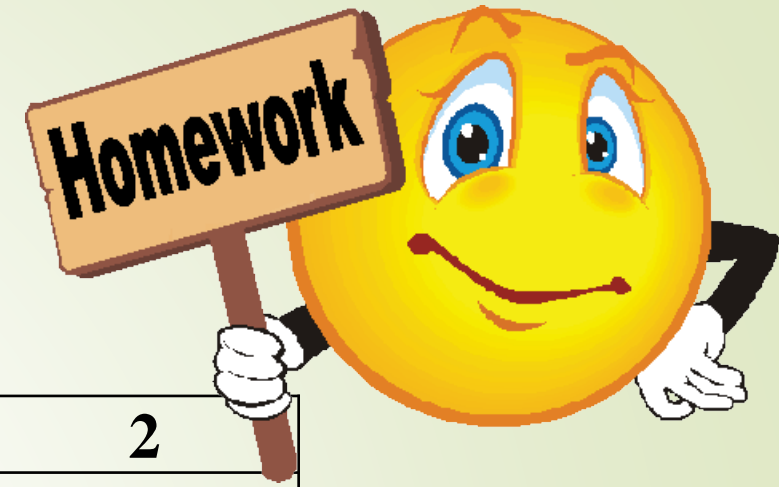
Putting these values in the equation

$$***y = ax + b***$$

we get the required line

$$**\text{as } y = -1.6071x + 8.64286.**$$

Home work



1. Find the least square line $y = ax + b$ for the data

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
y	1	2	3	3	4

2. Find the values of a_0 and a_1 so that $y = a_0 + a_1x$ fits the data given in the table:

x	0	1	2	3	4
y	1	2.9	4.8	6.7	8.6

3. Fit a straight line of the form $y = a_0 + a_1x$ to the data:

x	1	2	3	4	6	8
y	2.4	3.1	3.5	4.2	5	6

Exercise 4

4. The table below gives the temperature T (in $^{\circ}\text{C}$) and length l (in mm) of a heated rod. If $l = a_0 + a_1T$ find the values of a_0 and a_1 using linear least squares

T	40	50	60	70	80
l	600.5	600.6	600.8	600.9	601



5. Find the least square line $y = ax + b$ for the data

x	-4	-2	0	2	4
y	1.2	2.8	6.2	7.8	13.2

