

CE 601: Numerical Methods

Lecture 18

Multi-Variate Regression; Numerical Differentiation

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- We have already discussed on using method of least squares to fit polynomials (approximately-fit polynomials) for the given data set
- This process of fitting is called regression.
- We can also do regression for multi-variate cases.

Say if $f = f(x, y)$

We want to approximate the actual function ' f ' with a multi-variate polynomial ' Z '.

i.e. $f \approx Z = f(x, y)$

Then $Z = A + Bx + Cy$ (Linear regression)

$$\therefore e_i = f_i - Z_i$$

Minimize sum of square of errors

$$\text{i.e. } \sum_{i=0}^n e_i^2 = \sum_{i=0}^n (f_i - y_i)^2 = S$$

Criteria for minimisation: $\frac{\partial S}{\partial A} = 0, \frac{\partial S}{\partial B} = 0, \frac{\partial S}{\partial C} = 0.$

You will get the normal equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} (n+1) & \sum x_i & \sum y_i \\ \sum x_i & \sum x_i^2 & \sum x_i y_i \\ \sum y_i & \sum x_i y_i & \sum y_i^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum f_i \\ \sum x_i f_i \\ \sum y_i f_i \end{bmatrix}$$

→ If you have higher degree multi-variate polynomial

approximations, say, $Z = a_0 + a_1x + b_1y + a_2x^2 + b_2y^2 + c_2xy$

There are 6 parameters: $a_0, a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, c_2$

→ You require that many number of normal equations to find these parameters or coefficients.

Extension of Method of Least Squares to fit non-linear curves that are not polynomials

- We have seen till now, this regressive technique to get polynomials for a given data set
→ The polynomials may be linear or non-linear.

Q. What happens if polynomial fitting is not suitable for certain types of data

Soln. You may have to go for some other non-linear curve fitting.

Power equation $y = Ax^B$

Exponential equation $y = Ae^{Bx}$

To fit such non-linear equation, we can apply the method of least squares.

1) Power fit

For the data set (x_i, f_i) , if $f \approx y(x)$ is more appropriate where $y = ax^b$ (The power equation)

We will linearise this expression:

$$\ln(y) = \ln(a) + b \ln(x)$$

$$\boxed{Y = A + B X}, \text{ where } Y = \ln(y), A = \ln(a), B = b, X = \ln(x).$$

Once, this form is made, the earlier description is used to find A and B and then $a = e^A$.

2) Exponential fit

If $f \approx y(x)$, where $y = a e^{bx}$,

then again, $\ln(y) = \ln(a) + bx$. Now linearise it and follow the same procedure as before.

3) Non-linear equation: Say if we want to fit,

$y = \frac{A}{1+Bx}$ or $y = \frac{A}{B+e^{Cx}}$ etc., then the above linearisation procedure will not work.

Define $e_i^2 = (f_i - y_i)^2$ and $S = \sum_{i=0}^n (f_i - y_i)^2 = \sum_{i=0}^n \left(f_i - \frac{A}{1+Bx_i} \right)^2$

or for the other function $S = \sum_{i=0}^n \left(f_i - \frac{A}{B+e^{Cx_i}} \right)^2$

For minimum S , we want

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial A} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial S}{\partial B} = 0 \text{ and/or } \frac{\partial S}{\partial C} = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{\partial S}{\partial A} = 0 = \sum_{i=0}^n 2 \left(f_i - \frac{A}{1+Bx_i} \right) \left(\frac{-1}{1+Bx_i} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial B} = 0 = \sum_{i=0}^n 2 \left(f_i - \frac{A}{1+Bx_i} \right) \left(\frac{-x_i A}{(1+Bx_i)^2} \right)$$

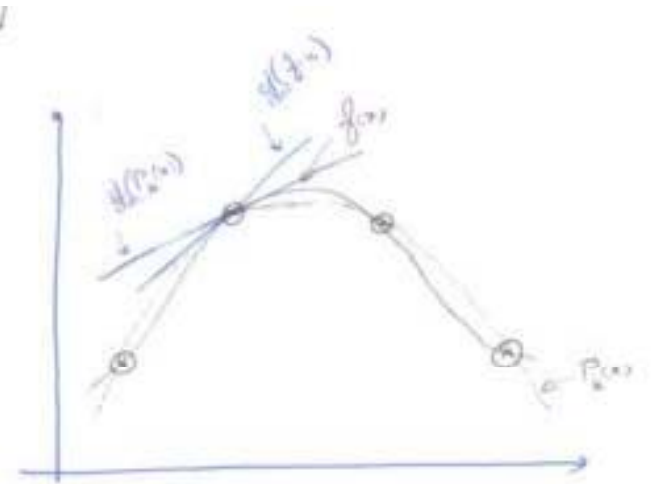
This is a system of non-linear equations in A and B . We can use Newton's iteration method to solve such non-linear systems and find the coefficients A and B .

Numerical Differentiation

We need the exactly fit or approximately fit polynomials to interpolate function values for a given data set (x_i, f_i) , $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$.

Say, $f(x) = P_k(x)$ (k^{th} degree polynomial)

$$\therefore f'(x) = P_k'(x); \text{ i.e. } \frac{d}{dx}(f(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}(P_k(x))$$



However, if we plot the data sometimes the derivatives at the data point may not be the same as in obvious from the difference in slope of $f(x)$ and $P_k(x)$.

$\therefore f'(x) = P_k'(x)$ (may not be true everytime).

Recall in the exactly fit polynomial. We used direct method.

$$f(x) \approx P_k(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_kx^k$$

$$\therefore f'(x) \approx P_k'(x) = a_1 + 2a_2x + \dots + ka_kx^{k-1}$$

- We can also use divided difference polynomials:

x	f	$f_i^{(1)}$	$f_i^{(2)}$	$f_i^{(3)}$
x_0	f_0	$f_0^{(1)}$		
x_1	f_1	$f_0^{(1)}$	$f_0^{(2)}$	$f_0^{(3)}$
x_2	f_2	$f_1^{(1)}$	$f_1^{(2)}$	
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	
x_n	f_n	$f_{n-1}^{(1)}$		

The divided differences $f_i^{(1)} = f[x_i, x_{i+1}] = \frac{f_{i+1} - f_i}{x_{i+1} - x_i}$

You can apply this polynomial this polynomial for uniformly spaced data.

$$f(x) \approx P_n(x) = f_i^{(0)} + (x - x_0)f_i^{(1)} + (x - x_0)(x - x_1)f_i^{(2)} \\ + \dots + (x - x_0)(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_{n-1})f_i^{(n)}$$

$$\therefore f'(x) \approx P_n'(x) = f_i^{(1)} + (2x - (x_0 + x_1))f_i^{(2)} + \dots$$

Similarly, you can find $f''(x) \approx P_n''(x)$, etc.

For equally spaced data, we may use Newton's forward or backward difference polynomial to approximate a function.

x	f	Δf	$\Delta^2 f$	$\Delta^3 f$
x_0	f_0	Δf_0	$\Delta^2 f_0$	$\Delta^3 f_0$
x_1	f_1	Δf_1	$\Delta^2 f_1$	$\Delta^3 f_1$
x_2	f_2	Δf_2	$\Delta^2 f_2$	$\Delta^3 f_2$
x_3	f_3	Δf_3	$\Delta^2 f_3$	$\Delta^3 f_3$

$$\Delta f_i = f_{i+1} - f_i; \Delta^2 f_i = \Delta f_{i+1} - \Delta f_i$$

Recall Newton's forward difference polynomial

$$P_n(x) = f_0 + s\Delta f_0 + \frac{s(s-1)}{2}\Delta^2 f_0 + \frac{s(s-1)(s-2)}{6}\Delta^3 f_0 \\ + \dots + \frac{s(s-1)(s-2)\dots(s-(n-1))}{n!}\Delta^n f_0, \text{ where } s = \frac{x-x_0}{\Delta x}.$$

The error in this n^{th} degree polynomial can be given as:

$$E(x) = \frac{s(s-1)(s-2)\dots(s-n)}{(n+1)!}\Delta x^{n+1}f_0 + \frac{s(s-1)(s-2)\dots(s-n-1)}{(n+2)!}\Delta x^{n+2}f_0 + \dots$$

We can write when $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$,

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta^2 y}{\Delta x^2} = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}; \quad (\text{i.e. } y^{(2)}); \quad \therefore \Delta^2 y \approx \Delta x^2 y^{(2)}$$

In a similar sense:

$$E(x) = \frac{s(s-1)(s-2)\dots(s-n)}{(n+1)!}(\Delta x)^{n+1} f^{(n+1)}(\zeta)$$

where $\Delta^{(n+1)} f \rightarrow (\Delta x)^{n+1} f^{(n+1)}(\zeta); x_0 \leq \zeta \leq x_n$.

\therefore Actual function, $f(x) = P_n(x) + E(x)$

However we suggest $f(x) \approx P_n(x)$

$$\therefore f'(x) \approx \frac{d}{dx}(P_n(x))$$

$$\text{From } s = \frac{x - x_0}{\Delta x}, \quad \therefore \frac{ds}{dx} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \text{ (Constant)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dx}(P_n(x)) = \frac{d}{ds}(P_n(s)) \frac{ds}{dx} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \frac{d}{ds}(P_n(s))$$

$$\text{i.e. } P_n'(x) = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \left[\Delta f_0 + \frac{2s-1}{2} \Delta^2 f_0 + \frac{3s^2-6s+2}{6} \Delta^3 f_0 + \dots \right]$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{d}{dx}(E(x)) = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \frac{d}{ds}(E(s)).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } f''(x) \approx P_n''(x) &= \frac{d}{dx}(P_n'(x)) = \frac{d}{ds}(P_n'(s)) \frac{ds}{dx} \\ &= \frac{1}{(\Delta x)^2} \left[\Delta^2 f_0 + (s-1) \Delta^3 f_0 + \frac{6s^2-18s+11}{12} \Delta^4 f_0 + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$