

# Intro to ML and Big Data

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**Do not attempt a Mihail homework the night it's due.**

## 1 Problem 1

Write **one** script that solves all the linear systems below, in order.

$$1 \quad \begin{cases} 5x_1 - 3x_2 + 2x_3 = 3 \\ 2x_1 + 4x_2 - x_3 = 7 \\ x_1 - 11x_2 + 4x_3 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$2 \quad \begin{cases} x_1 + 4x_3 = 13 \\ 4x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 = 7 \\ 2x_1 - 2x_2 - 7x_3 = -19 \end{cases}$$

$$3 \quad \begin{cases} -2x_1 + x_2 = -3 \\ x_1 + x_2 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$4 \quad \begin{cases} 10x_1 - 7x_2 = 7 \\ -3x_1 + 2x_2 - 6x_3 = 4 \\ 5x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 = -19 \end{cases}$$

$$5 \quad \begin{cases} x_1 + 4x_2 - x_3 + x_4 = 2 \\ 2x_1 + 7x_2 + x_3 - 2x_4 = 16 \\ x_1 + 4x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 = -15 \\ 3x_1 - 10x_2 - 2x_3 + 5x_4 = -15 \end{cases}$$

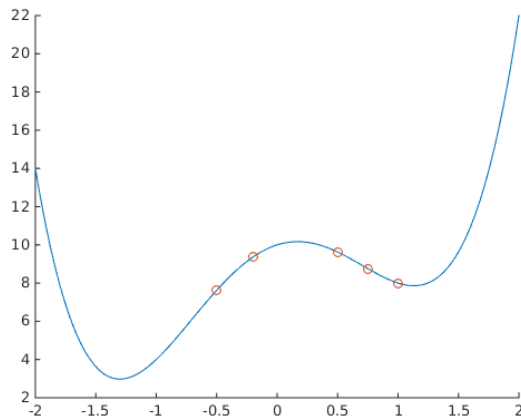


Figure 1: 4th degree polynomial

## 2 Problem 2 - curve fitting

You are given 5 data points sampled (without noise) from a fourth degree polynomial.

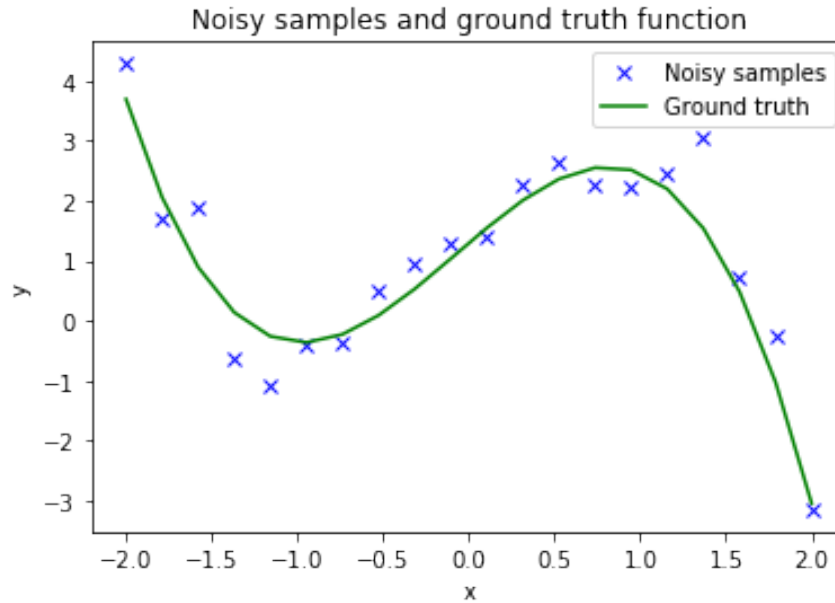
$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x^1 + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4$$

This polynomial (and the data points) are shown in Figure 1.

Given the following data points:

$x$	$f(x)$
-0.5	7.625
-0.2	9.3632
0.5	9.625
0.75	8.7578
1	8

solve for the polynomial's coefficients  $(a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4)$ . You have to formulate this curve fitting problem as the solution to a linear system of equations, with 5 equations and 5 unknowns. Each equation corresponds to one data point, and can be thought of as a constraint on the possible fourth degree polynomials. Write a Python script to generate the system and solve it using the method shown in class, matrix inverse. Set up the coefficients matrix  $A$ , the column bias vector  $b$ , then the solution to the system will be your coefficients, that you compute as follows:  $x = A^{-1}b$ . Write a script that produces the plot in Figure 1.



### 3 Problem 2 - curve fitting

In this problem, you are given some code that samples data points from a known cubic (generated at random):

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# this defines the family of cubics
f = lambda w, x: w[0] + w[1]*x + w[2]*(x**2) + w[3]*(x**3)

# sample 20 equally spaced values between -2 and 2
dom = np.linspace(-2, 2, 20)

# generate noisy data points, as values of a particular cubic + noise
val = f(w, dom) + np.random.randn(20)/2

# generate ground truth samples for visualization only
val_truth = f(w, dom)

# plot
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1)
ax.plot(dom, val, 'bx')
ax.plot(dom, val_truth, '-g')
ax.legend(('Noisy samples', 'Ground truth'))
ax.set_xlabel('x')
ax.set_ylabel('y')
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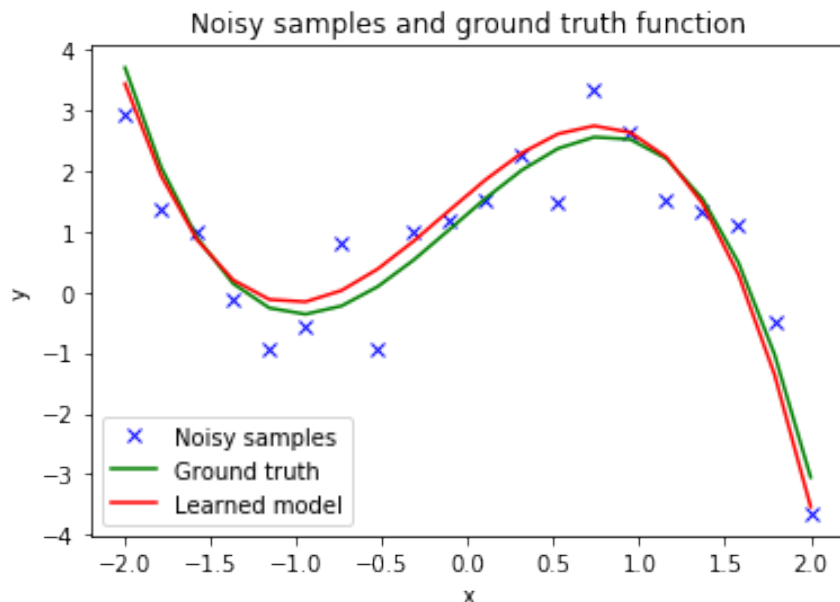


Figure 2: Final output

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ax.set_title('Noisy samples and ground truth function')
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Using a similar technique as in Problem 2, formulate an **overdetermined** system of linear equations (linear with respect to model coefficients). This system will have more equations than unknowns, hence an exact solution **does not exist**. However, an approximate solution exists and can be found by least squares. You will use a numpy implementation of such a function, from the linear algebra package, called: *lstsq*. A complete reference to this function can be found here: <https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy-1.13.0/reference/generated/numpy.linalg.lstsq.html>. Your script will produce an output similar to Figure 2.

## Due dates

Problems due before midnight, Thursday September 12th. Submit via electronic assignment submission web page as assignment 1.

## Useful links

- Systems of equations with the same number of equations and unknowns: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/System\\_of\\_linear\\_equations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/System_of_linear_equations)
- Underdetermined systems of equations: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Overdetermined\\_system](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Overdetermined_system)
- Least squares approximation: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Least\\_squares](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Least_squares)

- Tiling vectors and matrices: <http://lagrange.univ-lyon1.fr/docs/numpy/1.11.0/reference/generated/numpy.tile.html>