

Interpolation

From test, a set of data are obtained;

$(x_o, y_o), (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$

(with $n+1$ points), construct a polynomial of degree (n) to pass through the above points:

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots + a_nx^n$$

The coefficients ($a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$) are obtained from the data above;

$$(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$$

$(x_o, y_o);$

$$y_o = a_o + a_1 x_o + a_2 x_o^2 + a_3 x_o^3 + \dots + a_n x_o^n \dots (1)$$

$(x_1, y_1);$

$$y_1 = a_o + a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_1^2 + a_3 x_1^3 + \dots + a_n x_1^n \dots (2)$$

$(x_2, y_2);$

$$y_2 = a_o + a_1 x_2 + a_2 x_2^2 + a_3 x_2^3 + \dots + a_n x_2^n \dots (3)$$

\vdots

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$(x_n, y_n);$

$$y_n = a_o + a_1 x_n + a_2 x_n^2 + a_3 x_n^3 + \dots + a_n x_n^n \dots (n + 1)$$

- 1– *No. of variables* $(n+1)$ $(a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$
- 2– *No. of equations* $(n+1)$
- 3– *Solve by (Gauss – Elimination), as example*

Example : The following data are obtained from test :

$x_i : 0 \quad 1 \quad 3 \quad 4$

$y_i : 1 \quad 2 \quad 10 \quad 17$

*Required : i) Construct a polynomial equation
passing through the points
ii) $f(x)$ at $x = 2$*

Solution :

$$f(x) = a_o + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$$

(0,1);

$$1 = a_o + a_1(0) + a_2(0)^2 + a_3(0)^3 \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

(1,2);

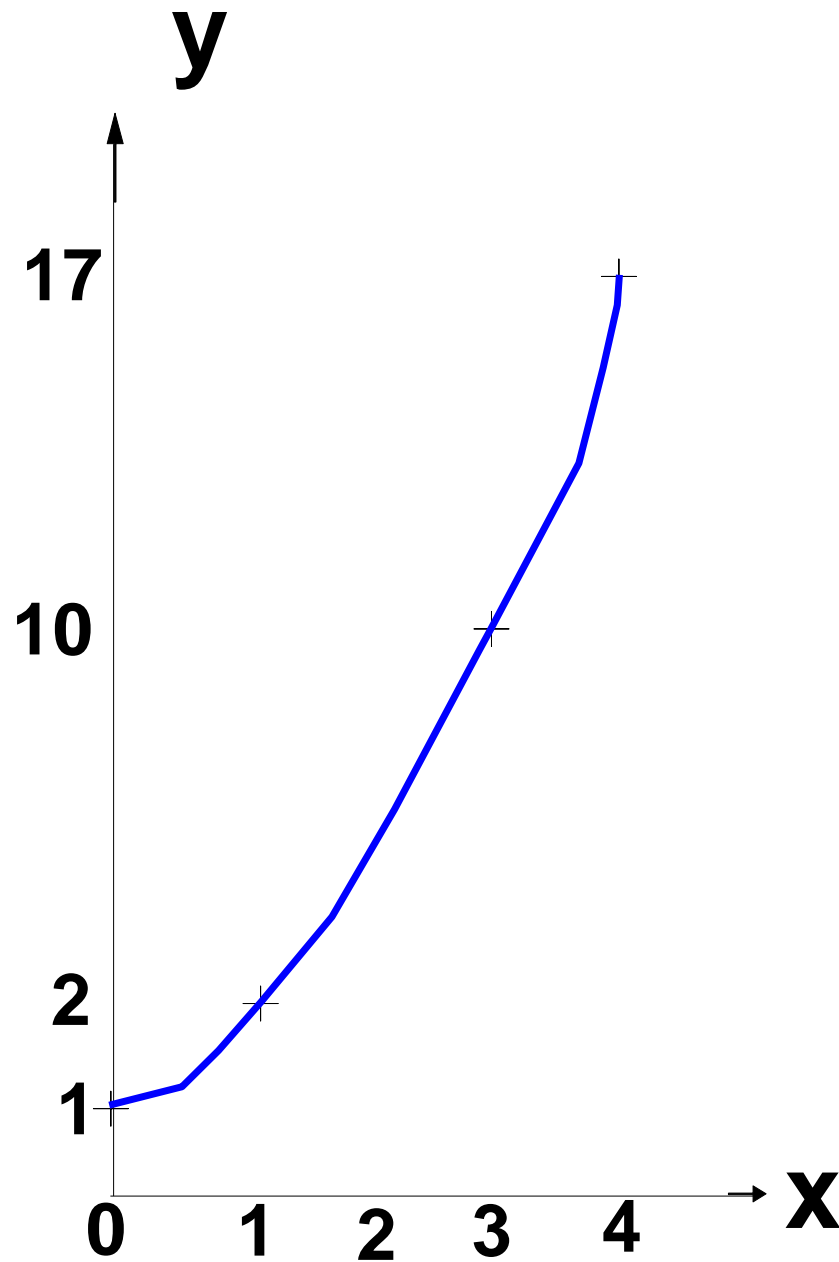
$$2 = a_o + a_1(1) + a_2(1)^2 + a_3(1)^3 \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

(3,10);

$$10 = a_o + a_1(3) + a_2(3)^2 + a_3(3)^3 \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

(4,17);

$$17 = a_o + a_1(4) + a_2(4)^2 + a_3(4)^3 \dots\dots\dots(4)$$



$$a_o = 1,$$

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 1$$

$$3a_1 + 9a_2 + 27a_3 = 9$$

$$4a_1 + 16a_2 + 64a_3 = 16$$

Solve the above equations; get;

$$a_1 = 0, \quad a_2 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad a_3 = 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \therefore y = f(x) &= a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 \\ &= 1 + x^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{At } x = 2 \Rightarrow f(x) = 1 + (2)^2 = 5$$

Differences of Interpolating polynomials:

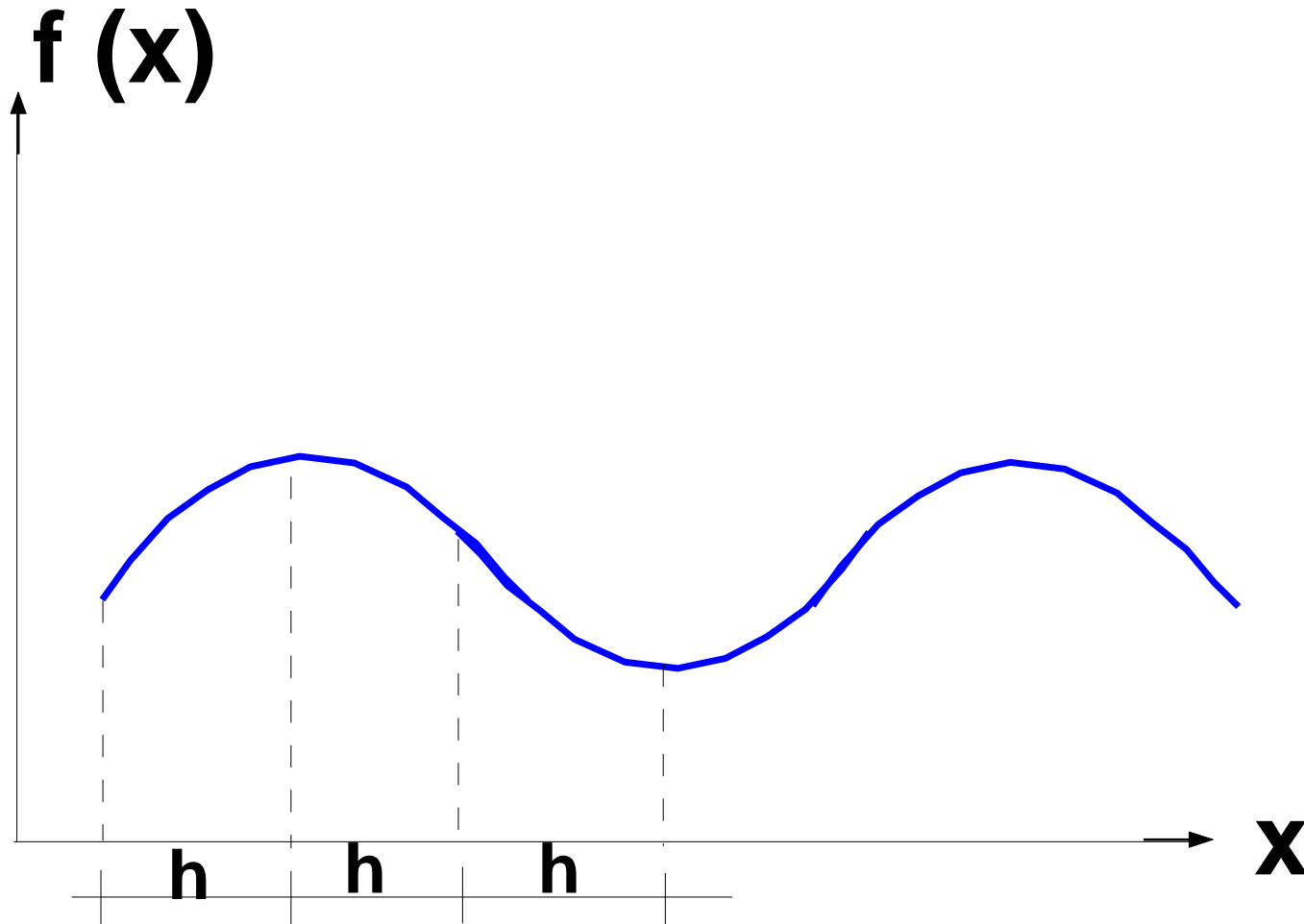
1 – Newton forward Interpolating :

Suppose that a table relating a dependent variable $f(x)$ to an independent variable x is given as :

x_i	:	x_o	x_1	x_2	x_n
$f(x_i)$:	$f(x_o)$	$f(x_1)$	$f(x_2)$	$f(x_n)$

$$\Delta f x_i = f_{i+1} - f_i$$

$$h = x_{i+1} - x_i \quad (\text{equal intervals})$$



x_i	$f(x_i)$	Δf	$\Delta^2 f$	$\Delta^3 f$	$\Delta^4 f$
x_0	$f(x_0)$				
		Δf_0			
x_1	$f(x_1)$		$\Delta^2 f_0$		
		Δf_1		$\Delta^3 f_0$	
x_2	$f(x_2)$		$\Delta^2 f_1$		$\Delta^4 f_0$
		Δf_2		$\Delta^3 f_1$	
x_3	$f(x_3)$		$\Delta^2 f_2$		
		Δf_3			
x_4	$f(x_4)$				

$$f(x+h) = Ef(x_i)$$

$E = \text{Shift operator}$

$$f(x+2h) = E^2 f(x_i)$$

$$f(x+\alpha h) = E^\alpha f(x_i)$$

$$E = 1 + \Delta$$

$$\alpha = \frac{x - x_i}{h}$$

$$f(x+\alpha h) = E^\alpha f(x_i) = (1 + \Delta)^\alpha f(x_i)$$

By binomial formula :

$$f(x + \alpha h) = \left[1 + \Delta \alpha + \Delta^2 \frac{\alpha(\alpha - 1)}{2!} + \right. \\ \left. \Delta^3 \frac{\alpha(\alpha - 1)(\alpha - 2)}{3!} + \dots \right] f(x_i)$$

2 – Newton Backward Interpolating :

$$E = 1 - \Delta$$

$$f(x + \alpha h) = \left[1 + \Delta\alpha + \Delta^2 \frac{\alpha(\alpha + 1)}{2!} + \Delta^3 \frac{\alpha(\alpha + 1)(\alpha + 2)}{3!} + \dots \right] f(x_i)$$

*Example : Given the following data, approximate
the functional value at $(x = 1.5)$*

$x_i :$	0	1	2	3	4
$y_i :$	-1	0	3	8	15

Solution

x_i	$f(x_i)$	Df	D^2f	D^3f
0	-1			
		1		
1	0		2	
		3		0
2	3		2	
		5		0
3	8		2	
		7		
4	15			

1- *Forward* : $x = 1.5$ $h = 1$

$$\alpha = \frac{x - x_i}{h} ; \quad x_i = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1.5 - 0}{1} = 1.5$$

$$f(x + \alpha h) = f(1.5) = \left[1 + \alpha \Delta + \Delta^2 \frac{\alpha(\alpha - 1)}{2!} \right] f(x_i)$$

$$f(x) = -1, \quad \Delta f(x) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta^2 f(x) = 2$$

$$f(1.5) = \left[-1 + 1.5 * 1 + 2 * \frac{1.5(1.5 - 1)}{2} \right] = 0.5 + 0.75 = 1.25$$

$$1 - \text{Backward} : x = 1.5 \quad h = 1 \quad x_i = 3$$

$$\alpha = \frac{x - x_i}{h} ;$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1.5 - 3}{1} = -1.5$$

$$\text{At } x = 3$$

$$f(x) = 8, \quad \Delta f(x) = 5 \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta^2 f(x) = 2$$

$$f(1.5) = [1 + \alpha$$

$$f(1.5) = [1 + \Delta\alpha + \Delta^2 \frac{\alpha(\alpha + 1)}{2!}] f(x_i)$$

$$f(1.5) = [8 + 5 * (-1.5) + 2 * \frac{-1.5(-1.5 + 1)}{2}]$$

$$= 8 + 7.5 + 0.75 = 1.25$$

3 – Lagrange Interpolation

Consider $(x_o, y_o), (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$

Lagrange Interpolation Polynomial is:

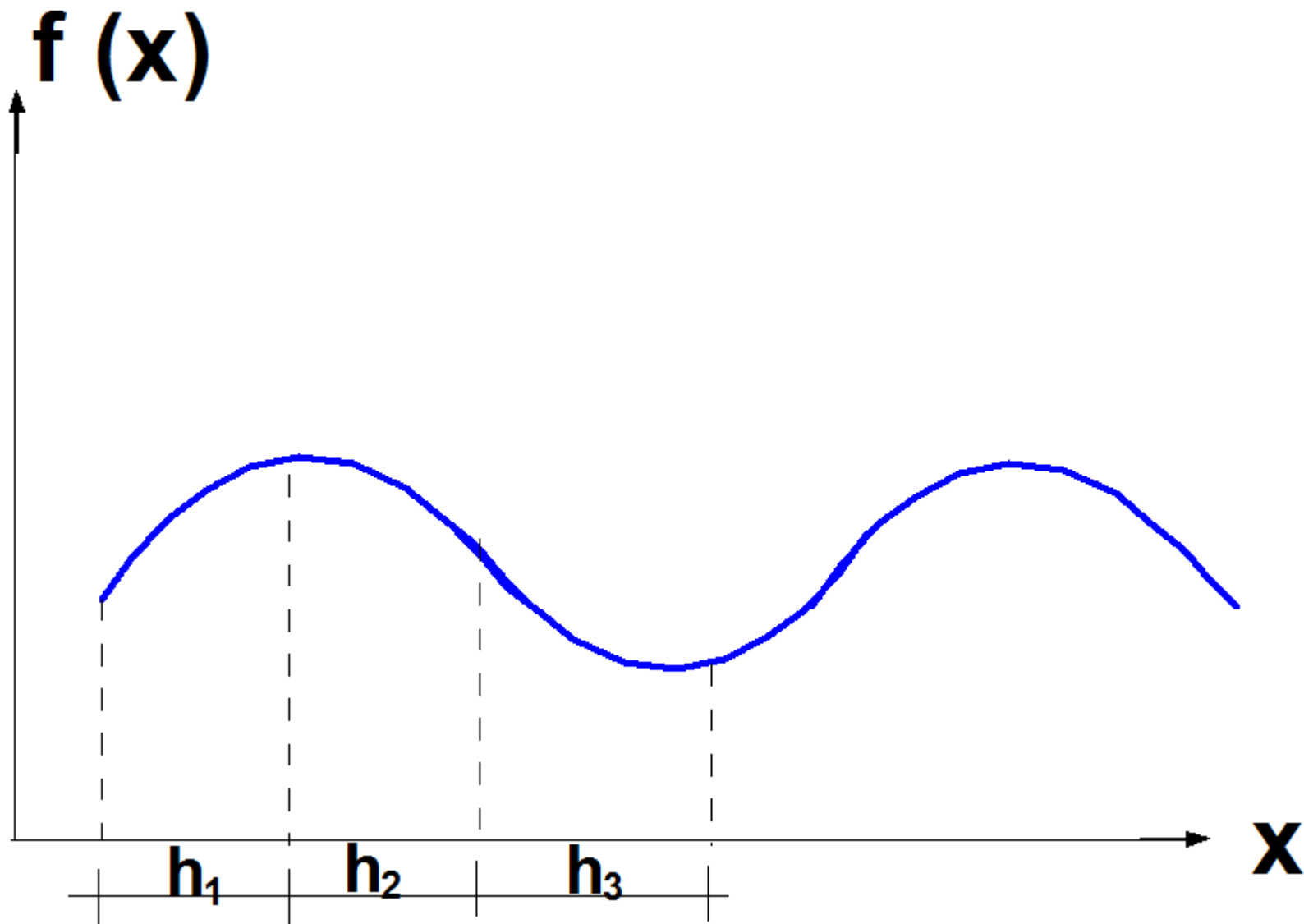
$$f(x) = Ln(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{k=n} \frac{\ell_k(x)}{\ell_k(x_k)} y_k$$

$$\ell_o = (x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3) \dots$$

$$\ell_1 = (x - x_o)(x - x_2)(x - x_3) \dots$$

\vdots

$$\ell_3 = (x - x_o)(x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_4) \dots$$



$$f(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)(x-x_3)....}{(x_o-x_1)(x_o-x_2)(x_o-x_3).....} * y_o +$$

$$\frac{(x-x_o)(x-x_2)(x-x_3)....}{(x_1-x_o)(x_1-x_2)(x_1-x_3).....} * y_1 +$$

$$\frac{(x-x_o)(x-x_1)(x-x_3)....}{(x_2-x_o)(x_2-x_1)(x_2-x_3).....} * y_2 +$$

$$(x = x_o) \Rightarrow f(x) = y_o \quad ; (x = x_1) \Rightarrow f(x) = y_1$$

Or:

$$\begin{aligned} y = f(x) = & \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3) \dots (x - x_n)}{(x_o - x_1)(x_o - x_2)(x_o - x_3) \dots (x_o - x_n)} * y_o + \\ & \frac{(x - x_o)(x - x_2)(x - x_3) \dots (x - x_n)}{(x_1 - x_o)(x_1 - x_2)(x_1 - x_3) \dots (x_1 - x_n)} * y_1 + \\ & \frac{(x - x_o)(x - x_1)(x - x_3) \dots (x - x_n)}{(x_2 - x_o)(x_2 - x_1)(x_2 - x_3) \dots (x_2 - x_n)} * y_2 + \dots \\ & + \frac{(x - x_o)(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_{n-1})}{(x_n - x_o)(x_n - x_1)(x_n - x_3) \dots (x_n - x_{n-1})} * y_n \end{aligned}$$

Example : Given

$$x_i : 0 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 5$$

$$y_i : 1 \quad 7 \quad 13 \quad 31$$

Required : $f(x)$ at $x = 4$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y = f(4) &= \frac{(4-2)(4-3)(4-5)}{(0-2)(0-3)(0-5)} * 1 + \frac{(4-0)(4-3)(4-5)}{(2-0)(2-3)(2-5)} * 7 \\
 &\quad + \frac{(4-0)(4-2)(4-5)}{(3-0)(3-2)(3-5)} * 13 + \frac{(4-0)(4-2)(4-3)}{(5-0)(5-2)(5-3)} * 31 \\
 &= \frac{2 * 1 * (-1)}{-2 * (-3)(-5)} * 1 + \frac{4 * 1 * (-1)}{2 * (-1)(-3)} * 7 + \frac{4 * 2 * (-1)}{3 * 1 * (-2)} * 13 + \frac{4 * 2 * 1}{5 * 3 * 2} * 31 \\
 &= \frac{-2}{-30} * 1 + \frac{-4}{6} * 7 + \frac{-8}{-6} * 13 + \frac{8}{30} * 31 = 21
 \end{aligned}$$

Example : Given

$$x_i : \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 5$$

$$y_i : \quad 0 \quad 3 \quad 8 \quad 14$$

Required : $f(x)$ at $x = 4$

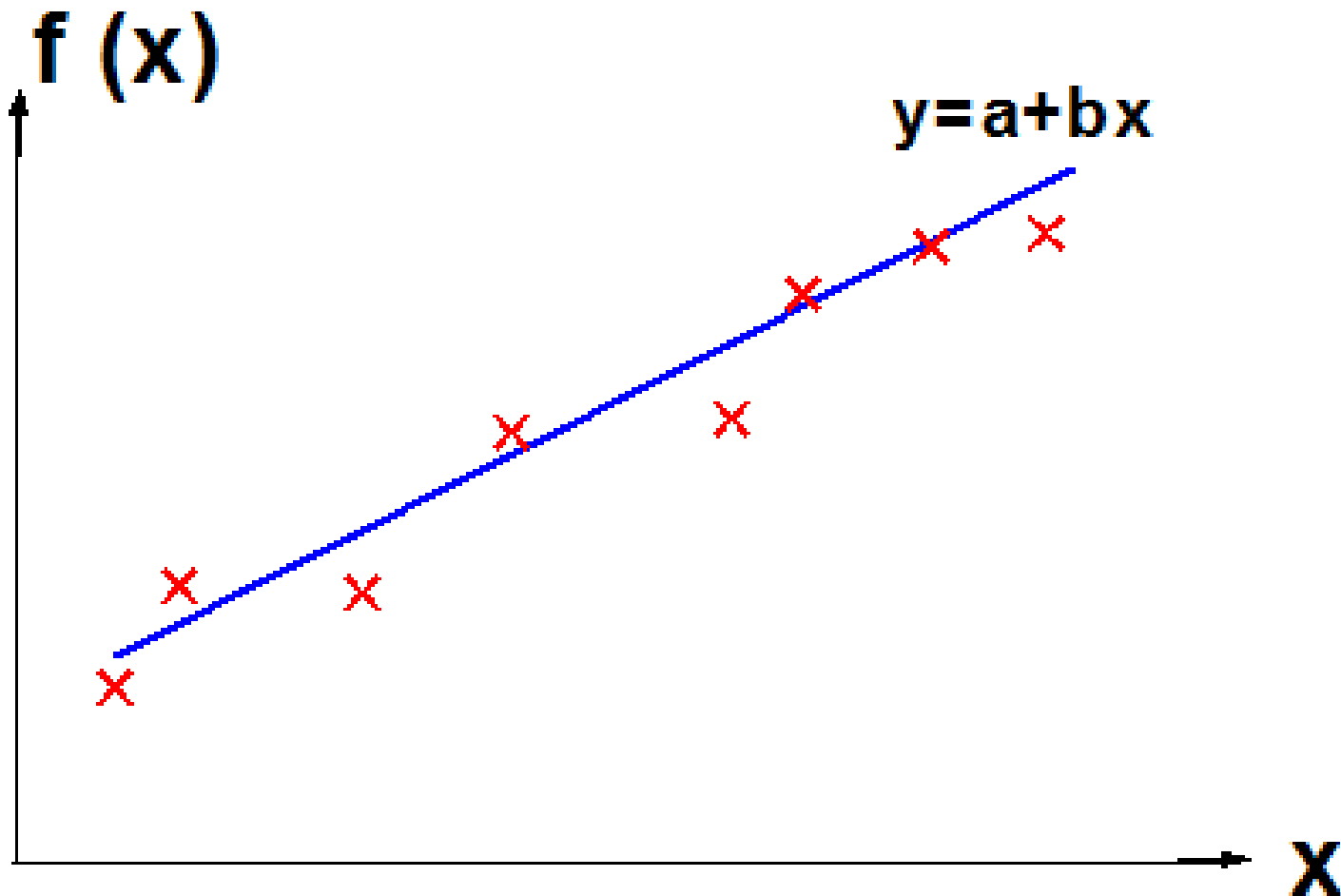
$$\begin{aligned}
 y = f(4) &= \frac{(4-2)(4-3)(4-5)}{(1-2)(1-3)(1-5)} * 0 + \frac{(4-1)(4-3)(4-5)}{(2-1)(2-3)(2-5)} * 3 \\
 &\quad + \frac{(4-1)(4-2)(4-5)}{(3-1)(3-2)(3-5)} * 8 + \frac{(4-1)(4-2)(4-3)}{(5-1)(5-2)(5-3)} * 24 \\
 &= 0 + \frac{3 * 1 * (-1)}{1 * (-1) * (-3)} * 3 + \frac{3 * 2 * (-1)}{2 * 1 * (-2)} * 8 + \frac{3 * 2 * 1}{4 * 3 * 2} * 24 \\
 &= \frac{-3}{3} * 3 + \frac{-6}{-4} * 8 + \frac{6}{24} * 24 = 15
 \end{aligned}$$

Curve Fitting

The method of Least squares

Consider a sample of $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3) \dots (x_n, y_n)$ of size (n) . It is required to draw a best line passing through the points above, such that the sum of the square errors measured in $(y - \text{direction})$ is minimum.

We shall study the best straight line through the given points.



Suppose that the best line is :

$$y = a + bx$$

$$e_i = (\text{error at } x = x_i) = y_i - (a + bx_i) = y_i - y$$

$$\sum e_i = \sum [y_i - (a + bx_i)]$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (e_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i - (a + bx_i)]^2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (e_i)^2 = S$$

$$\therefore S = \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i - (a + bx_i)]^2$$

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$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a} = 2 \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \{y_i - (a + bx_i)\} \right] (-1) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n [y_i - (a + bx_i)] = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n (a + bx_i) = 0$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n (a + bx_i)$$

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

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = an + b \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad (1)$$

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i - (a + bx_i)]^2$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial b} = 2 \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \{y_i - (a + bx_i)\} \right] (-x_i) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n [y_i - (a + bx_i)] x_i = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n (a + bx_i) x_i = 0$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n (a + bx_i) x_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n ax_i + \sum_{i=1}^n bx_i^2$$

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

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = an + b \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

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The Eqs. (1) and (2) can be written in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} n & \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i & \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Example : Required the best straight line passing through the points :

$$x_i : 0 \quad 1 \quad 3 \quad 4$$

$$y_i : 1 \quad 3 \quad 7 \quad 10$$

Solution :

	x_i	y_i	$y_i x_i$	x_i^2
	0	1	0	0
	1	3	3	1
	3	7	21	9
	4	10	40	16
Σ	8	21	64	26

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 8 & 26 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 21 \\ 64 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4a + 8b = 21$$

$$8a + 26b = 64$$

Solve the above Eqs. getting $a = 0.85$ & $b = 2.2$

$$y = a + bx$$

$$\therefore y = 0.85 + 2.2x$$

Example : Fit the data shown below with a best line passing through the origin : $[y = bx]$.

$x_i :$ 1 2 3 5

$y_i :$ 2 5 7 9

Solution :

	x_i	y_i	$y_i x_i$	x_i^2
	1	2	2	1
	2	5	10	4
	3	7	21	9
	5	9	45	25
Σ	11	23	78	39

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i - bx_i]^2$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial b} = \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i - bx_i] (-2x_i)$$

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

$$\therefore b = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} = \frac{78}{39} = 2$$

$$\therefore y = 2x$$

Example : Find the best curve ($y = ae^{bx}$) passing through the points :

$x_i :$	0	1	3	6
$y_i :$	2	3	9	40

Solution : By taking Log. of both sides :

$$\ln y = \ln ae^{bx} = \ln a + \ln e^{ax}$$

$$Y = A + bx \quad \text{such that } (Y = \ln y \text{ \& } A = \ln a)$$

	x_i	y_i	$Y_i = \ln y_i$	$x_i Y_i$	x_i^2
	0	2	0.693	0	0
	1	3	1.0986	1.0986	1
	3	9	2.197	6.591	9
	6	40	3.689	22.134	36
Σ	10		7.677	29.8236	46

$$\begin{bmatrix} n & \sum x_i \\ \sum x_i & \sum x_i^2 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} A \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum Y_i \\ \sum x_i Y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 10 \\ 10 & 46 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7.677 \\ 29.8236 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve the above Eqs. getting $A = 0.6536 = \ln a \Rightarrow a = 1.9225$
& $b = 0.5064$

$$\therefore y = 1.9225 e^{0.5064x}$$

In the case of Quadratic Parabola :

$$y = a_o + a_1x + a_2x^2$$

$$e_i = y_i - (a_o + a_1x_i + a_2x_i^2)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (e_i)^2 = S = \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i - (a_o + a_1x_i + a_2x_i^2)]^2$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_o} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = na_o + a_1 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + a_2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_1} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i = a_o \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + a_1 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 + a_2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^3 \dots\dots(2)$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_2} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 y_i = a_o \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 + a_1 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^3 + a_2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^4 \dots\dots(3)$$

In general :

$$y = a_o + a_1x + a_2x^2 + + a_nx^n$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_o} = 0 \quad(1)$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_1} = 0 \quad(2)$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_2} = 0 \quad(3)$$

\vdots

\vdots

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_n} = 0 \quad(n + 1)$$