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Some popular nonlinear regression models:

1. Exponential model: $(y = ae^{bx})$
2. Power model: $(y = ax^{b})$
3. Saturation growth model: $\left(y = \frac{ax}{b+x}\right)$
4. Polynomial model: $(y = a_0 + a_1 x + \ldots + a_m x^m)$

Nonlinear Regression

Given *n* data points $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \ldots, (x_n, y_n)$ best fit $y = f(x)$ to the data, where $f(x)$ is a nonlinear function of x .

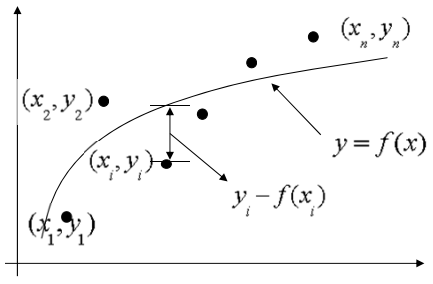

Figure. Nonlinear regression model for discrete y vs. x data

Regression
Exponential Model

Exponential Model

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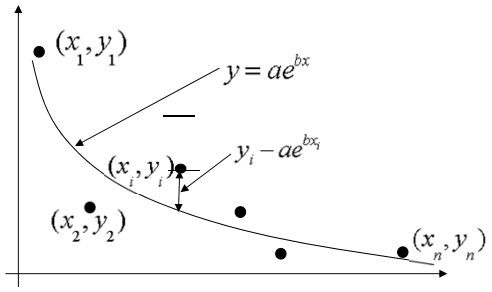


Figure. Exponential model of nonlinear regression for y vs. x data

Finding Constants of Exponential Model

The sum of the square of the residuals is defined as

$$S_r = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(y_i - ae^{bx_i} \right)^2$$

Differentiate with respect to *a* and *b*

$$\frac{\partial S_r}{\partial a} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} 2\left(y_i - ae^{bx_i} \right)\left(-e^{bx_i} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial S_r}{\partial b} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} 2\left(y_i - ae^{bx_i} \right)\left(-ax_i e^{bx_i} \right) = 0$$

Finding Constants of Exponential Model

Rewriting the equations, we obtain

$$-\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i e^{bx_i} + a\sum_{i=1}^{n} e^{2bx_i} = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i x_i e^{bx_i} - a\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i e^{2bx_i} = 0$$

Finding constants of Exponential Model

Solving the first equation for a yields

$$a = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i e^{bx_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} e^{2bx_i}}$$

Substituting a back into the previous equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i x_i e^{bx_i} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i e^{bx_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} e^{2bx_i}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i e^{2bx_i} = 0$$

The constant b can be found through numerical methods such as bisection method.

Example 1-Exponential Model

Many patients get concerned when a test involves injection of a radioactive material. For example for scanning a gallbladder, a few drops of Technetium-99m isotope is used. Half of the Technetium-99m would be gone in about 6 hours. It, however, takes about 24 hours for the radiation levels to reach what we are exposed to in day-to-day activities. Below is given the relative intensity of radiation as a function of time.

Table. Relative intensity of radiation as a function of time.

t(hrs)	0	1	3	5	7	9
γ	1.000	0.891	0.708	0.562	0.447	0.355

Example 1-Exponential Model cont.

The relative intensity is related to time by the equation

$$\gamma = Ae^{\lambda t}$$

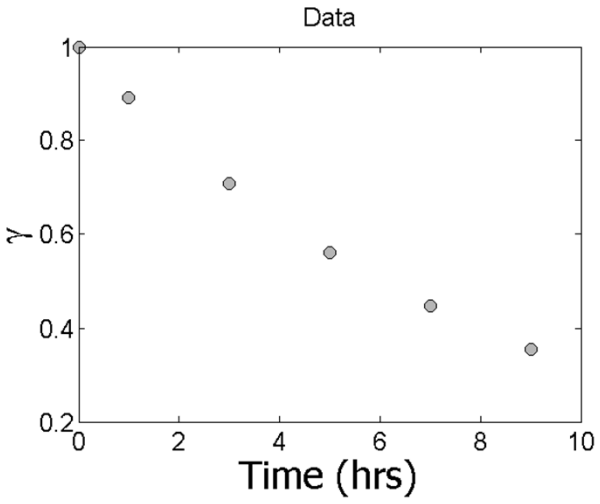
Find:

a) The value of the regression constants A and λ

b) The half-life of Technetium-99m

c) Radiation intensity after 24 hours

Plot of data



Constants of the Model

$$\gamma = Ae^{\lambda t}$$

The value of λ is found by solving the nonlinear equation

$$f(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \gamma_i t_i e^{\lambda t_i} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \gamma_i e^{\lambda t_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} e^{2\lambda t_i}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} t_i e^{2\lambda t_i} = 0$$

$$A = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \gamma_i e^{\lambda t_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} e^{2\lambda t_i}}$$

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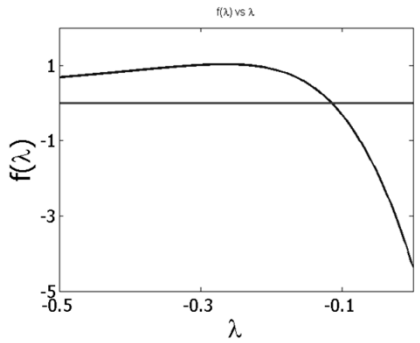

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$$\lambda = -0.1151$$

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t=[0 1  3  5  7  9]
gamma=[1  0.891  0.708  0.562  0.447  0.355]
syms lamda
sum1=sum(gamma.*t.*exp(lamda*t));
sum2=sum(gamma.*exp(lamda*t));
sum3=sum(exp(2*lamda*t));
sum4=sum(t.*exp(2*lamda*t));
f=sum1-sum2/sum3*sum4;
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Calculating the Other Constant

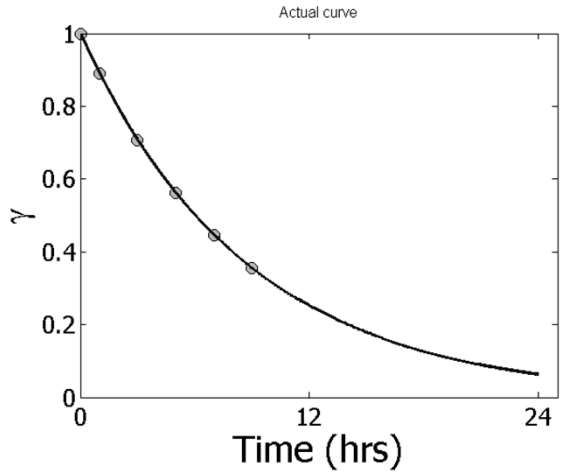
The value of *A* can now be calculated

$$A = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{6} \gamma_i e^{\lambda t_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{6} e^{2\lambda t_i}} = 0.9998$$

The exponential regression model then is

$$\gamma = 0.9998\, e^{-0.1151t}$$

Plot of data and regression curve



Relative Intensity After 24 hrs

The relative intensity of radiation after 24 hours

$$\gamma = 0.9998 \times e^{-0.1151(24)}$$

$$= 6.3160 \times 10^{-2}$$

This result implies that only

$$\frac{6.316 \times 10^{-2}}{0.9998} \times 100 = 6.317\%$$

radioactive intensity is left after 24 hours.

Homework

- What is the half-life of Technetium-99m isotope?
- Write a program in the language of your choice to find the constants of the model.
- Compare the constants of this regression model with the one where the data is transformed.
- What if the model was $\gamma = e^{\lambda t}$?

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Transformation of Data

To find the constants of many nonlinear models, it results in solving simultaneous nonlinear equations. For mathematical convenience, some of the data for such models can be transformed. For example, the data for an exponential model can be transformed.

$$y = ae^{bx}$$

$$\ln y = \ln a + bx$$

$$z = \ln y$$

$$a_0 = \ln a$$

$$z = a_0 + a_1 x$$

$$a = e^{a_0}$$

$$b = a_1$$

Transformation of data cont.

$$z = a_0 + a_1 x$$

Using linear model regression methods,

$$a_1 = \frac{n\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i z_i - \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i \sum_{i=1}^{n} z_i}{n\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i\right)^2}$$

$$a_0 = \bar{z} - a_1 \bar{x}$$

Once a_o, a_1 are found, the original constants of the model are found as

$$b = a_1$$

$$a = e^{a_0}$$

Example 3-Transformation of data

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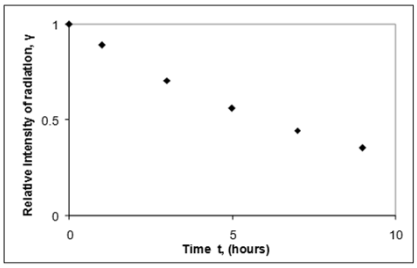

Figure. Data points of relative radiation intensity vs. time

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Example 3-Transformation of data cont.

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Example 3-Transformation of data cont.

Exponential model given as,

$$\gamma = Ae^{\lambda t}$$

$$\ln(\gamma) = \ln(A) + \lambda t$$

Assuming $z = \ln \gamma$, $a_o = \ln(A)$ and $a_1 = \lambda$ we obtain

$$z = a_0 + a_1 t$$

This is a linear relationship between z and t

Example 3-Transformation of data cont.

Using this linear relationship, we can calculate a_0, a_1 where

$$a_1 = \frac{n\sum_{i=1}^{n} t_i z_i - \sum_{i=1}^{n} t_i \sum_{i=1}^{n} z_i}{n\sum_{i=1}^{n} t_1^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} t_i\right)^2}$$

and

$$a_0 = \bar{z} - a_1 \bar{t}$$

$$\lambda = a_1$$

$$A = e^{a_0}$$

Example 3-Transformation of Data cont.

Summations for data transformation are as follows

Table. Summation data for Transformation of data

i	t_i	γ_i	model $z_i = \ln \gamma_i$	$t_i z_i$	t_i^2
1	0	1	0.00000	0.0000	0.0000
2	1	0.891	−0.11541	−0.11541	1.0000
3	3	0.708	−0.34531	−1.0359	9.0000
4	5	0.562	−0.57625	−2.8813	25.000
5	7	0.447	−0.80520	−5.6364	49.000
6	9	0.355	−1.0356	−9.3207	81.000
$\sum$	25.000		−2.8778	−18.990	165.00

With $n = 6$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{6} t_i = 25.000$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{6} z_i = -2.8778$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{6} t_i z_i = -18.990$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{6} t_i^2 = 165.00$$

Example 3-Transformation of Data cont.

Calculating a_0, a_1

$$a_1 = \frac{6(-18.990) - (25)(-2.8778)}{6(165.00) - (25)^2} = -0.11505$$

$$a_0 = \frac{-2.8778}{6} - (-0.11505)\frac{25}{6} = -2.6150 \times 10^{-4}$$

Since

$$a_0 = \ln(A)$$

$$A = e^{a_0}$$

$$= e^{-2.6150 \times 10^{-4}} = 0.99974$$

also

$$\lambda = a_1 = -0.11505$$

Example 3-Transformation of Data cont.

Resulting model is $y = 0.99974 \times e^{-0.11505\,t}$

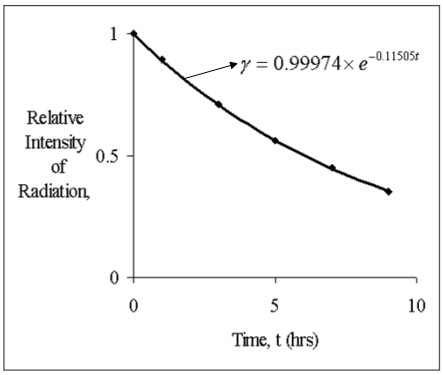

Figure. Relative intensity of radiation as a function of temperature using transformation of data model.

Example 3-Transformation of Data cont.

The regression formula is then

$$y = 0.99974 \times e^{-0.11505\,t}$$

b) Half life of Technetium-99m is when $y = \frac{1}{2} y\Big|_{t=0}$

$$0.99974 \times e^{-0.11505\,t} = \frac{1}{2}(0.99974)e^{-0.11505\,(0)}$$

$$e^{-0.11508\,t} = 0.5$$

$$-0.11505\,t = \ln(0.5)$$

$$t = 6.0248 \ \ hours$$

Example 3-Transformation of Data cont.

c) The relative intensity of radiation after 24 hours is then

$$\gamma = 0.99974e^{-0.11505(24)}$$
$$= 0.063200$$

This implies that only $\frac{6.3200\times10^{-2}}{0.99983}\times100 = 6.3216\%$ of the radioactive material is left after 24 hours.

Comparison

Comparison of exponential model with and without data Transformation:

Table. Comparison for exponential model with and without data Transformation.

	With data Transformation (Example 3)	Without data Transformation (Example 1)
A	0.99974	0.99983
λ	−0.11505	−0.11508
Half-Life (hrs)	6.0248	6.0232
Relative intensity after 24 hrs.	6.3200×10^{-2}	6.3160×10^{-2}

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