

UNIT-I CURVE FITTING AND THEORY OF EQUATIONS

Part-A

1. Define linear law.

Solution: The relation between the variables x & y is linear.

$$\text{Let } y = ax + b \dots (1)$$

If the points (x_i, y_i) are plotted in the graph sheet, they should lie on a straight line. 'a' is the slope of a straight line $a = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$, and 'b' can be found by knowing the y-intercept or by substituting any point on the line. Substituting a & b in equation (1), we get the straight line required.

2. Reduce the equation $y = ax^n$ into linear form.

Solution: Given $y = ax^n \dots (1)$

Taking logarithm on both sides, we get

$$\log_{10} y = \log_{10} ax^n$$

$$\log_{10} y = \log_{10} a + \log_{10} x^n$$

$$\log_{10} y = \log_{10} a + n \log_{10} x$$

$$Y = A + B X \text{ is the required linear form.}$$

where $Y = \log_{10} y$, $A = \log_{10} a$, $B = n$, and $X = \log_{10} x$

3. Reduce the equation $y = a e^{bx}$ into linear form.

Solution: Given $y = a e^{bx} \dots (1)$

Taking logarithm on both sides, we get

$$\log_{10} y = \log_{10} a e^{bx}$$

$$\log_{10} y = \log_{10} a + \log_{10} e^{bx}$$

$$\log_{10} y = \log_{10} a + bx \log_{10} e$$

$$Y = A + Bx \text{ is the required linear form.}$$

where $Y = \log_{10} y$, $A = \log_{10} a$, and $B = b \log_{10} e$

4. Reduce the equation $y = a + bx^n$ into linear form.

Solution: Given $y = a + bx^n \dots (1)$

$$y = a + bX \text{ is the required linear form.}$$

where $X = x^n$

5. what are the points in getting an empirical equation?

Solution:

- i) The determination of the form of the equation.
- ii) The evaluation of the constants in the equation.

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6. Explain the method of group of averages while fitting a straight line $y = a + bx$.

Solution:

- i) Divide the given data in to two groups so that both contain the same number of points.
- ii) Find the average values \bar{x} and \bar{y} for the two groups
- iii) Substituting the average values in $\bar{y} = a + b\bar{x}$
- iv) Solving the equations got from step (iii) we get the values of a and b .
- v) Substituting the values of a and b in $y = a + bx$ we get the required solution.

7. What are the drawbacks of method of group of averages?

Solution:

The drawbacks of method of group of averages were

- i) The answer is not unique since the grouping can be done in many ways.
- ii) The equation got is only an approximate fit to the data given.

8. Reduce the equation $y = a + bx + cx^2$ into linear form.

Solution:

Assume that a particular point (x_1, y_1) satisfies equation $y = a + bx + cx^2 \dots (1)$

$$y_1 = a + bx_1 + cx_1^2 \dots (2)$$

$$(1) - (2) \Rightarrow y - y_1 = b(x - x_1) + c(x^2 - x_1^2)$$

$$\frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1} = b + c(x + x_1)$$

$Y = b + cX$ is the required linear form.

Where $Y = \frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1}$ and $X = x + x_1$.

9. Reduce the equation $y = ax^b + c$ into linear form.

Solution: The linear form is $Y = A + bX$

$$\text{where } A = \log_{10} a, X = \log_{10} x, Y = \log_{10}(y - c), c = \frac{y_1 y_3 - y_2^2}{y_1 + y_3 - 2y_2}$$

Here y_1, y_2 & y_3 are the corresponding values of three consecutive points x_1, x_2 & x_3 which are in Geometric progression ($x_2^2 = x_1 x_3$).

10. Reduce the equation $y = ab^x + c$ into linear form.

Solution: The linear form is $Y = A + Bx$

$$\text{where } A = \log_{10} a, B = \log_{10} b, Y = \log_{10}(y - c), c = \frac{y_1 y_3 - y_2^2}{y_1 + y_3 - 2y_2}$$

Here y_1, y_2 & y_3 are the corresponding values of three consecutive points x_1, x_2 & x_3 which are in Arithmetic progression ($2x_2 = x_1 + x_3$).

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11. Reduce the equation $y = ae^{bx} + c$ into linear form.

Solution: The linear form is $Y = A + Bx$

$$\text{where } A = \log_{10} a, \quad B = b \log_{10} e, \quad Y = \log_{10}(y - c), \quad c = \frac{y_1 y_3 - y_2^2}{y_1 + y_3 - 2y_2}$$

Here y_1, y_2 & y_3 are the corresponding values of three consecutive points x_1, x_2 & x_3 which are in Arithmetic progression ($2x_2 = x_1 + x_3$).

12. Explain the method principle of least squares while fitting a straight line $y = ax + b$.

Solution :

i) Form the normal equations:

The normal equations for $y = ax + b$ are

$$a \sum x + n b = \sum y$$
$$a \sum x^2 + b \sum x = \sum xy$$

Where n is the number of observations.

ii) Find the values of $\sum x, \sum x^2, \sum y$ & $\sum xy$ by forming the table from the given data & substituting these values in the normal equations.

iii) Solving these equations, we get the values of a & b .

iv) Substituting the values of a & b in $y = ax + b$ we get the required solution.

13. Explain the method principle of least squares while fitting a second degree curve or parabola $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

Solution :

i) Form the normal equations:

The normal equations for $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ are

$$a \sum x^2 + b \sum x + nc = \sum y$$
$$a \sum x^3 + b \sum x^2 + c \sum x = \sum xy$$
$$a \sum x^4 + b \sum x^3 + c \sum x^2 = \sum x^2 y$$

Where n is the number of observations.

ii) Find the values of $\sum x, \sum x^2, \sum x^3, \sum x^4, \sum y, \sum xy$ & $\sum x^2 y$ by forming the table from the given data & substituting these values in the normal equations.

iii) Solving these equations, we get the values of a, b & c .

iv) Substituting the values of a & b in $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ we get the required solution.

14. Explain method of moments while fitting a straight line $y = ax + b$.

Solution:

i) Form the observation equations:

The observation equations for $y = ax + b$ are

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$$\frac{a}{2}(\beta^2 - \alpha^2) + b(\beta - \alpha) = \Delta x \sum y$$

$$\frac{a}{3}(\beta^3 - \alpha^3) + \frac{b}{2}(\beta^2 - \alpha^2) = \Delta x \sum xy$$

where $\alpha = x_1 - \frac{1}{2}\Delta x$, $\beta = x_n + \frac{1}{2}\Delta x$ and $\Delta x = x_i - x_{i-1}$, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$.

ii) Find the values of $\sum y$ & $\sum xy$ by forming the table from the given data & substituting these values in the observation equations.

iii) Solving these equations, we get the values of a & b .

iv) Substituting the values of a & b in $y = ax + b$ we get the required solution.

15. Explain the method of moments while fitting a second degree curve or

parabola $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

Solution:

i) Form the observation equations:

The observation equations for $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ are

$$\frac{a}{3}(\beta^3 - \alpha^3) + \frac{b}{2}(\beta^2 - \alpha^2) + c(\beta - \alpha) = \Delta x \sum y$$

$$\frac{a}{4}(\beta^4 - \alpha^4) + \frac{b}{3}(\beta^3 - \alpha^3) + \frac{c}{2}(\beta^2 - \alpha^2) = \Delta x \sum xy$$

$$\frac{a}{5}(\beta^5 - \alpha^5) + \frac{b}{4}(\beta^4 - \alpha^4) + \frac{c}{3}(\beta^3 - \alpha^3) = \Delta x \sum x^2y$$

where $\alpha = x_1 - \frac{1}{2}\Delta x$, $\beta = x_n + \frac{1}{2}\Delta x$ and $\Delta x = x_i - x_{i-1}$, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$.

ii) Find the values of $\sum y$, $\sum xy$ & $\sum x^2y$ by forming the table from the given data & substituting these values in the observation equations.

iii) Solving these equations, we get the values of a , b and c .

iv) Substituting the values of a , b and c in $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ we get the required solution.

16. Define a polynomial equation or algebraic equation.

Solution:

$f(x) = a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + a_2x^{n-2} + \dots + a_n = 0$ is called an algebraic equation or polynomial equation of the n th degree, if $a_0 \neq 0$.

17. Solve $x^4 + 4x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x - 2 = 0$, given $-1 + i$ is a root.

Solution: Since $-1 + i$ is a root, $-1 - i$ is also a root.

$$[x - (-1 + i)][x - (-1 - i)] = (x + 1)^2 + 1 = x^2 + 2x + 2$$

when the polynomial is divided by $x^2 + 2x + 2$, the remainder is zero.

$$x^4 + 4x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x - 2 = (x^2 + 2x + 2)(x^2 + ax - 1)$$

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Equating the coefficient of x^3 on both sides, we get $a + 2 = 4 \Rightarrow a = 2$

$$\therefore f(x) = (x^2 + 2x + 2)(x^2 + 2x - 1)$$

Solving $x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$, we get $x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4+4}}{2} = -1 \pm \sqrt{2}$

The roots are $-1 \pm i, -1 \pm \sqrt{2}$.

18. Solve $x^4 - 10x^3 + 26x^2 - 10x + 1 = 0$, given $2 + \sqrt{3}$ is a root.

Solution: Since $2 + \sqrt{3}$ is a root, $2 - \sqrt{3}$ is also a root.

$$[x - (2 + \sqrt{3})][x - (2 - \sqrt{3})] = (x - 2)^2 - 3 = x^2 - 4x + 1$$

when the polynomial is divided by $x^2 - 4x + 1$, the remainder is zero.

$$x^4 - 10x^3 + 26x^2 - 10x + 1 = (x^2 - 4x + 1)(x^2 + ax + 1)$$

Equating the coefficient of x^3 on both sides, we get $a - 4 = -10 \Rightarrow a = -6$

$$\therefore f(x) = (x^2 - 4x + 1)(x^2 - 6x + 1)$$

Solving $x^2 - 6x + 1 = 0$, we get $x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36-4}}{2} = 3 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$

The roots are $2 \pm \sqrt{3}, 3 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$.

19. Write down the relations between the roots and the coefficients of equation?

Solution:

Let the roots of $f(x) = a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + a_2x^{n-2} + \dots + a_n = 0$ be $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$. then

$$\sum \alpha_1 = -\frac{a_1}{a_0}; \sum \alpha_1 \alpha_2 = \frac{a_2}{a_0}; \sum \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 = -\frac{a_3}{a_0}; \dots; \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_n = (-1)^n \frac{a_n}{a_0}$$

20. Find the condition that the roots of the equation $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ may be in arithmetical progression.

Solution:

Let the roots in arithmetic progression be $\alpha - d, \alpha, \alpha + d$.

$$\text{Sum of the roots} = \alpha - d + \alpha + \alpha + d = -\frac{p}{1} = -p \Rightarrow 3\alpha = -p \Rightarrow \alpha = -\frac{p}{3}$$

Now $x = \alpha$ is a root of the given equation.

$$\alpha = -\frac{p}{3} \text{ should satisfy the equation}$$

$$\left(-\frac{p}{3}\right)^3 + p\left(-\frac{p}{3}\right)^2 + q\left(-\frac{p}{3}\right) + r = 0$$

$$-\frac{p^3}{27} + \frac{p^3}{9} - \frac{pq}{3} + r = 0$$

$$2p^3 - 9pq + 27r = 0$$

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21. Find the condition that the roots of the equation $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ may be in geometrical progression.

Solution:

Let the roots in geometric progression be $\frac{\alpha}{d}, \alpha, \alpha d$.

$$\text{Product of the roots} = \frac{\alpha}{d} \cdot \alpha \cdot \alpha d = -\frac{r}{1} = -r \Rightarrow \alpha^3 = -r \dots (1)$$

$$x = \alpha \text{ is a root of } f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^3 + p\alpha^2 + q\alpha + r = 0$$

$$-r + p\alpha^2 + q\alpha + r = 0 \text{ (from (1))}$$

$$p\alpha^2 + q\alpha = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha(p\alpha + q) = 0$$

$$(p\alpha + q) = 0 \text{ since } \alpha \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha = -\frac{q}{p}$$

Putting it in (1), we get

$$-\frac{q^3}{p^3} = -r \Rightarrow p^3 r = q^3$$

22. Find the condition that the roots of the equation $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ may be in harmonic progression.

Solution:

Let the roots of the equation (1) are in arithmetic progression be $\alpha - d, \alpha, \alpha + d$.

$$\text{Sum of the roots} = \alpha - d + \alpha + \alpha + d = -\frac{q}{r} = -p \Rightarrow 3\alpha = -\frac{q}{r} \Rightarrow \alpha = -\frac{q}{3r}$$

Now $x = \alpha$ is a root of the given equation.

$$\alpha = -\frac{q}{3r} \text{ should satisfy the equation}$$

$$r\left(-\frac{q}{3r}\right)^3 + q\left(-\frac{q}{3r}\right)^2 + p\left(-\frac{q}{3r}\right) + 1 = 0$$

$$-\frac{q^3}{27r^2} + \frac{q^3}{9r^2} - \frac{pq}{3r} + 1 = 0$$

$$2q^3 - 9pqr + 27r^2 = 0$$

23. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ find the condition if $\alpha + \beta = 0$.

Solution: Given $\alpha + \beta = 0$, we know that $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = -p \Rightarrow 0 + \gamma = -p \Rightarrow \gamma = -p$

γ satisfies the given equation, therefore $-p^3 + p(-p)^2 + q(-p) + r = 0 \Rightarrow -p^3 + p^3 - pq + r = 0$

$$r = pq$$

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24. Form the third degree equation, two of whose roots are $1 - i$ and 2 .

Solution: Since $1 - i$ is a root $1 + i$ is also a root. Therefore, the equation of degree three is

$$\begin{aligned} [x - (1 - i)][x - (1 + i)][x - 2] &= 0 \\ (x^2 - 2x + 2)(x - 2) &= 0 \Rightarrow x^3 - 4x^2 + 6x - 4 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

25. If a, b, c are the roots of $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$, find the equation whose roots are ab, bc, ca .

Solution:

We know that

$$\sum a = -p, \sum ab = q, abc = -r$$

Let $y = ab = \frac{abc}{c} = -\frac{r}{c} = -\frac{r}{x}$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{r}{y} \text{ satisfies the given equation}$$

$$\left(-\frac{r}{y}\right)^3 + p\left(-\frac{r}{y}\right)^2 + q\left(-\frac{r}{y}\right) + r = 0$$

$$y^3 - qy^2 + pry - r^2 = 0 \text{ is the required equation}$$

26. If a, b, c are the roots of $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$, find the value of $\sum a^2b$.

Solution: We know that, $\sum a = -p, \sum ab = q, abc = -r$

$$\sum a^2b = (\sum ab)(\sum a) - 3abc = q(-p) - 3(-r) = 3r - pq$$

27. If a, b, c are the roots of $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$, find the value of $\sum a^2$.

Solution: We know that, $\sum a = -p, \sum ab = q, abc = -r$

$$\sum a^2 = (\sum a)^2 - 2(\sum ab) = p^2 - 2q$$

28. If a, b, c are the roots of $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$, find the value of $\sum a^3$.

Solution: We know that, $\sum a = -p, \sum ab = q, abc = -r$

$$\sum a^3 = (\sum a)^3 - 3(\sum ab)(\sum a) + 3abc = -p^3 - 3q(-p) + 3(-r) = -p^3 + 3pq - 3r$$

29. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 - 3ax + b = 0$, show that $\sum(\alpha - \beta)(\alpha - \gamma) = 9a$.

Solution: We have $\sum \alpha = 0, \sum \alpha\beta = -3a, \alpha\beta\gamma = -b$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum(\alpha - \beta)(\alpha - \gamma) &= \sum(\alpha^2 - \alpha\beta - \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma) \\ &= \sum \alpha^2 - \sum \alpha\beta - \sum \alpha\gamma + \sum \beta\gamma \\ &= (\sum \alpha)^2 - 2\sum \alpha\beta - \sum \alpha\beta - \sum \alpha\gamma + \sum \beta\gamma \\ &= 0 - 2(-3a) - (-3a) - (-3a) - 3a = 9a \end{aligned}$$

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30. Define reciprocal equation.

Solution:

If an equation $f(x) = 0$ remains unaltered when x is changed to $\frac{1}{x}$, then it is called a reciprocal equation.

Part-B

1. Solve $4x^4 - 20x^3 + 33x^2 - 20x + 4 = 0$.
2. Solve $x^5 + 4x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0$.
3. Solve $x^5 - 5x^4 + 9x^3 - 9x^2 + 5x - 1 = 0$.
4. Solve $6x^6 - 25x^5 + 31x^4 - 31x^2 + 25x - 6 = 0$.
5. Solve $6x^5 - 41x^4 + 97x^3 - 97x^2 + 41x - 6 = 0$.
6. Solve $2x^6 - 9x^5 + 10x^4 - 3x^3 + 10x^2 - 9x + 2 = 0$.
7. Solve $x^5 + 4x^4 + 3x^3 + 3x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0$.
8. Solve $3x^6 + x^5 - 27x^4 + 27x^2 - x - 3 = 0$.
9. Solve $x^3 - 19x^2 + 114x - 216 = 0$, given that the roots are in geometric progression.
10. Solve $2x^3 - x^2 - 22x - 24 = 0$ given that two of its roots are in the ratio 3 : 4.
11. Solve $x^4 + 2x^3 - 21x^2 - 22x + 40 = 0$ whose roots are in arithmetic progression.
12. Solve $x^4 - 2x^3 + 4x^2 + 6x - 21 = 0$, given that two of its roots are equal in magnitude but opposite in sign.
13. Find the condition that the equation $x^4 + px^3 + qx^2 + rx + s = 0$
 - (i) may have a pair of roots whose sum is zero.
 - (ii) be such that the sum of two roots equals the sum of the other two roots.
 - (iii) may have roots such that the product of two roots equals the product of the other two roots.
14. Solve $6x^3 - 11x^2 + 6x - 1 = 0$ given that the roots are in harmonic progression.
15. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ form the equation whose roots are
 - (i) $\alpha + \beta, \beta + \gamma, \gamma + \alpha$.
 - (ii) $\frac{1}{\alpha^2}, \frac{1}{\beta^2}, \frac{1}{\gamma^2}$.
 - (iii) $\frac{\alpha}{\beta + \gamma}, \frac{\beta}{\gamma + \alpha}, \frac{\gamma}{\alpha + \beta}$.
16. If $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ be the roots of the equation $a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + a_2x^{n-2} + \dots + a_n = 0$, then form the equation whose roots are
 - (i) $-\alpha_1, -\alpha_2, \dots, -\alpha_n$
 - (ii) $k\alpha_1, k\alpha_2, \dots, k\alpha_n$
 - (iii) $\frac{1}{\alpha_1}, \frac{1}{\alpha_2}, \dots, \frac{1}{\alpha_n}$

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17. Fit a straight line and a parabola to the following data by the method of least squares

$$x: 0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4$$

$$y: 1 \quad 1.8 \quad 1.3 \quad 2.5 \quad 6.3$$

18. Fit a straight line $y = ax + b$ to the following data by the method of group averages

$$x: 0 \quad 5 \quad 10 \quad 15 \quad 20 \quad 25$$

$$y: 12 \quad 15 \quad 17 \quad 22 \quad 24 \quad 30$$

19. Fit a curve of the form $y = ax^n$ from the following data by method of group averages

$$x: 1.68 \quad 2.45 \quad 3.08 \quad 4.09 \quad 4.97 \quad 5.95 \quad 7.39 \quad 9.00$$

$$y: 0.013 \quad 0.027 \quad 0.042 \quad 0.073 \quad 0.108 \quad 0.151 \quad 0.233 \quad 0.341$$

20. From the following table fit a curve of the form $y = ab^x$ by method of group averages

$$x: \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \pi \quad \frac{3\pi}{2} \quad 2\pi \quad \frac{5\pi}{2}$$

$$y: 2.9 \quad 4.0 \quad 5.7 \quad 8.9 \quad 12.4$$

21. Find the best values of a and b if the following data are related by $y = ax + bx^2$ by method of group averages

$$x: 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6$$

$$y: 2.6 \quad 5.4 \quad 8.7 \quad 12.1 \quad 16 \quad 20.2$$

22. Fit a curve of the form $y = ab^x$ to the data by method of least squares

$$x: 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6$$

$$y: 151 \quad 100 \quad 61 \quad 50 \quad 20 \quad 8$$

23. Fit the curve of the form $y = ae^{bx}$ to the following data by method of least squares

$$x: 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4$$

$$y: 1.65 \quad 2.70 \quad 4.50 \quad 7.35$$

24. Fit a straight line and parabola by the method of moments to the data

$$x: 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4$$

$$y: 16 \quad 19 \quad 23 \quad 26$$

25. Fit a straight line and parabola by the method of moments to the data

$$x: 1 \quad 3 \quad 5 \quad 7 \quad 9$$

$$y: 1.5 \quad 2.8 \quad 4.0 \quad 4.7 \quad 6.0$$

26. Fit a curve of the form $v = at^2 + bt + c$ given the following data by method of group averages

$$t: 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6$$

$$v: 3 \quad 4 \quad 7 \quad 12 \quad 21 \quad 32$$

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