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# **Math 129: Linear Algebra**

**ECE 111 Introduction to ECE**

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## Introduction

Algebra: Solve one equation for one unknown

$$2(x + 3) + 5x = 10x + 20$$

Example: Determine  $R_1$  as a function of  $\{V_0, V_1, R_2\}$  given

$$V_1 = \left( \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} \right) V_0$$

Solution

$$(R_1 + R_2)V_1 = R_1 V_0$$

$$R_2 V_1 = R_1 (V_0 - V_1)$$

$$R_1 = \left( \frac{V_1}{V_0 - V_1} \right) R_2$$

*this is how an ohm meter works*



## Algebra: Solving 2 equations for 2 unknowns

$$2x + 3y = 10$$

$$5x - 7y = 20$$

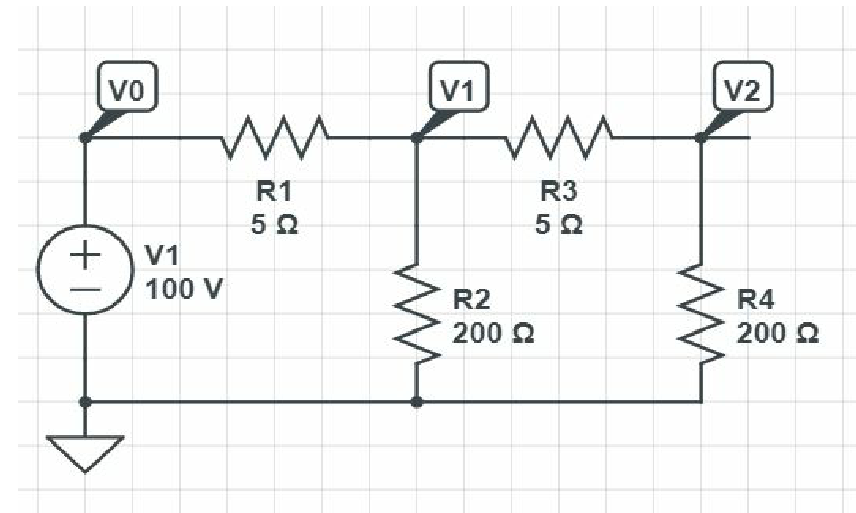
Step 1: Solve for x:

$$x = \left( \frac{10-3y}{2} \right)$$

Substitute

$$5 \left( \frac{10-3y}{2} \right) - 7y = 20$$

You now have one equation for one unknown



## Algebra: Solving 3 equations for 3 unknowns

$$2x + 3y + 4z = 10$$

$$5x - 7y + 2z = 5$$

$$x + y + z = 2$$

Step 1: Solve for x

$$x = \left( \frac{10 - 3y - 4z}{2} \right)$$

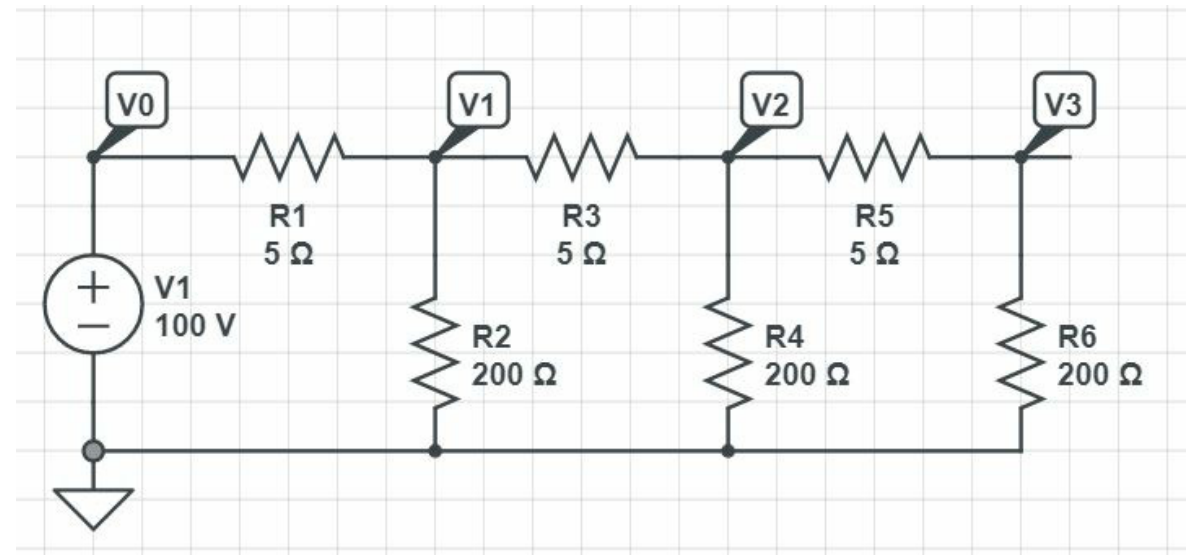
Substitute

$$5 \left( \frac{10 - 3y - 4z}{2} \right) - 7y + 2z = 5$$

$$\left( \frac{10 - 3y - 4z}{2} \right) + y + z = 2$$

You now have 2 equations and 2 unknowns

- Algebra works, but gets really unwieldy past 2 equations and 2 unknowns
- We need a better tool



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## Linear Algebra:

- Solve  $N$  equations for  $N$  unknowns
- Solution uses matrices
- Matlab excels at this type of problem

Example: Solve for  $\{ a, b, c \}$

$$3a + 4b + 5c = 10$$

$$5a + 6b - c = 20$$

$$a + b + c = 2.$$

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# Matrix Definition and Properties.

Dimension: rows x columns

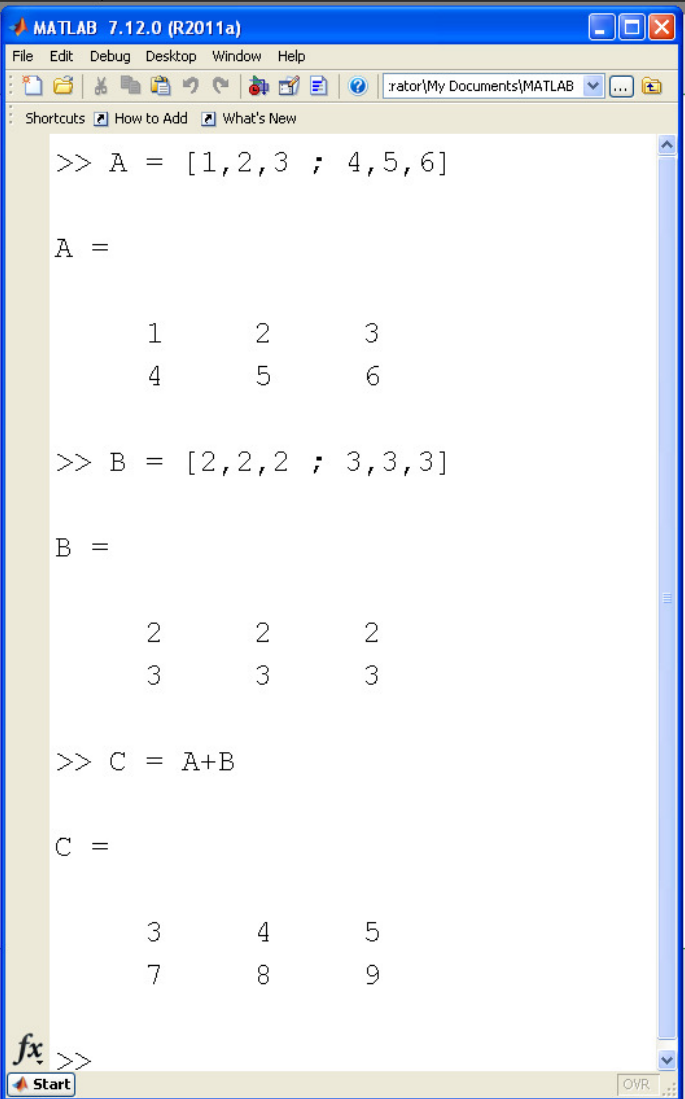
- Example: A is a 2x3 matrix

A = [1, 2, 3 ; 4, 5, 6]

1	2	3
4	5	6

Matrix Addition:

- Add each element
- Dimensions must match



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>> A = [1,2,3 ; 4,5,6]

A =

     1     2     3
     4     5     6

>> B = [2,2,2 ; 3,3,3]

B =

     2     2     2
     3     3     3

>> C = A+B

C =

     3     4     5
     7     8     9

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## Multiplication:

- Inner dimension must match
- $C_{2 \times 1} = A_{2 \times 3} B_{3 \times 1}$

Element  $i,j$  of matrix  $C$  is computed as

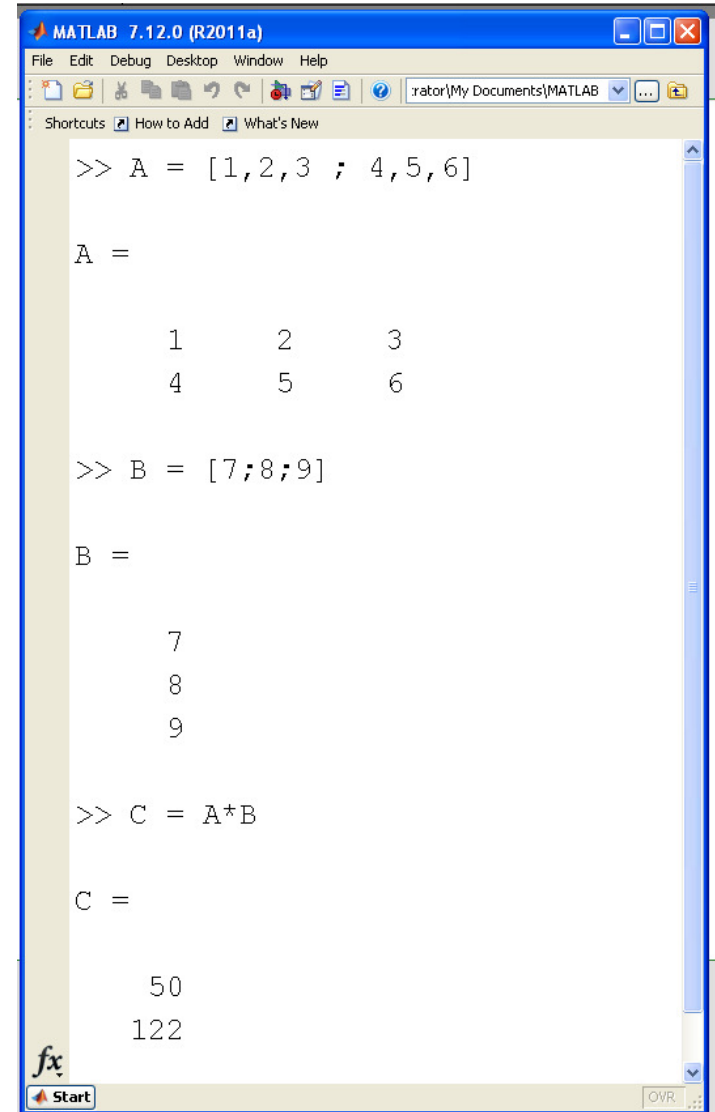
$$c_{ij} = \sum_k a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

Note that matrix multiplication is *not* commutative:

$$AB \neq BA$$

$$C = B * A$$

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Inner matrix dimensions must agree.



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>> A = [1,2,3 ; 4,5,6]

A =

     1     2     3
     4     5     6

>> B = [7;8;9]

B =

     7
     8
     9

>> C = A*B

C =

     50
    122
```

The screenshot shows the MATLAB 7.12.0 (R2011a) command window. The user has entered the following commands: `A = [1,2,3 ; 4,5,6]`, `B = [7;8;9]`, and `C = A*B`. The output shows matrix A as a 2x3 matrix, matrix B as a 3x1 column vector, and matrix C as a 2x1 column vector with values 50 and 122. The error message is not visible in the screenshot, but it would appear if the user had entered `C = B*A`.

## Zero Matrix:

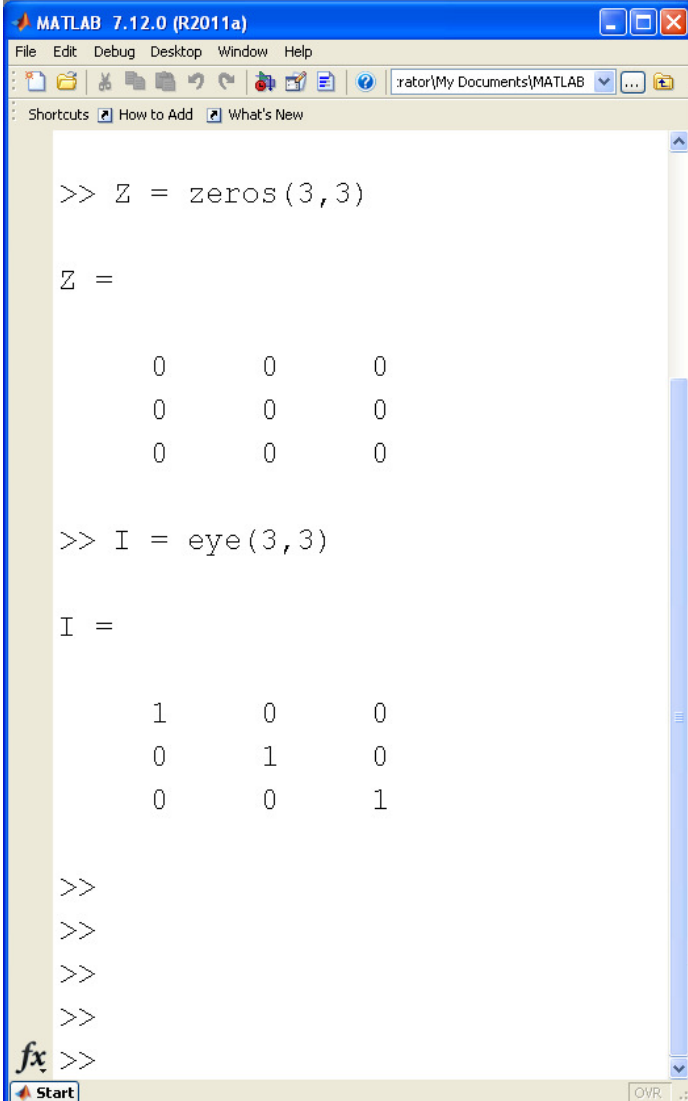
- A zero matrix is a matrix of all zeros.
- The zero matrix behaves like the number zero:
- $A + 0 = A$
- $A * 0 = 0$

## Identity Matrix:

- NxN matrix
- Diagonal is one
- All other elements are zero
- The identity matrix behaves like the number one:
- $A * I = A$

## Matrix Transpose: $A^T$

- Swap rows and columns
- A' in Matlab



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>> Z = zeros(3,3)

Z =

     0     0     0
     0     0     0
     0     0     0

>> I = eye(3,3)

I =

     1     0     0
     0     1     0
     0     0     1

>>
>>
>>
>>
fx >>
```



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## Matrix Inverse: B is the inverse of A if $AB = I$

$$A = [1, 2, 3 ; 4, 5, 6; 1 2 1]$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$B = \text{inv}(A)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} -1.1667 & 0.6667 & -0.5000 \\ 0.3333 & -0.3333 & 1.0000 \\ 0.5000 & 0 & -0.5000 \end{array}$$

$$A*B$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

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# Solving N equations for N unknowns

Express in matrix form

$$Y_{Nx1} = B_{NxN} A_{Nx1}$$

where

- A is a matrix of your N unknowns
- B is a basis function and
- Y the result for these N equations

The solution is then

$$A = B^{-1} Y$$

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Example: Solve the following set of 3 equations for 3 unknowns:

$$3a + 4b + 5c = 10$$

$$5a + 6b - c = 20$$

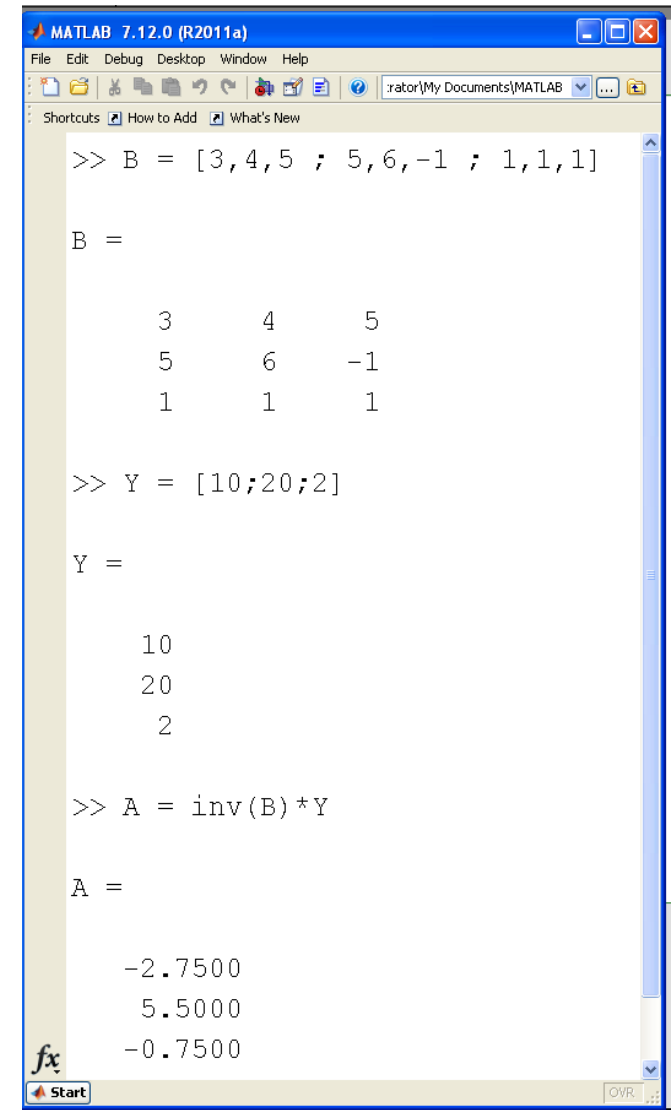
$$a + b + c = 2$$

Step 1: Group terms and write in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 6 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2: Invert and solve

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 6 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2.7500 \\ 5.5000 \\ 0.7500 \end{bmatrix}$$



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>> B = [3,4,5 ; 5,6,-1 ; 1,1,1]

B =

     3     4     5
     5     6    -1
     1     1     1

>> Y = [10;20;2]

Y =

    10
    20
     2

>> A = inv(B)*Y

A =

   -2.7500
    5.5000
    -0.7500
```

## Example #1

Over the range of (0, 1.5), approximate

$$y = \sin(x) \approx ax + b$$

Solution: With 2 unknowns, we need 2 equations.

- Pick the endpoints

Place in matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Y = BA$$

$$A = B^{-1}Y$$

Result:

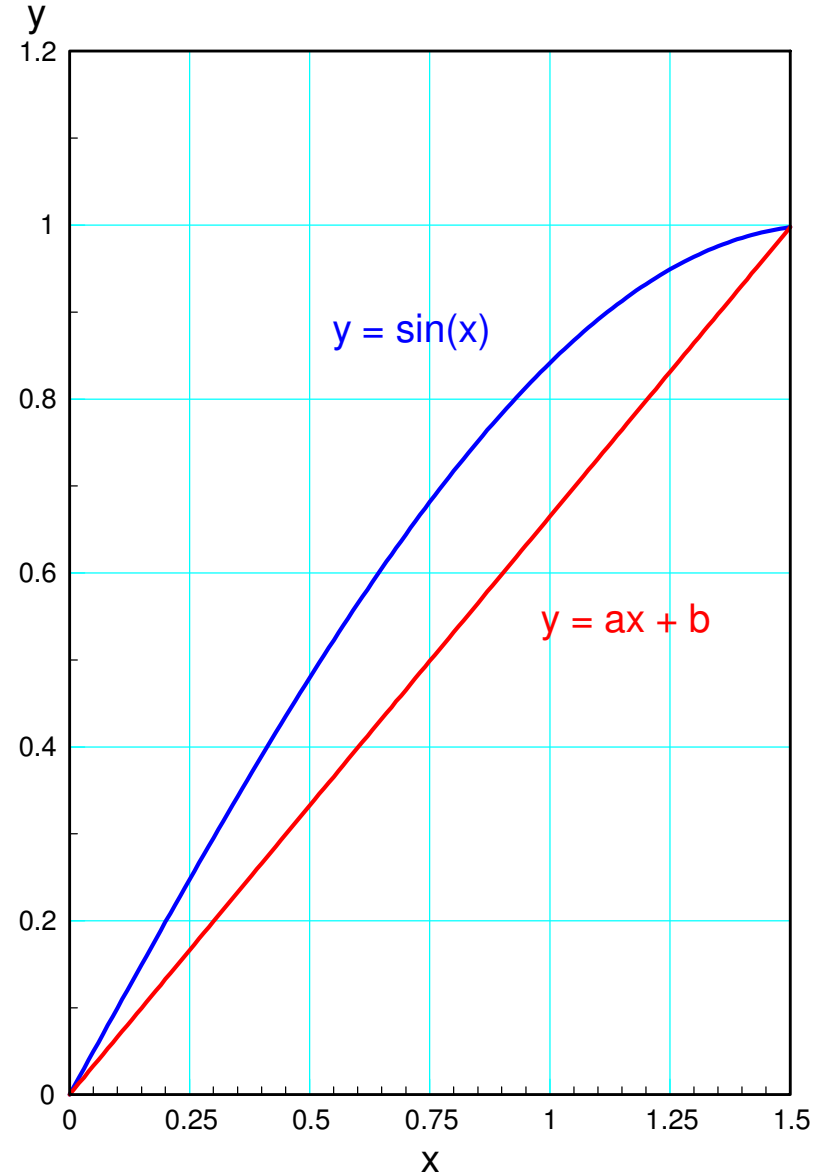
$$\sin(x) \approx 0.6650x + 0$$

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>> x = [0;1.5]
      0
      1.5000
>> Y = sin(x)
      0
      0.9975
>> B = [x, x*0+1]
      0      1.0000
      1.5000  1.0000
>> A = inv(B)*Y
      0.6650
      0
```

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Note: This solution defines a line that passes through  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  (the endpoints)

```
>> x = [0:0.01:1.5]';  
>> y = sin(x);  
>> B = [x, x*0+1];  
>> plot(x, y, 'b', x, B*A, 'r')
```



## Example 2:

Approximate  $\sin(x)$  with a parabola

$$y = \sin(x) \approx ax^2 + bx + c$$

Solution:

- There are three unknowns
- Create 3 equations for 3 unknowns
- Pick 3 points ( $x_1, x_2, x_3$ )

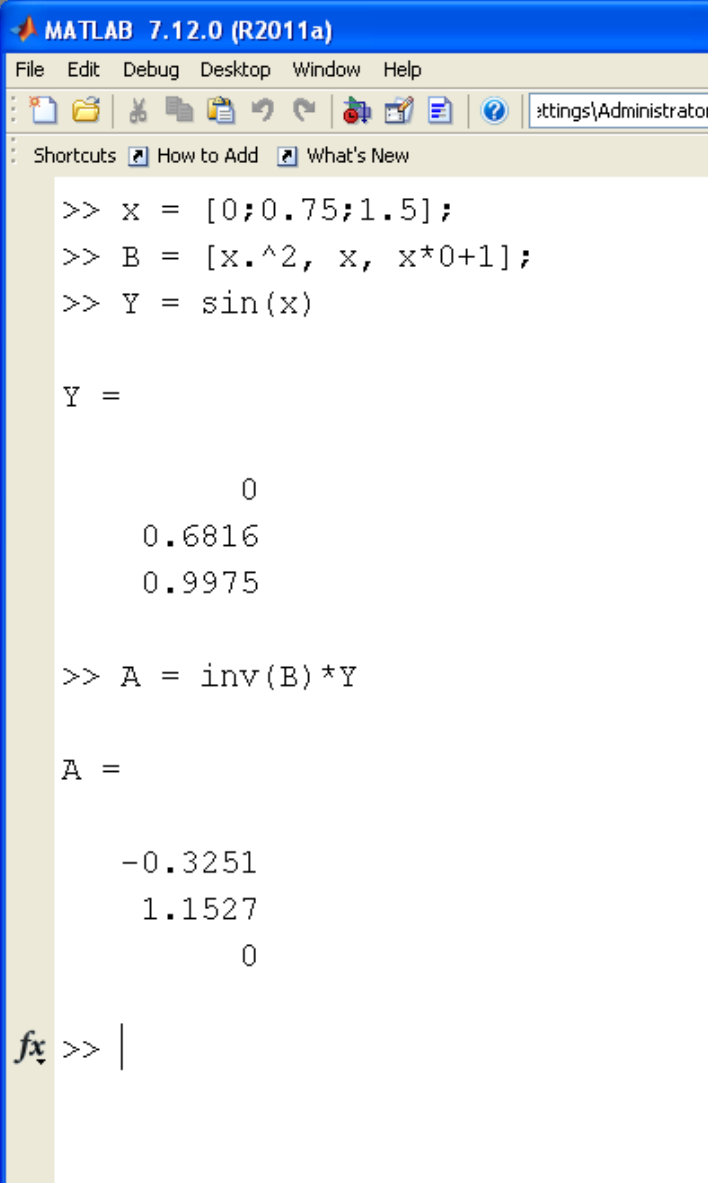
$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 & x_1 & 1 \\ x_2^2 & x_2 & 1 \\ x_3^2 & x_3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Y = BA$$

$$A = B^{-1}Y$$

result:

$$\sin(x) \approx -0.3251x^2 + 1.1527x + 0$$



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>> x = [0;0.75;1.5];
>> B = [x.^2, x, x^0+1];
>> Y = sin(x)

Y =

     0
 0.6816
 0.9975

>> A = inv(B)*Y

A =

 -0.3251
  1.1527
     0

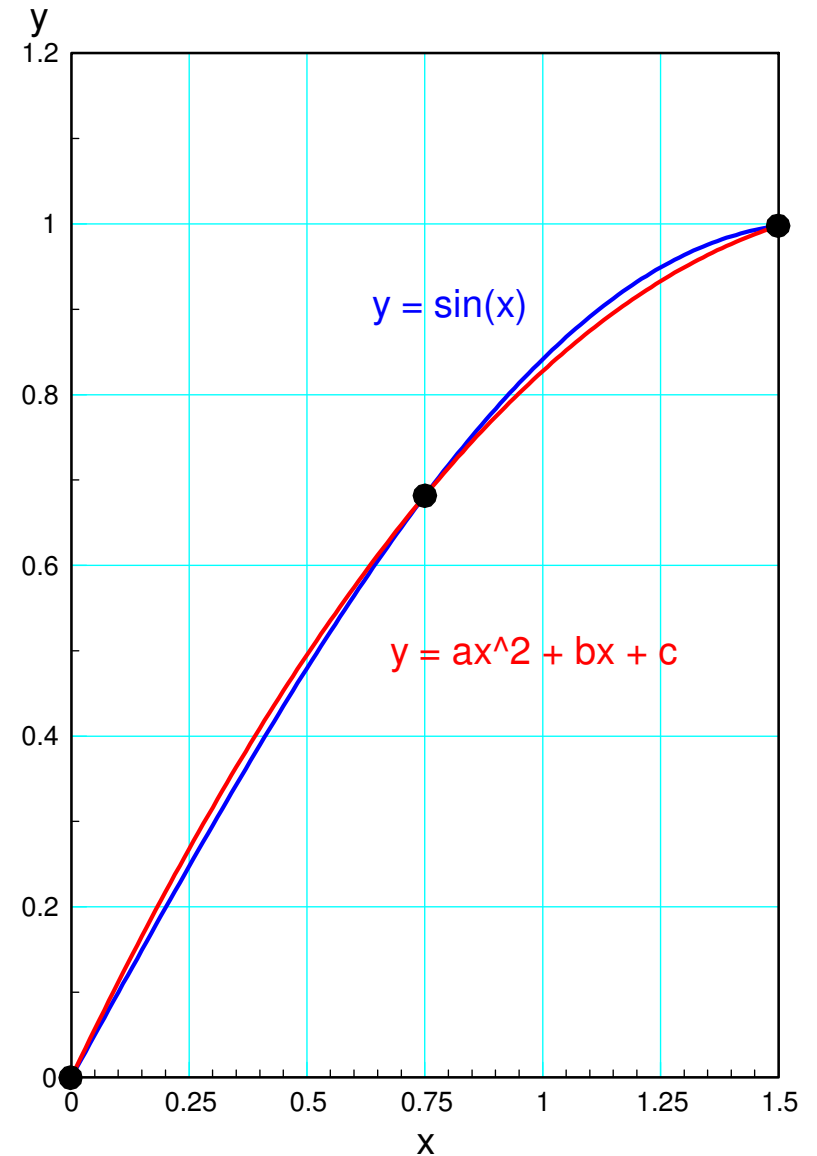
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Note: This solution defines a parabola that passes through

- $(x_1, y_1)$ ,
- $(x_2, y_2)$ ,
- $(x_3, y_3)$

```
>> x = [0:0.01:1.5]';  
>> y = sin(x);  
>> B = [x.^2, x, x.^0];  
>> plot(x, y, 'b', x, B*A, 'r')
```



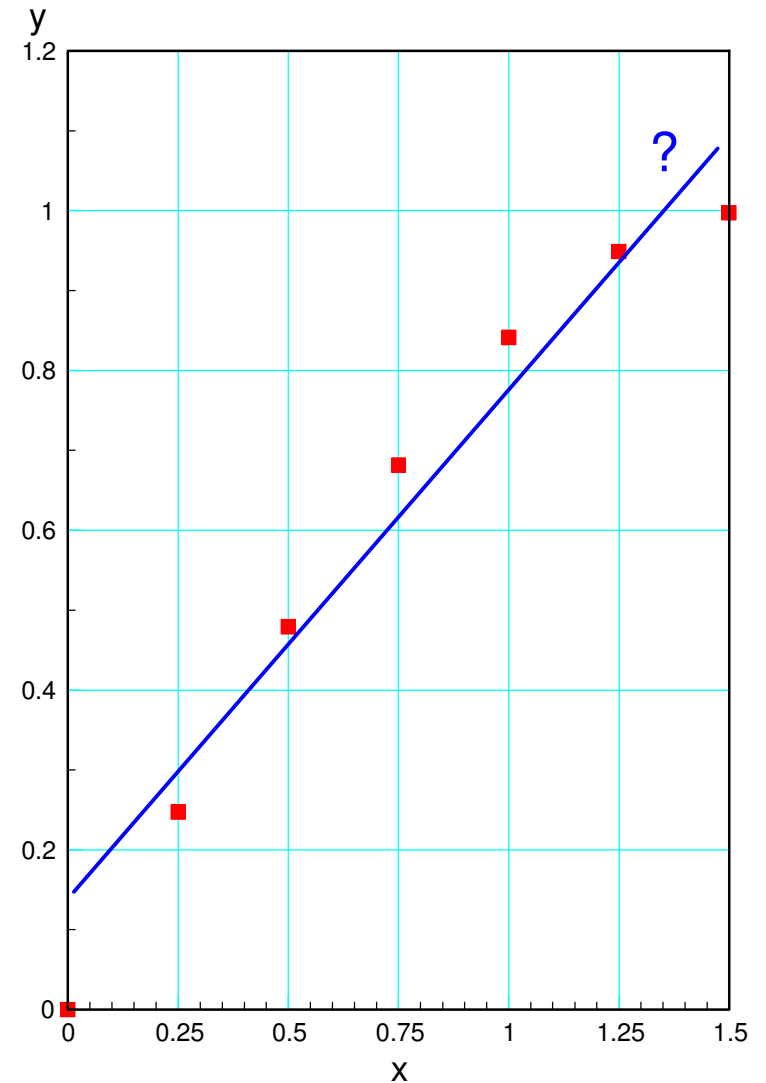
# What happens if you have more equations than unknowns?

Previous solution ignores data outside of points chosen

- 2 points for  $y = ax + b$
- 3 points for  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

How do you include all of the data in the calculations?

What is the "best" approximation?





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## Least Squares Solution

Define "best" to be the curve that minimizes the sum squared difference

- a.k.a. *least squares*

Solution: Assume you have N equations for M unknowns

$$Y_{nx1} = B_{nxm} \cdot A_{mx1}$$

B is not invertable, so multiply on the left by  $B^T$

$$B_{mxn}^T \cdot Y_{nx1} = B_{mxn}^T \cdot B_{nxm} \cdot A_{mx1}$$

Multiply on the left by  $(B^T B)^{-1}$

$$(B^T B)^{-1} B^T Y = A$$

This is the least-squares curve fit

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## Example 3:

Use seven points to approximate

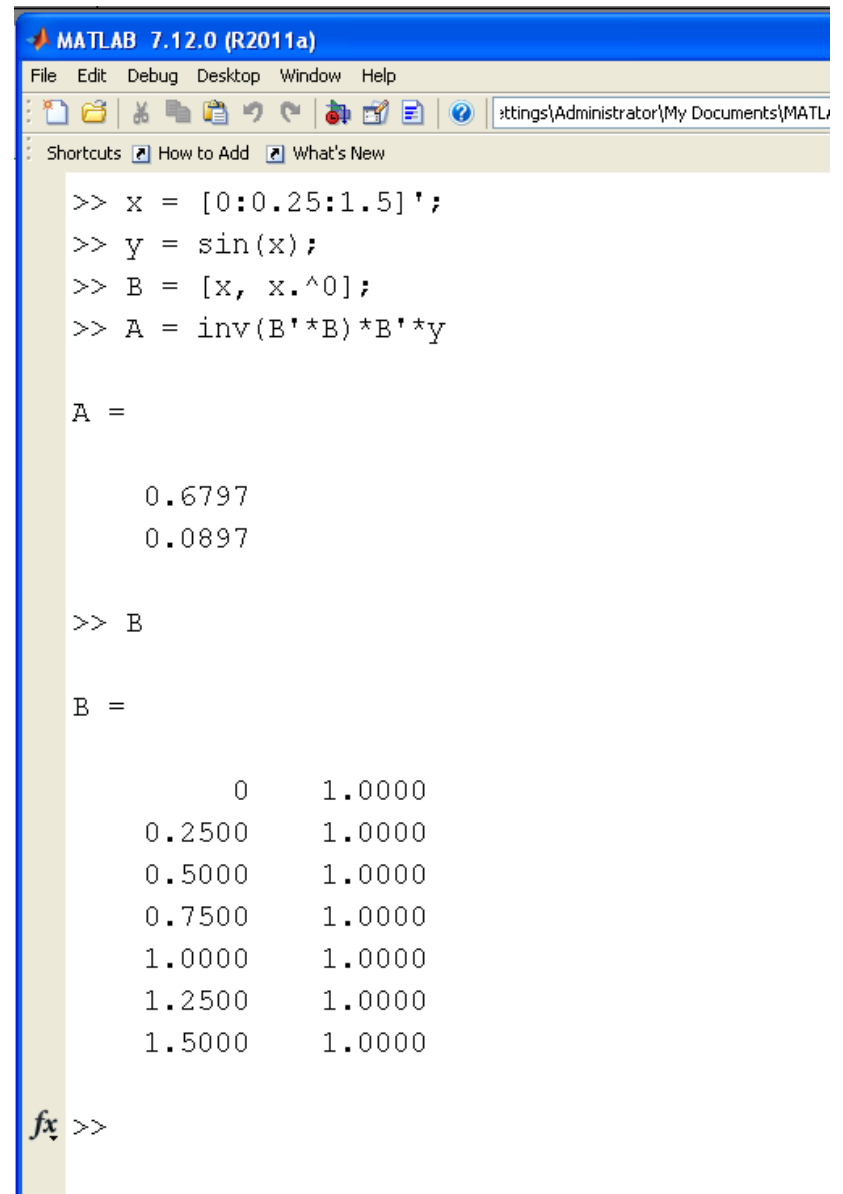
$$y = \sin(x) \approx ax + b$$

Define the basis matrix,  $B$ , to be

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

This results in

$$\sin(x) \approx 0.6796x + 0.0897$$



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>> x = [0:0.25:1.5]';
>> y = sin(x);
>> B = [x, x.^0];
>> A = inv(B'*B)*B'*y

A =

    0.6797
    0.0897

>> B

B =

     0     1.0000
    0.2500     1.0000
    0.5000     1.0000
    0.7500     1.0000
    1.0000     1.0000
    1.2500     1.0000
    1.5000     1.0000

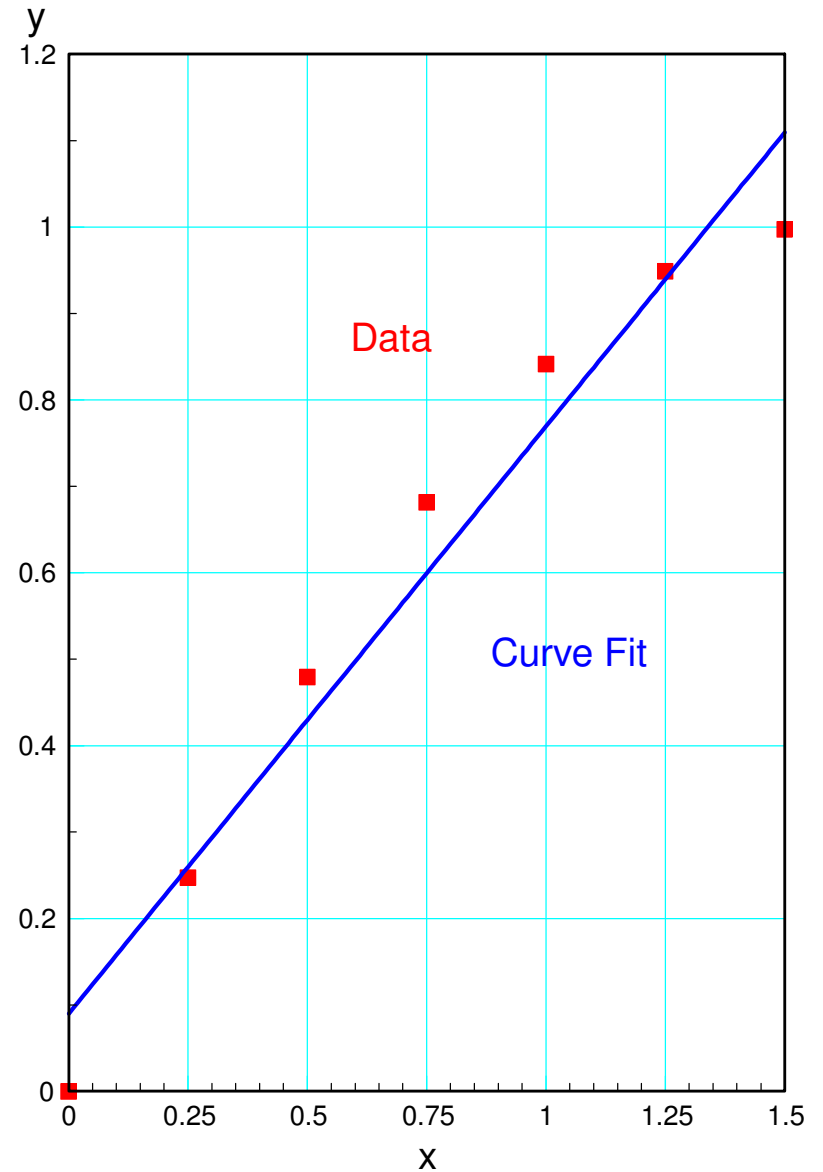
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This line minimizes the sum squared difference between

- your data and
- the curve fit (the line)

```
>> x0 = [0:0.01:1.5]';  
>> B = [x0, x0.^0]  
>> plot(x,y,'r+',x0,B*A,'b')
```



## Example 4:

Use seven points to approximate

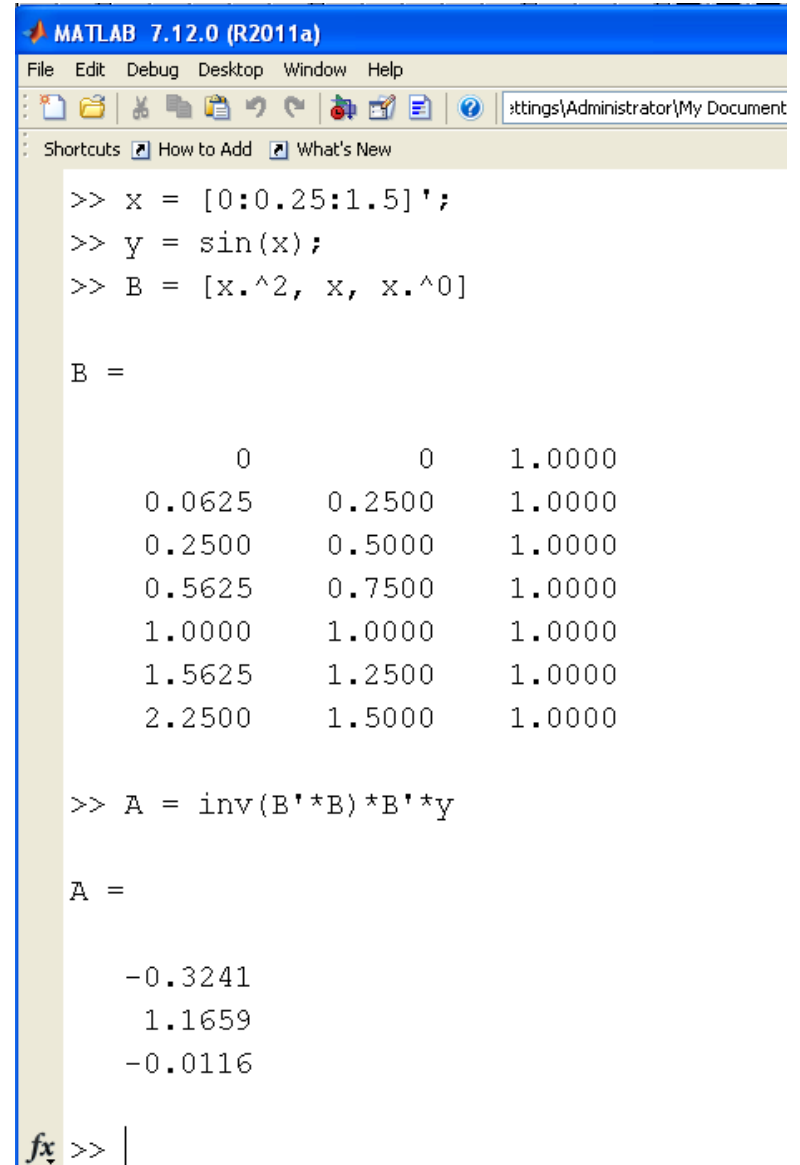
$$y = \sin(x) \approx ax^2 + bx + c$$

Define the basis matrix,  $B$ , to be

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 & x_1 & 1 \\ x_2^2 & x_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

This results in

$$\sin(x) \approx -0.3241x^2 + 1.1659x - 0.0116$$



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>> x = [0:0.25:1.5]';
>> y = sin(x);
>> B = [x.^2, x, x.^0]

B =

         0         0    1.0000
    0.0625    0.2500    1.0000
    0.2500    0.5000    1.0000
    0.5625    0.7500    1.0000
    1.0000    1.0000    1.0000
    1.5625    1.2500    1.0000
    2.2500    1.5000    1.0000

>> A = inv(B'*B)*B'*y

A =

   -0.3241
    1.1659
   -0.0116

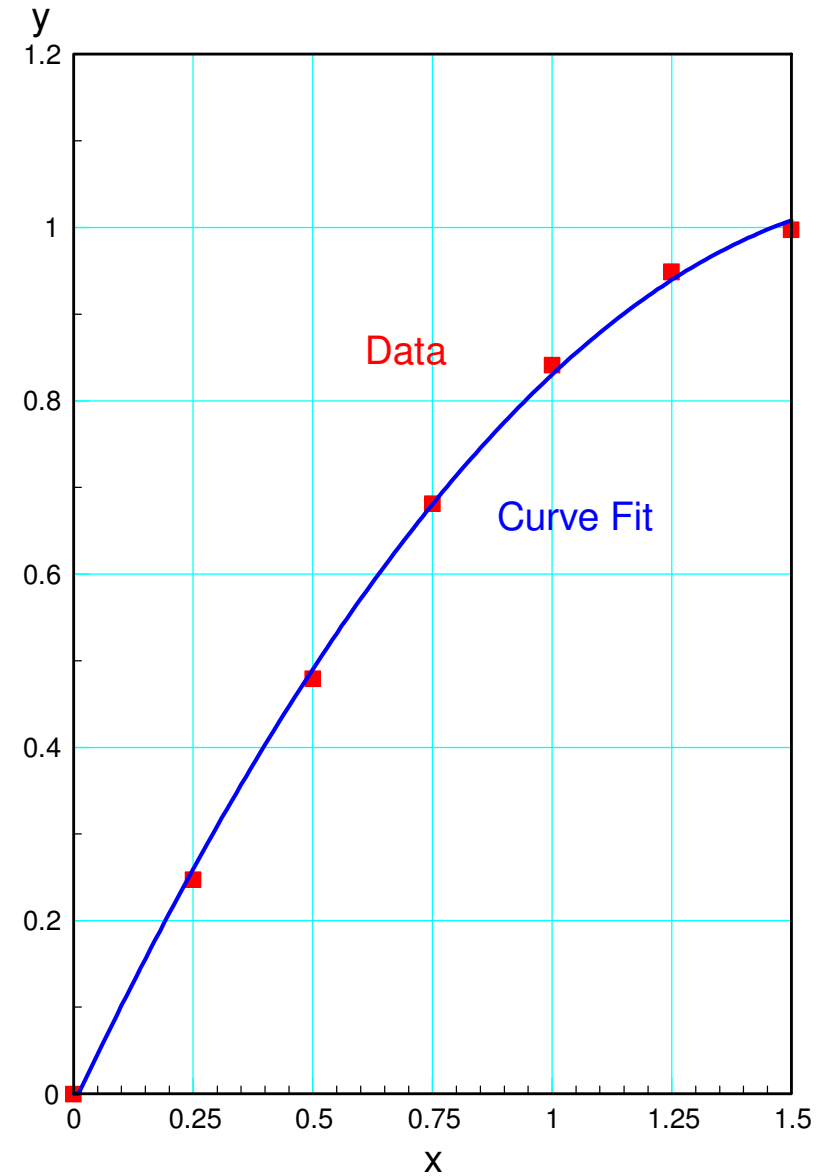
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>> B = [x0.^2, x0, x0.^0]  
>> plot(x,y,'r+',x0,B*A,'b')
```



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# Fun with Curve Fitting

With least squares, you can curve fit anything

- including real data

Let's curve fit

- Artic sea ice cover
- Fargo's temperature
- Global CO2 levels
- Global temperatures

and see what the data tells us....

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# Arctic Ice Levels

- National Sea and Ice Data Center
- <http://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/charctic-interactive-sea-ice-graph/>

The area covered by sea ice in the Arctic has been measured by the National Sea and Ice Data Center since 1979.

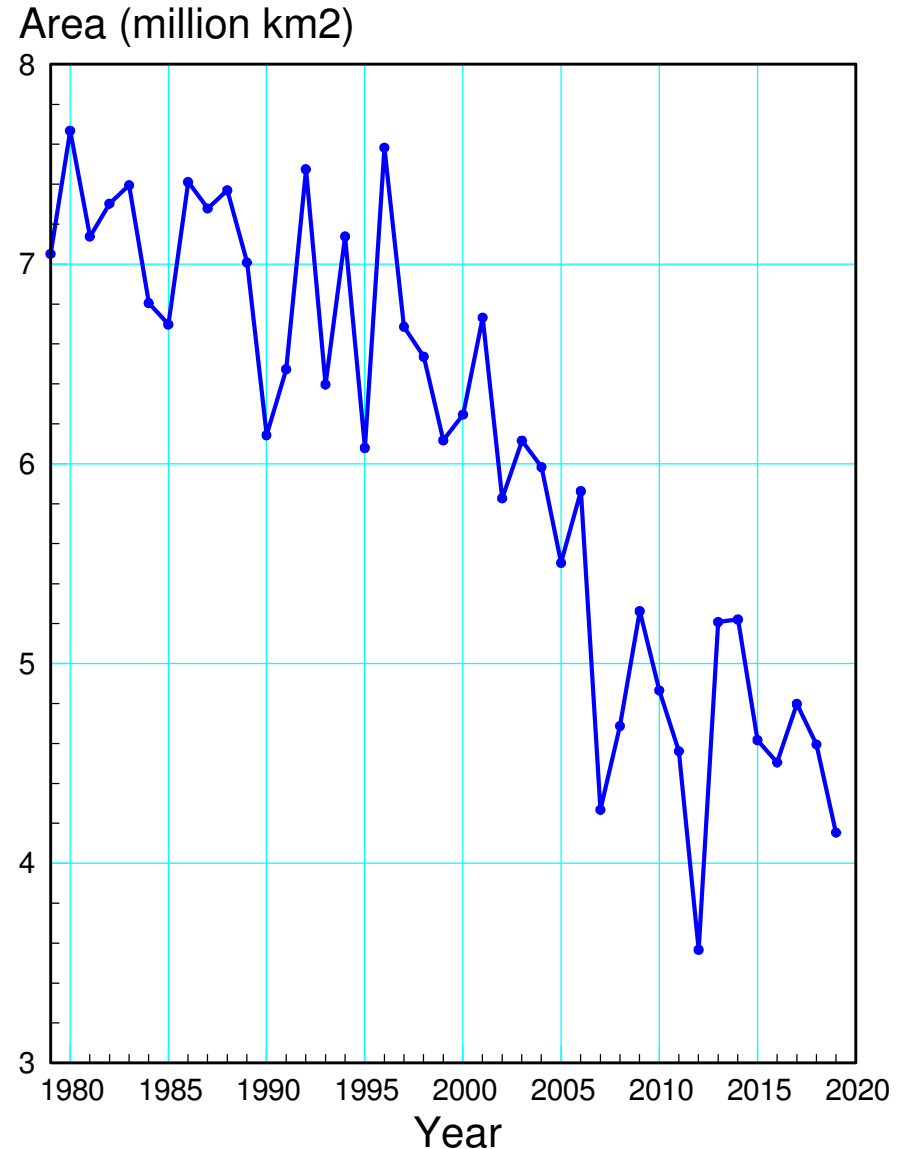
- Record the minimum ice level each year
- Find a linear curve fit for this data
- Determine when the Arctic will be ice free

41 data points

- 41 equations

2 unknowns

- $y = ax + b$



# Least Squares Solution

## Step 1: Paste the data into Matlab

```
DATA = [ <paste > ];  
year = DATA(:,1);  
ice = DATA(:,2);
```

## Solve using least squares

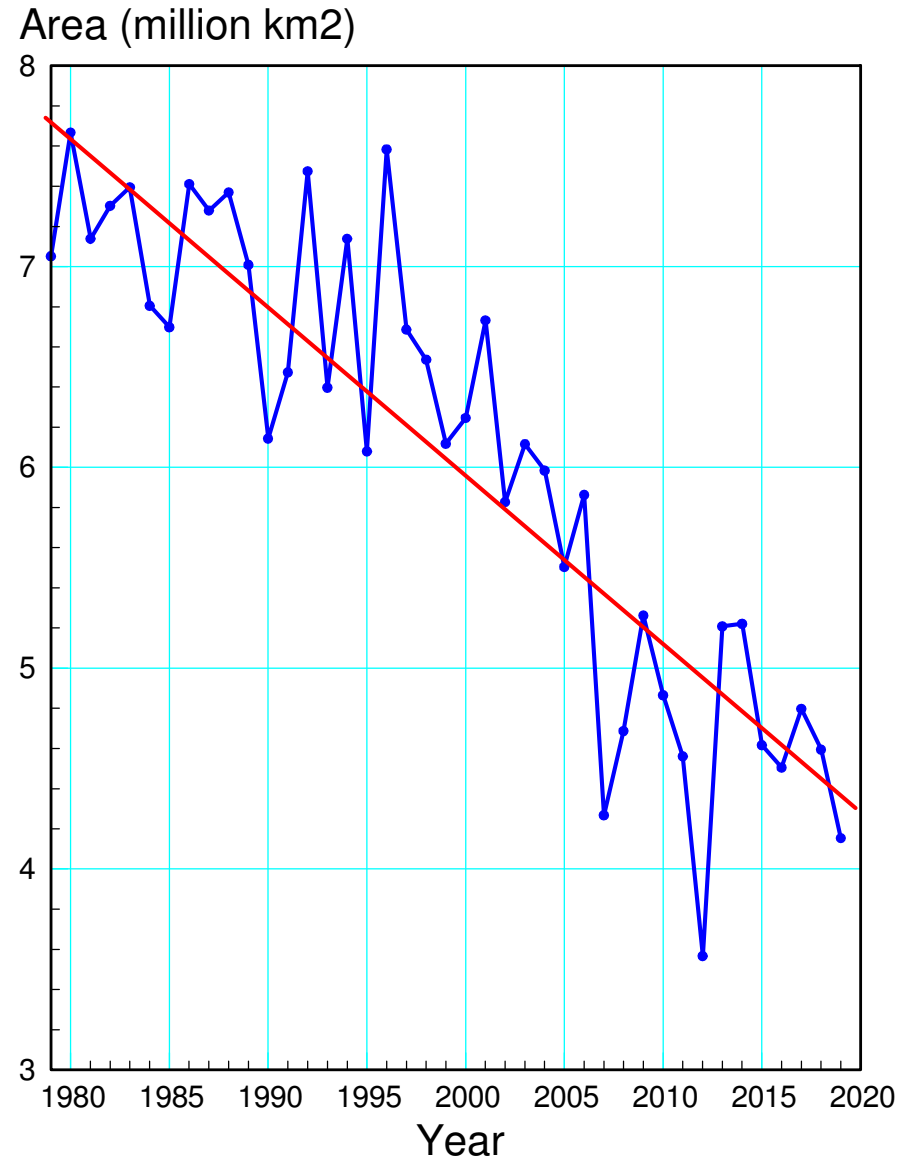
```
B = [year, year.^0];  
Y = [ice];
```

```
A = inv(B'*B)*B'*Y
```

```
- 0.0844726  
 174.68702
```

$$Area \approx -0.0844 \cdot year + 174.68$$

```
plot(y,a,'b.-',y,X*A,'r')
```





# Data Analysis

When will the Arctic be ice free?

- First time in 5 million years
- Find the zero crossing

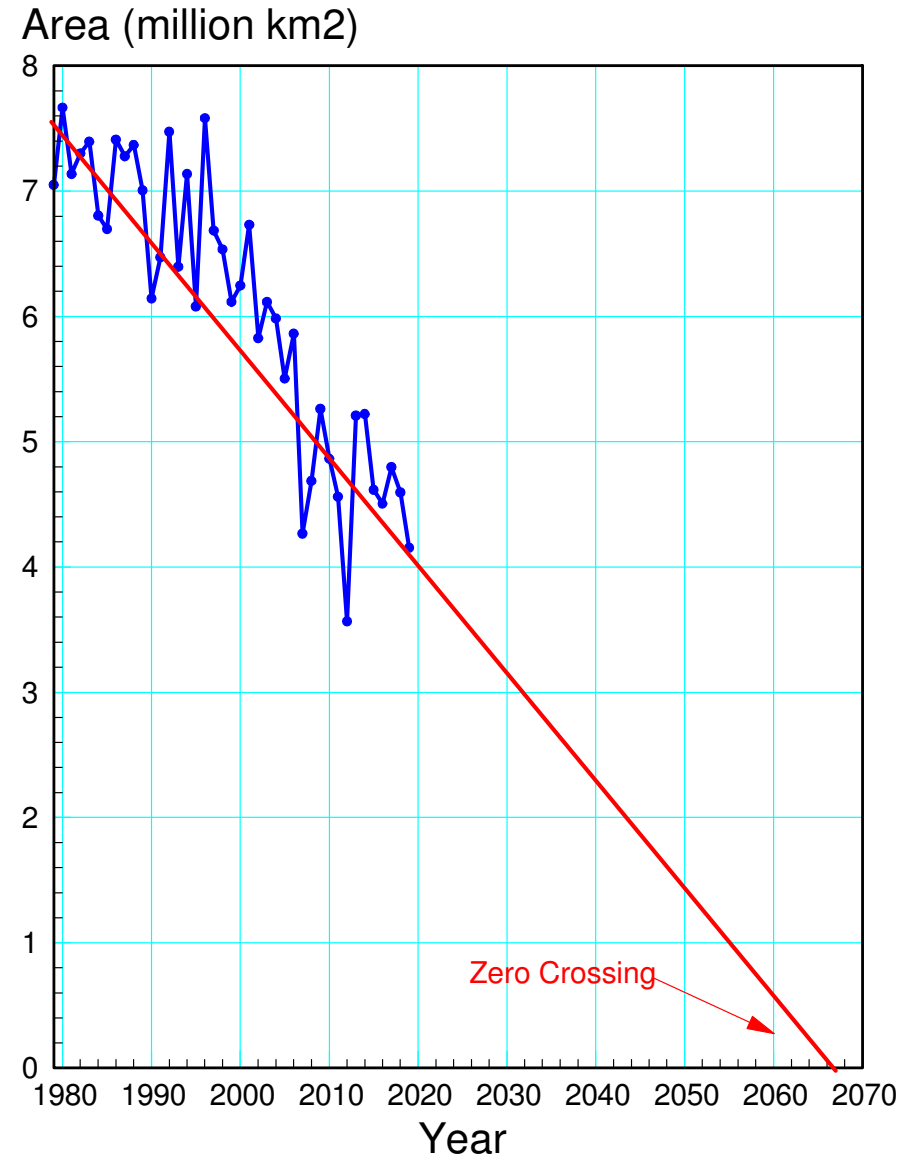
$$\text{Area} \approx 0 = -0.0844 \cdot \text{year} + 174.68$$

$$\text{year} = \left( \frac{174.68}{0.0844} \right) = 2067.97$$

`roots()` also works

```
roots(A)  
2067.9729
```

Using a linear curve fit, the data predicts that the Arctic will be ice free for the first time in 5 million years in the year 2067.



# Fargo Temperatures

Source: Hector Airport

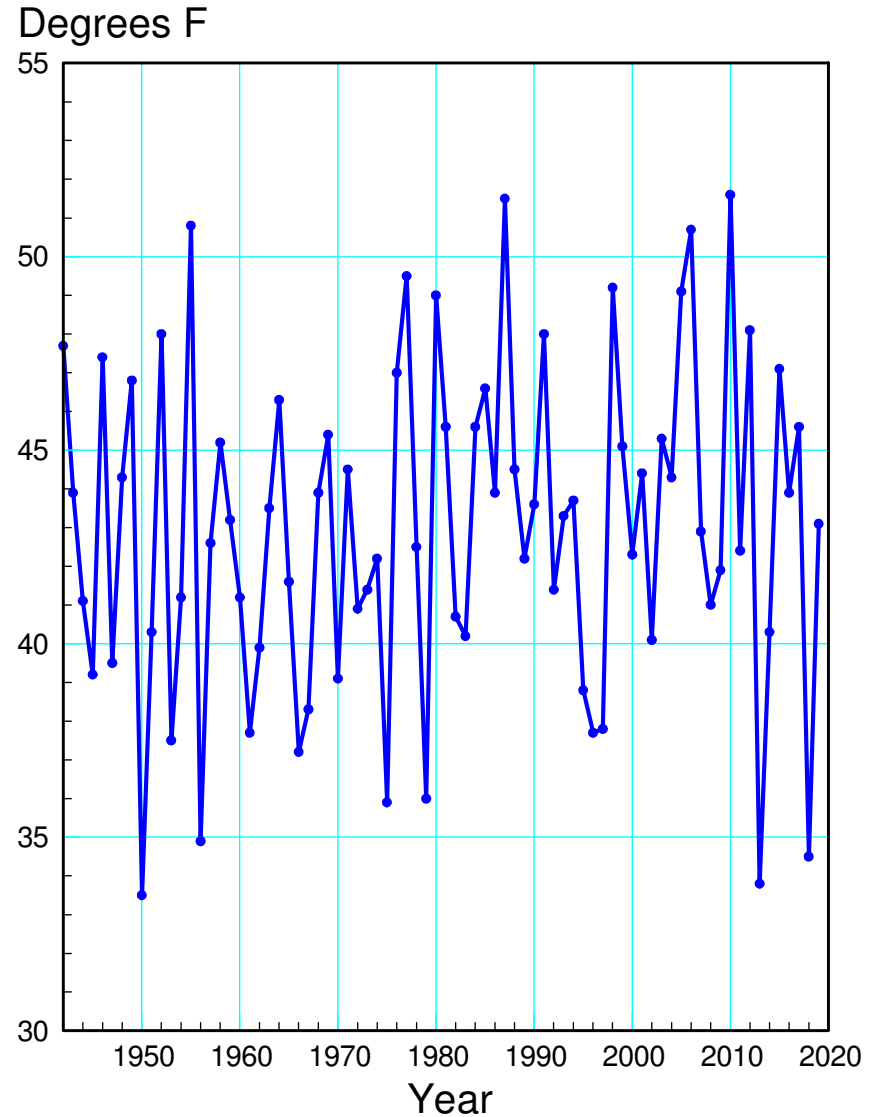
- Mean Temperature in April
- Is there a trend?

Express this in the form of

$$F = ay + b$$

where

- F is the mean temperature and
- y is the year.

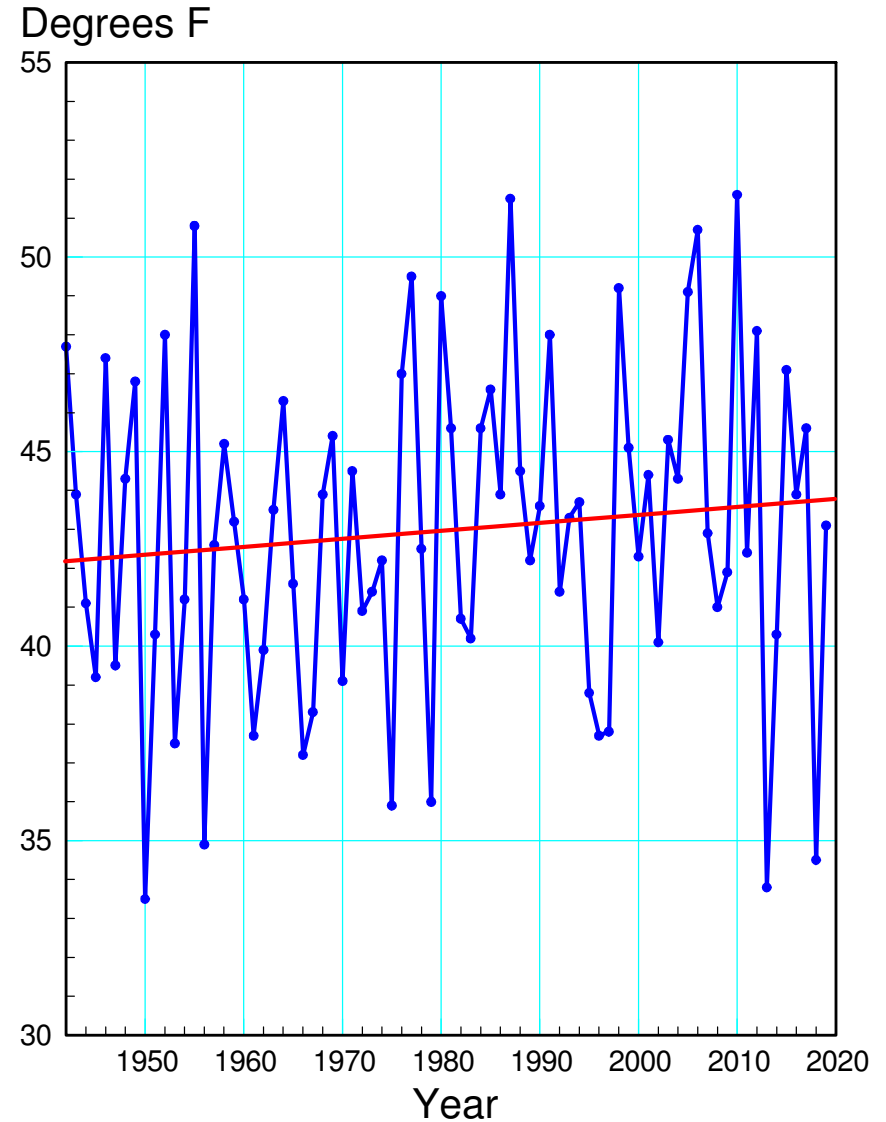


## In Matlab:

```
DATA = [  
    control V (paste the data)  
];  
y = DATA(:,1);  
F = DATA(:,5);  
plot(y,F,'.-')  
  
B = [y, y.^0];  
A = inv(B'*B)*B'*F  
  
    0.0297  
   -15.7381  
  
plot(y,F,'.-',y,B*A,'r')
```

## Meaning

- Fargo is warming 0.0297F per year
- +2.37F over 80 years



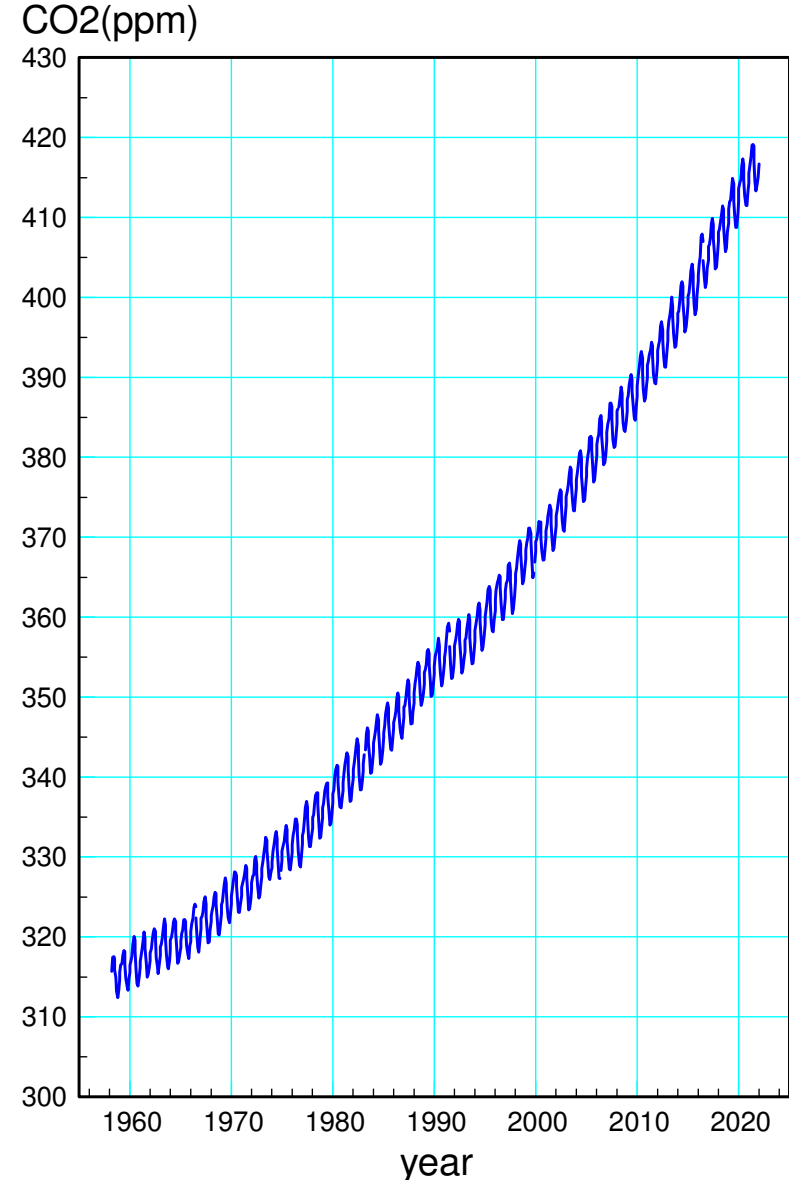
# Atmospheric CO2 Levels

- Source: NOAA Mauna Loa Observatory
- <https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ccgg/trends/full.html>
- Measured since 1959

Determine a parabolic curve fit

Estimate when CO2 levels will reach 2000ppm

- Same as what triggered the Permian extinction
- 251 million years ago
- Nearly wiped out all life



# Least Squares Curve Fit

Use a parabolic curve fit:

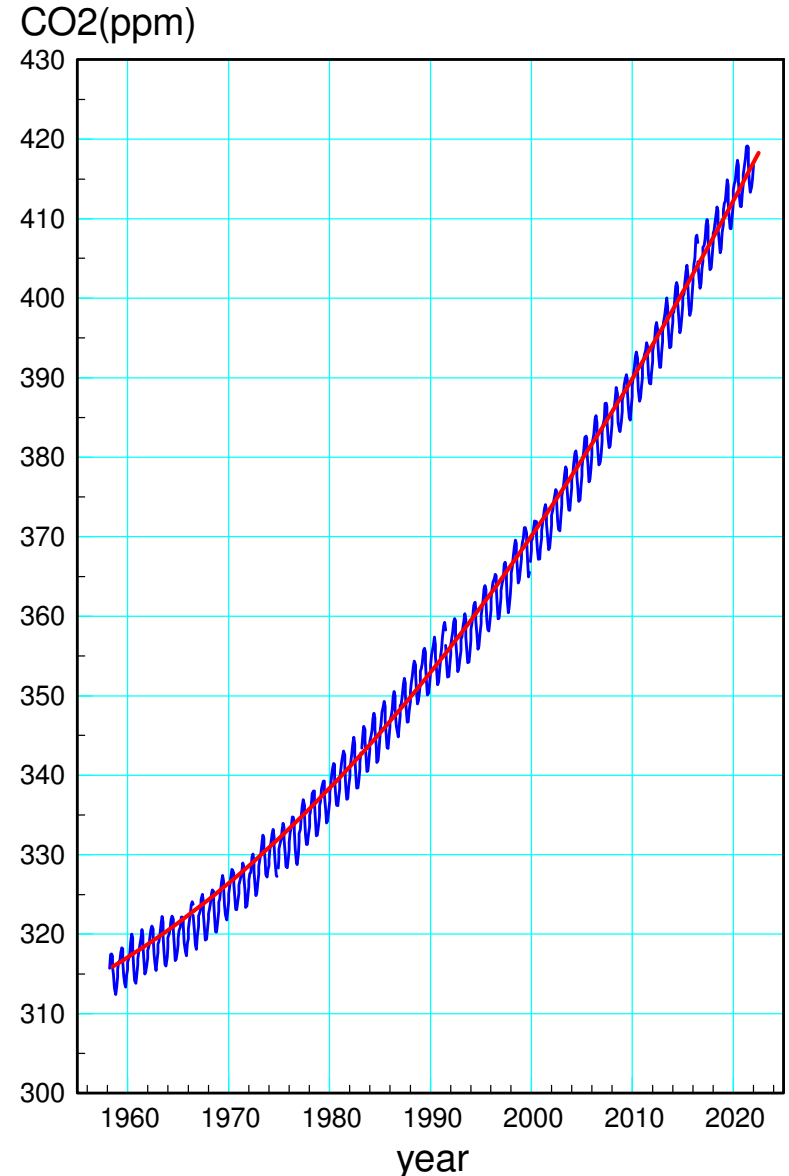
$$CO2 = ay^2 + by + c$$

```
DATA = [  
    paste in the data you just copied  
];
```

```
y = DATA(:,3);  
CO2 = DATA(:,5);  
B = [y.^2, y, y.^0];  
A = inv(B'*B)*B'*CO2
```

```
1.3072e-002  
-5.0428e+001  
4.8937e+004
```

```
plot(y,CO2,'b.-',y,B*A,'r')  
xlabel('Year');  
ylabel('CO2 ppm');
```



# Data Analysis

When will CO2 levels reach 2000 ppm?

$$ay^2 + by + c = 2000$$

Rewrite as

$$ay^2 + by + c - 2000 = 0$$

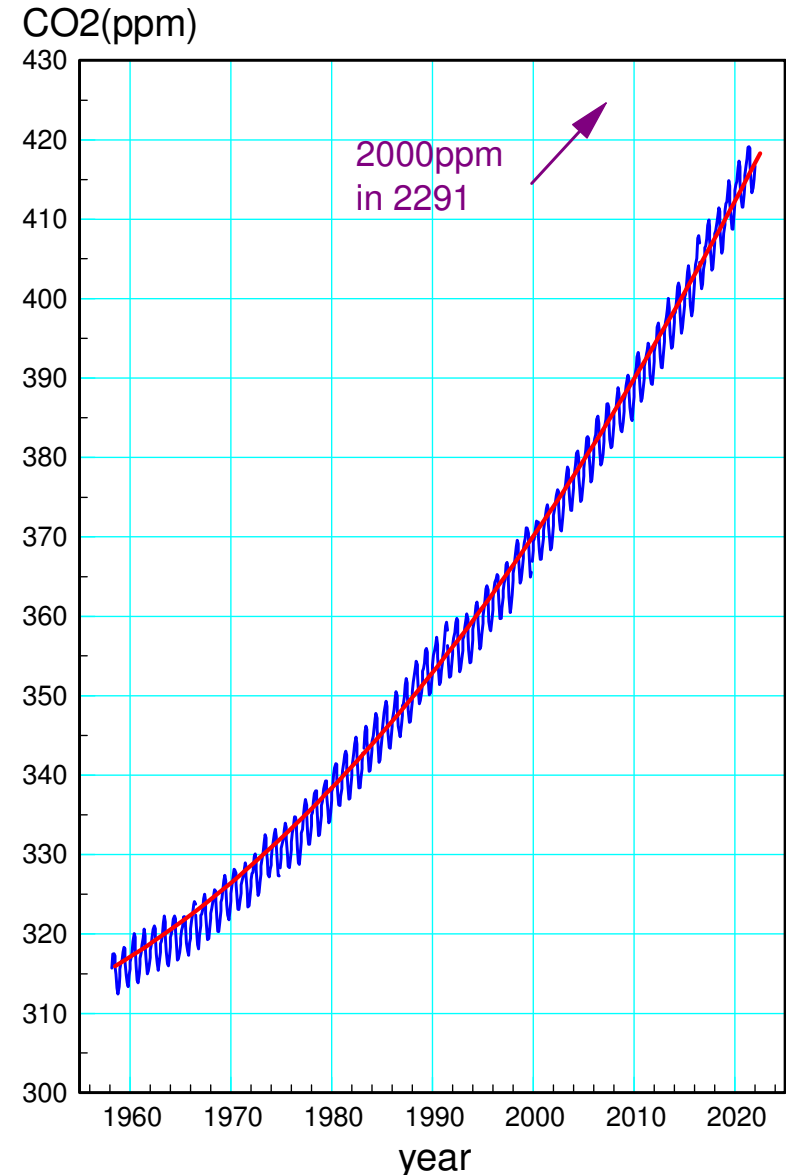
$$\text{roots} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2000 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

`roots(A - [0;0;2000])`

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1564.3

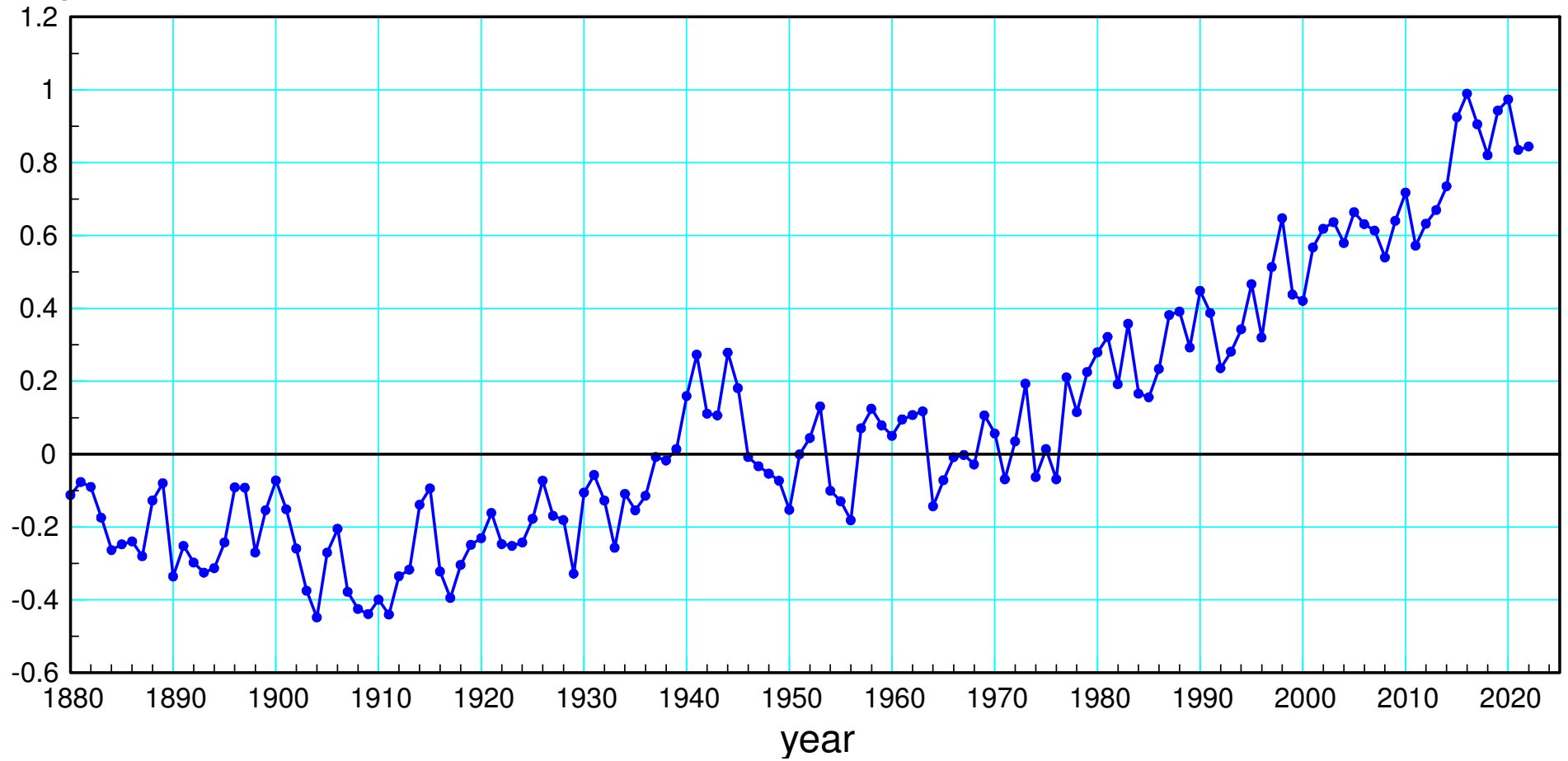
If nothing changes, we should hit 2000ppm of CO2 in the year 2291.



# Global Temperatures

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- [https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cag/global/time-series/globe/land\\_ocean/p12/12/1880-2022.csv](https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cag/global/time-series/globe/land_ocean/p12/12/1880-2022.csv)

degrees C



# Global Temperatures (cont'd)

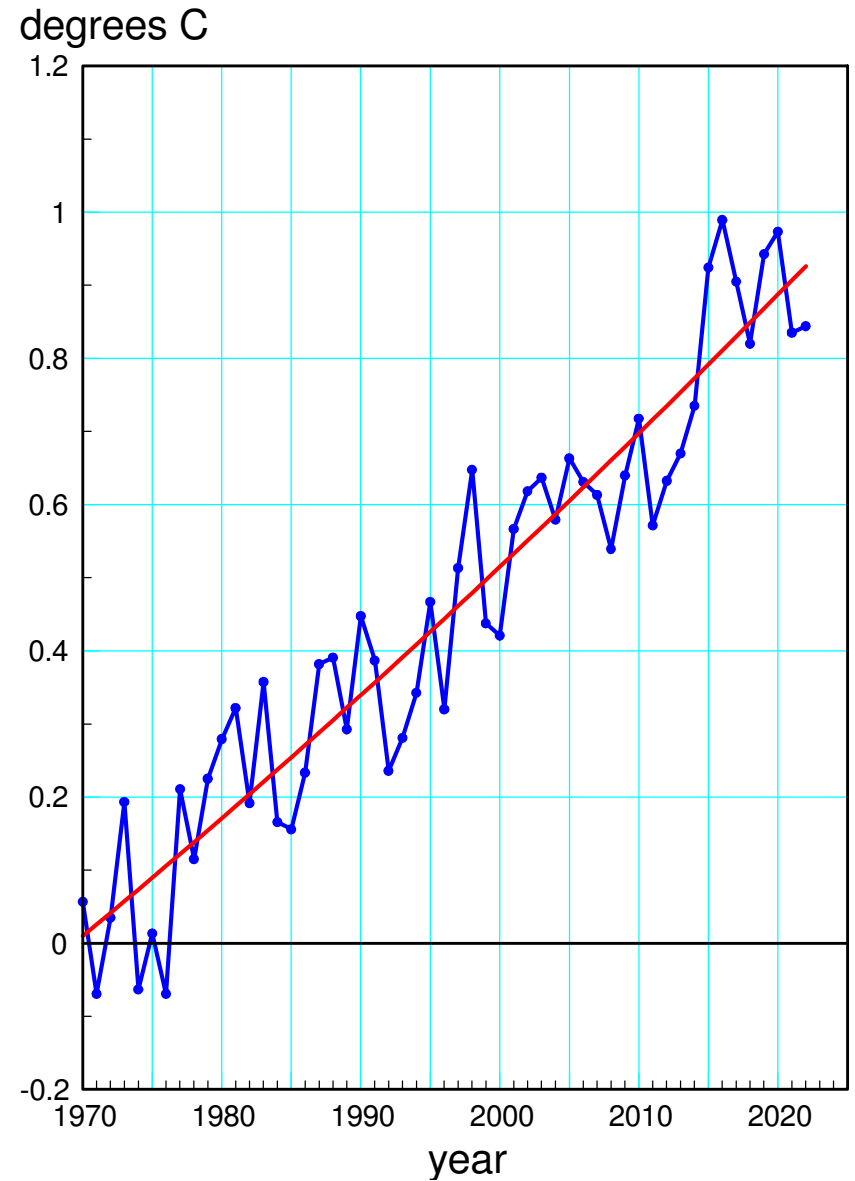
## Parabolic curve fit for 1970 .. 2022

```
DATA = [ <paste data 1970..2022> ];  
year = DATA(:,1);  
dT = DATA(:,2);
```

```
B = [year.^2, year, year.^0];  
A = inv(B'*B)*B'*dT
```

```
3.5840e-005  
-1.2545e-001  
1.0805e+002
```

```
plot(year,dT,'b',year,B*A,'r');
```





# Global dT: Data Analysis

When will we reach +10 degrees C?

- The same temperature that triggered the Permian extinction

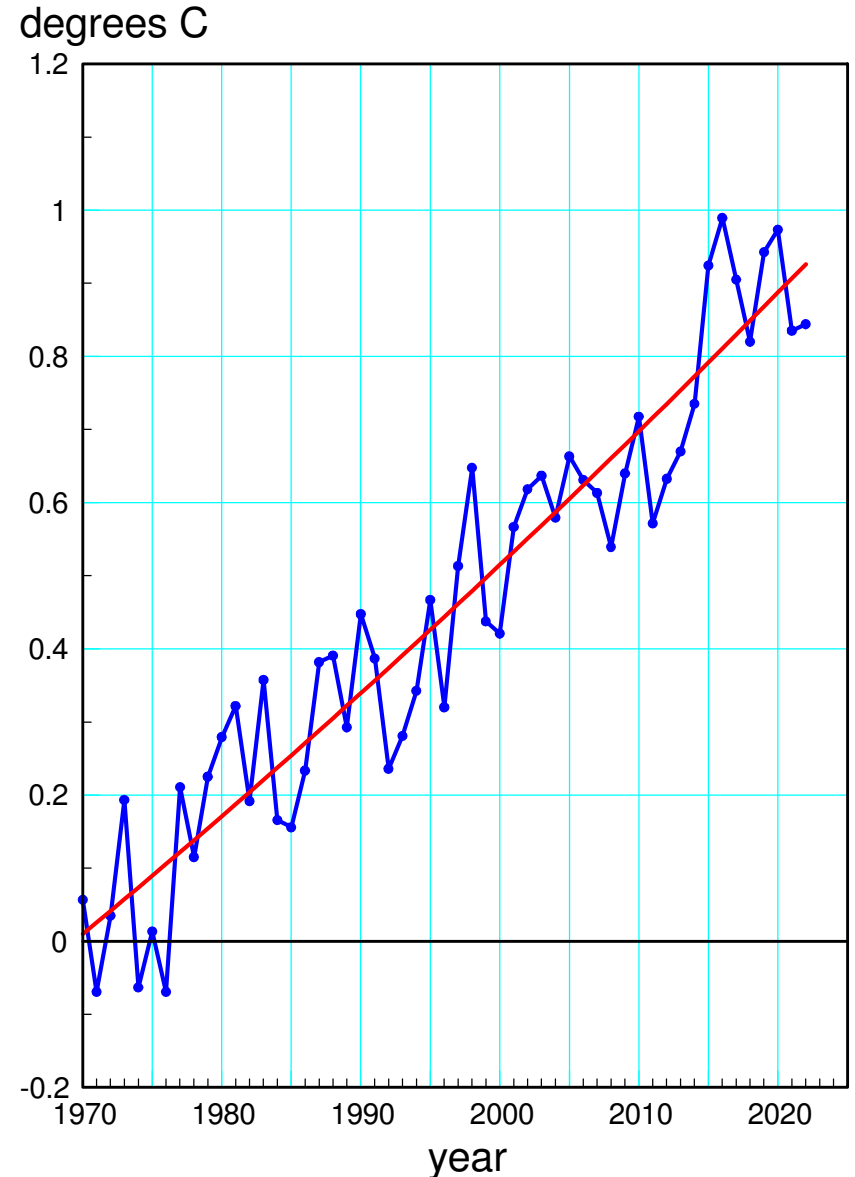
```
>> roots(A - [0;0;10])
```

```
2322.0  
1178.2
```

If nothing changes, we'll reach +10 degrees C in the year 2322

Is this a problem? In 300 years or less...

- The Arctic will be ice free
- CO2 levels will reach 2000ppm
- Global temperatures will reach +10C



# The Permian Extinction

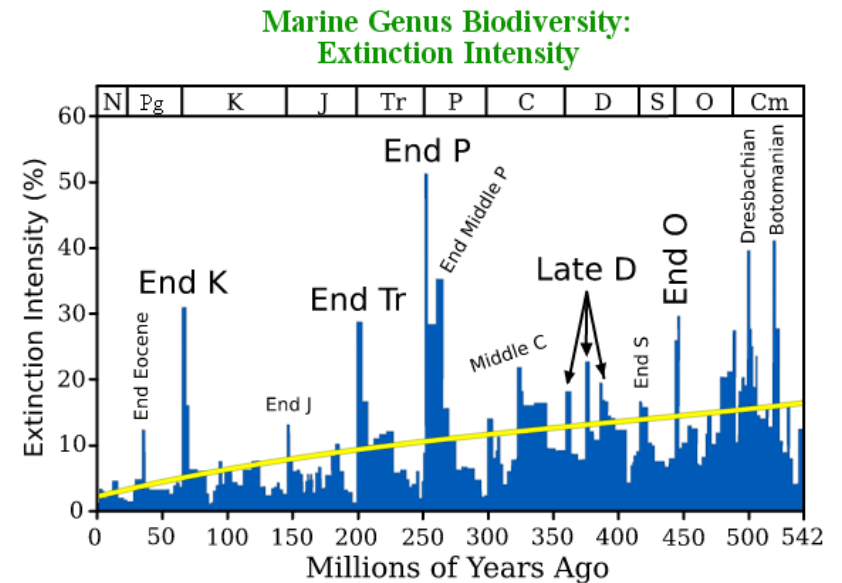
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Earth has suffered five mass extinction events

- Ordovician–Silurian: 450–440 MYA
- Late Devonian: 375–360 MYA.
- Permian–Triassic: 252 MYA
- Triassic–Jurassic: 201.3 MYA
- Cretaceous–Paleogene: 65MYA

The End-Permian was the largest

- 57% of all families
- 83% of all genera and
- 90% to 96% of all species



# What Caused the Permian Extinction?

When Life Nearly Died: The Greatest Mass Extinction of All Time, 2005, by Michael Benton

## Step 1: Siberian Trapps

- Massive volcanic eruption
- Lava flow stretches from the Urals to China
- Released huge amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>
- Acid rain spurrs the first wave of extinctions



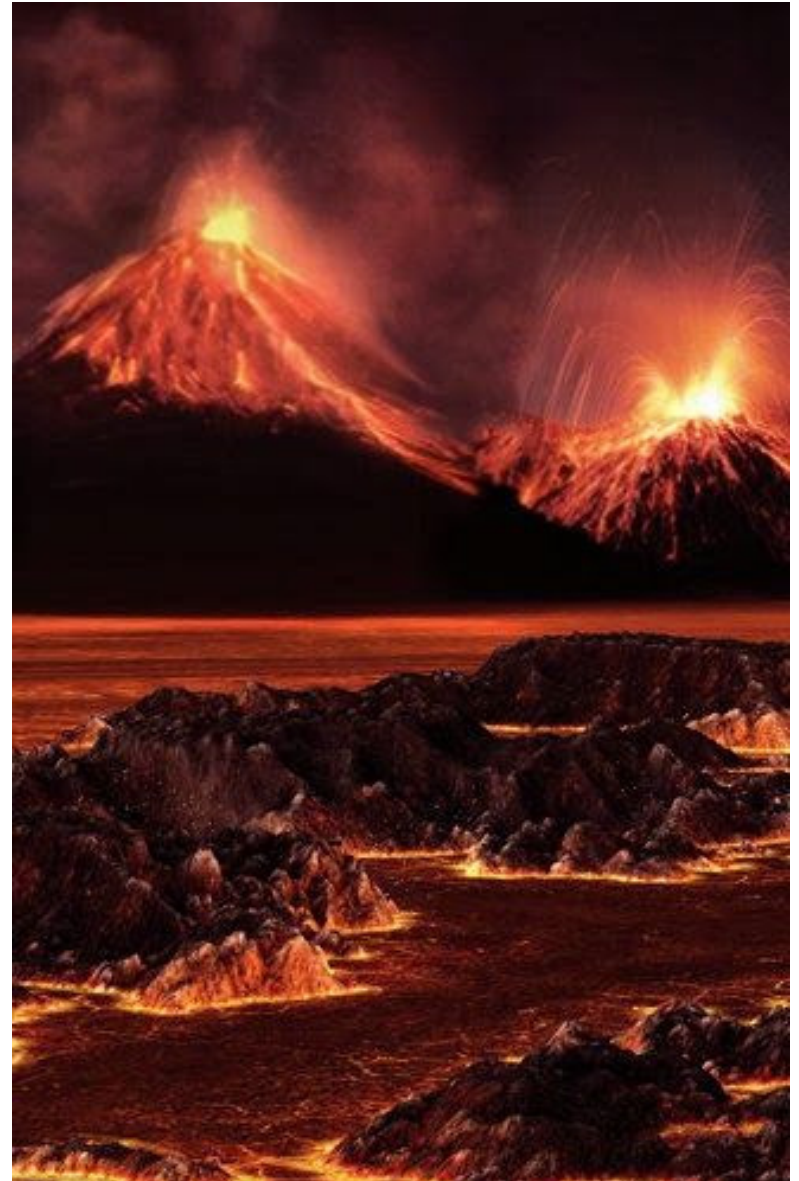
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## 2nd wave

<http://i.pinimg.com/736x/db/cb/93/dbcb937238a3c405f7a7f865c1886bf4.jpg>

### Lava covers coal fields

- Sets the coal on fire
- Raises CO2 levels to 2000ppm



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## 3rd Wave:

<https://geneticliteracyproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/fire-10-22-18.jpg>

- CO2 raises temperatures by 10 degrees C
- Triggers another wave of extinctions



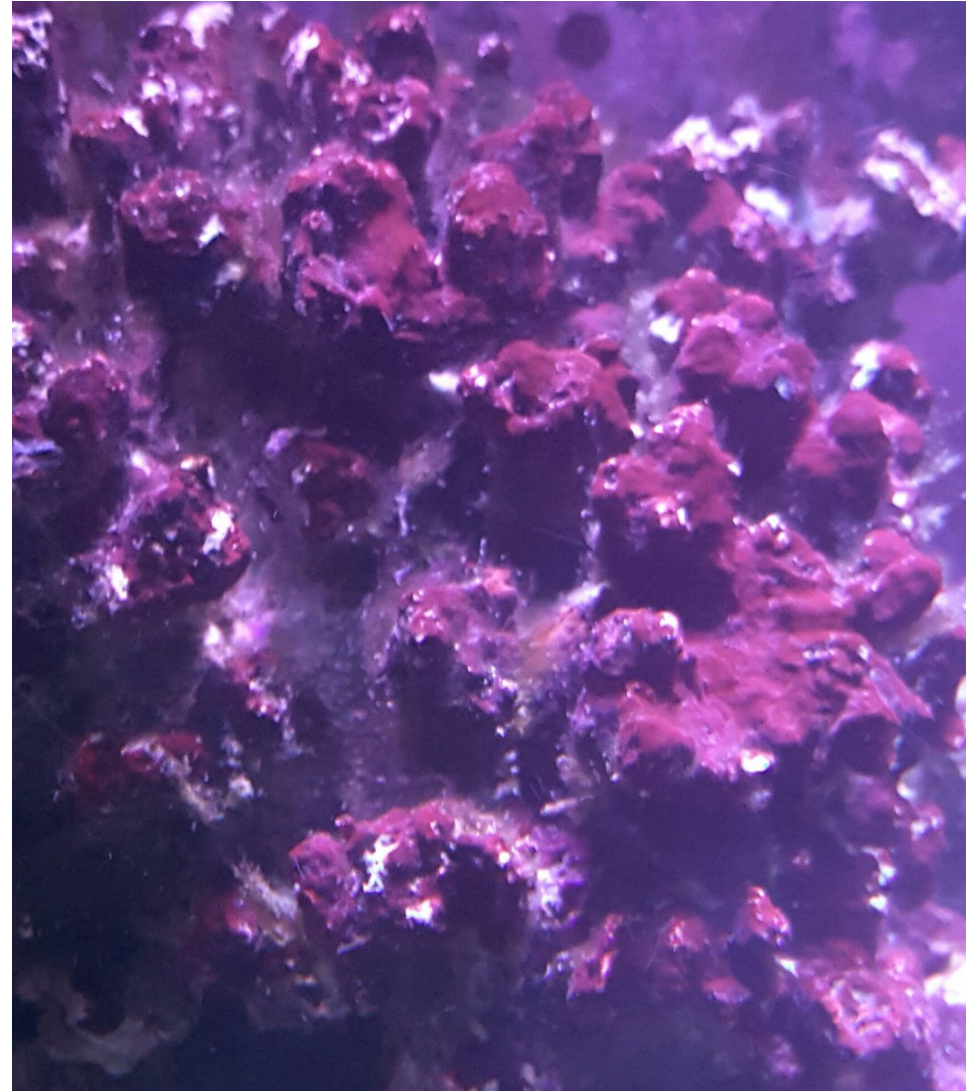


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## 4th Wave:

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- Warmer temperatures melt the ice caps
- Ocean currents stop
- Without ocean circulation, oxygen levels plummet
- Cyano-bacteria flourish in the oceans
- The air becomes poisoned with cyanide



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## 5th Wave

- Methane hydrates become unstable
- Temperatures rise another 10 degrees C
- 20 degrees C total
- The ocean becomes 130F at the equator

<https://i0.wp.com/www.apextribune.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/seafloor-methane-released-into-the-pacific-ocean-1024x576.jpg>





# Net Result

<http://english.nigpas.cas.cn/rh/rp/201112/W020111212526403740930.jpg>

Life was almost wiped out

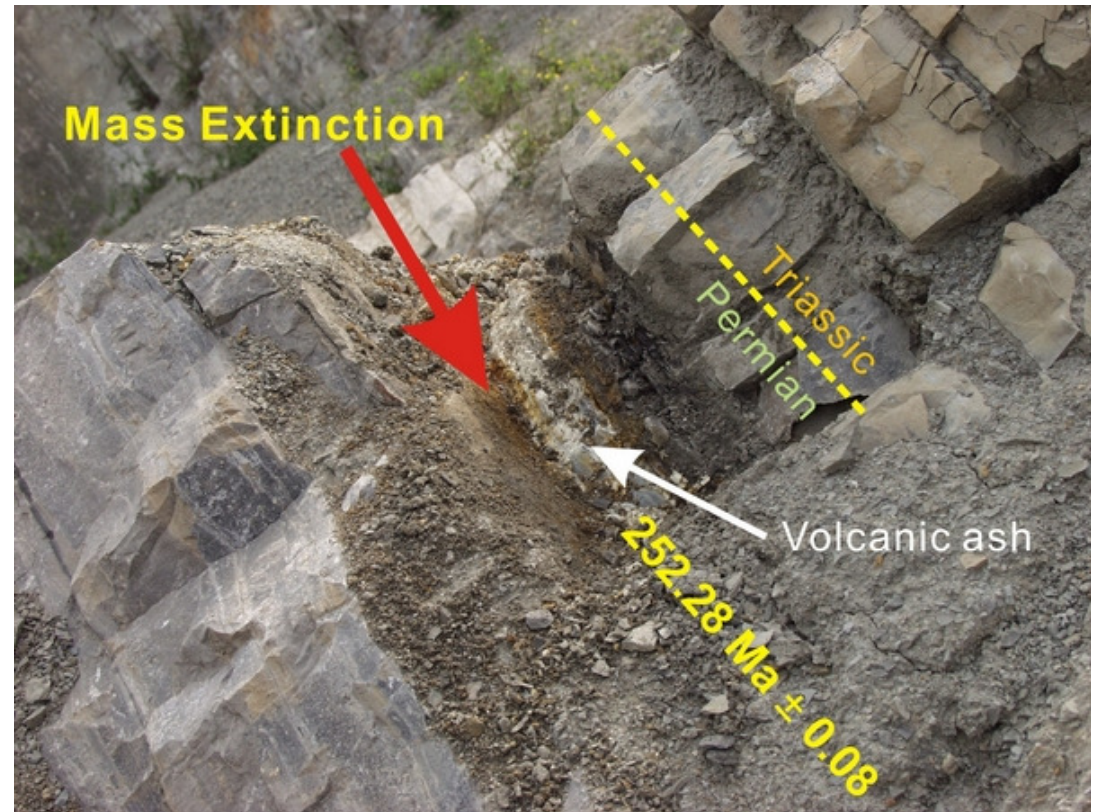
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It took almost 10 million years for life to return

- All triggered by +10C temperature rise
- 2000ppm CO2 levels

Is this a repeatable experiment?

- We're going to find out...





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## Summary:

With matrices, you can solve  $N$  equations for  $N$  unknowns

$$A = B^{-1}Y$$

- If you can convert a problem to  $N$  equations with  $N$  unknowns, you can solve
- Very common technique in ECE

If you have more equations than unknowns, you can solve using least-squares

$$A = (B^T B)^{-1} B^T Y$$

- Useful when analyzing actual data (lab results)
  - Allows you to see trends in the noise
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