

Homework 4

Download “hw_04.xlsx” to do your assignment.

1. Fit the data in “problem 1” on the worksheet to a fourth order polynomial using a trendline. Show the equation in scientific notation with 2 decimals. Also display the R^2 value on the plot.
2. Use a trendline to find the values of A and E in the rate equation $r = A \cdot \exp(-E/T)$, where r and T data are given on worksheet “problem 2.” You will need to modify this equation to get it in a form suitable for use with one of the built-in trendline forms.
3. The worksheet “Problem 3” contains data for the response of a *first order system with time delay*. Such data is used to create control devices to keep operations running correctly. (You will learn about this in ChEn 436, Process Control and Dynamics.)

- a. Find the constants, τ and θ , in the equation

$$y(t) = 5 \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{(t - \theta)}{\tau}\right) \right] S(t - \theta)$$

where

$$S(t - \theta) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when } t < \theta \\ 1 & \text{when } t \geq \theta \end{cases}$$

best fit the process control data, $y(t)$.

- b. Make a plot showing the data (as points) and the fit (as a line).
- c. Which of the functions available with Excel’s trendline feature best fit the data? How many constants are used to achieve this fit? What is its R^2 -value?

Hints:

- You will need to use an *if* function for this problem.