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11.5 Characteristic Polynomial and Roots

- ❑ **Polynomial** comes from the Greek *poly*, "many" and medieval Latin *binomium*, "binomial".
- ❑ Forming a sum of several terms produces a **polynomial**. For example, the following is a **polynomial**:

$$\underbrace{3x^2}_{\text{term}} - \underbrace{5x}_{\text{term}} + \underbrace{4}_{\text{term}}$$

- ❑ It consists of **three** terms: the **first** is degree **two**, the **second** is degree **one**, and the **third** is degree **zero**.

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11.6 Polynomials in MATLAB

- ❑ Represented by a **row vector** in which the elements are the **coefficients** as

$$[a_n \ a_{n-1} \ \dots \ a_2 \ a_1 \ a_0]$$
- ❑ The a_i elements of this **vector** are the **coefficients** of the polynomial in descending order.
- ❑ **Must** include **all coefficients**, even if **0**:

Examples:-

The polynomial

1) $s^3 - 6s^2 - 72s - 27$ is represented in MATLAB software as :

>>p = [1 -6 -72 -27]

2) $8x + 5$, >>p = [8 5]

3) $6x^2 - 150$, >>h = [6 0 -150]

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11.7 Roots of Polynomials

- We can find the roots of any polynomial with the `roots(p)` function where `p` is a row vector containing the polynomial coefficients in descending order.

Example1:

Find the roots of the polynomial

$$p_1(x) = x^4 - 10x^3 + 35x^2 - 50x + 24$$

Solution:

The roots are found with the following **two statements**. We have denoted the polynomial as `p1`, and the roots as `roots_p1`.

```
>> p1=[1 -10 35 -50 24] % Specify the coefficients of p1(x)
```

```
P1=
```

```
    1   -10    35   -50    24
```

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```
>> roots_p1=roots(p1) % Find the roots of p1(x)
```

```
roots_p1 =
```

```
4.0000
```

```
3.0000
```

```
2.0000
```

```
1.0000
```

We observe that MATLAB displays the polynomial coefficients as a **row vector**, and the roots as a **column vector**.

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Example2:

Find the roots of the polynomial

$$p_2(x) = x^5 - 7x^4 + 16x^2 - 25x + 52$$

Solution:

There is no **cube** term; therefore, we must enter **zero** as its coefficient. The **roots** are found with the statements below where we have defined the polynomial as **p2**, and the roots of this polynomial as **roots_ p2**.

```
>> p2=[1 -7 0 16 25 52]
```

```
P2=
```

```
    1  -7  0  16  25  52
```

```
>> roots_ p2=roots(p2)
```

```
roots_ p2 =
```

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```
>> roots_p2=roots(p2)
roots_p2 =
    6.5014
    2.7428
   -1.5711
   -0.3366 + 1.3202i
   -0.3366 - 1.3202i
```

The result indicates that this polynomial has **three real roots**, and **two complex roots**.

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11.8 Polynomial Construction from Known Roots

We can compute the coefficients of a polynomial from a given set of roots with the `poly(r)` function where `r` is a **row vector** containing the roots.

Example3:

It is known that the roots of a polynomial are 1,2,3 and 4. Compute the coefficients of this polynomial.

Solution:

We first define a **row vector**, say `r3`, with the given roots as elements of this vector; then, we find the coefficients with the `poly(r)` function as shown below.

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```
>>r3=[1 2 3 4] % Specify the roots of the polynomial
```

```
r3 =
```

```
1 2 3 4
```

```
>>poly_r3=poly(r3) % Find the polynomial coefficients
```

```
poly_r3 =
```

```
1 -10 35 -50 24
```

We observe that these are the coefficients of the polynomial $p_1(x)$ of [Example 1](#).

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Example4:

It is known that the roots of a polynomial are -1 , -2 , -3 , $4 + j5$, and $4 - j5$. Find the coefficients of this polynomial.

Solution:

We form a row vector, say $r4$, with the given roots, and we find the polynomial coefficients with the `poly(r)` function as shown below.

```
>> r4=[ -1 -2 -3 4+5j 4-5j ]
```

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Example4:

```
>> r4=[ -1 -2 -3 4+5j 4-5j ]
```

```
r4 =
```

```
Columns 1 through 4
```

```
-1.0000 + 0.0000i -2.0000 + 0.0000i -3.0000 + 0.0000i 4.0000 + 5.0000i
```

```
Column 5
```

```
4.0000 - 5.0000i
```

```
>> poly_r4=poly(r4)
```

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Example4:

```
>> poly_r4=poly(r4)
```

```
poly_r4 =
```

```
1 -2 4 164 403 246
```

Therefore, the polynomial is

$$P_4(x) = x^5 + 14x^4 + 100x^3 + 340x^2 + 499x + 246$$

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11.9 Evaluation of a Polynomial at Specified Values

The `polyval(p,x)` function evaluates a polynomial $P(x)$ at some specified value of the independent variable x .

Example5:

Evaluate the polynomial

$$P_5(x) = x^6 - 3x^5 + 5x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x + 2$$

at $x = -3$.

Solution:

```
>>p5=[1 -3 0 5 -4 3 2]; % These are the coefficients
```

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11.9 Evaluation of a Polynomial at Specified Values

$$P_5(x) = x^6 - 3x^5 + 5x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x + 2$$

at $x = -3$.

Solution:

```
>>p5=[1 -3 0 5 -4 3 2]; % These are the coefficients
```

```
>> val_minus3=polyval(p5, -3) % Evaluate p5 at x=-3.
```

```
val_minus3 =
```

```
1280
```

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11.10 Relations with Polynomials: conv , deconv ,polyder ,polyint

conv(a,b) – multiplies two polynomials a and b

[q,r]=deconv(c,d) – divides polynomial c by polynomial d and displays the quotient q and remainder r .

polyder(p) – produces the coefficients of the derivative of a polynomial p .

polyint(p) – produces the coefficients of the integral of a polynomial p .

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Example6:

$$\text{Let } P_1(x) = x^5 - 3x^4 + 5x^2 + 7x + 9$$

$$P_2(x) = 2x^6 - 8x^4 + 4x^2 + 10x + 12$$

Compute the product `p1.p2` with the `conv(a,b)` function.

Solution:

```
>> p1=[1 -3 0 5 7 9];
```

```
>> p2=[2 0 -8 0 4 10 12];
```

```
>> p1p2=conv(p1,p2)
```

```
p1p2 =
```

```
2 -6 -8 34 18 -24 -74 -88 78 166 174 108
```

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```
>> p1p2=conv(p1,p2)
```

```
p1p2 =
```

```
    2  -6  -8  34  18  -24  -74  -88  78  166  174  108
```

Therefore,

$$P1 . P2_1 = 2x^{11} - 6x^{10} - 8x^9 + 34x^8 - 18x^7 - 24x^6 - 74x^5 - 88x^4 + 78x^3 + 166x^2 + 174x + 108$$

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Example7:

$$\text{Let } P_3(x) = x^7 - 3x^5 + 5x^3 + 7x + 9$$

$$P_4(x) = 2x^6 - 8x^2 + 4x^2 + 10x + 12$$

Compute the quotient `p3/p4` using the `deconv(p,q)` function.

Solution:

```
>> p3=[1 0 -3 0 5 7 9]; p4 = [2 -8 0 0 4 10 12]; [q,r] = deconv(p3,p4)
```

```
q =
```

```
0.5
```

```
r =
```

```
0 4 -3 0 3 2 3
```

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q =

0.5

r =

0 4 -3 0 3 2 3

Therefore, the quotient $q(x)$ and remainder $r(x)$ are :

$$q(x)=0.5 \quad r(x) = 4x^5 - 3x^4 + 3x^2 + 2x + 3$$

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Example8: Let $p_5 = 2x^6 - 8x^4 + 4x^2 + 10x + 12$

Compute the derivative dp_5/dx using the `polyder(p)` function.

Solution:

```
>> p5=[2 0 -8 0 4 10 12];
```

```
>> der_p5=polyder(p5)
```

```
der_p5 =
```

```
12 0 -32 0 8 10
```

Therefore,

$$dp_5/dx = 12x^5 - 32x^3 + 8x + 10$$

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Example9:

$$\text{Let } p_6 = 6x^2$$

Compute the integral $\int p_6 dx$ using the `polyint(p)` function.

Solution:

```
>> p6=[6 0 0];
```

```
>> der_p6=polyint(p5)
```

```
int_p6 =
```

```
    2    0    0    0
```

Therefore,

$$\int p_6 dx = 2x^3$$

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11.11 Curve fitting

- ❑ Matlab also has a convenient tool for **curve fitting**. If we have two vectors, x and y , with paired observations, we can approximate the functional relation between them with a polynomial of some degree.
- ❑ If the degree is **1**, the relation is **linear**;
- ❑ if it is **2**, the relation is **quadratic**, etc.
- ❑ This can be done with the function **polyfit()**.

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□ The following script estimates the coefficients of polynomials of order 1, 2, and 3, for a given set of observations, and plots the results in three graphs.

```
clc,clear all
```

```
x = [1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9]; y = [2 3 3 5 7 8 8 9 7];
```

```
x_val = linspace(0,10,100);
```

```
for degree=1:3
```

```
poly = polyfit(x,y,degree);
```

```
disp(['Coeff., case ' num2str(degree) ': ' num2str(poly)])
```

```
y_val = polyval(poly,x_val);
```

```
subplot(3,1,degree)
```

```
plot(x,y,'r*'), axis([0 10 0 10])
```

```
hold on
```

```
plot(x_val,y_val)
```

```
ylabel(['Degree: ' num2str(degree)])
```

```
end
```

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11.11 Curve fitting: `poly = polyfit(x,y,degree)`

The output is:

Coeff., case 1: 0.85 1.5278

Coeff., case 2: -0.12229 2.0729 -0.71429

Coeff., case 3: -0.053872 0.68579 -1.3318 2.8413

- ❑ The first two inputs to `polyfit()` are the vectors of **X-** and **Y-values**, and the third is the degree of the polynomial (i.e., the highest value of the exponent).

`poly = polyfit(x,y,degree);`

- ❑ The function responds with a matrix that holds one more element than the degree.
- ❑ The elements of the matrix are the coefficients of the estimated polynomial.
- ❑ For example, in the third case above

$$y = -0.053872x^3 + 0.68579x^2 - 1.3318x + 2.8413$$

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- ❑ The function `polyval()` uses a matrix of coefficients, `poly` above, and returns **Y-values** for given **X-values**.

```
y_val = polyval(poly,x_val);
```

- ❑ **Figure 11-1** shows the resulting three plots. The red markers are the same in all three cases, but the **curves** correspond to the fitted polynomials.

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11.11 Curve fitting: `poly = polyfit(x,y,degree)`

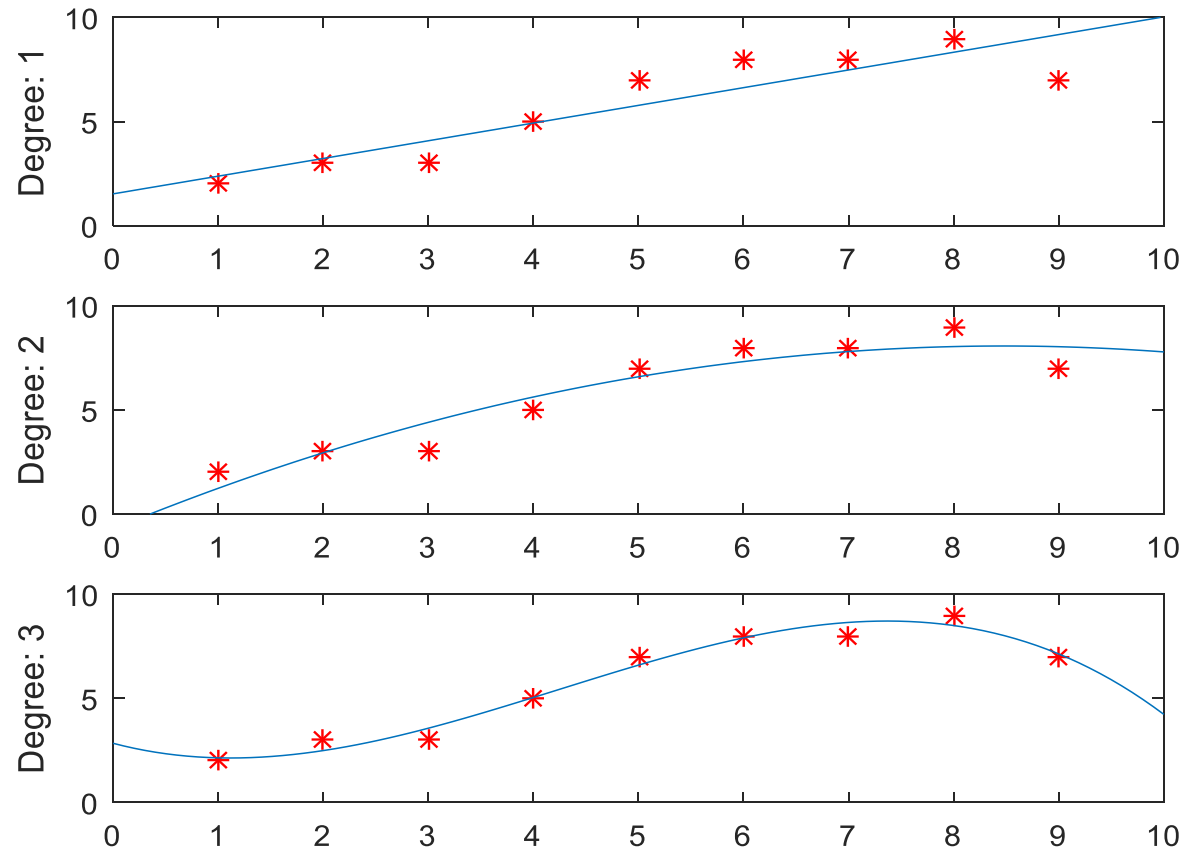


Figure 11-1

Examples of curve fitting