

# Farey Sequences and the Riemann Hypothesis

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## Abstract

Relationships between the Farey sequence and the Riemann hypothesis other than the Franel-Landau theorem are discussed.

## 1 Introduction

The Farey sequence  $F_x$  of order  $x$  is the ascending series of irreducible fractions between 0 and 1 whose denominators do not exceed  $x$ . In this article, the fraction  $0/1$  is not considered to be in the Farey sequence. The number of fractions in  $F_x$  is  $A(x) := \sum_{i=1}^x \phi(i)$  where  $\phi$  is Euler's totient function. For  $v = 1, 2, 3, \dots, A(x)$  let  $\delta_v$  denote the amount by which the  $v$ th term of the Farey sequence differs from  $v/A(x)$ . Franel (in collaboration with Landau) [1] proved that the Riemann hypothesis is equivalent to the statement that  $|\delta_1| + |\delta_2| + \dots + |\delta_{A(x)}| = o(x^{\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon})$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . Let  $M(x)$  denote the Mertens function ( $M(x) := \sum_{i=1}^x \mu(i)$  where  $\mu(i)$  is the Möbius function). Littlewood [2] proved that the Riemann hypothesis is equivalent to the statement that for every  $\epsilon > 0$  the function  $M(x)x^{-(1/2) - \epsilon}$  approaches zero as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . Mertens conjectured that  $|M(x)| < \sqrt{x}$ . This was disproved by Odlyzko and te Riele [3]. The Stieltjes hypothesis states that  $M(x) = O(x^{\frac{1}{2}})$ .

## 2 An Upper Bound of $|M(x)|$

Lehman [4] proved that  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) = 1$ . In general,  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/(in) \rfloor) = 1$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, x$  (since  $\lfloor \lfloor x/n \rfloor / i \rfloor = \lfloor x/(in) \rfloor$ ). Let  $R'$  denote a square matrix where element  $(i, j)$  equals 1 if  $j$  divides  $i$  or 0 otherwise. (In a Redheffer matrix, element  $(i, j)$  equals 1 if  $i$  divides  $j$  or if  $j = 1$ . Redheffer [5] proved that the determinant of such a  $x$  by  $x$  matrix equals  $M(x)$ .) Let  $T$  denote the matrix obtained from  $R'$  by element-by-element multiplication of the columns by  $M(\lfloor x/1 \rfloor), M(\lfloor x/2 \rfloor), M(\lfloor x/3 \rfloor), \dots, M(\lfloor x/x \rfloor)$ . Let  $U$  denote the matrix obtained from  $T$  by element-by-element multiplication of the columns by  $\phi(j)$ . The sum of the columns of  $U$  then equals  $A(x)$ .  $i = \sum_{d|i} \phi(d)$ , so  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) i$  (the sum of the rows of  $U$ ) equals  $A(x)$ .

**Theorem (1)**  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) i = A(x)$

By the Schwarz inequality,  $A(x)/\sqrt{x(x+1)(2x+1)/6}$  is a lower bound of  $\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)^2}$ . See Figure 1 for a plot of  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)^2$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 10000$ . Let  $\Lambda(i)$  denote the Mangoldt function ( $\Lambda(i)$  equals  $\log(p)$  if  $i = p^m$  for some prime  $p$  and some  $m \geq 1$  or 0 otherwise). Mertens [6] proved that  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) \log(i) = \psi(x)$  where  $\psi(x)$  denotes the second Chebyshev function ( $\psi(x) := \sum_{i \leq x} \Lambda(i)$ ). Let  $\sigma_x(i)$  denote the sum of positive divisors function ( $\sigma_x(i) := \sum_{d|i} d^x$ ). Replacing  $\phi(j)$  with  $\log(j)$  in the  $U$  matrix gives a similar result.

**Theorem (2)**  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) \log(i) \sigma_0(i) / 2 = \log(x!)$

The following conjecture is based on data collected for  $x \leq 10000$ .

**Conjecture (1)**  $\log(x!) \geq \sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)^2 \geq \psi(x)$

By Stirling's formula,  $\log(x!) = x \log(x) - x + O(\log(x))$ . Since  $\log(x)$  increases more slowly than any positive power of  $x$ , this is a better upper bound of  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)^2$  than  $x^{1+\epsilon}$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$ .

### 3 Shorter Intervals of Farey Points

Let  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{A(x)}$  denote the terms of the Farey sequence of order  $x$  and let  $h(\xi)$  denote the number of  $r_v$  less than or equal to  $\xi$ . Kanemitsu and Yoshimoto [7] proved that each of the estimates  $\sum_{r_v \leq 1/3} (r_v - h(1/3)) / (2A(x)) = O(x^{1/2+\epsilon})$  and  $\sum_{r_v \leq 1/4} (r_v - h(1/4)) / (2A(x)) = O(x^{1/2+\epsilon})$  is equivalent to the Riemann hypothesis. Let  $n = 4, 5, 6, \dots$ , and let  $j = \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ . Let  $y_x(n)$  denote the number of fractions less than  $1/n$  and let  $z_x(n)$  denote the number of fractions greater than  $1/n$  and less than  $2/n$  in a Farey sequence of order  $x$ . (If  $x \leq n$ , set  $y_x$  to 0. If  $x \leq j$ , set  $z_x$  to 0. If  $x > j$  and  $x < n$ , set  $z_x$  to  $x - j$ . If  $x = n$ , set  $z_x$  to  $j - 1$  if  $n$  is even or  $j$  if  $n$  is odd.) Franel proved that  $M(x) = \sum_{v=1}^{A(x)} e^{2\pi i r_v}$ , so there should be some discernible relationship between  $M(x)$  and  $y_x(4) - z_x(4)$ . The "curve" of  $y_x(4) - z_x(4)$  values resembles that of  $M(x)$  in that the peaks and valleys occur roughly at the same places and have about the same heights and depths. See Figure 2 for a plot of  $M(x)$  for  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 5000$ . See Figure 3 for a plot of  $y_x(4) - z_x(4)$  for  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 5000$ . Let  $h_x(n)$  denote  $\sum_{i=1}^x (z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(n) - y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(n))$ .

**Theorem (3)**  $h_{x+n}(n) = h_x(n) + \lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor$

The value of  $h_x(4) - h_{x-1}(4)$  is determined by the distribution of the fractions  $1/x, 2/x, 3/x, \dots, \lfloor (x-1)/2 \rfloor / x$  about  $1/4$ . The difference in the number of fractions after  $1/4$  and before  $1/4$  is 0 unless 4 divides  $x+1$ , in which case it is 1. Similar arguments are applicable for  $n > 4$ .

While  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)$  has only one value (1),  $\sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(n) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(n) + \lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor/n)$  has up to  $n$  values. (For  $n = 4$ , these values are  $1/2, 1/4, 0$ , or  $-1/4$ .) Additional comparisons of  $M(x)$  and  $y_x(n) - z_x(n)$  can then be made by replacing  $M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)$  by  $y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(n) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(n) + \lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor/n$  in formulas such as  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) \log(i) = \psi(x)$ . See Figure 4 for a plot of  $\psi(x)$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(4) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(4) + 1/4) \log(i)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 5000$  (the prime number theorem is equivalent to the limit relation  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \psi(x)/x = 1$ ). For a linear least-squares fit of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(4) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(4) + 1/4) \log(i)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 5000$ ,  $p_1 = 0.2188$  with a 95% confidence interval of (0.2186, 0.219),  $p_2 = 0.9646$  with a 95% confidence interval of (0.3782, 1.551),  $SSE=5.582e+5$ ,  $R\text{-square}=0.9989$ , and  $RMSE=10.57$ . See Figure 5 for a plot of  $\log(x!)$  and  $4.38 \sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(4) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(4) + 1/4) \log(i) \sigma_0(i)/2$  (superimposed on each other) for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 1000$ .

Let  $\lambda(i)$  denote the Liouville function ( $\lambda(1) := 1$  or if  $i = p_1^{a_1} \cdots p_k^{a_k}$ ,  $\lambda(i) = (-1)^{a_1 + \cdots + a_k}$ ). Let  $L(x) := \sum_{i \leq x} \lambda(i)$ . Let  $H(x) := \sum_{i \leq x} \mu(i) \log(i)$ . ( $H(x)/(x \log(x)) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (M(x)/x - H(x)/(x \log(x))) = 0$ .) Other relationships that are useful for comparing  $M(x)$  and  $y_x(n) - z_x(n)$  are;

**Theorem (4)**  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) \sigma_0(i) = x$

**Theorem (5)**  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) \sigma_1(i) = x(x+1)/2$

**Theorem (6)**  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) \sigma_2(i) = x(x+1)(2x+1)/6$

**Theorem (7)**  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) \Lambda(i) = -H(x)$

**Theorem (8)**  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)$  where the summation is over  $i$  values that are perfect squares equals  $L(x)$

See Figure 6 for a plot of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(5) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(5) + 2/5) \sigma_0(i)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 1000$ . For a linear least-squares fit of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(5) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(5) + 2/5) \sigma_0(i)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 1000$ ,  $p_1 = 0.3734$  with a 95% confidence interval of (0.3731, 0.3738),  $p_2 = 0.1253$  with a 95% confidence interval of (-0.08557, 0.3362),  $SSE=2863$ ,  $R\text{-square}=0.9998$ , and  $RMSE=1.695$ . See Figure 7 for a plot of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(6) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(6) + 1/3) \sigma_1(i)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 200$ . For a quadratic least-squares fit of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(6) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(6) + 1/3) \sigma_1(i)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 200$ ,  $SSE=2.531e+4$ ,  $R\text{-square}=1$ , and  $RMSE=11.36$ . See Figure 8 for a plot of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(7) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(7) + 3/7) \sigma_2(i)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 100$ . For a cubic least-squares fit of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(7) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(7) + 3/7) \sigma_2(i)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 100$ ,  $SSE=1.454e+6$ ,  $R\text{-square}=1$ , and  $RMSE=123.7$ . See Figure 9 for a plot of  $1/(x \log(x)) \sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(4) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(4) + 1/4) \Lambda(i)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 5000$ . See Figure 10 for a plot of  $L(x)$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(4) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(4) + 1/4)$  where the summation is over  $i$  values that are perfect squares for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 1000$ . (Pólya conjectured that  $L(x) \leq 0$  for  $x \geq 2$ . This was disproved by Haselgrove [8].)

See Figure 11 for a plot of  $y_x(65) - z_x(65)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 1625$ . See Figure 12 for a plot of  $y_x(200) - z_x(200)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 5000$ . See Figure 13 for a plot of  $y_x(200) - z_x(200)$  for  $x = 100, 200, 300, \dots, 5000$ . Note that the values of  $y_x(200) - z_x(200)$  in the  $x$  intervals of  $(100, 200)$ ,  $(200, 300)$ ,  $(300, 400)$ , ..., can be approximated by linear interpolation. For even  $n$ , the limits of  $(y_{n/2}(n) - z_{n/2}(n))/n$ ,  $(y_n(n) - z_n(n))/n$ ,  $(y_{3n/2}(n) - z_{3n/2}(n))/n$ , ..., as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  appear to be  $-1/2$ ,  $-1/4$ ,  $-1/3$ ,  $-1/6$ ,  $-2/5$ ,  $-2/15$ ,  $-31/105$ ,  $-29/140$ ,  $-19/42$ ,  $-41/420$ ,  $-76/385$ ,  $-201/1540$ ,  $-751/1430$ ,  $-1109/4004$ ,  $-803/2718$ ,  $-857/13411$ ,  $-3577/11807$ ,  $-721/17163$ ,  $-738/2897$ , .... Let  $\delta_1(1)$ ,  $\delta_1(2)$ ,  $\delta_1(3)$ , ..., denote these limits and let  $\delta_m(x)$ ,  $m = 2, 3, 4, \dots$ , denote the limits and  $m-1$  values that have been linearly interpolated between successive limits. See Figure 14 for a plot of  $-\sum_{i=1}^x \delta_4(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)$  for  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 76$  (19 limits were used). For a linear least-squares fit of  $-\sum_{i=1}^x \delta_4(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)$  for  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 76$ ,  $p_1 = 0.1278$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.1266, 0.1291)$ ,  $p_2 = -0.05671$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-0.1116, -0.001796)$ , SSE=0.979, R-square=0.9983, and RMSE=0.1158. See Figure 15 for a plot of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (\delta_4(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) + 0.1278) \log(i)$  for  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 76$ . For a linear least-squares fit of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (\delta_4(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) + 0.1278) \log(i)$  for  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 76$ , SSE=2.233, R-square=0.9945, and RMSE=0.1749. See Figure 16 for a plot of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (\delta_4(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) + 0.1278) \sigma_1(i)$  for  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 76$ . For a quadratic least-squares fit of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (\delta_4(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) + 0.1278) \sigma_1(i)$  for  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 76$ , SSE=81.03, R-square=0.9999, and RMSE=1.061. See Figure 17 for a plot of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (\delta_4(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) + 0.1278) \sigma_2(i)$  for  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 76$ . For a cubic least-squares fit of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (\delta_4(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) + 0.1278) \sigma_2(i)$  for  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 76$ , SSE=5210, R-square=1, and RMSE=8.567.

See Figure 18 for a plot of  $-\sum_{i=1}^x \delta_1(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)$  and  $-\sum_{i=1}^x \delta_1(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) \Lambda(i)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 999$  (these values were computed using 1000 approximate limits accurate to about 6 decimal places). For a linear least-squares fit of  $-\sum_{i=1}^x \delta_1(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 999$ ,  $p_1 = 0.1704$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.1073, 0.1706)$ ,  $p_2 = -0.04484$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-0.1291, 0.03936)$ , SSE=455.6, R-square=0.9998, and RMSE=0.6763. For a linear least-squares fit of  $-\sum_{i=1}^x \delta_1(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) \Lambda(i)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 999$ ,  $p_1 = 0.17$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.1695, 0.1705)$ ,  $p_2 = -0.2796$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-0.5688, 0.009683)$ , SSE=5374, R-square=0.9978, and RMSE=2.323. See Figure 19 for a plot of the  $p_1$  values of the linear least-squares fits of  $-\sum_{i=1}^x \delta_1(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) \Lambda(i)$ ,  $-\sum_{i=1}^x \delta_2(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) \Lambda(i)$ ,  $-\sum_{i=1}^x \delta_3(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) \Lambda(i)$ , ...,  $-\sum_{i=1}^x \delta_{36}(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) \Lambda(i)$  for respective  $x$  values up to 999, 1999, 2999, ..., 35999. See Figure 20 for a plot of  $-\sum_{i=1}^x \delta_{100}(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)$  and  $-\sum_{i=1}^x \delta_{100}(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) \Lambda(i)$  (superimposed on each other) for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 99999$ . For a linear least-squares fit of  $-\sum_{i=1}^x \delta_{100}(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 99999$ ,  $p_1 = 0.01936$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.01936, 0.01936)$ ,  $p_2 = -0.1094$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-0.1154, -0.1034)$ , SSE=2.347e+4, R-square=1, and RMSE=0.4845. For a linear least-squares fit of  $-\sum_{i=1}^x \delta_{100}(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) \Lambda(i)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 99999$ ,  $p_1 = 0.01936$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.01936, 0.01936)$ ,  $p_2 = -0.6391$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-0.6584, -0.6198)$ ,

SSE=2.415e+4, R-square=1, and RMSE=1.554.

Let  $(\alpha \circ F)(x)$  denote  $\sum_{i \leq x} \alpha(i)F(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)$  where  $\alpha$  is an arithmetical function. (Usually  $(\alpha \circ F)(x)$  denotes  $\sum_{i \leq x} \alpha(i)F(x/i)$  where  $F$  is a real or complex-valued function defined on  $(0, +\infty)$  such that  $F(x) = 0$  for  $0 < x < 1$ .) Let  $u(x) = 1$  for all  $x$ . See Figure 21 for a plot of  $(u \circ \delta_1) \circ \delta_1$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 999$ . For a quadratic least-squares fit of  $(u \circ \delta_1) \circ \delta_1$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 999$ ,  $p_1 = 0.008421$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.008414, 0.008428)$ ,  $p_2 = 0.001703$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-0.005279, 0.008684)$ ,  $p_3 = -0.01665$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-1.53, 1.497)$ , SSE=6.483e+4, R-square=1, and RMSE=8.072. See Figure 22 for a plot of  $(\Lambda \circ \delta_1) \circ \delta_1$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 999$ . For a quadratic least-squares fit of  $(\Lambda \circ \delta_1) \circ \delta_1$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 999$ ,  $p_1 = 0.00847$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.008459, 0.008428)$ ,  $p_2 = -0.09465$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-0.1054, -0.08319)$ ,  $p_3 = 4.914$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(2.586, 7.242)$ , SSE=1.534e+5, R-square=1, and RMSE=12.42.

Let  $c_k(x)$  denote Ramanujan's sum ( $c_k(x) := \sum_{m \bmod k, (m,k)=1} e^{2\pi i m x/k}$ ).

**Conjecture 2**  $\sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(n) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(n))c_k(i)$  is a periodic function with period  $nk$ .

See Figure 23 for a plot of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(n) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(n) + \lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor/n)c_k(i)$  where  $n = 13$ ,  $k = 13$ , and  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 169$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(n) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(n) + \lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor/n)$  where  $n = 169$  and  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 169$ . See Figure 24 for a corresponding plot where  $n = 12$ ,  $k = 10$ , and  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 120$  and where  $n = 120$  and  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 120$ . See Figure 25 for a plot of the real parts of the Fourier coefficients of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(n) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(n) + \lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor/n)c_k(i)$  where  $n = 4$ ,  $k = 19$ , and  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 76$ . The Fourier coefficients resemble those of a triangular pulse. See Figure 26 for a plot of  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)c_k(i)$  where  $k = 150$  and  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 300$ . Based on empirical evidence,  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)c_k(i) = \phi(k)$  for  $x \geq k$ .

## 4 Similar Convolutions

$\chi_3(n)$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 7$  (a Dirichlet character mod 7) equal 1,  $\omega^2$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $-\omega$ ,  $-\omega^2$ ,  $-1$ , and 0 respectively where  $\omega = e^{\pi i/3}$ . Let  $G(n, \chi)$  denote the Gauss sum associated with the Dirichlet character  $\chi$  ( $G(n, \chi) := \sum_{m=1}^k \chi(m)e^{2\pi i mn/k}$ ). See Figure 27 for a plot of the real and imaginary components of  $\sum_{i=1}^x G(\lfloor x/i \rfloor, \chi)$  for  $\chi_3 \bmod 7$  and  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 10000$ . For a linear least-squares fit of the real components,  $p_1 = -0.9076$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-0.9077, -0.9075)$ ,  $p_2 = -0.5368$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-1.155, 0.0809)$ , SSE=2.481e+6, R-square=1, and RMSE=15.75. For a linear least-squares fit of the imaginary components,  $p_1 = 0.8163$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.8163, 0.8164)$ ,  $p_2 = 0.4341$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.0005613, 0.8677)$ , SSE=1.222e+6, R-square=1, and RMSE=11.06. See Figure 28 for a plot of the real components of

$\sum_{i=1}^x (G(\lfloor x/i \rfloor, \chi) + 0.9076) \log(i)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 10000$ . See Figure 29 for a plot of the imaginary components of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (G(\lfloor x/i \rfloor, \chi) - 0.8163) \log(i)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 10000$ . See Figure 30 for a plot of the real and imaginary components of  $\sum_{i=1}^x G(\lfloor x/i \rfloor, \chi) \sigma_1(i)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 1000$ . For a quadratic least-squares fit of the real components, SSE=3.689e+8, R-square=1, and RMSE=608.6. For a quadratic least-squares fit of the imaginary components, SSE=1.568e+8, R-square=1, and RMSE=396.8. For a linear least-squares fit of the real components of  $\sum_{i=1}^x G(\lfloor x/i \rfloor, \chi)$  for a Dirichlet character mod 13 and  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 10000$ ,  $p_1 = -1.247$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-1.247, -1.247)$ ,  $p_2 = -0.7447$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-1.438, -0.05162)$ , SSE=3.123e+6, R-square=1, and RMSE=17.68. For a linear least-squares fit of the imaginary components,  $p_1 = 0.08855$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.08847, 0.08863)$ ,  $p_2 = 0.004809$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-0.4693, 0.4789)$ , SSE=1.461e+6, R-square=0.9978, and RMSE=12.09. See Figure 31 for a plot of the real components of  $-\sum_{i=1}^x (G(\lfloor x/i \rfloor, \chi) + 1.247) \log(i) \sigma_0(i)/2$  for the Dirichlet character mod 13, the imaginary components of  $-\sum_{i=1}^x (G(\lfloor x/i \rfloor, \chi) - 0.08855) \log(i) \sigma_0(i)/2$  for the Dirichlet character mod 13,  $1.25 \log(x!)$ , and  $0.2289 \log(x!)$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 1000$ . See Figure 32 for a plot of the real and imaginary components of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(n) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(n) + \lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor / n) G(i, \chi)$  where  $n = 200$ ,  $\chi$  is a Dirichlet character mod 11, and  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 2000$ .

See Figure 33 for a plot of  $\sum_{i=1}^x c_k(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)$  for  $k = 17$  and  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 500$ . When  $k$  is prime, the points fall on parallel lines having a slope of  $-1$ . Also, the bottom line persists until  $x > k^2$ . See Figure 34 for a plot of  $\sum_{i=1}^x c_k(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) \sigma_1(i)$  for  $k = 15$  and  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 1000$ . For a quadratic least-squares fit, SSE=3.622e+8, R-square=1, and RMSE=603. See Figure 35 for a plot of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (c_k(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) + 1) \log(i)$  for  $k = 11$  and  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 1000$ . See Figure 36 for a plot of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (c_k(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) + 1) M(i)$  for  $k = 29$  and  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 1000$ . See Figure 37 for a plot of  $\sum_{i=1}^x (c_k(\lfloor x/i \rfloor) + 1) (y_i(n) - z_i(n))$  for  $k = 7$ ,  $n = 100$ , and  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 1000$ .

## 5 More on an Upper Bound of $|M(x)|$

Let  $j(x) := \sum_i^x M(x/i)^2$  where the summation is over  $i$  values where  $i|x$ . Let  $l_1, l_2, l_3, \dots$  denote the  $x$  values where  $j(x)$  is a local maximum (that is, greater than all preceding  $j(x)$  values) and let  $m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots$  denote the values of the local maxima. The local maxima occur at  $x$  values that equal products of powers of small primes (Lagarias [9] discusses colossally abundant numbers and their relationship to the Riemann hypothesis). See Figure 38 for a plot of  $l_i / (\log(l_i) m_i)$ ,  $m_i / l_i$ , and  $1 / \log(l_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 516$  (corresponding to the local maxima for  $x \leq 1000000000$ ). The first two curves cross frequently, so there are  $i$  values where  $m_i$  is approximately equal to  $l_i / \sqrt{\log(l_i)}$ . See Figure 39 for a plot of  $j(x)$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^x M(\lfloor x/i \rfloor)^2$  for  $x = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 10000$ . See Figure 40 for a plot of  $1 / \log(l_i)$  and  $1 / \log(i+1) - 0.11$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 516$ . See Figure

41 for a plot of  $\log(l_i)$ ,  $\log(M(l_i)^2)$ , and  $\log(m_i/\sigma_0(l_i))$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 516$ . Note that the vertical distance between the first two curves is roughly constant so that  $M(l_i)^2$  increases linearly (roughly) with  $x$ . However, the growing deviation of  $l_i/(\log(l_i)m_i)$  and  $m_i/l_i$  from  $l_i/\sqrt{\log(l_i)}$  as shown in Figure 38 indicates that the Stieltjes conjecture is false. See Figure 42 for a plot of  $|M(l_i)|/\sqrt{l_i}$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 516$ . The largest known value of  $M(x)/\sqrt{x}$  (computed by Kotnik and van de Lune [10] for  $x \leq 10^{14}$ ) is 0.570591 (for  $M(7766842813) = 50286$ ).

Let  $l_i$  and  $m_i$  be similarly defined for the function  $k(x) := \sum_{i=1}^x |M(x/i)|$  where the summation is over  $i$  values where  $i|x$ . See Figure 43 for a plot of  $\sqrt{l_i}/m_i$ ,  $m_i/l_i$ , and  $1/\sqrt{l_i}$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 180$  (corresponding to the local maxima for  $x \leq 400000000$ ). See Figure 44 for a plot of  $1/\log(l_i)$  and  $1/\log(i+1) - 0.14$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 180$ . See Figure 45 for a plot of  $\log(m_i/\sigma_0(l_i))$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 180$ . For a quadratic least-squares fit of  $\log(m_i/\sigma_0(l_i))$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 180$ ,  $p_1 = -3.242e-5$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-3.998e-5, -2.486e-5)$ ,  $p_2 = 0.03064$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.02923, 0.03206)$ ,  $p_3 = -0.05244$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-0.1078, 0.00295)$ , SSE=2.728, R-square=0.991, and RMSE=0.1241. See Figure 46 for a plot of  $\log(l_i)$ ,  $\log(|M(l_i)|)$ , and  $\log(m_i/\sigma_0(l_i))$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 180$ . In this case, the locations and values of local maxima are less dependent on  $M(x/1)$ .

Let  $l_i$  and  $m_i$  be similarly defined for the function  $g(x) := \sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(10) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(10))^2$  where the summation is over  $i$  values where  $i|x$ . See Figure 47 for a plot of  $l_i/(\log(l_i)m_i)$  and  $m_i/l_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 65$  (corresponding to the local maxima for  $x \leq 30000$ ). See Figure 48 for a plot of  $1/\log(l_i)$  and  $1/\log(i+1) - 0.13$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 65$ . See Figure 49 for a plot of  $\log(l_i)$ ,  $\log((y_i(10) - z_i(10))^2)$ , and  $\log(m_i/\sigma_0(l_i))$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 65$ . Let  $l_i$  and  $m_i$  be similarly defined for the function  $h(x) := \sum_{i=1}^x (y_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(12) - z_{\lfloor x/i \rfloor}(12))^2$  where the summation is over  $i$  values where  $i|x$ . See Figure 50 for a plot of  $l_i/(\log(l_i)m_i)$  and  $m_i/l_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 63$  (corresponding to the local maxima for  $x \leq 30000$ ).

Let  $l_i$  and  $m_i$  be similarly defined for the function  $\sigma_0(x)$ . For a quadratic least-squares fit of  $\log(m_i/l_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 65$  (corresponding to the local maxima for  $x \leq 1000000000$ ),  $p_1 = 0.0009031$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.0007913, 0.001015)$ ,  $p_2 = -0.2634$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-0.2711, -0.2558)$ ,  $p_3 = 0.2064$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.0976, 0.3153)$ , SSE=1.247, R-square=0.9987, and RMSE=0.1418. For a quadratic least-squares fit of  $\log(l_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 65$ ,  $p_1 = -0.002029$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-0.002256, -0.001802)$ ,  $p_2 = 0.424$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.4086, 0.4395)$ ,  $p_3 = 1.043$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.8219, 1.264)$ , SSE=5.15, R-square=0.9974, and RMSE=0.2882. Let  $b(x, \chi) := \sum_{i=1}^x |G(x/i, \chi)|^2$  where the summation is over  $i$  values where  $i|x$ . See Figure 51 for a plot of  $m_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 37$  (corresponding to the local maxima for  $x \leq 1000000$ ). For a quadratic least-squares fit of  $m_i$  for  $i = 1,$

2, 3, ..., 37,  $p_1 = 0.188$  with a 95% confidence interval of (0.1773, 0.1987),  $p_2 = -0.627$  with a 95% confidence interval of (-1.045, -0.2095),  $p_3 = 4.885$  with a 95% confidence interval of (1.445, 8.326), SSE=358.8, R-square=0.9981, and RMSE=3.249. See Figure 52 for a plot of  $\log(l_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 37$ . For a quadratic least-squares fit of  $\log(l_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 37$ ,  $p_1 = -0.004631$  with a 95% confidence interval of (-0.005132, -0.004131),  $p_2 = 0.5276$  with a 95% confidence interval of (0.508, 0.5472),  $p_3 = 0.3631$  with a 95% confidence interval of (0.2015, 0.5246), SSE=0.7912, R-square=0.9985, and RMSE=0.1525. See Figure 53 for a plot of  $b(l_i, \chi)/m_i$  for a non-principal Dirichlet character mod 3 and  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 37$  (the values are  $3/1, 3/2, 3/3, 3/4, \text{ or } 3/5$ ). For  $i = 1$  and  $i = 2$ ,  $|G(l_i, \chi)|^2 = 3$  and for  $i > 2$ ,  $|G(l_i, \chi)|^2 = 0$ .

Let  $l_i$  and  $m_i$  be similarly defined for the function  $\sigma_0(x)$  with the additional stipulation that  $||G(x, \chi)|^2 - k| < 0.1$  where  $k$  is the modulus of the Dirichlet character. When  $k$  is prime, there appear to be Dirichlet characters (non-principal) such that  $b(l_i, \chi) = m_i k$ . (There are also such Dirichlet characters for many composite values of  $k$ .) When  $k$  is prime, a better stipulation is that  $k$  does not divide  $x$  (making it unnecessary to compute  $|G(x, \chi)|^2$ ). See Figure 54 for a plot of  $\log(m_i/l_i)$  for  $k = 2$  and  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 34$  (corresponding to the local maxima for  $x \leq 1000000000$ ). For a linear least-squares fit of  $\log(m_i/l_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 34$ ,  $p_1 = -0.4037$  with a 95% confidence interval of (-0.4141, -0.3934),  $p_2 = -0.6406$  with a 95% confidence interval of (-0.8478, -0.4333), SSE=2.694, R-square=0.995, and RMSE=0.2901. See Figure 55 for a plot of  $\log(l_i)$  for  $k = 2$  and  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 34$ . For a quadratic least-squares fit of  $\log(l_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 34$ ,  $p_1 = -0.005143$  with a 95% confidence interval of (-0.006254, -0.004032),  $p_2 = 0.7344$  with a 95% confidence interval of (0.6943, 0.7745),  $p_3 = 0.9003$  with a 95% confidence interval of (0.5959, 1.205), SSE=2.312, R-square=0.9977, and RMSE=0.2731. For a linear least-squares fit of  $\log(m_i/l_i)$  for  $k = 3$  and  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 48$  (corresponding to the local maxima for  $x \leq 1000000000$ ),  $p_1 = -0.2903$  with a 95% confidence interval of (-0.2964, -0.2842),  $p_2 = -0.2597$  with a 95% confidence interval of (-0.4315, -0.08794), SSE=3.897, R-square=0.995, and RMSE=0.291. For a linear least-squares fit of  $\log(m_i/l_i)$  for  $k = 5$  and  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 54$  (corresponding to the local maxima for  $x \leq 1000000000$ ),  $p_1 = -0.2556$  with a 95% confidence interval of (-0.2574, -0.2538),  $p_2 = 0.1686$  with a 95% confidence interval of (0.113, 0.2241), SSE=0.5232, R-square=0.9994, and RMSE=0.1003. For a linear least-squares fit of  $\log(m_i/l_i)$  for  $k = 7$  and  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 70$  (corresponding to the local maxima for  $x \leq 1000000000$ ),  $p_1 = -0.1941$  with a 95% confidence interval of (-0.1975, -0.1907),  $p_2 = -0.5277$  with a 95% confidence interval of (-0.6663, -0.3892), SSE=5.612, R-square=0.9948, and RMSE=0.2873.

Let  $l_i$  and  $m_i$  be similarly defined for the function  $\sigma_0(x)$  with the additional stipulation that  $|M(x)| = k$ . See Figure 56 for a plot of  $\log(m_i/l_i)$  for  $k = 1$  and  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 31$  (corresponding to the local maxima for  $x \leq 1000000000$ ). For a quadratic least-squares fit of  $\log(m_i/l_i)$  for  $k = 1$  and  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 31$ ,  $p_1 = -0.008157$  with a 95% confidence interval of (-0.009575, -0.00674),

$p_2 = -0.1901$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-0.2368, -0.1433)$ ,  $p_3 = -0.02875$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(-0.3533, 0.2958)$ ,  $SSE=2.122$ ,  $R\text{-square}=0.9959$ , and  $RMSE=0.2753$ . Let  $m'_i = j(l_i)$ . See Figure 57 for a plot of  $l_i/(\log(l_i)m'_i)$ ,  $m'_i/l_i$ , and  $1/\log(l_i)$  for  $k = 1$  and  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 31$ . See Figure 58 for a plot of  $\log(m'_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 31$ . For a quadratic least-squares fit of  $\log(m'_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 31$ ,  $p_1 = 0.009924$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.007953, 0.0119)$ ,  $p_2 = 0.2451$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.1801, 0.3101)$ ,  $p_3 = 0.6756$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.2243, 1.127)$ ,  $SSE=4.103$ ,  $R\text{-square}=0.9949$ , and  $RMSE=0.3828$ . See Figure 59 for a plot of  $\log(l_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 31$ . For a quadratic least-squares fit of  $\log(l_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 31$ ,  $p_1 = 0.006226$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.004778, 0.007673)$ ,  $p_2 = 0.4393$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.3916, 0.487)$ ,  $p_3 = 0.68$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.3486, 1.011)$ ,  $SSE=2.212$ ,  $R\text{-square}=0.9978$ , and  $RMSE=0.2811$ . See Figure 60 for a plot of  $\log(l_i/\sqrt{\log(l_i)})$  and  $\log(m'_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 31$  (the two curves should intersect at about the 42nd maxima [having an estimated  $l$  value of about  $1.2e+13$ ]). See Figure 61 for a plot of the  $p_1$  values of the quadratic least-squares fits of  $\log(m'_i)$  and the  $p_1$  values of the quadratic least-squares fits of  $\log(l_1)$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 12$  and  $i = 19, 31, 28, 25, 29, 28, 23, 26, 28, 25, 26, 24, 23$  respectively (corresponding to the local maxima for  $x \leq 1000000000$ ). See Figure 62 for a plot of the  $p_2$  values of the quadratic least-squares fits of  $\log(l_i)$  and the  $p_2$  values of the quadratic least-squares fits of  $\log(m'_i)$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 12$ . See Figure 63 for a plot of the  $p_3$  values of the quadratic least-squares fits of  $\log(l_i)$  and the  $p_3$  values of the quadratic least-squares fits of  $\log(m'_i)$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 12$ . The R-square values for the quadratic least-squares fits of the  $\log(m'_i)$  values are 0.9739, 0.9949, 0.9843, 0.9904, 0.9748, 0.991, 0.9867, 0.9872, 0.9859, 0.9903, 0.9836, 0.9957, and 0.9807 respectively. The R-square values for the quadratic least-squares fits of the  $\log(l_i)$  values are 0.981, 0.9978, 0.9917, 0.9931, 0.9844, 0.9932, 0.9937, 0.995, 0.991, 0.9926, 0.9856, 0.9944, and 0.9878 respectively. See Figure 64 for a plot of  $l_i/(\log(l_i)m'_i)$ ,  $m'_i/l_i$ , and  $1/\log(l_i)$  for  $k = 2000$  and  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 17$  (corresponding to the local maxima for  $x \leq 1000000000$ ). See Figure 65 for a plot of  $\log(m'_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 17$ . See Figure 66 for a plot of  $\log(l_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 17$ . See Figure 67 for a plot of  $\log(l_i/\sqrt{\log(l_i)})$  and  $\log(m'_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 17$ . These curves are typical for large  $k$  values. If the first few maxima are disregarded (in this case the first 11 maxima), the curves of the  $\log(m'_i)$  and  $\log(l_i)$  values appear to be quadratic (based on the small amount of data available).

Let  $l_i$  and  $m_i$  be similarly defined for the function  $\sigma_0(x)$  with the additional stipulation that  $|M(x)| \leq k$ . Let  $m'_i = j(l_i)$ . See Figure 68 for a plot of  $l_i/(\log(l_i)m'_i)$ ,  $m'_i/l_i$ , and  $1/\log(l_i)$  for  $k = 10$  and  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 46$  (corresponding to the local maxima for  $x \leq 1000000000$ ). See Figure 69 for a plot of  $\log(m'_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 46$ . For a quadratic least-squares fit of  $\log(m'_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 46$ ,  $p_1 = 0.002978$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.002156, 0.0038)$ ,  $p_2 = 0.2244$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.1845, 0.2642)$ ,  $p_3 = 1.03$  with a 95% confidence interval of  $(0.6242, 1.437)$ ,  $SSE=8.161$ ,  $R\text{-square}=0.9925$ , and

RMSE=0.4356. See Figure 70 for a plot of  $\log(l_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 46$ . For a linear least-squares fit of  $\log(l_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 46$ ,  $p_1 = 0.4093$  with a 95% confidence interval of (0.4018, 0.4168),  $p_2 = 0.8728$  with a 95% confidence interval of (0.6691, 1.076), SSE=4.998, R-square=0.9963, and RMSE=0.337. See Figure 71 for a plot of  $\log(l_i/\sqrt{\log(l_i)})$  and  $\log(m'_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 46$ . See Figure 72 for a plot of the  $p_1$  values of the quadratic least-squares fits of  $\log(m'_i)$  and the  $p_1$  values of the quadratic least-squares fits of  $\log(l_1)$  for  $k = 100, 200, 300, \dots, 1000$  and  $i = 57, 59, 58, 57, 56, 57, 57, 57, 60, \text{ and } 61$  respectively (corresponding to the local maxima for  $x \leq 950000000$ ). See Figure 73 for a plot of the  $p_2$  values of the quadratic least-squares fits of  $\log(l_i)$  and the  $p_2$  values of the quadratic least-squares fits of  $\log(m'_1)$  for  $k = 100, 200, 300, \dots, 1000$ . See Figure 74 for a plot of the  $p_3$  values of the quadratic least-squares fits of  $\log(l_i)$  and the  $p_3$  values of the quadratic least-squares fits of  $\log(m'_1)$  for  $k = 100, 200, 300, \dots, 1000$ . The R-square values for the quadratic least-squares fits of the  $\log(m'_i)$  values are 0.9894, 0.9904, 0.9907, 0.990, 0.9907, 0.9925, 0.9932, 0.9932, 0.9947, and 0.9938 respectively. The R-square values for the quadratic least-squares fits of the  $\log(l_i)$  values are 0.9912, 0.9915, 0.9919, 0.9908, 0.9913, 0.9922, 0.9925, 0.9925, 0.9949, and 0.9947 respectively.

Let  $l_i$  and  $m_i$  be similarly defined for the function  $\sigma_0(x)$ . Let  $m'_i$  denote  $j(l_i)$ . See Figure 75 for a plot of  $l_i/(\log(l_i)m'_i)$ ,  $m'_i/l_i$ , and  $1/\log(l_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 65$  (corresponding to the local maxima for  $x \leq 1000000000$ ). See Figure 76 for a plot of  $\log(m'_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 65$ . For a quadratic least-squares fit of  $\log(m'_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 65$ ,  $p_1 = -0.0007068$  with a 95% confidence interval of (-0.001025, -0.0003881),  $p_2 = 0.3254$  with a 95% confidence interval of (0.3037, 0.3471),  $p_3 = 0.5652$  with a 95% confidence interval of (0.2549, 0.8756), SSE=10.14, R-square=0.9943, and RMSE=0.4045. See Figure 77 for a plot of  $\log(l_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 65$ . (A quadratic least-squares fit is given in the above.) See Figure 78 for a plot of  $\log(l_i/\sqrt{\log(l_i)})$  and  $\log(m'_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 65$ . See Figure 79 for a plot of  $\log(l_i) + \log(\log(l_i))$ ,  $\log(l_i)$ , and  $\log(m_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 65$ . See Figure 80 for a plot of  $(\log(l_i) + \log(\log(l_i))) - \log(m'_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 65$ . (This is evidence in support of Conjecture 1.)

Let  $l_i$  and  $m_i$  be similarly defined for the function  $\sigma_0(x)$  with the additional stipulation that  $|y_x(8) - z_x(8)| = k$ . Let  $m'_i = \sum_{n=1}^{l_i} (y_{l_i/n}(8) - z_{l_i/n}(8))^2$  where  $n|l_i$ . See Figure 81 for a plot of  $l_i/(\log(l_i)m'_i)$ ,  $m'_i/l_i$ , and  $1/\log(l_i)$  for  $k = 3$  and  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 13$  (corresponding to the local maxima for  $x \leq 30000$ ). See Figure 82 for a plot of  $\log(m'_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 13$ . For a quadratic least-squares fit of  $\log(m'_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 13$ ,  $p_1 = 0.00597$  with a 95% confidence interval of (-0.004447, 0.01564),  $p_2 = 0.3586$  with a 95% confidence interval of (0.2141, 0.5031),  $p_3 = 1.81$  with a 95% confidence interval of (1.37, 2.25), SSE=0.4068, R-square=0.9884, and RMSE=0.2017. See Figure 83 for a plot of  $\log(l_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 13$ . For a quadratic least-squares fit of  $\log(l_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 13$ ,  $p_1 = -0.01942$  with a 95% confidence interval of (-0.03464, -0.004204),  $p_2 = 0.9339$  with a 95% confidence interval of (0.7149, 0.1.153),

$p_3 = 0.7612$  with a 95% confidence interval of (0.09466, 1.428), SSE=0.934, R-square=0.9885, and RMSE=0.3056. See Figure 84 for a plot of  $\log(l_i/\sqrt{\log(l_i)})$  and  $\log(m'_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 13$ .

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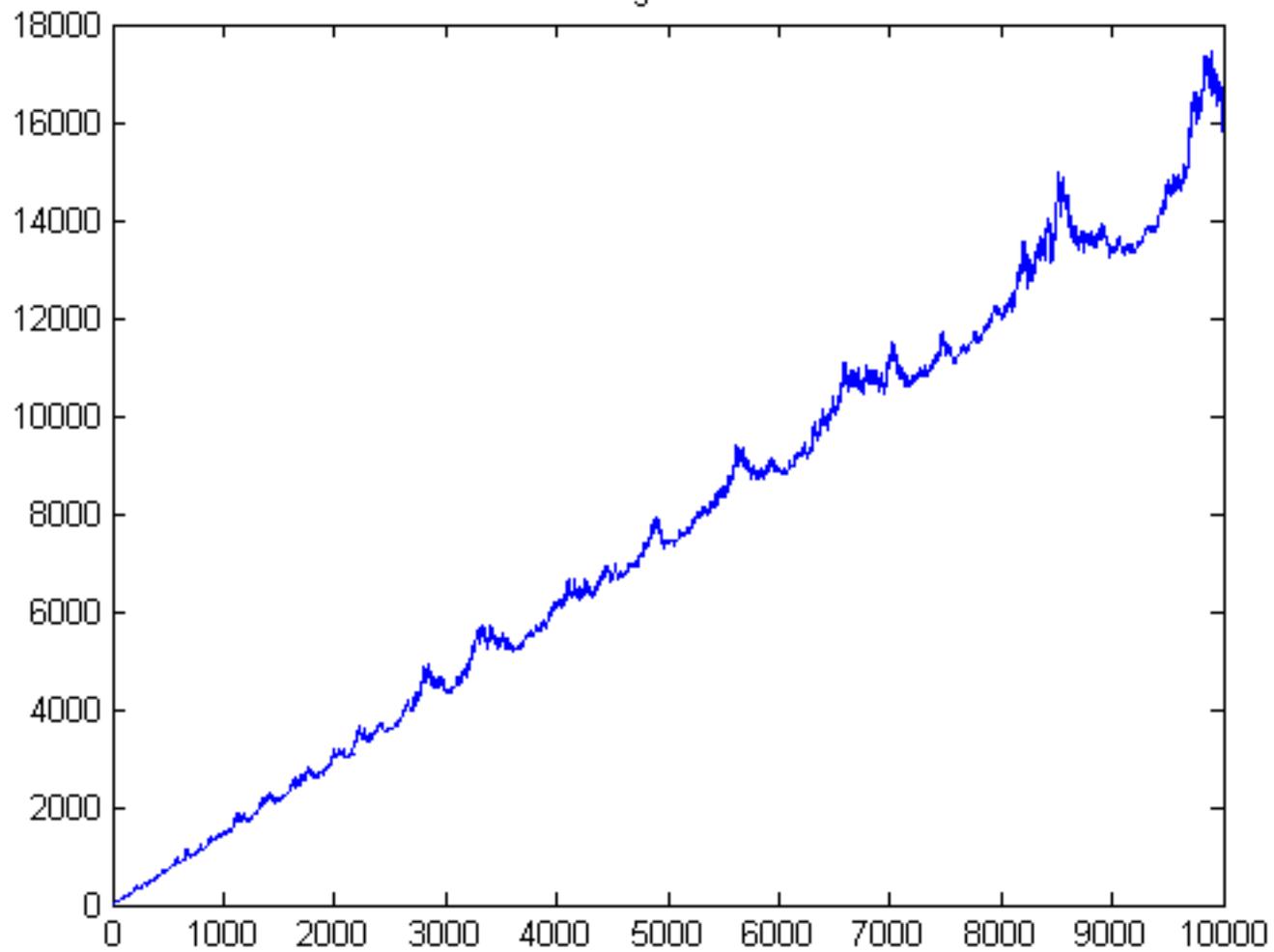


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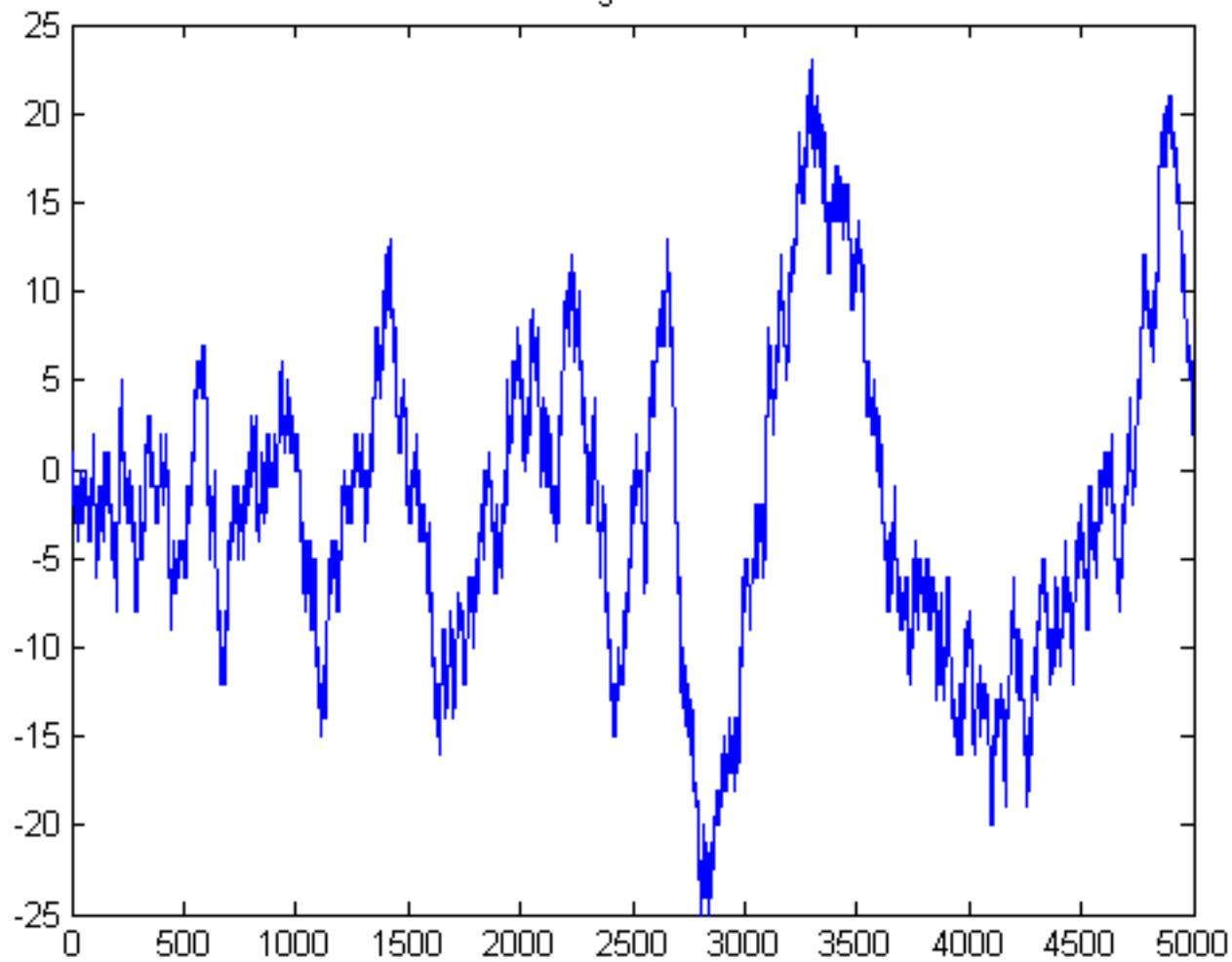


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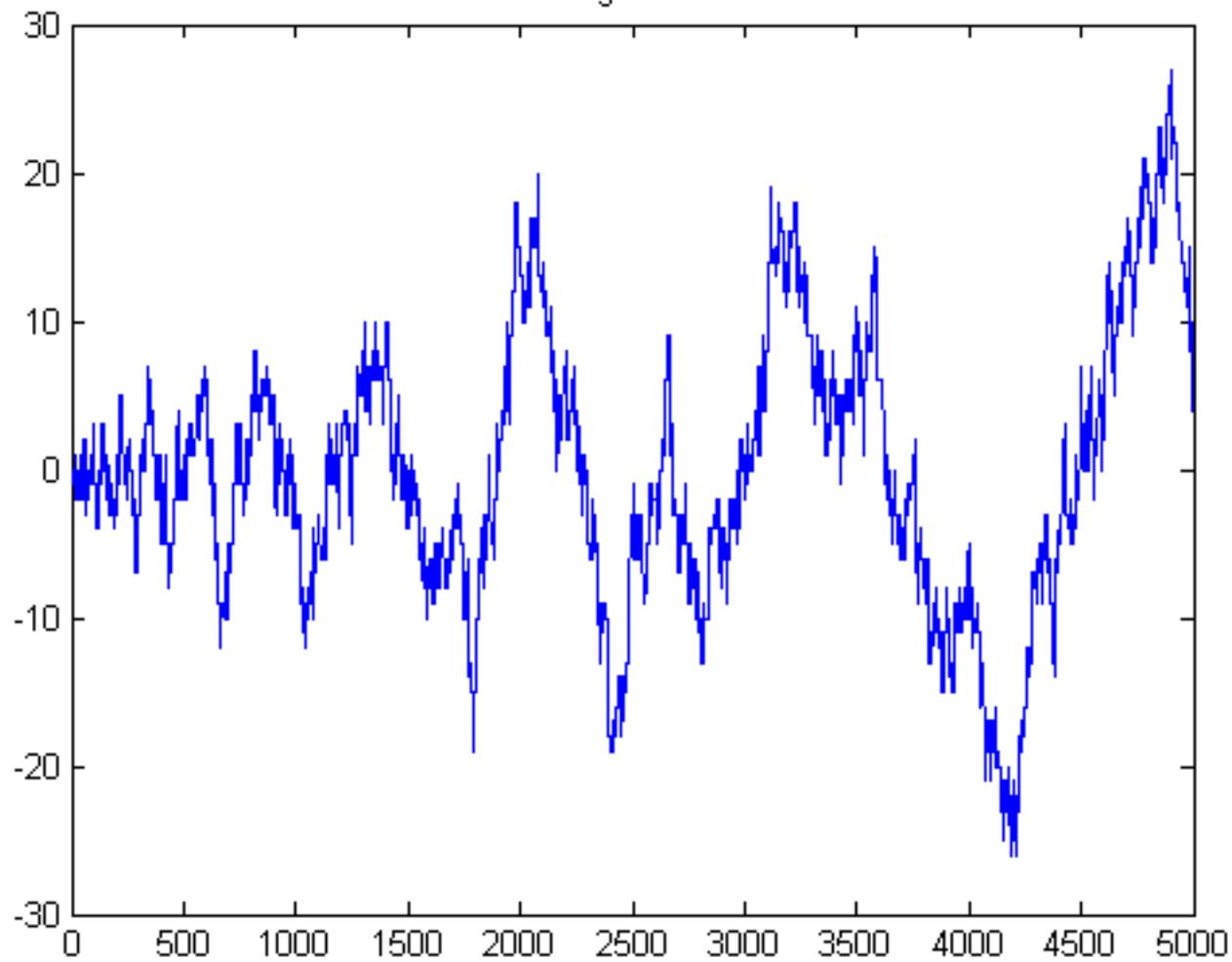


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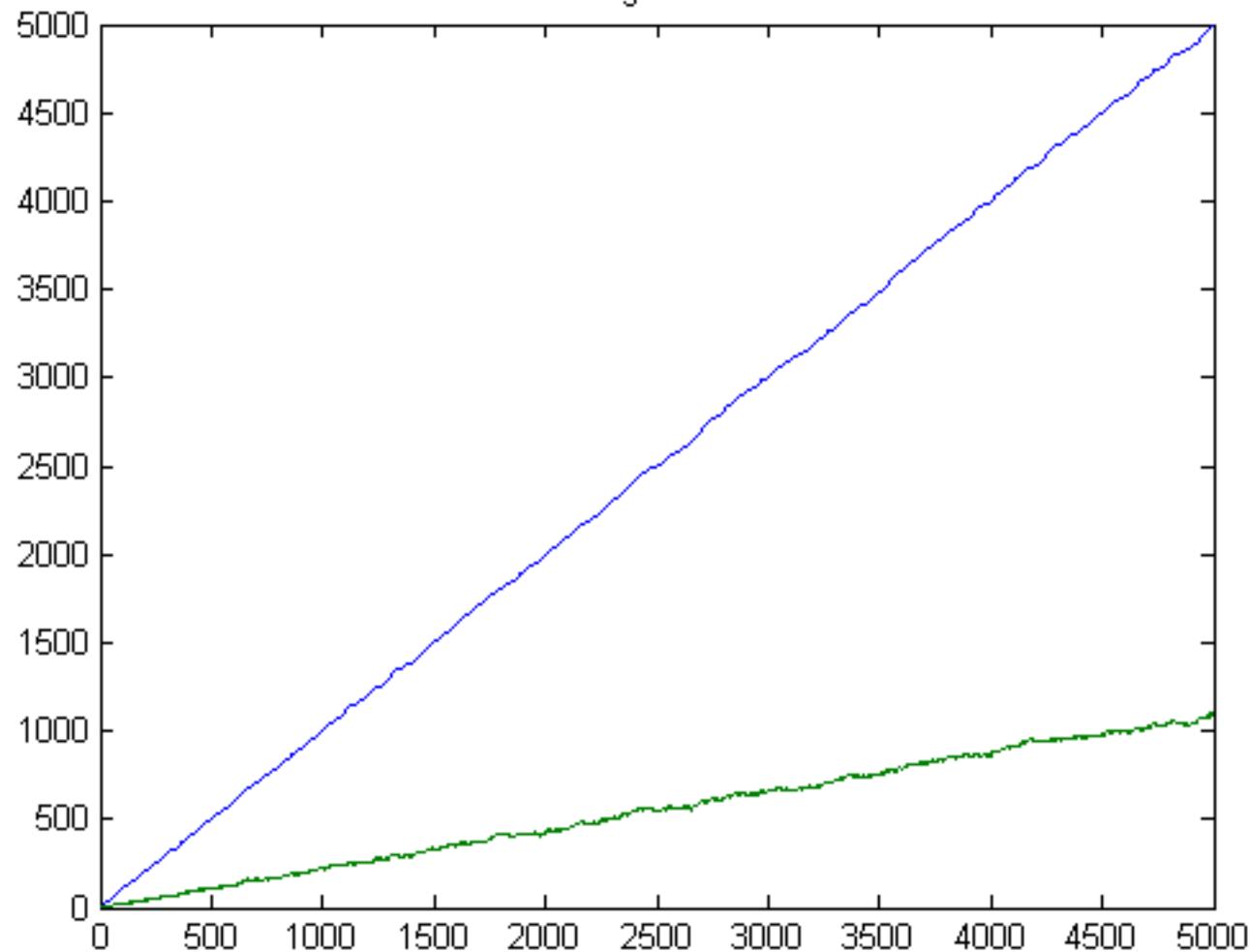


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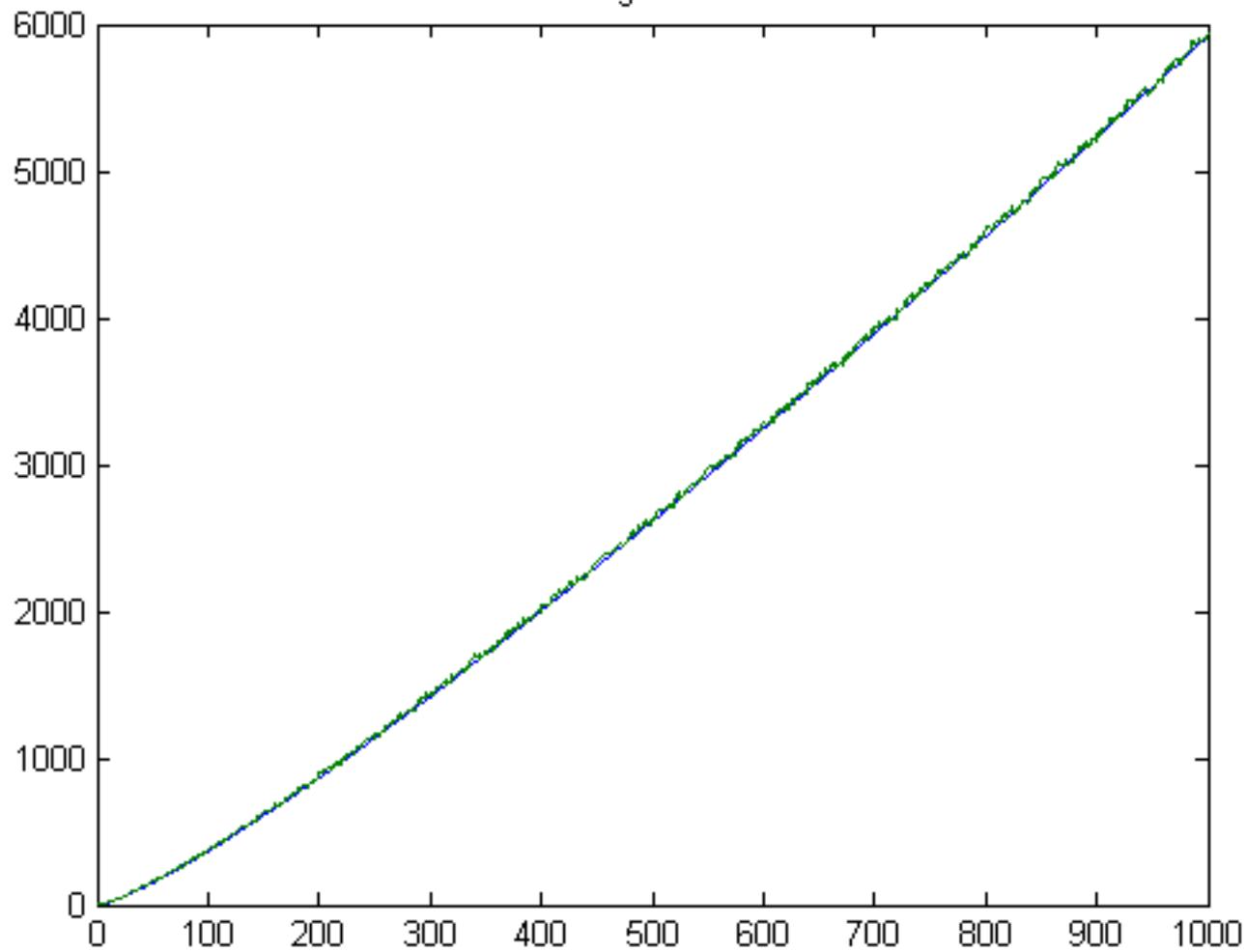


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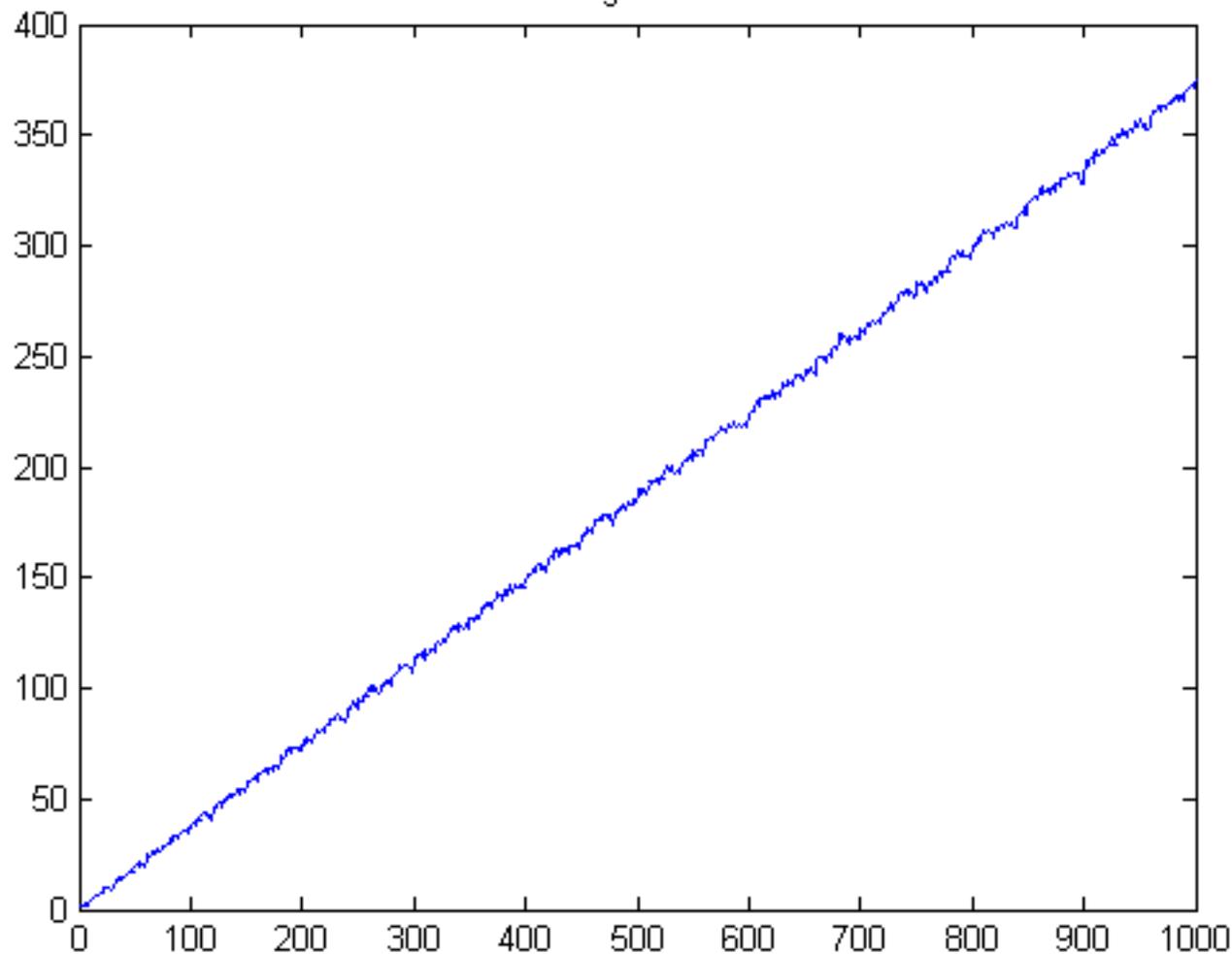


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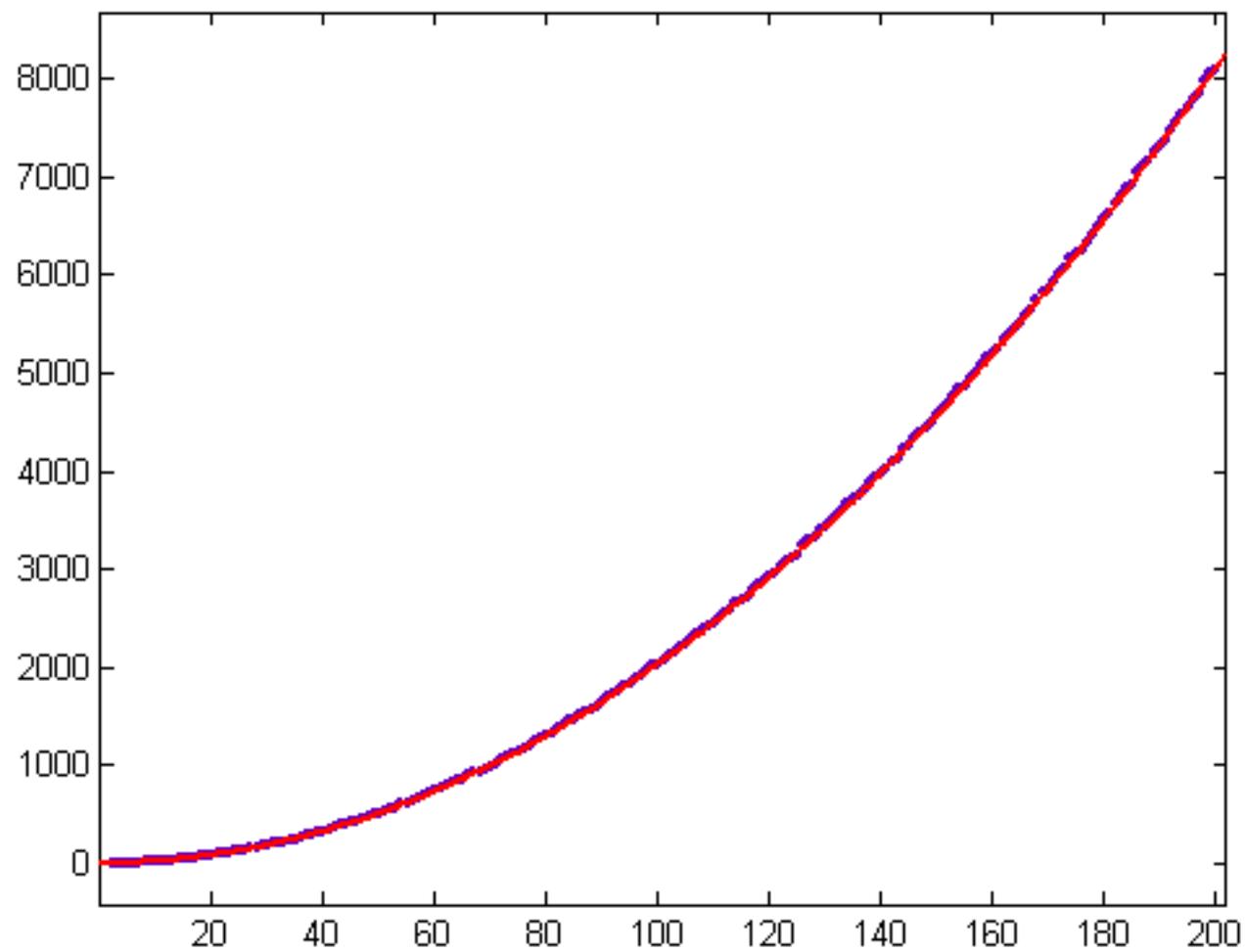


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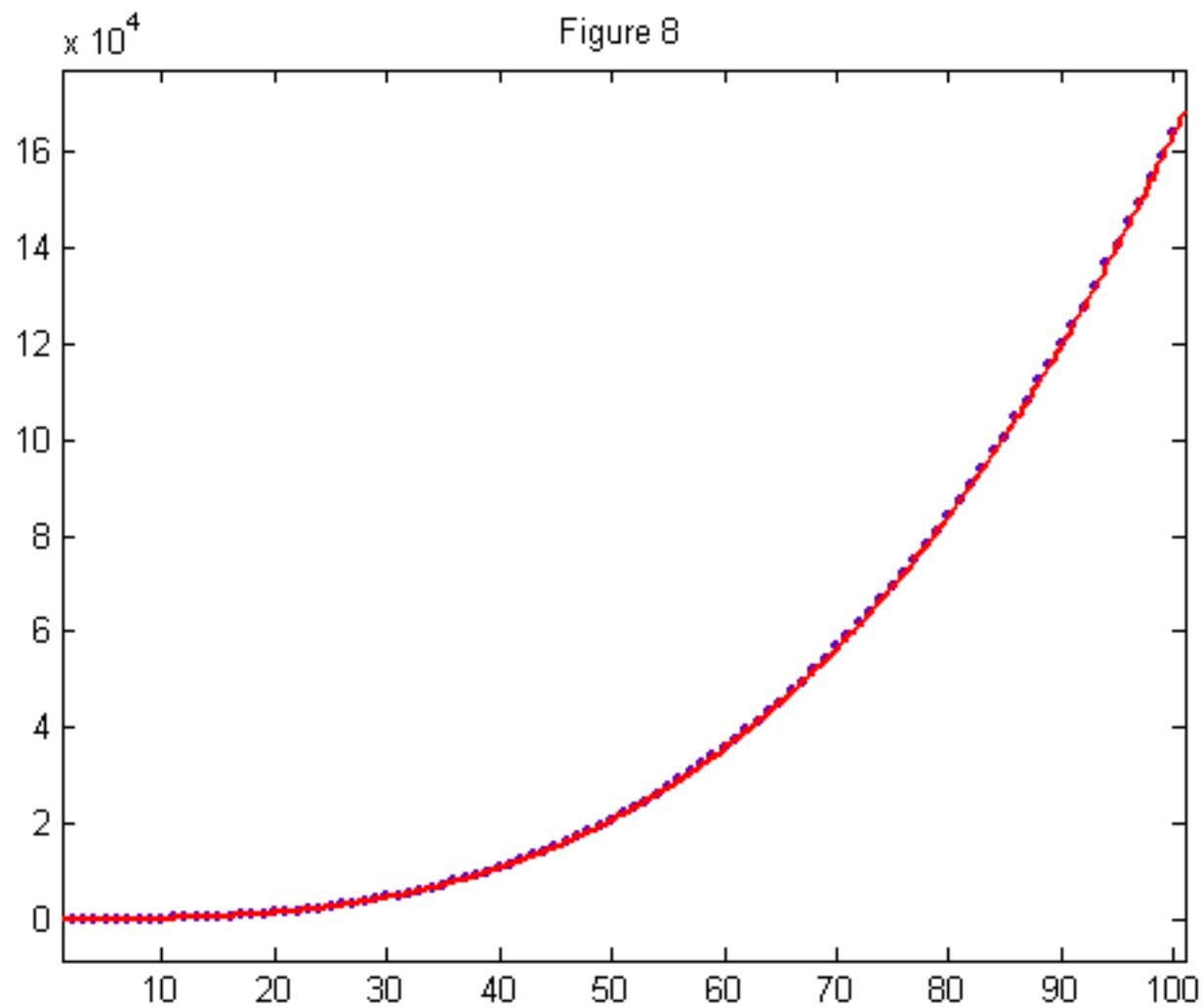


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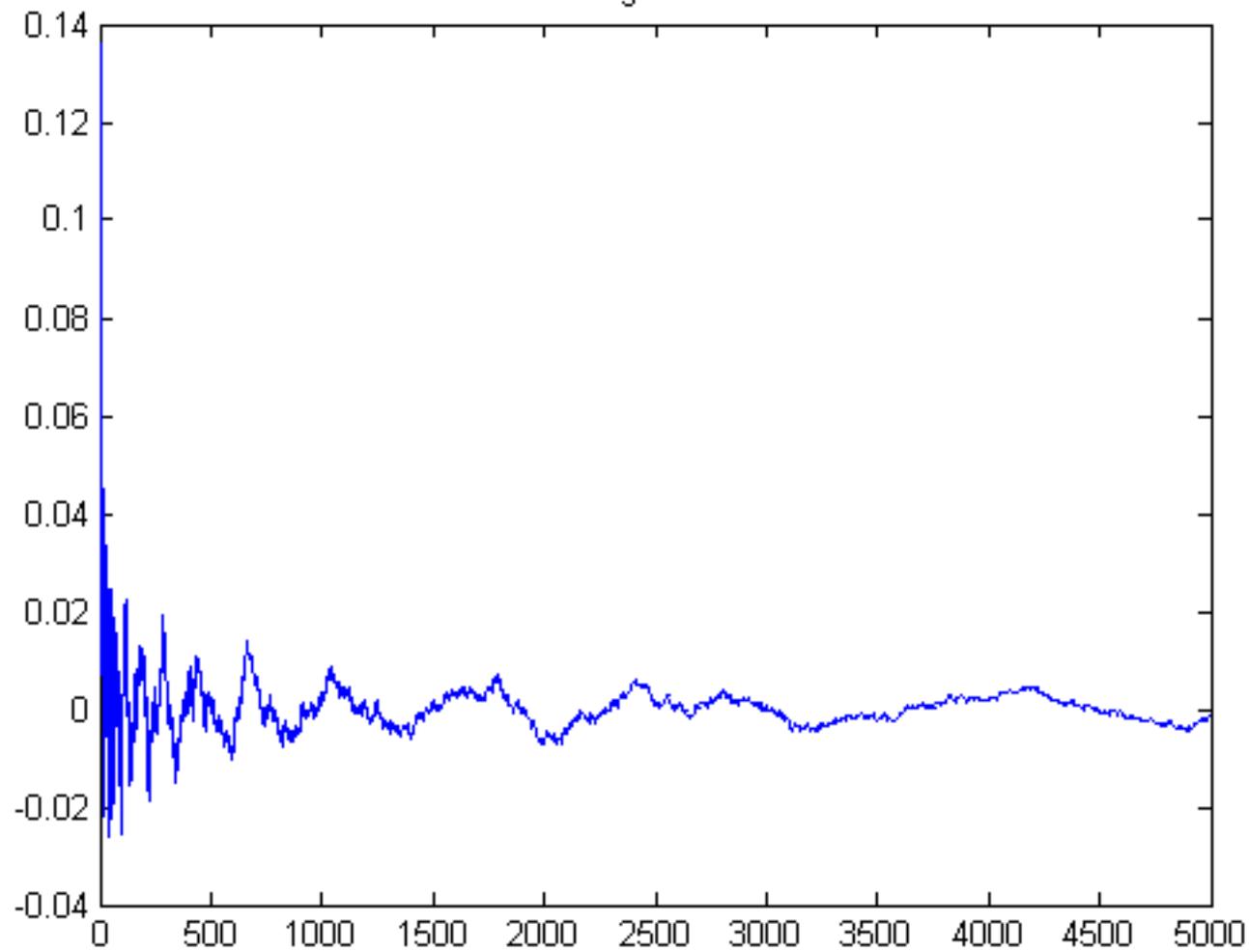


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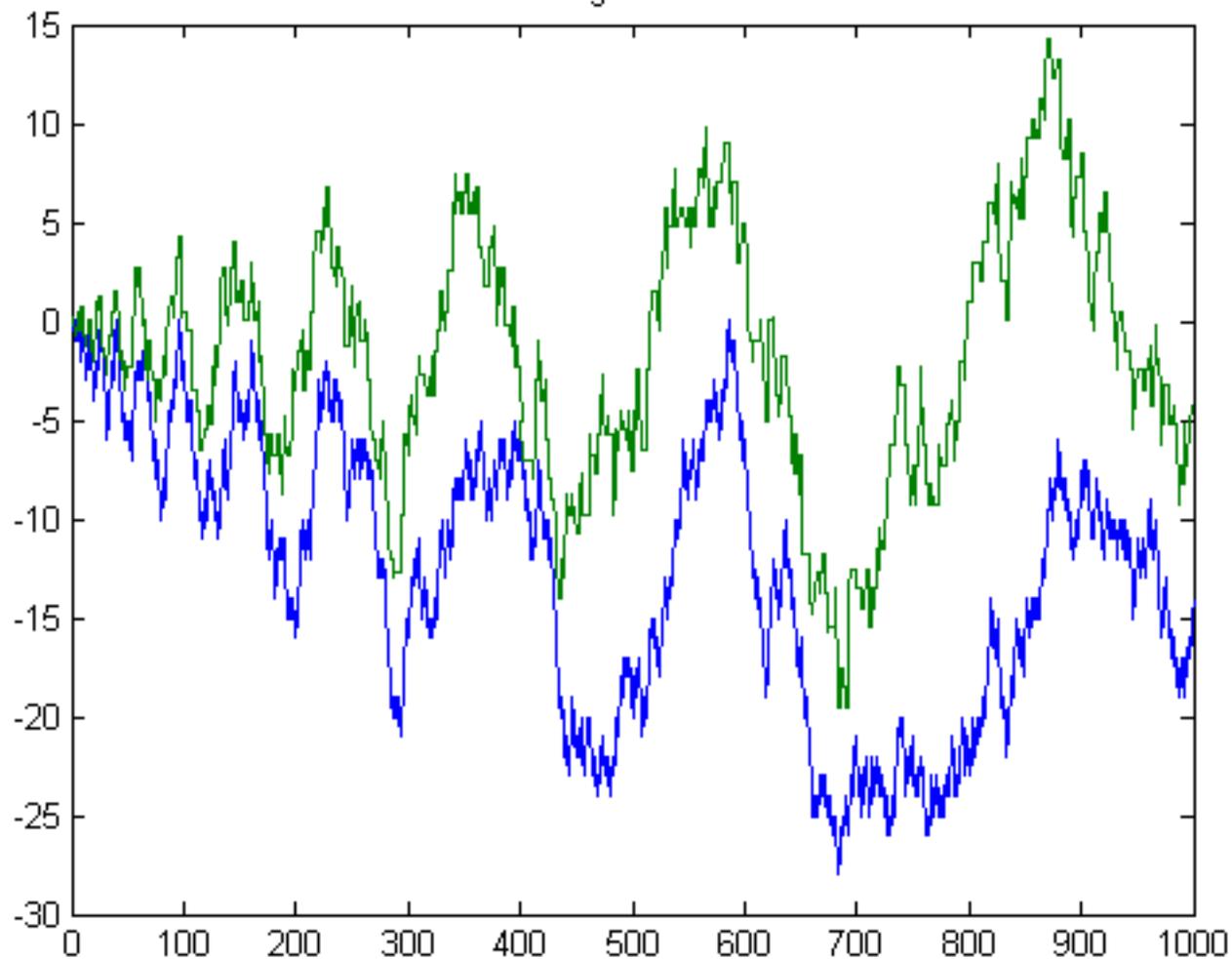


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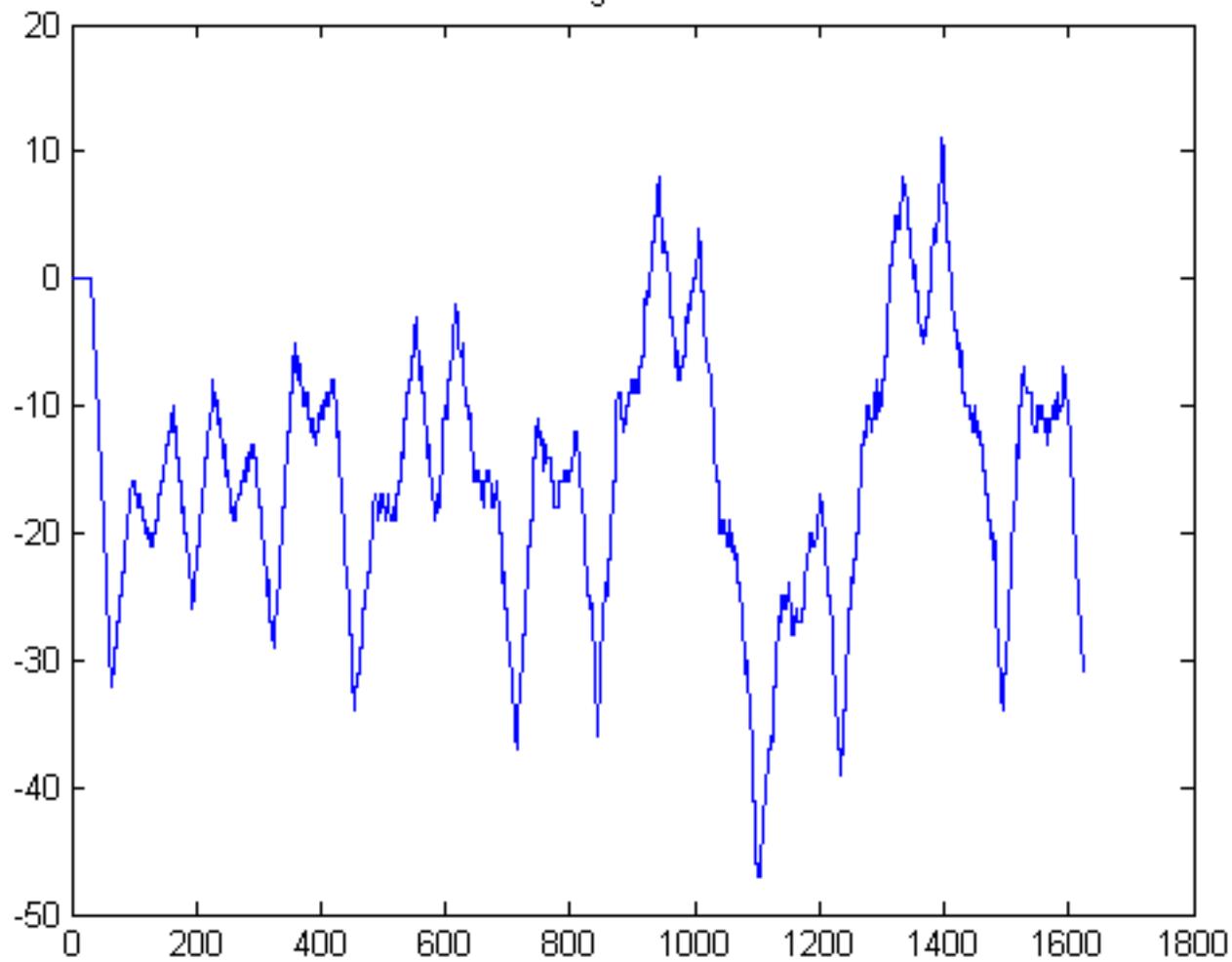


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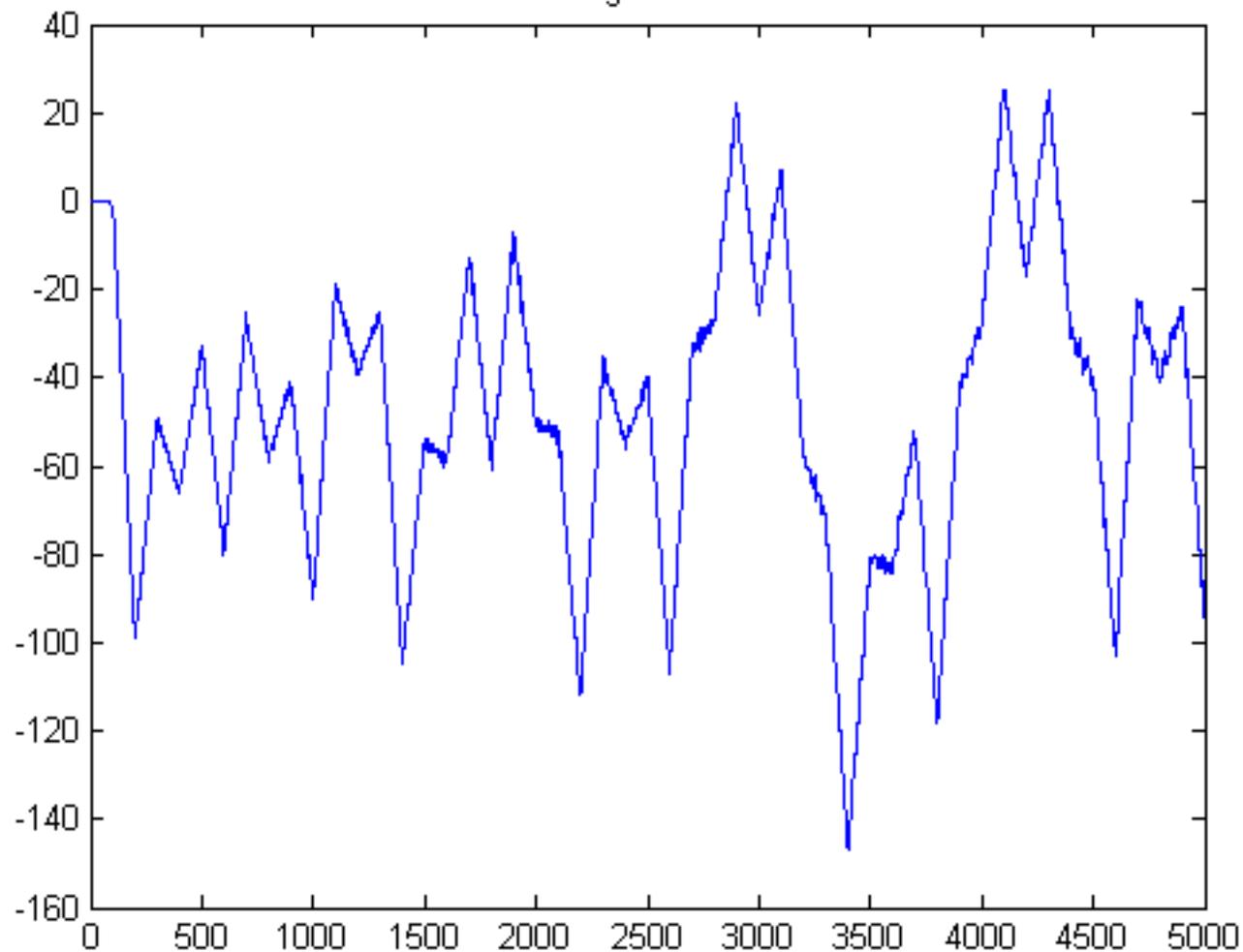


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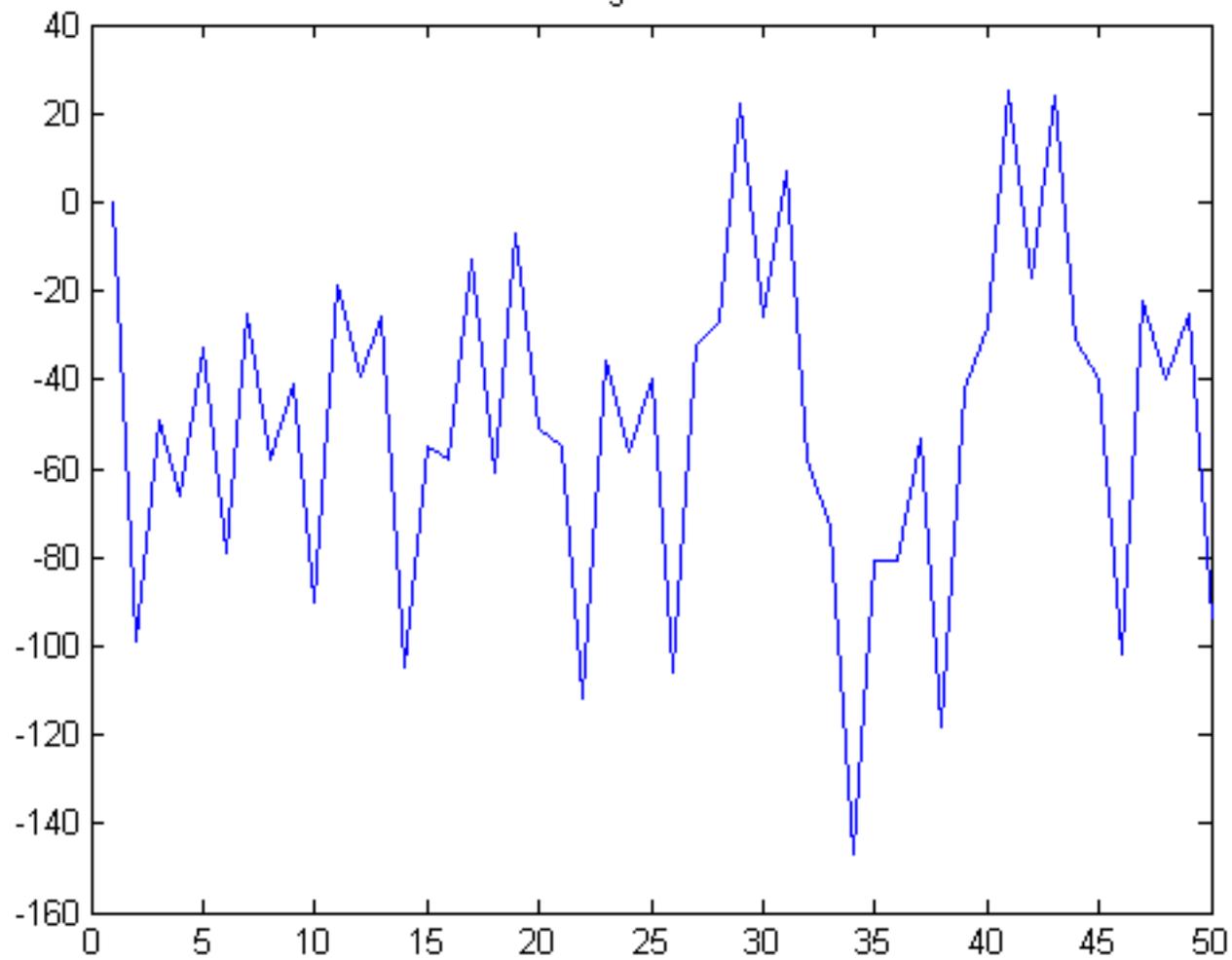


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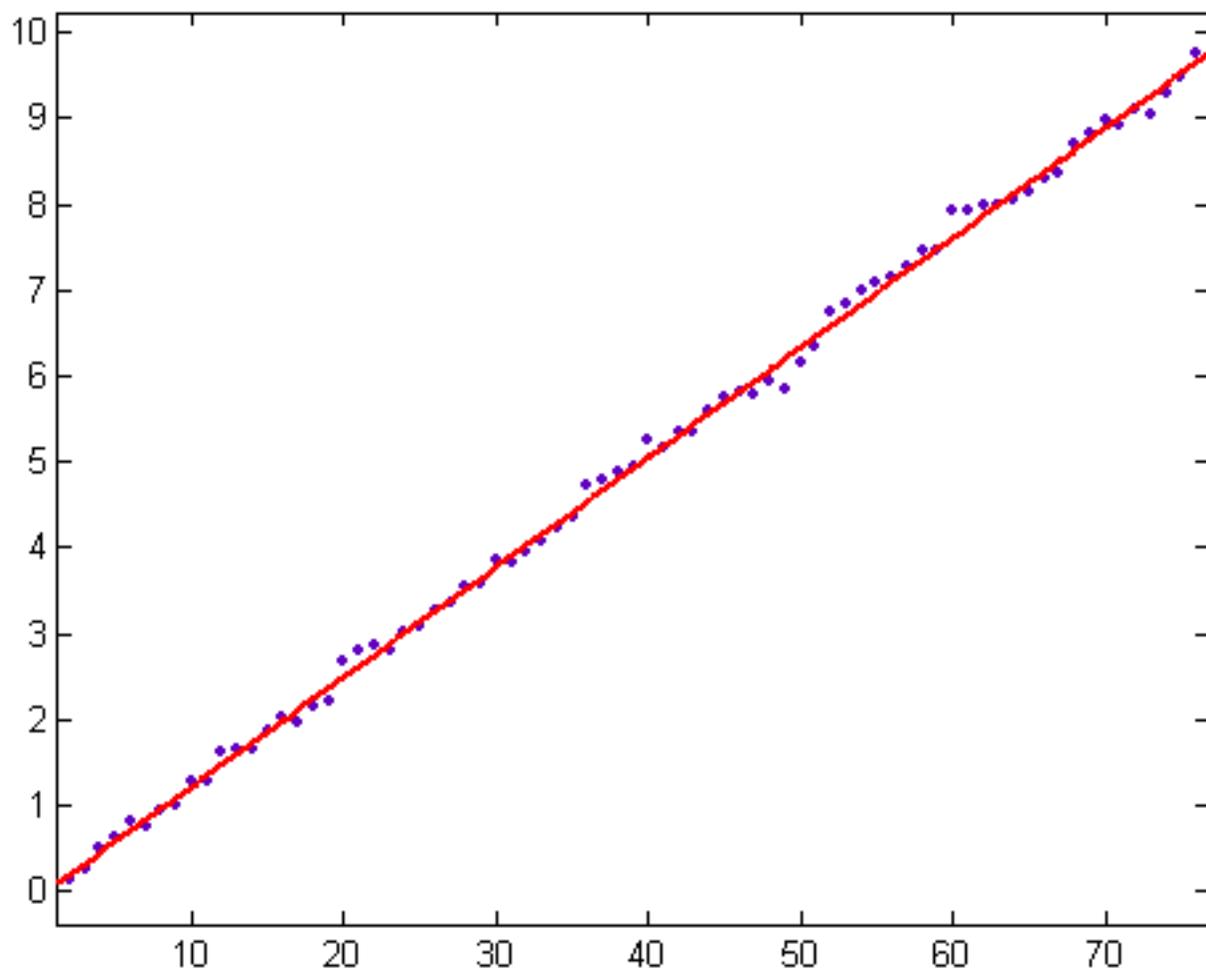


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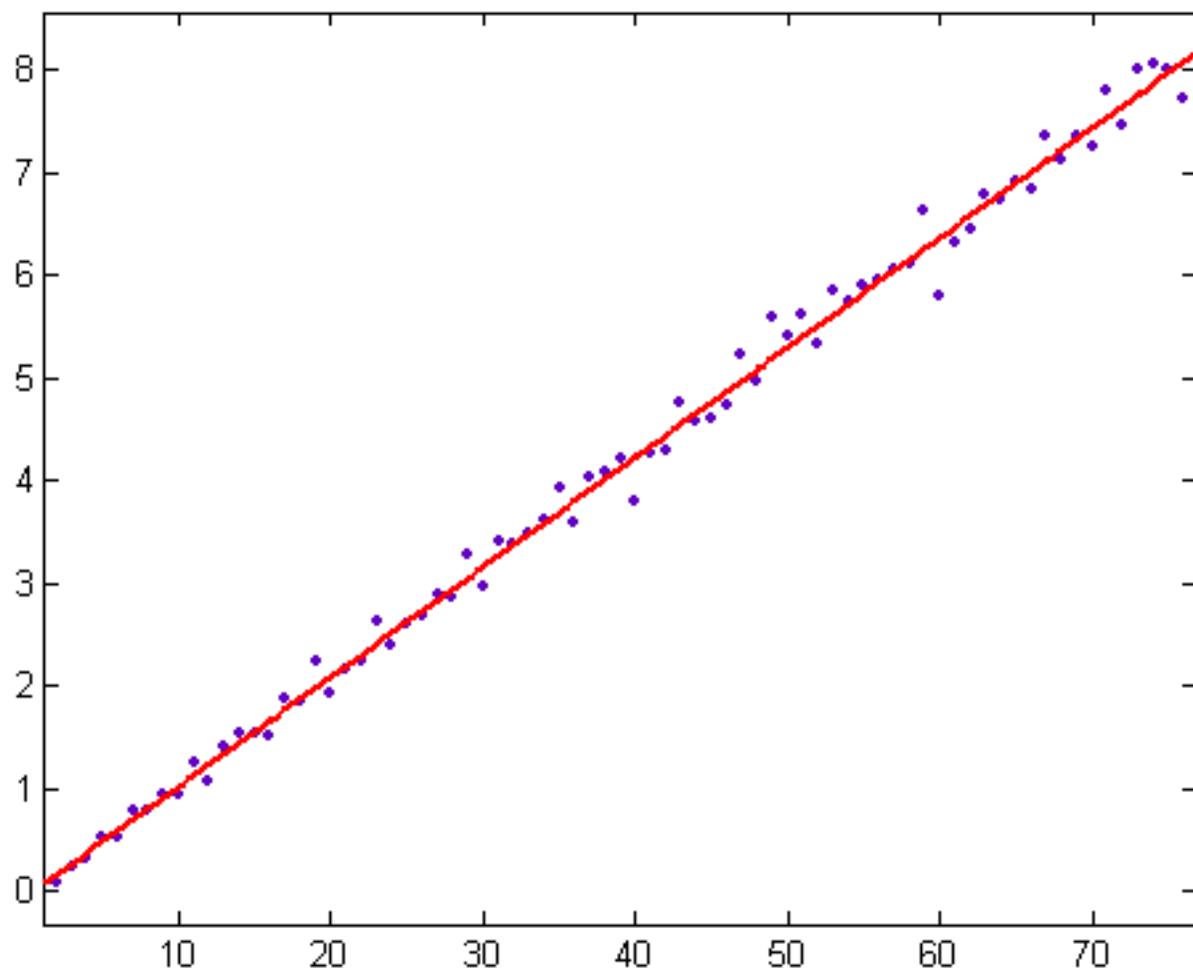


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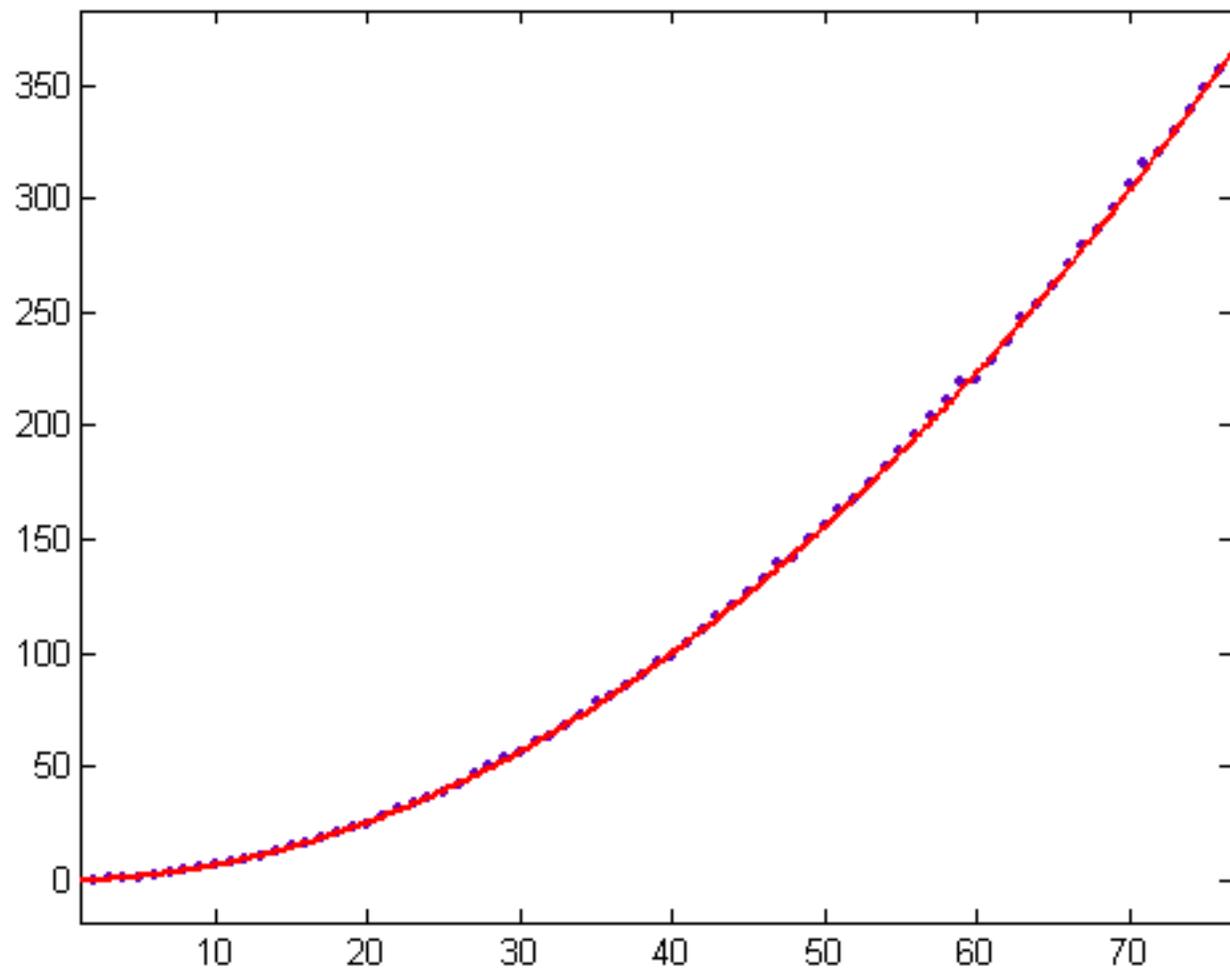


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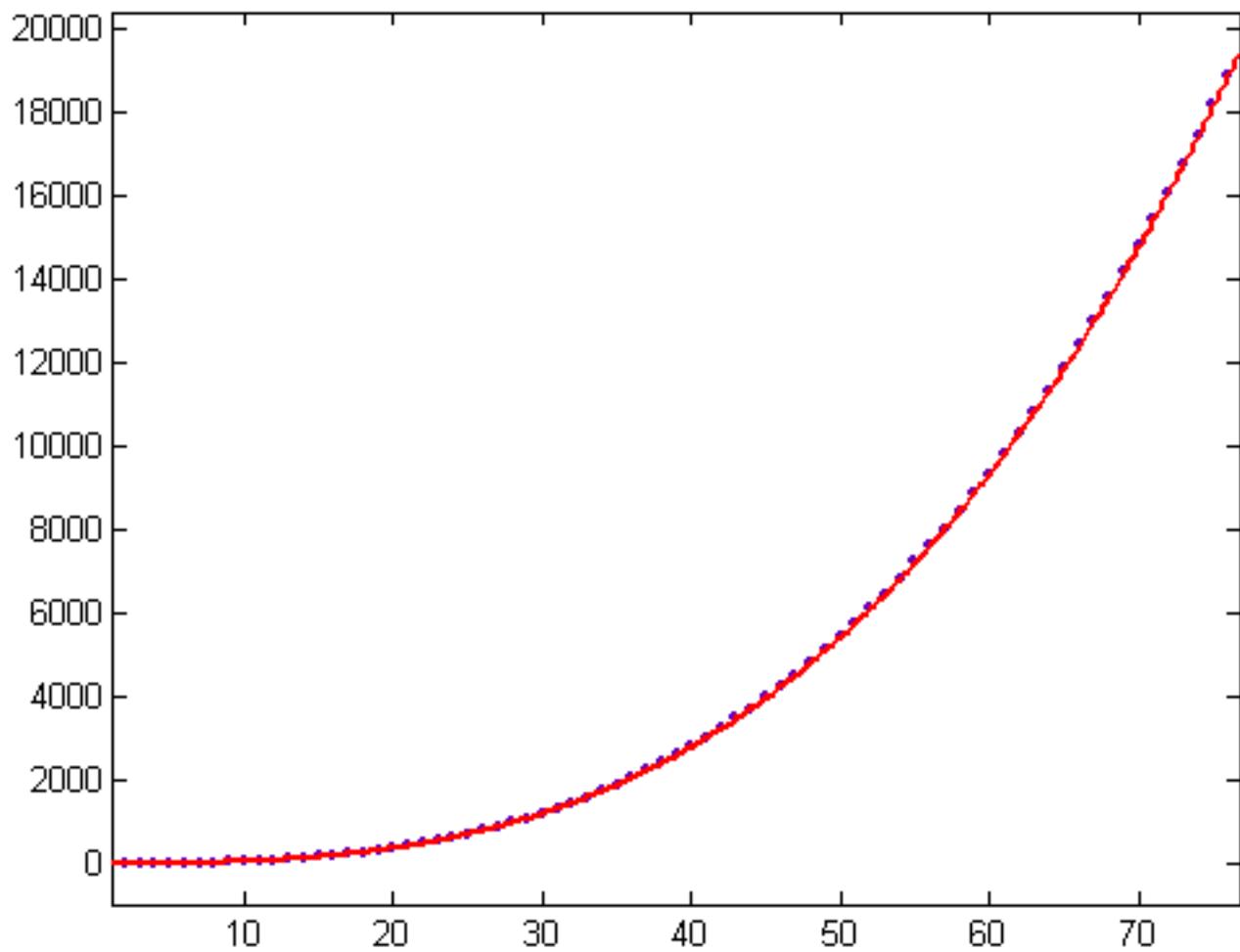


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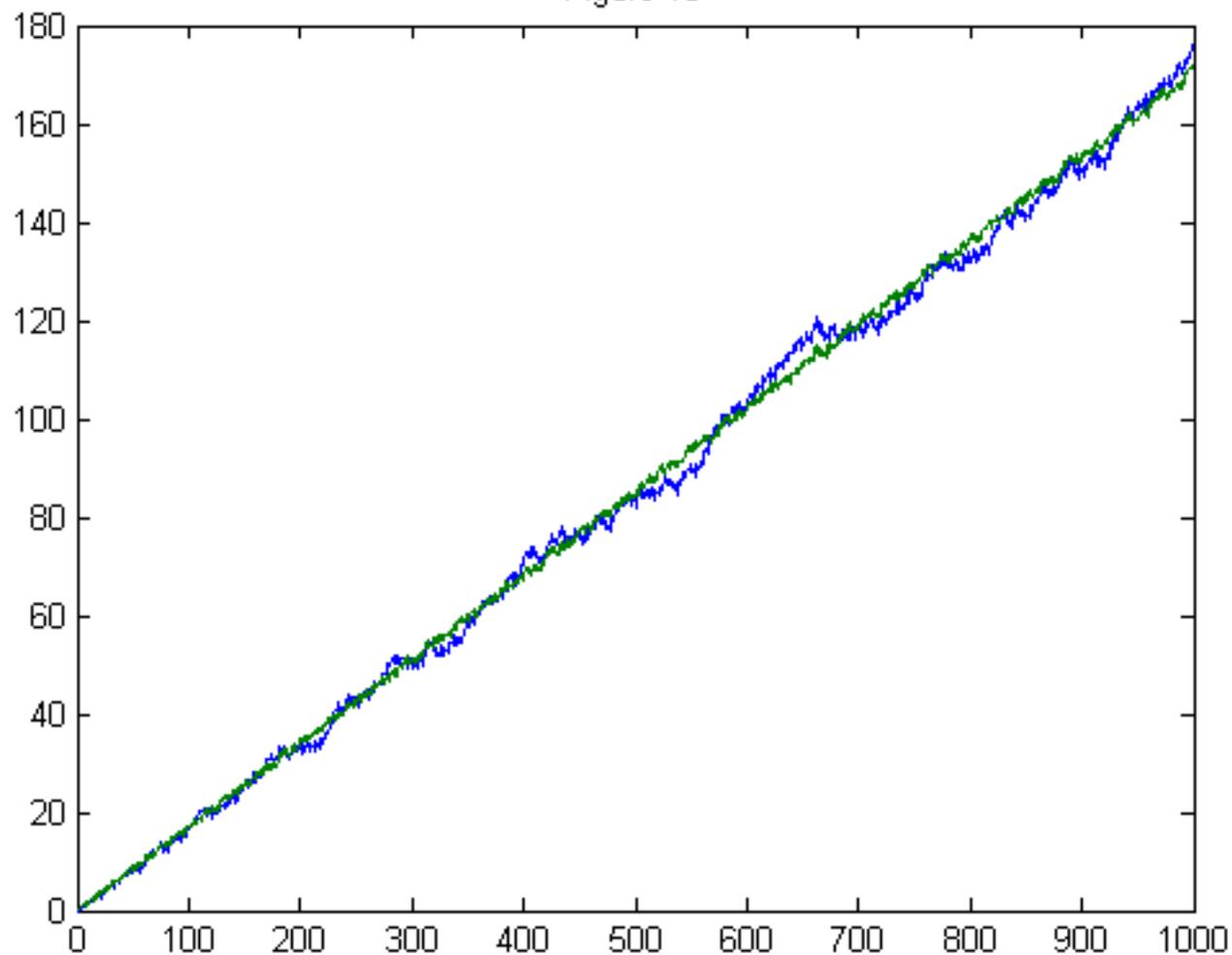


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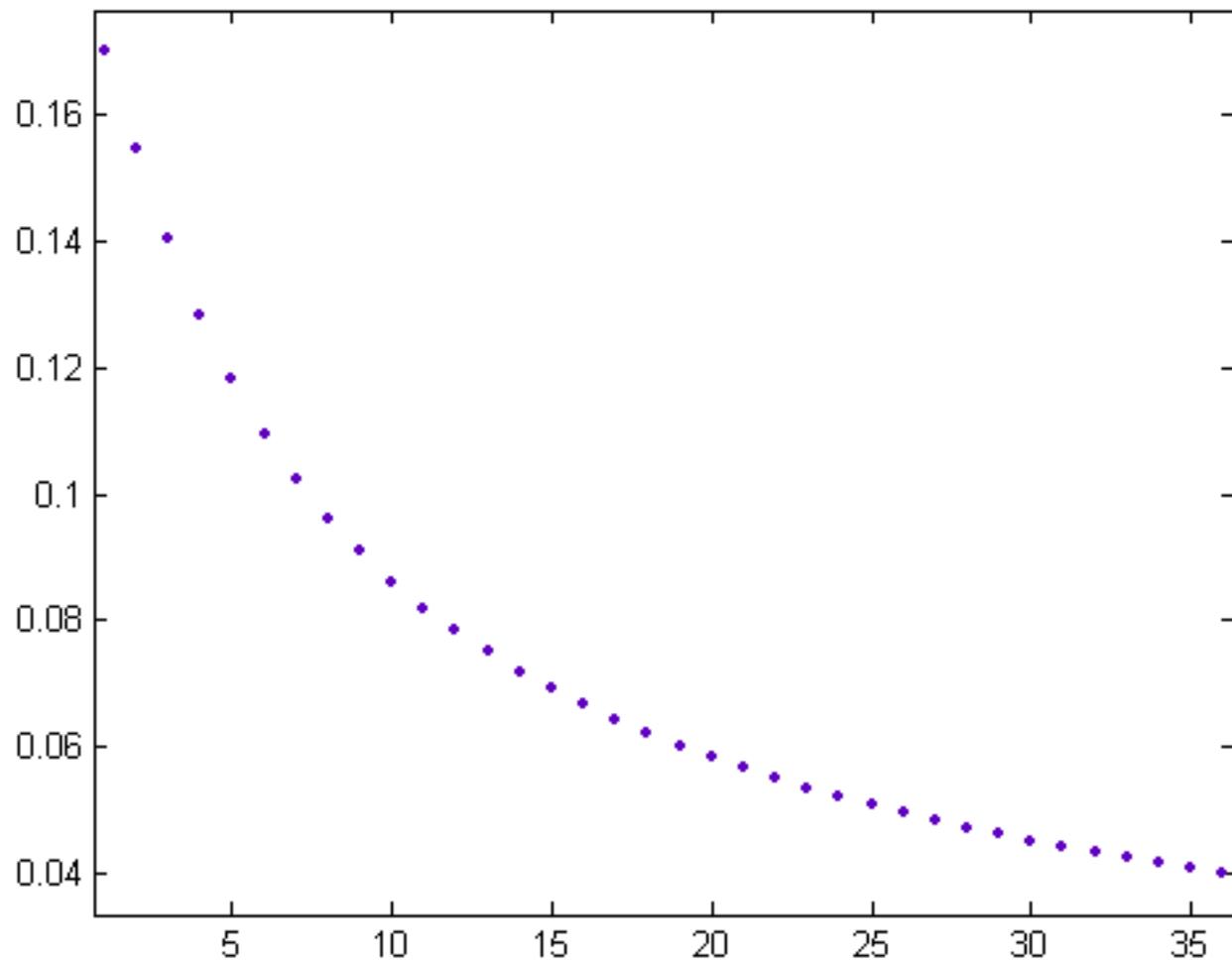


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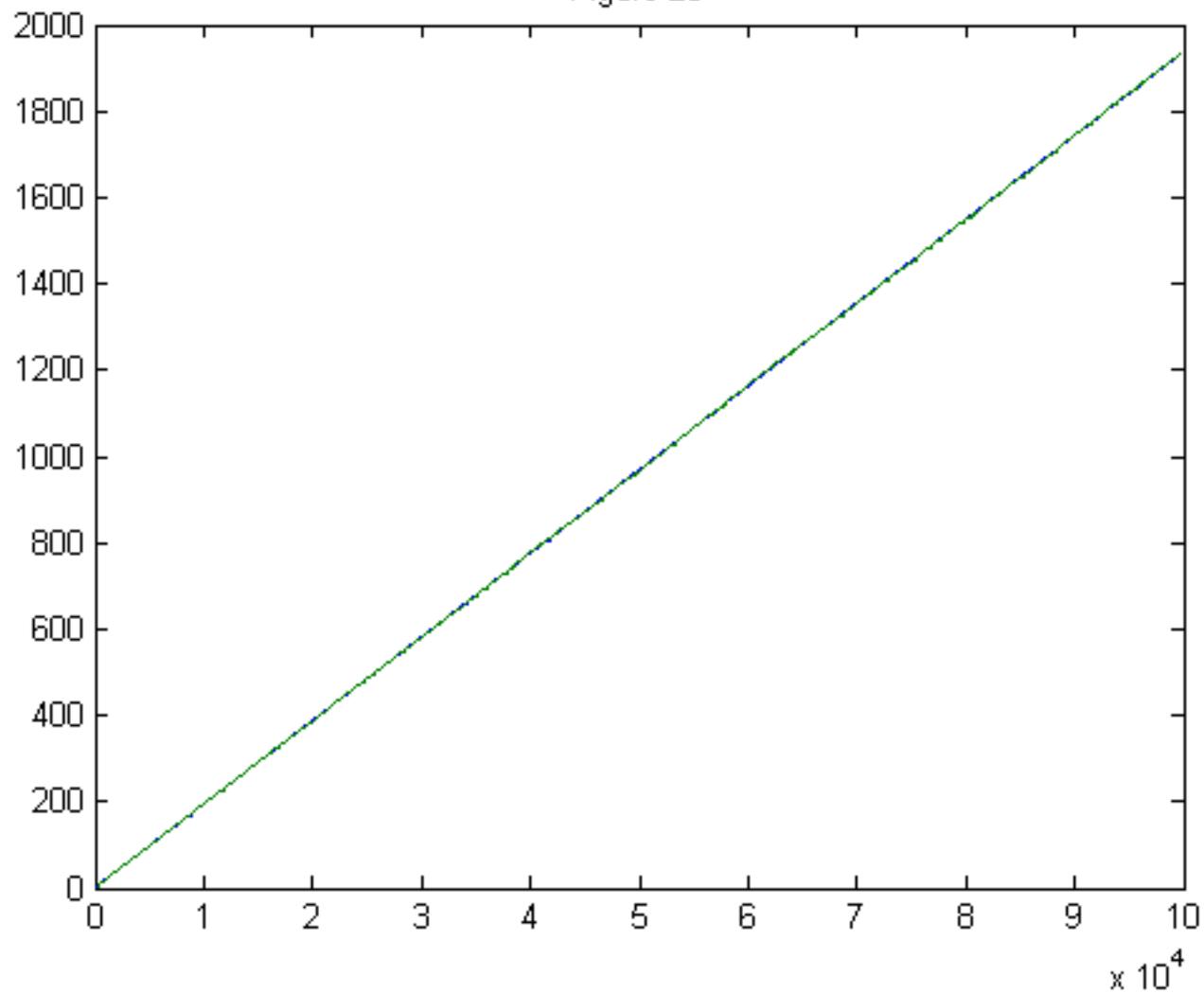


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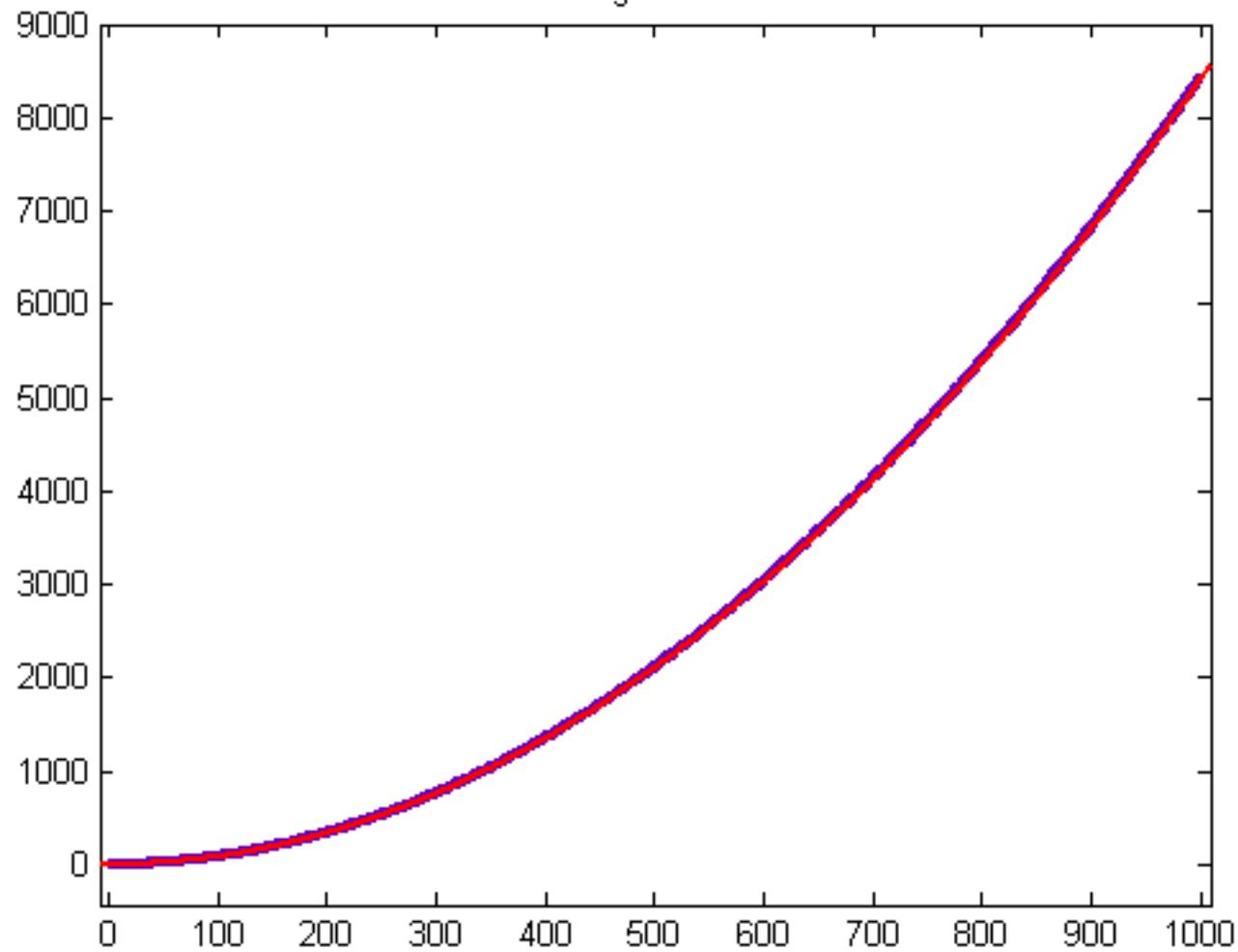


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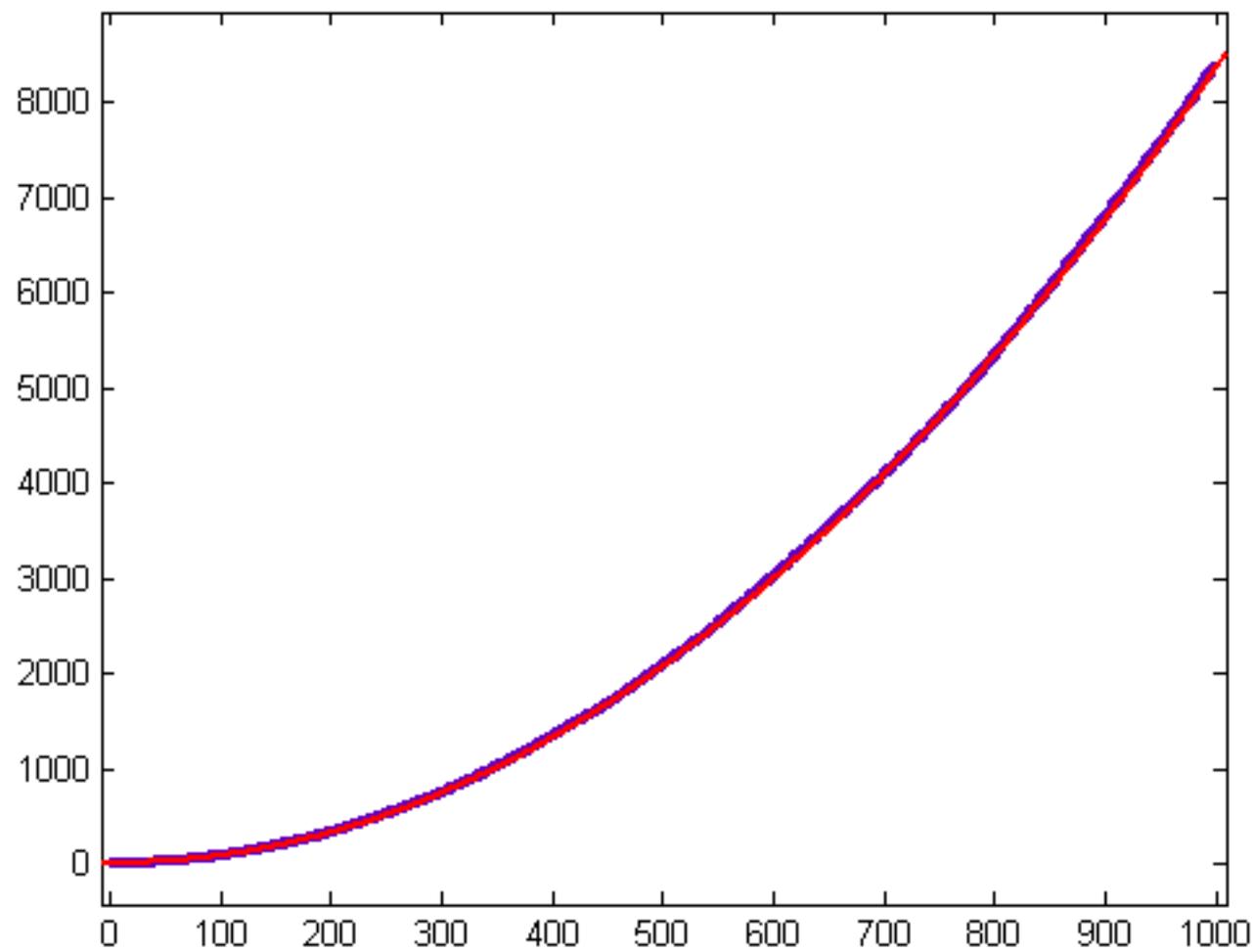


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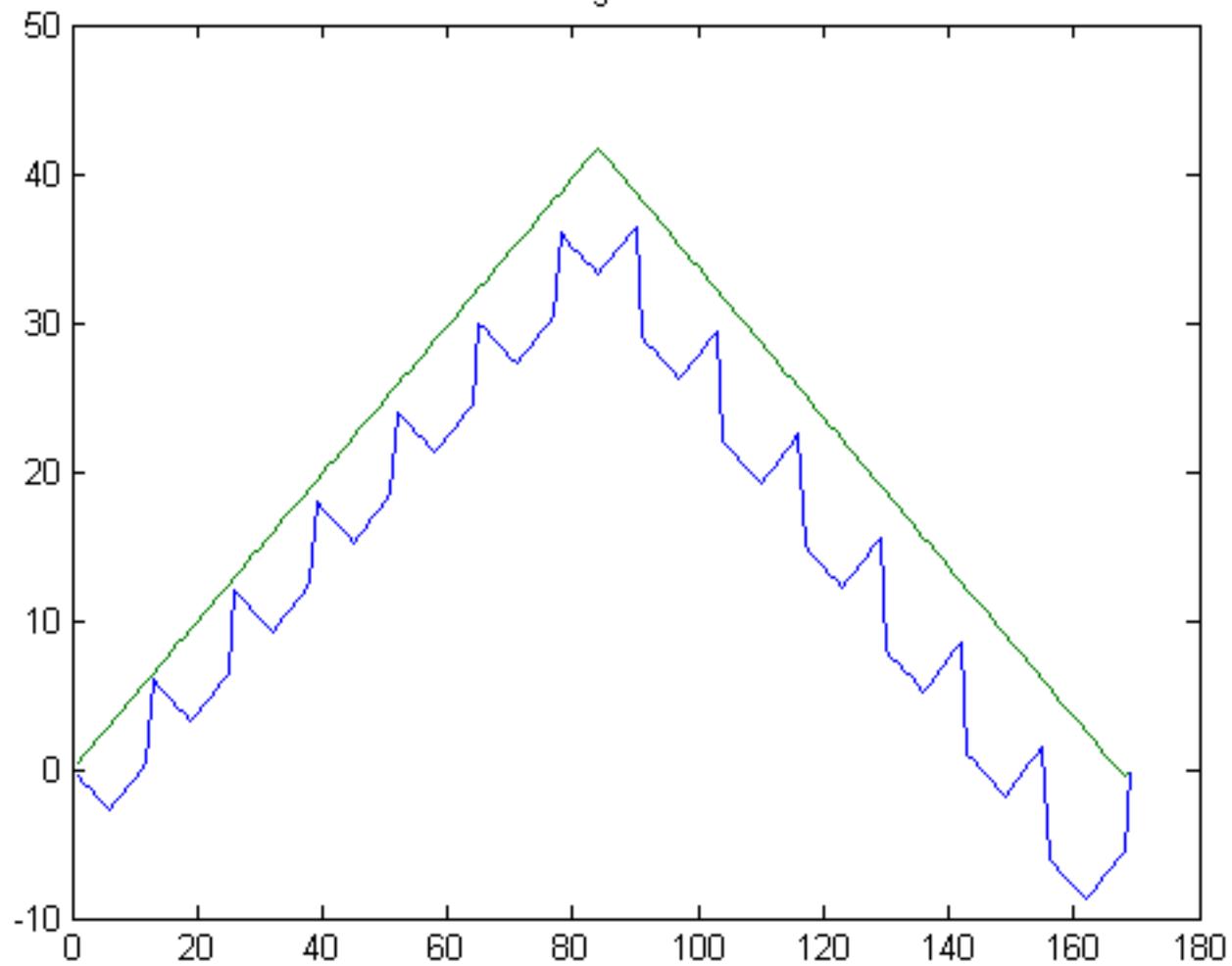


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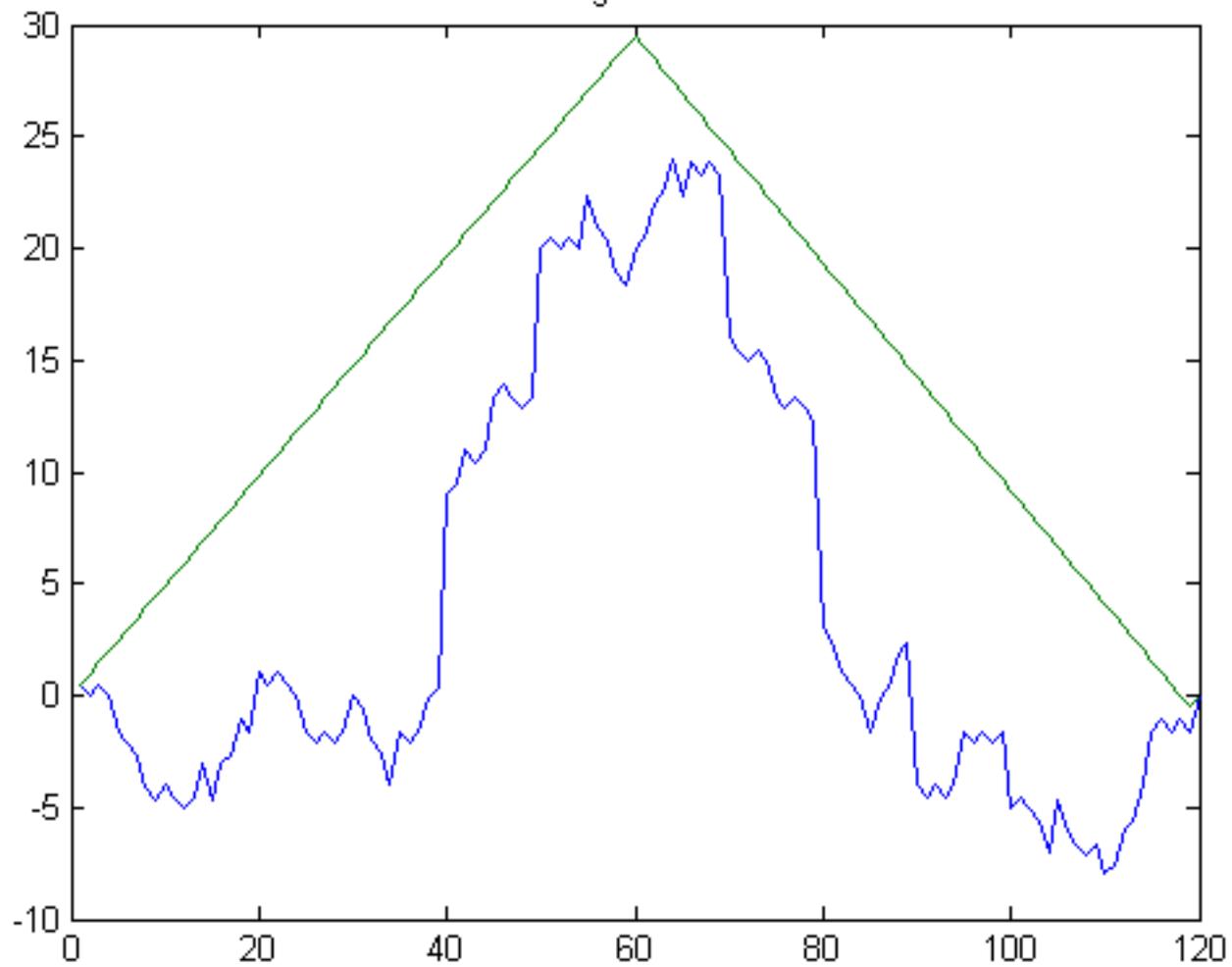


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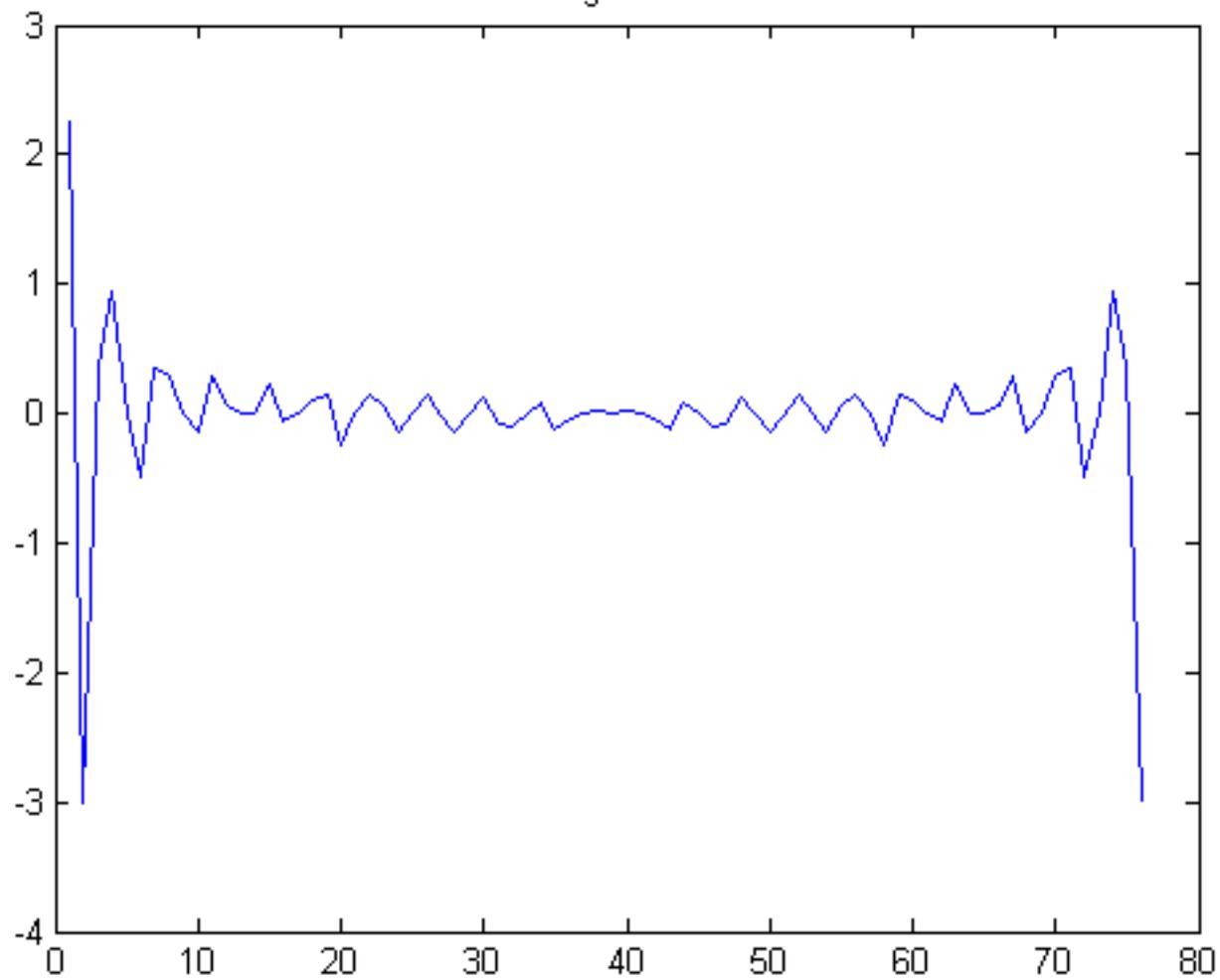


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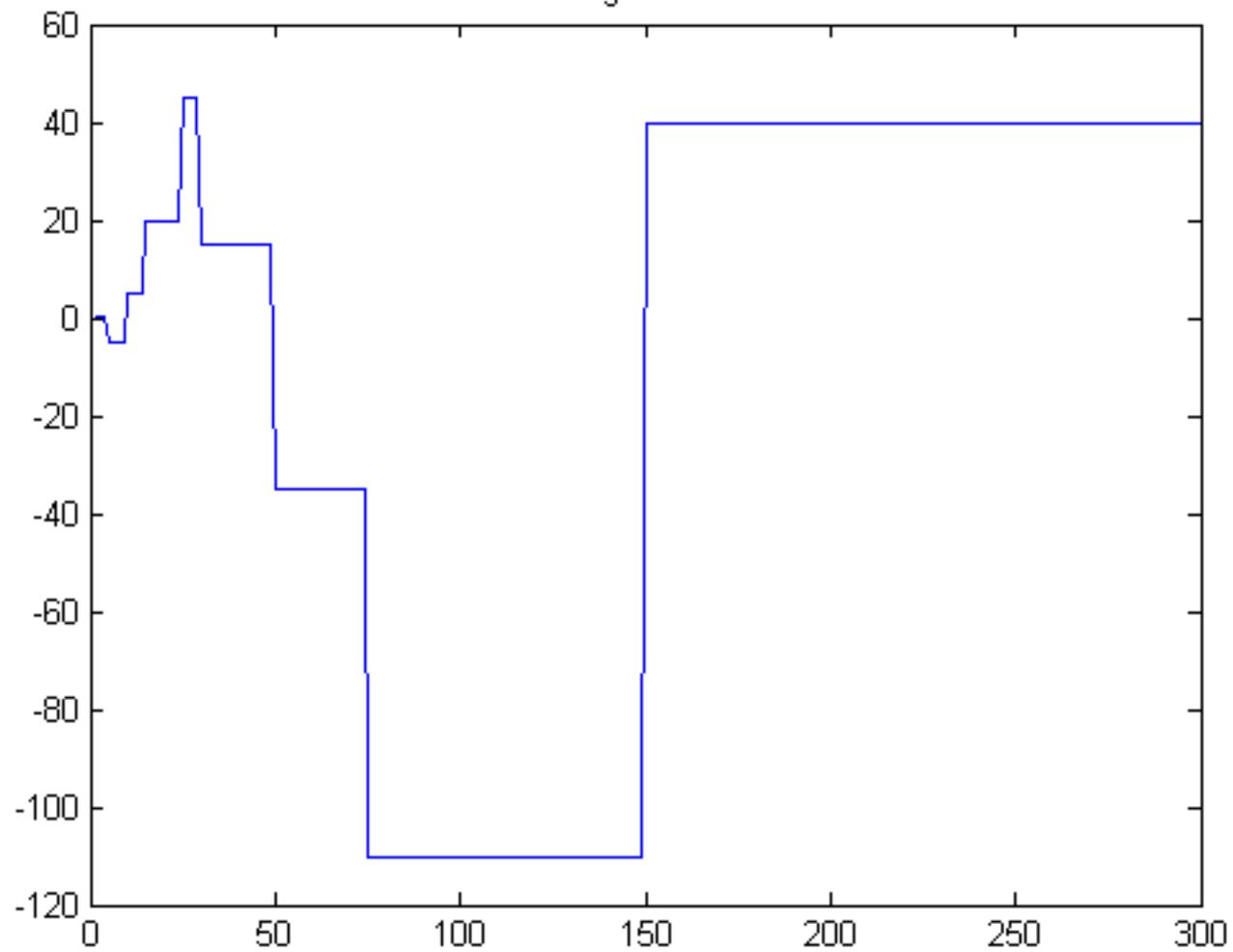


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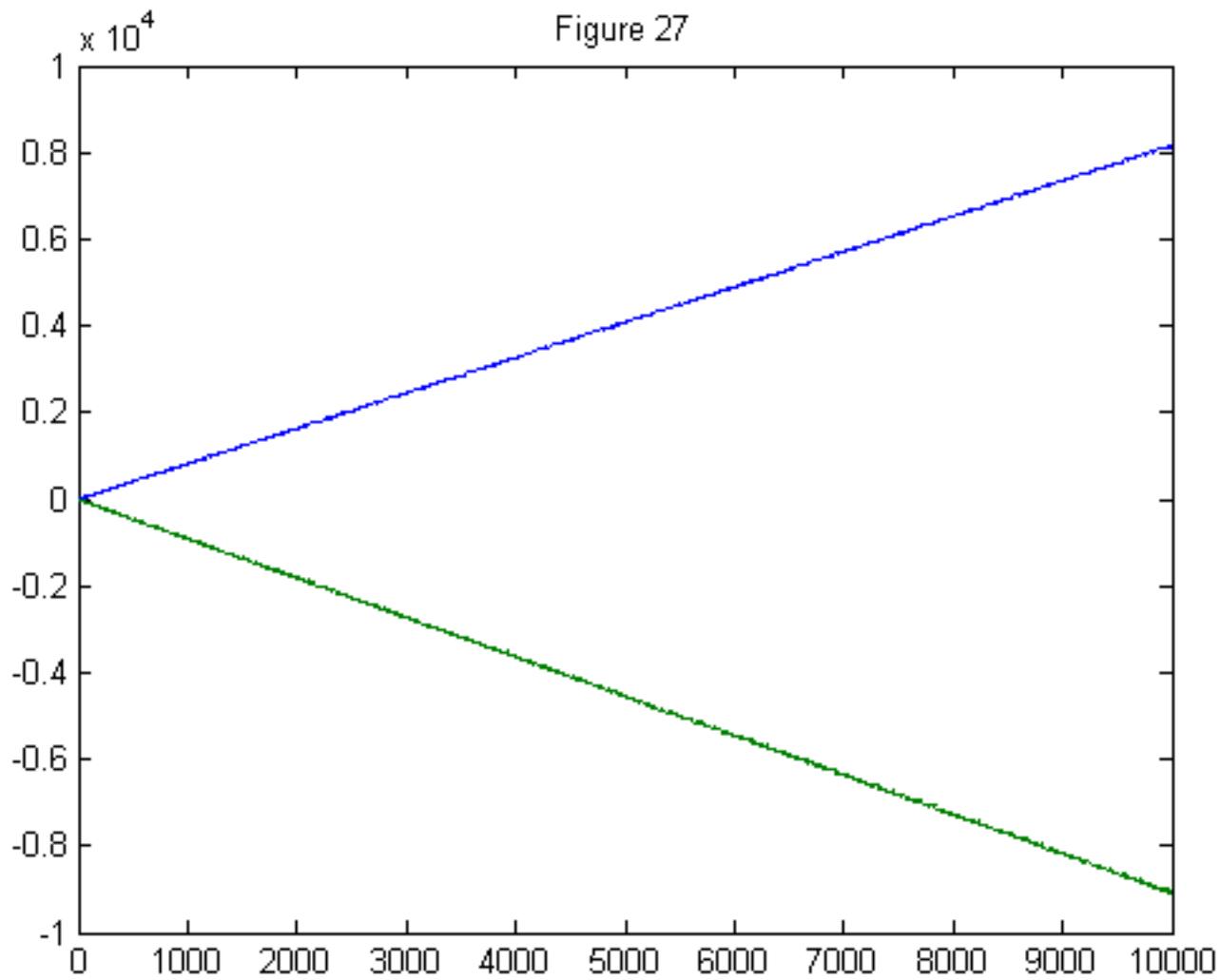


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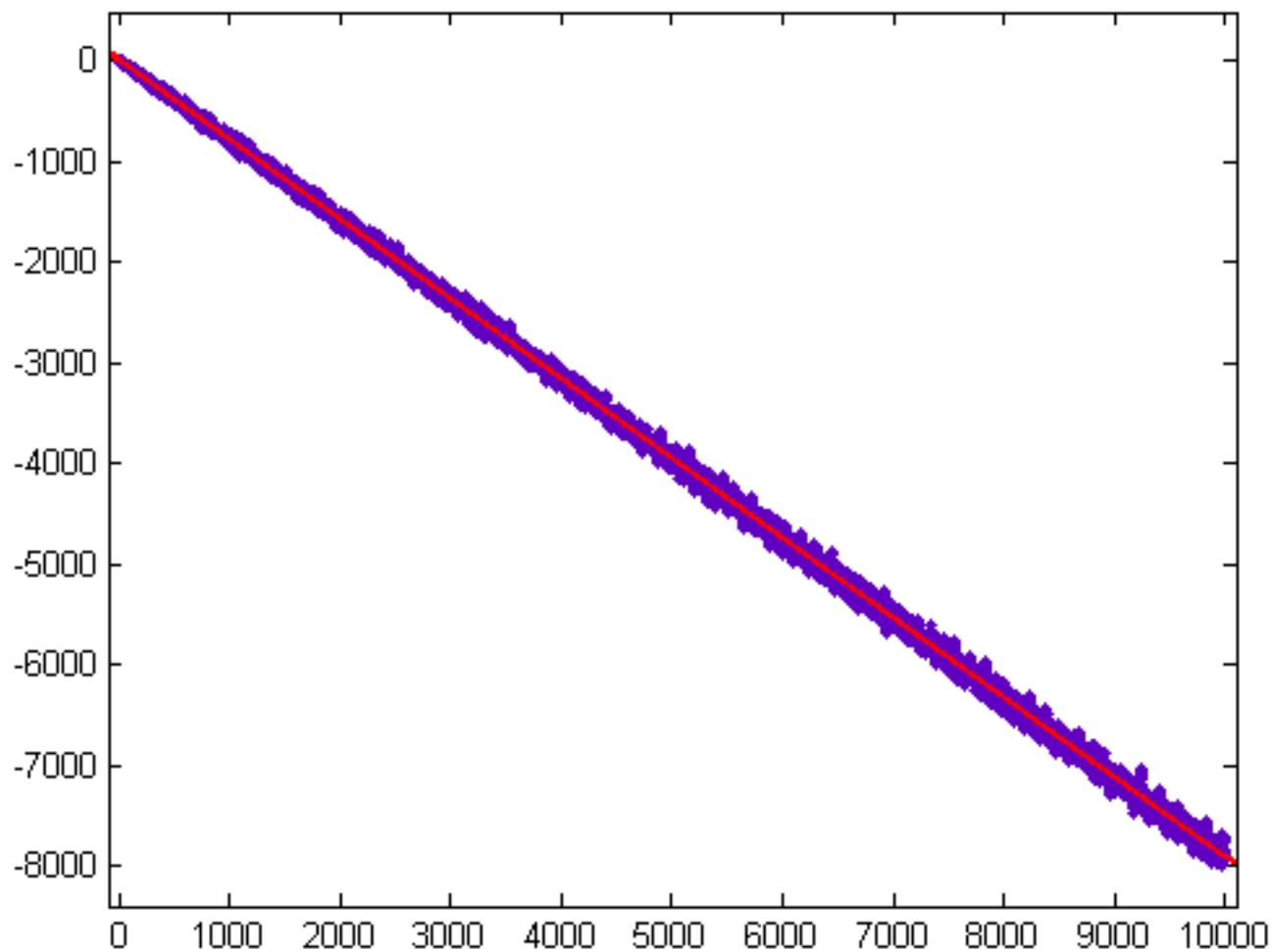


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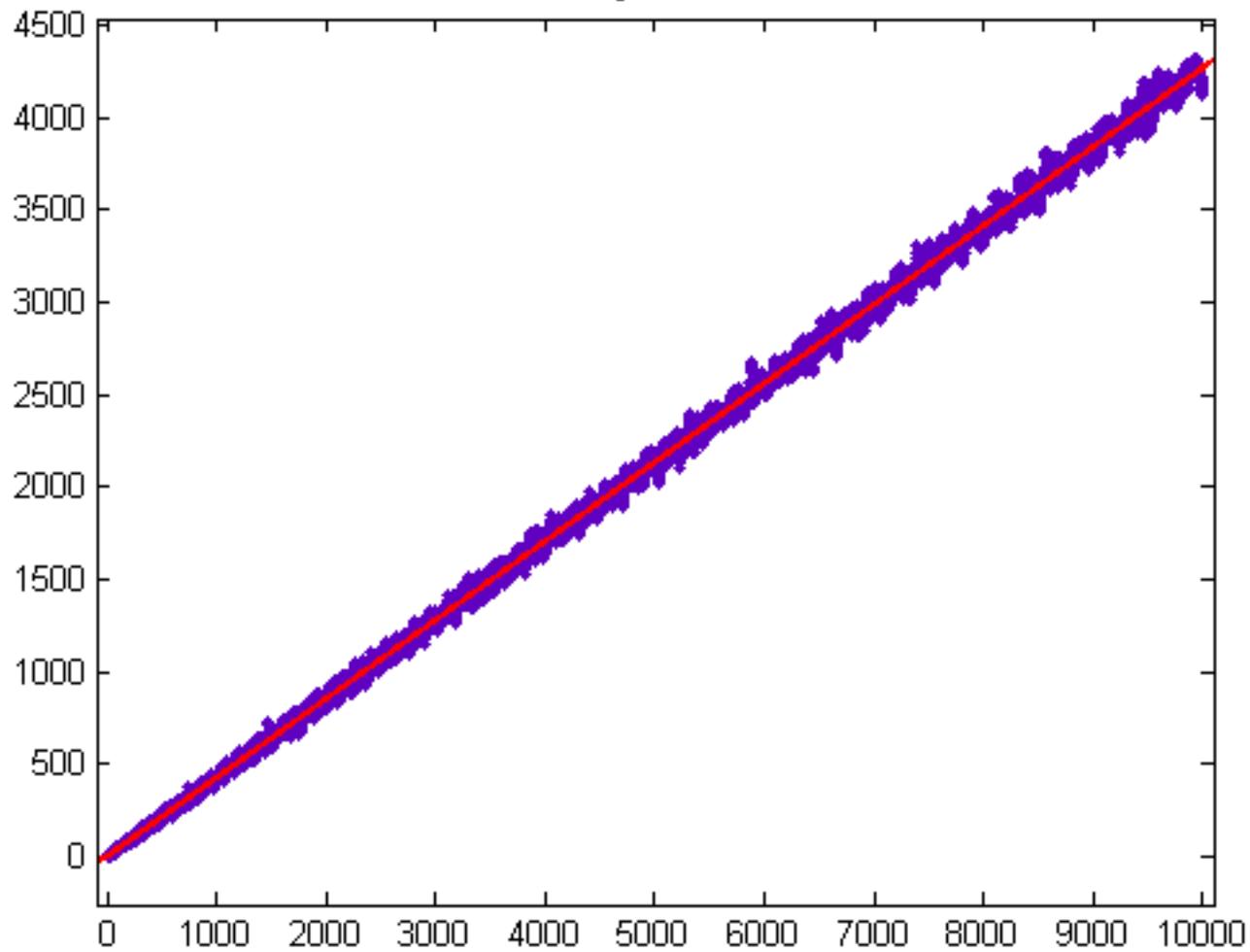


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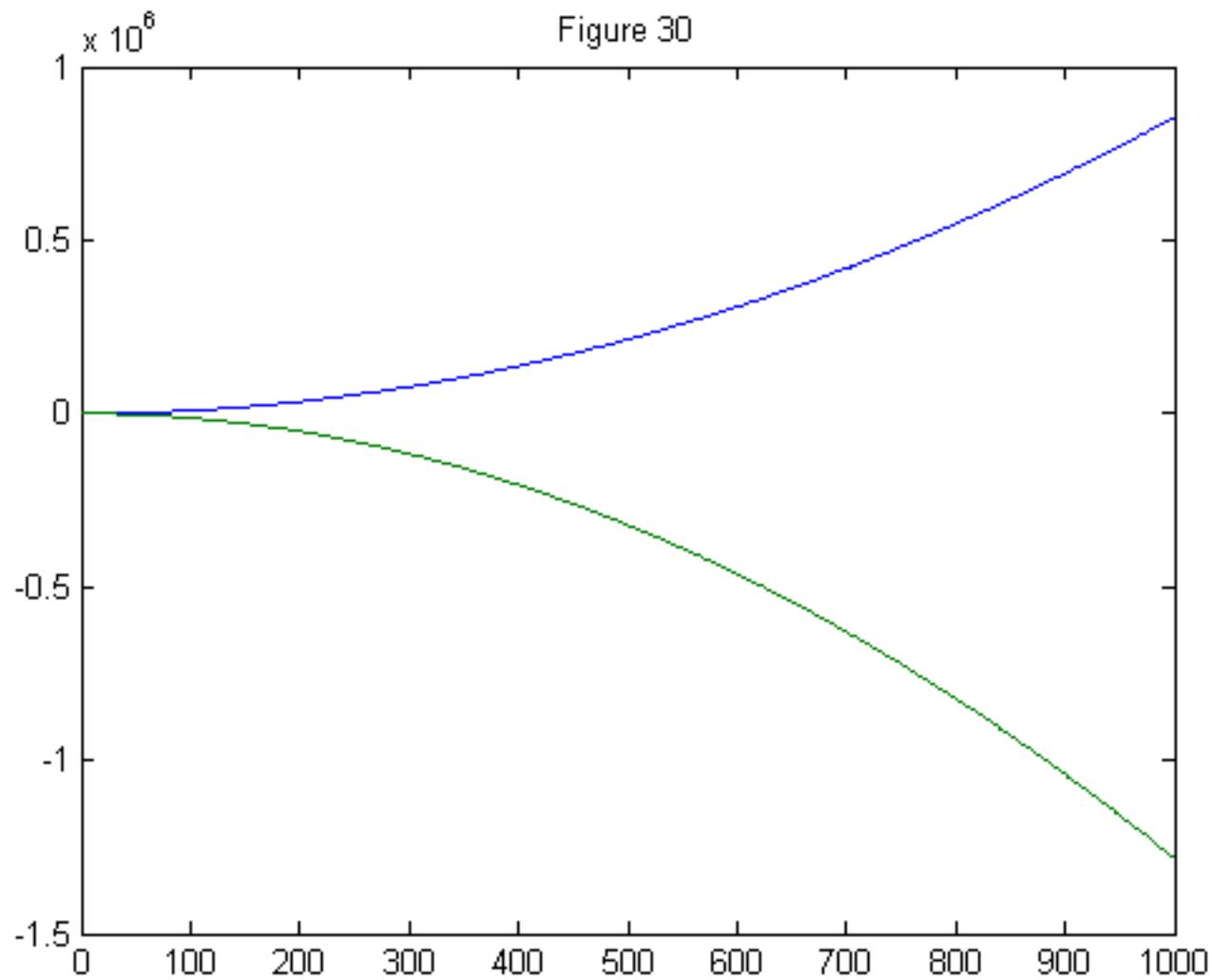


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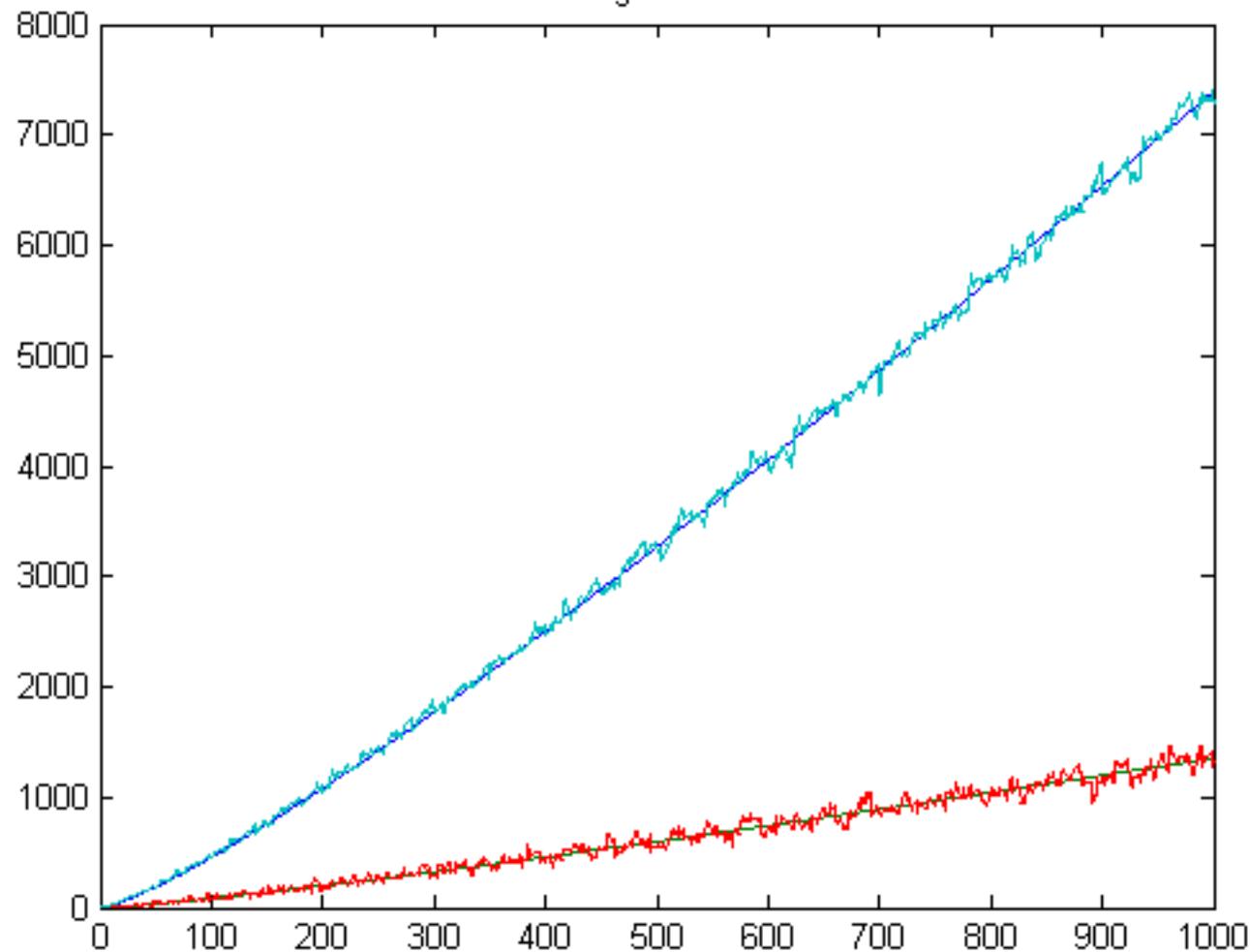


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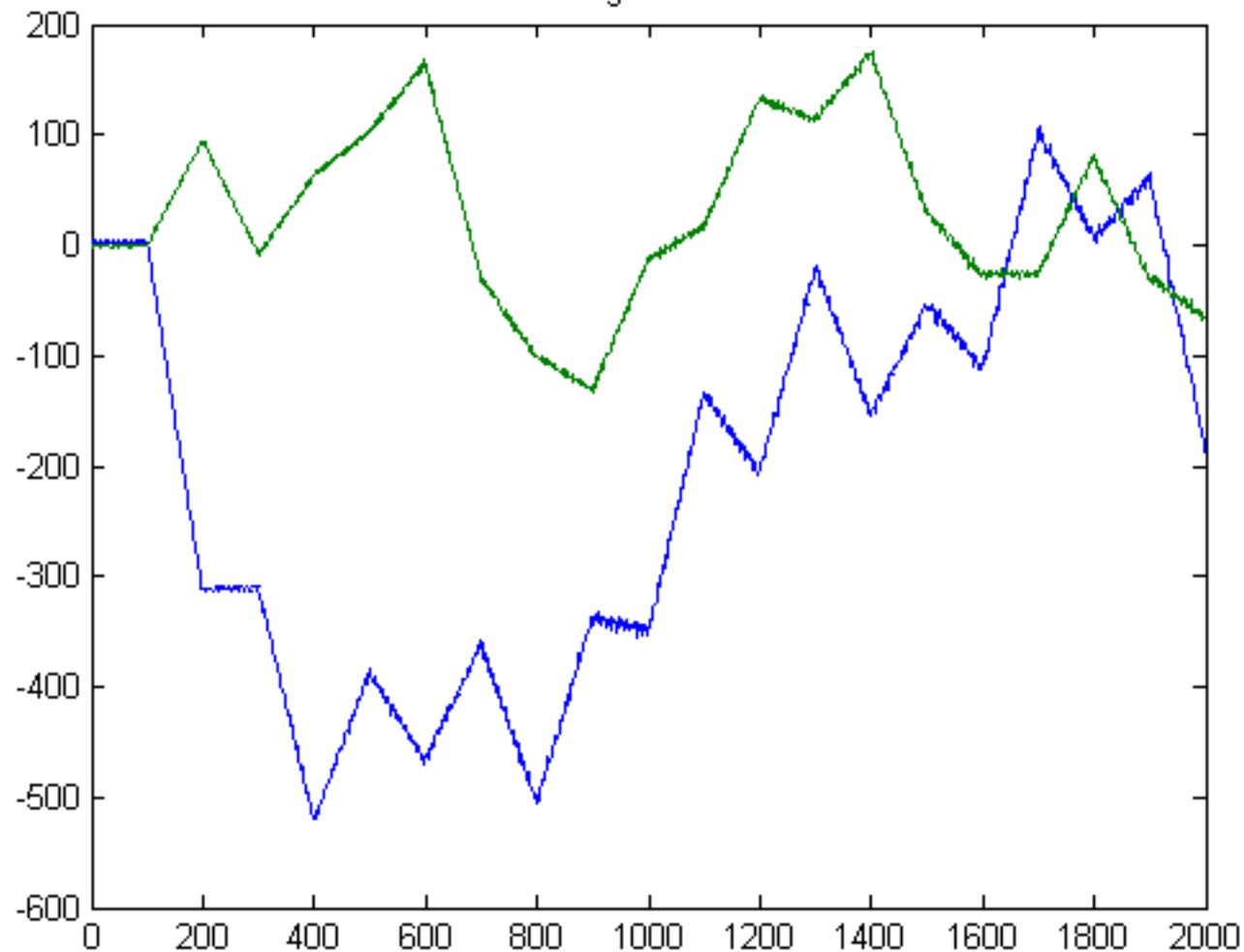


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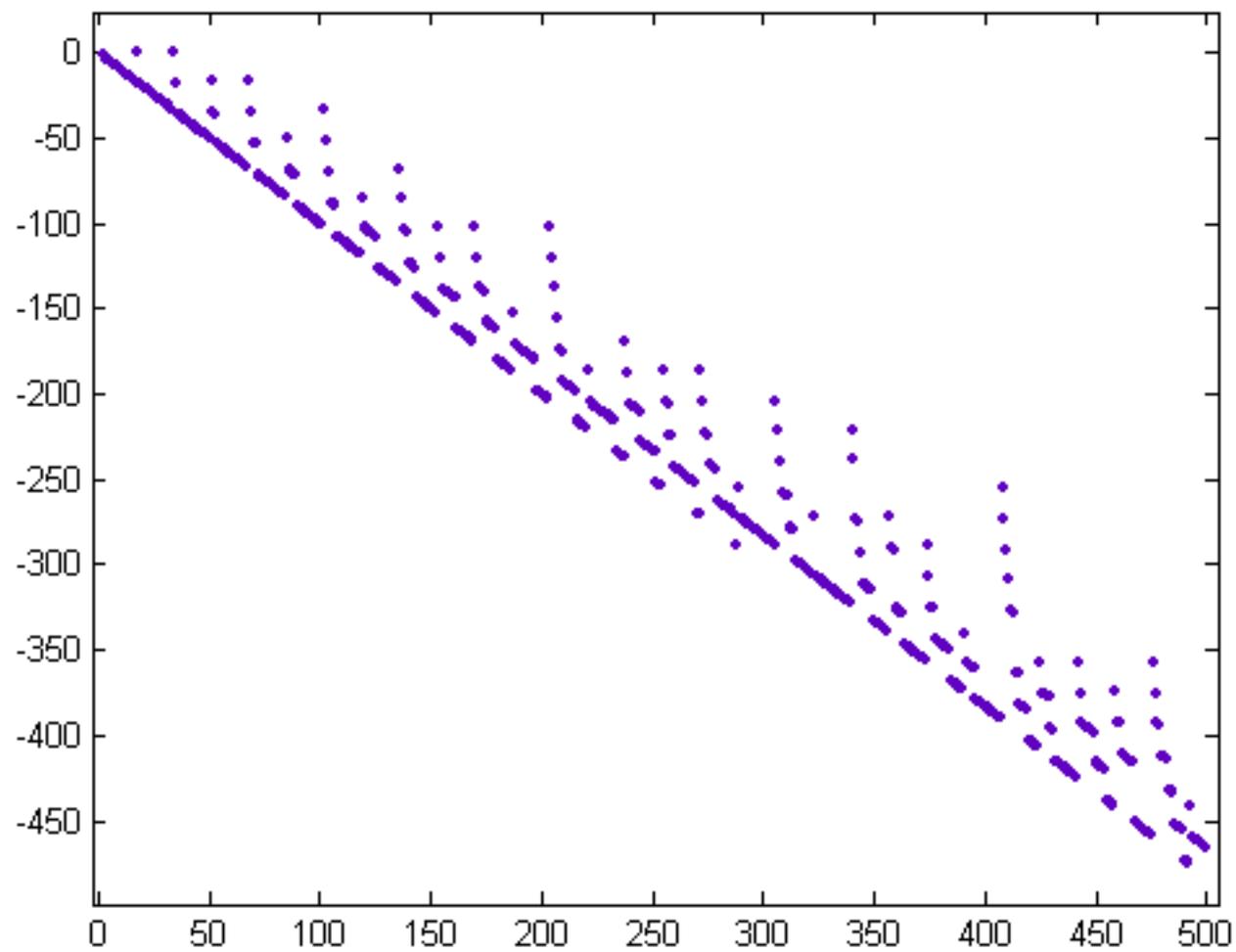


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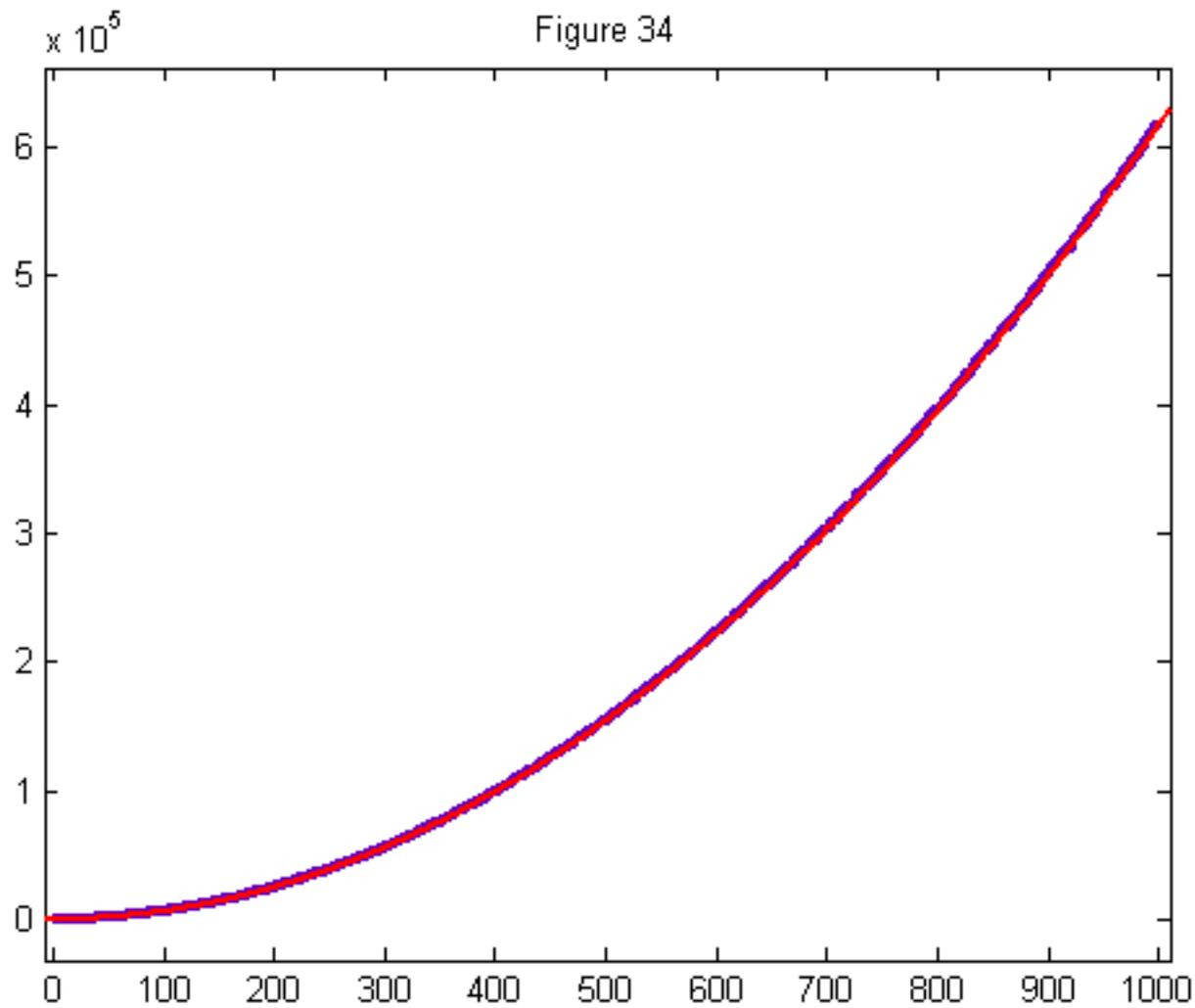


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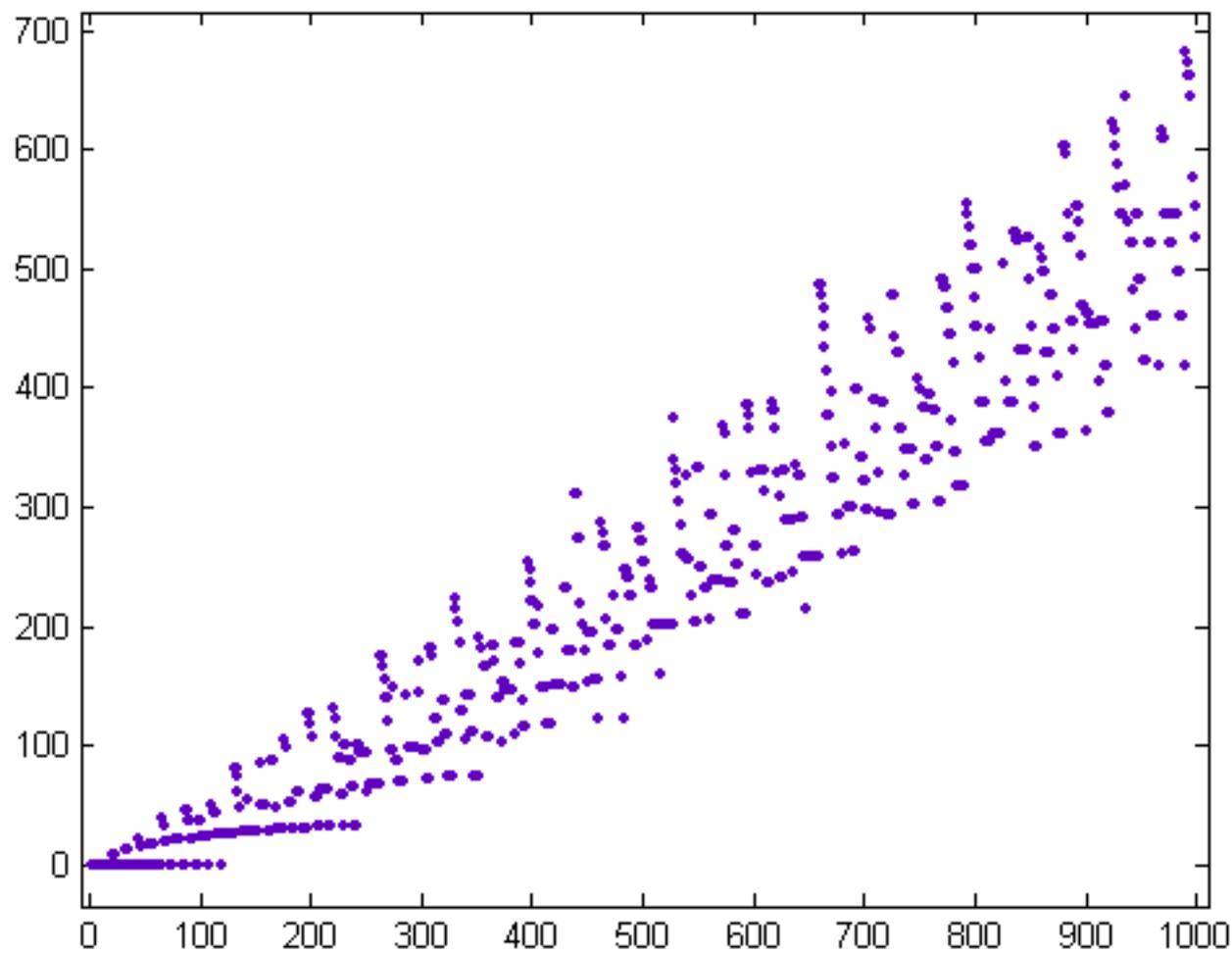


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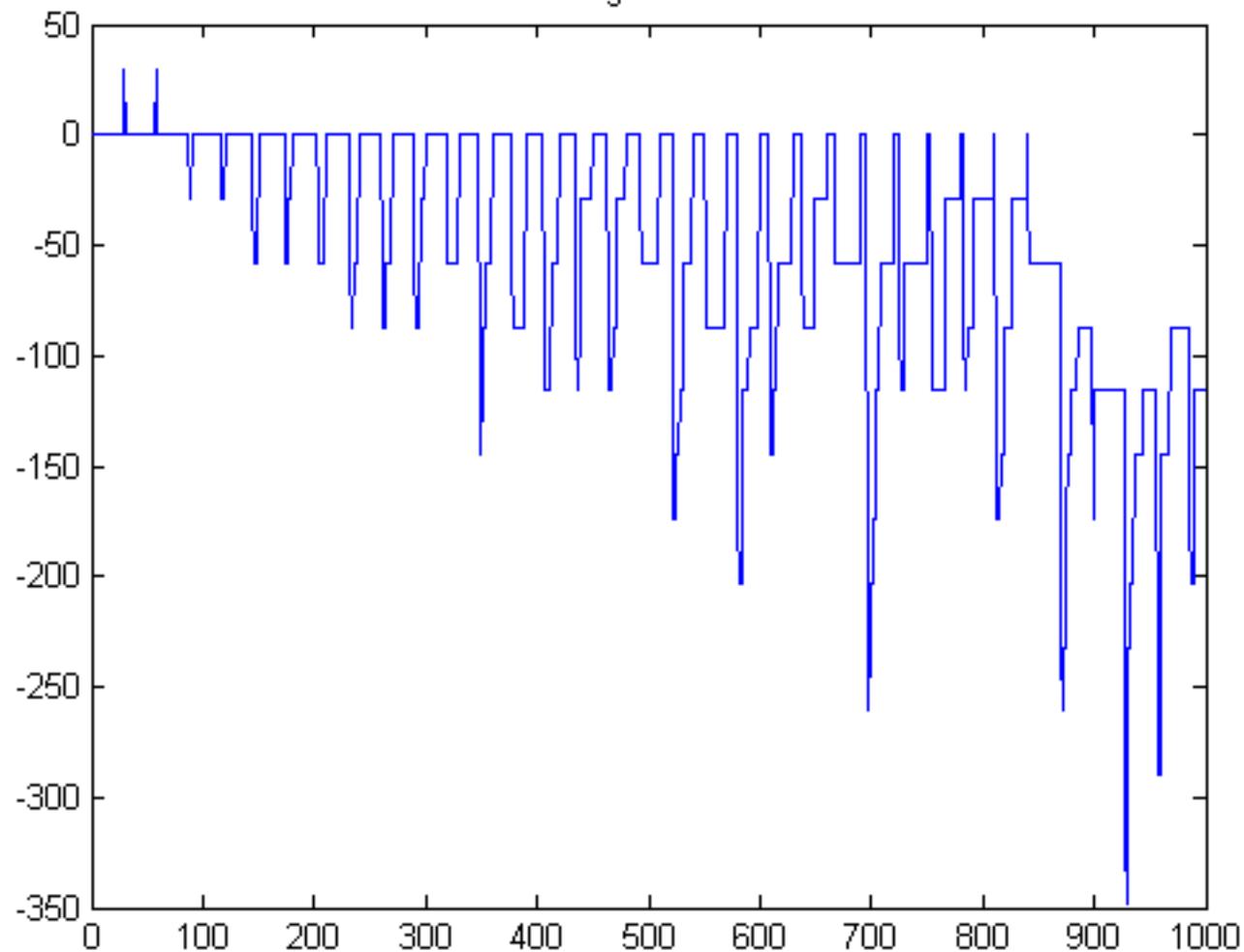


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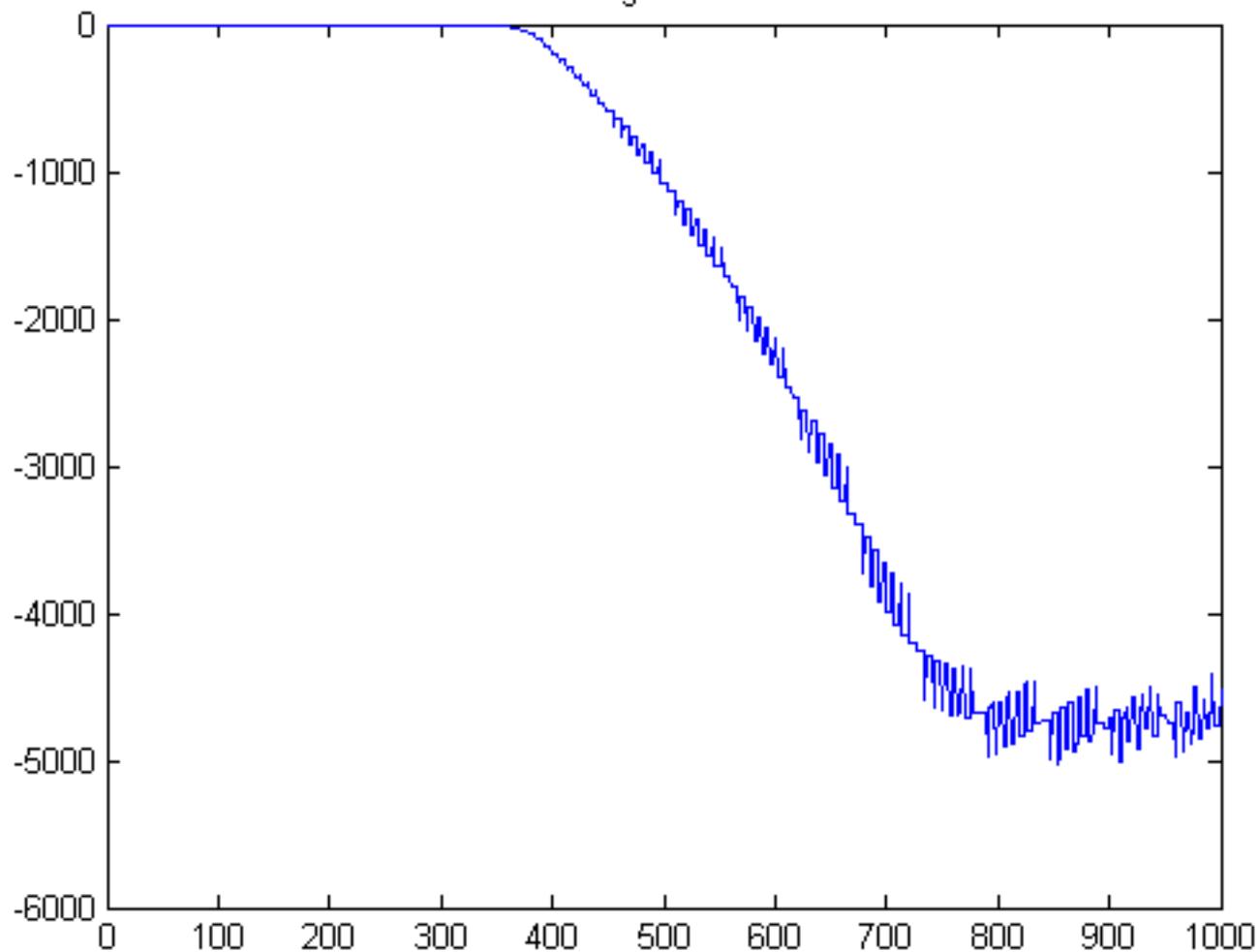


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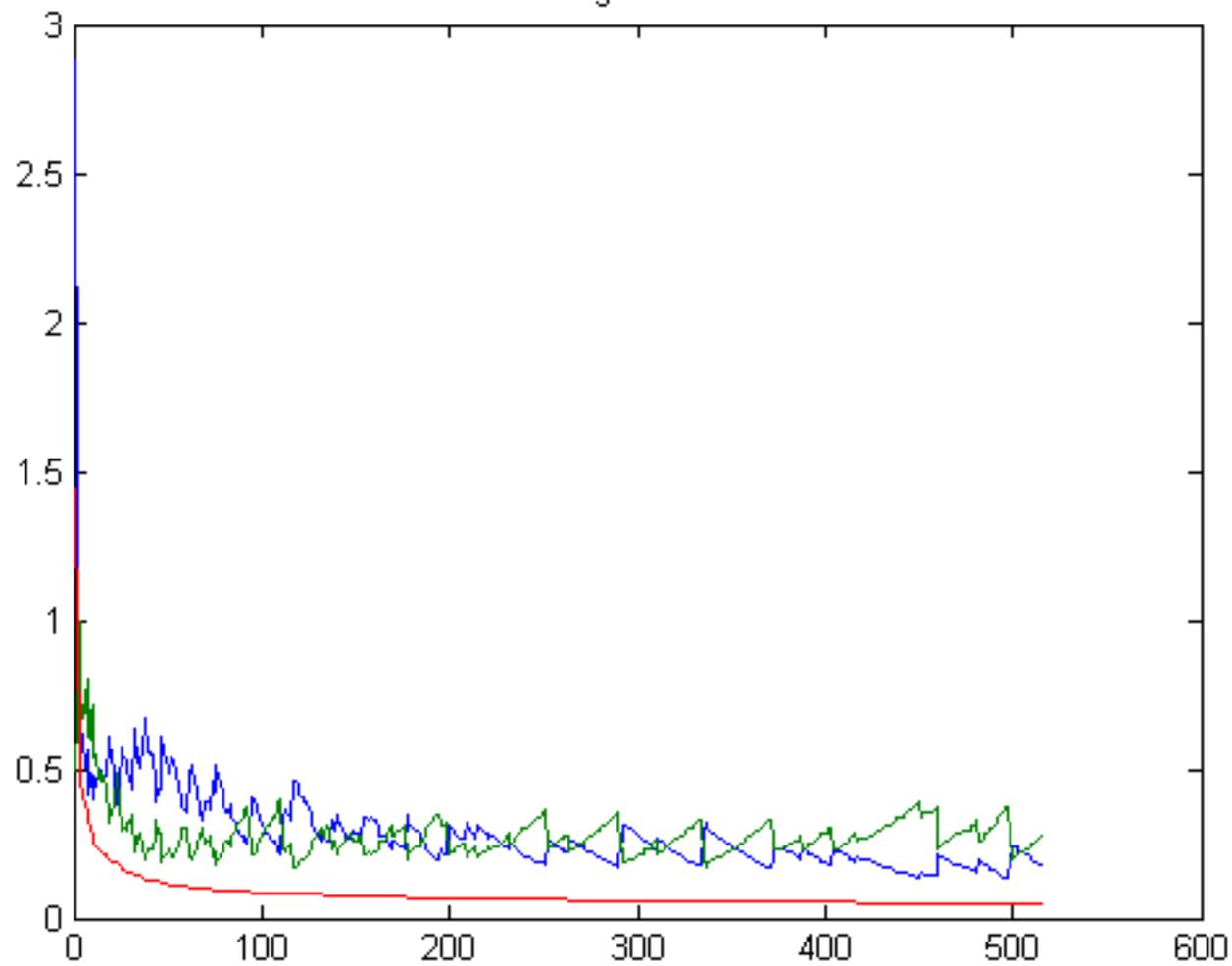


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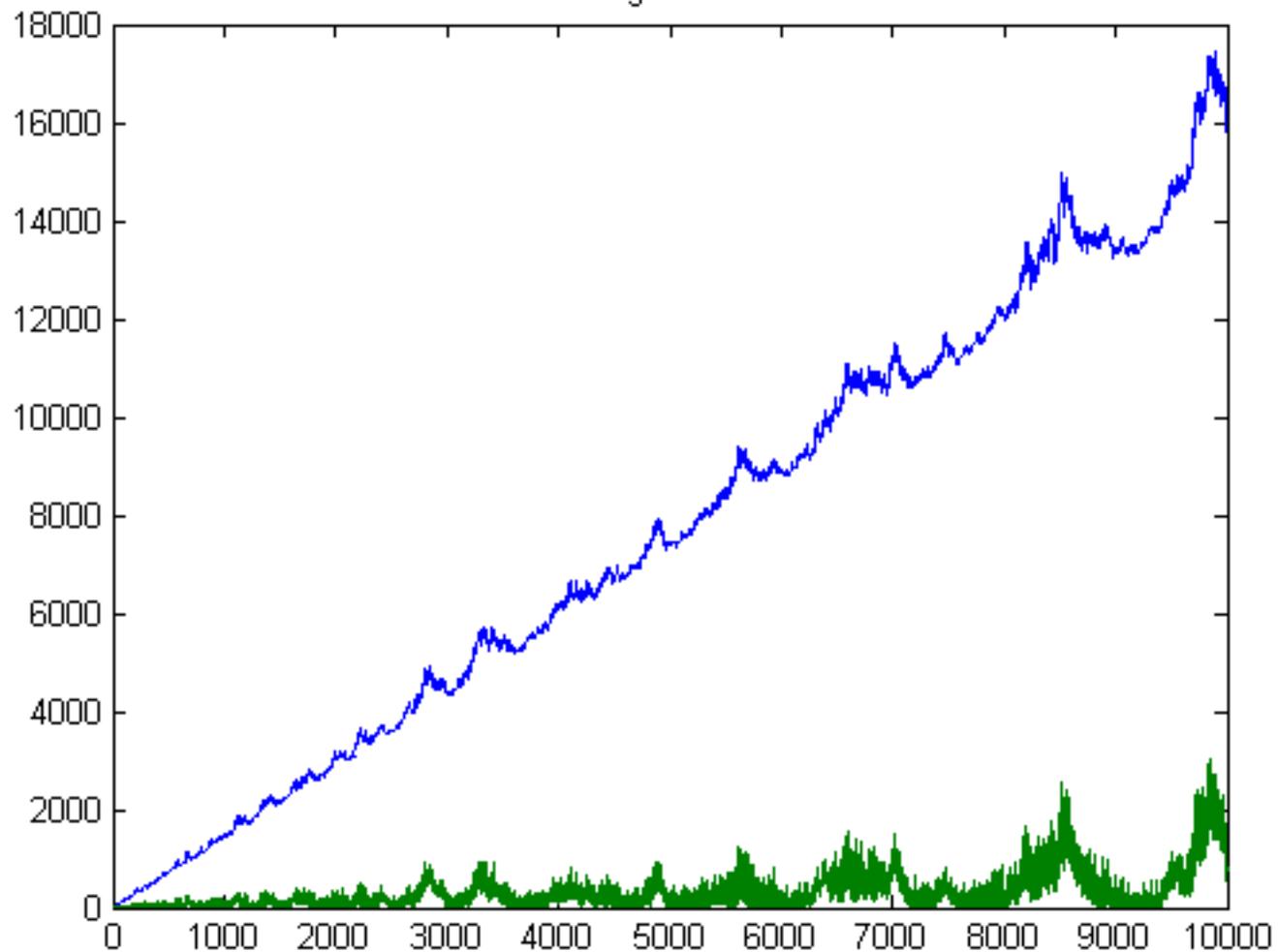


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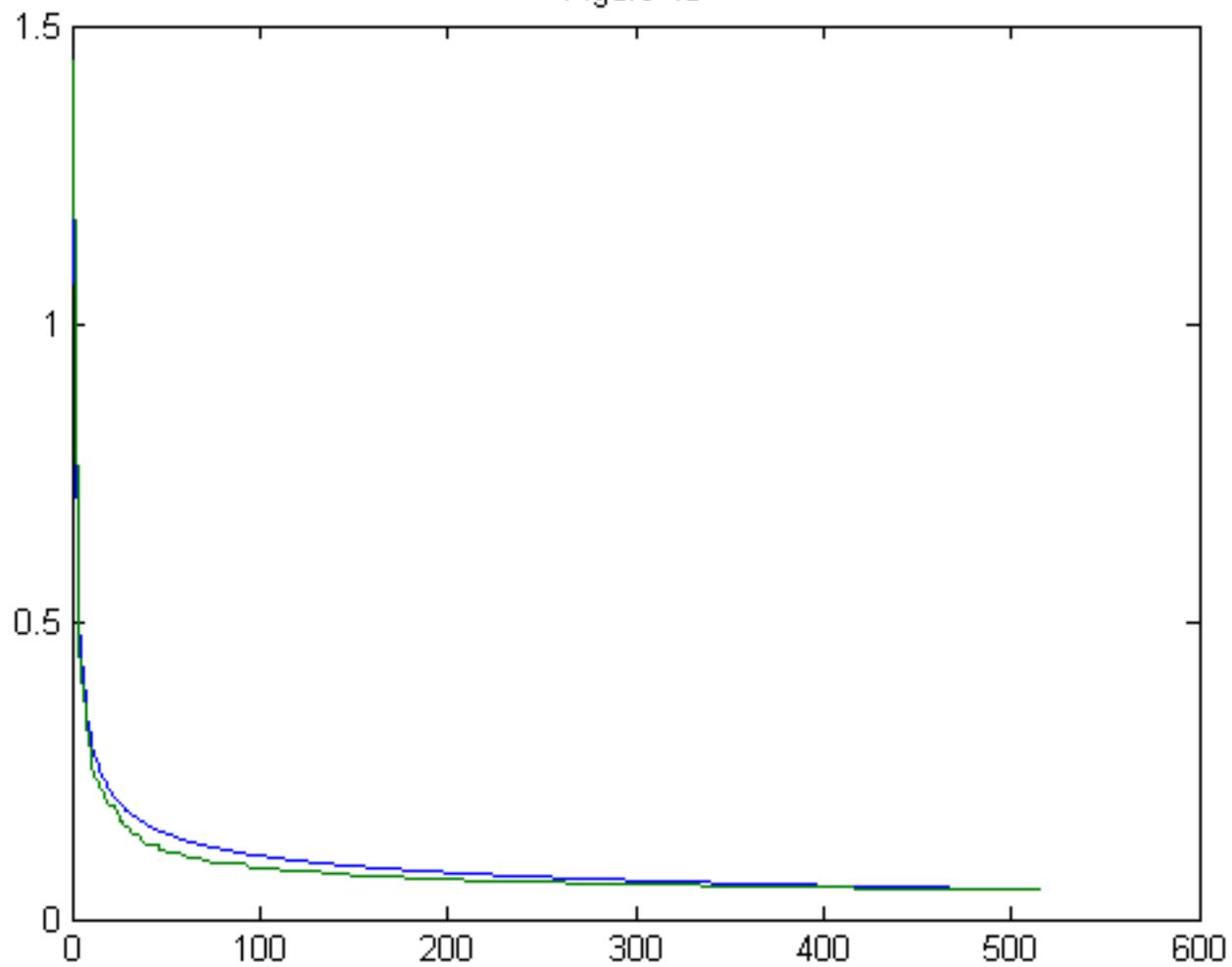


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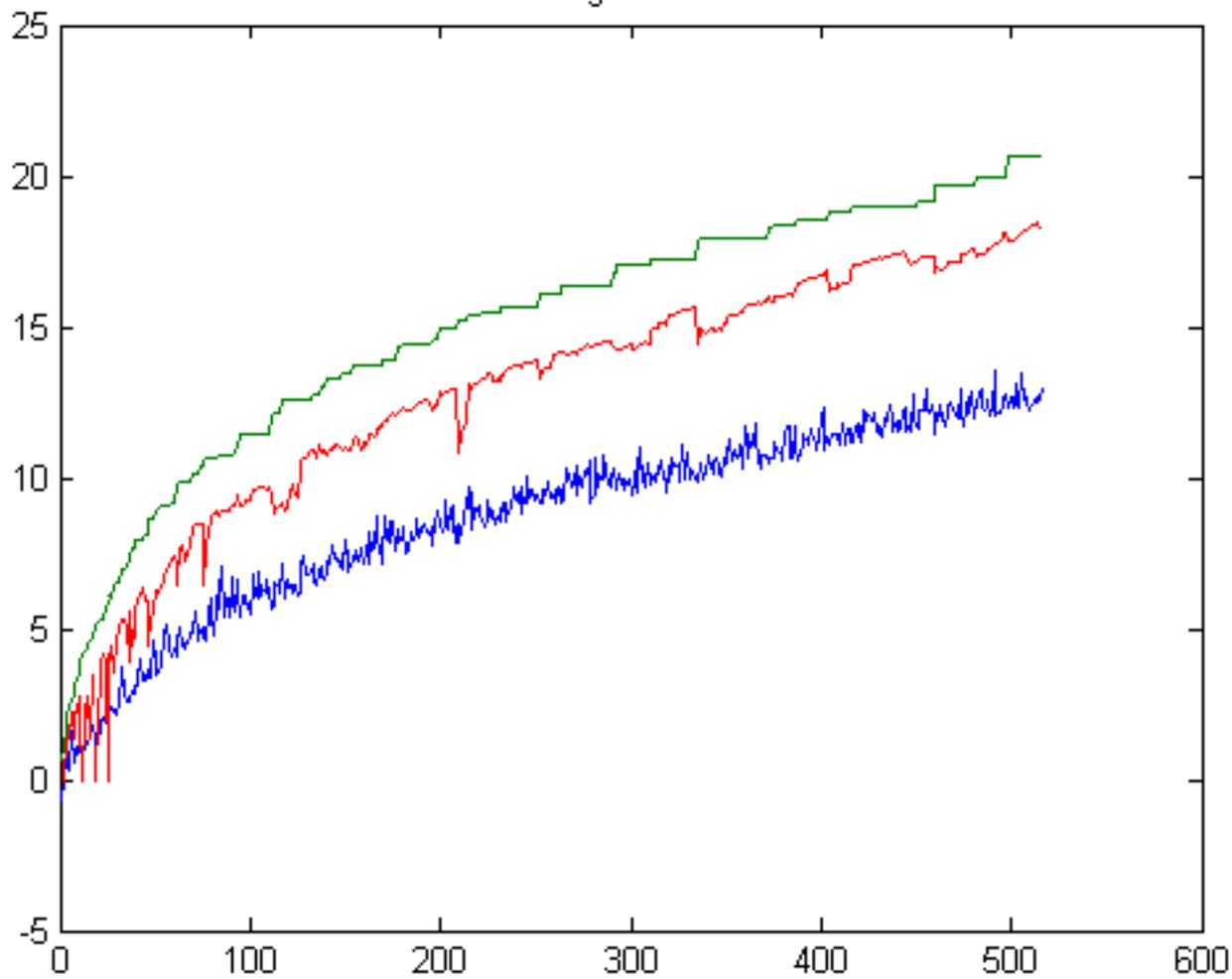


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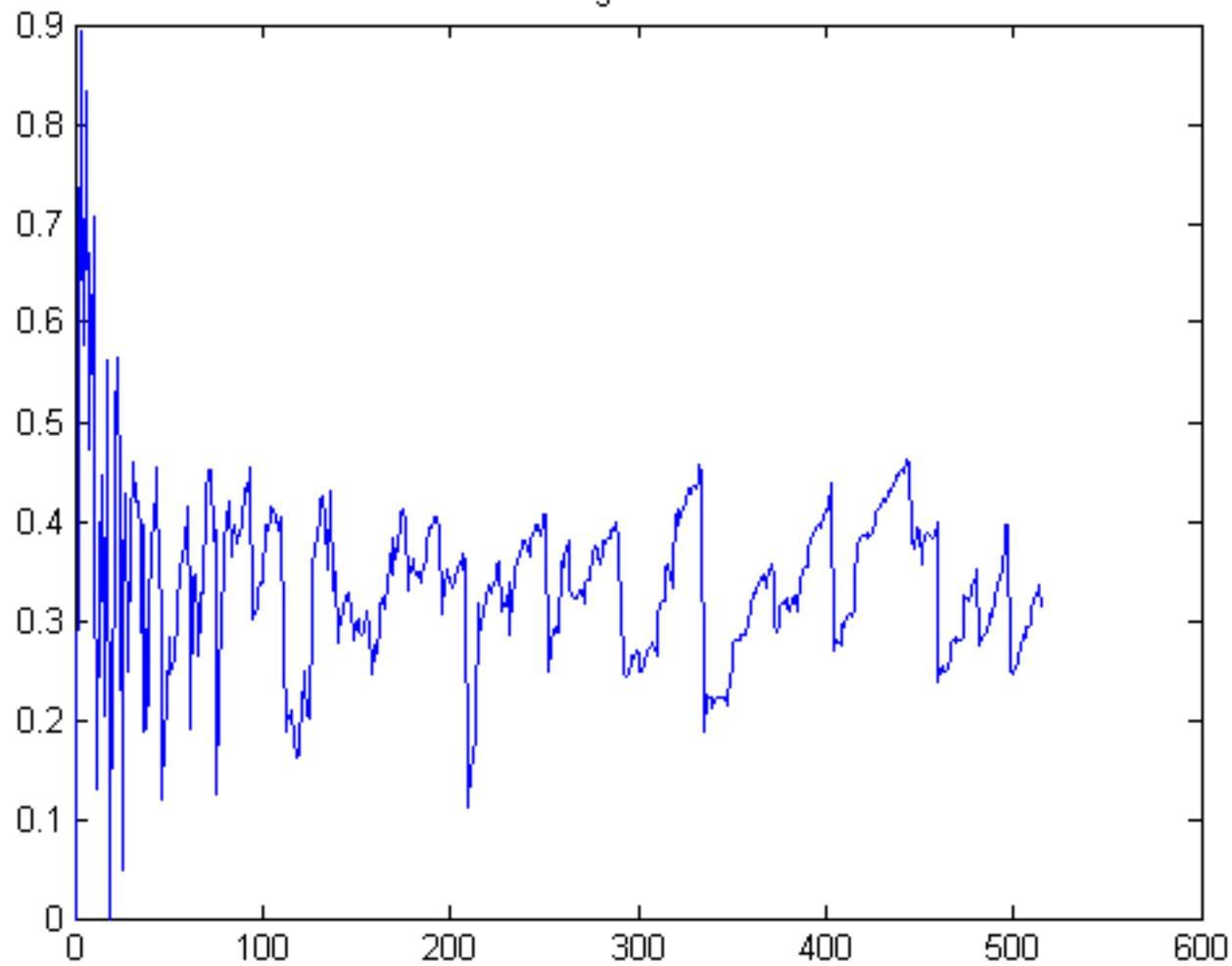


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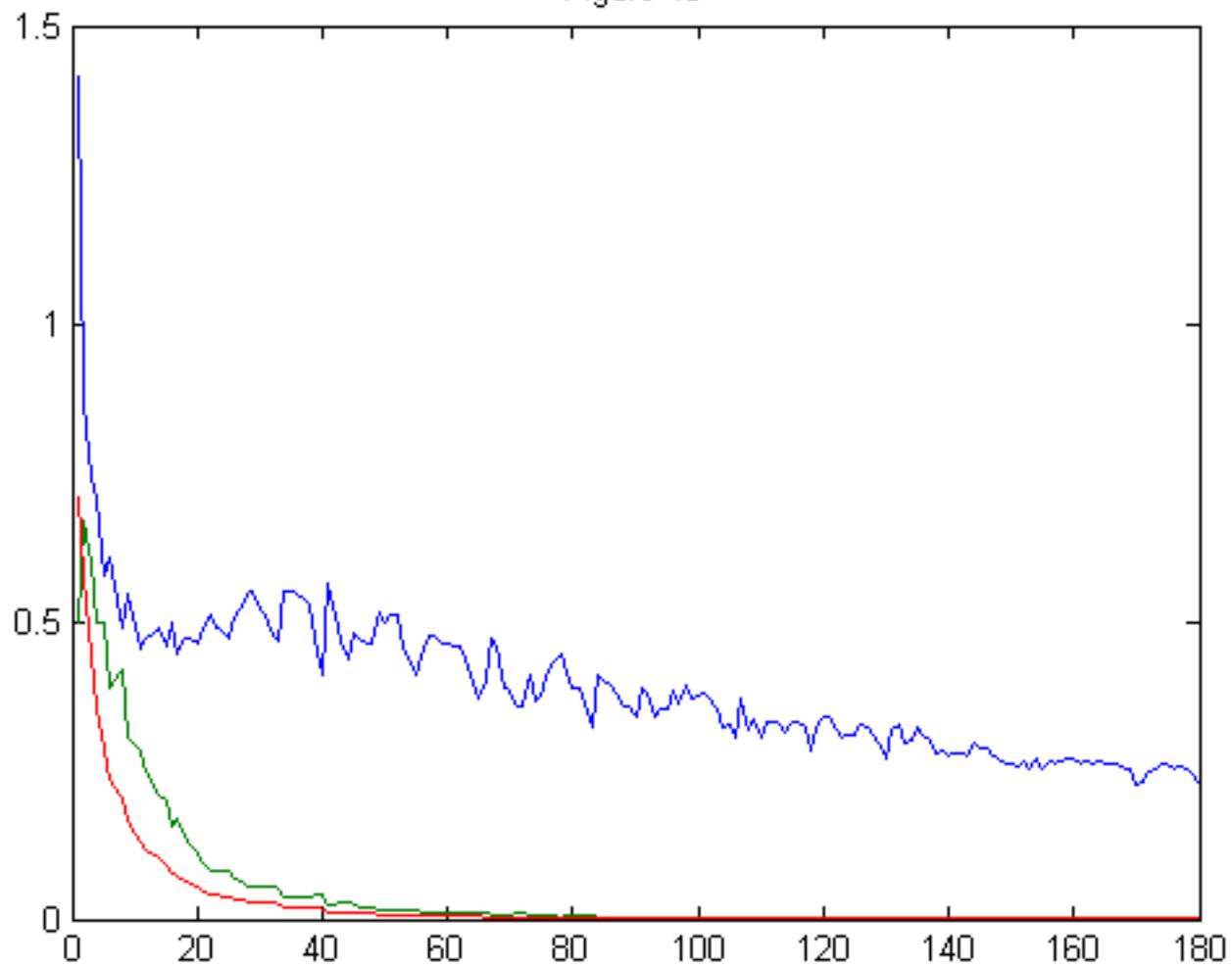


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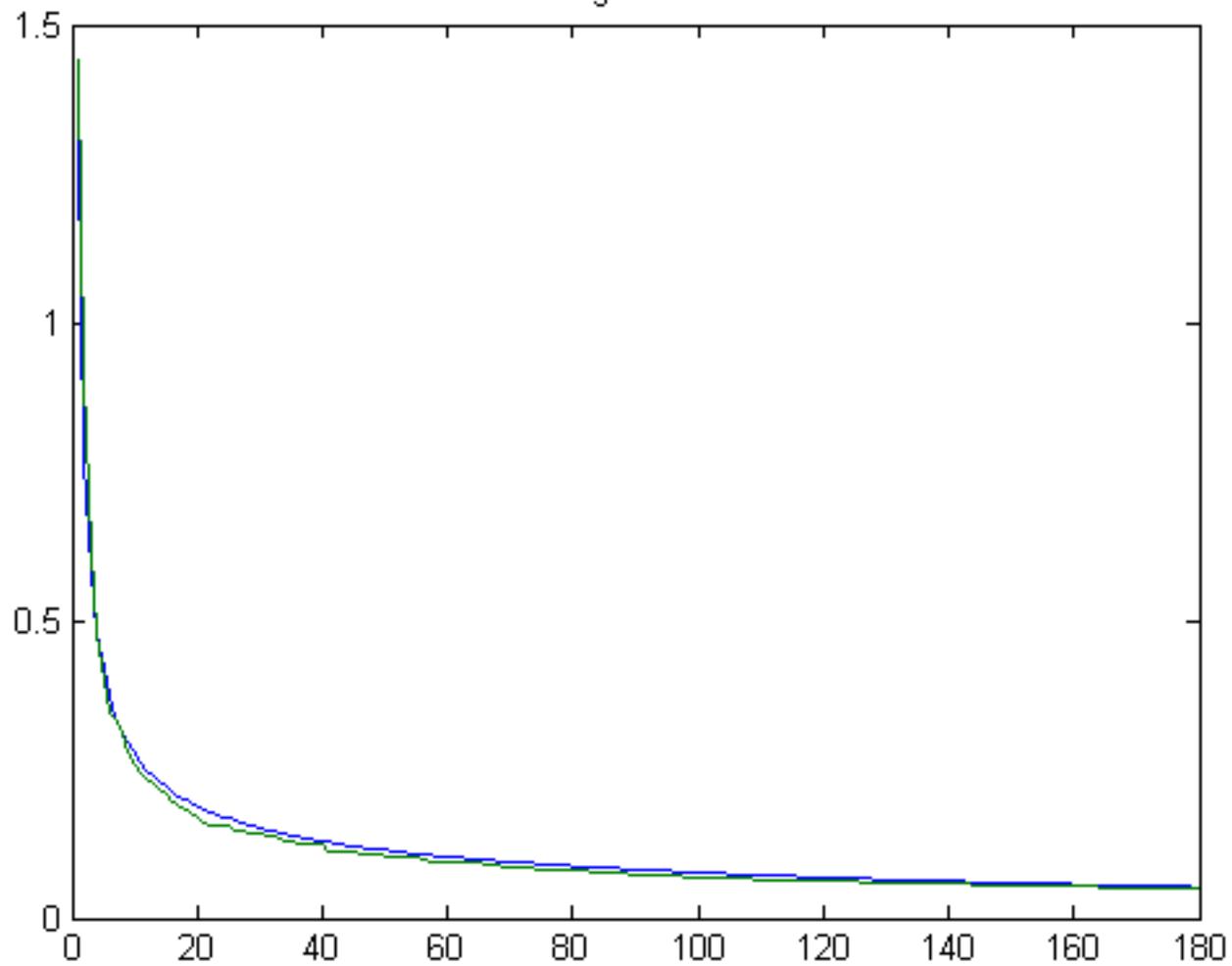


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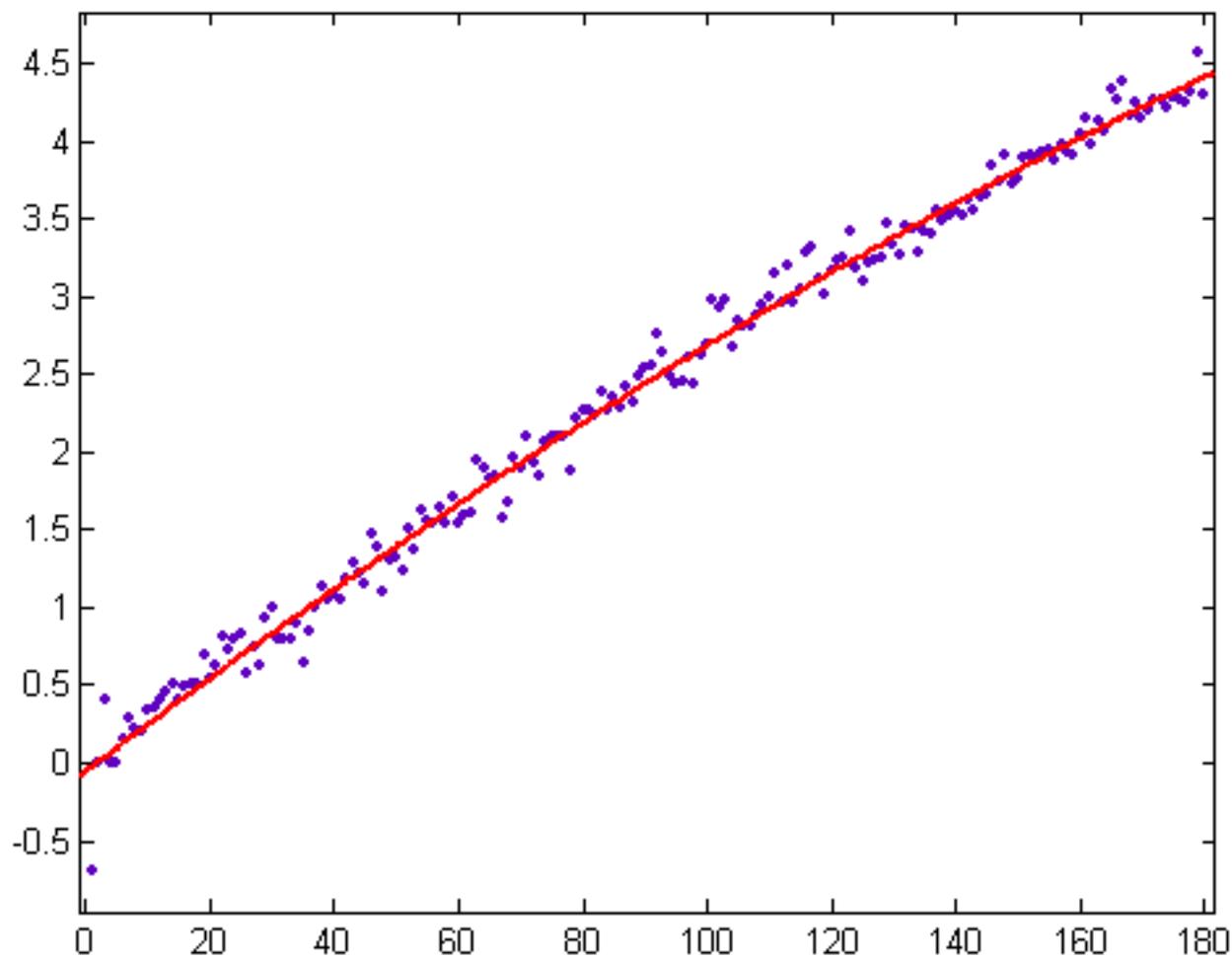


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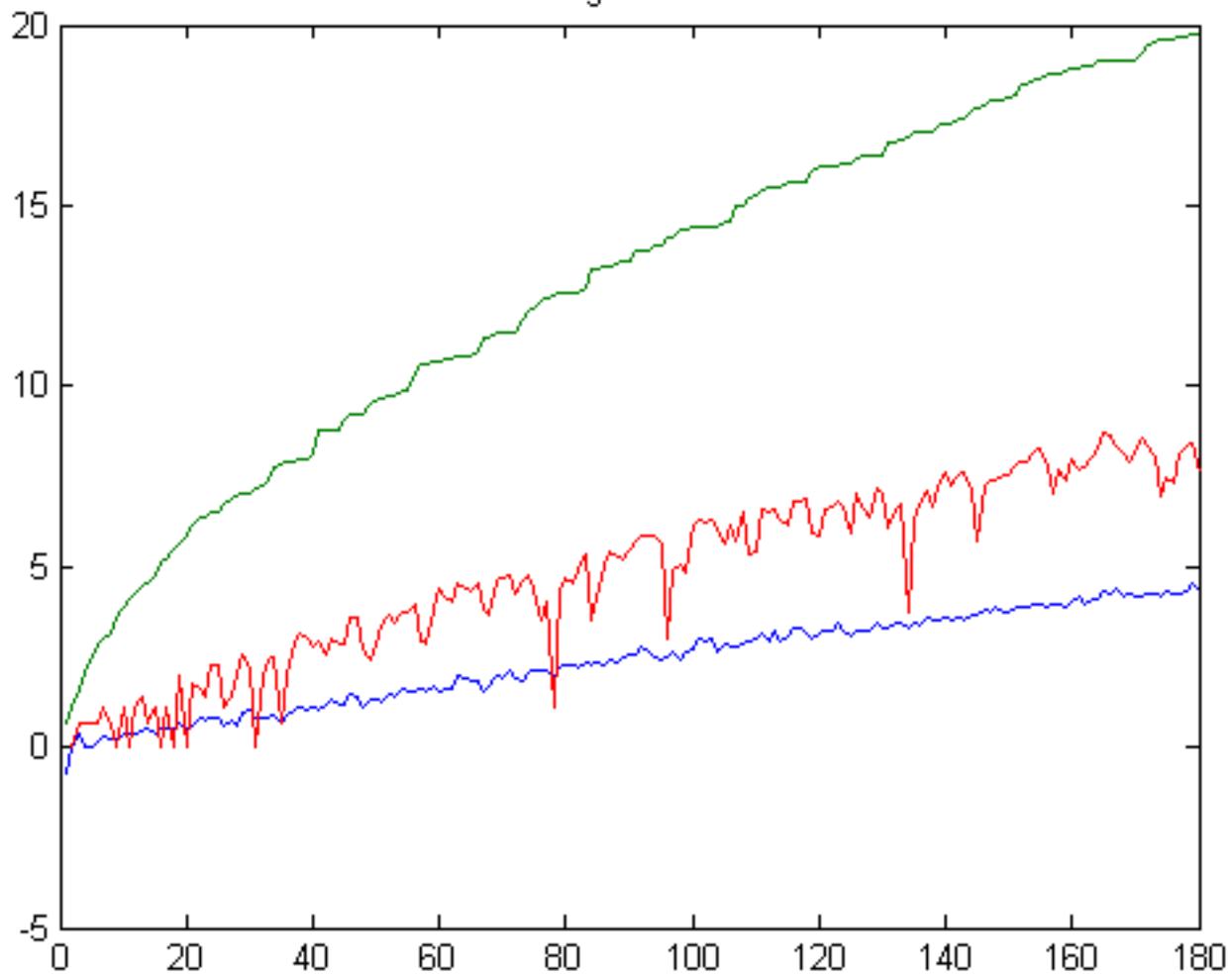


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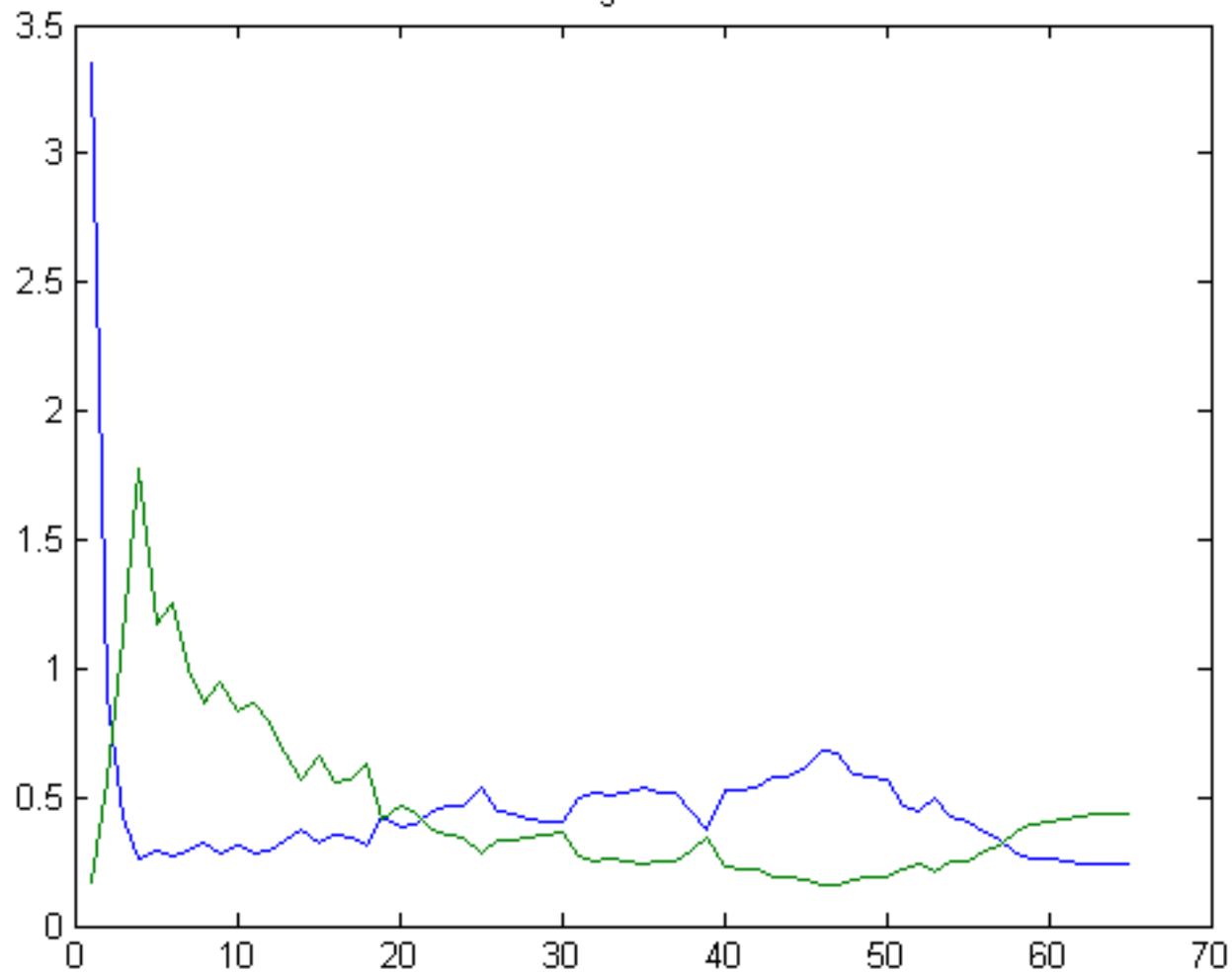


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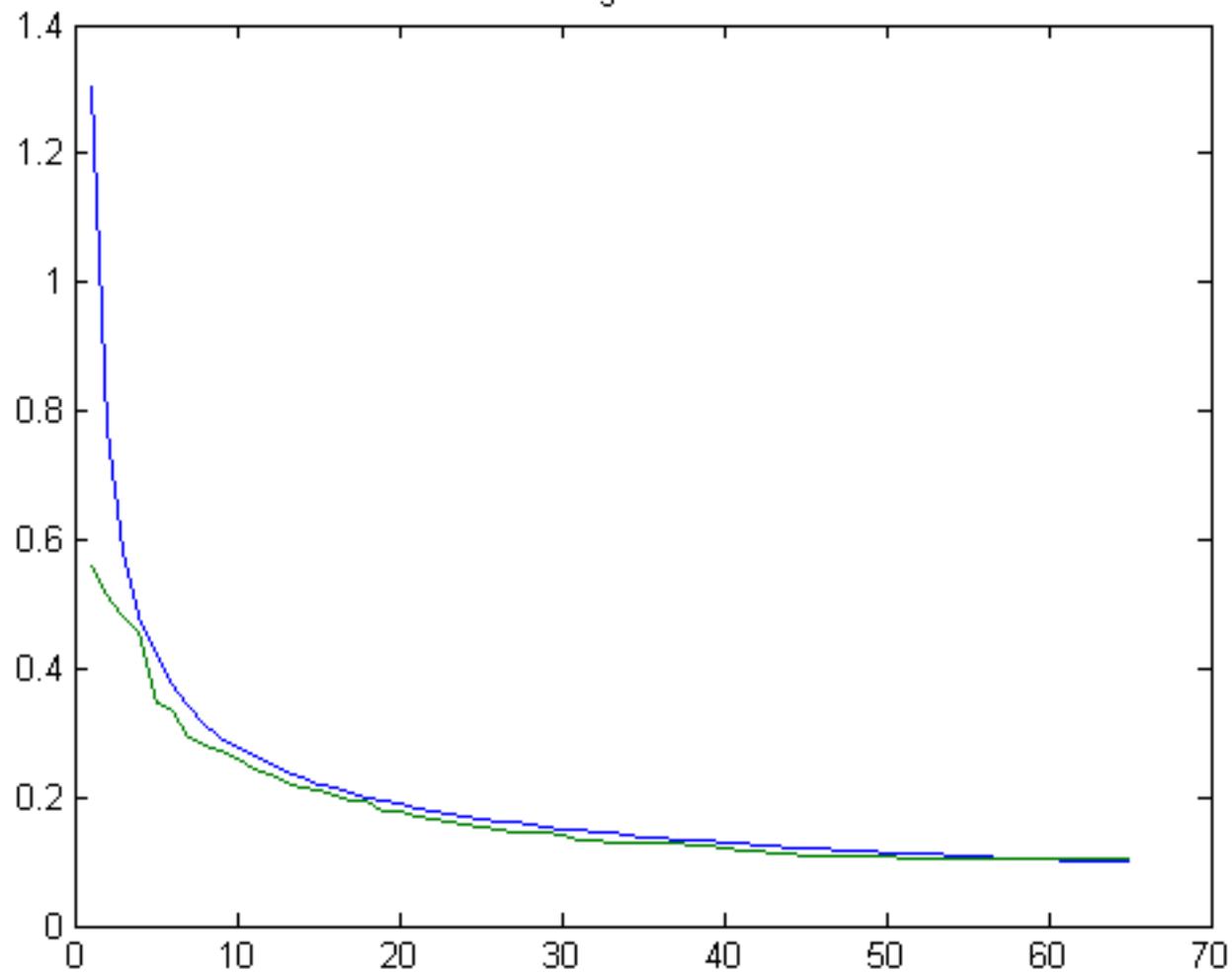


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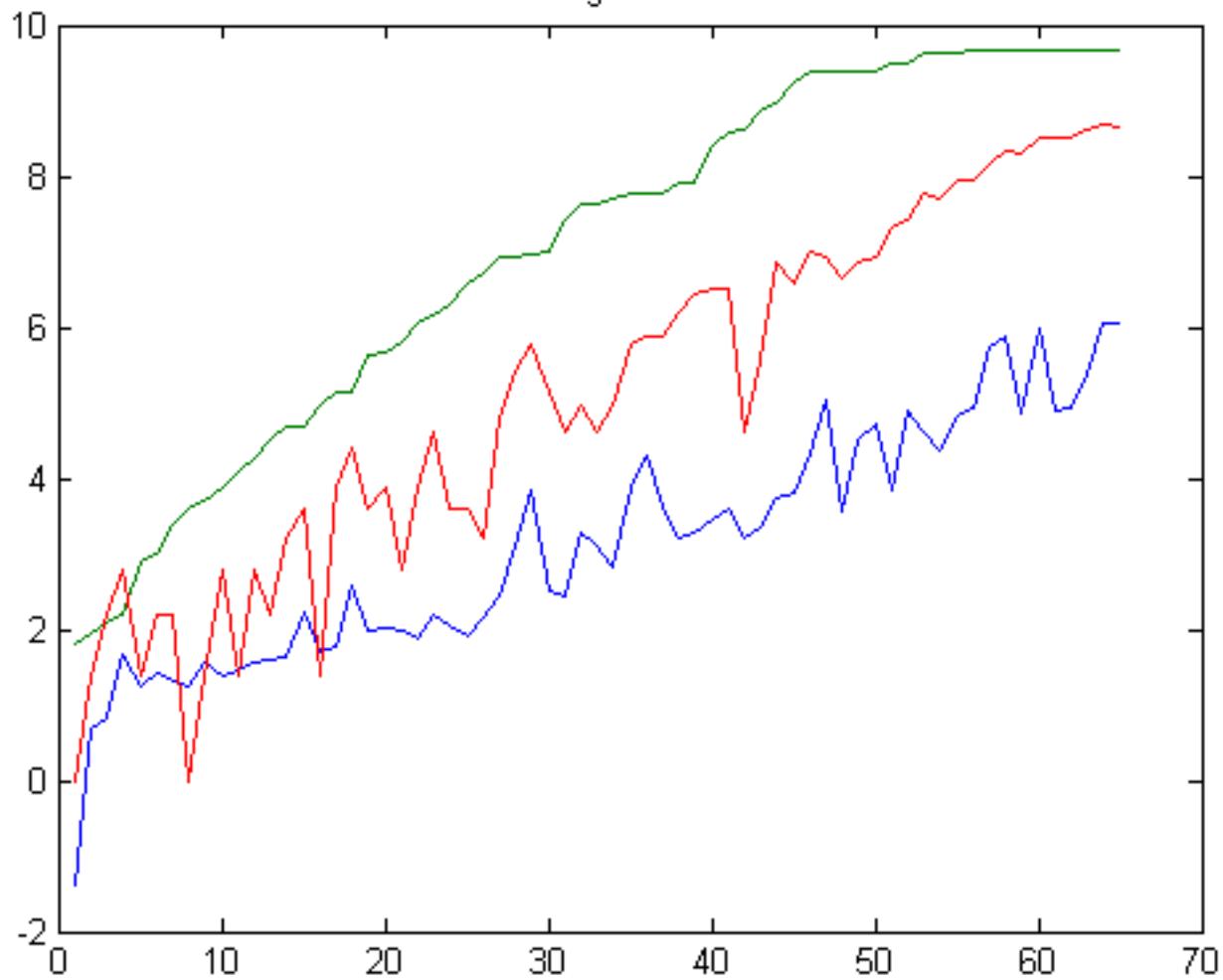


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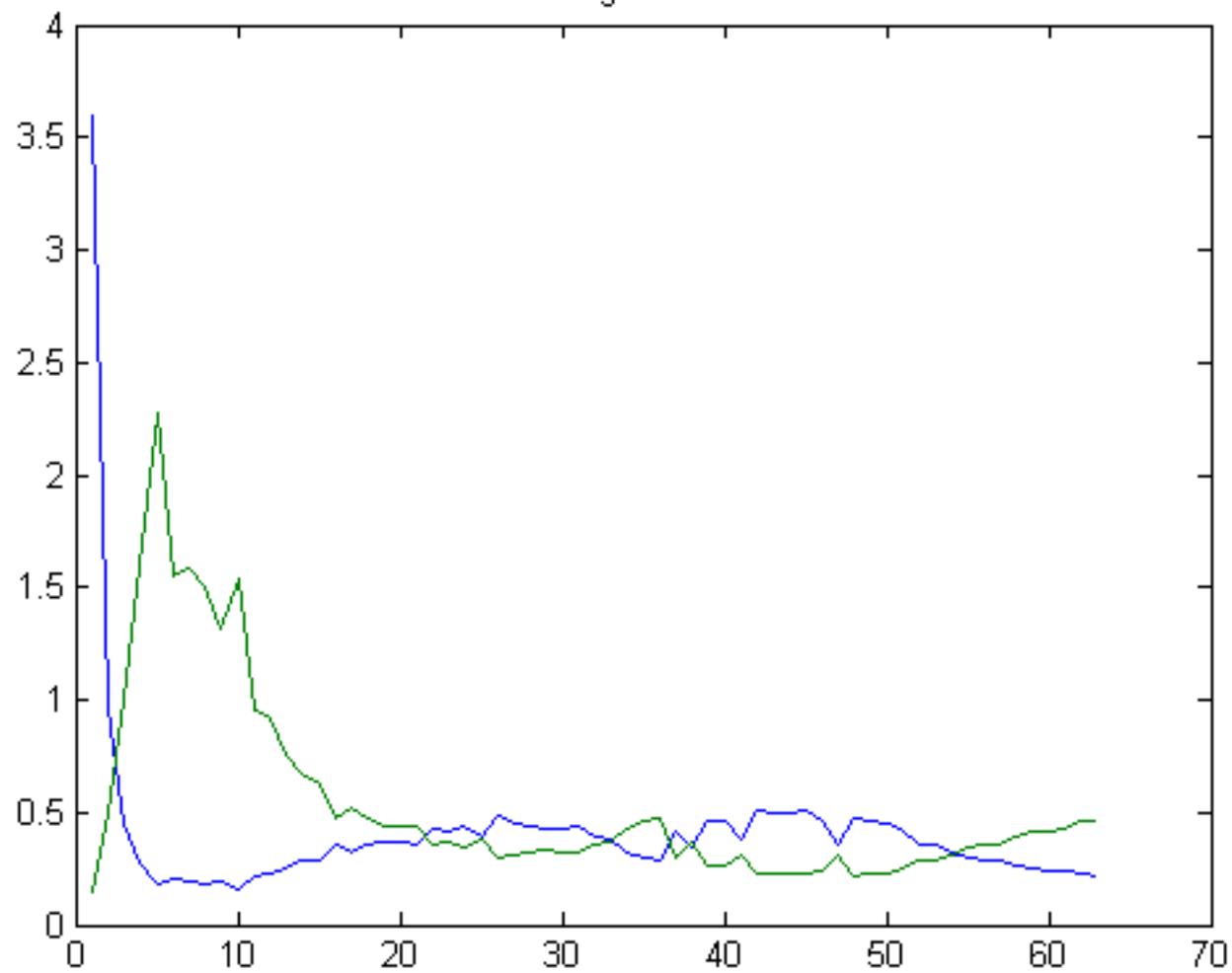


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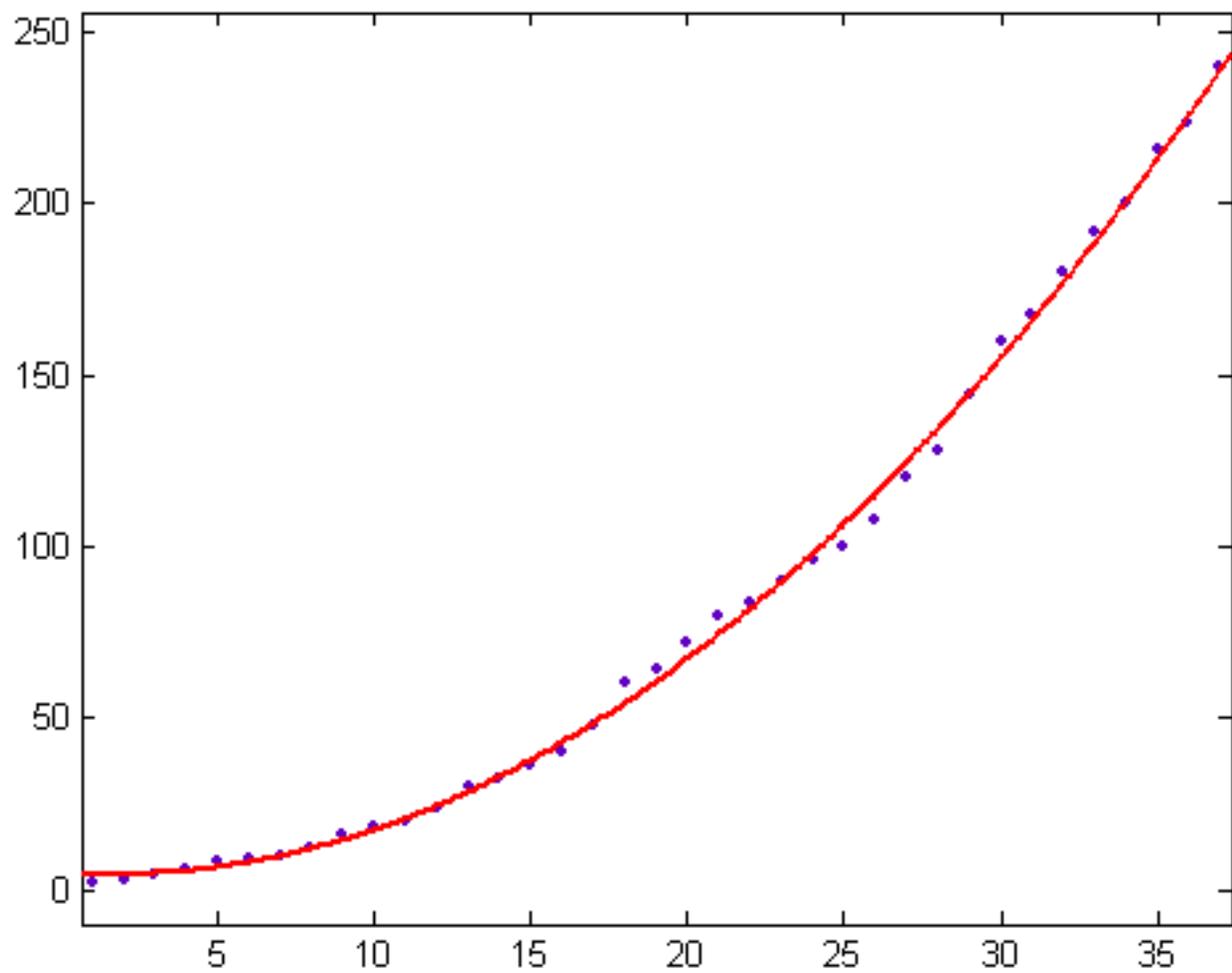


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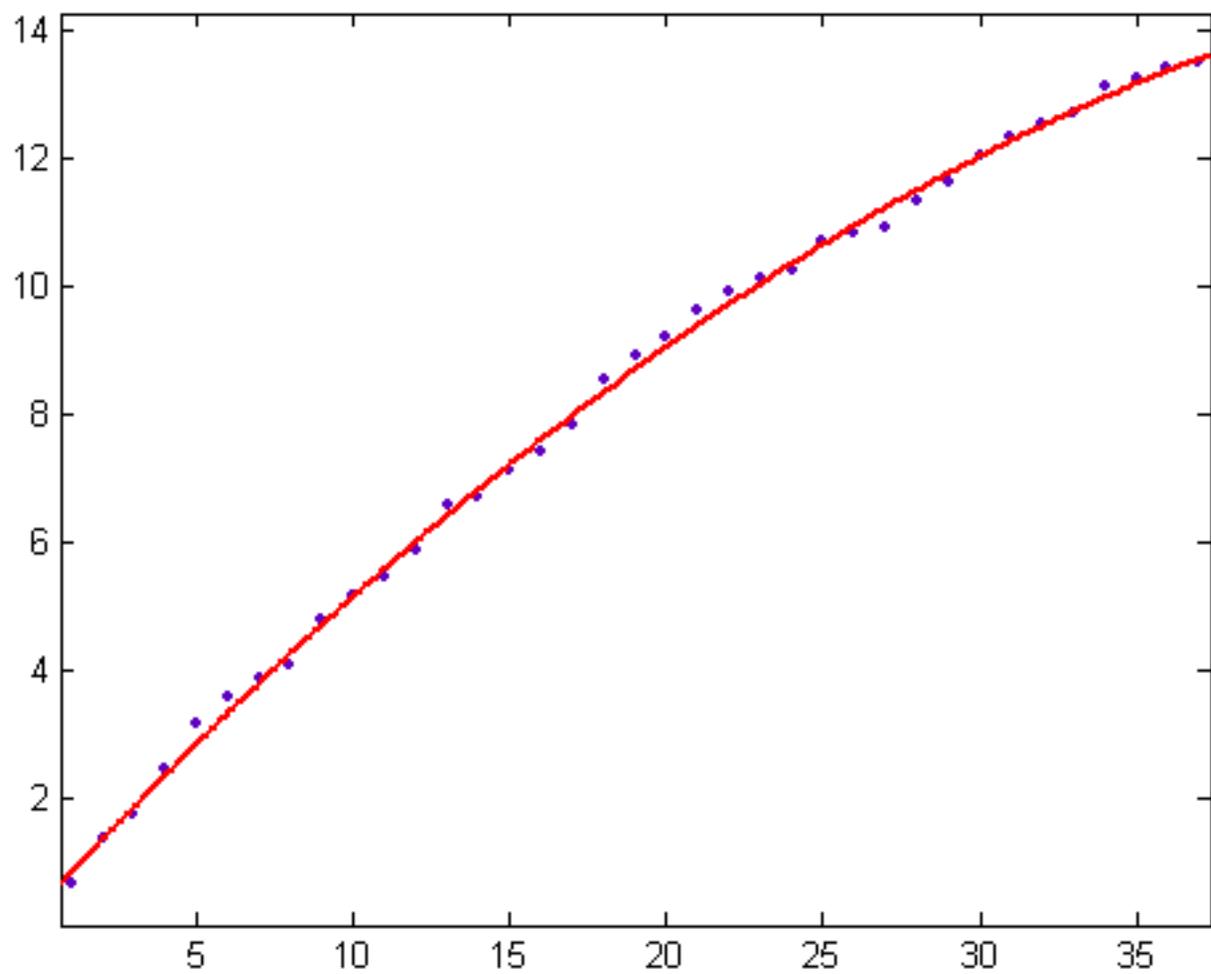


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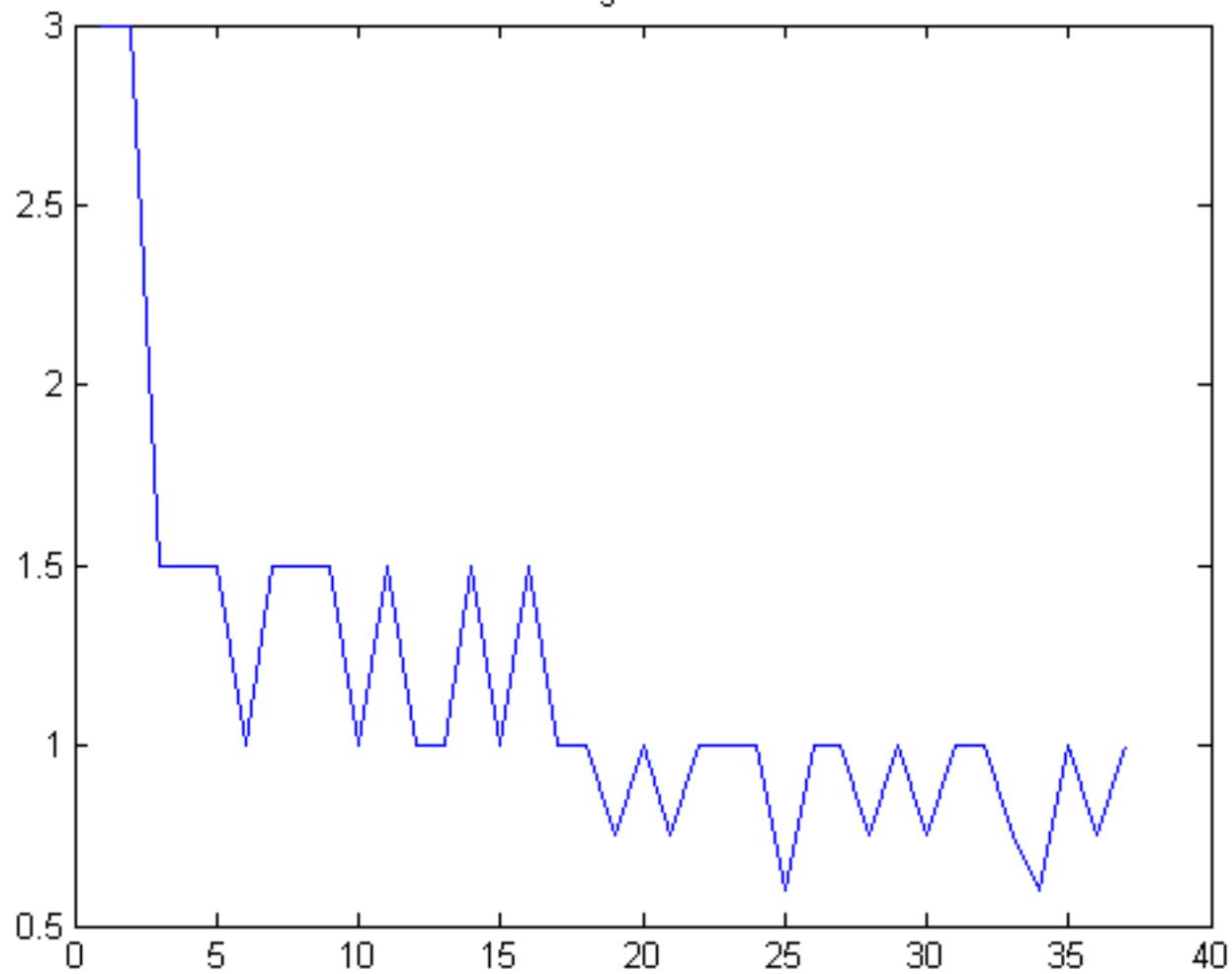


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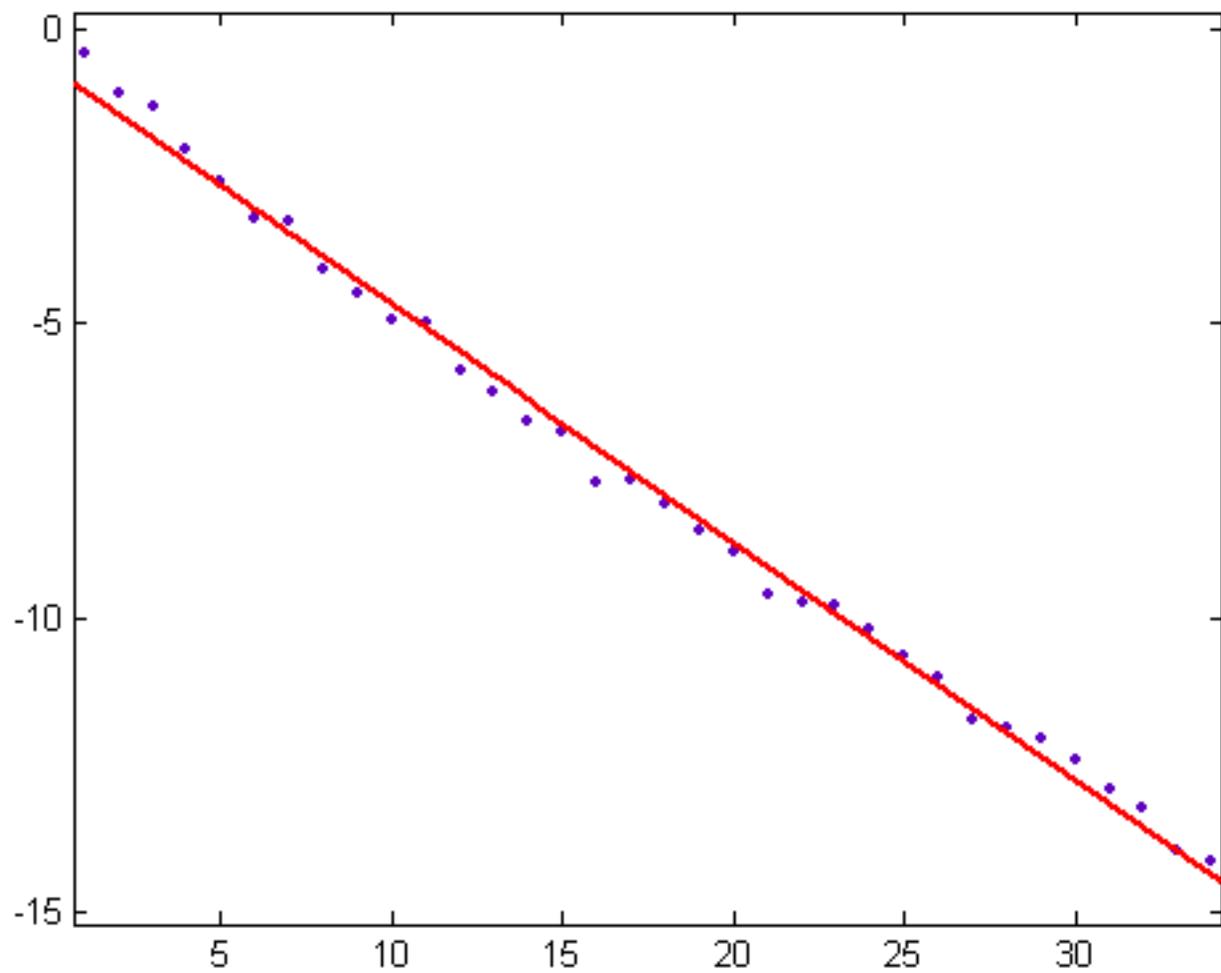


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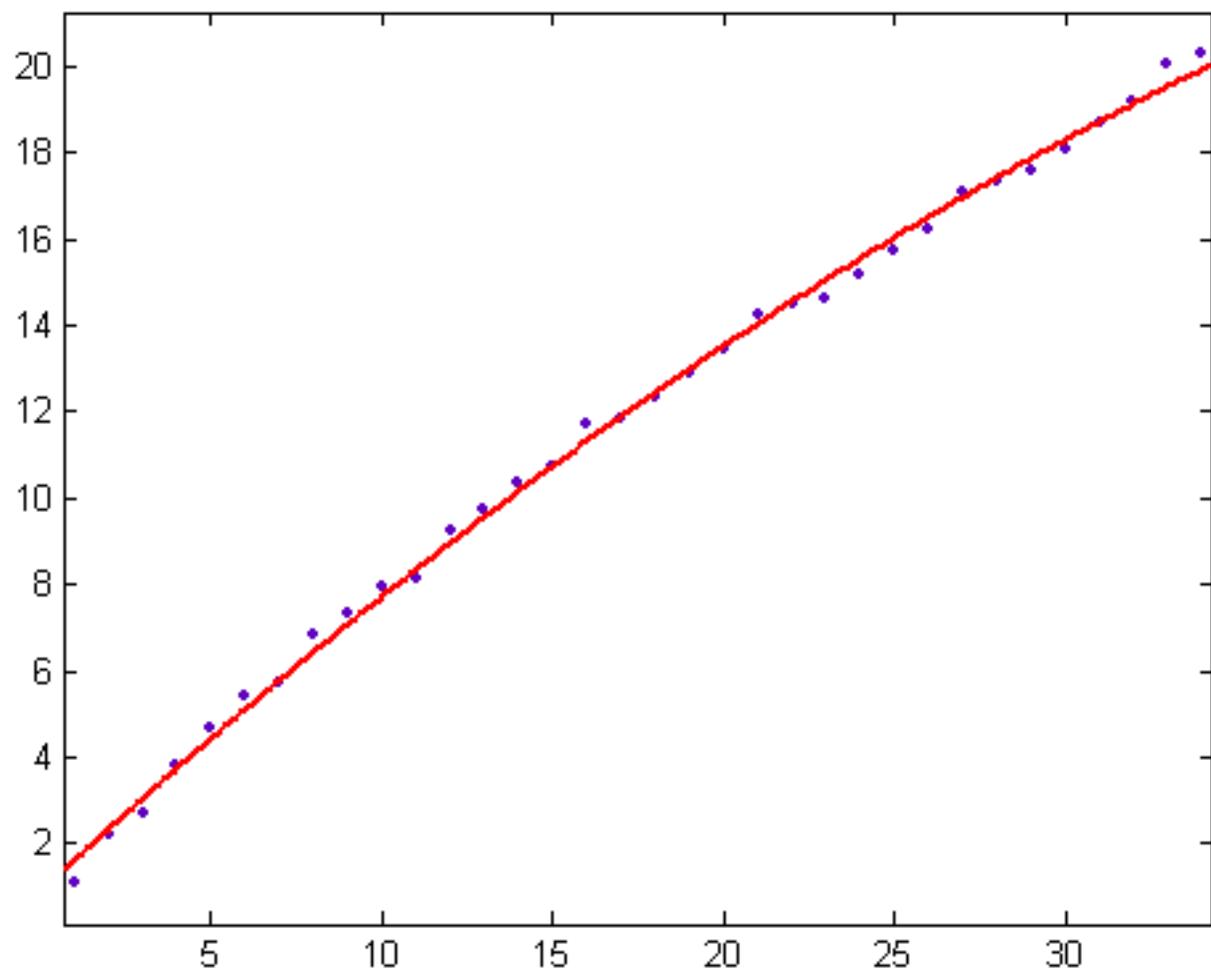


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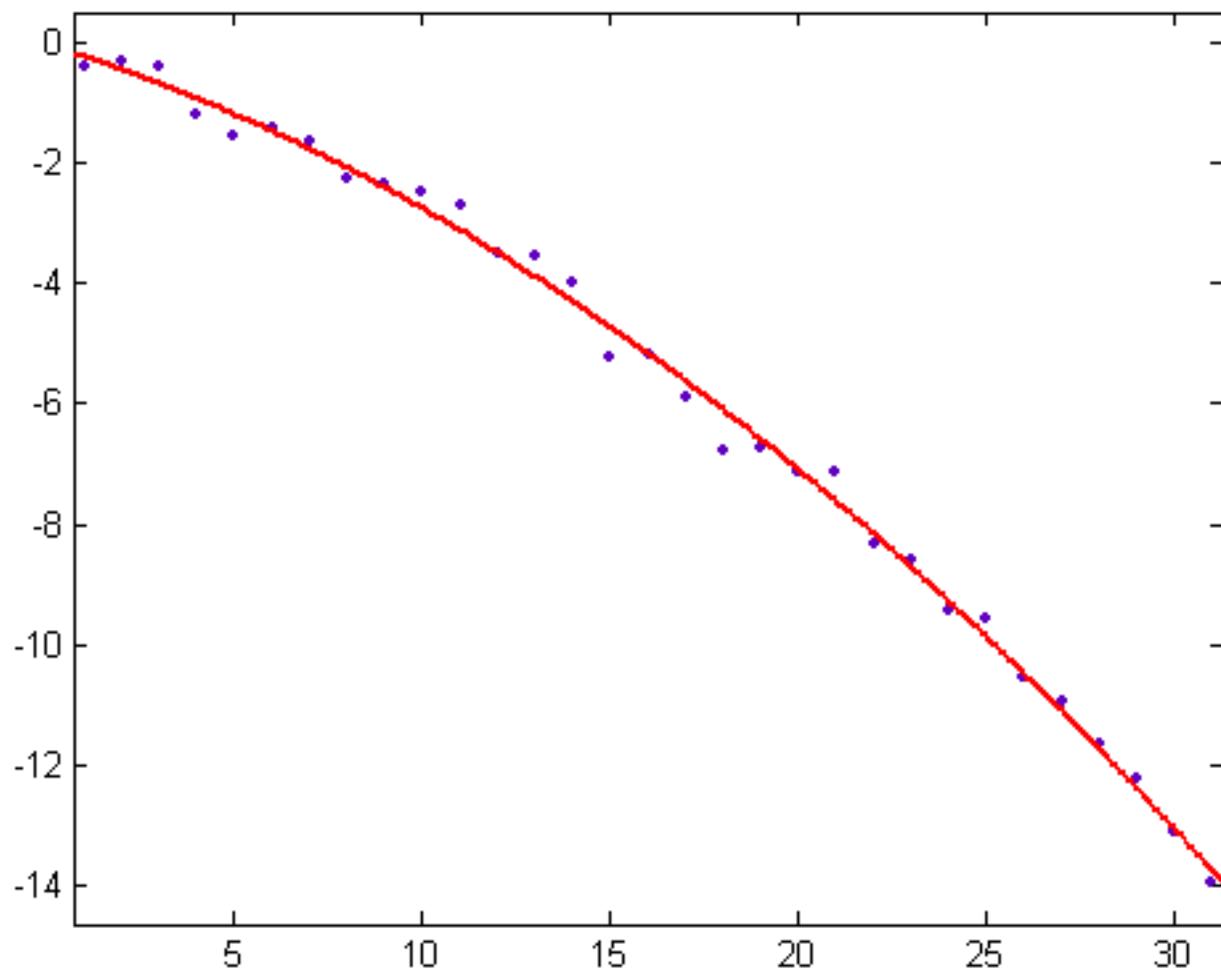


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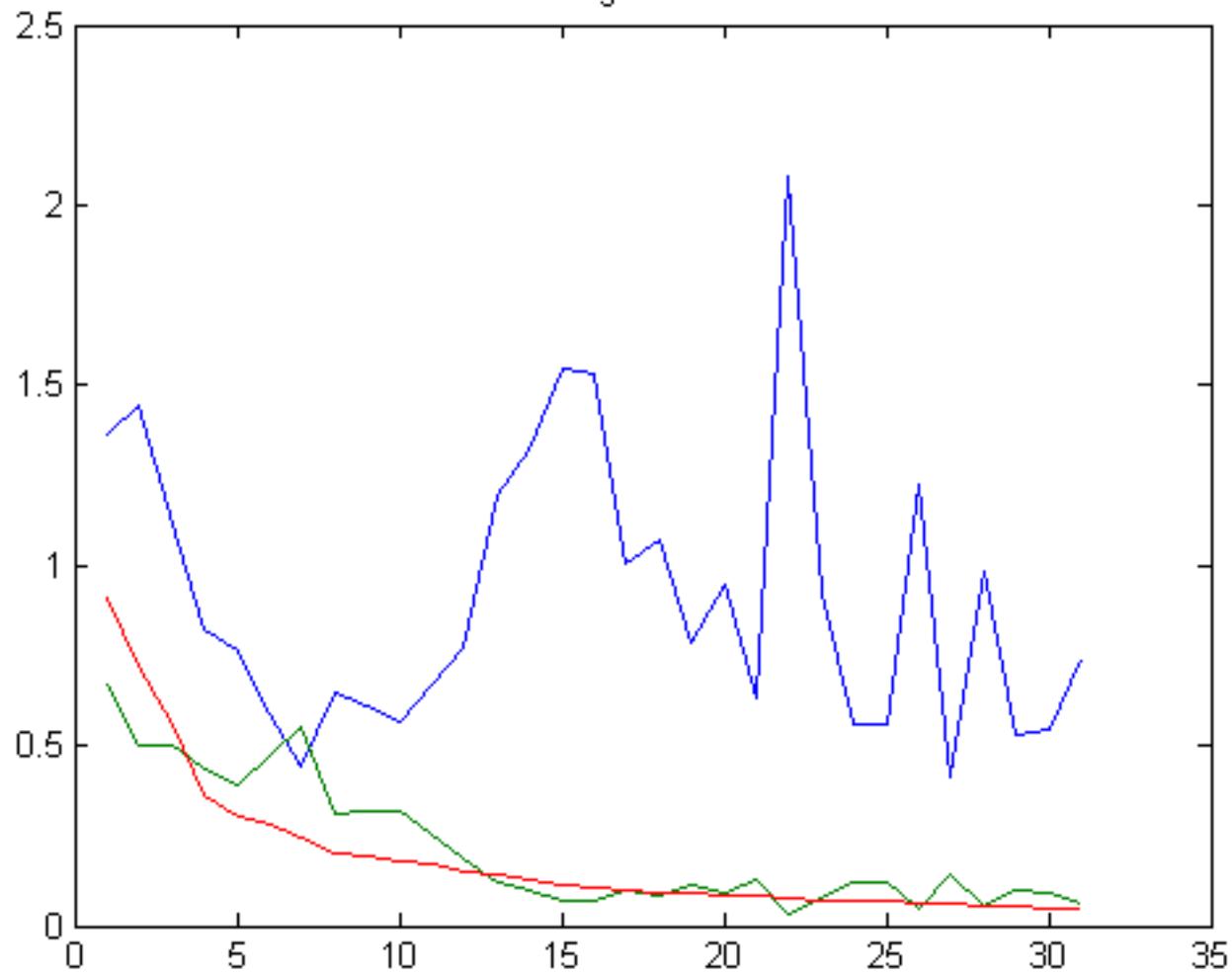


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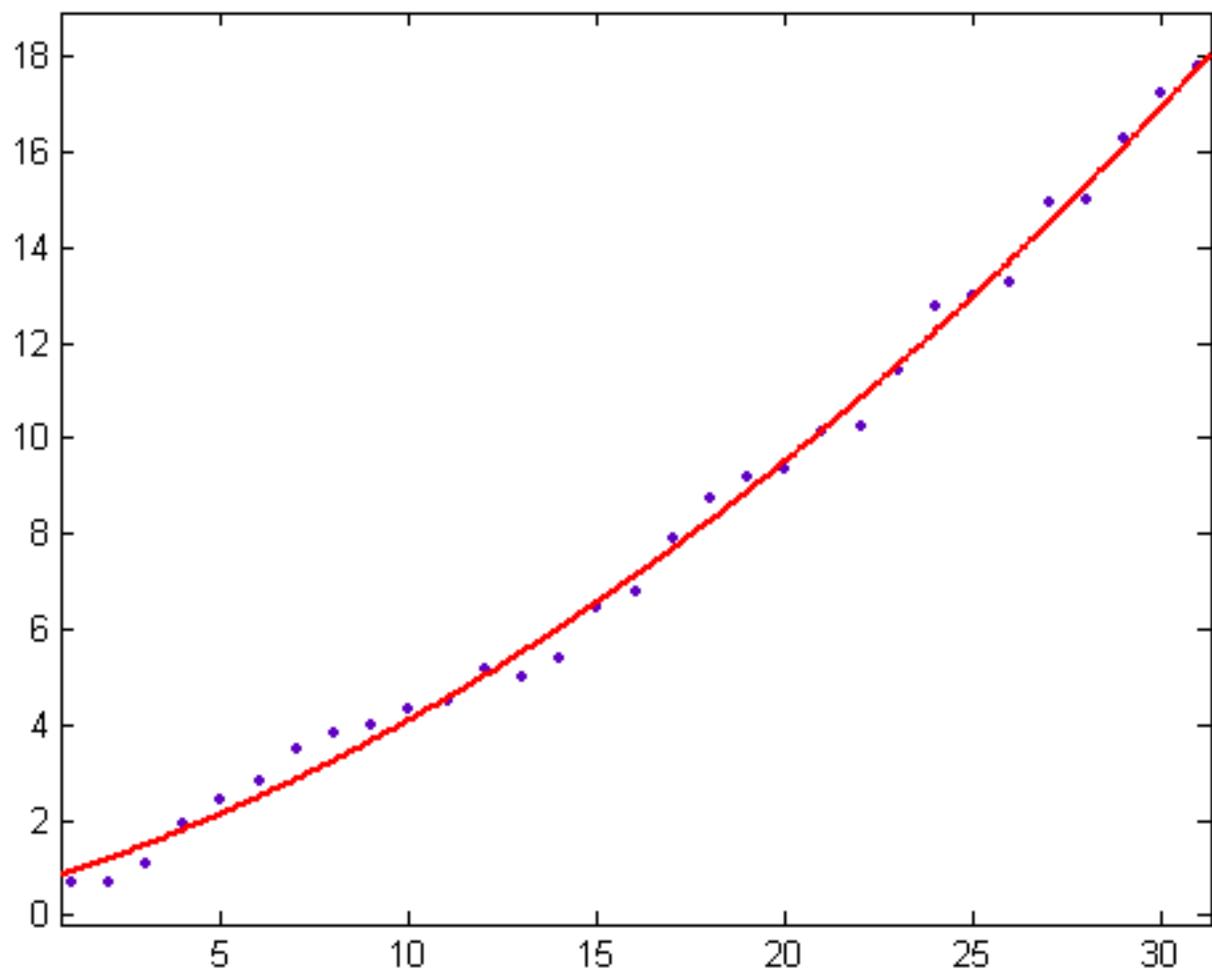


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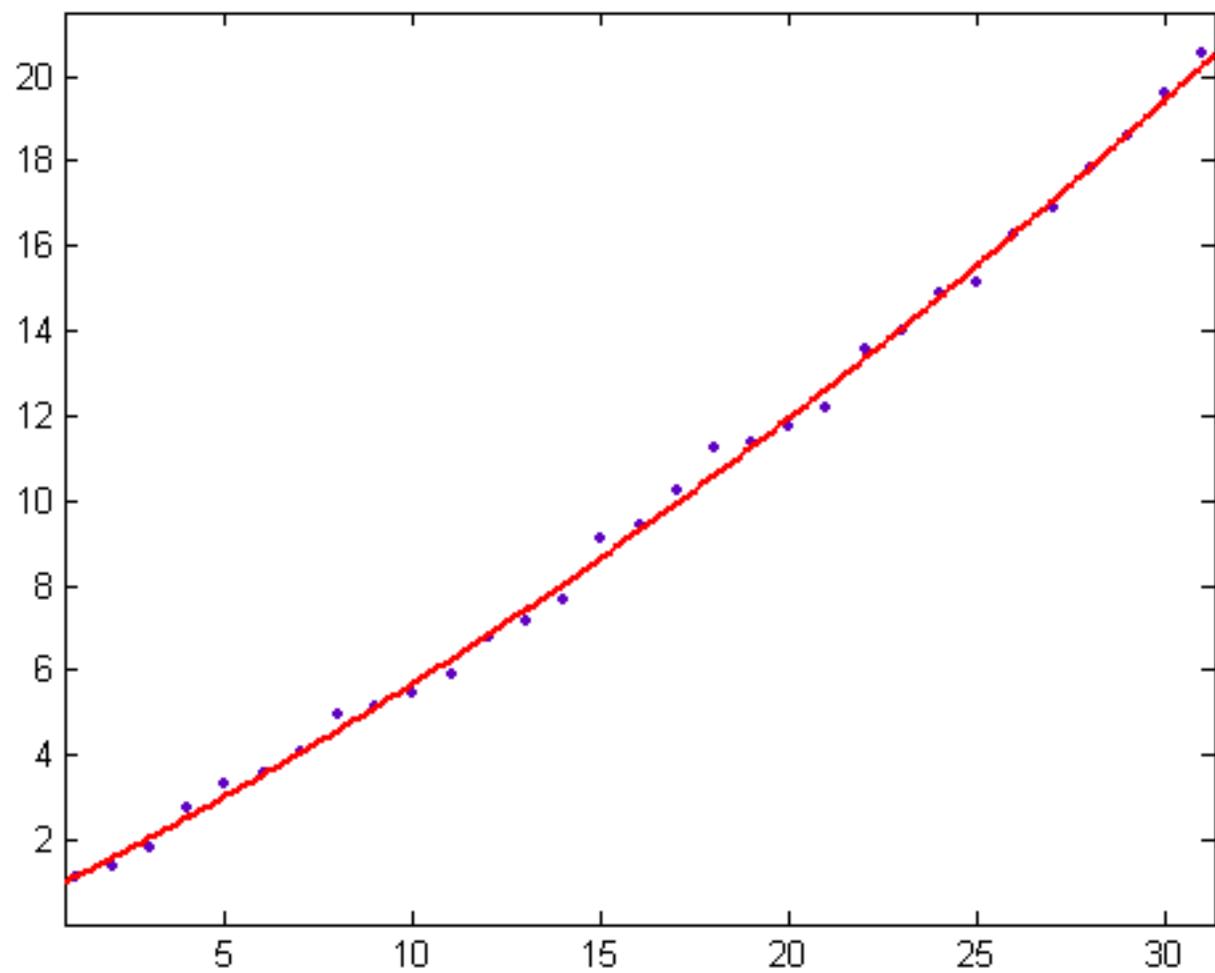


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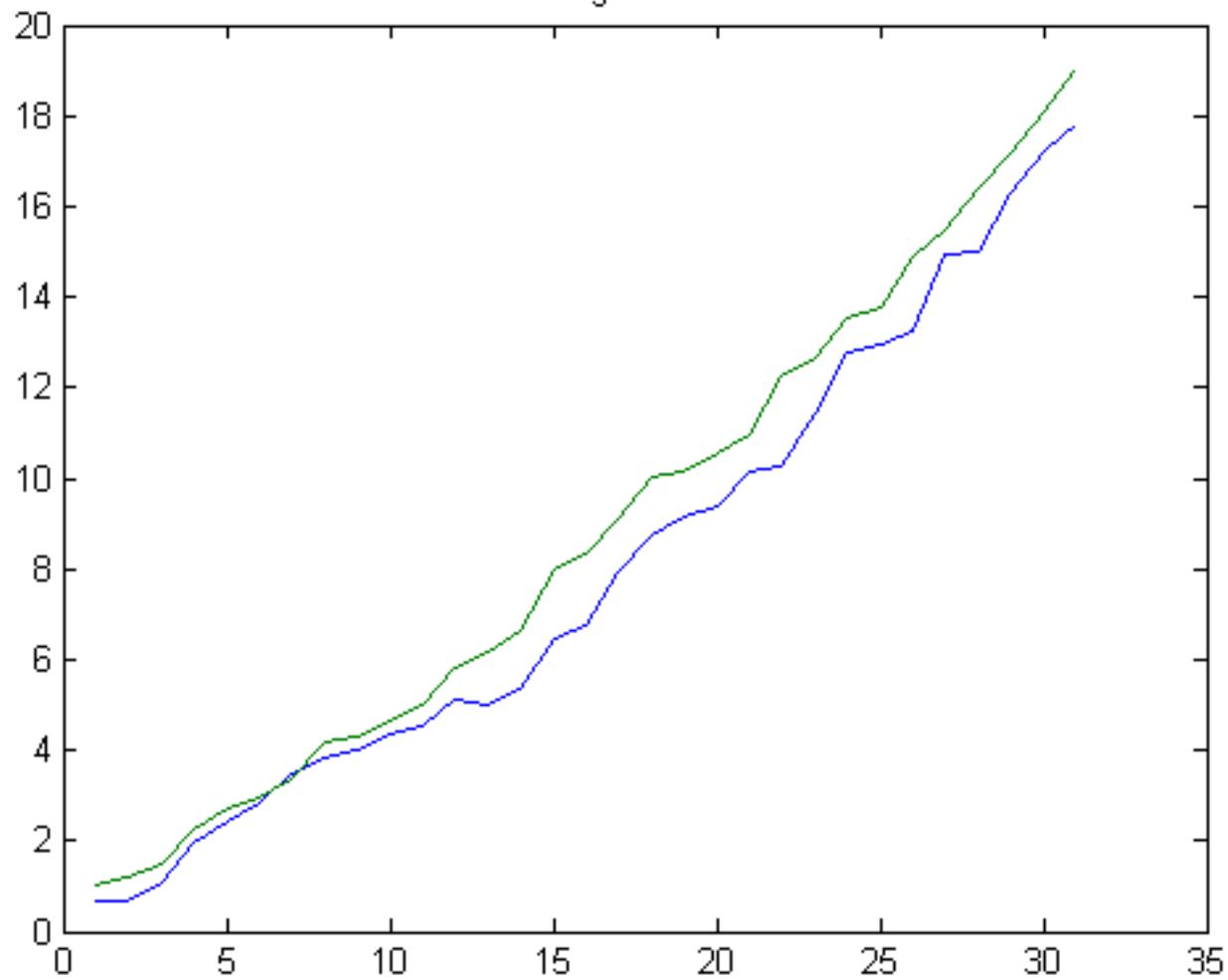


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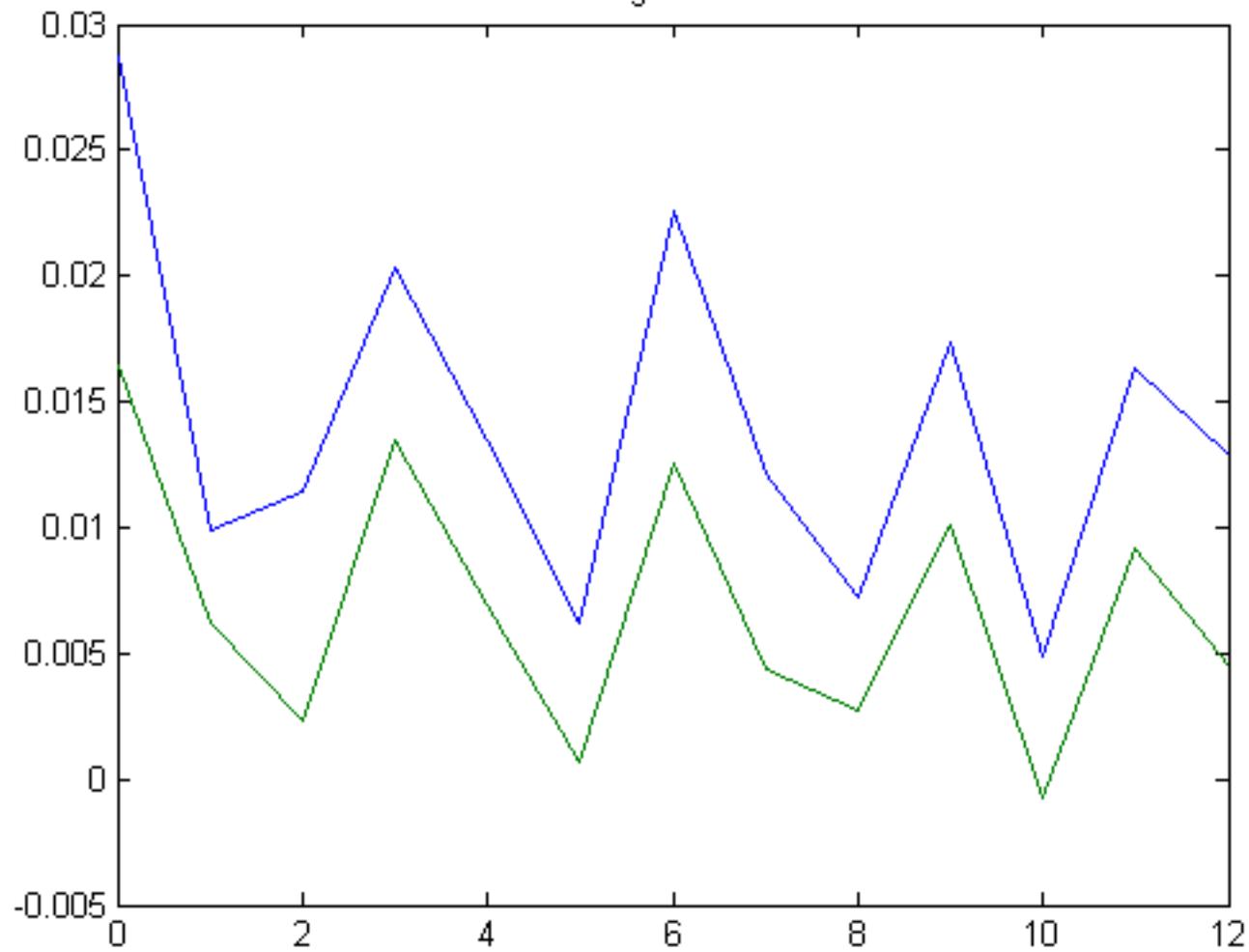


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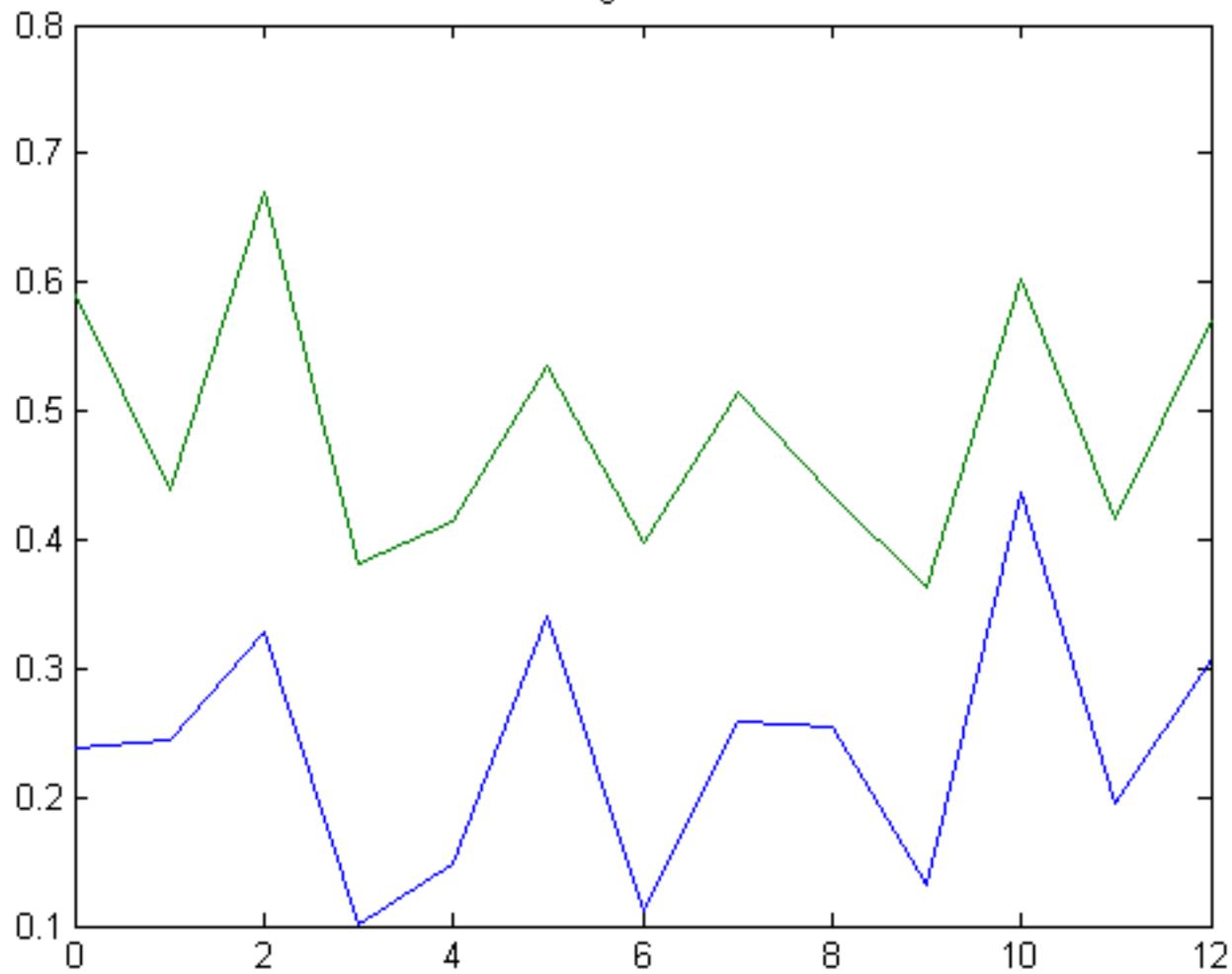


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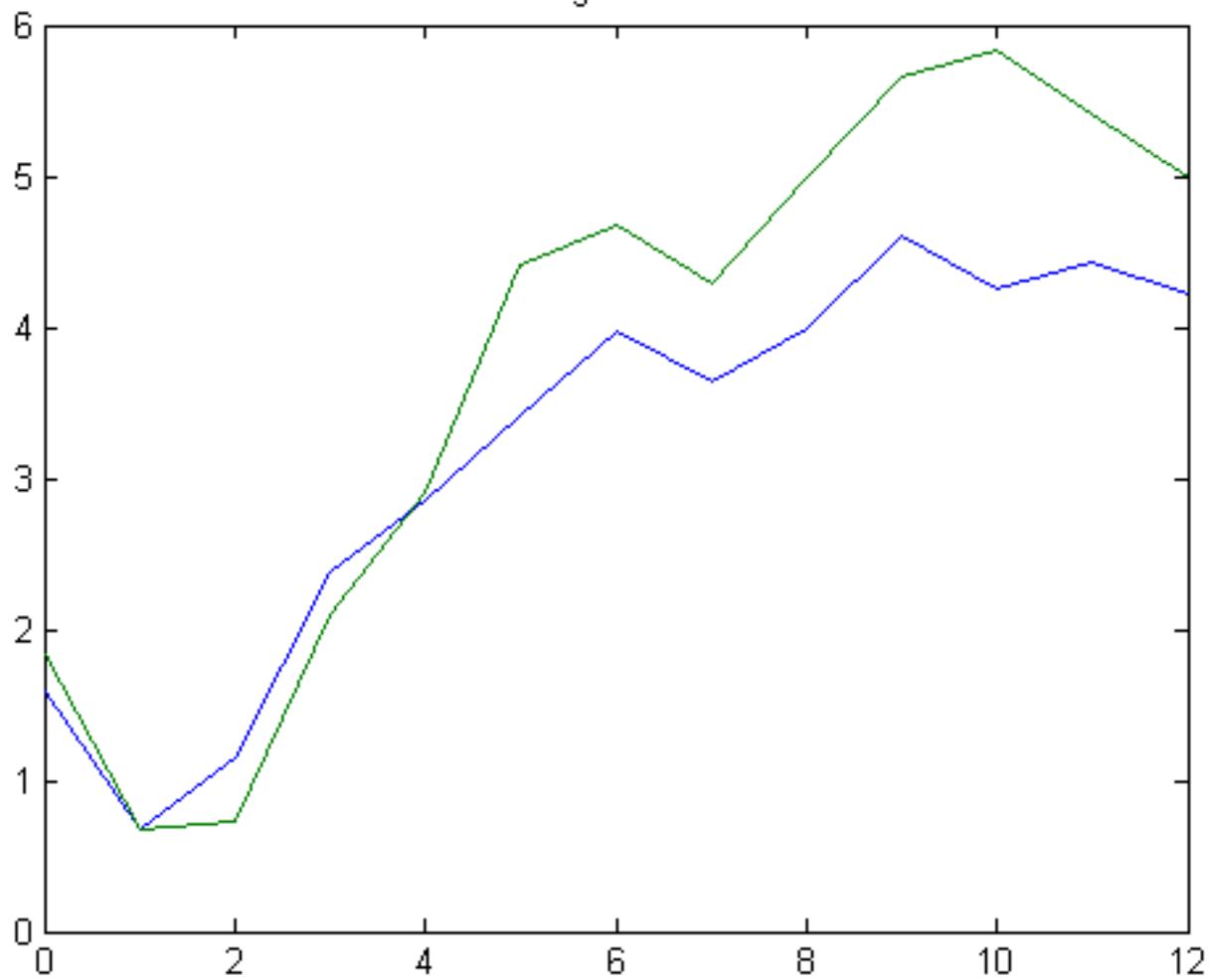


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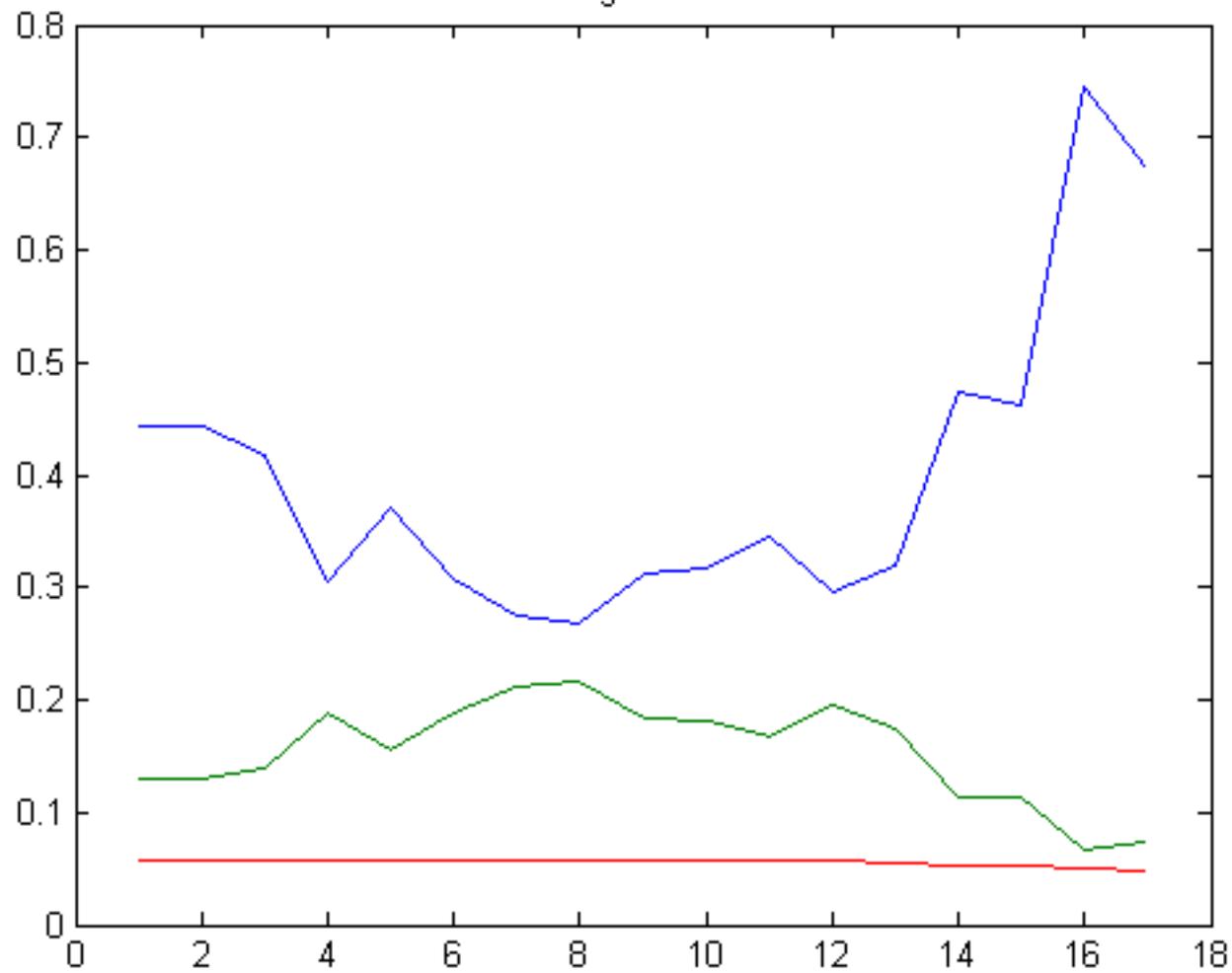


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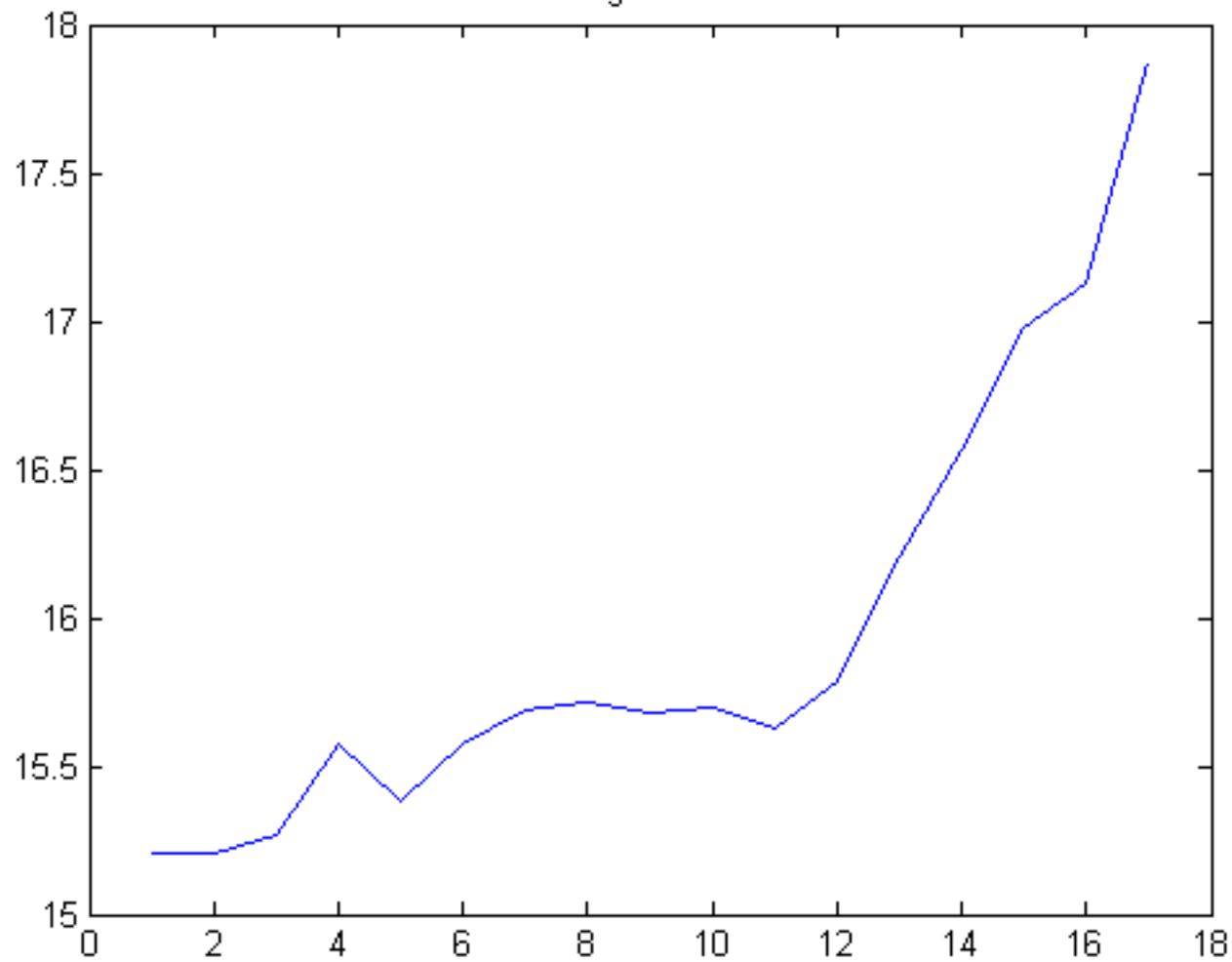


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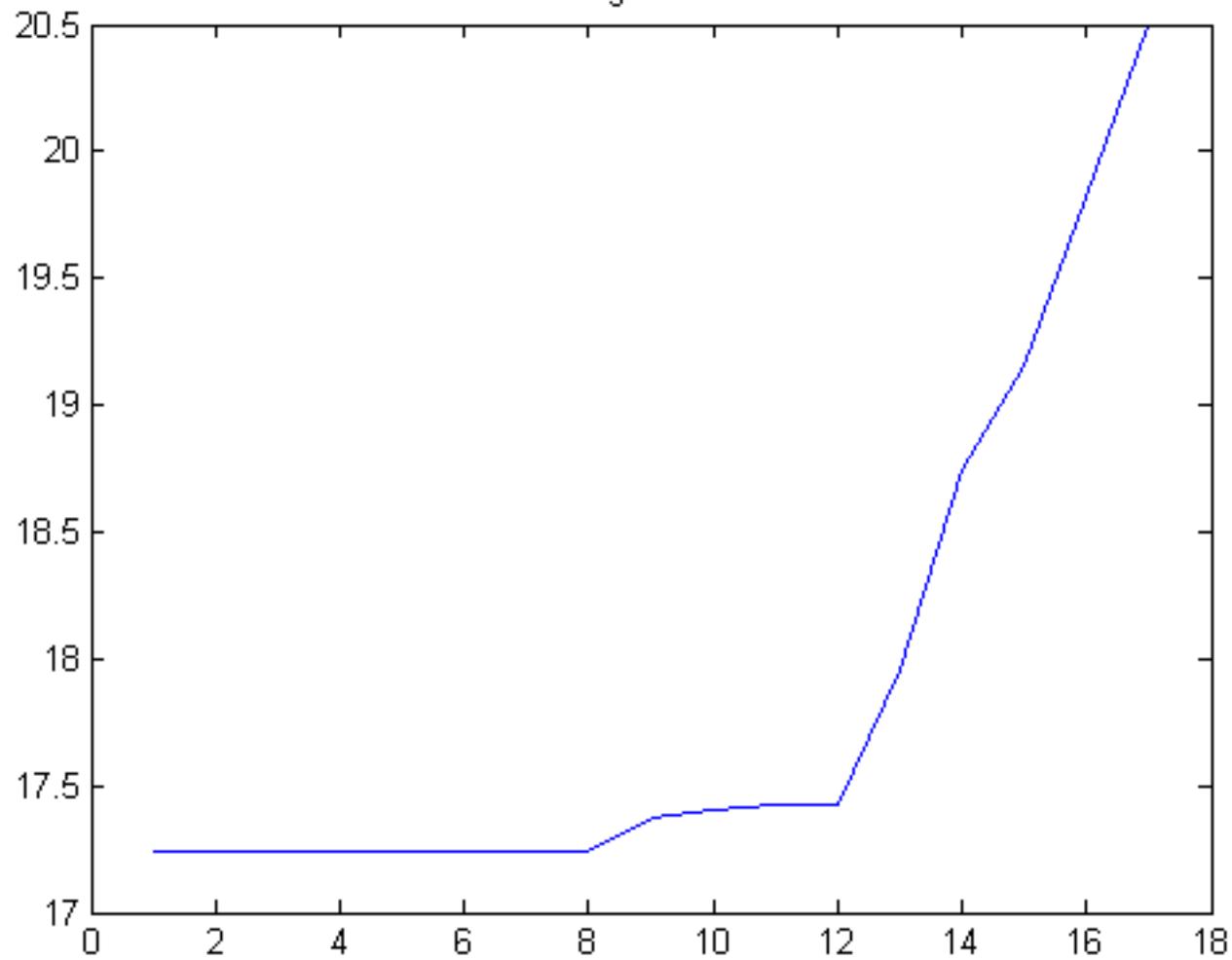


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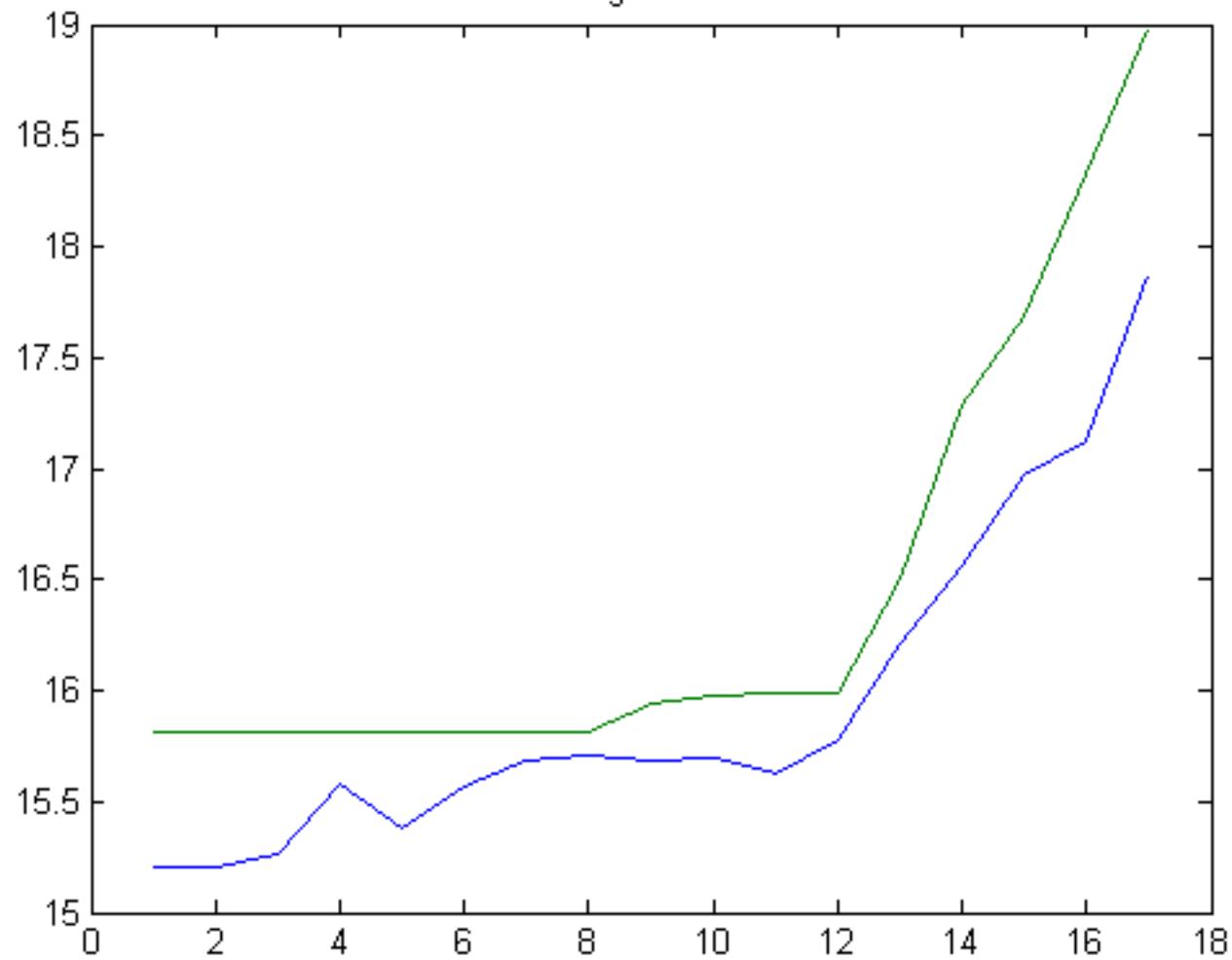


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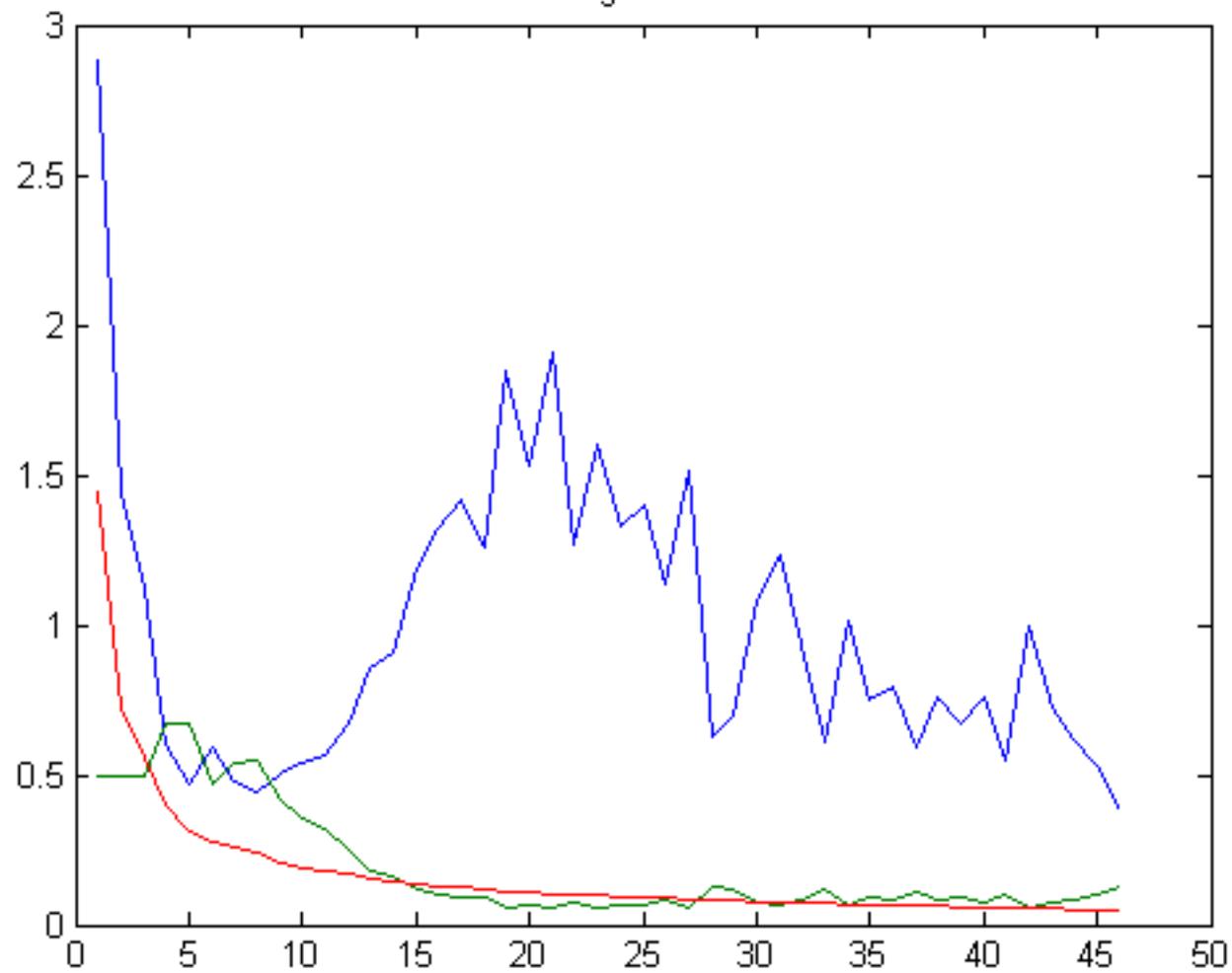


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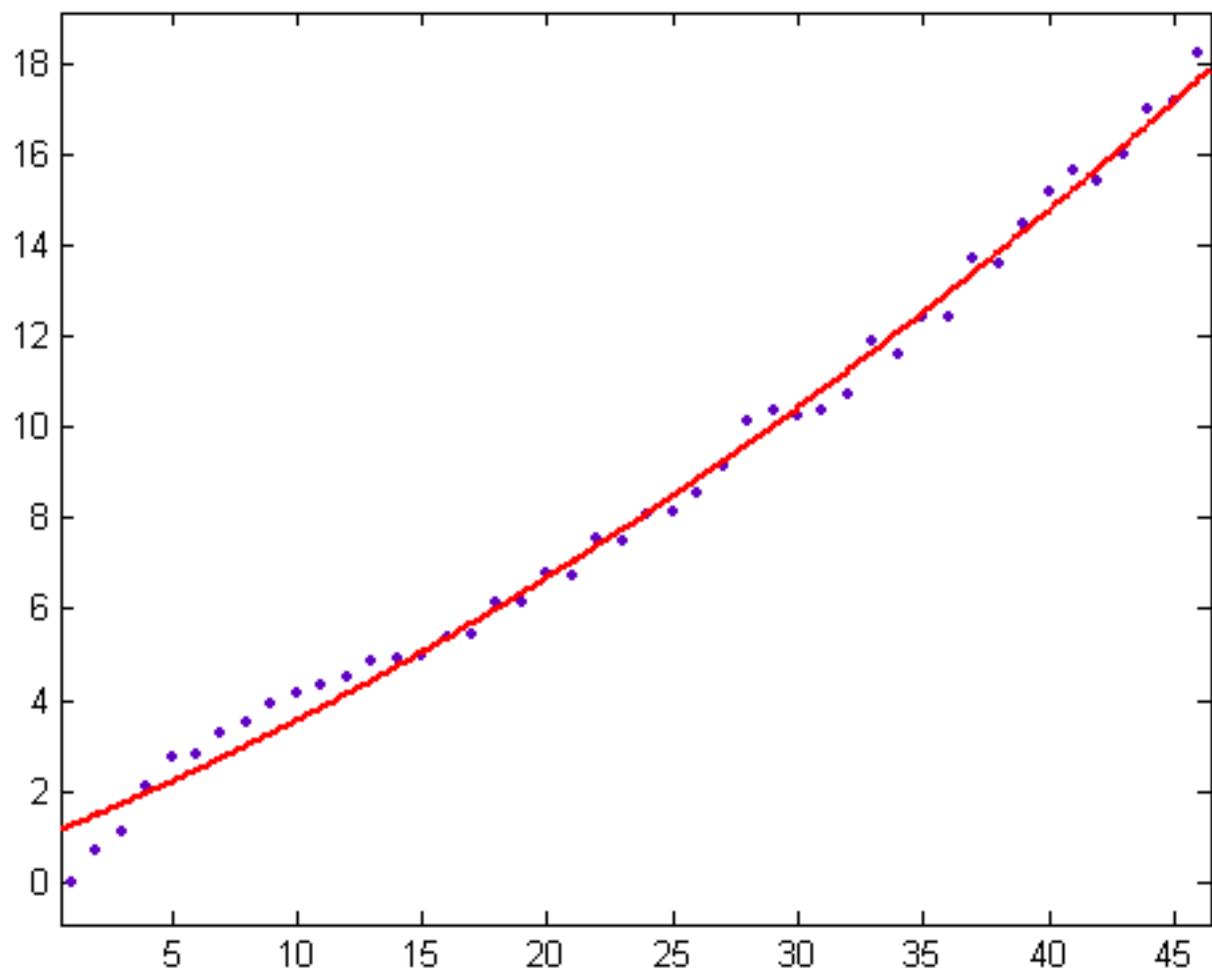


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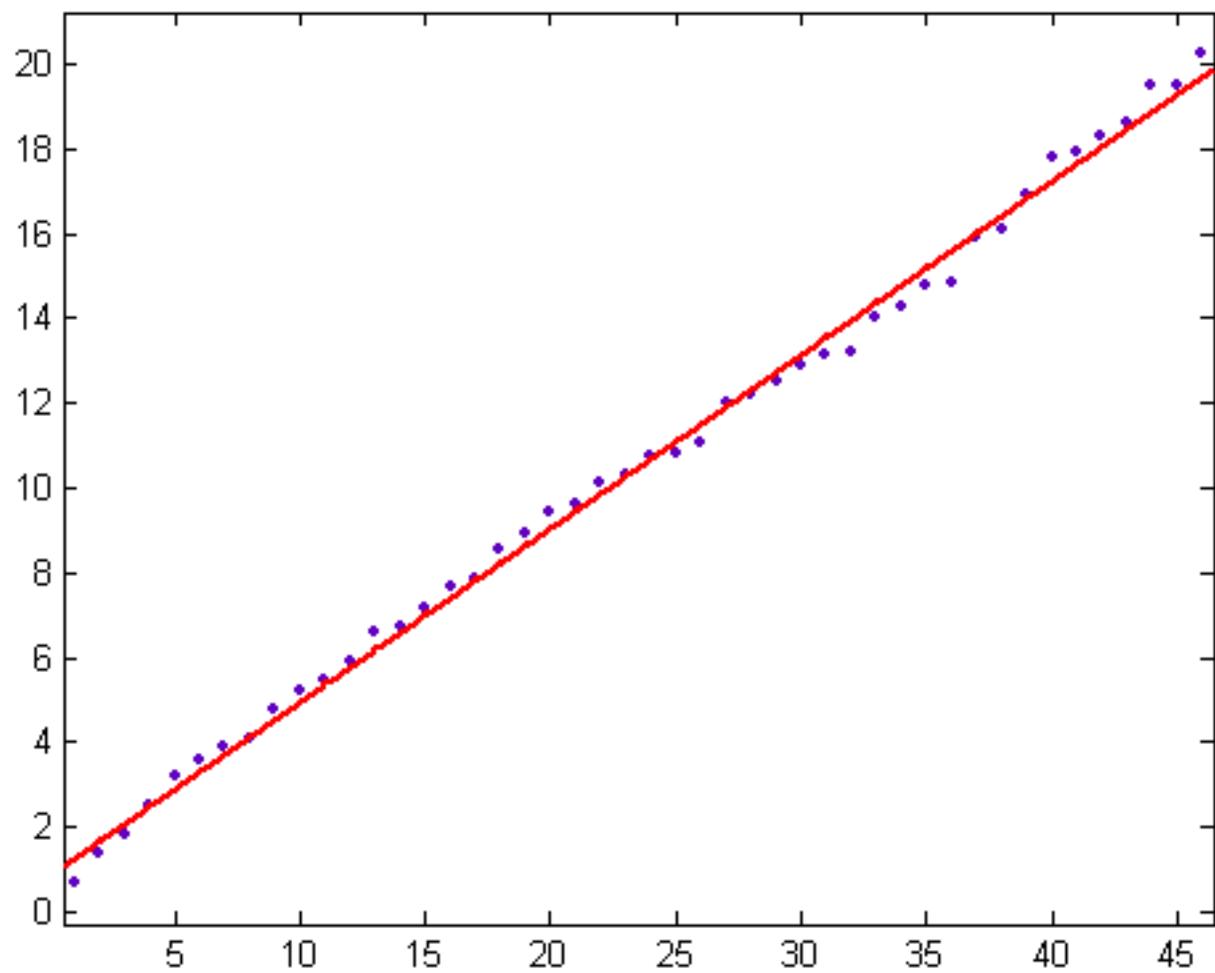


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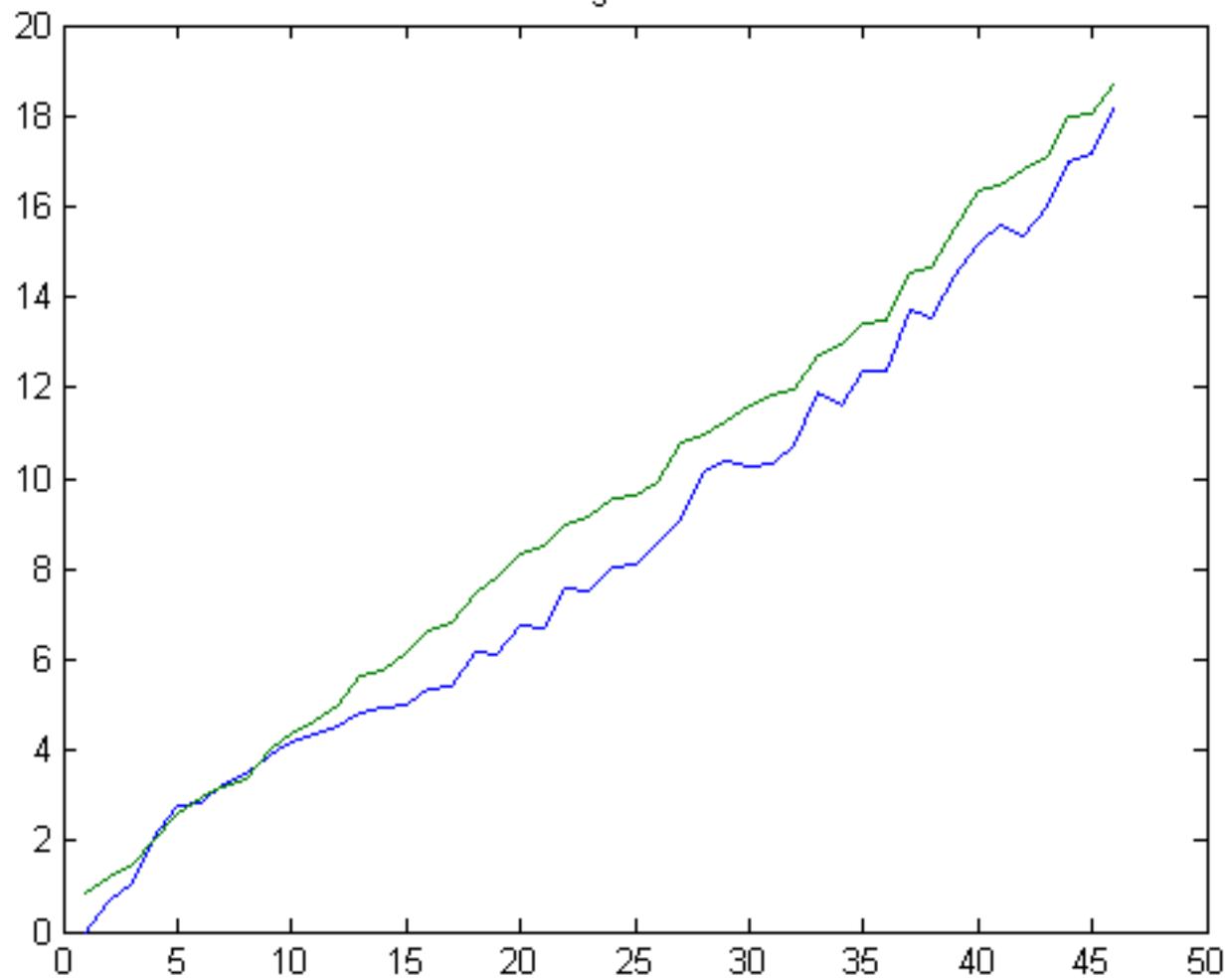


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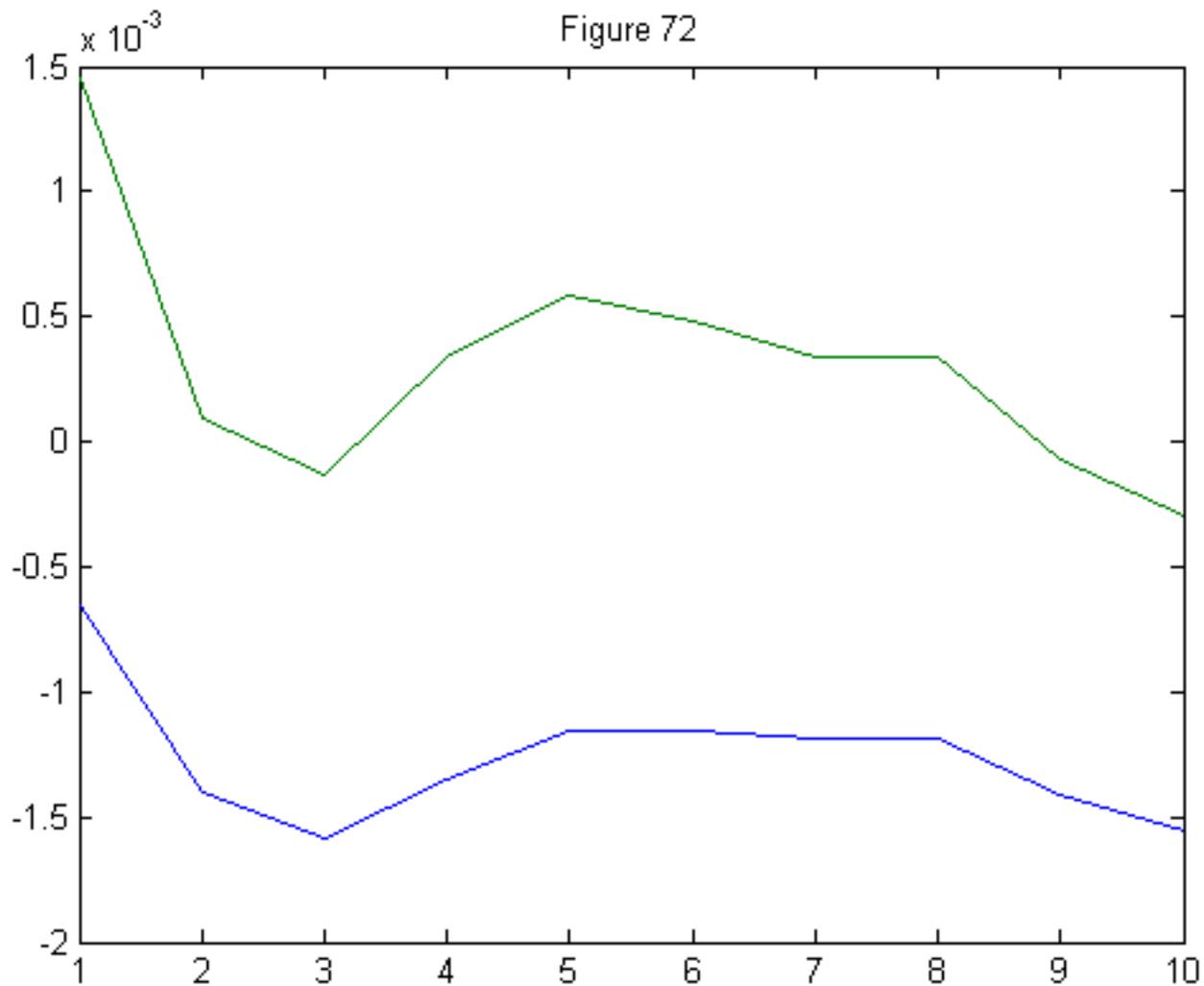


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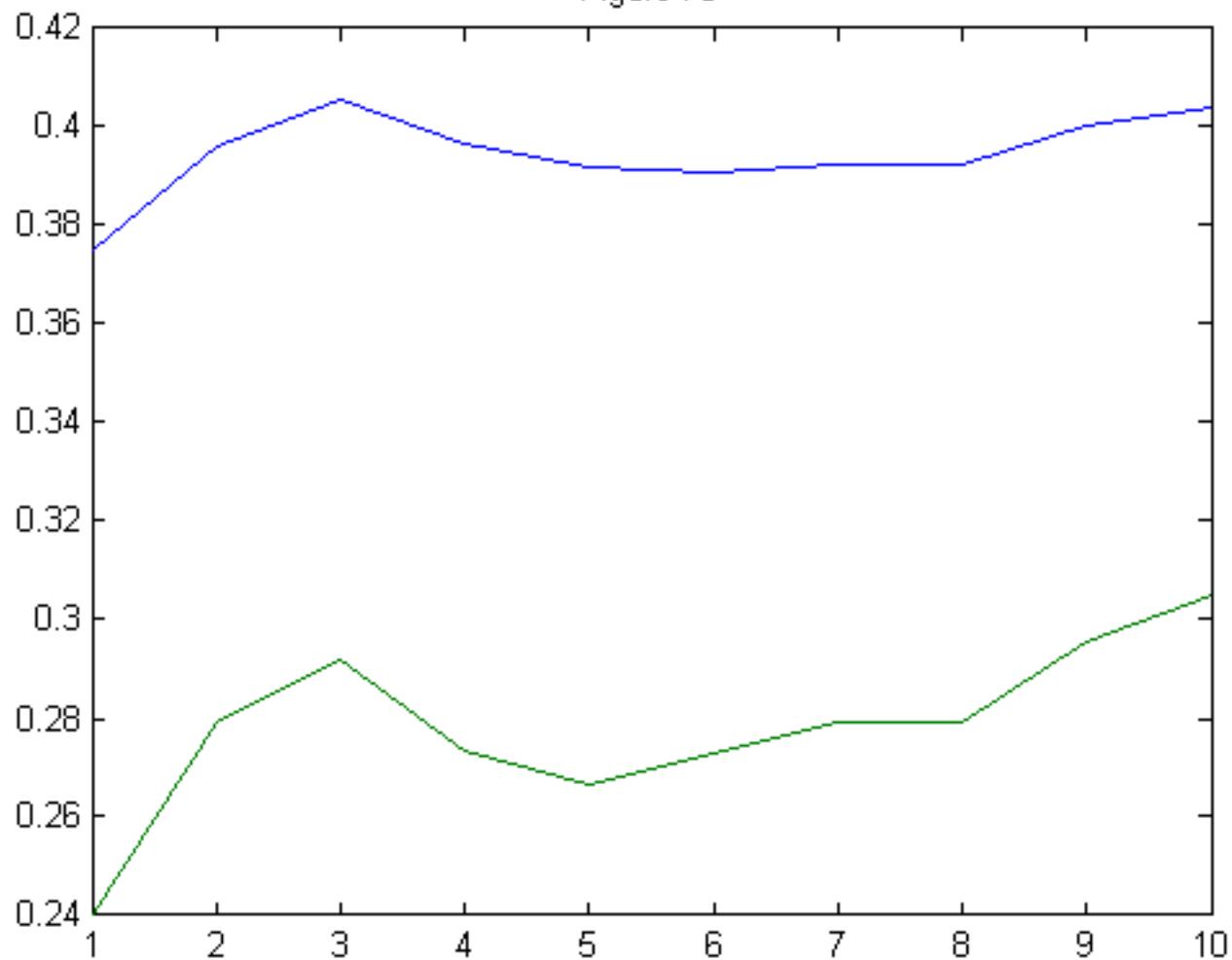


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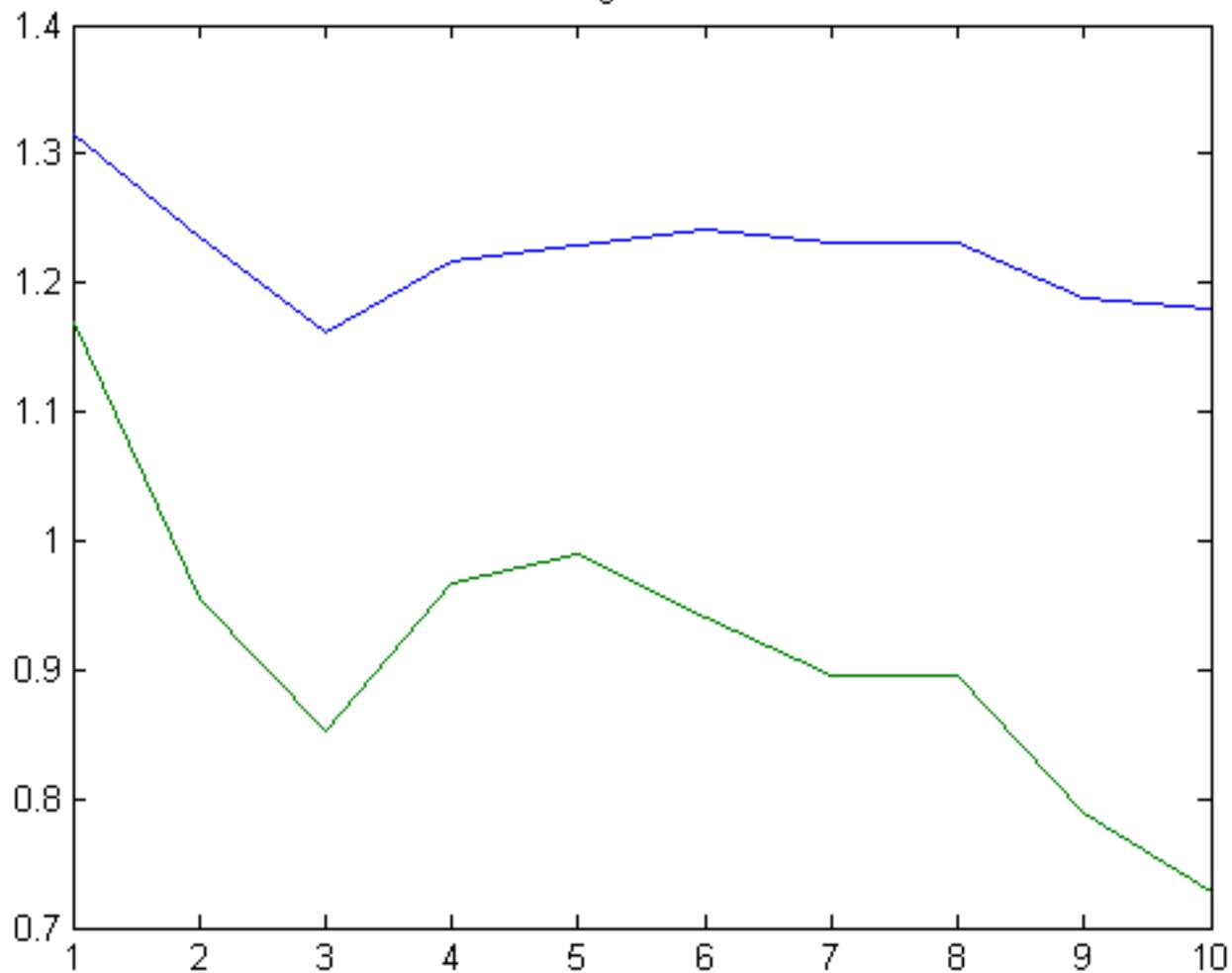


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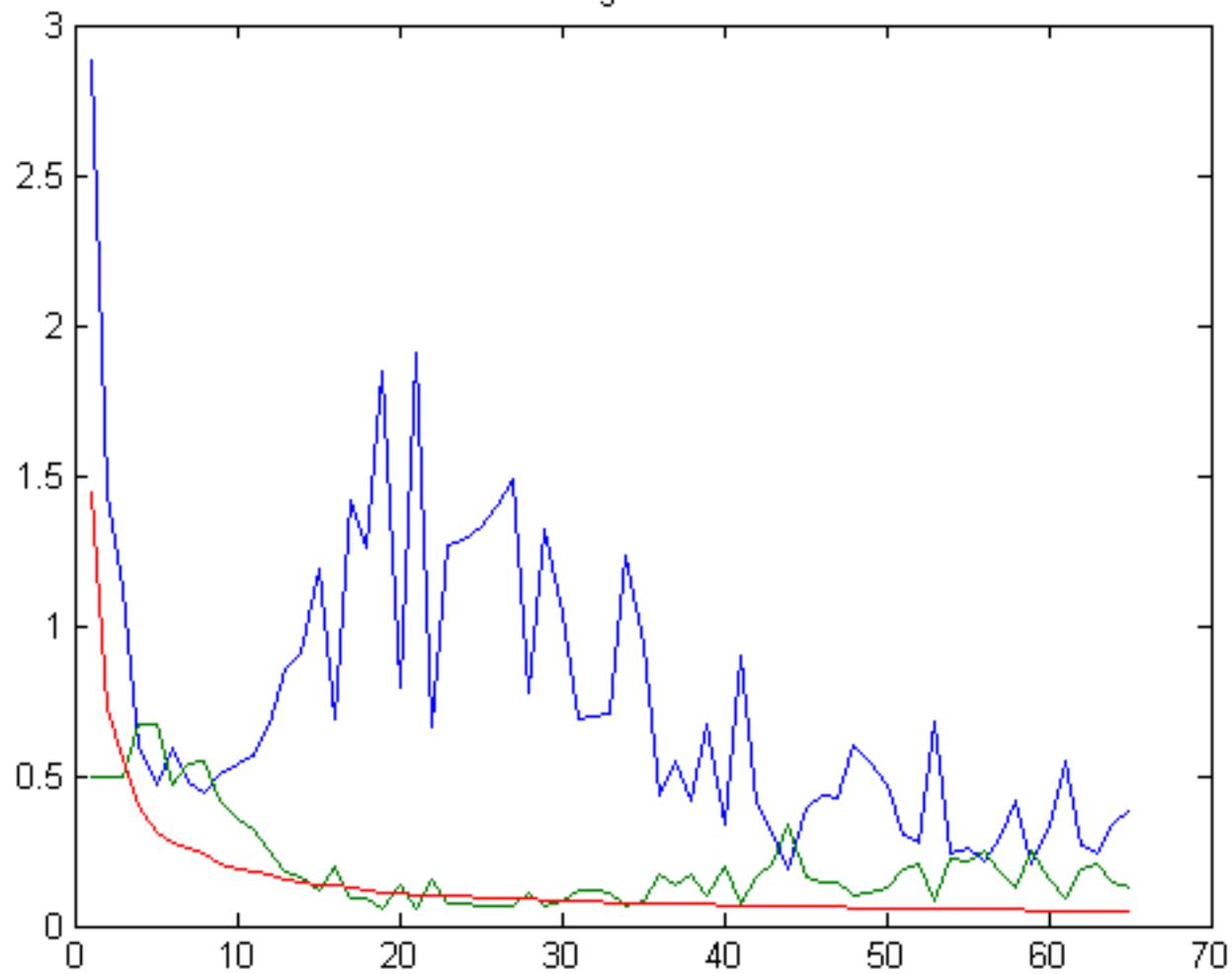


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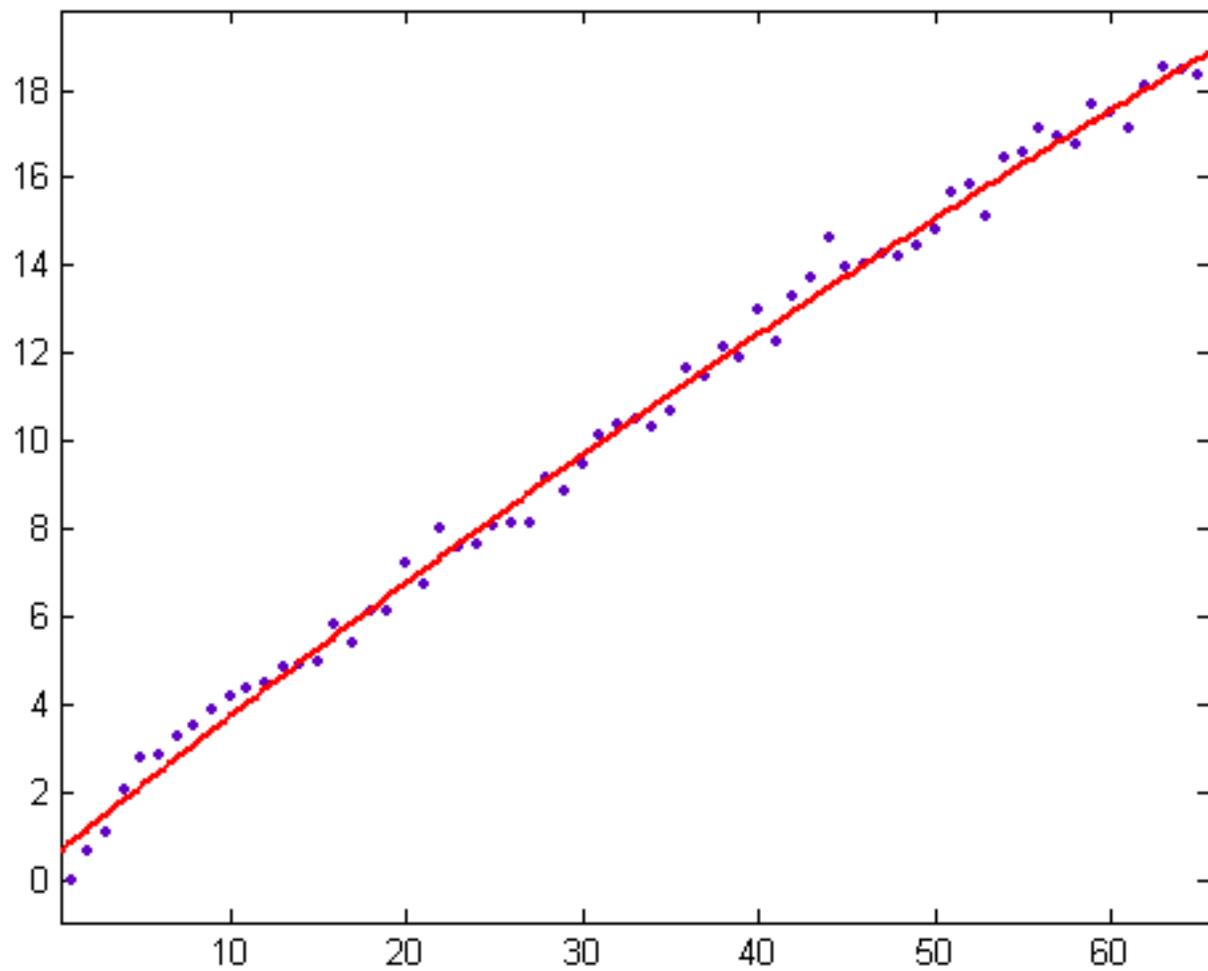


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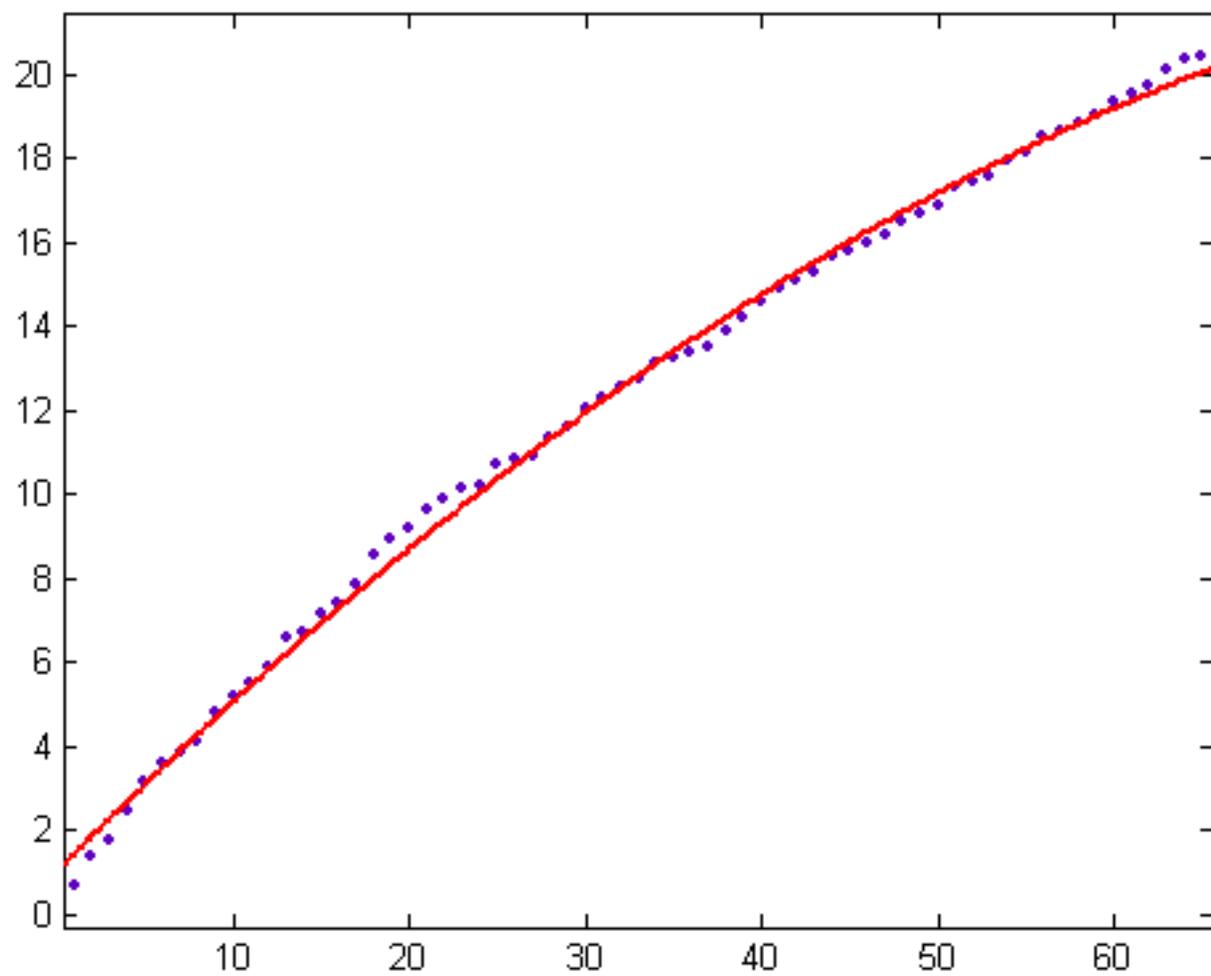


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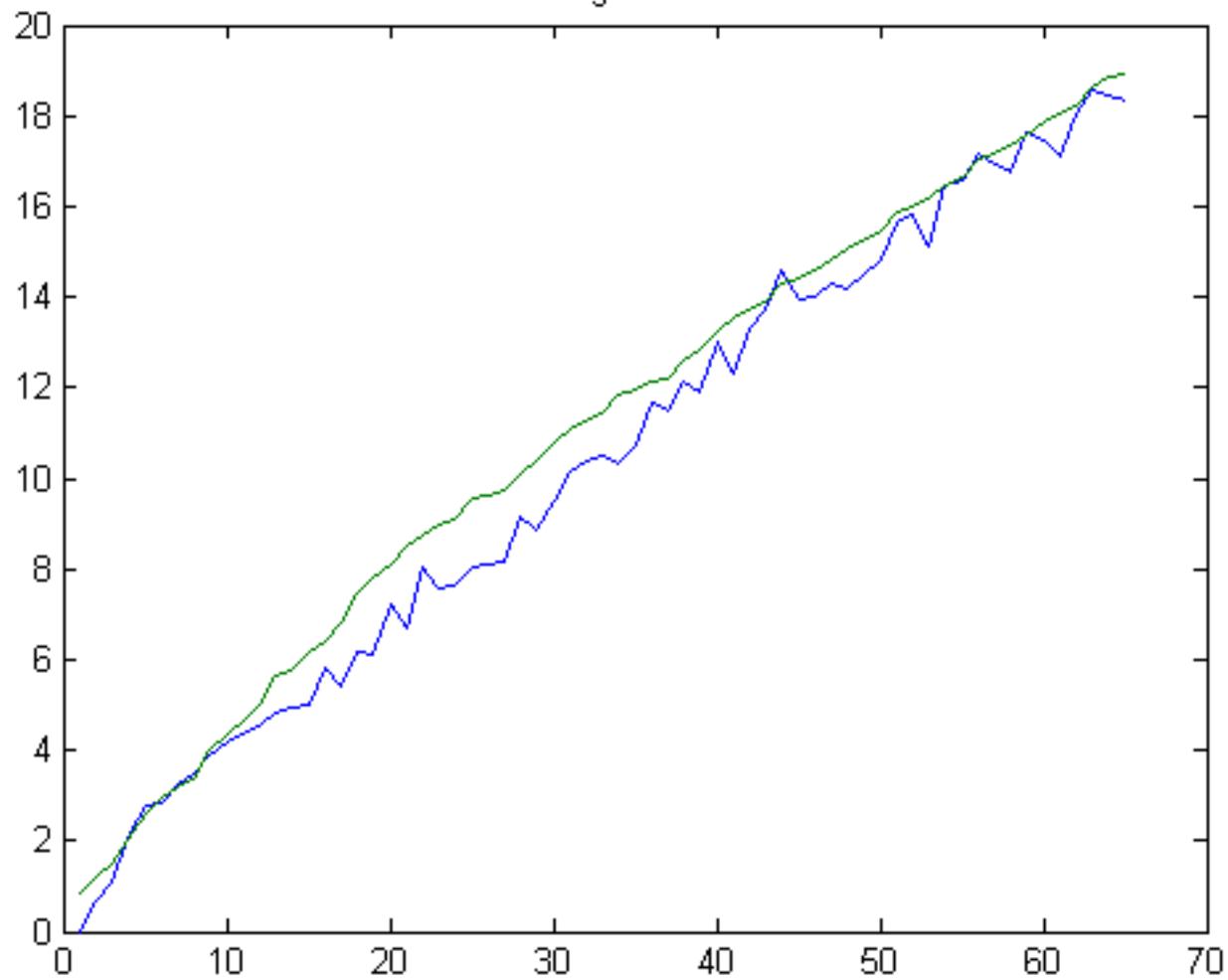


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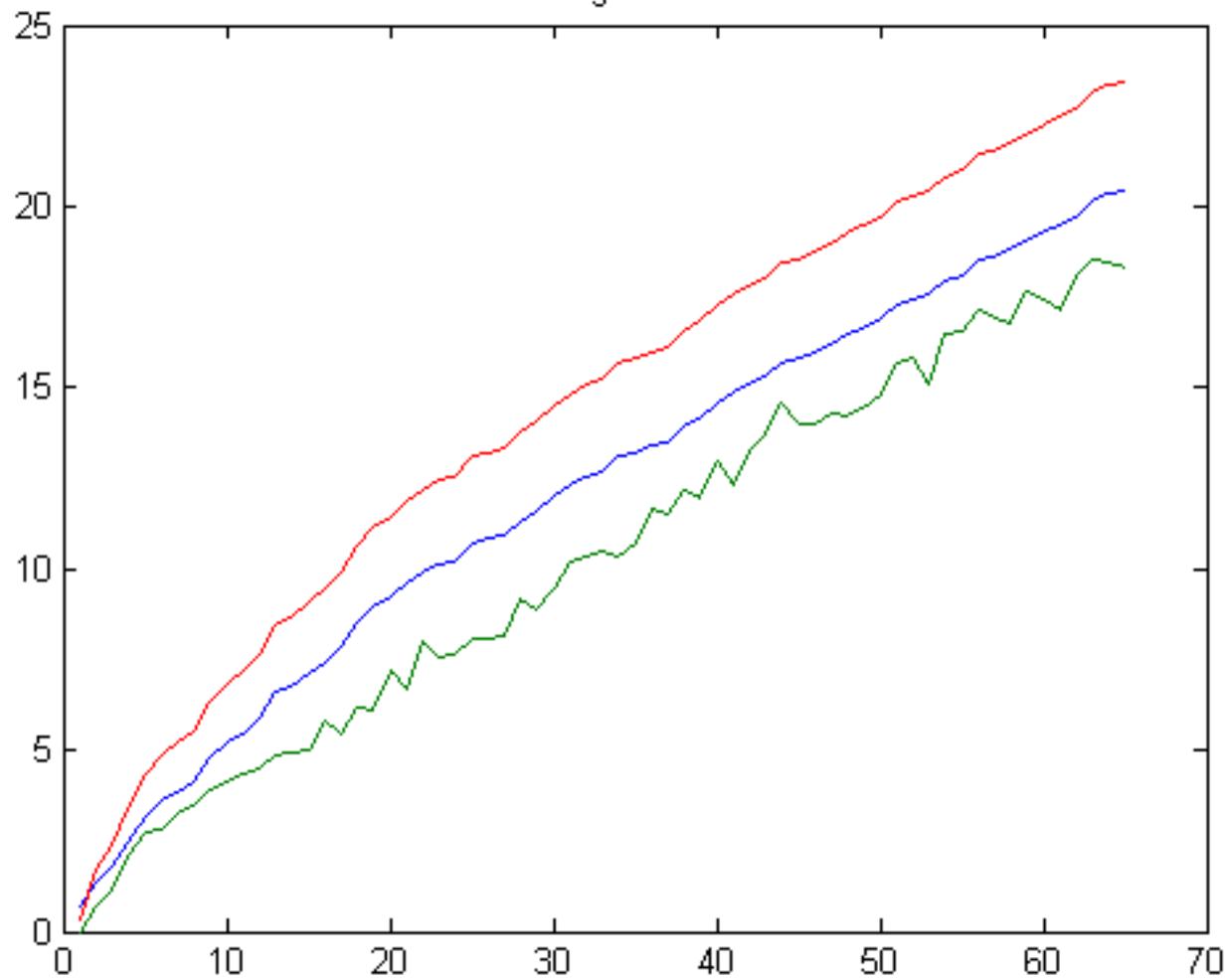


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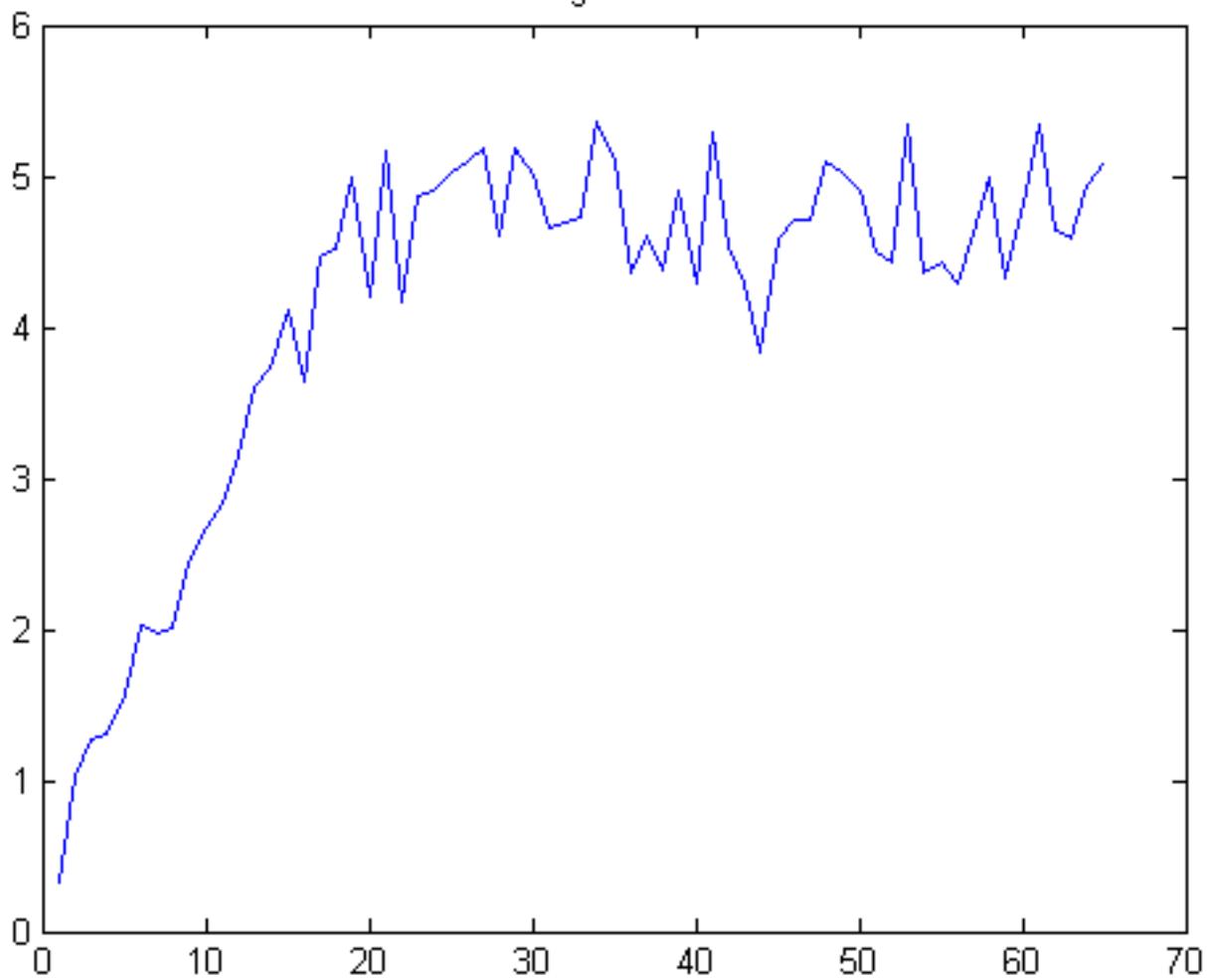


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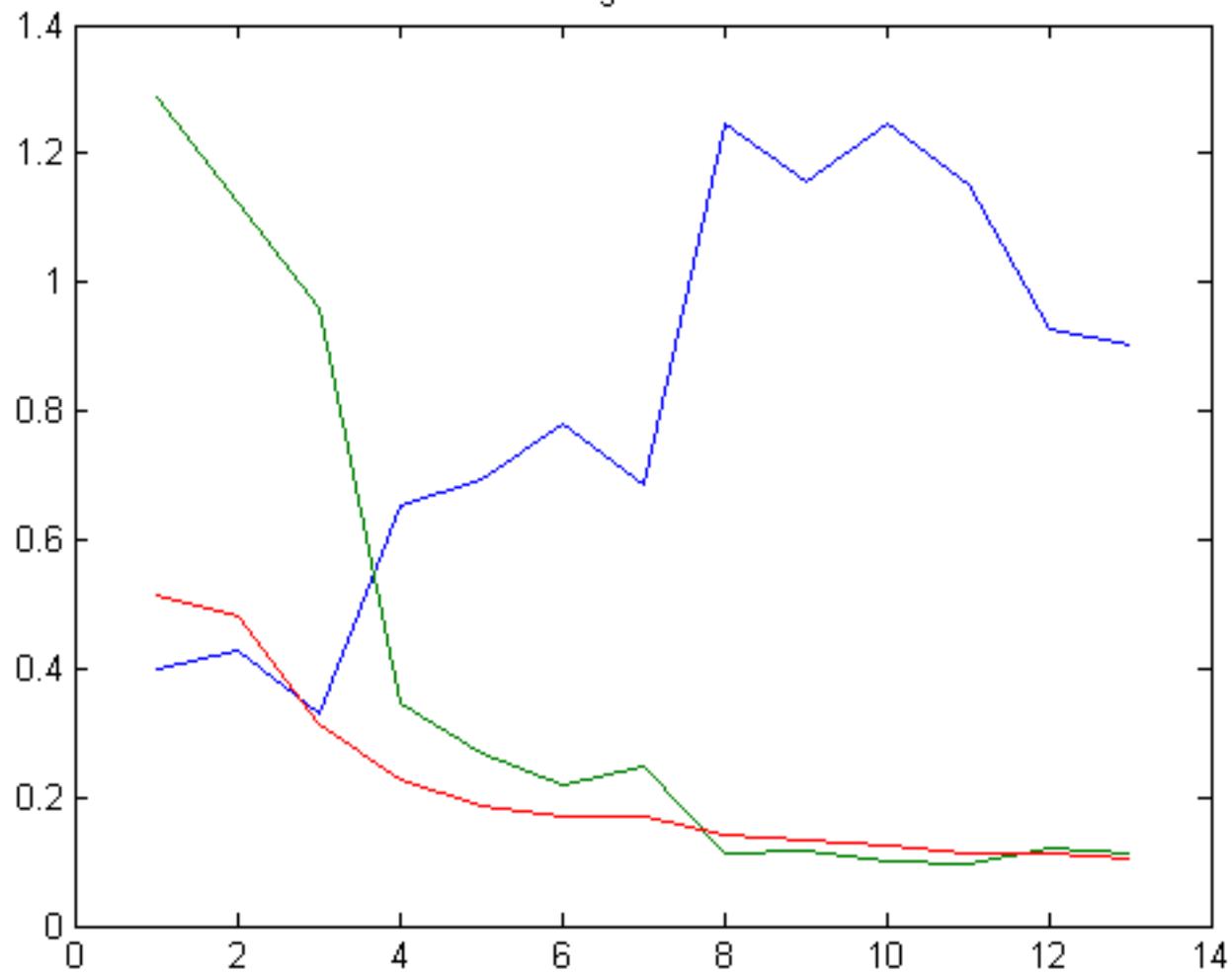


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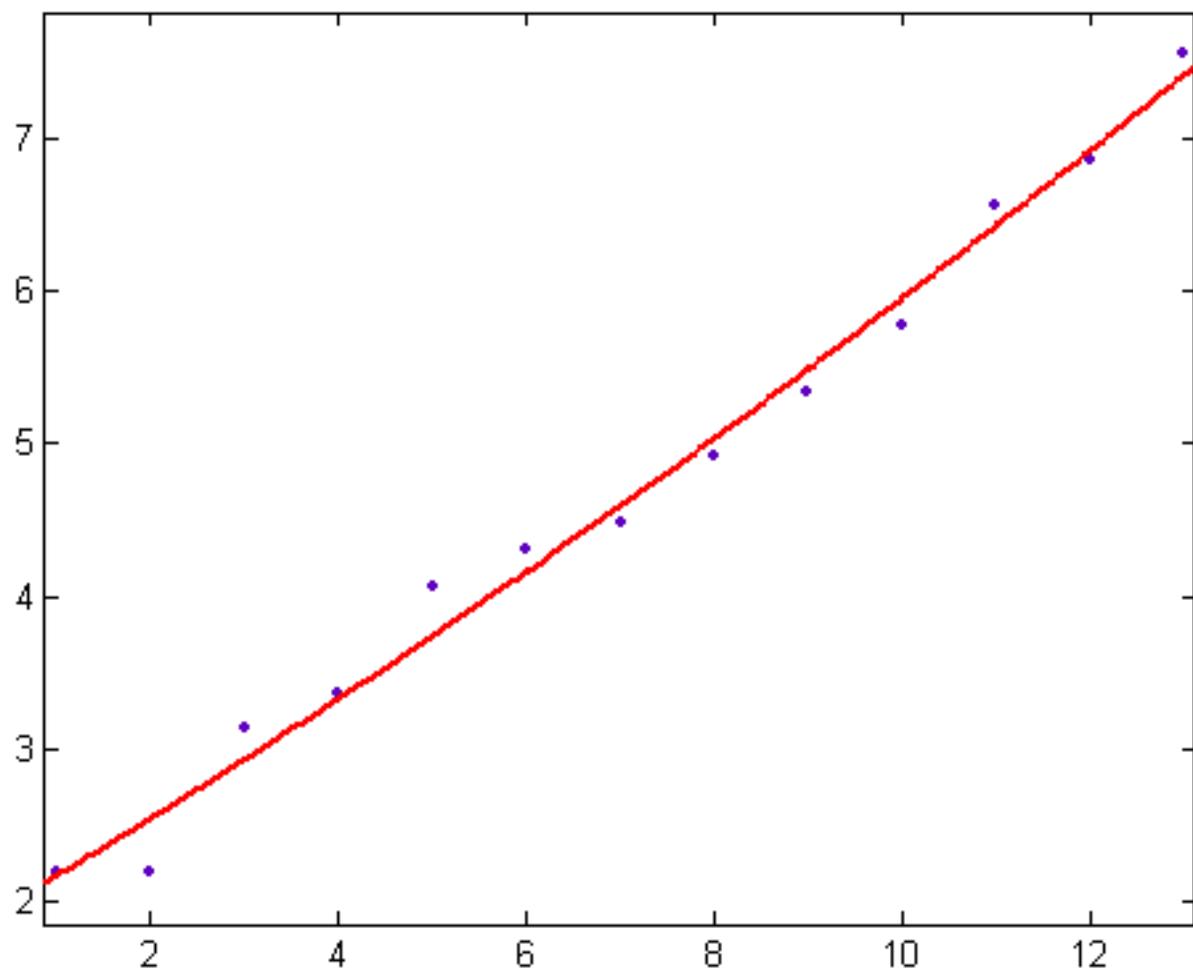


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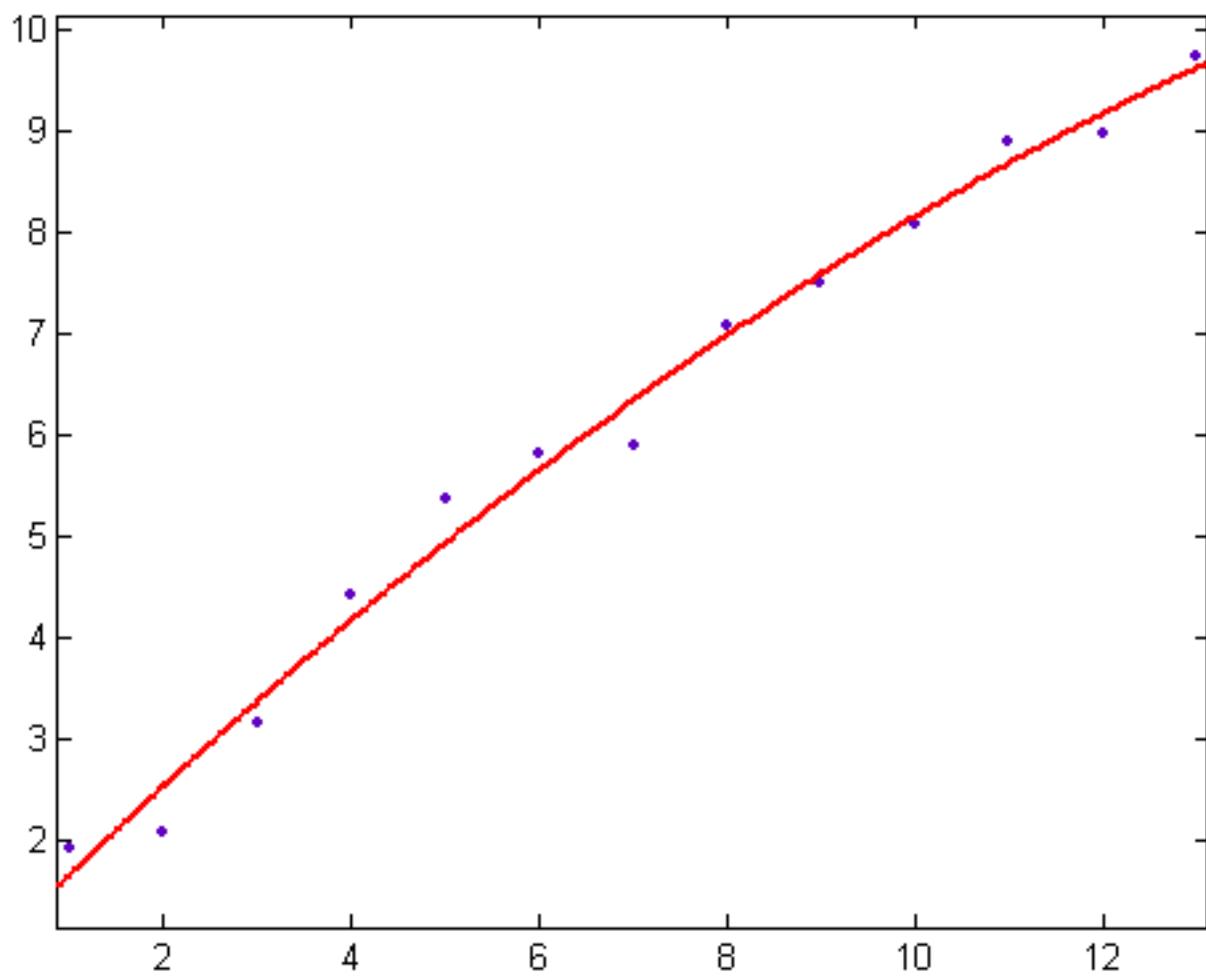


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