

Part 5. Curve Fitting
Chapter 17. Least Square Regression

Lecture 17

**Linearization of Nonlinear Relationships &
Nonlinear Regression Models**

17.1.5, 17.1.6. 17.2, 17.5

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Nonlinear Regression

Some popular nonlinear regression models:

Exponential model:

$$y = ae^{bx}$$

Power model:

$$y = ax^b$$

Saturation growth model:

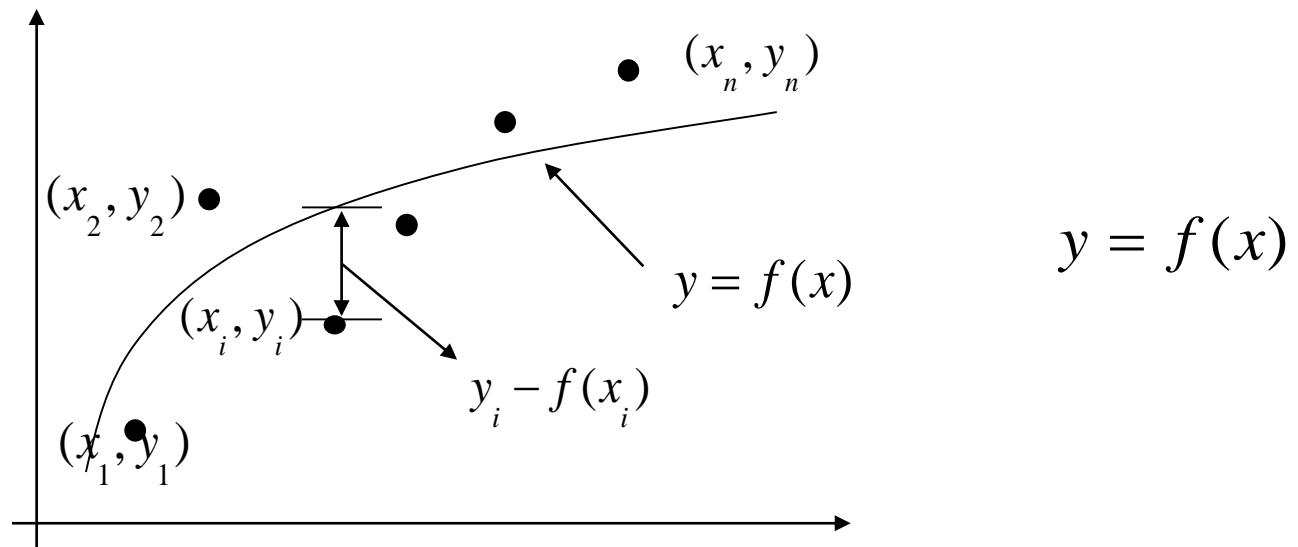
$$y = \frac{ax}{b + x}$$

Polynomial model:

$$y = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_mx^m$$

Nonlinear Regression

Given n data points $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ best fit to the data, where $f(x)$ is a nonlinear function of x .



Nonlinear regression model for discrete y vs. x data

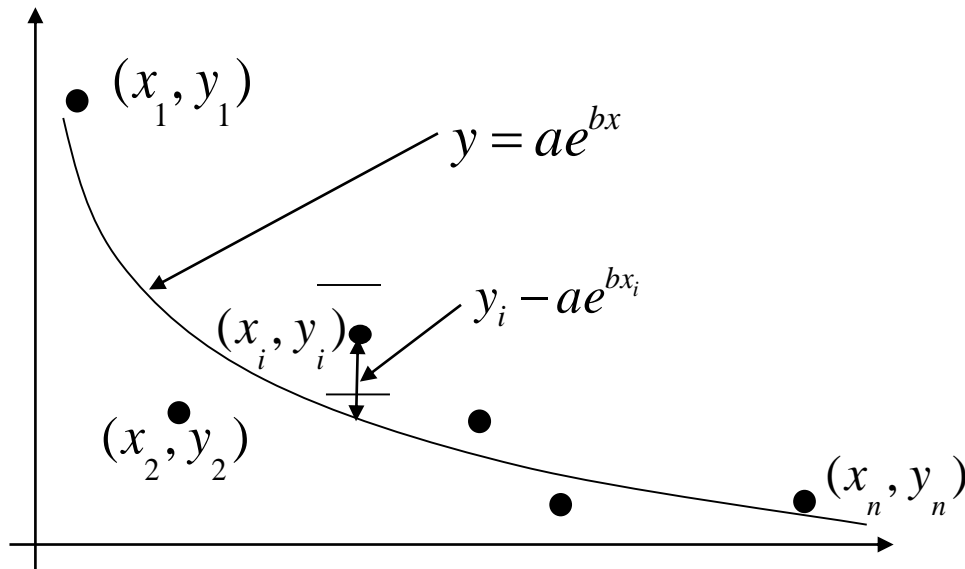
Regression

Exponential Model

$$y = ae^{bx}$$

Exponential Model

To best fit $y = ae^{bx}$ to the data.



Exponential model of nonlinear regression for y vs. x data

Exponential Model

Two methods to solve for constants of $y = ae^{bx}$

1. Linearize the nonlinear equation

- take \ln from both sides of equation

$$\ln y = \ln a + bx$$

$$Y = A + bX, \quad A = \ln a, \quad Y = \ln y$$

2. Directly find constants by minimizing S_r

Constants of Exponential Model

The sum of the square of the residuals is defined as

$$S_r = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - ae^{bx_i} \right)^2$$

Differentiate with respect to a and b

$$\frac{\partial S_r}{\partial a} = \sum_{i=1}^n 2 \left(y_i - ae^{bx_i} \right) \left(-e^{bx_i} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial S_r}{\partial b} = \sum_{i=1}^n 2 \left(y_i - ae^{bx_i} \right) \left(-ax_i e^{bx_i} \right) = 0$$

Constants of Exponential Model

Rewriting the equations, we obtain

$$-\sum_{i=1}^n y_i e^{bx_i} + a \sum_{i=1}^n e^{2bx_i} = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i e^{bx_i} - a \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e^{2bx_i} = 0$$

Constants of Exponential Model

Solving the first equation for a yields

$$a = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i e^{bx_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n e^{2bx_i}}$$

Substituting a back into the previous equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i e^{bx_i} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i e^{bx_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n e^{2bx_i}} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e^{2bx_i} = 0$$

The constant b can be found through numerical methods such as bisection method.

Example 1. Nonlinear Regression of Exponential Equation.

Find constants of $y = ae^{bx}$ regression model using below data set and estimate y at $x = 24$.

x	0	1	3	5	7	9
y	1.000	0.891	0.708	0.562	0.447	0.355

$$\sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i e^{bx_i} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i e^{bx_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n e^{2bx_i}} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e^{2bx_i} = 0$$

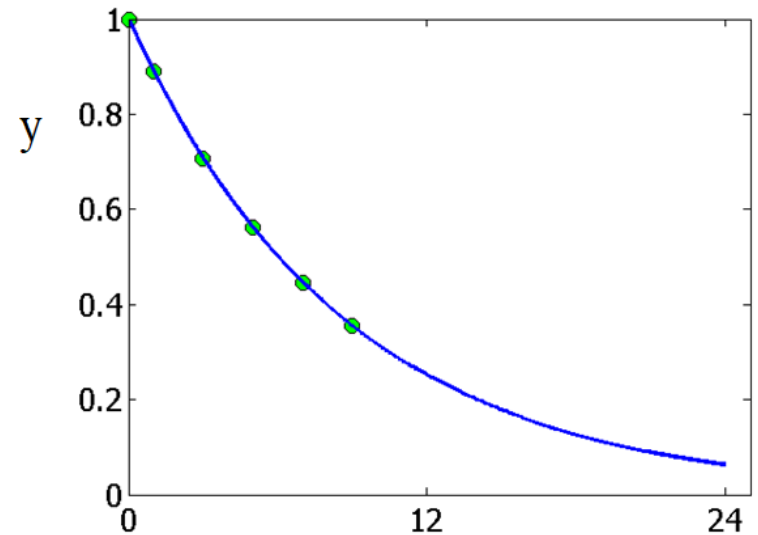
Can use MATLAB to solve for b $b = -0.1151$

Example 1. Nonlinear Regression of Exponential Equation.

$$a = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i e^{bx_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n e^{2bx_i}} = 0.9998$$

Exponential regression model:

$$y = 0.9998 e^{-0.1151x}$$



Example 1. Nonlinear Regression of Exponential Equation.

Estimate of y at $x=24$:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 0.9998 \times e^{-0.1151(24)} \\ &= 6.3160 \times 10^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

Regression

Power Model

$$y = ax^b$$

Power Model

1. Linearize the nonlinear equation

- take *log* from both sides of equation

$$\log y = \log a + b \log x$$

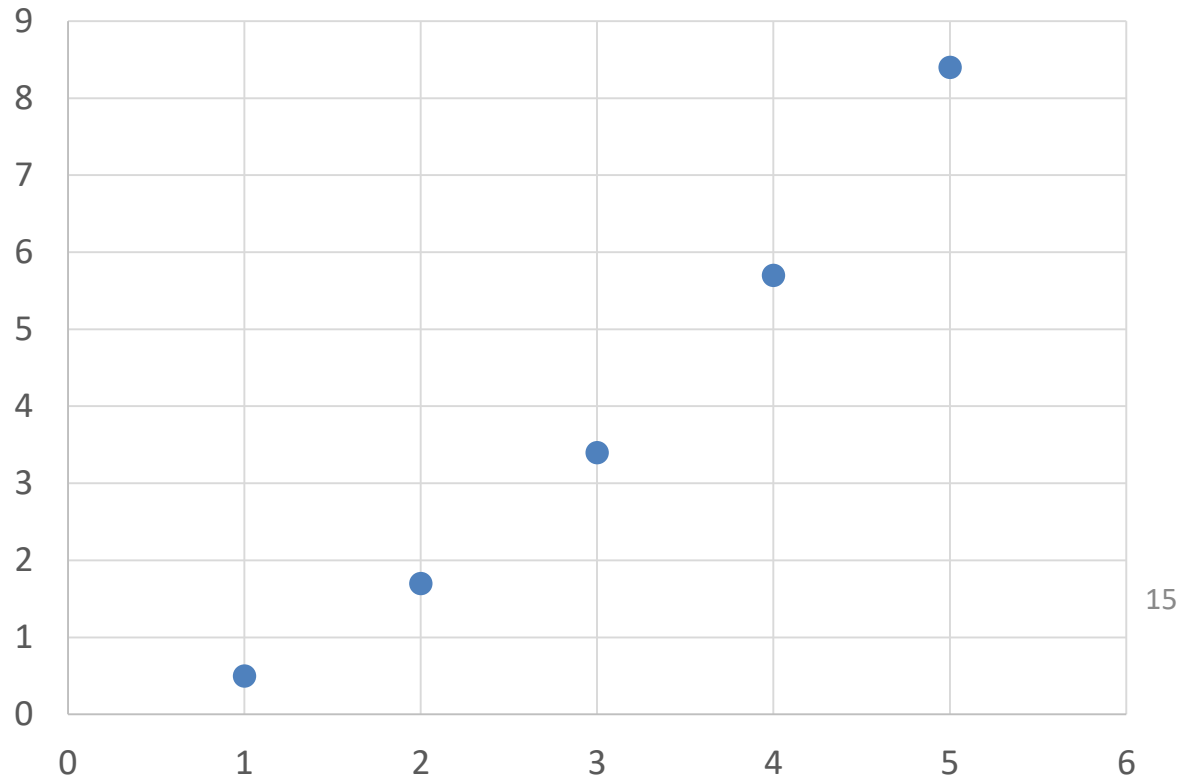
$$Y = A + b X \quad , \quad A = \log a, \quad Y = \log y$$

As a homework, try finding **a** and **b** by minimizing S_r

Example 2. Nonlinear Regression of Power Equation.

Find constants of $y = ax^b$ regression model using below data set.

x	y
1	0.5
2	1.7
3	3.4
4	5.7
5	8.4



Example 2. Nonlinear Regression of Power Equation.

$$\log y = \log a + b \log x$$

$$Y = A + b X$$

$$b = \frac{n \sum x_i y_i - \sum x_i \sum y_i}{n \sum x_i^2 - (\sum x_i)^2}$$

$$A = \bar{y} - a_1 \bar{x}$$

$$A = -0.3, \quad b = 1.75$$

$$a = 10^A = 10^{-0.3} = 0.5 \quad \rightarrow \quad y = ax^b \quad \rightarrow \quad y = 0.5 x^{1.75}$$

		<i>X</i>	<i>Y</i>
x	y	log(x)	log(y)
1	0.5	0	-0.301
2	1.7	0.301	0.230
3	3.4	0.477	0.531
4	5.7	0.602	0.756
5	8.4	0.699	0.924

Regression

Saturation Growth Model

$$y = \frac{ax}{b + x}$$

Saturation Growth Model

1. Linearize the nonlinear equation

$$y = \frac{ax}{b + x}$$

- Inverse both sides of equation

$$1/y = (1/a) [(b/x) + 1]$$

$$1/y = (1/a) + (b/a)(1/x)$$

$$Y = A + B X$$

As a homework, try finding **a** and **b** by minimizing S_r

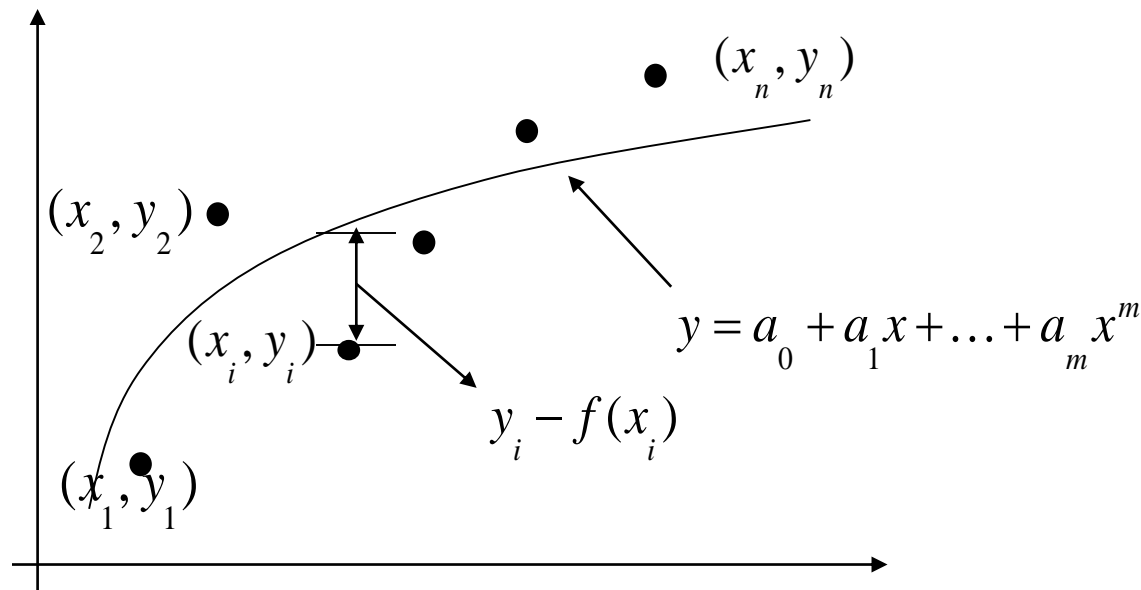
Regression

Polynomial Model

$$y = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_mx^m$$

Polynomial Model

To best fit $y = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_m x^m$ $(m \leq n-2)$
to a given data set.



Polynomial model for nonlinear regression of y vs. x data

Polynomial Model

The residual at each data point is given by

$$e_i = y_i - a_0 - a_1 x_i - \dots - a_m x_i^m$$

The sum of the square of the residuals then is

$$\begin{aligned} S_r &= \sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - a_0 - a_1 x_i - \dots - a_m x_i^m \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Polynomial Model

Finding constants by minimizing S_r

$$\frac{\partial S_r}{\partial a_0} = \sum_{i=1}^n 2.(y_i - a_0 - a_1 x_i - \dots - a_m x_i^m)(-1) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial S_r}{\partial a_1} = \sum_{i=1}^n 2.(y_i - a_0 - a_1 x_i - \dots - a_m x_i^m)(-x_i) = 0$$

$$\vdots$$
$$\vdots$$
$$\vdots$$
$$\vdots$$

$$\frac{\partial S_r}{\partial a_m} = \sum_{i=1}^n 2.(y_i - a_0 - a_1 x_i - \dots - a_m x_i^m)(-x_i^m) = 0$$

Polynomial Model

These equations in matrix form are given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} n & \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^m\right) \\ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) & \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right) & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{m+1}\right) \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^m\right) & \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{m+1}\right) & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{2m}\right) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ a_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^m y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

The above equations are then solved for a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m

2nd-Order Polynomial Model

$$y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$$

$$S_r = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - a_0 - a_1x_i - a_2x_i^2 \right)^2$$

As a homework, try finding **a** and **b** by minimizing S_r

Solve 3 equations for 3 unknown constants

3rd-Order Polynomial Model

$$y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$$

$$S_r = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - a_0 - a_1x_i - a_2x_i^2 - a_3x_i^3 \right)^2$$

As a homework, try finding **a** and **b** by minimizing S_r

Solve 4 equations for 4 unknown constants

$$r^2 = \frac{S_t - S_r}{S_t}$$

Error for Polynomial Regression

Use general form of correlation coefficient

$$r^2 = \frac{S_t - S_r}{S_t}$$

S_t : total sum of the squares around the mean for the dependent variable

S_r : sum of the squares of residuals around the regression line is S_r

Part 5. Curve Fitting

Chapter 18. Interpolation

Lecture 18

Linear, Quadratic, Cubic (Spline) Interpolation

18.1, 18.3, 18.6

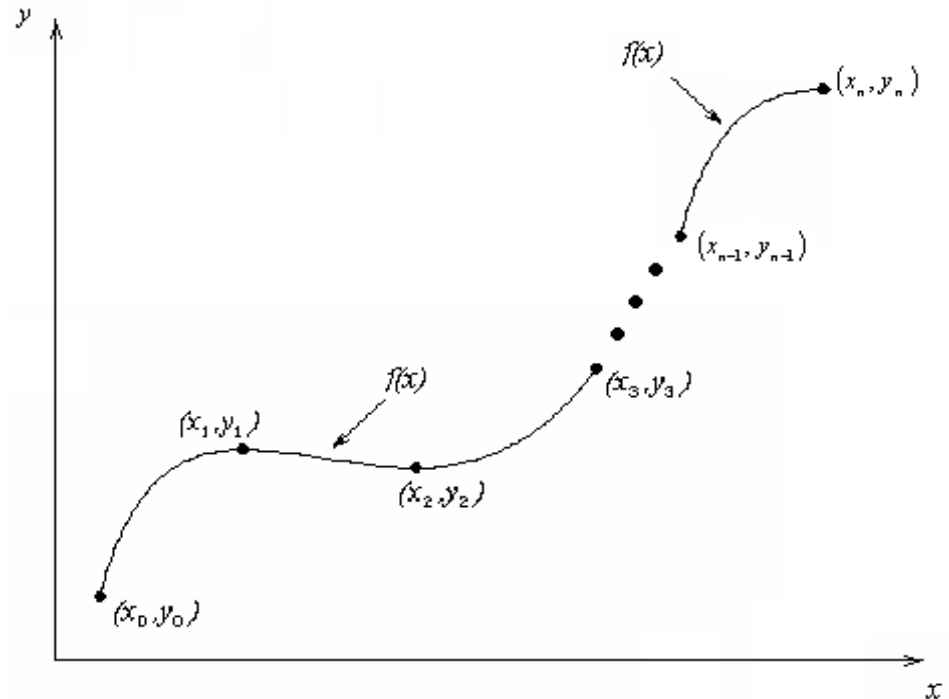
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Interpolation

Given $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$, find the value of 'y' at a value of 'x' that is not given.

Interpolants

Polynomials are the most common choice of interpolants because they are easy to evaluate, differentiate and integrate.



Interpolation Using Polynomials

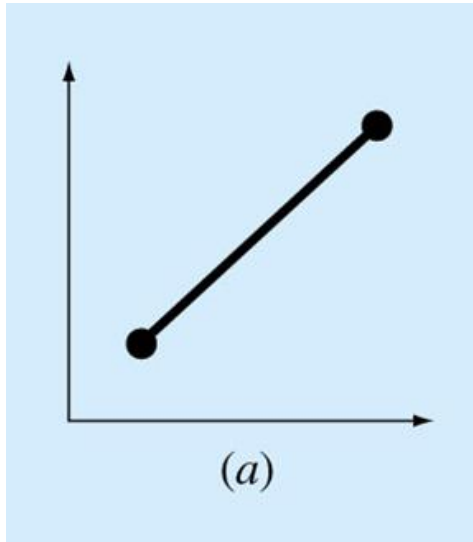
- The most common method is using n^{th} -order polynomial:

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n$$

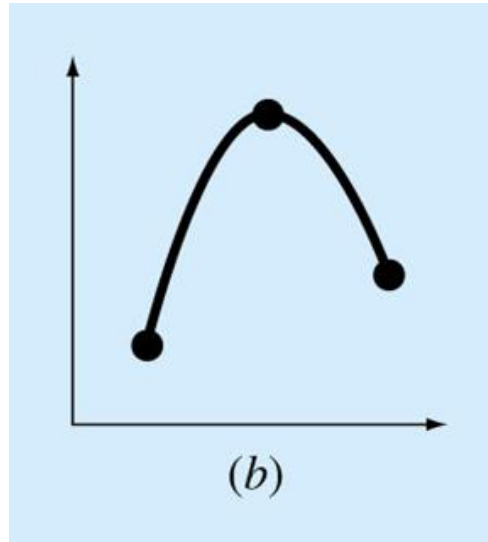
where a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n are real constants.

- There is one and only one n^{th} -order polynomial that fits $n+1$ points
- Set up ‘ $n+1$ ’ equations to find ‘ $n+1$ ’ constants.
- To find the value ‘ y ’ at a given value of ‘ x ’, simply substitute the value of ‘ x ’ in the above polynomial.

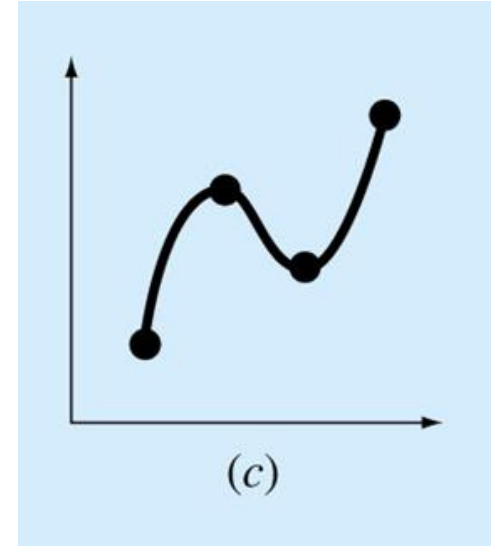
Interpolating Polynomials



1st-order Polynomial
(linear interpolation)
Connecting 2 points



2nd -order Polynomial
(quadratic or parabolic
interpolation)
Connecting 3 points



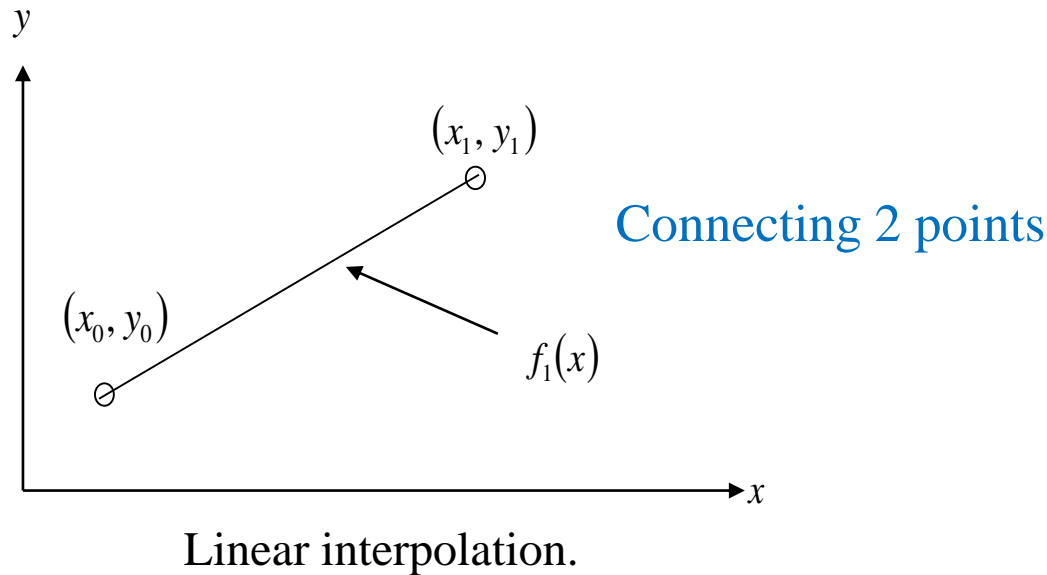
3rd- Order Polynomial
(cubic or spline
interpolation)
Connecting 4 points

Linear Interpolation (1st-Order Polynomial)

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x$$

Example 1. Direct Method for Linear Interpolation (1st Order Polynomial)

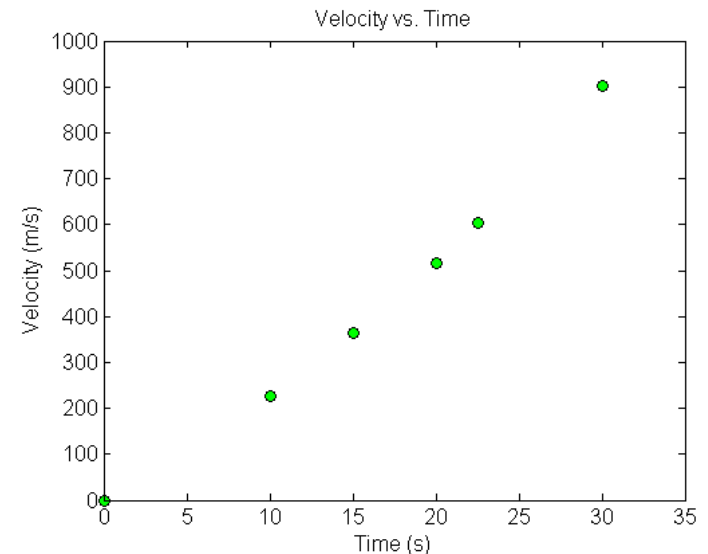
Find the velocity at $t = 16$ seconds, using the given data points for upward velocity of a rocket is given as a function of time.



Estimate using this line $v(t) = a_0 + a_1 t$

Velocity as a function of time.

$t, (s)$	$v(t), (m/s)$
0	0
10	227.04
15	362.78
20	517.35
22.5	602.97
30	901.67



Example 1. Direct Method for Linear Interpolation (1st Order Polynomial)

$$v(t) = a_0 + a_1 t$$

Step 1. Choose 2 data points that are closest to $t = 16$ s that also bracket $t = 16$ s.

Step 2. Evaluate function (velocity) at these 2 points (times) to find a_0 and a_1

$$v(15) = a_0 + a_1(15) = 362.78$$

$$v(20) = a_0 + a_1(20) = 517.35$$

$$a_0 = -100.93 \quad a_1 = 30.914$$

$t, (s)$	$v(t), (m/s)$
0	0
10	227.04
15	362.78
20	517.35
22.5	602.97
30	901.67

Step 3: Set equation of interpolant

$$v(t) = -100.93 + 30.914t, \quad 15 \leq t \leq 20.$$

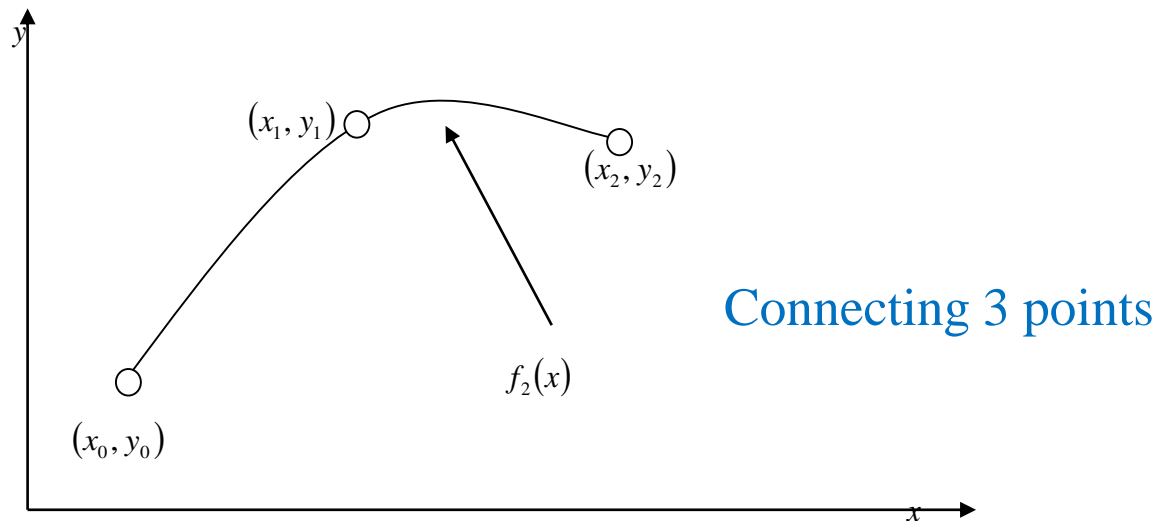
Step 4. Evaluate velocity at $t = 16$ s $v(16) = -100.93 + 30.914(16) = 393.7$ m/s

Quadratic (Parabolic) Interpolation (2nd-Order Polynomial)

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$$

Example 2. Direct Method for Quadratic Interpolation (2nd-Order Polynomial)

Find the velocity at $t = 16$ seconds, using the given data points for upward velocity of a rocket is given as a function of time.



Quadratic interpolation.

Velocity as a function of time.

$t, (s)$	$v(t), (m/s)$
0	0
10	227.04
15	362.78
20	517.35
22.5	602.97
30	901.67

Estimate using 2nd degree polynomial

$$v(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2$$

Example 2. Direct Method for Quadratic Interpolation (2nd-Order Polynomial)

$$v(t) = a_0 + a_1 t$$

Step 1. Choose **3** data points that are closest to $t = 16$ s that also bracket $t = 16$ s.

Step 2. Evaluate function (velocity) at these **3** points (times) to find a_0 , a_1 and a_2

$$v(10) = a_0 + a_1(10) + a_2(10)^2 = 227.04 \quad a_0 = 12.05$$

$$v(15) = a_0 + a_1(15) + a_2(15)^2 = 362.78 \quad a_1 = 17.733$$

$$v(20) = a_0 + a_1(20) + a_2(20)^2 = 517.35 \quad a_2 = 0.3766$$

$t, (s)$	$v(t), (m/s)$
0	0
10	227.04
15	362.78
20	517.35
22.5	602.97
30	901.67

Step 3: Set equation of interpolant

$$v(t) = 12.05 + 17.733t + 0.3766t^2, \quad 10 \leq t \leq 20$$

Step 4. Evaluate velocity at $t = 16$ s

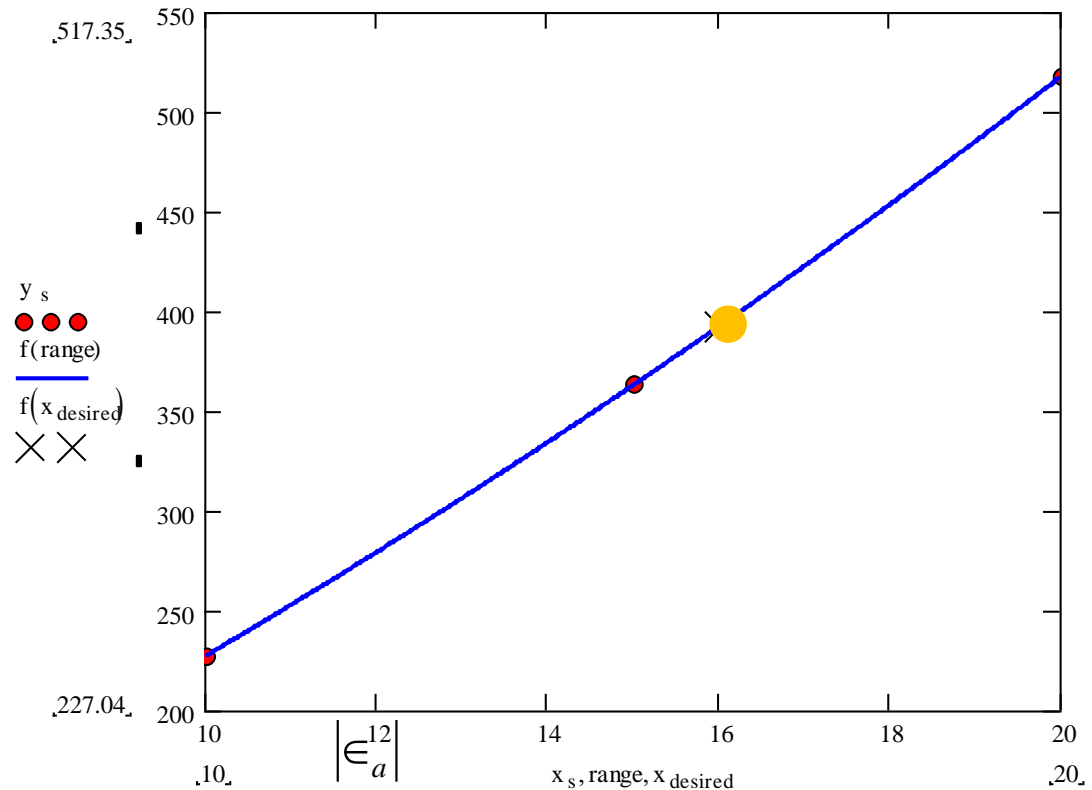
$$v(16) = 12.05 + 17.733(16) + 0.3766(16)^2$$
$$= 392.19 \text{ m/s}$$

Example 2. Direct Method for Quadratic Interpolation (2nd-Order Polynomial)

Absolute relative approximate error between the results from the 1st and 2nd order polynomial is

$$|\epsilon_a| = \left| \frac{392.19 - 393.70}{392.19} \right| \times 100$$

$$= 0.38410\%$$

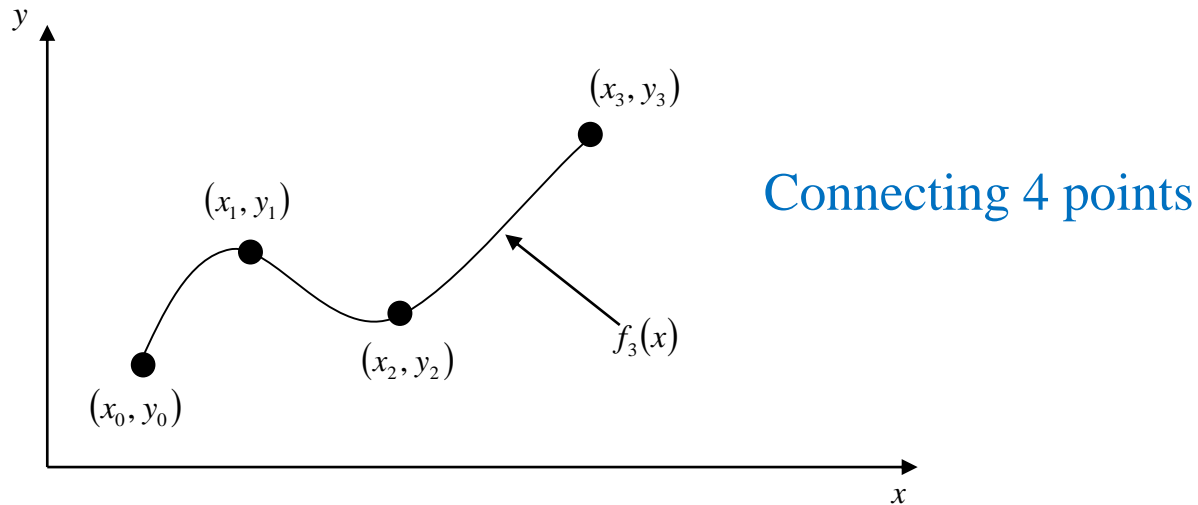


Cubic (Spline) Interpolation (3rd-Order Polynomial)

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$$

Example 3. Direct Method for Cubic (Spline) Interpolation (3rd-Order Polynomial)

Find the velocity at $t = 16$ seconds, using the given data points for upward velocity of a rocket is given as a function of time.



Cubic (Spline) interpolation.

Velocity as a function of time.

$t, (s)$	$v(t), (m/s)$
0	0
10	227.04
15	362.78
20	517.35
22.5	602.97
30	901.67

Estimate using 2nd degree polynomial

$$v(t) = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + a_3t^3$$

Example 3. Direct Method for Cubic (Spline) Interpolation (3rd-Order Polynomial)

$$v(t) = a_0 + a_1 t$$

Step 1. Choose 4 data points that are closest to $t = 16$ s that also bracket $t = 16$ s.

Step 2. Evaluate function (velocity) at these 4 points (times) to find a_0 , a_1 , a_2 and a_3

$$v(10) = 227.04 = a_0 + a_1(10) + a_2(10)^2 + a_3(10)^3$$

$$v(15) = 362.78 = a_0 + a_1(15) + a_2(15)^2 + a_3(15)^3$$

$$v(20) = 517.35 = a_0 + a_1(20) + a_2(20)^2 + a_3(20)^3$$

$$v(22.5) = 602.97 = a_0 + a_1(22.5) + a_2(22.5)^2 + a_3(22.5)^3$$

Step 3: Set equation of interpolant

$$v(t) = -4.2540 + 21.266t + 0.13204t^2 + 0.0054347t^3, \quad 10 \leq t \leq 22.5$$

$t, (s)$	$v(t), (m/s)$
0	0
10	227.04
15	362.78
20	517.35
22.5	602.97
30	901.67

$$a_0 = -4.2540$$

$$a_1 = 21.266$$

$$a_2 = 0.13204$$

$$a_3 = 0.0054347$$

Step 4. Evaluate velocity at $t = 16$ s

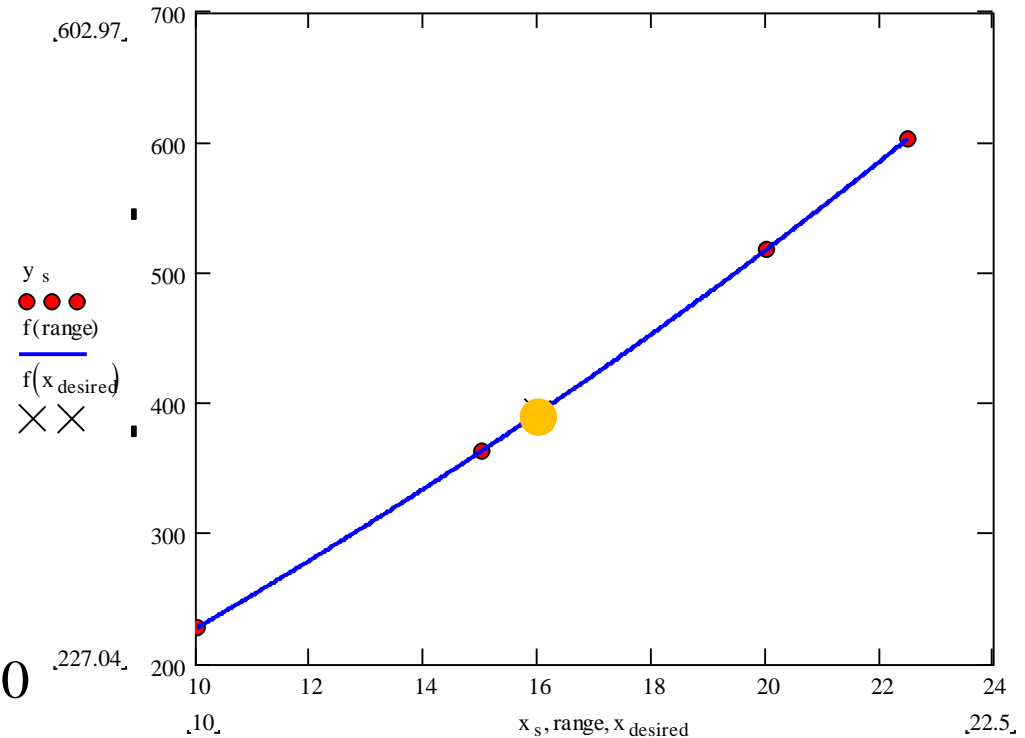
$$\begin{aligned} v(16) &= -4.2540 + 21.266(16) + 0.13204(16)^2 + 0.0054347(16)^3 \\ &= 392.06 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

Example 3. Direct Method for Cubic (Spline) Interpolation (3rd-Order Polynomial)

Absolute relative approximate error between the results from the 2nd- and 3rd-order polynomial is

$$|\epsilon_a| = \left| \frac{392.06 - 392.19}{392.06} \right| \times 100$$

$$= 0.033269\%$$



Comparison of Different Orders of Polynomials

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x$$

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$$

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$$

Comparison of Different Orders of Polynomials

Order of Polynomial	1	2	3
$v(t = 16) \text{ m/s}$	393.7	392.19	392.06
Absolute Relative Approximate Error	-----	0.38410 %	0.033269 %

t(s)	v (m/s)
0	0
10	227.04
15	362.78
20	517.35
22.5	602.97
30	901.67

Notes

- Sometimes polynomials can lead to erroneous results because of round off error and overshoot.
- Apply lower-order polynomials to subsets of data points. Such connecting polynomials are called spline functions.

