# **Regression and Validation**

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The coursework data is available in the file named "swpg.csv" on SurreyLearn. This CSV file comprises two columns: "ftsw," which represents the fraction of transpirable soil water, and "lfgr," which denotes the relative leaf growth. The objective is to utilize the "ftsw" variable to predict the values of "lfgr."

# **Import the Libraries**

```
In [2]:  import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
```

# **Analysis of the Dataset**

The dataset contains 20 rows and two columns.

## **Description of Dataset**

```
In [4]:

■ df.describe()
    Out[4]:
                            ftsw
                                        lfgr
                       20.000000
                                  20.000000
                count
                mean
                        0.400000
                                   0.805269
                  std
                        0.311257
                                   0.352534
                        0.000000
                                   0.042851
                  min
                 25%
                        0.158333
                                   0.713950
                 50%
                        0.300000
                                   0.957184
                 75%
                        0.630556
                                   1.034758
                        1.000000
                                   1.138678
                 max
```

## **Information about Dataset**

```
In [5]:

    df.info()

             <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
            RangeIndex: 20 entries, 0 to 19
            Data columns (total 2 columns):
              #
                  Column Non-Null Count Dtype
              0
                  ftsw
                          20 non-null
                                           float64
              1
                  lfgr
                          20 non-null
                                           float64
            dtypes: float64(2)
            memory usage: 452.0 bytes

    df.isnull().sum()

In [6]:
   Out[6]: ftsw
                     0
            1fgr
                     0
            dtype: int64
```

The dataset doesn't contain any null values. So, cleaning of data is not required.

```
In [7]: 

#prints the first five rows of dataset
df.head()
```

#### Out[7]:

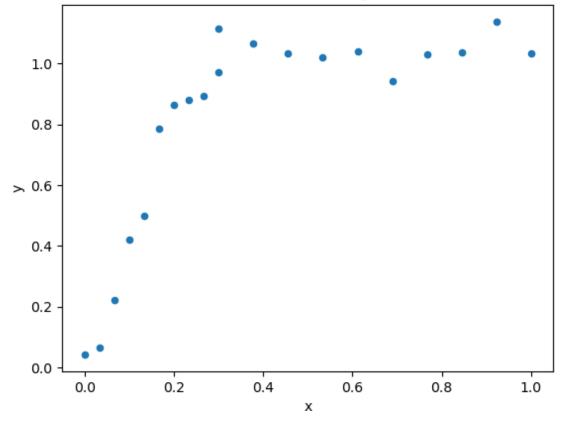
	ftsw	lfgr
0	0.000000	0.042851
1	0.033333	0.064808
2	0.066667	0.222478
3	0.100000	0.419411
4	0.133333	0.500414

# **Distribution of values in Dataset**

```
In [9]: 

df.plot(x='ftsw',y='lfgr',kind='scatter')
    plt.xlabel('x')
    plt.ylabel('y')
    plt.title('Distribution of x and y values')
    plt.show()
```





# TASK 1

# **Linear Regression**

#### **Purpose of Adding an Extra Dimension:**

- When you load data from a DataFrame, a single column or row will typically be extracted as a one-dimensional array.
- The expression x[:, np.newaxis] transforms the array from one dimension (20,) to two dimensions (20, 1).
- This transformation ensures that the array x is not just a sequence of values but a sequence of single-element arrays, which conforms to the expected input structure for most scikit-learn estimators.

# Coefficients and Intercept

After fitting the model, the coefficients and the intercept can be extracted directly.

```
In [13]:  print("Coefficient:",reg.coef_)
  print("\nIntercept:",reg.intercept_)

Coefficient: [0.6494271]

Intercept: 0.6029635418305845
```

#### Coefficients:

These are accessed using the **.coef**\_ attribute of model object. This will give an array of the coefficients for each term in the model.

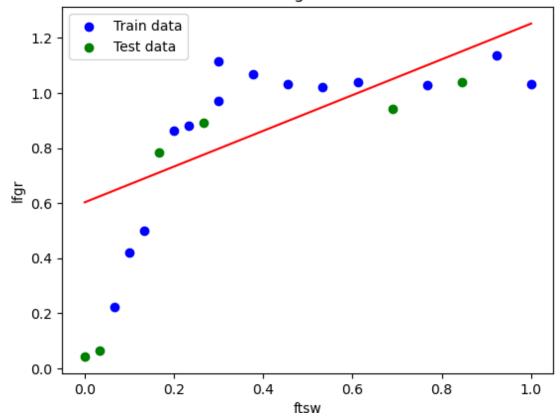
#### Intercept:

This is accessed using the **.intercept**\_ attribute, which gives the constant term added to the sum of the weighted features.

```
# combine theta values into one array
In [14]:
             theta = np.hstack((reg.intercept_, reg.coef_))
             print("The minimising values of the parameters theta are ", theta)
             The minimising values of the parameters theta are [0.60296354 0.6494271
In [15]:
          #Prediction of test set
             y_pred_lfgr= reg.predict(lx_test)
             #Predicted values
             print("Predictions for the test set: {}".format(y_pred_lfgr))
             Predictions for the test set: [0.60296354 1.15136865 1.05034666 0.624611
             11 0.7761441 0.71120139]
           #Actual value and the predicted value
In [16]:
             reg_pred = pd.DataFrame({'Actual lfgr': ly_test, 'Predicted lfgr': y_pred_
             reg_pred
    Out[16]:
                 Actual Ifgr Predicted Ifgr
              0
                  0.042851
                               0.602964
                  1.038437
                               1.151369
               1
               2
                  0.943869
                               1.050347
               3
                  0.064808
                               0.624611
               4
                  0.892240
                               0.776144
               5
                  0.785129
                               0.711201
```

## **Linear Regression plot**

#### Linear Regression Plot

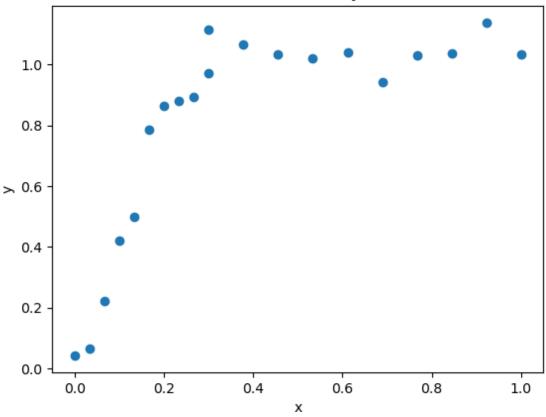


# **Polynomial Regression of Degree 3**

```
In [18]:
         ▶ | from sklearn.preprocessing import PolynomialFeatures
            x=np.array(df['ftsw'])
            x= x[:, np.newaxis]
            y=np.array(df['lfgr'])
            k = 3 # order of polynomial features
In [19]:
            poly = PolynomialFeatures(degree=3)
            poly
   Out[19]:
                PolynomialFeatures (i) ?
            PolynomialFeatures(degree=3)
In [21]:
         x3_test_poly = poly.transform(lx_test)
            print(x3_train_poly.shape)
            print(x3_test_poly.shape)
            #print(x_train_poly)
            (14, 4)
            (6, 4)
```

We should use the .transform() method instead of .fit\_transform() for the test data. The .fit\_transform() method fits the PolynomialFeatures transformation to the test data and then transforms it, which is incorrect because the transformation should be fitted only on the training data to avoid data leakage.

#### Distribution of x and y values



```
In [23]:  # Fitting the train data

poly_reg = LinearRegression()
poly_reg.fit(x3_train_poly, ly_train)

# Predictions
y3_pred_poly = poly_reg.predict(x3_test_poly)
```

```
In [24]: # Get coefficients and intercept
print("Coefficient:",poly_reg.coef_)
print("\nIntercept:",poly_reg.intercept_)
```

Coefficient: [ 0. 6.61022706 -11.15527937 5.80798411]

Intercept: -0.14009257233627448

In [25]: Theta = np.hstack((poly\_reg.intercept\_, poly\_reg.coef\_)) # combine theta v print("The minimising values of the parameters theta are ", theta)

The minimising values of the parameters theta are [-0.14009257 0.6.61022706 -11.15527937 5.80798411]

In [26]: #Actual value and the predicted value
polyreg\_pred = pd.DataFrame({'Actual lfgr': ly\_test, 'Predicted lfgr': y3\_
polyreg\_pred

#### Out[26]:

	Actual Ifgr	Predicted Ifgr
0	0.042851	-0.140093
1	1.038437	0.984545
2	0.943869	1.018454
3	0.064808	0.068069
4	0.892240	0.939507
5	0.785129	0.678632

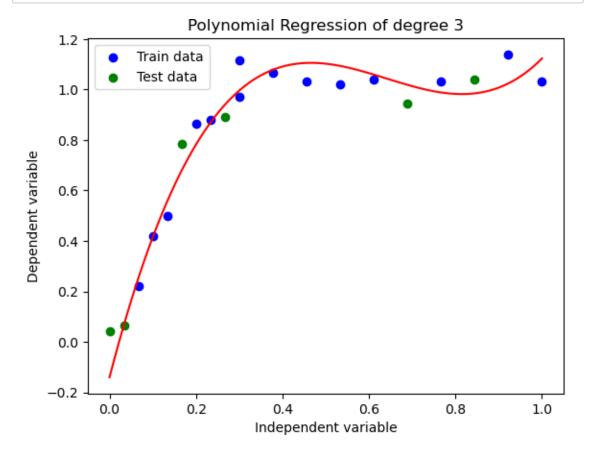
## **Polynomial Regression Degree 3 Plot**

```
In [27]: | plt.scatter(lx_train, ly_train, color='blue', label='Train data')
    plt.scatter(lx_test, ly_test, color='green', label='Test data')

# Create a range of values for x to plot the line
    x_range = np.linspace(x.min(), x.max(), 100).reshape(-1, 1)
    x_range_poly = poly.transform(x_range)
    y_range_poly = poly_reg.predict(x_range_poly)

plt.plot(x_range, y_range_poly, color='red')

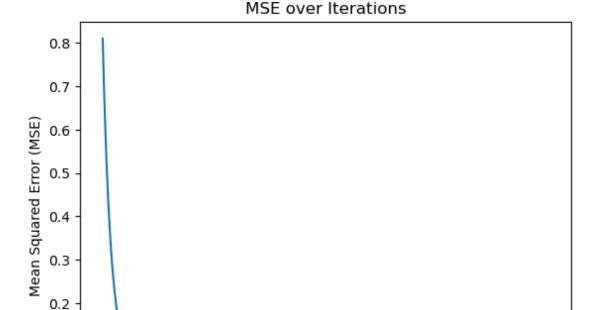
plt.title('Polynomial Regression of degree 3')
    plt.xlabel('Independent variable')
    plt.ylabel('Dependent variable')
    plt.legend()
    plt.show()
```



#### **MSE** over Iterations

```
In [31]:
          ▶ | from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error
             poly = PolynomialFeatures(degree=3)
             x train poly = poly.fit transform(lx train)
             x_test_poly = poly.transform(lx_test)
             # Gradient descent parameters
             theta = np.zeros(x_train_poly.shape[1])
             eta = 1e-2
             max_iterations = 1000
             MSE_values = np.zeros(max_iterations)
             # Define the gradient descent function for MSE
             def gradientMSE(x_poly, y, theta):
                 predictions = x_poly.dot(theta)
                 errors = predictions - y
                 gradient = 2 / x_poly.shape[0] * x_poly.T.dot(errors)
                 return gradient
             # Perform gradient descent
             for i in range(max_iterations):
                 theta -= eta * gradientMSE(x_train_poly, ly_train, theta)
                 MSE_values[i] = mean_squared_error(ly_train, x_train_poly.dot(theta))
             # Evaluation on test data
             y pred test = x test poly.dot(theta)
             test_mse = mean_squared_error(ly_test, y_pred_test)
             print("Test MSE:", test_mse)
             # Plot MSE values over iterations
             plt.plot(range(max_iterations), MSE_values)
             plt.xlabel('Iterations')
             plt.ylabel('Mean Squared Error (MSE)')
             plt.title('MSE over Iterations')
             plt.show()
             # Output the results
             print("The minimum MSE is", np.min(MSE_values))
             print("The final theta parameter values are", theta)
```

Test MSE: 0.1309878609240965



The minimum MSE is 0.04267865810730802
The final theta parameter values are [ 0.66438623 0.47132197 0.1076364 -0.05888018]

**Iterations** 

400

600

800

1000

- The graph showing Mean Squared Error (MSE) versus the number of iterations reveals a
  typical learning pattern during a model's training phase. Initially, MSE drops sharply,
  indicating effective parameter adjustments from their starting values as the model rapidly
  improves in predicting the training data. This suggests an effective learning rate that
  enables quick error reduction.
- As the training progresses, the MSE curve flattens, signaling that the model is nearing
  convergence and additional iterations yield increasingly smaller improvements. This phase
  is critical for deciding when to stop training to prevent overfitting and unnecessary
  computational expenditure. The stabilization of MSE at a lower level indicates the model
  has likely optimized its parameters to best fit the training data.

# **Polynomial Regression of Degree 9**

0.1

0

200

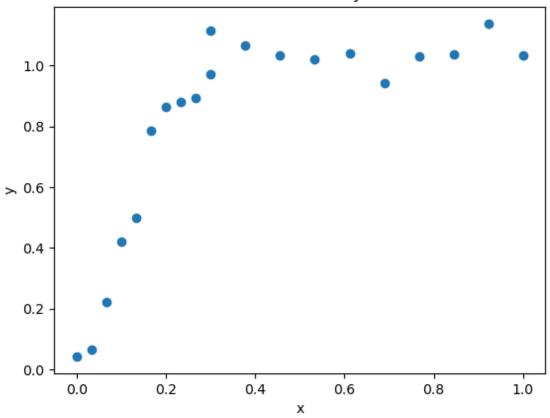
```
x=np.array(df['ftsw'])
In [32]:
             x= x[:, np.newaxis]
             y=np.array(df['lfgr'])
             k = 9 # order of polynomial features
             poly2 = PolynomialFeatures(degree=9)
In [33]:
             poly2
   Out[33]:
                  PolynomialFeatures ① ?
             PolynomialFeatures(degree=9)
In [35]:
          x9_train_poly = poly2.fit_transform(lx_train)
             x9_test_poly = poly2.transform(lx_test)
             print(x9_train_poly.shape)
             print(x9_test_poly.shape)
             (14, 10)
             (6, 10)
```

```
In [36]:

    | x_plot = poly.transform(x)

              plt.scatter(x_plot[:, 1], y)
              plt.xlabel('x')
              plt.ylabel('y')
              plt.title('Distribution of x and y values')
              plt.show()
```

#### Distribution of x and y values



```
In [37]:
             # Fitting the data
             poly2 reg = LinearRegression()
             poly2_reg.fit(x9_train_poly, ly_train)
             y9_pred_poly = poly2_reg.predict(x9_test_poly)
```

```
print("Coefficient:",poly2 reg.coef )
In [38]:
             print("\nIntercept:",poly2_reg.intercept_)
```

```
Coefficient: [ 0.00000000e+00 1.43467766e+01 -1.41354397e+02 1.0845504
1e+03
 -4.74575413e+03
                 1.18742492e+04 -1.74785287e+04 1.49671875e+04
```

-6.88234803e+03 1.30902665e+03]

Intercept: -0.3418657305312447

The minimising values of the parameters theta are [-3.41865731e-01 0.0 0000000e+00 1.43467766e+01 -1.41354397e+02

- 1.08455041e+03 -4.74575413e+03 1.18742492e+04 -1.74785287e+04
- 1.49671875e+04 -6.88234803e+03 1.30902665e+03]

In [40]: #Actual value and the predicted value
polyreg\_pred = pd.DataFrame({'Actual lfgr': ly\_test, 'Predicted lfgr': y9\_
polyreg\_pred

#### Out[40]:

	Actual Ifgr	Predicted Ifgr
0	0.042851	-0.341866
1	1.038437	1.060116
2	0.943869	1.039998
3	0.064808	0.014075
4	0.892240	0.995229
5	0.785129	0.683884

## **Polynomial Regression Degree 9 plot**

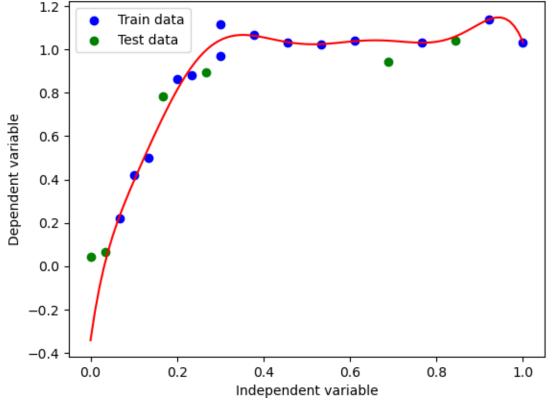
```
In [41]: | plt.scatter(lx_train, ly_train, color='blue', label='Train data')
    plt.scatter(lx_test, ly_test, color='green', label='Test data')

# Create a range of values for x to plot the line
    x_range = np.linspace(x.min(), x.max(), 100).reshape(-1, 1)
    x_range_poly = poly2.transform(x_range)
    y_range_poly = poly2_reg.predict(x_range_poly)

plt.plot(x_range, y_range_poly, color='red')

plt.title('Polynomial Regression of degree 9')
    plt.xlabel('Independent variable')
    plt.ylabel('Dependent variable')
    plt.legend()
    plt.show()
```

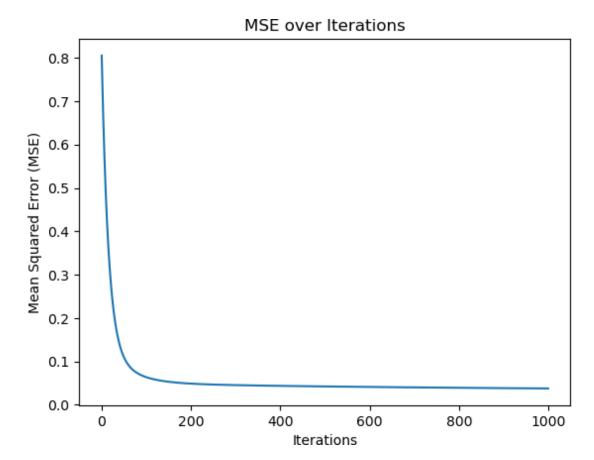
## Polynomial Regression of degree 9



#### **MSE** over Iterations

```
In [42]:
          ▶ | from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error
             poly = PolynomialFeatures(degree=9)
             x train poly = poly.fit transform(lx train)
             x_test_poly = poly.transform(lx_test)
             # Gradient descent parameters
             theta = np.zeros(x9_train_poly.shape[1])
             eta = 1e-2
             max_iterations = 1000
             MSE_values = np.zeros(max_iterations)
             # Define the gradient descent function for MSE
             def gradientMSE(x_poly, y, theta):
                 predictions = x_poly.dot(theta)
                 errors = predictions - y
                 gradient = 2 / x_poly.shape[0] * x_poly.T.dot(errors)
                 return gradient
             # Perform gradient descent
             for i in range(max_iterations):
                 theta -= eta * gradientMSE(x9_train_poly, ly_train, theta)
                 MSE_values[i] = mean_squared_error(ly_train, x9_train_poly.dot(theta))
             # Evaluation on test data
             y pred test = x test poly.dot(theta)
             test_mse = mean_squared_error(ly_test, y_pred_test)
             print("Test MSE:", test_mse)
             # Plot MSE values over iterations
             plt.plot(range(max_iterations), MSE_values)
             plt.xlabel('Iterations')
             plt.ylabel('Mean Squared Error (MSE)')
             plt.title('MSE over Iterations')
             plt.show()
             # Output the results
             print("The minimum MSE is", np.min(MSE_values))
             print("The final theta parameter values are", theta)
```

Test MSE: 0.12649898429995443



The minimum MSE is 0.03759822560430883
The final theta parameter values are [ 0.64383997 0.52717651 0.1958898 9 0.04486465 -0.01956614 -0.04876702 -0.06322992 -0.07113094 -0.07591415 -0.07912216]

# TASK 2

## **Evaluation of performance using Metrics**

## **Linear Regression**

```
In [43]:
             from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error, mean absolute error, r2 s¢
             # Predictions
             y_train_pred = reg.predict(lx_train)
             y_test_pred = reg.predict(lx_test)
             # Calculate metrics for training data
             li_mse_train = mean_squared_error(ly_train, y_train_pred)
             li_rmse_train = root_mean_squared_error(ly_train, y_train_pred)
             li_mae_train = mean_absolute_error(ly_train, y_train_pred)
             li_r2_train = r2_score(ly_train, y_train_pred)
             # Calculate metrics for testing data
             li_mse_test = mean_squared_error(ly_test, y_test_pred)
             li_rmse_test = root_mean_squared_error(ly_test, y_test_pred)
             li_mae_test = mean_absolute_error(ly_test, y_test_pred)
             li_r2_test = r2_score(ly_test, y_test_pred)
             # Printing the metrics
             print("Training data Metrics:")
             print("MSE:", li_mse_train)
             print("RMSE:", li_rmse_train)
             print("MAE:", li_mae_train)
             print("R-squared:", li r2 train)
             print("\nTesting data Metrics:")
             print("MSE:", li_mse_test)
             print("RMSE:", li_rmse_test)
             print("MAE:", li_mae_test)
             print("R-squared:", li_r2_test)
             Training data Metrics:
             MSE: 0.04078057967062276
             RMSE: 0.20194202056685173
             MAE: 0.17343639517068551
             R-squared: 0.46607246596419594
             Testing data Metrics:
             MSE: 0.1116900577085899
             RMSE: 0.3342006249374616
             MAE: 0.25489132204288384
             R-squared: 0.34449659280736955
```

## **Explanation of metrics:**

The metrics MSE, RMSE, MAE, and R-squared are standard measures used to evaluate the performance of regression models. Each metric provides a different perspective on how well the model predicts the target variable.

#### 1. MSE (Mean Squared Error)

- It measures the average of the squares of the errors between predicted and actual values.
- A lower MSE indicates better model performance with less deviation from actual values.
   High MSE implies larger error magnitudes.

#### 2. RMSE (Root Mean Squared Error)

- It is the square root of MSE.
- RMSE provides error magnitude in the same units as the target variable, making it more interpretable than MSE. Like MSE, a lower RMSE value indicates a better model.

#### 3. MAE (Mean Absolute Error)

- It measures the average of the absolute differences between predicted and actual values.
- MAE gives a direct idea of the error magnitude without squaring the differences, thus not overly penalizing larger errors compared to RMSE. Lower MAE indicates better accuracy.

#### 4. R-squared (Coefficient of Determination)

- It measures the proportion of variance in the dependent variable that is predictable from the independent variables.
- R-squared values range from 0 to 1, with higher values generally indicating a better fit of the model to the data. An R-squared of 1 means the model perfectly predicts the target variable.
- The training data results show moderate errors (MSE, RMSE, MAE) and a somewhat low R-squared, suggesting that the model explains less than half of the variance in the target variable. This could indicate underfitting, where the model is not complex enough to capture all the patterns in the training data.
- The test data results reveal higher errors and a lower R-squared compared to the training metrics. This further indicates that the model's ability to generalize to unseen data is limited, confirming potential underfitting or that the model's assumptions and features are not capturing the underlying trends effectively.

#### Conclusion

The model shows a drop in performance from training to testing, with all metrics indicating worse results on unseen data which indicates **underfitting** i.e, the model may be too simple, lacking the necessary complexity to capture the underlying relationships in the data adequately.

## **Polynomial Regression of Degree 3**

```
In [44]:
          # Generate predictions
             y_train_pred = poly_reg.predict(x3_train_poly)
             y_test_pred = poly_reg.predict(x3_test_poly)
             # Calculate Mean Squared Error (MSE)
             p3_mse_train = mean_squared_error(ly_train, y_train_pred)
             p3_mse_test = mean_squared_error(ly_test, y_test_pred)
             # Calculate Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)
             p3 rmse test = root mean squared error(ly test, y test pred)
             p3_rmse_train = root_mean_squared_error(ly_train, y_train_pred)
             # Calculate Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
             p3_mae_train = mean_absolute_error(ly_train, y_train_pred)
             p3_mae_test = mean_absolute_error(ly_test, y_test_pred)
             # Calculate R-squared
             p3_r2_train = r2_score(ly_train, y_train_pred)
             p3_r2_test = r2_score(ly_test, y_test_pred)
             # Print metrics
             print("Training Data Metrics:")
             print("MSE:", p3_mse_train)
             print("RMSE:", p3_rmse_train)
             print("MAE:", p3_mae_train)
             print("R-squared:", p3_r2_train)
             print("\nTesting Data Metrics:")
             print("MSE:", p3_mse_test)
             print("RMSE:", p3_rmse_test)
             print("MAE:", p3_mae_test)
             print("R-squared:", p3_r2_test)
```

Training Data Metrics:
MSE: 0.00426934883681187
RMSE: 0.06534025433690835
MAE: 0.05368320418119332
R-squared: 0.9441027343213638

Testing Data Metrics:
MSE: 0.009253686627022055
RMSE: 0.09619608426033803
MAE: 0.07807437199612968
R-squared: 0.9456905723074103

The model's performance, reflected through training and testing metrics, exhibits best
accuracy and excellent generalizability. For the training data, the MSE, RMSE, and MAE
are impressively low, and the R-squared value is exceptionally high at 0.9441. These
metrics indicate that the model achieves a near-perfect fit, capturing approximately
94.41% of the variance in the training data.

On the testing data metrics, MSE, RMSE, and MAE values are relatively low, suggesting
that the model maintains good predictive accuracy on unseen data. Remarkably, the Rsquared value for the test data is even higher than for the training data, at 0.9457. This
suggests that the model not only performs well in a controlled training environment but
also excels when applied to new datasets, thereby confirming its ability to generalize well.
Such high performance on both training and testing sets indicates that the model is welltuned and best-fit

# **Polynomial Regression of Degree 9**

```
In [45]:
          # Generate predictions
             y_train_pred = poly2_reg.predict(x9_train_poly)
             y_test_pred = poly2_reg.predict(x9_test_poly)
             # Calculate Mean Squared Error (MSE)
             p9_mse_train = mean_squared_error(ly_train, y_train_pred)
             p9_mse_test = mean_squared_error(ly_test, y_test_pred)
             # Calculate Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)
             p9_rmse_test = root_mean_squared_error(ly_test, y_test_pred)
             p9_rmse_train = root_mean_squared_error(ly_train, y_train_pred)
             # Calculate Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
             p9_mae_train = mean_absolute_error(ly_train, y_train_pred)
             p9_mae_test = mean_absolute_error(ly_test, y_test_pred)
             # Calculate R-squared
             p9_r2_train = r2_score(ly_train, y_train_pred)
             p9_r2_test = r2_score(ly_test, y_test_pred)
             # Print metrics
             print("Training Data Metrics:")
             print("MSE:", p9_mse_train)
             print("RMSE:", p9_rmse_train)
             print("MAE:", p9_mae_train)
             print("R-squared:", p9_r2_train)
             print("\nTesting Data Metrics:")
             print("MSE:", p9_mse_test)
             print("RMSE:", p9_rmse_test)
             print("MAE:", p9_mae_test)
             print("R-squared:", p9_r2_test)
```

Training Data Metrics: MSE: 0.0012211494140611334 RMSE: 0.03494494833393138 MAE: 0.022723283380213684 R-squared: 0.9840118678889547

Testing Data Metrics:
MSE: 0.03019147699157865
RMSE: 0.1737569480382832
MAE: 0.12624863797092398
R-squared: 0.8228077194857099

- For the training data, MSE, RMSE, and MAE are exceptionally low, accompanied by an
  extremely high R-squared value of 0.9840. These values indicate that the model provides
  an almost perfect fit to the training data, capturing approximately 98.4% of the variance.
  Such metrics suggest that the model has effectively learned the patterns and nuances of
  the training set, potentially to the point of overfitting given the very high level of fit.
- However, when evaluating the testing data metrics, there is a notable increase in error metrics (MSE, RMSE, and MAE) and a significant drop in the R-squared value to 0.8228. While an R-squared of 0.8228 still indicates a strong predictive performance, capturing about 82.28% of the variance in the test dataset, the relative increase in error metrics compared to the training data suggests that the model does not generalize as effectively to unseen data. This performance degradation could be indicative of the model overfitting the training data, where it learns specific details and noise not applicable to the broader dataset. This is evidenced by its high precision in training predictions and diminished accuracy in test predictions, a classic sign of overfitting in machine learning models.

## **Cross-Validation**

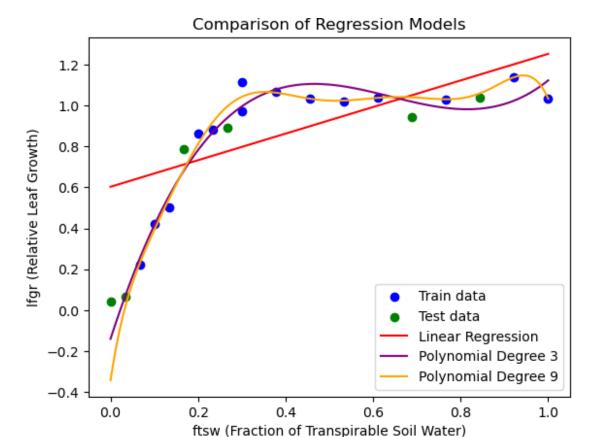
```
In [46]:
          import numpy as np
             from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score, KFold
             from sklearn.pipeline import make_pipeline
             X = df[['ftsw']].values # Make sure it's a 2D array for sklearn
             y = df['lfgr'].values
             # Setting up KFold cross-validation
             kf = KFold(n_splits=5, shuffle=True, random_state=42)
             # Linear regression model
             linear_scores = cross_val_score(LinearRegression(), X, y, cv=kf, scoring='
             # Polynomial regression model of degree 3
             poly3 pipeline = make pipeline(PolynomialFeatures(degree=3), LinearRegress
             poly3_scores = cross_val_score(poly3_pipeline, X, y, cv=kf, scoring='r2')
             # Polynomial regression model of degree 9
             poly9_pipeline = make_pipeline(PolynomialFeatures(degree=9), LinearRegress
             poly9_scores = cross_val_score(poly9_pipeline, X, y, cv=kf, scoring='r2')
             # Print average R-squared scores for each model
             print("Average R-squared for Linear Regression:", np.mean(linear_scores))
             print("Average R-squared for Polynomial Regression (degree 3):", np.mean(p
             print("Average R-squared for Polynomial Regression (degree 9):", np.mean(r
             Average R-squared for Linear Regression: -1.3267654920587586
             Average R-squared for Polynomial Regression (degree 3): 0.65555578002424
             Average R-squared for Polynomial Regression (degree 9): 0.11090151857968
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```

- Overfitting Detection: Cross-validation is more effective at detecting overfitting than a simple train-test split. When you fit a high-degree polynomial model (like degree 9), it tends to learn not just the underlying pattern but also the noise specific to the training data. This model might perform well on one particular split of the data (your test set), but when the model is evaluated across multiple different splits (as in cross-validation), the tendency to overfit becomes apparent. Each fold in cross-validation uses different subsets of data for training and testing, exposing the model to various scenarios.
- Variability in Small Datasets: With a small dataset, each fold in a cross-validation
  process might represent a significantly different statistical profile. A degree 9 polynomial
  model, which is highly sensitive to slight variations in data, might fit some of these folds
  poorly if those particular subsets of data don't represent the general trend well, resulting in
  lower average R-squared values across folds.
- **Generalization Capability:** Cross-validation provides a better measure of how well the model generalizes to unseen data. If cross-validation shows a lower R-squared value, it suggests that the model, despite fitting the training set very well, might not perform consistently across different sets of data.

## TASK 3

# **Comparison of Regression Models**

```
▶ # Initialize polynomial features and regression models
In [51]:
             poly = PolynomialFeatures(degree=3)
             poly2 = PolynomialFeatures(degree=9)
             poly_reg = LinearRegression()
             poly2_reg = LinearRegression()
             reg = LinearRegression()
             # Degree 3 polynomial
             x_train_poly3 = poly.fit_transform(lx_train)
             poly_reg.fit(x_train_poly3, ly_train)
             # Degree 9 polynomial
             x_train_poly9 = poly2.fit_transform(lx_train)
             poly2_reg.fit(x_train_poly9, ly_train)
             # Linear model
             reg.fit(lx_train, ly_train)
             # Scatter plot of the training and testing data
             plt.scatter(lx train, ly train, color='blue', label='Train data')
             plt.scatter(lx_test, ly_test, color='green', label='Test data')
             # Range of values for plotting the models' predictions
             x_{\text{range}} = \text{np.linspace}(x.min(), x.max(), 100).reshape(-1, 1)
             # Predictions from the linear regression model
             y range linear = reg.predict(x range)
             plt.plot(x_range, y_range_linear, color='red', label='Linear Regression')
             # Transform and Predictions from the polynomial degree 3 model
             x_range_poly3 = poly.transform(x_range) # Assuming 'poly' is fitted with
             y_range_poly3 = poly_reg.predict(x_range_poly3) # 'poly_reg' is the regre
             plt.plot(x_range, y_range_poly3, color='purple', label='Polynomial Degree
             # Transform and Predictions from the polynomial degree 9 model
             x_range_poly9 = poly2.transform(x_range) # Assuming 'poly2' is fitted wit
             y_range_poly9 = poly2_reg.predict(x_range_poly9) # 'poly2_reg' is the req
             plt.plot(x_range, y_range_poly9, color='orange', label='Polynomial Degree
             # Plot settings
             plt.title('Comparison of Regression Models')
             plt.xlabel('ftsw (Fraction of Transpirable Soil Water)')
             plt.ylabel('lfgr (Relative Leaf Growth)')
             plt.legend()
             plt.show()
```



### **Linear Regression**

- **Performance:** The linear regression model does not capture the non-linear relationship between ftsw and lfgr. The line is straight and does not follow the evident curved trend displayed by the data points.
- **Underfitting:** This model is likely underfitting the data. Underfitting occurs when a model is too simple to capture the underlying pattern of the data. It is characterized by a high bias and low variance, leading to poor performance on both training and test data, as the model cannot account for the complexity of the data.

## **Polynomial Regression Degree 3**

- **Performance:** The degree 3 polynomial appears to fit the data much better than the linear model. It captures the curvature of the data points, reflecting the underlying pattern more accurately without fitting excessively to minor fluctuations or noise.
- **Good Fit:** This model strikes a good balance between bias and variance. It is complex enough to understand the underlying trends in the data without being swayed by noise. There is no apparent sign of overfitting or underfitting, as it generalizes well to the test data (assuming the green points in the plot represent test data).

## **Polynomial Regression Degree 9**

• **Performance:** The degree 9 polynomial fits the training data points almost perfectly, as evidenced by its path through nearly every point.

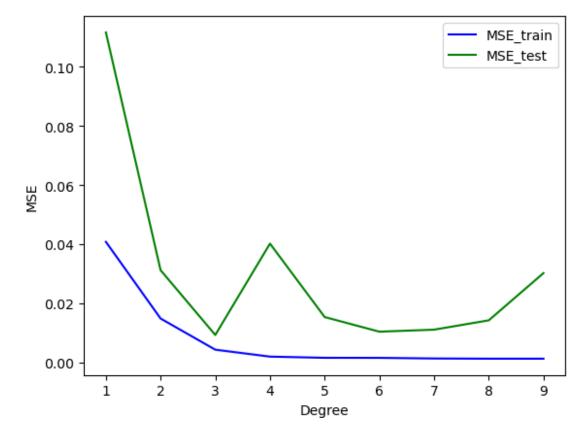
Overfitting: This model is overfitting the data. Overfitting happens when a model is too
complex, capturing noise and anomalies in the training data, which should not generalize
to unseen data. The erratic behavior towards the extremes of the ftsw scale, especially
near 1.0, is a classic indication of overfitting. Such a model will likely perform poorly on
new, unseen data because it is overly tailored to the specific sample it was trained on.

#### **Conclusion:**

Choosing the right complexity for a model is crucial. The degree 3 polynomial regression model is the most appropriate among the three for this dataset. It provides a good generalization capability, which is what predictive modeling aims for — excellent performance on unseen data. The linear model's lack of flexibility and the degree 9 model's excessive complexity demonstrate the balance that needs to be achieved for optimal machine learning

## Comparing MSE value and Degree of Regression

```
In [52]:
          x=np.array(df['ftsw'])
             y=np.array(df['lfgr'])
             x train, x test, y train, y test = train test split(x, y, test size=0.3, r
             # Function to compute MSE
             def MSE(X, y, theta):
                 predictions = X.dot(theta[1:]) + theta[0]
                 return np.mean((y - predictions) ** 2)
             # Function to fit and evaluate polynomial regression
             def FitAndEvaluate(degree):
                 poly = PolynomialFeatures(degree)
                 X train = poly.fit transform(x train[:, np.newaxis])
                 X_test = poly.transform(x_test[:, np.newaxis])
                 lin reg = LinearRegression()
                 lin_reg.fit(X_train, y_train)
                 theta = np.hstack((lin_reg.intercept_, lin_reg.coef_))
                 return MSE(X_train, y_train, theta), MSE(X_test, y_test, theta)
             # Initialize variables for the maximum degree
             max_degree = 10
             MSE_train = np.zeros(max_degree - 1)
             MSE test = np.zeros(max degree - 1)
             # Calculate MSE for each polynomial degree
             for degree in range(1, max degree):
                 MSE_train[degree - 1], MSE_test[degree - 1] = FitAndEvaluate(degree)
             # Plotting the results
             fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1)
             degree_range = range(1, max_degree)
             ax.plot(degree_range, MSE_train, 'b', label='MSE_train')
             ax.plot(degree_range, MSE_test, 'g', label='MSE_test')
             ax.set xticks(degree range)
             ax.set_xlabel('Degree')
             ax.set_ylabel('MSE')
             ax.legend()
             plt.show()
```



#### **Observations:**

- **Training MSE:** The MSE for the training data generally decreases as the degree of the polynomial increases. This is expected as more complex models can fit the training data better, capturing more of its nuances and reducing error.
- **Testing MSE**: The MSE for the testing data also decreases initially as the model complexity increases but shows a different trend as the degree goes beyond 3.

## **Optimal Point (Degree 3):**

The testing MSE decreases initially, reaching a minimum at degree 3, and then increases, dips slightly at degree 6, and begins rising again. This suggests that a polynomial of degree 3 is potentially the optimal complexity for this dataset as it provides the best generalization before the model starts to overfit.

## **Overfitting Beyond Optimal Degree:**

Beyond degree 3, the MSE for the testing data starts to increase despite further decreases or steadiness in the training MSE. This is indicative of overfitting, where the model starts to learn not only the underlying data patterns but also the noise specific to the training set. This does not generalize well, hence the increase in MSE when the model is applied to the test set. Notably, the dip in MSE at degree 6 might suggest a temporary alignment where the model's complexity captures some broader patterns that are also present in the test data but rises again as the model complexity continues to increase.

## **Underfitting at Very Low Degrees:**

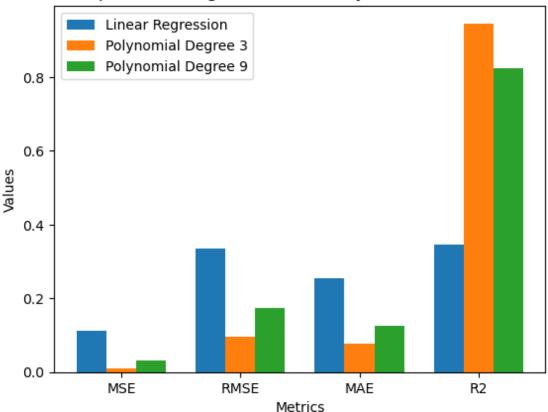
At degree 1 (and to some extent, degree 2), both the training and testing MSEs are relatively high compared to more complex models, indicating underfitting. The model is too simple to

# TASK 4

# Comparison of Regression models by metrics

```
In [53]:
          # values of metrics
             metrics = {
                 'Linear Regression': {'MSE': li_mse_test, 'RMSE': li_rmse_test, 'MAE':
                 'Polynomial Degree 3': {'MSE': p3_mse_test, 'RMSE': p3_rmse_test, 'MAE
                 'Polynomial Degree 9': {'MSE': p9_mse_test, 'RMSE': p9_rmse_test, 'MAE
             }
             # Prepare the metric names from any one of the entries
             metric_names = list(metrics['Linear Regression'].keys())
             n_groups = len(metric_names)
             index = np.arange(n_groups)
             bar_width = 0.25
             fig, ax = plt.subplots()
             # Plot each set of metrics
             for i, (model_name, model_metrics) in enumerate(metrics.items()):
                 bar_positions = index + i * bar_width
                 metric_values = [model_metrics[metric] for metric in metric_names]
                 ax.bar(bar_positions, metric_values, bar_width, label=model name)
             # Add some text for labels, title, and axes ticks
             ax.set_xlabel('Metrics')
             ax.set_ylabel('Values')
             ax.set_title('Comparison of Regression Models by Metrics for test data')
             ax.set_xticks(index + bar_width) # Adjust this if needed to center labels
             ax.set xticklabels(metric names)
             ax.legend()
             plt.show()
```





- The Linear Regression model shows relatively higher MSE, RMSE, and MAE values, suggesting it is less accurate than the polynomial models, likely due to its inability to capture the more complex patterns in the data. The Polynomial Degree 3 model, on the other hand, demonstrates significantly better performance on these error metrics, indicating a more accurate fit on the dataset, which typically points to an effective balance between model complexity and performance.
- The Polynomial Degree 9 model, while achieving similar low error metrics, stands out with a very high R-squared value nearly reaching 0.9, suggesting that it explains almost all the variability in the predicted variable. However, the closeness of R2 to 1, especially when combined with lower MSE, RMSE, and MAE values, could also indicate potential overfitting where the model fits the training data exceedingly well but may not perform similarly on unseen data. Thus, while the Polynomial Degree 9 model appears to be the most precise in terms of error reduction and data variance explanation, it might be overly complex, risking overfitting compared to the more balanced Polynomial Degree 3 model.

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