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PHYS 512 – Assignment 4

Question 2:

For question 2, I used the Levenberg-Marquardt method to estimate the best-fit parameters. This yielded the following parameters:

68.4955561
0.0224189493
0.116905708
 $7.55198229 \cdot 10^{-3}$
 $1.89729855 \cdot 10^{-9}$
0.972141191

The errors on the above parameters are:

0.0139406724
 $8.40185631 \cdot 10^{-6}$
 $2.62517409 \cdot 10^{-5}$
 $6.03138512 \cdot 10^{-5}$
 $2.28801801 \cdot 10^{-13}$
 $1.51423932 \cdot 10^{-4}$

The X^2 value of this fit is 2584.6034, with a p-value of 0.1193. Obviously, this fit is much better than the fit from question 1 (where the p-value was $1.149 \cdot 10^{-23}$). Since $p = 0.11193 > 0.05$, we deem this an acceptable fit. Indeed, the plot below seems to agree with this statement.

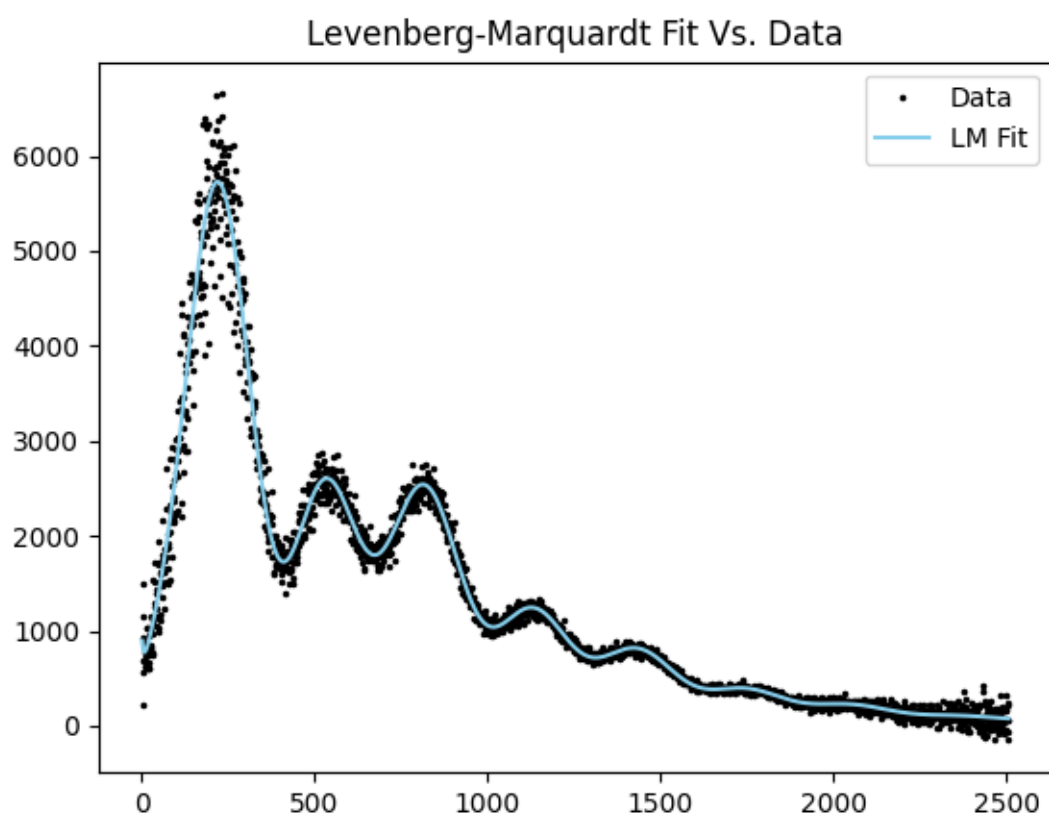


Figure 1: Plot of the Levenberg-Marquardt Fit vs. Our Data