

Figure 1: Interpolation vs. curve fitting.

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Practice Problems for Exam #2

1. What is the difference between curve fitting and interpolation? Answer this question by showing what the difference between these two approaches is using the points given in Figure 1

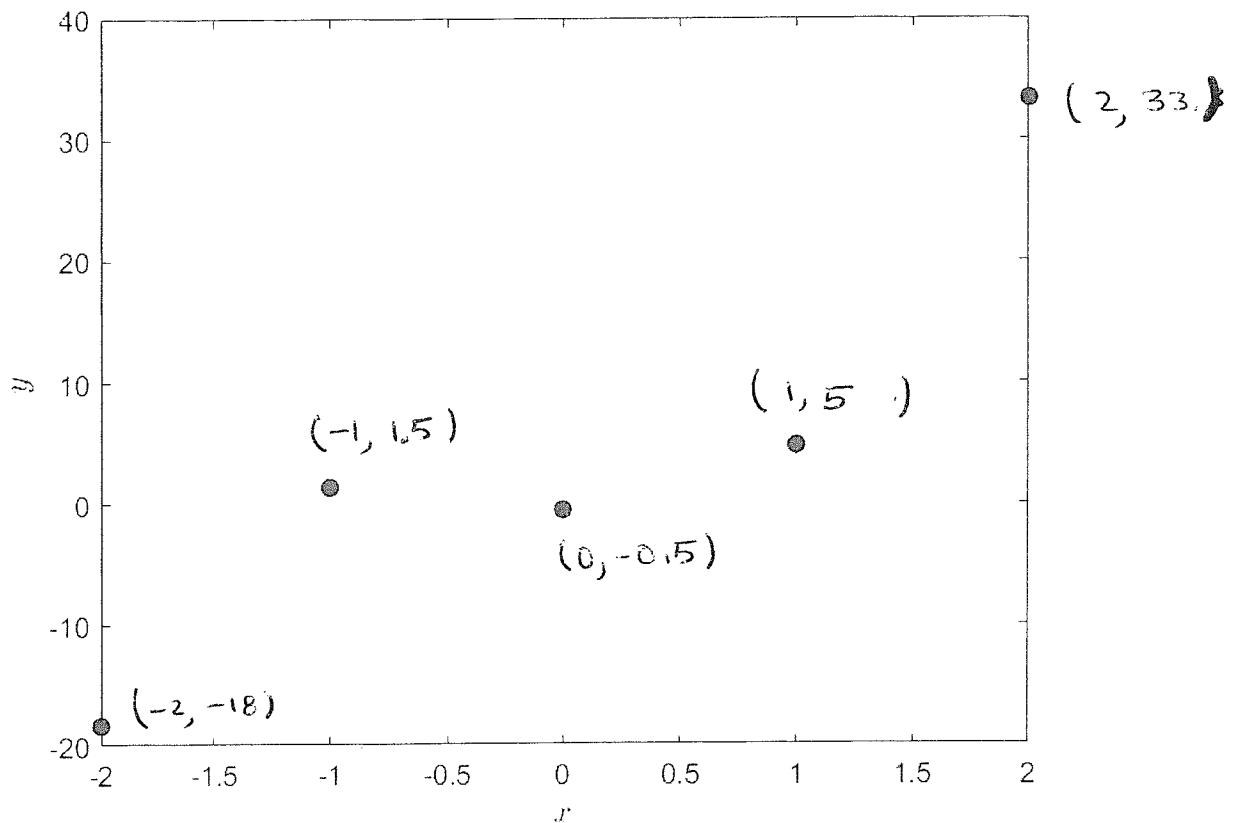


Figure 2: Least squares curve fitting.

2. *Least Squares Curve Fitting*: For the data shown in Figure 2, determine the coefficient of a third order polynomial that fits the given data. Note, it will be difficult to do this problem by hand, so show clearly how you would set up in MATLAB to solve.

$$y = a_3 x^3 + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0 \quad \text{NEED TO DETERMINE } a_i$$

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^5 (y_i - [a_3 x_i^3 + a_2 x_i^2 + a_1 x_i + a_0])^2$$

SET UP FOUR EQUATIONS FOR SOLVING FOR a_j FOR $j = 0, 1, 2, 3$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial a_i} = 0 \rightarrow \text{EQUATION FOR } a_i$$

THIS WILL LEAD TO A SYSTEM OF EQUATIONS

FOR a_i WHICH LOOKS AS FOLLOWS:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \\ y_5 \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{Z}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1^3 & x_1^2 & x_1 & 1 \\ x_2^3 & x_2^2 & x_2 & 1 \\ x_3^3 & x_3^2 & x_3 & 1 \\ x_4^3 & x_4^2 & x_4 & 1 \\ x_5^3 & x_5^2 & x_5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{[M]} \begin{bmatrix} a_3 \\ a_2 \\ a_1 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_3 \\ a_2 \\ a_1 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{pinv}([M]) \cdot \underline{Z}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} (-2)^3 & (-2)^2 & -2 & 1 \\ (-1)^3 & (-1)^2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5^3 & 5^2 & 5 & 1 \\ 2^3 & 2^2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -18 \\ 1.5 \\ -0.5 \\ 5 \\ 33 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3.7 \\ 1.8 \\ -1.9 \\ 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

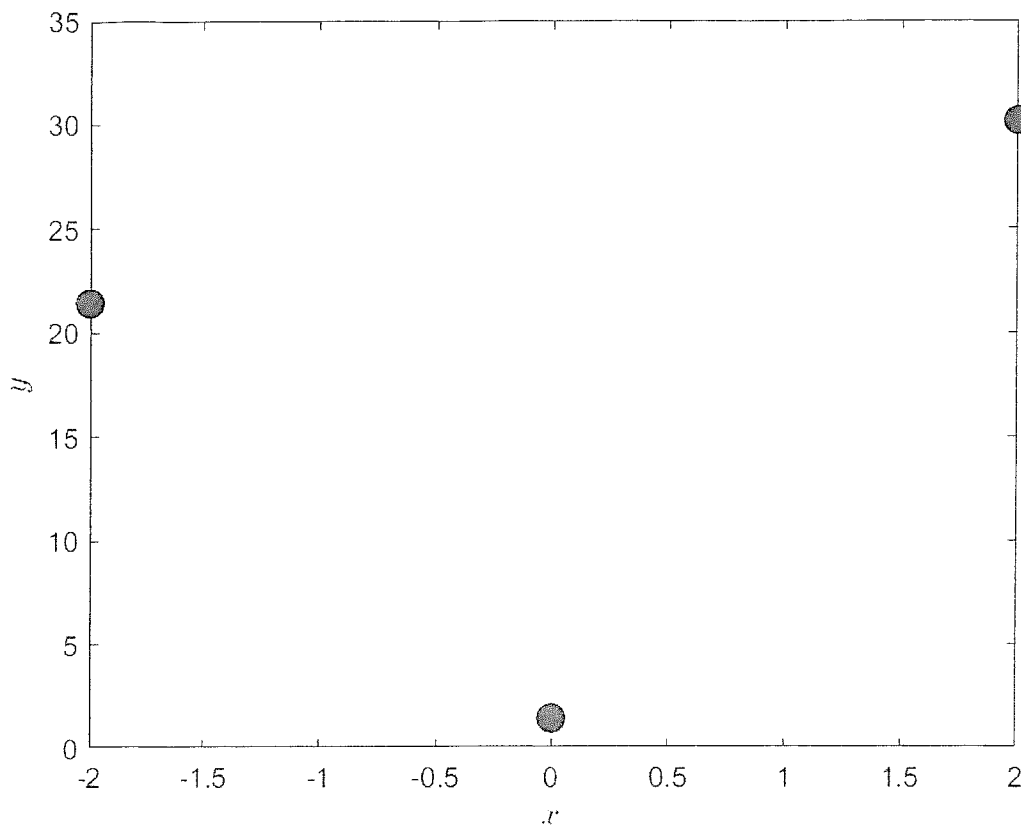


Figure 3: Lagrangian interpolation.

3. *Interpolation:* For the data shown in Figure 3, use Lagrangian interpolation to determine the value of $f(x)$ at $x = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(x) &= a_1(x-x_2)(x-x_3) + a_2(x-x_1)(x-x_3) + a_3(x-x_1)(x-x_2) \\
 &= a_1 x(x-2) + a_2(x+2)(x-2) + a_3(x+2)(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$@ \quad x = -2, \quad p(x) = 8a_1 = 21 \rightarrow a_1 = \frac{21}{8}$$

$$@ \quad x = 0, \quad p(x) = -4a_2 = 1.5 \rightarrow a_2 = -\frac{3}{8}$$

$$@ \quad x = 2, \quad p(x) = 8a_3 = 30 \rightarrow a_3 = \frac{30}{8}$$

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{8} [21x(x-2) - 3(x-2)(x+2) + 30x(x+2)]$$

Thus, @ $x=1$

$$p(1) = \frac{1}{8} [(21 \times -1) - 3(-1)(3) + 30 \times 3]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} [-21 + 9 + 90]$$

$$\approx \underline{\underline{9.75}}$$

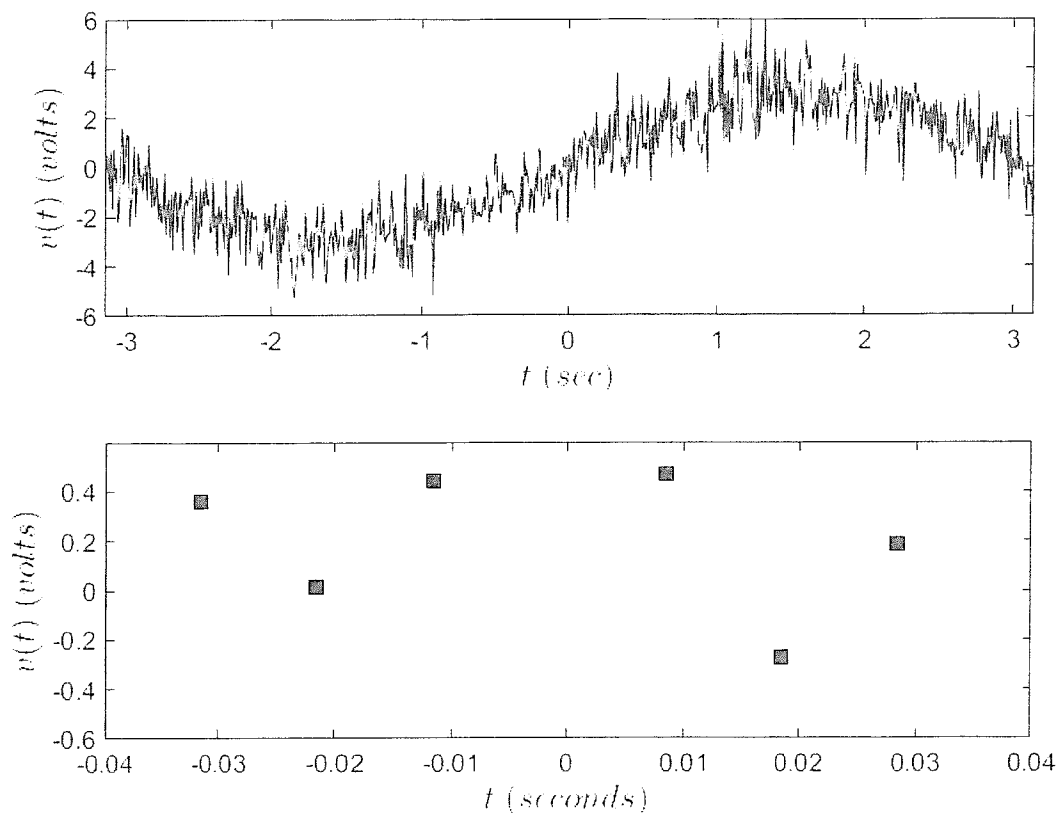


Figure 4: Time history of voltage $v(t)$ across an electronic component.

4. Numerical Differentiation: The upper plot shown in Figure 4 is experimental data collected by measuring the voltage across some electronic component. The lower figure is a zoom-in around $t = 0$ seconds. Explain how you would use a forward difference to generate an accurate estimate of the derivative of $v(t)$. Then calculate and report the value of your estimate for the derivative.

You might be tempted to use a forward difference, backward difference or central difference to calculate the derivative. For example if we do a central difference (two point) we get

$$\dot{v}(t) = \frac{0.43 - 0.48}{2 \times 0.01} = \frac{-0.05}{0.02} \approx -2.5 \leftarrow$$

THIS, HOWEVER, IS A POOR ESTIMATE DUE TO NOISE BECAUSE
NOTE

$$V(t) \approx 3 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}t\right)$$

$$\dot{V}(t) = \pi \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}t\right) \text{ WHICH @ } t=0 \quad \dot{V} = \pi = 3.14159..$$

SO YOUR BEST BET IS TO:

① FILTER $V(t)$ AND THEN APPLY NUMERICAL DIFF.
~~TAKEN~~ TECHNIQUES.

② FIT A CURVE TO $V(t)$ AND DIFFERENTIATE
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② IS AS FOLLOWS:

$$\dot{V}(t) \approx \frac{\text{RISE}}{\text{RUN}} = \frac{6.3}{2} \approx 3.15$$

5. *Numerical Integration*: Evaluate the definite integral below using (i) The rectangular, (ii) Trapezoidal and (3) Simpson's 3/8 rule using a step size $h = 0.3142$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{\cos x + 2}}$$

$$x_1 = 0 \quad x_2 = 0.3142 \quad x_3 = 0.6182 \quad x_4 = 0.9426$$

$$x_5 = 1.250 \quad x_6 = 1.570$$

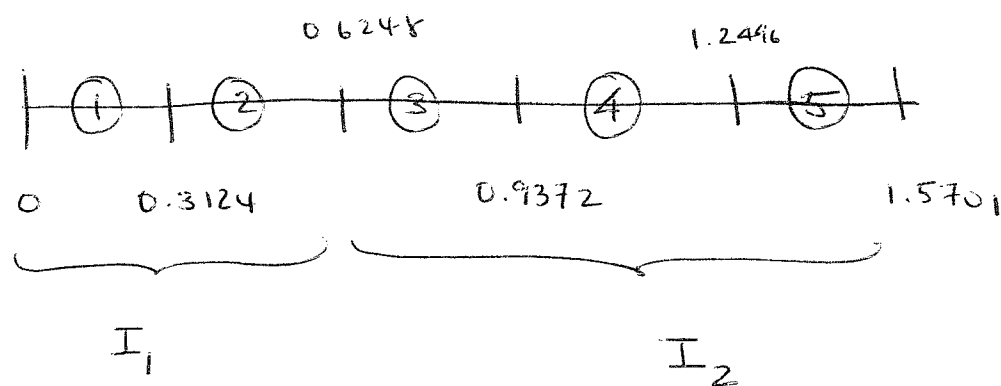
$$f(x_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad f(x_2) = 0.5821 \quad f(x_3) = 0.5961$$

$$f(x_4) = 0.6211 \quad f(x_5) = 0.6571 \quad f(x_6) = 0.7071$$

$$\begin{aligned} i) \quad I(f) &= h \cdot \sum_{i=1}^5 = (0.3142) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + 0.5821 + 0.5961 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 0.6211 + 0.6571 \right) \quad \left[\text{NOTE: You can also go from } i=2:6 \right] \\ &= 0.9479 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ii) \quad I(f) &= \frac{h}{2} [f(x_1) + f(x_2)] + \frac{h}{2} [f(x_2) + f(x_3)] + \dots \\ &= \frac{h}{2} \left[f(x_1) + 2 \sum_{i=2}^5 f(x_i) + f(x_6) \right] \\ &= 0.9679 \end{aligned}$$

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$$I_1 = \frac{h}{8} \left[f(0) + 4f(0.3124) + f(0.6248) \right] = 0.3647$$

$$I_2 = \frac{3h}{8} \left[f(0.6248) + 4 \left[f(0.9372) + f(1.2496) \right] + f(1.5701) \right] = 0.6020$$

$$I = I_1 + I_2 = \underline{\underline{0.9667}}$$

6. What is the advantage of the Runge-Kutta method over the Euler method when it comes to solving ODEs numerically? What is the advantage of Euler's method over the Runge-Kutta approach?

For the same step size, RK generates more accurate results than Euler.

Euler is less complex and less intensive on computer resources.

7. Solving ODEs numerically: Consider the following ordinary differential equation:

$$y'' = \frac{1}{2}(x + y + y' + 2)$$

$$y(0) = 0$$

$$y'(0) = 0$$

Solve this differential equation numerically using Euler's method for $0 \leq x \leq 5$ and a step size $h = 1$. Show your work clearly and report the value of y and y' at each of the six point in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 5$.

Define Intermediate Variable \underline{v}

$$\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y' \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{v}' = \begin{bmatrix} y'' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(x + v_2 + v_1 + 2) \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{f(x, \underline{v})}$

$$\underline{v}(2) = \overset{[0, 0]^T}{\underline{v}(1)} + h \cdot f(x, \underline{v}(1)) = [3, 0]^T$$

$$\underline{v}(3) = \overset{[3, 0]^T}{\underline{v}(2)} + h \cdot f(x, \underline{v}(2)) = [10, 3]^T$$

$$\underline{v}(4) = \overset{[10, 3]^T}{\underline{v}(3)} + h \cdot f(x, \underline{v}(3)) = [28, 13]^T$$

$$\underline{v}(5) = \overset{[28, 13]^T}{\underline{v}(4)} + h \cdot f(x, \underline{v}(4)) = [75, 41]^T$$

8. Solving ODEs numerically: Consider the following ordinary differential equation:

$$y' = x + y = f(x, y)$$

$$y(0) = 0$$

Solve this differential equation numerically using the Runge-Kutta method for $0 \leq x \leq 5$ and a step size $h = 1$. Show your work clearly and report the value of y and y' at each of the six point in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 5$.

STEP 1 for $k = 2$

$$k_1 = f(0, 0) = 0$$

$$k_2 = f(0.5, 0) = 0.5$$

$$k_3 = f(0.5, \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0.5) = 0.75$$

$$k_4 = f(1, 0.75) = 1.75$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + 1 \cdot (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) = 0.7083$$

REPEAT FOR $k = 3, 4, 5$

K	X	Y	K1	K2	K3	K4	y(k+1)
1.0000	0	0	0	0.5000	0.7500	1.7500	0.7083
2.0000	1.0000	0.7083	1.7083	3.0625	3.7396	6.4479	4.3351
3.0000	2.0000	4.3351	6.3351	10.0026	11.8364	19.1714	15.8658
4.0000	3.0000	15.8658	18.8658	28.7987	33.7652	53.6310	48.8032
5.0000	4.0000	48.8032	52.8032	79.7049	93.1557	146.9589	139.7171

SOLUTION