

# Quadratic Interpolation Between Thermodynamic Curve Fits

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We seek to blend the two thermodynamic curve fits in such a way that we maintain  $c_0$  continuity in both specific heat ( $C_p$ ) and enthalpy ( $h$ ). To accomplish this, a quadratic function must be used, of the form

$$aT^2 + bT + c = C_p \quad (1)$$

The coefficients  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are determined by solving the system that results from the boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} aT_1^2 + bT_1 + c = C_{p_1} \\ aT_2^2 + bT_2 + c = C_{p_2} \\ a\frac{(T_2^3 - T_1^3)}{3} + b\frac{(T_2^2 - T_1^2)}{2} + c(T_2 - T_1) = h_2 - h_1 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Where the  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  subscripts describe the left and right states, respectively. Solving the linear system, the coefficients are

$$\begin{cases} a = \frac{3(C_{p_2} + C_{p_1})}{(T_2 - T_1)^2} - \frac{6(h_2 - h_1)}{(T_2 - T_1)^3} \\ b = -\frac{2[(C_{p_2} + 2C_{p_1})T_2 + (2C_{p_2} + C_{p_1})T_1]}{(T_2 - T_1)^2} + \frac{6(T_2 + T_1)(h_2 - h_1)}{(T_2 - T_1)^3} \\ c = \frac{C_{p_1}T_2(T_2 + 2T_1) + C_{p_2}T_1(T_1 + 2T_2)}{(T_2 - T_1)^2} - \frac{6T_1T_2(h_2 - h_1)}{(T_2 - T_1)^3} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

This can be simplified to

$$\begin{cases} a = 3B - A \\ b = \frac{-2(C_{p_1}T_2 + C_{p_2}T_1)}{(T_2 - T_1)^2} + (T_2 + T_1)(A - 2B) \\ c = \frac{C_{p_1}T_2^2 + C_{p_2}T_1^2}{(T_2 - T_1)^2} + T_1T_2(2B - A) \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

$$A = \frac{6(h_2 - h_1)}{(T_2 - T_1)^3} \quad (5)$$

$$B = \frac{C_{p_2} + C_{p_1}}{(T_2 - T_1)^2} \quad (6)$$