

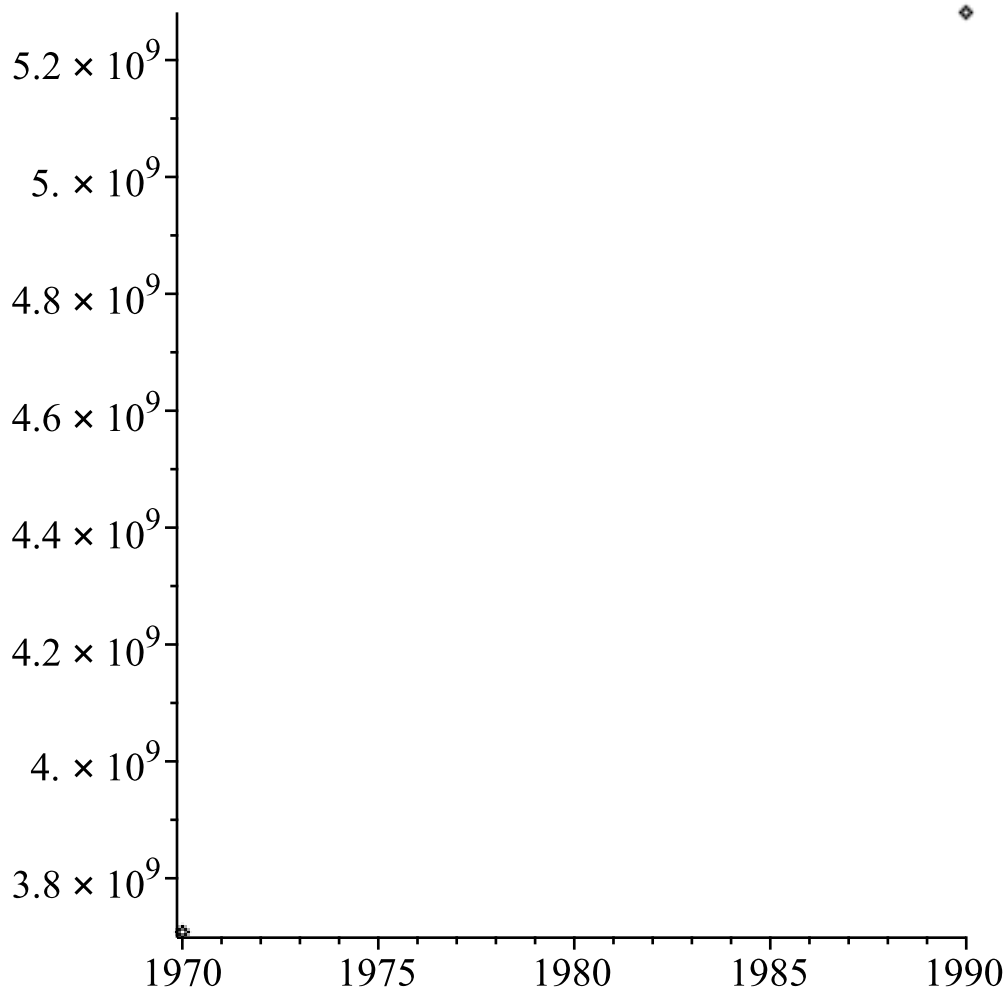
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Computer Problems

Section 3.1

Problem 1

a. Apply the following world population figures to estimate the 1980 population, using (a) the straight line through the 1970 and 1990 estimates; Compare with the 1980 estimate of 4452584592.

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> with(plots):with(CurveFitting);  
[ArrayInterpolation, BSpline, BSplineCurve, Interactive, LeastSquares, Lowess,  
  PolynomialInterpolation, RationalInterpolation, Spline, ThieleInterpolation] (1)  
=> population_data_1980 := 4452584592  
    population_data_1980 := 4452584592 (2)  
=> interpolated_2_population_data := [[1970, 3707475887], [1990, 5281653820]]:  
    p1:=plot(interpolated_2_population_data, style=point, color=black):  
    display(p1)
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> poly := x → PolynomialInterpolation(interpolated_2_population_data,
  x)
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poly := x ↦ PolynomialInterpolation(interpolated_2_population_data, x) (3)
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> interpolated_2_population_data_1980 := evalf(poly(1980))
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interpolated_2_population_data_1980 := 4.494564854 109 (4)
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> absolute_error_2_1980 := abs(population_data_1980 -
  interpolated_2_population_data_1980)
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absolute_error_2_1980 := 4.1980262 107 (5)
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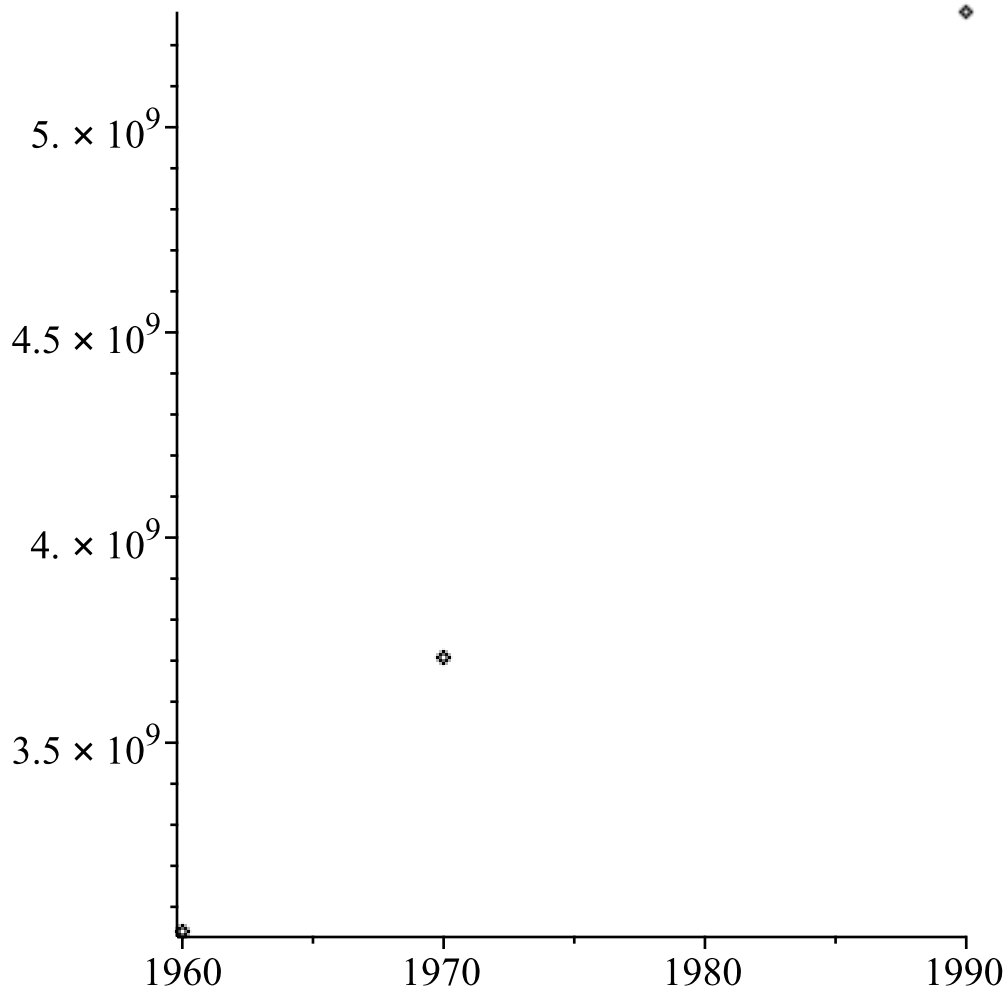
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> relative_error_2_1980 := evalf(100 * absolute_error_2_1980 /
  population_data_1980)
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relative_error_2_1980 := 0.9428290723 (6)
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b. Apply the following world population figures to estimate the 1980 population, using
 (b) the parabola through the 1960, 1970, and
 1990 estimates; Compare with the 1980 estimate of 4452584592

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> interpolated_3_population_data := [ [1960, 3039585530], [1970, 3707475887], [1990,
5281653820] ] : p1 := plot(interpolated_3_population_data, style = point, color = black) :
display(p1)
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> poly := x → PolynomialInterpolation(interpolated_3_population_data, x)
poly := x ↦ PolynomialInterpolation(interpolated_3_population_data, x) (7)
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> interpolated_3_population_data_1980 := evalf(poly(1980))
interpolated_3_population_data_1980 := 4.454831984 109 (8)
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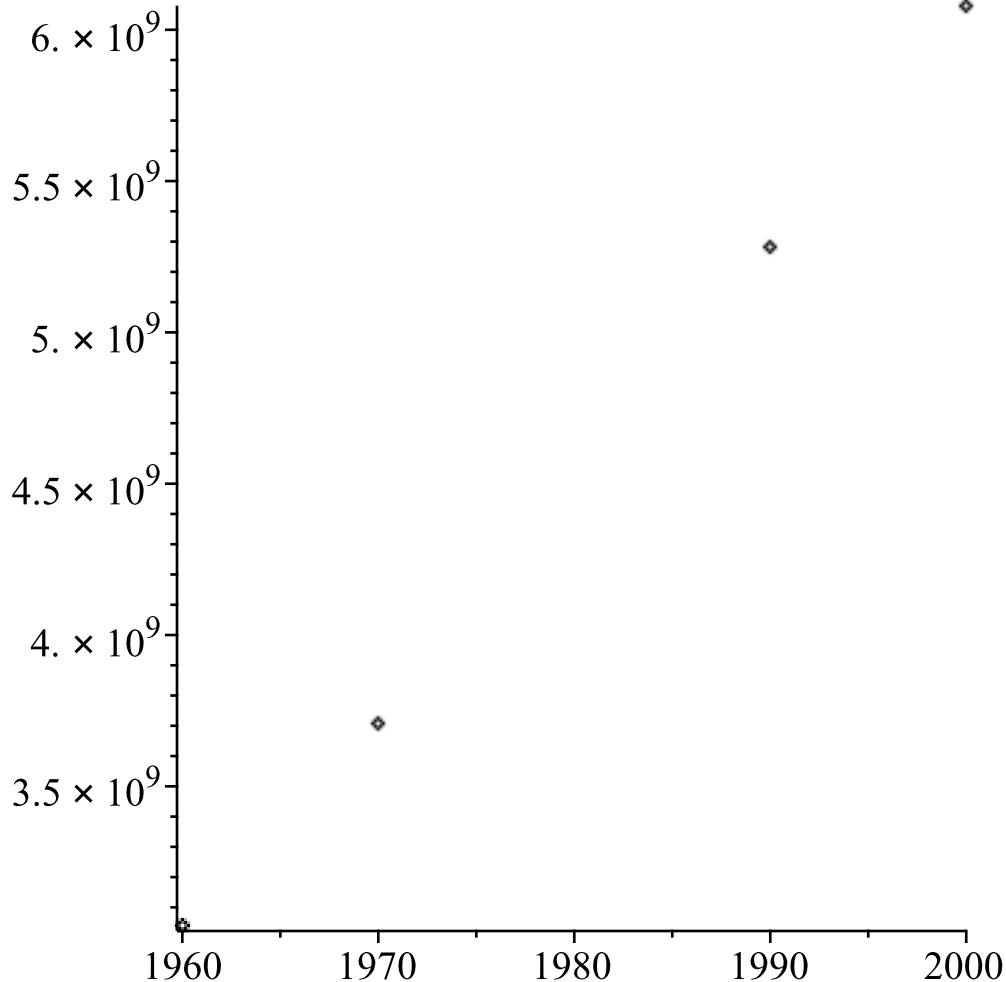
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> absolute_error_3_1980 := abs(population_data_1980 -
interpolated_3_population_data_1980)
absolute_error_3_1980 := 2.247392 106 (9)
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> relative_error_3_1980 := evalf(100 * absolute_error_3_1980 /
population_data_1980)
relative_error_3_1980 := 0.05047387542 (10)
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c. Apply the following world population figures to estimate the 1980 population, using (a) the straight line through the 1970 and 1990 estimates; (c) the cubic curve through all four data points. Compare with the 1980 estimate of 4452584592.

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> interpolated_4_population_data := [[1960, 3039585530], [1970, 3707475887],
[1990, 5281653820], [2000, 6079603571]]: p1 :=
plot(interpolated_4_population_data, style=point, color=black):
display(p1)
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> poly := x → PolynomialInterpolation(interpolated_4_population_data, x)
poly := x ↦ PolynomialInterpolation(interpolated_4_population_data, x) (11)
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> interpolated_4_population_data_1980 := evalf(poly(1980))
interpolated_4_population_data_1980 := 4.472888288 10^9 (12)
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> absolute_error_4_1980 := abs(population_data_1980 -
interpolated_4_population_data_1980)
absolute_error_4_1980 := 2.0303696 10^7 (13)
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> relative_error_4_1980 := evalf(100 * absolute_error_4_1980 /
population_data_1980)
relative_error_4_1980 := 0.4559979846 (14)
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Answer · (a) · (b) · (c) :

estimate of 1980 = 4452584592

straight line through the 1970 and 1990 estimates = 4494564854

the parabola through the 1960, 1970, and 1990 estimates = 4454831984

the cubic curve through all four data points = 4472888288

The best approximation is the parabola through the 1960, 1970, and 1990 estimates
with absolute error = 2247392 and relative error = 0.05 %

The second best approximation is the cubic curve through all four data points estimates
with absolute error = 20303696 and relative error = 0.46 %

The worse is the the straight line through the 1970 and 1990 estimates
with absolute error = 41980262 and relative error = 0.94 %

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