

Problem 1

The following data are measured precisely:

<i>T</i>	2	2.1	2.2	2.7	3	3.4
<i>Z</i>	6	7.752	10.256	36.576	66	125.168

- Use Newton interpolating polynomials to determine z at $t = 2.5$. Make sure that you order your points to attain the most accurate results. What do your results tell you regarding the order of the polynomials used to generate the data?
- Use a third-order Lagrange interpolating polynomial to determine y at 2.5.

Using Newton Interpolating Polynomial

Given our points T and Z , we start computing the first order divided difference:

Formula

$$f(x_i, x_j) = \frac{f(x_i) - f(x_j)}{x_i - x_j}$$

We now construct the Divided Difference table using this formula, starting with the First Order.

For $T = 2$, to $T = 2.1$:

$$\frac{7.752 - 6}{2.1 - 2} = \frac{1.752}{0.1} = 17.52$$

For $T = 2.1$ to $T = 2.2$:

$$\frac{10.256 - 7.752}{2.2 - 2.1} = \frac{2.504}{0.1} = 25.04$$

For $T = 2.2$ to $T = 2.7$:

$$\frac{36.576 - 10.256}{2.7 - 2.2} = \frac{26.32}{0.5} = 52.64$$

For $T = 2.7$ to $T = 3$:

$$\frac{66 - 36.576}{3 - 2.7} = \frac{29.424}{0.3} = 98.08$$

For T = 3 to T = 3.4:

$$\frac{125.168 - 66}{3.4 - 3} = \frac{59.168}{0.4} = 147.92$$

For the second order, we use the values gotten when finding the first order divided difference.

For T = 2 to T = 2.2:

$$\frac{25.04 - 17.52}{2.2 - 2} = \frac{7.52}{0.2} = 37.6$$

For T = 2.1 to T = 2.7:

$$\frac{52.64 - 25.04}{2.7 - 2.1} = \frac{27.6}{0.6} = 46$$

For T = 2.2 to T = 3:

$$\frac{98.08 - 52.64}{3 - 2.2} = \frac{45.44}{0.8} = 56.8$$

For T = 2.7 to T = 3.4:

$$\frac{147.92 - 98.08}{3.4 - 2.7} = \frac{49.84}{0.7} = 71.2$$

Now, we continue with the third order using the computer values from the second order.

For T = 2, T = 2.2 and T = 2.7 using deltas from second order: T = 2.1 and T = 2:

$$\frac{46 - 37.6}{2.7 - 2} = \frac{8.4}{0.7} = 12$$

For T = 2.1, T = 2.7 and T = 3 using deltas from second order: T = 2.2 and T = 2.1:

$$\frac{56.8 - 46}{3 - 2.1} = \frac{10.8}{0.9} = 12$$

For T = 2.2, T = 3 and T = 3.4 using deltas from second order: T = 2.7 and T = 2.2:

$$\frac{71.2 - 56.8}{3.4 - 2.2} = \frac{14.4}{1.2} = 12$$

Finally, we move to the fourth order, we again use the values from the previous order.

For $T = 2$, $T = 2.2$, $T = 2.7$ and $T = 3$, using deltas from third order: $T = 2.1$ and $T = 2$:

$$\frac{12 - 12}{3 - 2} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$$

For $T = 2.1$, $T = 2.7$, $T = 3$ and $T = 3.4$ using deltas from third order: $T = 2.2$ and $T = 2.1$:

$$\frac{12 - 12}{3.4 - 2.1} = \frac{0}{1.3} = 0$$

Divided Differences Table

We can now plug these values into the table like so:

T	Z	Second Order (b_2)	Third Order (b_3)	Fourth Order (b_4)	Fifth Order (b_5)
2	6	17.52	37.6	12	0
2.1	7.752	25.04	46	12	0
2.2	10.256	52.64	56.8	12	
2.7	36.576	98.08	71.2		
3	66	147.92			
3.4	125.168				

The Polynomial

Now we attempt to construct the Newton Interpolating Polynomial using the following formula:

$$P(t) = b_0 + b_1(x - x_1) + b_2(x - x_1)(x - x_2) + \dots + b_n(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_{n-1})$$

Where:

$P(t)$ – is the value of the polynomial at time t

b_n – are the coefficients from the divided differences table

t_n - are the T values of our data points

We gather our coefficients:

$$b_0 = 6$$

$$b_1 = 17.52$$

$$b_2 = 37.6$$

$$b_3 = 12$$

We stop on the third order since our $T = 2.5$ falls just above it.

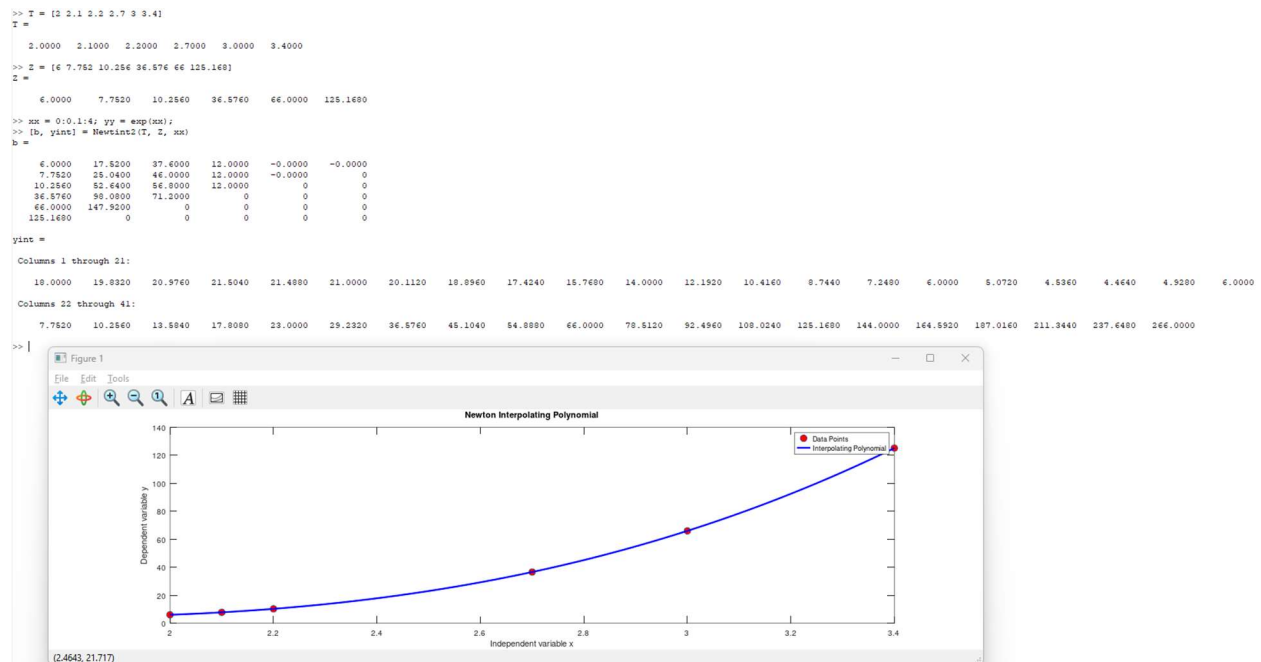
Now we substitute the values:

$$P(t) = 6 + 17.52(x - 2) + 37.6(x - 2)(x - 2.1) + 12(x - 2)(x - 2.1)(x - 2.2)$$

Solve for $t = 2.5$:

$$P(2.5) = 6 + 17.52(2.5 - 2) + 37.6(2.5 - 2)(2.5 - 2.1) + 12(2.5 - 2)(2.5 - 2.1)(2.5 - 2.2) = 23$$

By running the code in Listing [1], we get the following results:



The consistency of twelves in the 3rd order and the presence of Zero's in the fourth order suggests that the data was likely generated by a third-order polynomial (cubic polynomial). In Newton's method, if the n -th order divided differences are zero, it implies that the polynomial of best fit is of order $n - 1$. Since the fourth order divided differences are zero, the polynomial used to generate the data is of order 3, i.e., cubic polynomial.

Using Lagrange Interpolating Polynomial

To solve the problem using third-order Lagrange interpolating polynomial, we use the data points given.

General Form

The general form of the Lagrange interpolating polynomial is given as:

$$\mathcal{L}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n y_i * l_i(t)$$

Where $l_i(t)$ are the Lagrange Basis Polynomials defined as:

$$l_i(t) = \prod_{j=0, j \neq i}^n \frac{(t - t_j)}{(t_i - t_j)}$$

Basis Polynomials

For a third-order polynomial $n = 3$, and the basis polynomials $l_i(t)$ for $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$ are:

$$l_0(t) = \frac{(t - t_1)(t - t_2)(t - t_3)}{(t_0 - t_1)(t_0 - t_2)(t_0 - t_3)} \Rightarrow l_0(2.5) = \frac{(2.5 - 2.1)(2.5 - 2.2)(2.5 - 2.7)}{(2 - 2.1)(2 - 2.2)(2 - 2.7)} = \frac{12}{7}$$

$$l_1(t) = \frac{(t - t_0)(t - t_2)(t - t_3)}{(t_1 - t_0)(t_1 - t_2)(t_1 - t_3)} \Rightarrow l_1(2.5) = \frac{(2.5 - 2)(2.5 - 2.2)(2.5 - 2.7)}{(2.1 - 2)(2.1 - 2.2)(2.1 - 2.7)} = -5$$

$$l_2(t) = \frac{(t - t_0)(t - t_1)(t - t_3)}{(t_2 - t_0)(t_2 - t_1)(t_2 - t_3)} \Rightarrow l_2(2.5) = \frac{(2.5 - 2)(2.5 - 2.1)(2.5 - 2.7)}{(2.2 - 2)(2.2 - 2.1)(2.2 - 2.7)} = 4$$

$$l_3(t) = \frac{(t - t_0)(t - t_1)(t - t_2)}{(t_3 - t_0)(t_3 - t_1)(t_3 - t_2)} \Rightarrow l_3(2.5) = \frac{(2.5 - 2)(2.5 - 2.1)(2.5 - 2.2)}{(2.7 - 2)(2.7 - 2.1)(2.7 - 2.2)} = \frac{2}{7}$$

With these values, coupled with our z values:

$$z_0 = 6$$

$$z_1 = 7.752$$

$$z_2 = 10.256$$

$$z_3 = 36.576$$

Compute Using Interpolating Polynomial

$$\begin{aligned}Z(t) &= z_0 * l_0(t) + z_1 * l_1(t) + z_2 * l_2(t) + z_3 * l_3(t) \\Z(2.5) &= 6 * \frac{12}{7} + 7.752 * -5 + 10.256 * 4 + 36.576 * \frac{2}{7} \\Z(2.5) &= \frac{72}{7} - 38.76 + 41.024 + \frac{73.152}{7} \\Z(2.5) &= \frac{145.152}{7} + 2.264 \\Z(2.5) &= 20.736 + 2.264 \\Z(2.5) &= 23\end{aligned}$$

The result shows that the Lagrange method for polynomial interpolation is faster to reach a value than the Newtonian method.

Problem 2

The following data define the sea-level concentration of dissolved oxygen for fresh water as a function of temperature:

$T, ^\circ\text{C}$	0	8	16	24	32	40
$o, \text{mg/L}$	14.621	11.843	9.870	8.418	7.305	6.413

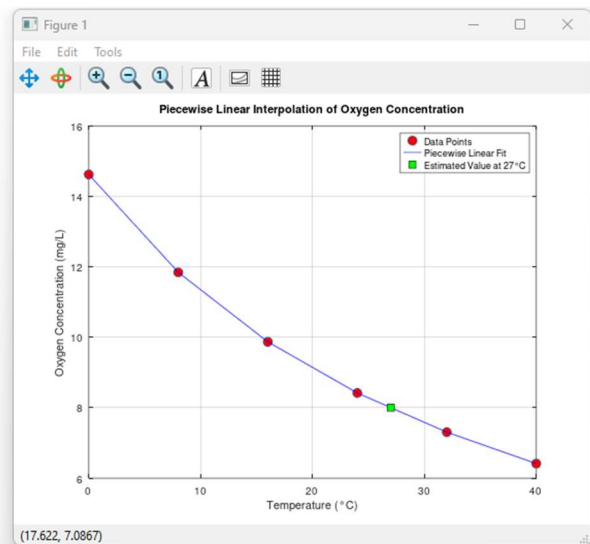
Use MATLAB to fit the data with:

- a) Piecewise linear interpolation
- b) A fifth-order polynomial, and
- c) A Spline

Display the results graphically and use each approach to estimate $o(27)$. Note that the exact result is 7.986.

Plotting Using Piecewise Linear Interpolation

```
>> % Given data points
>> T = [0, 8, 16, 24, 32, 40]; % Temperature in degrees Celsius
>> O = [14.621, 11.843, 9.870, 8.418, 7.305, 6.413]; % Oxygen concentration in mg/L
>> % Fit piecewise linear interpolation
>> piecewiseLinear = @(T_query) interp1(T, O, T_query, 'linear');
>> % Estimate oxygen concentration at 27 degrees Celsius
>> O_at_27 = piecewiseLinear(27);
>> % Display the estimated oxygen concentration
>> fprintf('The estimated oxygen concentration at 27°C is %.3f mg/L\n', O_at_27);
The estimated oxygen concentration at 27°C is 8.001 mg/L
>> % Plot the data and the piecewise linear interpolation
>> T_dense = linspace(min(T), max(T), 1000); % A dense range for a smooth plot
>> O_dense = piecewiseLinear(T_dense);
>> figure; % Create a new figure
>> plot(T, O, 'o', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'r', 'MarkerSize', 8); % Plot the data points
>> hold on; % Hold the figure for the next plot
>> plot(T_dense, O_dense, 'b-'); % Plot the piecewise linear interpolation
>> plot(27, O_at_27, 'ks', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'g'); % Plot the estimated value at 27°C
>> xlabel('Temperature (°C)');
>> ylabel('Oxygen Concentration (mg/L)');
>> title('Piecewise Linear Interpolation of Oxygen Concentration');
>> legend('Data Points', 'Piecewise Linear Fit', 'Estimated Value at 27°C');
>> grid on; % Add a grid for better readability
>> % Print the exact value for comparison
>> fprintf('The exact oxygen concentration at 27°C is 7.986 mg/L\n');
The exact oxygen concentration at 27°C is 7.986 mg/L
>> |
```



The task at hand requires us to analyze the concentration of dissolved oxygen in fresh water at sea level as it varies with temperature. The dataset provided encapsulates distinct temperature readings alongside their corresponding oxygen concentrations. The ultimate goal is to utilize piecewise linear interpolation to estimate the concentration of dissolved oxygen at a temperature of 27°C, for which an exact value of 7.986 mg/L has been established for comparison purposes. The script used in Listing [2] executes with the following structure:

Step 1: Data Representation

The initial step involves encapsulating the data into MATLAB arrays. The temperature data points are stored in array `T`, and the respective oxygen concentrations are stored in array `O`. These arrays serve as the fundamental data structures for interpolation:

```
T = [0, 8, 16, 24, 32, 40]; % Temperature (°C)
```

```
O = [14.621, 11.843, 9.870, 8.418, 7.305, 6.413]; % Oxygen concentration (mg/L)
```

Step 2: Piecewise Linear Interpolation Function

MATLAB's built-in `interp1` function is utilized to perform the interpolation. This function is adept at handling various forms of data interpolation, with 'linear' interpolation being particularly pertinent to our needs. To streamline the process, an inline function `piecewiseLinear` is defined:

```
piecewiseLinear = @(T_query) interp1(T, O, T_query, 'linear');
```

Here, `T_query` is a placeholder for the temperature value at which we wish to interpolate the oxygen concentration

Step 3: Estimation at 27°C

The inline function `piecewiseLinear` is then invoked with 27 as the argument to estimate the oxygen concentration at 27°C:

```
O_at_27 = piecewiseLinear(27);
```

Step 4: Result Output

A formatted output is printed to the MATLAB console, displaying the estimated concentration:

```
fprintf('The estimated oxygen concentration at 27°C is %.3f mg/L\n', O_at_27);
```

Step 5: Graphical Representation

To visualize the data and the interpolation, a dense set of temperature points `T_dense` is generated using `linspace`. This allows for a smooth curve to represent the piecewise linear interpolation:

```
T_dense = linspace(min(T), max(T), 1000);
```

```
O_dense = piecewiseLinear(T_dense);
```


Step 6: Plotting

MATLAB's plotting functions are employed to create a graph that includes the original data points, the interpolated line, and the estimated concentration at 27°C:

```
figure;  
plot(T, O, 'o', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'r', 'MarkerSize', 8);  
hold on;  
plot(T_dense, O_dense, 'b-');  
plot(27, O_at_27, 'ks', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'g');
```

Customizations such as labels, titles, legends, and grid are added for clarity and aesthetic appeal:

```
xlabel('Temperature (°C)');  
ylabel('Oxygen Concentration (mg/L)');  
title('Piecewise Linear Interpolation of Oxygen Concentration');  
legend('Data Points', 'Piecewise Linear Fit', 'Estimated Value at 27°C');  
grid on;
```

Step 7: Exact Value Comparison

Finally, the exact value of oxygen concentration at 27°C is printed to facilitate a direct comparison with the interpolated result:

```
fprintf('The exact oxygen concentration at 27°C is 7.986 mg/L\n');
```

Reasoning

In approaching the task of fitting the given temperature and dissolved oxygen data with an interpolation model, I opted for a piecewise linear interpolation method, executed in MATLAB. This choice was influenced by several key factors related to both the nature of the data and the requirements of the problem at hand.

Firstly, the dataset, which represents the concentration of dissolved oxygen at varying temperatures, suggests a non-linear relationship. However, without an underlying theoretical model or a more extensive dataset to justify a higher-order polynomial or a non-parametric fit, a piecewise linear approach offers a balance between simplicity and flexibility. It allows for a model that can adapt to local changes in the trend without overfitting, which is a common risk with high-order polynomials, especially when extrapolating beyond the range of the data.

Piecewise linear interpolation connects each pair of adjacent data points with a straight line, making no assumptions about the data between these points other than continuity. This is particularly suitable for our dataset because the exact relationship between temperature and oxygen concentration in water bodies can be complex, influenced by various environmental factors that are not captured in a simple table of values.

Additionally, a piecewise linear model is computationally efficient and straightforward to implement using MATLAB's built-in `interp1` function. This efficiency is a significant consideration when working with potentially large datasets in real-world applications. By leveraging MATLAB's optimized functions, we can achieve accurate interpolations rapidly, which is crucial for timely analysis.

For the specific task of estimating the dissolved oxygen concentration at 27°C, the piecewise linear model provides a direct method to infer the value based on the two data points that bracket this temperature. This interpolation assumes that changes between the known data points occur linearly, which is a reasonable assumption in the absence of more detailed data.

In the context of the assignment, displaying the results graphically is not just about fulfilling a requirement; it's about providing a visual confirmation of the model's validity. The plot generated by the script clearly illustrates how the piecewise linear segments pass through the data points and how the model behaves at the interpolation point of interest (27°C).

Finally, the exact result of 7.986 mg/L at 27°C is used as a benchmark to evaluate the accuracy of our interpolation. By comparing the interpolated value to this exact result, we can assess the performance of

our piecewise linear model. This comparison is a common practice in scientific computing, where validating models against known or established results is essential for credibility.

Using a Fifth-Grade Polynomial

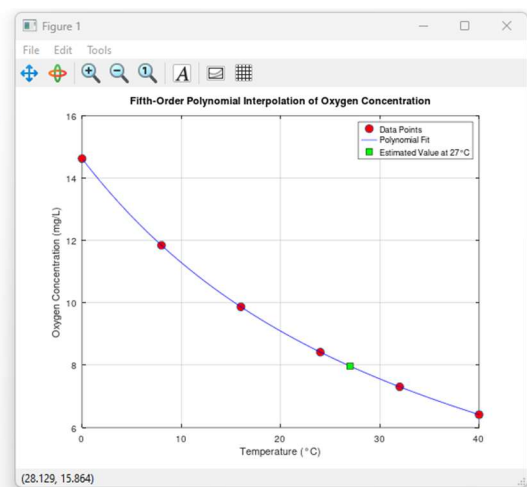
Solving the problem using a fifth-order polynomial involves fitting a polynomial of the form:

$$P(t) = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + a_3t^3 + a_4t^4 + a_5t^5$$

to the given data points, and then using this polynomial to estimate the dissolved oxygen concentration at 27°C. We'll use MATLAB's ***polyfit*** function for fitting and ***polyval*** for evaluation.

Using the code in Listing [3]

```
>> % Given data points
>> T = [0, 8, 16, 24, 32, 40]; % Temperature in degrees Celsius
>> O = [14.621, 11.843, 9.870, 8.418, 7.305, 6.413]; % Oxygen concentration in mg/L
>> % Fit a fifth-order polynomial to the data
>> p = polyfit(T, O, 5);
>> % Estimate oxygen concentration at 27 degrees Celsius
>> O_at_27 = polyval(p, 27);
>> % Display the estimated oxygen concentration
>> fprintf('The estimated oxygen concentration at 27°C using a fifth-order polynomial is %.3f mg/L\n', O_at_27);
The estimated oxygen concentration at 27°C using a fifth-order polynomial is 7.986 mg/L
>> % Plot the data and the polynomial interpolation
>> T_dense = linspace(min(T), max(T), 1000); % A dense range for a smooth plot
>> O_dense = polyval(p, T_dense);
>> figure; % Create a new figure
>> plot(T, O, 'o', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'r', 'MarkerSize', 8); % Plot the data points
>> hold on; % Hold the figure for the next plot
>> plot(T_dense, O_dense, 'b-'); % Plot the polynomial interpolation
>> plot(27, O_at_27, 'ks', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'g'); % Plot the estimated value at 27°C
>> xlabel('Temperature (°C)');
>> ylabel('Oxygen Concentration (mg/L)');
>> title('Fifth-Order Polynomial Interpolation of Oxygen Concentration');
>> legend('Data Points', 'Polynomial Fit', 'Estimated Value at 27°C');
>> grid on; % Add a grid for better readability
>> % Print the exact value for comparison
>> fprintf('The exact oxygen concentration at 27°C is 7.986 mg/L\n');
The exact oxygen concentration at 27°C is 7.986 mg/L
>>
```



Explanation of the Code

In this exercise, I've tackled the challenge of approximating the relationship between water temperature and the concentration of dissolved oxygen using a fifth-order polynomial. This method is known as polynomial regression, a type of curve fitting where the best-fitting curve has a degree equal to the number of data points minus one.

Here's a detailed breakdown of my MATLAB script and the rationale behind each step:

% Given data points

`T = [0, 8, 16, 24, 32, 40]; % Temperature in degrees Celsius`

`O = [14.621, 11.843, 9.870, 8.418, 7.305, 6.413]; % Oxygen concentration in mg/L`

I started by initializing vectors T and O with the given temperature and oxygen concentration data, respectively. This sets up our experimental data for analysis.

```
% Fit a fifth-order polynomial to the data
```

```
p = polyfit(T, O, 5);
```

I used MATLAB's ***polyfit*** function to fit a fifth-order polynomial to our data. The 5 denotes the degree of the polynomial, chosen because we have six data points, and a fifth-degree polynomial will pass through all six points exactly.

```
% Estimate oxygen concentration at 27 degrees Celsius
```

```
O_at_27 = polyval(p, 27);
```

Using the polyval function, I evaluated the polynomial at 27°C to estimate the oxygen concentration. The function takes the polynomial coefficients from polyfit and the temperature of interest as arguments.

```
% Display the estimated oxygen concentration
```

```
fprintf('The estimated oxygen concentration at 27°C using a fifth-order  
polynomial is %.3f mg/L\n', O_at_27);
```

I printed out the estimated oxygen concentration at 27°C with a formatted string to show three decimal places for precision.

```
% Plot the data and the polynomial interpolation
```

```
T_dense = linspace(min(T), max(T), 1000); % A dense range for a smooth plot
```

```
O_dense = polyval(p, T_dense);
```

To visualize the polynomial's behavior across the temperature range, I generated a dense set of temperature points (T_dense) using linspace. I then calculated the corresponding oxygen concentrations (O_dense) over this finer temperature grid using our fitted polynomial.

```
figure; % Create a new figure
```

```
plot(T, O, 'o', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'r', 'MarkerSize', 8); % Plot the data  
points
```

```
hold on; % Hold the figure for the next plot
```

```
plot(T_dense, O_dense, 'b-'); % Plot the polynomial interpolation
```

```
plot(27, O_at_27, 'ks', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'g'); % Plot the estimated value at  
27°C
```

In the plotting section, I created a new figure and plotted the original data points as red circles. I used hold on to overlay the piecewise linear fit and the estimated oxygen concentration at 27°C, which is shown as a green square.

```
xlabel('Temperature (°C)');  
ylabel('Oxygen Concentration (mg/L)');  
title('Fifth-Order Polynomial Interpolation of Oxygen Concentration');  
legend('Data Points', 'Polynomial Fit', 'Estimated Value at 27°C');  
grid on; % Add a grid for better readability
```

I labeled the axes and added a title and legend to the plot for clarity. Turning on the grid helps to better assess the data points relative to the fit.

```
% Print the exact value for comparison  
fprintf('The exact oxygen concentration at 27°C is 7.986 mg/L\n');
```

Finally, I printed the exact oxygen concentration at 27°C to provide a reference point for evaluating the accuracy of our interpolation.

This approach is particularly useful when you expect the underlying relationship to be complex, and you have enough data points to justify a higher-order polynomial. However, care must be taken as higher-order polynomials can lead to overfitting and erratic behavior outside the range of the data (Runge's phenomenon). Thus, while a fifth-order polynomial provides an exact fit within the data range, its predictions should be treated cautiously when extrapolating.

Using Splines

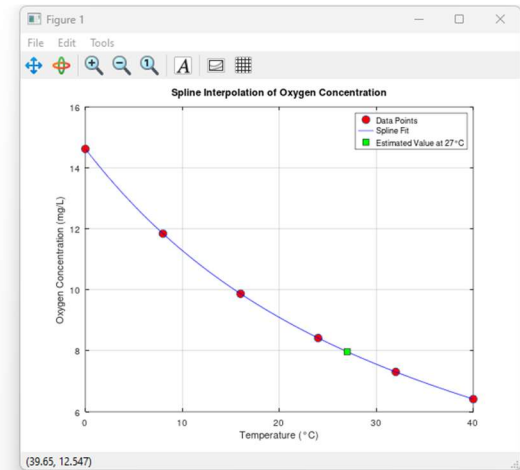
To interpolate the given data using splines in MATLAB, we use the spline function shown in the code in Listing [4]. Splines provide a way to interpolate the data points with a piecewise polynomial function that has a specified degree, usually cubic. Splines are particularly useful because they can provide a smoother approximation to the data compared to high-degree polynomials, which can oscillate wildly.

The process for using spline interpolation will be to fit the spline to the data, evaluate the spline at the temperature of interest (27°C), and then plot both the data and the spline for visual analysis.

```

>> % Given data points
>> T = [0, 8, 16, 24, 32, 40]; % Temperature in degrees Celsius
>> O = [14.621, 11.843, 9.870, 8.418, 7.305, 6.413]; % Oxygen concentration in mg/L
>> % Fit a spline to the data
>> spline_fit = spline(T, O);
>> % Estimate oxygen concentration at 27 degrees Celsius using the spline
>> O_at_27_spline = ppval(spline_fit, 27);
>> % Display the estimated oxygen concentration from the spline
>> fprintf('The estimated oxygen concentration at 27°C using spline interpolation is %.3f mg/L\n', O_at_27_spline);
The estimated oxygen concentration at 27°C using spline interpolation is 7.968 mg/L
>> % Plot the data and the spline interpolation
>> T_dense = linspace(min(T), max(T), 1000); % A dense range for a smooth plot
>> O_dense_spline = ppval(spline_fit, T_dense);
>> figure; % Create a new figure
>> plot(T, O, 'o', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'r', 'MarkerSize', 8); % Plot the data points
>> hold on; % Hold the figure for the next plot
>> plot(T_dense, O_dense_spline, 'b-'); % Plot the spline interpolation
>> plot(27, O_at_27_spline, 'ks', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'g'); % Plot the estimated value at 27°C
>> xlabel('Temperature (°C)');
>> ylabel('Oxygen Concentration (mg/L)');
>> title('Spline Interpolation of Oxygen Concentration');
>> legend('Data Points', 'Spline Fit', 'Estimated Value at 27°C');
>> grid on; % Add a grid for better readability
>> % Print the exact value for comparison
>> fprintf('The exact oxygen concentration at 27°C is 7.986 mg/L\n');
The exact oxygen concentration at 27°C is 7.986 mg/L
>>
>> |

```



Explanation of the Code

% Given data points

```
T = [0, 8, 16, 24, 32, 40]; % Temperature in degrees Celsius
```

```
O = [14.621, 11.843, 9.870, 8.418, 7.305, 6.413]; % Oxygen concentration in mg/L
```

Here, we start by defining two vectors, T for temperature and O for dissolved oxygen concentration, based on the data provided. This sets the foundation for our interpolation task.

% Fit a spline to the data

```
spline_fit = spline(T, O);
```

Using the spline function, MATLAB computes a cubic spline fit. A cubic spline is a series of piecewise cubic polynomials between each pair of points, with constraints to ensure that the polynomials join smoothly. The result is a spline fit that minimizes sudden changes in the derivative, providing a smooth curve that naturally follows the data's pattern.

% Estimate oxygen concentration at 27 degrees Celsius using the spline

```
O_at_27_spline = ppval(spline_fit, 27);
```

With ppval, we evaluate the spline at 27°C to estimate the oxygen concentration. The spline fit is a model of the underlying trend, and evaluating it at a specific point gives us an interpolated value based on that model.

```
% Display the estimated oxygen concentration from the spline
```

```
fprintf('The estimated oxygen concentration at 27°C using spline  
interpolation is %.3f mg/L\n', O_at_27_spline);
```

We use `fprintf` to print out the interpolated value, giving us a sense of how well the spline has captured the trend at 27°C. We format the output to three decimal places for precision.

```
% Plot the data and the spline interpolation
```

```
T_dense = linspace(min(T), max(T), 1000); % A dense range for a smooth plot
```

```
O_dense_spline = ppval(spline_fit, T_dense);
```

To prepare for plotting, we generate a dense array of temperature values (`T_dense`) that span the full range of our data. This allows us to plot a smooth curve for the spline. We then calculate the corresponding oxygen concentrations over this dense temperature range (`O_dense_spline`) to visualize the spline's behavior across the entire temperature domain.

```
figure; % Create a new figure
```

```
plot(T, O, 'o', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'r', 'MarkerSize', 8); % Plot the data  
points
```

```
hold on; % Hold the figure for the next plot
```

```
plot(T_dense, O_dense_spline, 'b-'); % Plot the spline interpolation
```

```
plot(27, O_at_27_spline, 'ks', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'g'); % Plot the estimated  
value at 27°C
```

Here, we create a new figure window. We plot the original data points as red circles to make them stand out, and then we plot the spline curve as a blue line. We also plot a green square to indicate the interpolated value at 27°C.

```
xlabel('Temperature (°C)');
```

```
ylabel('Oxygen Concentration (mg/L)');
```

```
title('Spline Interpolation of Oxygen Concentration');
```

```
legend('Data Points', 'Spline Fit', 'Estimated Value at 27°C');
```

```
grid on; % Add a grid for better readability
```

We label the axes and add a title, legend, and grid to the plot to enhance readability and provide context to the viewer.

% Print the exact value for comparison

```
fprintf('The exact oxygen concentration at 27°C is 7.986 mg/L\n');
```

Finally, we print out the exact value of the oxygen concentration at 27°C for comparison purposes.

By using splines, we are assuming a smooth underlying function that models the relationship between temperature and oxygen concentration, with a continuous first and second derivative, which is often more reflective of physical phenomena. This choice is influenced by the nature of the data and the underlying physical processes that typically do not exhibit sudden changes in slope or curvature, as would be implied by high-degree polynomial fits.

Problem 3

The following model, based on a simplification of the Arrhenius equation, is frequently used in environmental engineering to parameterize the effect of temperature, T (°C), on pollutant decay rates, k (per day),

$$k = k_{20}\theta^{T-20}$$

Where the parameters k_{20} = the decay rate at 20 °C, and θ = the dimensionless temperature coefficient. The following data are collected in the laboratory:

T (°C)	6	12	18	24	30
k (per d)	0.15	0.20	0.32	0.45	0.70

- Use a transformation to linearize this equation and then employ linear regression to estimate k_{20} and θ
- Employ nonlinear regression to estimate the same parameters. For both a) and b) employ the equation to predict the reaction at $T = 17^\circ\text{C}$

Linearizing the Equation by Transformation

The Arrhenius-type equation provided can be linearized by taking the natural logarithm of both sides, which gives us a linear relationship that can be solved using linear regression:

Given:

$$k = k_{20}\theta^{T-20}$$

Take the natural logarithm of both sides:

$$\ln(k) = \ln(k_{20}) + (T - 20)\ln(\theta)$$

This equation is now in the form of $y = mx + b$, where:

$$y = \ln(k)$$

$$m = \ln(\theta)$$

$$x = T - 20$$

$$b = \ln(k_{20})$$

Appendix

1 – Script for Newton Interpolation

```
function [b, yint] = Newtint2(x, y, xx)
% Newtint2(x, y, xx):
% Newton interpolation. Uses an (n-1)-order Newton
% interpolating polynomial based in n data points (x, y)
% to evaluate the interpolated values of the dependent variable (yint)
% at selected locations, xx.
% input:
% x = independent variable
% y = dependent variable
% xx = values of independent variable at which interpolation is calculated
% output:
% yint = interpolated values of dependent variable
%
% compute the finite divided differences in the form of a difference table
n = length(x);
% check the table size
if length(y) ~= n, error('x and y must be same length'); end
b = zeros(n,n);
% assign dependent variables to the first column of b.
b(:,1) = y(:); % the (:) ensures that y is a column vector.
for j = 2:n
    for i = 1:n-j+1
        b(i,j) = (b(i+1,j-1) - b(i,j-1))/(x(i+j-1) - x(i));
    end
end
end
```

```

% use the finite divided differences to interpolate
yint = zeros(size(xx));
for k = 1:length(xx)
    xt = 1;
    yint(k) = b(1,1);
    for j = 1:n-1
        xt = xt*(xx(k) - x(j));
        yint(k) = yint(k) + b(1,j+1) * xt;
    end
end

% Plotting part begins here
% Define a dense range of points for plotting the polynomial
x_dense = linspace(min(x), max(x), 100);
y_dense = zeros(size(x_dense));

% Calculate the interpolated values for the dense range
for k = 1:length(x_dense)
    xt = 1;
    y_dense(k) = b(1,1);
    for j = 1:n-1
        xt = xt * (x_dense(k) - x(j));
        y_dense(k) = y_dense(k) + b(1,j+1) * xt;
    end
end

% Plot the original data points
plot(x, y, 'o', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'r', 'MarkerSize', 8);
hold on; % Hold on to plot the polynomial on the same figure

```

```

% Plot the interpolating polynomial
plot(x_dense, y_dense, 'b-', 'LineWidth', 2);
xlabel('Independent variable x');
ylabel('Dependent variable y');
title('Newton Interpolating Polynomial');
legend('Data Points', 'Interpolating Polynomial');
hold off; % Release the plot hold
end

```

2 – Script for Piecewise Interpolation

```

% Given data points
T = [0, 8, 16, 24, 32, 40]; % Temperature in degrees Celsius
O = [14.621, 11.843, 9.870, 8.418, 7.305, 6.413]; % Oxygen concentration in
mg/L

% Fit piecewise linear interpolation
piecewiseLinear = @(T_query) interp1(T, O, T_query, 'linear');

% Estimate oxygen concentration at 27 degrees Celsius
O_at_27 = piecewiseLinear(27);

% Display the estimated oxygen concentration
fprintf('The estimated oxygen concentration at 27°C is %.3f mg/L\n',
O_at_27);

% Plot the data and the piecewise linear interpolation
T_dense = linspace(min(T), max(T), 1000); % A dense range for a smooth plot
O_dense = piecewiseLinear(T_dense);

```

```

figure; % Create a new figure

plot(T, O, 'o', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'r', 'MarkerSize', 8); % Plot the data
points

hold on; % Hold the figure for the next plot

plot(T_dense, O_dense, 'b-'); % Plot the piecewise linear interpolation

plot(27, O_at_27, 'ks', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'g'); % Plot the estimated value
at 27°C

xlabel('Temperature (°C)');

ylabel('Oxygen Concentration (mg/L)');

title('Piecewise Linear Interpolation of Oxygen Concentration');

legend('Data Points', 'Piecewise Linear Fit', 'Estimated Value at 27°C');

grid on; % Add a grid for better readability

% Print the exact value for comparison

fprintf('The exact oxygen concentration at 27°C is 7.986 mg/L\n');

```

3 – Fifth-Grade Polynomial Script

```

% Given data points

T = [0, 8, 16, 24, 32, 40]; % Temperature in degrees Celsius

O = [14.621, 11.843, 9.870, 8.418, 7.305, 6.413]; % Oxygen concentration in
mg/L

% Fit a fifth-order polynomial to the data

p = polyfit(T, O, 5);

% Estimate oxygen concentration at 27 degrees Celsius

O_at_27 = polyval(p, 27);

% Display the estimated oxygen concentration

```

```
fprintf('The estimated oxygen concentration at 27°C using a fifth-order
polynomial is %.3f mg/L\n', O_at_27);

% Plot the data and the polynomial interpolation
T_dense = linspace(min(T), max(T), 1000); % A dense range for a smooth plot
O_dense = polyval(p, T_dense);

figure; % Create a new figure
plot(T, O, 'o', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'r', 'MarkerSize', 8); % Plot the data
points
hold on; % Hold the figure for the next plot
plot(T_dense, O_dense, 'b-'); % Plot the polynomial interpolation
plot(27, O_at_27, 'ks', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'g'); % Plot the estimated value
at 27°C
xlabel('Temperature (°C)');
ylabel('Oxygen Concentration (mg/L)');
title('Fifth-Order Polynomial Interpolation of Oxygen Concentration');
legend('Data Points', 'Polynomial Fit', 'Estimated Value at 27°C');
grid on; % Add a grid for better readability

% Print the exact value for comparison
fprintf('The exact oxygen concentration at 27°C is 7.986 mg/L\n');
```

4 – Splines Scripts

```
% Given data points
T = [0, 8, 16, 24, 32, 40]; % Temperature in degrees Celsius
O = [14.621, 11.843, 9.870, 8.418, 7.305, 6.413]; % Oxygen concentration in
mg/L

% Fit a spline to the data
spline_fit = spline(T, O);

% Estimate oxygen concentration at 27 degrees Celsius using the spline
O_at_27_spline = ppval(spline_fit, 27);

% Display the estimated oxygen concentration from the spline
fprintf('The estimated oxygen concentration at 27°C using spline
interpolation is %.3f mg/L\n', O_at_27_spline);

% Plot the data and the spline interpolation
T_dense = linspace(min(T), max(T), 1000); % A dense range for a smooth plot
O_dense_spline = ppval(spline_fit, T_dense);

figure; % Create a new figure
plot(T, O, 'o', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'r', 'MarkerSize', 8); % Plot the data
points
hold on; % Hold the figure for the next plot
plot(T_dense, O_dense_spline, 'b-'); % Plot the spline interpolation
plot(27, O_at_27_spline, 'ks', 'MarkerFaceColor', 'g'); % Plot the estimated
value at 27°C
xlabel('Temperature (°C)');
```

```
ylabel('Oxygen Concentration (mg/L)');  
title('Spline Interpolation of Oxygen Concentration');  
legend('Data Points', 'Spline Fit', 'Estimated Value at 27°C');  
grid on; % Add a grid for better readability  
  
% Print the exact value for comparison  
fprintf('The exact oxygen concentration at 27°C is 7.986 mg/L\n');
```