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In [14]: import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import matplotlib
from math import sqrt

x = [0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24]

y = [59, 56, 53, 54, 60, 67, 72, 74, 75, 74, 70, 65, 61]
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In [15]: #Newton's Divided difference, produces coefficients of interpolating polynomial
def coef(x,y):
    n = len(x)
    a = np.zeros((n,n+1))
    a[:,0]= x
    a[:,1]= y
    #Find the divided differences
    for j in range(2,n+1):
        for i in range(j-1,n):
            a[i,j] = (a[i,j-1]-a[i-1,j-1]) / (a[i,0]-a[i-j+1,0])
    #Copy diagonal elements into array for returning
    p = np.zeros(n)
    for k in range(0,n):
        p[k] = a[k,k+1]
    return p

#Evaluate polynomial at a given point
def newton_method(t,x,p):
    n = len(x)
    result = p[n-1]
    for i in range(n-2,-1,-1):
        result = result*(t-x[i]) + p[i]
    return result
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In [16]: #Note:  $S(x) = S_j(x) = a_j + b_j(x - x_j) + c_j(x - x_j)^2 + d_j(x - x_j)^3$  for  $x_j \leq x \leq x_{j+1}$ 
#INPUT n;  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$ ;  $a_0 = f(x_0), a_1 = f(x_n)$ 
def nat_cubic_spline(x, y):

    n= len(x)
    h = []
    alpha = []
    l = []
    u = []
    z = []

    c = [0] * len(y)
    b = [0] * len(y)
    d = [0] * len(y)

    #STEP1 For  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$  set  $h_i = x_{i+1} - x_i$ 
    for i in range(0, n - 1):
        h.append(x[i + 1] - x[i])
    #STEP2 For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$  set
    # $a_i = (3/h_i)(a_{i+1} - a_i) - (3/h_{i-1})(a_i - a_{i-1})$ 
    for i in range (1, n - 1):
        alpha.append((3/h[i]) * (y[i + 1] - y[i]) - (3/h[i-1]) * (y[i] - y[i-1]))
    #STEP3 Set  $l_0 = 1$ ;
    #  $u_0 = 0$ ;
    #  $z_0 = 0$ ;
    l.append(1)
    u.append(0)
    z.append(0)
    #STEP4 For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ 
    #Set  $l_i = 2(x_{i+1} - x_{i-1}) - h_{i-1} * u_{i-1}$ 
    # $u_i = h_i / l_i$ ;
    # $z_i = (a_i - h_{i-1} * z_{i-1})/l_i$ 
    i = 1
    for i in range(1,n - 1):
        l.append((2 * (x[i+1] - x[i-1])) - h[i-1] * u[i-1])
        u.append(h[i] / l[i])
        z.append((alpha[i - 1] - (h[i-1] * z[i-1]))/l[i])
    #STEP5 Set  $l_n = 1$ ;
    # $z_n = 0$ ;
    # $c_n = 0$ 
    l.append(1)
    z.append(0)

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    c[n-1] = 0
#STEP6 For j = n-1, n-2, ..., 0
    # set c_j = z_j - u_j * c_{j+1};
    # b_j = (a_{j+1} - a_j)/h_j - h_j(c_{j+1} + 2c_j)/3;
    # d_j = (c_{j+1} - c_j)/(3h_j).
    j = n - 1
    for j in range(n - 2, -1, -1):
        c[j] = z[j] - u[j] * c[j+1]
        b[j] = (y[j+1] - y[j])/(h[j]) - ((h[j])*(c[j+1] + 2*c[j])/3)
        d[j] = (c[j+1] - c[j])/(3*h[j])
#STEP7 OUTPUT (a_j, b_j, c_j, d_j for j = 0, 1, ..., n-1) STOP
    return y, b, c, d

def cubic(y,b,c,d,x,x0):
    n = len(x)
    for i in range(0, n):
        if(x0 > x[n - 1]):
            value = y[n - 1] + b[n-1]*(x0 - x[n-1]) + \
                c[n - 1]*((x0 - x[n-1])**2) + d[n-1]*((x0 - x[n-1])**3)
        elif((x0 > x[i] and x0 < x[i+1]) or (x0 == x[i])):
            value = y[i] + b[i]*(x0 - x[i]) + \
                c[i]*((x0 - x[i])**2) + d[i]*((x0 - x[i])**3)
    return value

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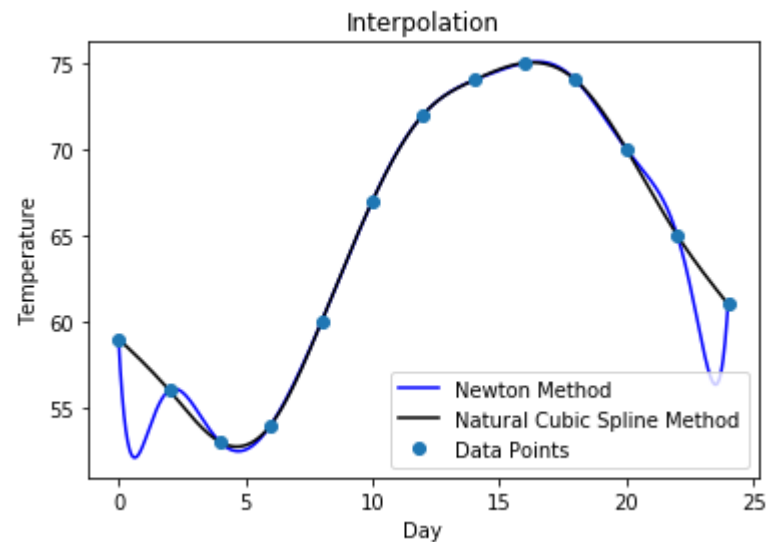
In [17]: a,b,c,d = nat_cubic_spline(x, y)

Question 01

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In [18]: a = coef(x,y)
graphRange = np.linspace(min(x),max(x),1000)
yCubic = []
for i in graphRange:
    approx2 = (cubic(y,b,c,d,x,i))
    yCubic.append(approx2)
yval = newton_method(graphRange,x,a)
plt.plot(graphRange,yval,color='b',linestyle='-',label='Newton Method')
plt.plot(graphRange, yCubic,color='k',linestyle='-',label='Natural Cubic Spline Method')
plt.plot(x, y,'o',label='Data Points')
plt.title('Interpolation')
plt.xlabel('Day')
plt.ylabel('Temperature')
plt.legend(loc='best')
plt.show()

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Question 02

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In [19]: newton_method(11,x,a)

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Out[19]: 69.91312909126282

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In [20]: cubic(y,b,c,d,x,11)
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Out[20]: 69.881177404202
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Question 03

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In [21]: newton_method(1,x,a)
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Out[21]: 52.9364960193634
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In [22]: cubic(y,b,c,d,x,1)
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Out[22]: 57.57420109036042
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Question 04

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In [23]: newton_method(9,x,a)
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Out[23]: 63.559680223464966
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In [24]: cubic(y,b,c,d,x,9)
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Out[24]: 63.60276682514377
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The cubic spline predicts the way it does because there is differentiability at the endpoints of the subintervals. This leads to a "smoother" interpolating function. It has no conditions imposed for the direction at its endpoints, so the curve takes the shape of a stright line after it passes through the the interpolation points nearest its endpoints.