

# 26-Applications

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ECEGR 101

Engineering Problem Solving with Matlab

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# Overview

- Polynomials
- Curve Fitting
- Interpolation
- Numerical Analyses



# Polynomials

- Polynomials have the form

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

- $x$ : variable
- $a$ : coefficients
- $n$ : order of the polynomial



# Polynomials

- MATLAB can represent polynomials, as long as the order is known
- Example:
  - $8x + 5$   $p=[8 \ 5]$
  - $2x^2 - 4x + 10$   $p=[2 \ -4 \ 10]$
  - $6x^2 - 150$   $p=[6 \ 0 \ -150]$
  - $x^3$   $p=[1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$

Vector length = order + 1



# Polynomials

- Polynomials can be evaluated using **polyval**
- $Y = \text{polyval}(P,X)$  returns the value of a polynomial  $P$  evaluated at  $X$ .  $P$  is a vector of length  $N+1$  whose elements are the coefficients of the polynomial in descending powers.



# Example

- Evaluate  $2x^2 - 4x + 10$  for  $x = 7.25$



## Example

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```
>> p=[2 -4 10]
p =
     2     -4     10
>> polyval(p,7.25)
ans =
    86.1250
```



## Exercise

- Plot  $0.10x^4 + 2x^2 - 4x + 10$  for  $x=0:.1:10$  using `polyval`

Hint: use  $y = \text{polyval}(p,x)$ , where  $x$  is a vector and  $y$  is the polynomial evaluated at each  $x$ .

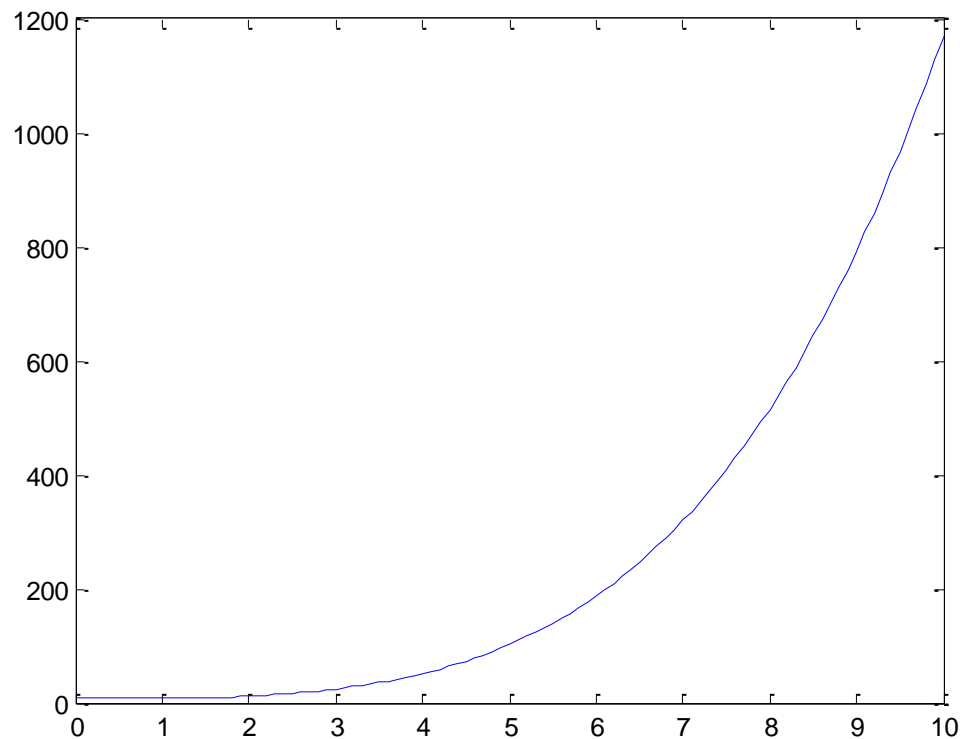




## Exercise

- Plot  $0.10x^4 + 2x^2 - 4x + 10$  for  $x=0:.1:10$  using `polyval`

```
>> p=[.1 0 2 -4 10];  
>> x=0:.1:10;  
>> y=polyval(p,x);  
>> plot(x,y)
```





# Root Solving

- Roots of a polynomial can be found using `roots(p)` command
- Example
  - Let  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$
  - Find  $x$  such that  $f(x) = 0$  (i.e. find the roots of  $f(x)$ )

```
>> p=[1 -2 -3]
p =
     1     -2     -3
>> r=roots(p)
r =
     3.0000
    -1.0000
```



# Polynomial Solving

- When the roots are known, the polynomial can be found using poly
- Example:

```
>> r=[3 -1]
```

```
r =
```

```
     3     -1
```

```
>> p=poly(r)
```

```
p =
```

```
     1     -2     -3  → x2 -2x-3
```



# Polynomial Arithmetic

- Polynomials  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  can be added, subtracted, multiplied and divided
  - Addition:  $p_1 + p_2$  (may need to pad zeros if not of the same order)
  - Subtraction:  $p_1 - p_2$  (may need to pad zeros if not of the same order)
  - Multiplication:  $\text{conv}(p_1, p_2)$  (repeated use of  $\text{conv}()$  also for multiplication of more than two polynomials)
  - Division:  $[q, r] = \text{deconv}(p_1, p_2)$  ( $q$  is the quotient,  $r$  is the remainder)



## Example

- Let  $g(x) = 0.10x^4 + 2x^2 - 4x + 10$  and Let  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$
- Find  $h(x) = g(x) * f(x)$

```
>> g=[.1 0 2 -4 10];  
>> f=[1 -2 -3];  
>> h=conv(g,f)  
h =  
    0.1000    -0.2000    1.7000   -8.0000   12.0000   -8.0000  -30.0000
```

$$h(x) = 0.1x^6 - 0.2x^5 + 1.7x^4 - 8x^3 + 12x^2 - 8x - 30$$



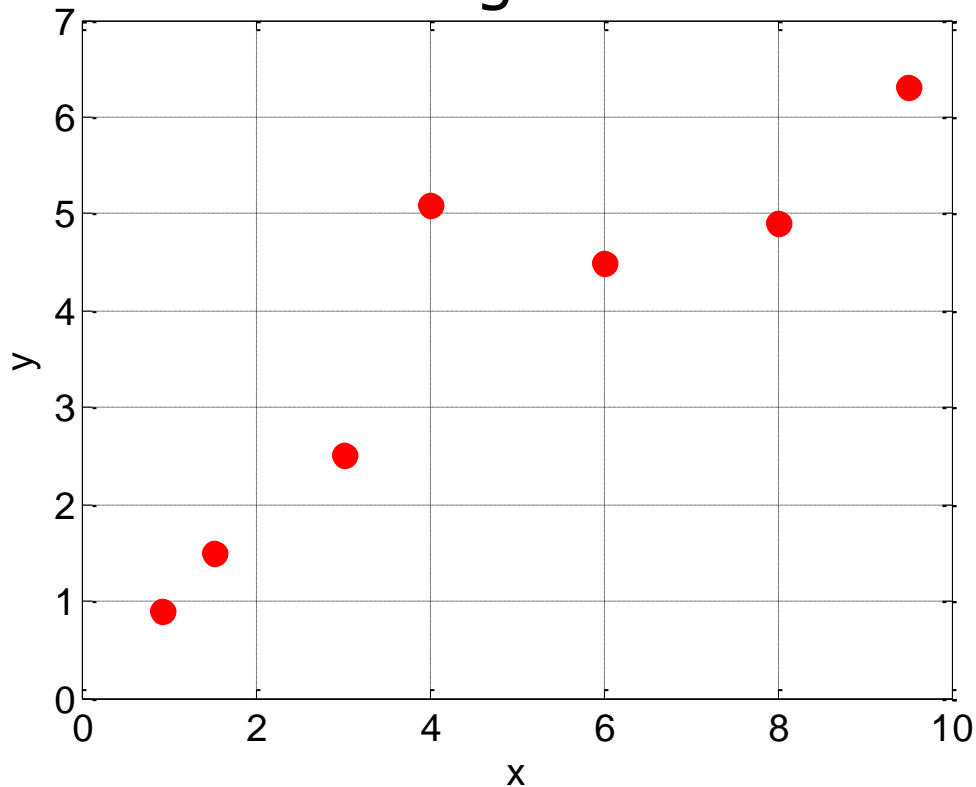
# Derivatives of Polynomials

- $k = \text{polyder}(p)$ 
  - $p$ : vector of polynomial coefficients
  - $k$ : a vector of polynomial derivative coefficients



# Curve Fitting

- We often want to fit a polynomial to data
- Known as “Curve Fitting”





# Curve Fitting

- Which order polynomial to use?
  - $y = b$
  - $y = mx + b$
  - $y = ax^2 + bx + c$
  - and so on...

If there are  $n$  data points, then the order of the fit polynomial cannot exceed  $n-1$





# Curve Fitting

- $p = \text{polyfit}(x, y, n)$ 
  - $x$ : vector of horizontal component of data
  - $y$ : vector of vertical component of data
  - $n$ : order of polynomial to fit
  - $p$ : resulting coefficients



# Example

```
>> x=[.9 1.5 3 4 6 8 9.5];%%x data  
>> y=[.9 1.5 2.5 5.1 4.5 4.9 6.3];%%y data  
>> p=polyfit(x,y,1)
```

p =

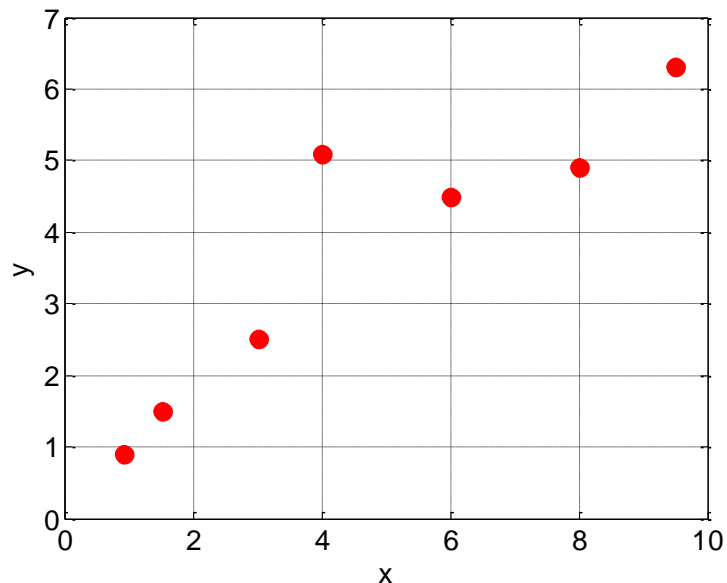
first order polynomial

0.5688

0.9982

$$y = 0.5688x + 0.9982$$

Data





# Example

```
>> x=[.9 1.5 3 4 6 8 9.5];%%x data  
>> y=[.9 1.5 2.5 5.1 4.5 4.9 6.3];%%y data  
>> p=polyfit(x,y,2)
```

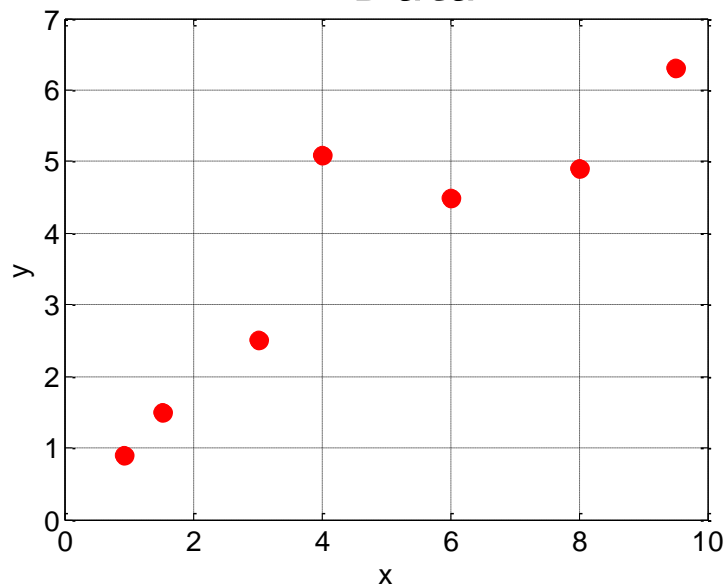
p =

-0.0617    1.2030    -0.0580

second order polynomial

$$y = -0.0617x^2 + 1.2030x - 0.058$$

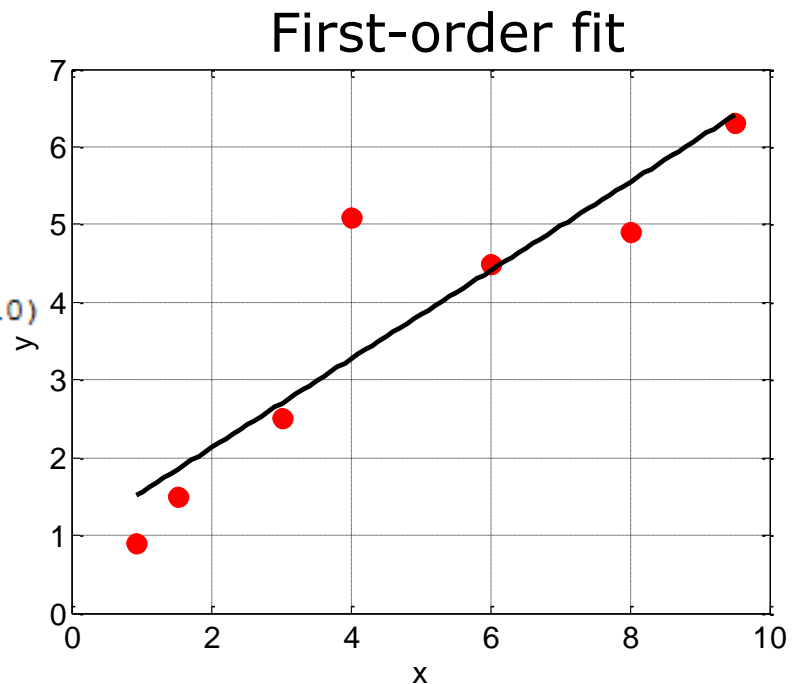
Data





# Example

```
x=[.9 1.5 3 4 6 8 9.5];%%x data
y=[.9 1.5 2.5 5.1 4.5 4.9 6.3];%%y data
p=polyfit(x,y,1)
figure
plot(x,y,'ro','markerfacecolor','red','markersize',10)
grid on
xlabel('x','fontsize',14)
ylabel('y','fontsize',14)
set(gca,'fontsize',14)
hold on
xp=[min(x):.1:max(x)];
yp=polyval(p,xp);
plot(xp,yp,'black','linewidth',2.5)
```



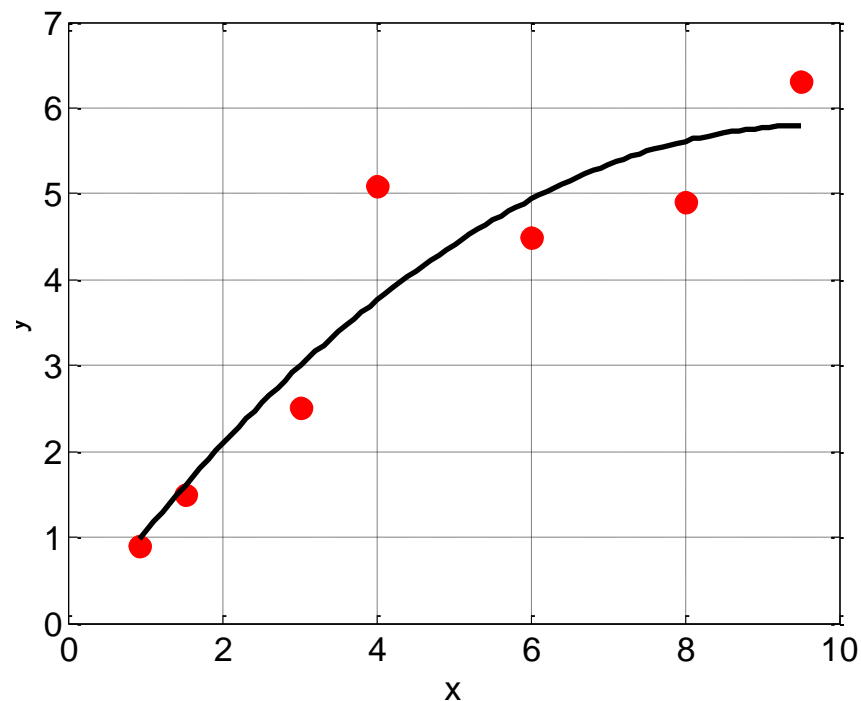
Use polyval to evaluate fitted polynomial



# Example

```
clear all
x=[.9 1.5 3 4 6 8 9.5];%%x data
y=[.9 1.5 2.5 5.1 4.5 4.9 6.3];%%y data
p=polyfit(x,y,2)
figure
plot(x,y,'ro','markerfacecolor','red','markersize',10)
grid on
xlabel('x','fontsize',14)
ylabel('y','fontsize',14)
set(gca,'fontsize',14)
hold on
xp=[min(x):.1:max(x)];
yp=polyval(p,xp);
plot(xp,yp,'black','linewidth',2.5)
```

second-order fit



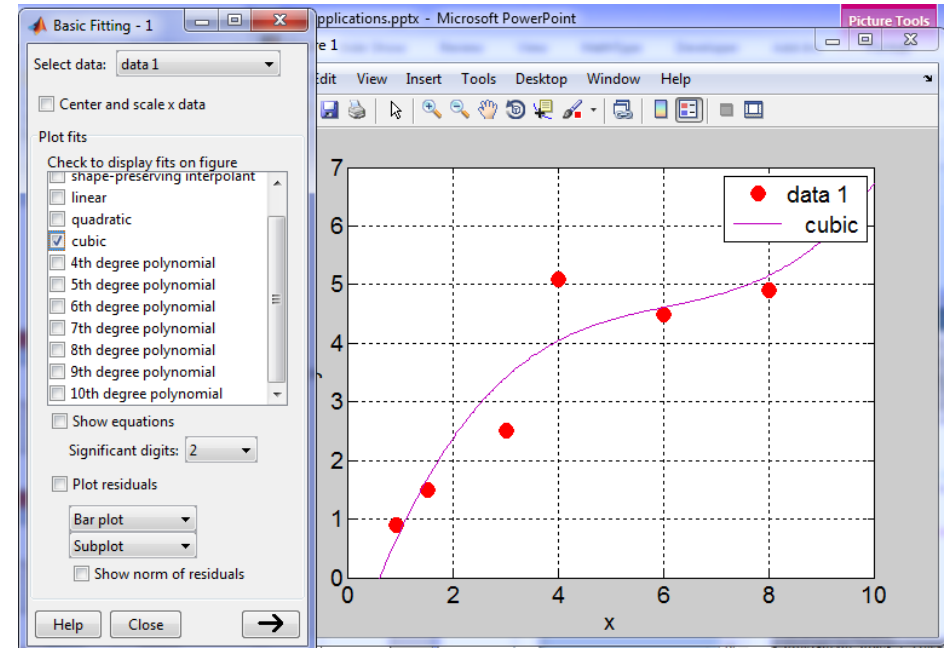
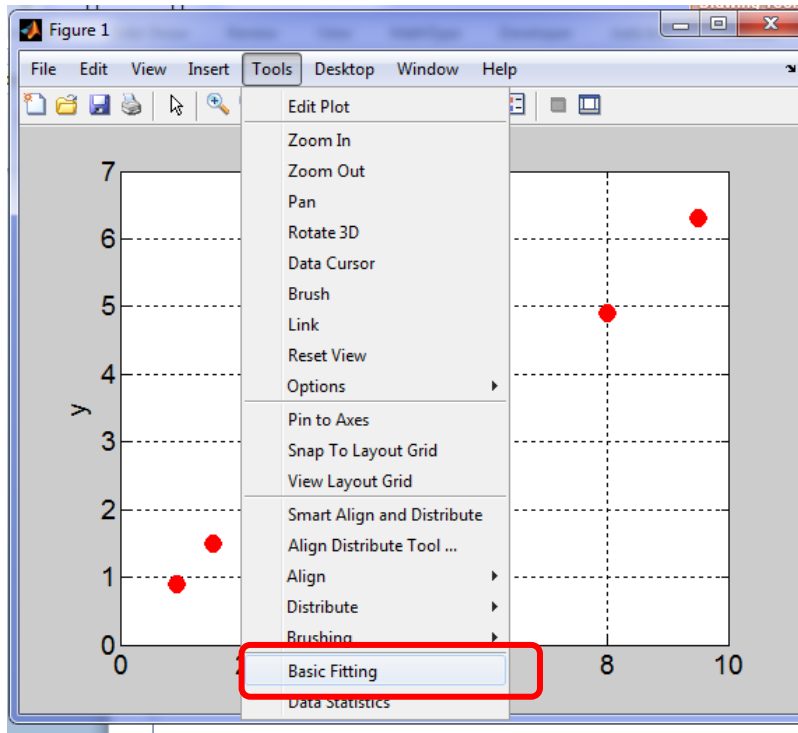


# Curve Fitting Notes

- MATLAB fits the polynomials based on “Least Squares”
- Other (non-polynomial) fits are possible
  - See “fit” (requires curve-fitting toolbox)
  - See text
- GUI Basic Fit
  - Create plot of data
  - In Figure window Tools>> Basic Fitting



# Curve Fitting





# Interpolation

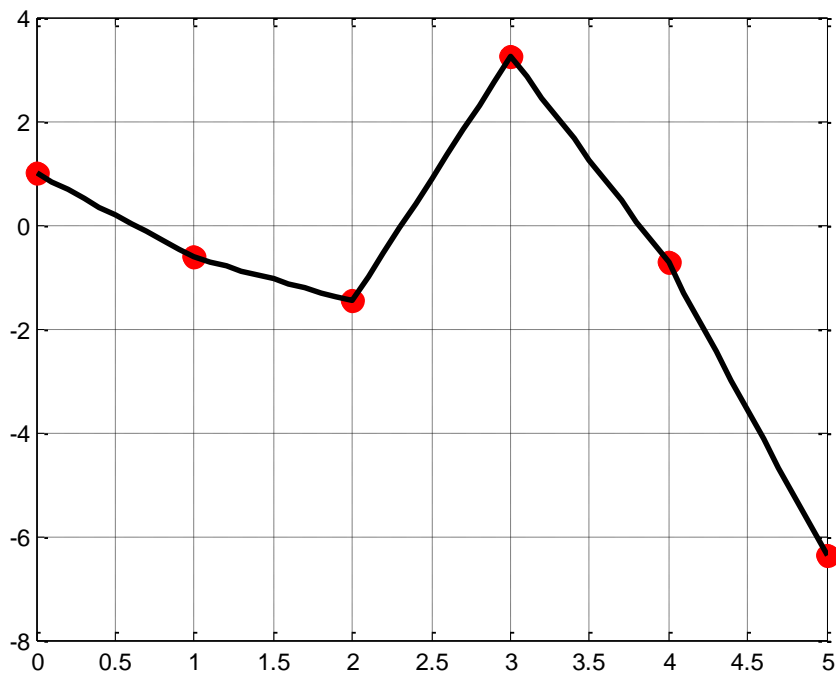
- Interpolation is the estimation of values between data points
- $y_i = \text{interp1}(x, y, x_i, \text{'method'})$ 
  - $x$ : vector of horizontal component of data
  - $y$ : vector of vertical component of data
  - $x_i$ : vector of points whose values are to be interpolated
  - $\text{method}$ : interpolation method (optional)

`interp1` (the last character is the number 1)





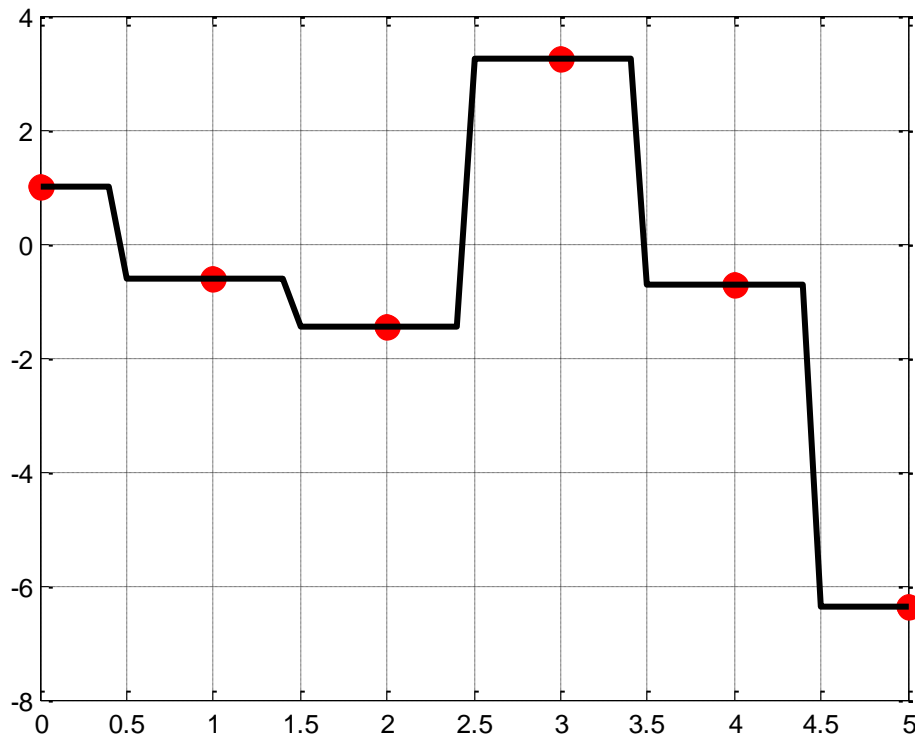
# Example ('linear' method)



```
x=[0:1:5]; %%x data (1 resolution)
y=[1 -0.6242 -1.4707 3.24 -0.7366 -6.3717]; %%y data
xi=[0:.1:5] %%interpolated points (0.1 resolution)
yi=interp1(x,y,xi,'linear')
plot(x,y,'ro','markerfacecolor','red','markersize',10);hold on
plot(xi,yi,'black','linewidth',2.5);grid on
```



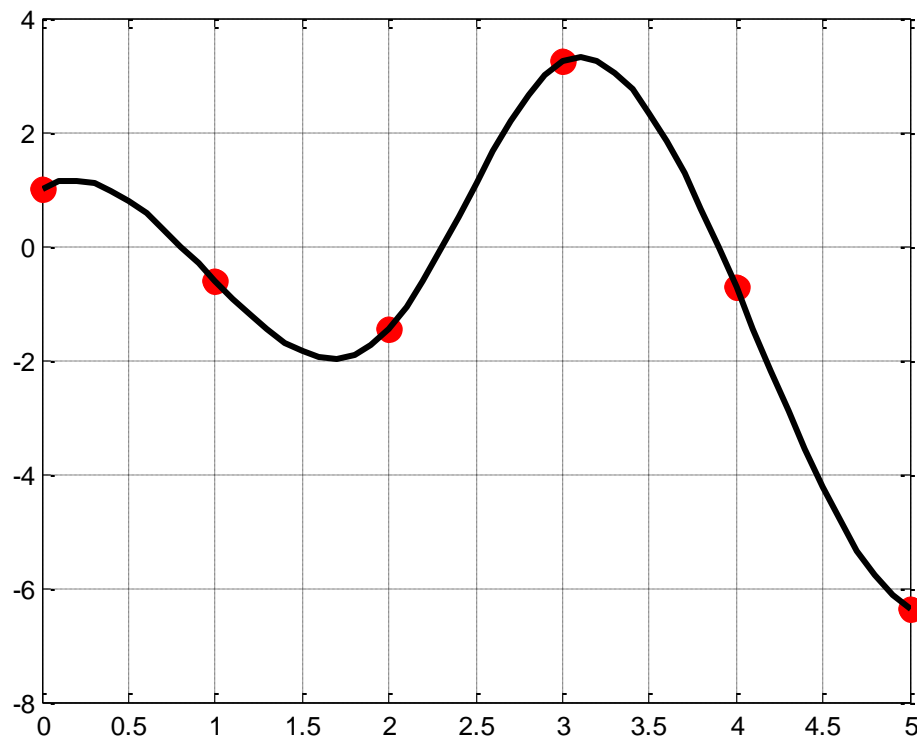
# Example ('nearest' method)



```
x=[0:1:5];%%x data (1 resolution)
y=[1 -.6242 -1.4707 3.24 -.7366 -6.3717];%%y data
xi=[0:.1:5]%%interpolated points (0.1 resolution)
yi=interp1(x,y,xi,'nearest')
plot(x,y,'ro','markerfacecolor','red','markersize',10);hold on
plot(xi,yi,'black','linewidth',2.5);grid on
```



# Example ('spline' method)



```
x=[0:1:5];%%x data (1 resolution)
y=[1 -.6242 -1.4707 3.24 -.7366 -6.3717];%%y data
xi=[0:.1:5];%%interpolated points (0.1 resolution)
yi=interp1(x,y,xi,'spline')
plot(x,y,'ro','markerfacecolor','red','markersize',10);hold on
plot(xi,yi,'black','linewidth',2.5);grid on
```



# Numerical Analysis

- MATLAB can be used to find zero crossings, minimum and maximum, integrate functions, solve differential equations and more!
- Covered in the text, but beyond the scope of this courses (very useful in other courses!)



# Useful Functions

- $X = \text{fzero}(\text{function}, x_0)$ 
  - Solves the 'function'  $f(x) = 0$  near an  $x$  value of  $x_0$
- $X = \text{fminbnd}(\text{function}, x_1, x_2)$ 
  - Finds the minimum value of the function between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$
- $Q = \text{quad}(\text{function}, a, b)$ 
  - Numerically integrates the function between  $a$  and  $b$
- $Q = \text{trapz}(x, y)$ 
  - Numerically integrates a function whose data are given as points in  $x$  and  $y$



# Useful Functions

- Differential equations can be solved using different "solvers"
  - ode45
  - ode23
  - ode113
  - And many more
- See text for more details



# Final Words

- MATLAB has many more capabilities than we discussed
- Advanced features require optional “toolboxes”
- See [www.mathworks.com](http://www.mathworks.com) for more help, as well as <http://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/> for user generated codes