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## Global Population from 1804 to 2015

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### Abstract

This worksheet is concerned with the development of the global population during the period of 1804 - 2015. In 1804 or 2015 the population is  $10^9$  or  $7.4 \cdot 10^9$ , respectively. The given data has been interpolated by the *cubic spline function*. Several nonlinear model functions to data have been suggested and tested by using *error norms*. The arguments in the approximation functions are given by:

[ > **restart:**  
> **tau(xi):=(xi-1804)/211; tau(1804):=0; tau(2015):=7.4;**

$$\tau(\xi) := \frac{\xi}{211} - \frac{1804}{211}$$
$$\tau(1804) := 0$$
$$\tau(2015) := 7.4$$

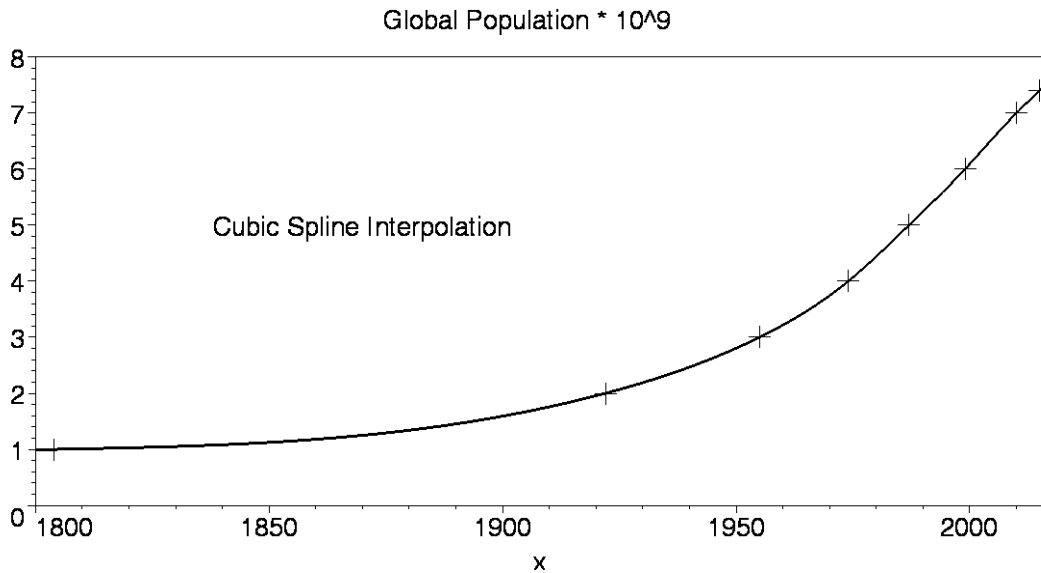
### Cubic Spline Interpolation

[ > **restart:**  
> **with(Statistics):**  
> **DATA:= [1804,1],[1922,2],[1955,3],[1974,4],[1987,5],**  
**[1999,6],[2010,7],[2015,7.4];**  
*DATA :=*  
*[1804, 1], [1922, 2], [1955, 3], [1974, 4], [1987, 5], [1999, 6], [2010, 7], [2015, 7.4]*  
> **X:=array([1804,1922,1955,1974,1987,1999,2010,2015]);**  
*X := [1804, 1922, 1955, 1974, 1987, 1999, 2010, 2015]*  
> **whattype(X);**  
*symbol*  
> **Y:=array([seq(i,i=1..7),7.4]);**  
*Y := [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7.4]*  
> **whattype(Y);**  
*symbol*  
> **with(CurveFitting):**

```

[ > Sp(x):=Spline([DATA],x,degree=3):
[ > alias(th=thickness,co=color):
[ > p[1]:=plot([DATA],x=1800..2016,0..8,th=3,co=black,
[ style=point,symbol=cross,symbolsize=45,axes=boxed,
[ title="Global Population * 10^9"):
[ > p[2]:=plot(Sp(x),x=1800..2016,th=3,co=black):
[ > p[3]:=plots[textplot]([1870,5,`Cubic Spline Interpolation`]):
[ > plots[display](seq(p[k],k=1..3));

```



### Approximation $y(x)$ : Three Parameter Single Exponential Groth

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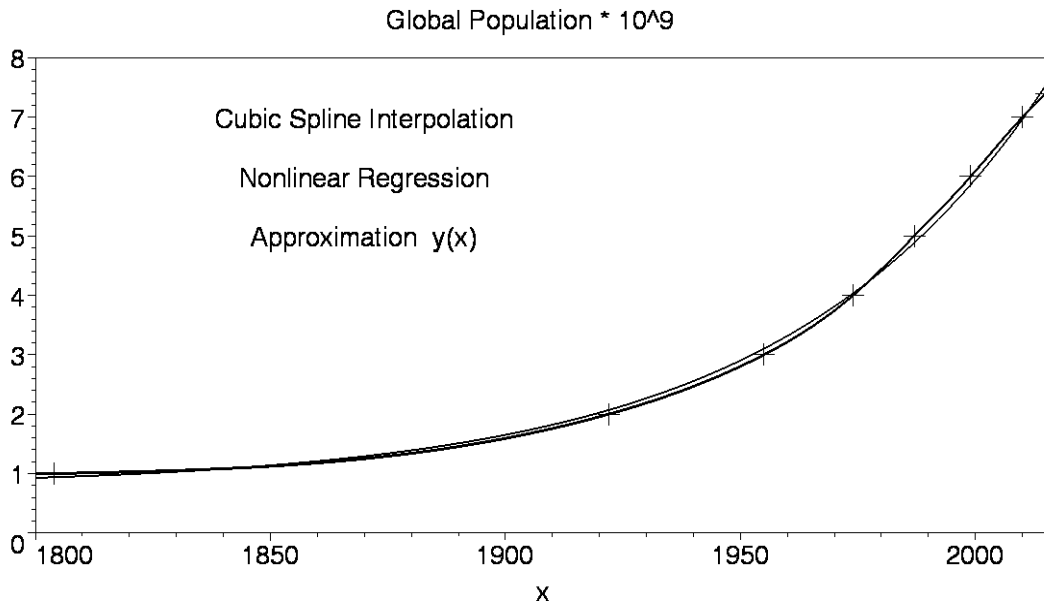
[ > f:=(t,a,b,c) -> a + b*exp(c*(t-1804)/211);
[
[  $f := (t, a, b, c) \rightarrow a + b e^{(1/211)c(t-1804)}$ 
[
[ > y:=unapply(evalf(NonlinearFit(f(t,a,b,c),X,Y,t)),t);
[
[  $y := t \rightarrow 0.780667500337245 + 0.157499785429422 e^{(0.0178166440516068 t - 32.1412258690987)}$ 
[ > y(x):=simplify(subs(t=x,y(t)));
[
[  $y(x) := 0.780667500337245 + 0.157499785429422 e^{(0.0178166440516068 x - 32.1412258690987)}$ 
[ > y(1804):=evalf(subs(x=1804,y(x)));
[
[  $y(1804) := 0.938167285766667$ 
[ > y(1804)[data]:=1;
[
[  $y(1804)_{data} := 1$ 
[ > y(2015):=evalf(subs(x=2015,y(x)));
[
[  $y(2015) := 7.54038238103267$ 
[ > y(2015)[data]:=7.4;
[
[  $y(2015)_{data} := 7.4$ 
[ >
[ > alias(th=thickness,co=color):
[ > p[1]:=plot([DATA],x=1800..2016,0..8,axes=boxed,
[ th=3,co=black,style=point,symbol=cross,symbolsize=45):

```

```

> p[2]:=plot(Sp(x),x=1800..2016,th=3,co=black,
title="Global Population * 10^9"):
> p[3]:=plot(y(x),x=1800..2016,th=2,co=black):
> p[4]:=plots[textplot]([1870,7,`Cubic Spline Interpolation`],
[1870,6,`Nonlinear Regression`],[1870,5,`Approximation
y(x)`]):
> plots[display](seq(p[k],k=1..4));

```



The  $L_2$  error norm between the cubic spline interpolation and the approximation  $y(x)$  can be expressed as:

```

> L[2]:=
sqrt((1/211)*Int((SPLINE-ypsilon(x))^2,x=1804..2015))=
evalf(sqrt((1/211)*int((Sp(x)-y(x))^2,x=1804..2015)));

```

$$L_2 := \frac{1}{211} \sqrt{211} \sqrt{\int_{1804}^{2015} (\text{SPLINE} - \text{ypsilon}(x))^2 dx} = 0.07131679787$$

The  $l_2$  error norm of the approximation  $y(x)$  with respect to the data is given by:

```

> with(linalg):
> for i from 1 to 8 do
v[i]:=evalf(subs(x=DATA[i][1],y(x))-DATA[i][2]) od:
> V:=vector([seq(v[i],i=1..8)]);
V := [-0.0618327142333333, 0.0698816095127985, 0.101630229137681,
0.0366637806652945, -0.114706301969693, -0.136267597200296, -0.0357518828930905,
0.140382381032667]
> l[2]:=
(1/sqrt(number_of_points))*Norm(V,2)=
evalf((1/sqrt(8))*norm(V,2));

```

$$l_2 := \frac{\text{Norm}(V, 2)}{\sqrt{\text{number\_of\_points}}} = 0.0955846901570484$$

The above approximation  $y(x)$  could be improved by introducing the model function  $z(x)$ , where the boundary conditions  $z(1804) = 1$  and  $z(2015) = 7.4$  are apriori fulfilled exactly.

```
> z(x) := 1 - (6.4 / (exp(d) - 1)) * (1 - exp(d * (x - 1804) / 211));
```

$$z(x) := 1 - \frac{6.4 \left( 1 - e^{\left( \frac{d(x-1804)}{211} \right)} \right)}{e^d - 1}$$

```
> z(x) := evalf(NonlinearFit(z(x), X, Y, x));
```

$$z(x) := 0.835636845976257 + 0.164363154023743 e^{(0.0174755092048838 x - 31.5258186056104)}$$

```
> z(1804) := simplify(subs(x=1804, z(x)));
```

$$z(1804) := 1.$$

```
> z(1804)[data] := 1;
```

$$z(1804)_{data} := 1$$

```
> z(2015) := simplify(subs(x=2015, z(x)));
```

$$z(2015) := 7.399999999$$

```
> z(2015)[data] := 7.4;
```

$$z(2015)_{data} := 7.4$$

**Note:** With Digits = default we arrive at the exact boundary conditions.

```
> alias(th=thickness, co=color):
```

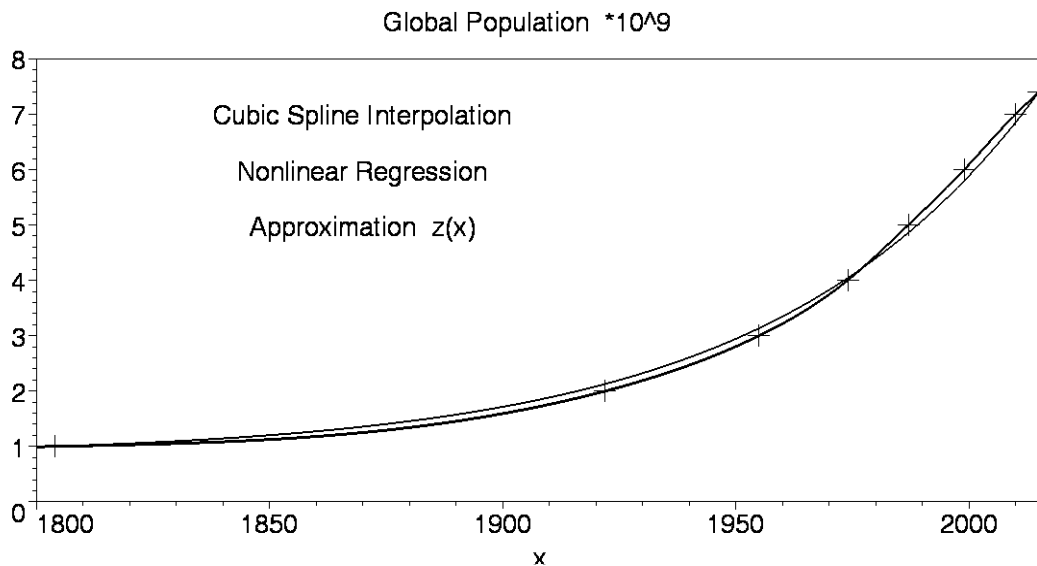
```
> p[1] := plot([DATA], x=1800..2016, 0..8, axes=boxed,
th=3, co=black, style=point, symbol=cross, symbolsize=45):
```

```
> p[2] := plot(Sp(x), x=1800..2016, th=3, co=black,
title="Global Population *10^9"):
```

```
> p[3] := plot(z(x), x=1800..2016, th=2, co=black):
```

```
> p[4] := plots[textplot]({[1870, 7, `Cubic Spline Interpolation`],
[1870, 6, `Nonlinear Regression`],
[1870, 5, `Approximation z(x)`]}):
```

```
> plots[display](seq(p[k], k=1..4));
```



The  $M[2]$  error norm between the spline interpolation and the approximation  $z(x)$  can be expressed as:

```
> M[2] :=
sqrt((1/211)*Int((SPLINE -Z(xi))^2,xi=1804..2015))=
evalf(sqrt((1/211)*int((Sp(x)-z(x))^2,x=1804..2015)));
```

$$M_2 := \frac{1}{211} \sqrt{211} \sqrt{\int_{1804}^{2015} (\text{SPLINE} - Z(\xi))^2 d\xi} = 0.1149950158$$

The  $m[2]$  error norm of the approximation  $z(x)$  with respect to the data is given by:

```
> with(linalg):
> for i from 1 to 8 do
w[i]:=evalf(subs(x=DATA[i][1],z(x))-DATA[i][2]) od:
> W:=vector([seq(w[i],i=1..8)]);
W := [0., 0.127949205857758, 0.136133288978813, 0.0420714970464786,
-0.140102365694109, -0.201179753302434, -0.149233220736058, -0.806045896695196 10^-9]
> m[2] :=
(1/sqrt(number_of_points))*Norm(W,2)=
evalf((1/sqrt(8))*norm(W,2));
```

$$m_2 := \frac{\text{Norm}(W, 2)}{\sqrt{\text{number\_of\_points}}} = 0.121986578478900$$

Exponential Groth Multiplied with  $[(t-1804)/211]^2$  is the next Example.

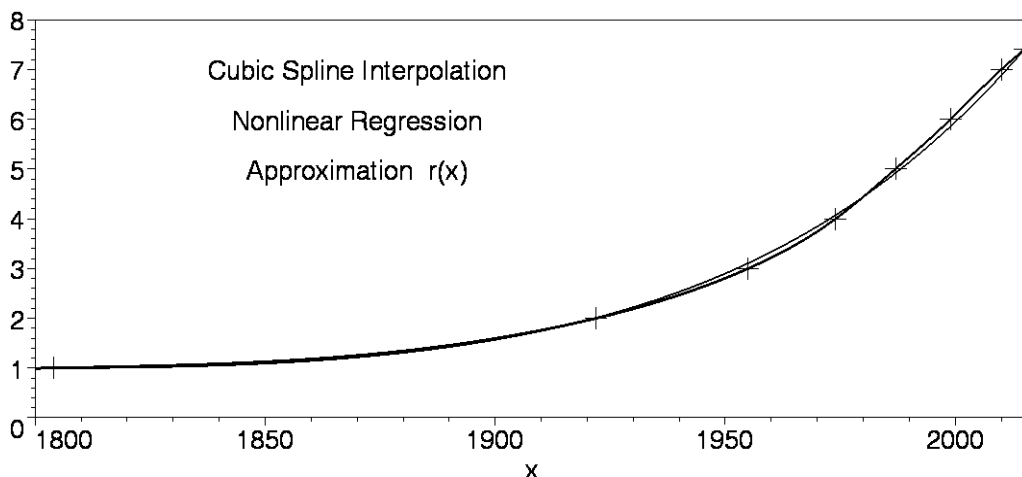
```
> h:=(t,a)->1+(6.4/exp(a))*(((t-1804)/211)^2)*exp(a*(t-1804)/211);
```

$$h := (t, a) \rightarrow 1 + \frac{6.4 \left( \frac{1}{211} t - \frac{1804}{211} \right)^2 e^{(1/211) a (t-1804)}}{e^a}$$

```

> r:=unapply(evalf(NonlinearFit(h(t,a),X,Y,t)),t);
r:=t→
1. + 1.3540749879374 (0.004739336493 t - 8.549763033)2 e(0.00736103997575911 t - 13.2793161162694)
> r(x):=subs(t=x,r(t));
r(x) := 1.
+ 1.35407498793740 (0.004739336493 x - 8.549763033)2 e(0.00736103997575911 x - 13.2793161162694)
> r(1804):=evalf(subs(x=1804,r(x)));
r(1804) := 1.
> r(1804)[data]:=1;
r(1804)data := 1
> r(2015):=evalf(subs(x=2015,r(x)));
r(2015) := 7.39999999975997
> r(2015)[data]:=7.4;
r(2015)data := 7.4
>
> alias(th=thickness,co=color):
> p[1]:=plot([DATA],x=1800..2016,0..8,axes=boxed,
th=3,co=black,style=point,symbol=cross,symbolsize=45):
> p[2]:=plot(Sp(x),x=1800..2015,th=3,co=black,
title="Global Population *10^9"):
> p[3]:=plot(r(x),x=1800..2016,th=2,co=black):
> p[4]:=plots[textplot]([1870,7,`Cubic Spline Interpolation`],
[1870,6,`Nonlinear Regression`],[1870,5,`Approximation
r(x)`]):
> plots[display](seq(p[k],k=1..4));
Global Population *10^9

```



The  $N[2]$  error norm between the cubic spline interpolation and the approximation  $r(x)$  can be expressed as:

```

> N[2]:=

```

```
sqrt((1/211)*Int((SPLINE - R(xi)),xi=1804..2015))=
evalf(sqrt((1/211)*int((Sp(x)-r(x))^2,x=1804..2015)));
```

>

$$N_2 := \frac{1}{211} \sqrt{211} \sqrt{\int_{1804}^{2015} SPLINE - R(\xi) d\xi} = 0.06618117457$$

The  $n[2]$  *error norm* of the approximation  $r(x)$  with respect to the data is given by:

```
> with(linalg):
```

```
> for i from 1 to 8 do
```

```
  q[i]:=evalf(subs(x=DATA[i][1],r(x))-DATA[i][2]) od:
```

```
> Q:=vector([seq(q[i],i=1..8)]);
```

```
Q := [0., 0.00941833345058884, 0.107450662525681, 0.0721448291481095,
      -0.0825344101343100, -0.141138248878021, -0.120164049584496,
      -0.240033770637638 10-9]
```

```
> n[2]:=
```

```
(1/sqrt(number_of_points))*Norm(Q,2)=
evalf((1/sqrt(8))*norm(Q,2));
```

$$n_2 := \frac{\text{Norm}(Q, 2)}{\sqrt{\text{number\_of\_points}}} = 0.0851546821888804$$

The calculated *error norms*  $\{ L[2], l[2] \}$ ,  $\{ M[2], m[2] \}$ , and  $\{ N[2], n[2] \}$  show that, respectively, the approximations  $y(x)$ ,  $z(x)$ , and  $r(x)$  are suitable model functions to the given data.

**Note:** In this worksheet we have *evaluated* the approximations *using floating-point arithmetic (evalf)* with *high precision*, with `Digits = default`. For `Digits < ten`, e.g. equal to four, we arrive at nicer looking formulae. However, the results, e.g. the calculated *error norms* or the *boundary conditions* could be wrong! Let's show some examples:

```
> y(x)[DIGITS=4]:=evalf(y(x),4);
```

$$y(x)_{DIGITS=4} := 0.7807 + 0.1575 e^{(0.01782 x - 32.14)}$$

```
> y(1804)[DIGITS=4]:=evalf(subs(x=1804,y(x)[DIGITS=4]),4);
```

$$y(1804)_{DIGITS=4} := 0.9398$$

```
> y(1804)[data]:=1;
```

$$y(1804)_{data} := 1$$

```
> y(2015)[DIGITS=4]:=evalf(subs(x=2015,y(x)[DIGITS=4]),4);
```

$$y(2015)_{DIGITS=4} := 7.613$$

```
> y(2015)[data]:=7.4;
```

$$y(2015)_{data} := 7.4$$

```
> L[2][DIGITS=4]:=
```

```
sqrt((1/211)*Int((SPLINE-APPROX)^2,x=1804..2015))=
evalf(sqrt((1/211)*int((Sp(x)-y(x)[DIGITS=4])^2,x=1804..2015)),4
);
```

$$L_{2_{DIGITS=4}} := \frac{1}{211} \sqrt{211} \sqrt{\int_{1804}^{2015} (SPLINE - APPROX)^2 dx} = 0.07450$$

```
> L[2][DIGITS=default]:=0.07131679787;
```

$$L_{2_{DIGITS=default}} := 0.07131679787$$

```
> with(linalg):
```

```
> for i from 1 to 8 do
```

```
  v_[i]:=evalf(subs(x=DATA[i][1],y(x)[DIGITS=4])-DATA[i][2]) od:
```

```
> V_:=vector([seq(v_[i],i=1..8)]);
```

```
V_ := [-0.0606492162, 0.079849967, 0.119809215, 0.062362583, -0.082137447,
-0.095736570, 0.013777423, 0.194637721]
```

```
> l[2][DIGITS=4]:=
```

```
(1/sqrt(number_of_points))*Norm(V_,2)=
```

```
evalf((1/sqrt(8))*norm(V_,2),4);
```

$$l_{2_{DIGITS=4}} := \frac{\text{Norm}(V_, 2)}{\sqrt{\text{number\_of\_points}}} = 0.1014$$

```
> l[2][DIGITS=default]:=0.0955846901570484;
```

$$l_{2_{DIGITS=default}} := 0.0955846901570484$$

The next example is concerned with  $z(x)$ :

```
> z(x)[DIGITS=4]:=evalf(z(x),4);
```

$$z(x)_{DIGITS=4} := 0.8356 + 0.1644 e^{(0.01748x - 31.53)}$$

```
> z(1804)[DIGITS=4]:=evalf(subs(x=1804,z(x)[DIGITS=4]));
```

$$z(1804)_{DIGITS=4} := 1.000645713$$

```
> z(1804)[data]:=1;
```

$$z(1804)_{data} := 1$$

```
> z(2015)[DIGITS=4]:=evalf(subs(x=2015,z(x)[DIGITS=4]));
```

$$z(2015)_{DIGITS=4} := 7.433472203$$

```
> z(2015)[data]:=7.4;
```

$$z(2015)_{data} := 7.4$$

```
> M[2][DIGITS=4]:=
```

```
sqrt((1/211)*Int((SPLINE-APPROX)^2,x=1804..2015))=
```

```
evalf(sqrt((1/211)*int((Sp(x)-z(x)[DIGITS=4])^2,x=1804..2015)),4
);
```

$$M_{2_{DIGITS=4}} := \frac{1}{211} \sqrt{211} \sqrt{\int_{1804}^{2015} (SPLINE - APPROX)^2 dx} = 0.1131$$



```
> M[2][DIGITS=default]:=0.1149950158;
```

$$M_{2_{DIGITS = default}} := 0.1149950158$$

Another example has been concerned with the approximation  $r(x)$ :

```
> r(x)[DIGITS=4]:=evalf(r(x),4);
```

$$r(x)_{DIGITS=4} := 1. + 1.354 (0.004739 x - 8.550)^2 e^{(0.007361 x - 13.28)}$$

```
> r(1804)[DIGITS=4]:=evalf(subs(x=1804,r(x)[DIGITS=4]),4);
```

$$r(1804)_{DIGITS=4} := 1.$$

```
> r(1804)[data]:=1;
```

$$r(1804)_{data} := 1$$

```
> r(2015)[DIGITS=4]:=evalf(subs(x=2015,r(x)[DIGITS=4]),4);
```

$$r(2015)_{DIGITS=4} := 7.365$$

```
> r(2015)[data]:=7.4;
```

$$r(2015)_{data} := 7.4$$

```
> N[2][DIGITS=4]:=
sqrt((1/211)*Int((SPLINE-APPROX)^2,x=1804..2015))=
evalf(sqrt((1/211)*int((Sp(x)-r(x)[DIGITS=4])^2,x=1804..2015)),4
);
```

$$N_{2_{DIGITS=4}} := \frac{1}{211} \sqrt{211} \sqrt{\int_{1804}^{2015} (SPLINE - APPROX)^2 dx} = 0.1196$$

```
> N[2][DIGITS=10]:=0.06809235434;
```

$$N_{2_{DIGITS=10}} := 0.06809235434$$

```
> with(linalg):
```

```
> for i from 1 to 8 do
```

```
  q_[i]:=evalf(subs(x=DATA[i][1],r(x)[DIGITS=4])-DATA[i][2],4) od:
```

```
> Q_:=vector([seq(q_[i],i=1..8)]);
```

$$Q_ := [0.1354 \cdot 10^{-5}, 0.006, 0.100, 0.062, -0.081, -0.182, -0.116, -0.035]$$

```
> n[2][DIGITS=4]:=
```

```
(1/sqrt(number_of_points))*Norm(Q_,2)=
```

```
evalf((1/sqrt(8))*norm(Q_,2),4);
```

$$n_{2_{DIGITS=4}} := \frac{\text{Norm}(Q_, 2)}{\sqrt{\text{number\_of\_points}}} = 0.09233$$

```
> n[2][DIGITS=default]:=0.0913215202892018;
```

$$n_{2_{DIGITS = default}} := 0.0913215202892018$$

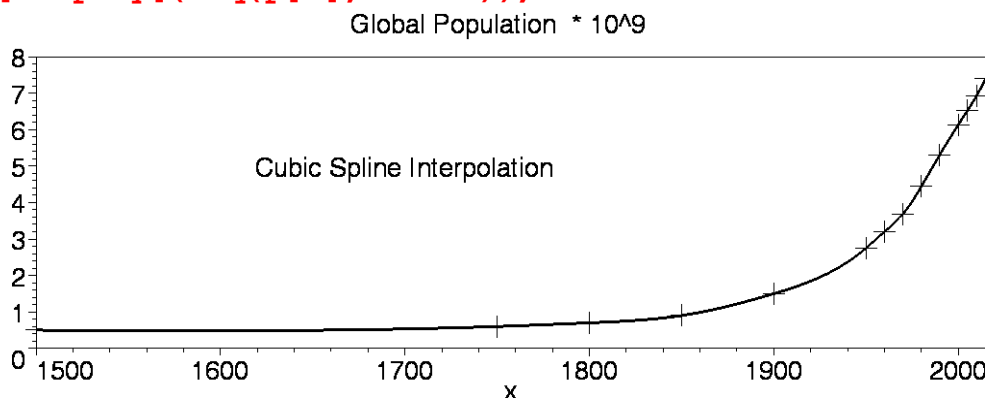
```
>
```

The above comparisons show that there are some differences between  $\text{Digits} = 4$  and  $\text{Digits} = 10 = \text{default}$ !

## Appendix

In the following the development of the global population from  $t = 1500$  to 2015 has been calculated.

```
> restart:
> with(Statistics):
> DATA:=
  [1500,0.5],[1750,0.60],[1800,0.70],[1850,0.90],
  [1900,1.50],[1950,2.75],[1960,3.20],[1970,3.68],
  [1980,4.44],[1990,5.31],[2000,6.13],[2005,6.52],
  [2010,6.93],[2015,7.4];
DATA := [1500, 0.5], [1750, 0.60], [1800, 0.70], [1850, 0.90], [1900, 1.50], [1950, 2.75],
  [1960, 3.20], [1970, 3.68], [1980, 4.44], [1990, 5.31], [2000, 6.13], [2005, 6.52],
  [2010, 6.93], [2015, 7.4]
> X:=array([1500,1750,1800,1850,1900,1950,
  1960,1970,1980,1990,2000,2005,2010,2015]);
X := [1500, 1750, 1800, 1850, 1900, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015]
> whattype(X);
symbol
> Y:=array([0.5,0.60,0.70,0.90,1.50,2.75,3.20,
  3.68,4.44,5.31,6.13,6.52,6.93,7.4]);
Y := [0.5, 0.60, 0.70, 0.90, 1.50, 2.75, 3.20, 3.68, 4.44, 5.31, 6.13, 6.52, 6.93, 7.4]
> whattype(Y);
symbol
> with(CurveFitting):
> Sp(x):=Spline([DATA],x,degree=3):
> alias(th=thickness,co=color):
> p[1]:=plot([DATA],x=1500..2015,0..8,th=3,co=black,
  style=point,symbol=cross,symbolsize=45,axes=boxed,
  title="Global Population * 10^9"):
> p[2]:=plot(Sp(x),x=1500..2015,th=3,co=black):
> p[3]:=plots[textplot]([1700,5,`Cubic Spline Interpolation`]):
> plots[display](seq(p[k],k=1..3));
```



Exponential Growth with factor  $[(t-1000)/1015]^2$  as an example:

```
> h:=(t,a) ->
  0.5+(6.9/exp(a))*((t-1500)/515)^2*exp(a*(t-1500)/515);
```

$$h := (t, a) \rightarrow 0.5 + \frac{6.9 \left( \frac{1}{515} t - \frac{300}{103} \right)^2 e^{(1/515 a (t-1500))}}{e^a}$$

```
> R:=unapply(evalf(NonlinearFit(h(t,a),X,Y,t)),t);
```

```
R:=t -> 0.5
```

```
+ 0.0117211428310179 (0.001941747573 t - 2.912621359)^2 e(0.012384237669925 t - 18.5763565048875)
```

```
> R(x):=subs(t=x,R(t));
```

```
R(x) := 0.5 +
```

```
0.0117211428310179 (0.001941747573 x - 2.912621359)^2 e(0.0123842376699250 x - 18.5763565048875)
```

```
> R(1500):=evalf(subs(x=1500,R(x)));
```

```
R(1500) := 0.5000000000000000
```

```
> R(1500)[data]:=0.5;
```

```
R(1500)data := 0.5
```

```
> R(2015):=evalf(subs(x=2015,R(x)));
```

```
R(2015) := 7.40000001375334
```

```
> R(2015)[data]:=7.4;
```

```
R(2015)data := 7.4
```

The boundary conditions are fulfilled exactly.

```
> alias(th=thickness,co=color):
```

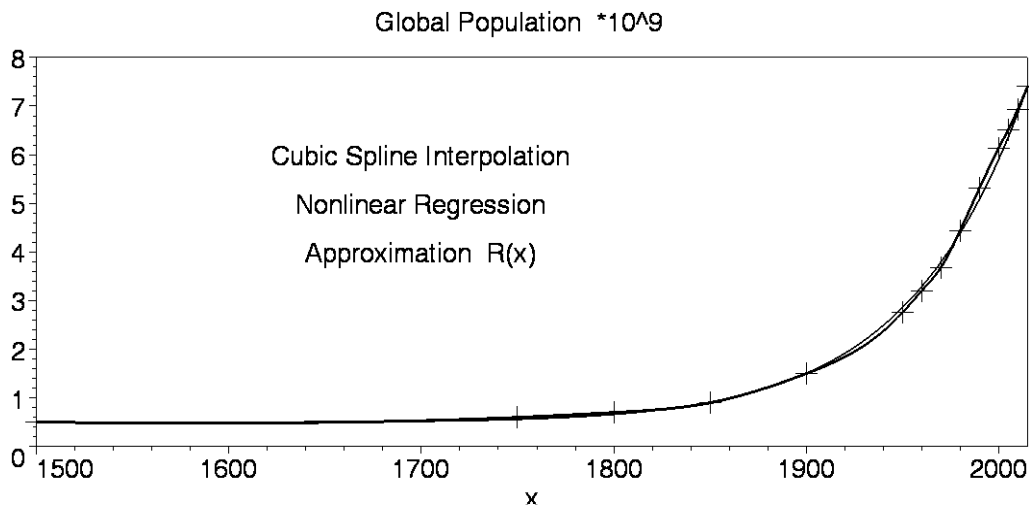
```
> p[1]:=plot([DATA],x=1500..2015,0..8,axes=boxed,th=3,
  co=black,style=point,symbol=cross,symbolsize=45):
```

```
> p[2]:=plot(Sp(x),x=1500..2015,th=3,
  co=black,title="Global Population *10^9");
```

```
> p[3]:=plot(R(x),x=1500..2015,th=2,co=black):
```

```
> p[4]:=plots[textplot]([ [1700,6,`Cubic Spline Interpolation`],
  [1700,5,`Nonlinear Regression`], [1700,4,`Approximation
  R(x)`] ]):
```

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> plots[display](seq(p[k],k=1..4));
```



The  $L[2]$  error norm between the cubic spline interpolation and the approximation  $R(x)$  can be expressed as:

```
> L[2]:=
sqrt((1/515)*Int((SPLINE -Approximation)^2,x=1500..2015))=
evalf(sqrt((1/515)*int((Sp(x)-R(x))^2,x=1500..2015)));
```

$$L_2 := \frac{1}{515} \sqrt{515} \sqrt{\int_{1500}^{2015} (SPLINE - Approximation)^2 dx} = 0.06103774163$$

The  $l[2]$  error norm of the approximation  $R(x)$  with respect to the data is given by:

```
> with(linalg):
> for i from 1 to 14 do
  q[i]:=evalf(subs(x=DATA[i][1],R(x))-DATA[i][2]) od:
> Q:=vector([seq(q[i],i=1..14)]);
Q := [0.117211428310179 10-19, -0.0389287176067251, -0.0366497382960533,
      0.0129844679111111, 0.00193123738315393, 0.105392376097047, 0.0857232060100381,
      0.111562269769442, -0.0542675383081299, -0.226822882193821, -0.228696877736548,
      -0.158168522563107, -0.0696215832530589, 0.137533389121813 10-7]
> l[2]:=
(1/sqrt(number_of_points))*Norm(Q,2)=
evalf((1/sqrt(14))*norm(Q,2));
```

$$l_2 := \frac{\text{Norm}(Q, 2)}{\sqrt{\text{number\_of\_points}}} = 0.110354438506378$$

**Note:** The above approximation  $R(x)$  and the error norms  $L[2]$ ,  $l[2]$  have been calculated with "high precision", that is, with  $\text{Digits} = \text{default} = 10$ . We should compare these results with  $\text{Digits} = 4$ , for instance:

```
> R(x)[DIGITS=4]:=evalf(R(x),4);
```

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R(x)DIGITS=4 := 0.5 + 0.01172 (0.001942 x - 2.913)2 e(0.01238 x - 18.58)
> R(1500)[DIGITS=4] := evalf(subs(x=1500, R(x)[DIGITS=4]), 4);
R(1500)DIGITS=4 := 0.5
> R(1500)[data] := 0.5;
R(1500)data := 0.5
> R(2015)[DIGITS=4] := evalf(subs(x=2015, R(x)[DIGITS=4]), 4);
R(2015)DIGITS=4 := 7.346
> R(2015)[data] := 7.4;
R(2015)data := 7.4
> L[2][DIGITS=4] :=
sqrt((1/515)*Int((SPLINE-APPROX)^2, x=1500..2015)) =
evalf(sqrt((1/515)*int((Sp(x)-R(x)[DIGITS=4])^2, x=1500..2015)), 4
);
L2DIGITS=4 :=  $\frac{1}{515} \sqrt{515} \sqrt{\int_{1500}^{2015} (SPLINE - APPROX)^2 dx} = 0.06967$ 
> L[2][DIGITS=10] := 0.06103774163;
L2DIGITS=10 := 0.06103774163
> with(linalg):
> for i from 1 to 14 do
q_[i] := evalf(subs(x=DATA[i][1], R(x)[DIGITS=4]) - DATA[i][2]) od:
> Q_ := vector([seq(q_[i], i=1..14)]);
Q_ := [0., -0.03959059519, -0.0384543258, 0.0083355549, -0.0095572551, 0.077891337,
0.053081049, 0.072855013, -0.100124690, -0.281102785, -0.292892263, -0.227960091,
-0.145482063, -0.082441010]
> l[2][DIGITS=4] :=
(1/sqrt(number_of_points))*Norm(Q_, 2) =
evalf((1/sqrt(14))*norm(Q_, 2), 4);
l2DIGITS=4 :=  $\frac{\text{Norm}(Q_, 2)}{\sqrt{\text{number\_of\_points}}} = 0.1394$ 
> l[2][DIGITS=10] := 0.148135737630170;
l2DIGITS=10 := 0.148135737630170

```

We see, the comparisons show that there are some differences between digits = 4 and digits = default.

**Prognosis** for future developments of the *global population* \*10<sup>9</sup> assuming the above approximation R(x) in the period from 2015 to 2050, too:

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> for i in [2015, 2025, 2035, 2050] do
R(i) := evalf(subs(t=i, R(t)), 4) od;

```

$$R(2015) := 7.346$$

$$R(2025) := 8.527$$

$$R(2035) := 9.900$$

$$R(2050) := 12.50$$

We see, within a period of only 35 years the global population increases by  $5 \cdot 10^9$ . In contrast: Within the period from 1800 to 1980, i. e. within 180 years, the global population has increased by  $5 \cdot 10^9$ , too.

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