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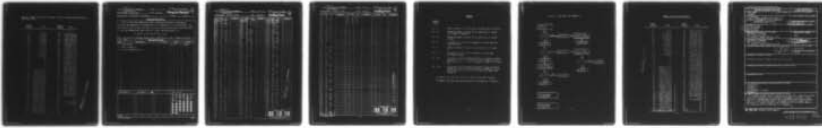
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INTRODUCTION

The following is a description of a program for a hand-held programmable calculator which, in effect, interpolates values of temperature from the calibration table of a silicon diode thermometer over a full 4 to 300K temperature range. When making temperature measurements in the laboratory, the voltage across a forward biased calibrated diode is read from a digital voltmeter. With this program, the voltage reading is keyed into the calculator and the interpolated temperature is calculated quickly and accurately. The computational technique presented here is superior to techniques generally used since the data reduction scheme allows more information to be stored, allows for a simple calculator routine resulting in very short computation times and results in an interpolation having the accuracy of the original data table. The scheme is perfectly general and can be used to interpolate any data table.

GENERAL SCHEME

A common recurring problem in laboratory work is the necessity of interpolation from a table of values. An example is interpolation from a calibration table furnished with a cryogenic silicon diode thermometer where pairs of temperature and voltage values are given.⁽¹⁾ During an experiment, the diode voltage is read from a digital voltmeter, then the corresponding temperature value must be interpolated from the calibration table. It would be very convenient to be able to make this interpolation quickly and with a high degree of accuracy while the experiment is in progress. A hand-held programmable calculator, in our case a Texas Instruments TI-59, can be used to accomplish this.

Before this is done, a number of problems must be overcome. The calibration table supplied with a diode typically may have 90 or more pairs of temperature and voltage values. This would exceed the maximum available memory capacity of the calculator which is about 100 locations. Interpolation can be accomplished by the evaluation of a least square fit polynomial, however the calculator is too slow to do other than the simplest fitting routines in a short period of time. An attempt to fit a polynomial equation to the entire 4 to 300K calibration using a large computer did not result in the desired accuracy. The following procedure was subsequently devised.

The values from the calibration table were divided into overlapping temperature intervals. Then for each interval, a least square polynomial fit was made using a Forsythe fitting method⁽²⁾ programmed on an IBM 370 computer. Any least square polynomial fit with sufficient accuracy is adequate. The least square polynomial fit program gives an rms error for each polynomial. The temperature intervals were adjusted by trial and error in order to obtain a satisfactory rms error over the full 4 to 300K span. In the case considered here, it was found that 12 polynomials each of 4th order were needed and that the length of the temperature intervals varied over the calibration range. All intervals have a one point overlap with the adjoining intervals. Using the coefficients found to 16 place precision by the IBM 370 computer, the rms error, σ_{370} , of each polynomial fit is given in Table I. The accuracy obtained preserves the accuracy of the calibration table. The full calibration table was thus reduced to 12 sets of polynomial coefficients, a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 , which could all be stored in the calculator. A relatively simple program could then be used to calculate any temperature, T , between 4 and 300K by evaluating

$T = a_4 V^4 + a_3 V^3 + a_2 V^2 + a_1 V + a_0$, where V is the voltage reading across the silicon diode thermometer. Both the coefficients and the calculator program are stored on magnetic cards and a set of magnetic cards can be used to store the coefficients for several different calibrated temperature sensors.

Table I. The temperature intervals and the corresponding rms errors of the 4th order polynomial fit using coefficients having 16 digit precision on an IBM 370, σ_{370} , and coefficients having 10 digit precision on a TI-59, σ_{59} .

Polynomial #	Temp. Interval (K)	σ_{370} (K°)	σ_{59} (K°)
1	4 - 6.5	1×10^{-3}	1×10^{-3}
2	6.5 - 9.5	2×10^{-3}	2×10^{-3}
3	9.5 - 13	9×10^{-12}	3×10^{-5}
4	13 - 17	6×10^{-12}	1×10^{-5}
5	17 - 21	4×10^{-12}	2×10^{-6}
6	21 - 25	6×10^{-12}	1×10^{-4}
7	25 - 32	7×10^{-3}	7×10^{-3}
8	32 - 55	1×10^{-2}	1×10^{-2}
9	55 - 85	1×10^{-2}	1×10^{-2}
10	85 - 155	8×10^{-3}	9×10^{-3}
11	155 - 245	9×10^{-3}	1×10^{-2}
12	245 - 300	2×10^{-3}	2×10^{-3}

CALCULATOR PROGRAM

The 12 polynomials used each have five coefficients therefore, 60 memory locations are needed for coefficient storage. The program itself uses 13 memory locations for the voltages which define the temperature intervals, 4 locations for accumulation registers and one location for the input voltage. The program itself requires 106 program steps. There are 13 memory locations and 133 program steps not used. The number of memory locations and program steps can be reallocated so that a maximum of fifteen 4th order polynomials can be used if necessary.

The program action is as follows:

- a) The voltage drop across the silicon diode is keyed in.
- b) The program finds the corresponding voltage interval.
- c) The polynomial coefficients corresponding to this interval are located.
- d) The fourth order polynomial is evaluated using these coefficients and the resulting interpolated temperature is displayed rounded to three decimal places.
- e) If a voltage is entered which lies outside of the range of the calibration the display will flash with the value of the voltage which defines that calibration limit.

Using the TI-59 with the coefficients stored to the 10 digit precision of the calculator, the temperatures were calculated at the known voltage calibration points and checked against the given temperatures from the calibration table. This rms error, σ_{59} is given in Table I for comparison. The calculation still preserves the accuracy of the calibration table.

The time required for the calculator to compute the temperature is ten seconds or less. Thus it is possible to take voltage readings and calculate

the temperature while an experiment is in progress. A copy of the TI program is given in the Appendix as Program I. Familiarity with programming language and procedures on the TI-59 are assumed.

EXAMPLE

First, the program must be entered into the calculator. The initial step is to partition the calculator's memory. This is accomplished by keying in 9 2nd OP 17. The calculator responds by displaying 239.89 indicating the correct partition. The display is cleared to 0 and the four sides of the two cards are read into the calculator (The display must be cleared to zero before each card is entered). The calculator is now ready.

Assume a voltage reading of 2.0153 volts. This value is keyed into the calculator and the program is run by pressing "A". The calculator then displays the corresponding temperature 9.758 rounded to 3 decimal places. The accuracy of the result depends on the accuracy of the original calibration and the accuracy of the polynomial fit as discussed above. Table II in the Appendix shows the values stored in the memory locations after this example was run. Memory location 00 stores the input voltage reading. Locations 1-13 contain the voltages which define the temperature intervals starting with the lowest temperature interval first. Location 14 accumulates a value which determines which set of coefficients shall be used. Location 20 through 79 contains the coefficients of the polynomials starting with the lowest temperature interval first and stored in the order; a_0 , a_1 , a_2 , a_3 , a_4 . Location 82 is a counter which equals the memory location of each coefficient to be used. Location 83 stores the result of the evaluated polynomial and location 84 contains this result rounded to three decimal places which is the value to be displayed.

ANOTHER PROGRAM

The storage capacity limits one to using a maximum of fifteen 4th order polynomials. The data set may be such that the desired accuracy cannot be obtained without exceeding the storage capacity of the calculator. This problem occurred with one of our thermometers and the solution used is presented here.

It was found that in three temperature intervals the fourth order polynomial did not give the desired accuracy. So a fifth order polynomial was calculated for these cases. A program was written for the calculator that selects the appropriate number of coefficients and makes the decision whether to use the 4th or 5th order equation. After selection, the polynomial is evaluated and the temperature displayed. The program, the contents of the memory locations and a flow chart are given in the Appendix under Program II.

It should be noted that this procedure (changing some polynomials to 5th order) was an original attack on the problem. Our present philosophy of attack would be to adjust the range of the polynomials by trial and error with the least square fit program on the IBM 370 to give fits to accepted limits using polynomials all of the same order. Only if this procedure fails should a mixture of orders be used.

SUMMARY

A method has been found to interpolate values from a large table of data using a hand-held programmable calculator. The method uses a series of overlapping least squared polynomial fits, calculated by a large computer, to reduce the information contained in the table to a small set of polynomial

coefficients. The entire set of coefficients can be stored in the calculator. Interpolation is accomplished quickly and accurately by the programmed evaluation of the polynomial. The method is perfectly general and, in particular, is ideally suited to the interpolation of calibration tables in the laboratory while an experiment is in progress.

REFERENCES

1. Also, the raw calibration data is often available from the supplier upon request if a temperature calibration table is ordered.
2. Louis G. Kelly, "Handbook of Numerical Methods and Applications", Addison-Wesley Publishing Co. 1967, pg. 68.

APPENDIX

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION































































This silicon diode thermometer interpolation program is designed to calculate the temperature (in deg. Kelvin) corresponding to a given voltage. The calculator performs a search routine to find the correct coefficients, then calculates T using the predetermined coefficients of a least square polynomial fit.

$$T = a_4 V^4 + a_3 V^3 + a_2 V^2 + a_1 V^1 + a_0$$

Range of validity 4.0 to 300K.

USER INSTRUCTIONS

STEP	PROCEDURE	ENTER	PRESS			DISPLAY
1	Partitioning	9	2nd	OP	17	239.89
2	Enter program and coefficients from cards Enter sides 1, 2, 3, and 4 (not necessary to be in that order) clear display to 0 before each entry.		CLR			0
3	Enter Voltage (V)	V				V
4	Calculate Temperature (T) *If a voltage is entered which lies outside of the range of the calibration, the display will flash with the value of the voltage which defines the calibration limit.		A			T*

USER DEFINED KEYS	DATA REGISTERS ( )		LABELS (Op 08)							
A	0	0								
B	1	1								
C	2	2								
D	3	3								
E	4	4								
A'	5	5								
B'	6	6								
C'	7	7								
D'	8	8								
E'	9	9								
FLAGS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

PROGRAMMER Carl G. Gardner

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LOC	CODE	KEY	COMMENTS	LOC	CODE	KEY	COMMENTS	LOC	CODE	KEY	COMMENTS
000	76	LBL		055	44	SUM					
001	11	A		056	82	82					
002	42	STD	STORE V	057	73	RC*	RECALL				
003	00	00		058	82	82	a_2				
004	32	X:T	LOAD T	059	65	X					
005	43	RCL	CHECK	060	43	RCL					
006	01	01	LOWER	061	00	00					
007	22	INV	LIMIT	062	33	X ²					
008	77	GE		063	95	=	$a_2 V^2$				
009	12	B		064	44	SUM					
010	43	RCL	CHECK	065	83	83					
011	13	13	UPPER	066	01	1					
012	77	GE	LIMIT	067	44	SUM					
013	12	B		068	82	82					
014	01	1	INITIALIZE	069	73	RC*	RECALL				
015	42	STD	COUNTER	070	82	82	a_3				
016	14	14		071	65	X					
017	73	RC*	FIND	072	43	RCL					
018	14	14	INTERVAL	073	00	00					
019	22	INV		074	45	YX					
020	77	GE		075	03	3					
021	00	00		076	95	=	$a_3 V^3$				
022	29	29		077	44	SUM					
023	01	1		078	83	83					
024	44	SUM		079	01	1					
025	14	14		080	44	SUM					
026	61	GTO		081	82	82					
027	00	00		082	73	RC*	RECALL				
028	17	17		083	82	82	a_4				
029	43	RCL	CALCULATE	084	65	X					
030	14	14	LOCATION	085	43	RCL					
031	65	X	OF	086	00	00					
032	05	5	COEFFICIENTS	087	45	YX					
033	85	+		088	04	4					
034	01	1		089	95	=	$a_4 V^4$				
035	00	0		090	44	SUM					
036	95	=		091	83	83					
037	42	STD		092	29	CP	CLEAR T				
038	82	82		093	43	RCL					
039	73	RC*	RECALL	094	83	83					
040	82	82	a_0	095	58	FIX	ROUND OFF				
041	42	STD		096	03	03					
042	83	83		097	52	EE					
043	01	1		098	22	INV					
044	44	SUM		099	52	EE					
045	82	82		100	42	STD					
046	73	RC*	RECALL	101	84	84					
047	82	82	a_1	102	22	INV					
048	65	X		103	58	FIX					
049	43	RCL		104	43	RCL	INTERPOLATED				
050	00	00		105	84	84	TEMPERATURE				
051	95	=	$a_1 V^1$	106	91	R/S					
052	44	SUM									
053	83	83									
054	01	1									

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COMMENTS ON PROGRAM I

STEPS

- 00 to 13 Pressing Label A starts program, stores voltage, V_1 for which temperature is to be calculated into Memory Location 00 and makes comparison to insure V is within correct range (in this case $2.3822 \geq V \geq .38345$).
- 14 to 28 Locates correct voltage range by comparing V to high value of voltage in each of 12 ranges. (These values are stored in Memory Locations 01 to 13). Locator Register (Memory Location 14) is initially set equal to 1.
- 29 - 38 Calculates the starting Memory Location of the coefficients of the polynomial selected. Stores starting location in Memory Location 82.
- 39 - 91 Evaluates the 4th order polynomial equation. The value corresponding to the location of the first polynomial coefficient, a_0 , is in Memory Location 82. The next coefficient, a_1 , is found by incrementing Memory Location 82 by 1. As the values of the terms of the polynomial are calculated, they are summed into Memory Location 83: When finished evaluating Memory Location 83 holds the answer.
- 92 to 106 Rounds the value in Memory Location 83 to 3 decimal places, stores the rounded value in Memory Location 84, clears the fixing condition back to full size and displays the rounded value from Memory Location 84.

Table II - Memory Locations for Program I after an Interpolation calculation for 2.0153 volts.

MEMORY LOCATION	VALUE	MEMORY LOCATION	VALUE
00	2.0153	45	2074.966811
01	2.3822	46	-6208.586484
02	2.2021	47	7116.287458
03	2.0267	48	-3654.244386
04	1.8835	49	707.3400023
05	1.6675	50	404993.1391
06	1.3913	51	-1396680.632
07	1.1763	52	1806751.599
08	1.0989	53	-1038958.009
09	1.0422	54	224076.8687
10	0.96836	55	609130.855
11	0.78067	56	-2308606.087
12	0.53053	57	3282707.07
13	0.38344	58	-2075035.347
14	4.	59	491881.7346
15	0.	60	-48117.4103
16	0.	61	192689.0092
17	0.	62	-287998.5369
18	0.	63	191092.9626
19	0.	64	-47593.42425
20	-1094.283324	65	254.7583636
21	2333.797748	66	526.5869284
22	-1735.769976	67	-1641.674924
23	5779.7823942	68	1371.7905555
24	-70.235141099	69	-438.8594361
25	34.38950004	70	747.8762571
26	-644.88460945	71	-2133.334189
27	453.88440195	72	3728.407993
28	-1441.92215918	73	-3440.120102
29	1664.4598503	74	1176.630273
30	7344.410279	75	590.4916319
31	-1504.4341826	76	-1878.955702
32	1115.8634704	77	5571.079302
33	5094.93337	78	-8891.861835
34	5058.7455788	79	5188.952836
35	-1112.811177	80	0.
36	256.86927	81	0.
37	-256.86927	82	0.
38	0.	83	0.
39	0.	84	0.
40	0.	85	0.
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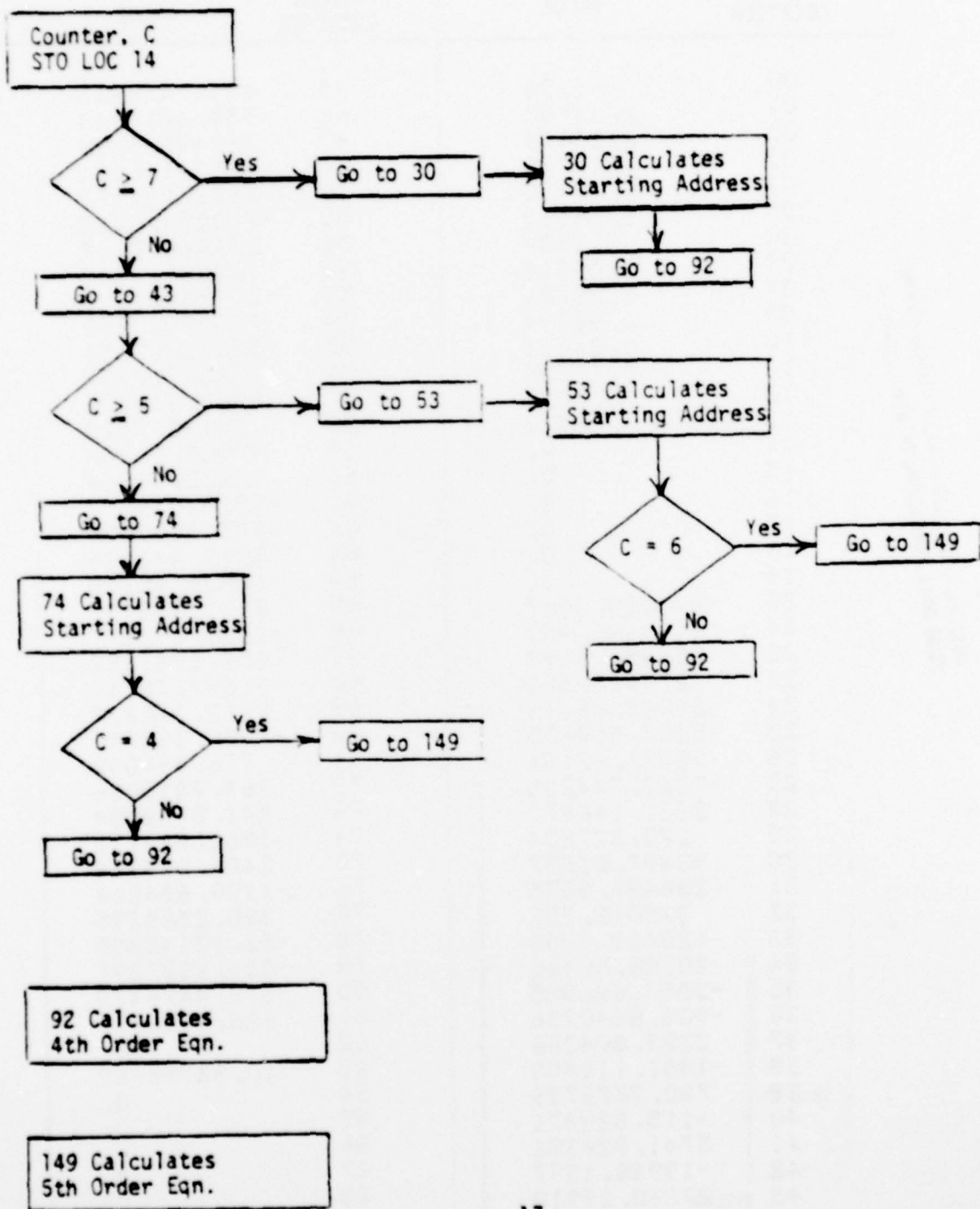
PROGRAM STEPS

- 00 - 19 Search routine for finding correct voltage-coefficient group.
- 20 - 42 Determining memory location for a_0 coefficient if counter ≥ 7 (counter = storage 14).
- 43 - 62 Determining memory location for a_0 coefficient if counter ≥ 5 but < 7 .
- 63 - 73 If counter = 6, go to 149 to determine T because need 5th-order polynomial
- 74 - 83 Determining memory location for a_0 coefficient if counter < 5 .
- 84 - 91 If counter = 4, go to 149 to determine T because need 5th-order polynomial.
- 92 - 148 Calculating T using 4th-order polynomial; storage 82 contains location of first (a_0) coefficient; must increment 82 to get coefficients of v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 , everything summed into storage 83.
- 149 - 218 Calculating T using 5th-order polynomial storage 82 contains location of first (a_0) coefficient, must increment 82 to get coefficients of v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5 , everything summed into storage 83.

In steps 63, 84, 145, 215, "2nd CP" is used to clear the T-register.

The memory locations are organized essentially the same as in Program I.

Figure 1. Flow Chart for Program II



Memory Locations for Program II

MEMORY LOCATION	VALUE	MEMORY LOCATION	VALUE
00	1.96	45	6817.470413
01	2.33785	46	-954.4819164
02	2.29615	47	3634.95.9699
03	2.10788	48	-1253411.081
04	1.87985	49	1621291.977
05	1.56563	50	-932274.3518
06	1.1834	51	201066.7865
07	1.09916	52	123069.3687
08	1.05251	53	-507532.1238
09	0.98394	54	780390.7268
10	0.84011	55	-530112.7351
11	0.67056	56	134249.7353
12	0.5025	57	-6862.314078
13	0.36534	58	29835.7513
14	4.	59	-47005.16934
15	0.	60	32622.66764
16	0.	61	-8519.715677
17	0.	62	-975.8606595
18	0.	63	6013.442909
19	0.	64	-10829.452335
20	-845428.3417	65	8191.263795
21	1468446.453	66	-2328.162177
22	-95496.5397	67	672.6761252
23	278915.808	68	-1697.78714
24	-30085.66472	69	2712.316235
25	-5388.554485	70	-2390.568791
26	10326.62134	71	776.494045
27	-7360.744205	72	364.2819086
28	2321.146973	73	241.8742004
29	-273.827634	74	-1862.869172
30	93497.01597	75	2406.223958
31	-236489.3375	76	-1109.634264
32	239012.757	77	380.2568295
33	-120613.0086	78	-82.93142305
34	30386.86466	79	-321.8337297
35	-3057.666505	80	-372.4476473
36	-906.6640266	81	626.3486177
37	2223.804286	82	35.
38	-1981.118808	83	10.92755787
39	780.3879739	84	0.
40	-115.629971	85	0.
41	5741.926382	86	0.
42	-19938.1997	87	0.
43	27860.29918	88	0.
44	-19486.14265	89	0.

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