Introducing Two New Toolboxes from The MathWorks

THE SPLINE TOOLBOX

From Dr. Carl de Boor, author of *A Practical Guide to Splines* (Applied Math. Sciences Vol. 27, Springer Verlag, 1978) comes the Spline Toolbox, a collection of MATLAB routines for the construction and manipulation of piecewise polynomial functions. Over 40 routines are included for working with pp-form and B-form splines, the two most commonly used spline representations. The Spline Toolbox offers extensive datafitting and modelling capabilities that enable users to model curves, pass curves through data, solve functional equations, and do functional approximation.

![A spline curve of order 3 and its control polygon](image)

THE OPTIMIZATION TOOLBOX

The Optimization Toolbox is a collection of MATLAB routines for linear programming and general optimization of linear and nonlinear functions. The Optimization Toolbox combines with MATLAB to create an ideal environment for setting up and solving optimization problems, in order to improve cost, reliability, and performance in a wide variety of applications. Optimization functions include constrained minimization, multi-objective optimization, nonlinear least squares, and quadratic programming. Numerous demonstration routines are also included.

![Optimization plot of Rosenbrock's function](image)

The MATLAB Community Grows

MATLAB's underlying programming environment has spawned numerous MATLAB Toolboxes - sets of routines written in the MATLAB programming language for specialized applications. Authored by renowned experts in their respective fields, these Toolboxes represent cutting-edge theory and algorithms, offering users access to the latest advances in their respective fields. Toolboxes transform MATLAB from a general-purpose numeric computation system into a customized productivity tool for engineers, scientists, and students of all technical disciplines.

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