

Extended Steinhart Heart's polynom (1) is just a polynom.

$$\frac{1}{T} = A + B \ln(R) + C \cdot (\ln(R))^2 + D \cdot (\ln(R))^3 \quad (1)$$

We can calculate it's coefficients  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  very elegantly. Because there are four coefficients, we will need to create a system of four equations like this:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T_1} &= A + B \ln(R_1) + C \cdot (\ln(R_1))^2 + D \cdot (\ln(R_1))^3 \\ \frac{1}{T_2} &= A + B \ln(R_2) + C \cdot (\ln(R_2))^2 + D \cdot (\ln(R_2))^3 \\ \frac{1}{T_3} &= A + B \ln(R_3) + C \cdot (\ln(R_3))^2 + D \cdot (\ln(R_3))^3 \\ \frac{1}{T_4} &= A + B \ln(R_4) + C \cdot (\ln(R_4))^2 + D \cdot (\ln(R_4))^3 \end{aligned}$$

Now we can look inside any documentation for a well known NTC thermistor e.g. ./documentation-ntc.pdf where we find a table consisting of resistance measurements<sup>1</sup> at known temperatures. From that table we take four values which should be as far appart as possible.

$R_1 = 329518 \, \Omega$	$T_1 = -50 \, ^\circ\text{C}$
$R_2 = 19488 \, \Omega$	$T_2 = 8 \, ^\circ\text{C}$
$R_3 = 2511 \, \Omega$	$T_3 = 66 \, ^\circ\text{C}$
$R_4 = 503 \, \Omega$	$T_4 = 125 \, ^\circ\text{C}$

Now we know the values for resistance and temperature and can calculate the coefficients  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$ . Before solving the system we first make it easier on ourselves and execute some substitutions<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>We look at nominal values while ignoring minimum and maximum values.

<sup>2</sup>Right before the end we will revert these substitutions and calculate coefficients.

$\frac{1}{T_1} = a_1$	$\ln(R_1) = b_1$	$(\ln(R_1))^2 = c_1$	$(\ln(R_1))^3 = d_1$
$\frac{1}{T_2} = a_2$	$\ln(R_2) = b_2$	$(\ln(R_2))^2 = c_2$	$(\ln(R_2))^3 = d_2$
$\frac{1}{T_3} = a_3$	$\ln(R_3) = b_3$	$(\ln(R_3))^2 = c_3$	$(\ln(R_3))^3 = d_3$
$\frac{1}{T_4} = a_4$	$\ln(R_4) = b_4$	$(\ln(R_4))^2 = c_4$	$(\ln(R_4))^3 = d_4$

After the substitutions the system of equations becomes easier to read.

$$\begin{aligned}
a_1 &= A + Bb_1 + Cc_1 + Dd_1 \\
a_2 &= A + Bb_2 + Cc_2 + Dd_2 \\
a_3 &= A + Bb_3 + Cc_3 + Dd_3 \\
a_4 &= A + Bb_4 + Cc_4 + Dd_4
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Now we start solving the system for  $A$ . First we express  $A$  from (2).

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= a_1 - Bb_1 - Cc_1 - Dd_1 \\
a_2 &= A + Bb_2 + Cc_2 + Dd_2 \\
a_3 &= A + Bb_3 + Cc_3 + Dd_3 \\
a_4 &= A + Bb_4 + Cc_4 + Dd_4
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Then we continue by inserting (3) in all the rest.

$$\begin{aligned}
a_2 &= a_1 - Bb_1 - Cc_1 - Dd_1 + Bb_2 + Cc_2 + Dd_2 \\
a_3 &= a_1 - Bb_1 - Cc_1 - Dd_1 + Bb_3 + Cc_3 + Dd_3 \\
a_4 &= a_1 - Bb_1 - Cc_1 - Dd_1 + Bb_4 + Cc_4 + Dd_4
\end{aligned}$$

We use the brackets to shorten the system of equations and put all the parts without a coefficient to the left.

$$\begin{aligned}
a_2 - a_1 &= B(b_2 - b_1) + C(c_2 - c_1) + D(d_2 - d_1) \\
a_3 - a_1 &= B(b_3 - b_1) + C(c_3 - c_1) + D(d_3 - d_1) \\
a_4 - a_1 &= B(b_4 - b_1) + C(c_4 - c_1) + D(d_4 - d_1)
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

We now extract  $B$  from (4).

$$\begin{aligned}
B &= \frac{(a_2 - a_1) - C(c_2 - c_1) - D(d_2 - d_1)}{(b_2 - b_1)} \\
a_3 - a_1 &= B(b_3 - b_1) + C(c_3 - c_1) + D(d_3 - d_1) \\
a_4 - a_1 &= B(b_4 - b_1) + C(c_4 - c_1) + D(d_4 - d_1)
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

We insert (5) in all the rest.

$$a_3 - a_1 = \left[ \frac{(a_2 - a_1) - C(c_2 - c_1) - D(d_2 - d_1)}{(b_2 - b_1)} \right] (b_3 - b_1) + C(c_3 - c_1) + D(d_3 - d_1) \tag{6}$$

$$a_4 - a_1 = \left[ \frac{(a_2 - a_1) - C(c_2 - c_1) - D(d_2 - d_1)}{(b_2 - b_1)} \right] (b_4 - b_1) + C(c_4 - c_1) + D(d_4 - d_1) \tag{7}$$

Now we get rid of the fractions, so we multiply (6) and (7) by  $(b_2 - b_1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
(a_3 - a_1) \cdot (b_2 - b_1) &= [(a_2 - a_1) - C(c_2 - c_1) - D(d_2 - d_1)](b_3 - b_1) + C(c_3 - c_1) \cdot (b_2 - b_1) \\
&\quad + D(d_3 - d_1) \cdot (b_2 - b_1) \\
(a_4 - a_1) \cdot (b_2 - b_1) &= [(a_2 - a_1) - C(c_2 - c_1) - D(d_2 - d_1)](b_4 - b_1) + C(c_4 - c_1) \cdot (b_2 - b_1) \\
&\quad + D(d_4 - d_1) \cdot (b_2 - b_1)
\end{aligned}$$

We get rid of the square brackets.

$$\begin{aligned}
(a_3 - a_1) \cdot (b_2 - b_1) &= (a_2 - a_1) \cdot (b_3 - b_1) - C(c_2 - c_1) \cdot (b_3 - b_1) - D(d_2 - d_1) \cdot (b_3 - b_1) \\
&\quad + C(c_3 - c_1) \cdot (b_2 - b_1) + D(d_3 - d_1) \cdot (b_2 - b_1) \\
(a_4 - a_1) \cdot (b_2 - b_1) &= (a_2 - a_1) \cdot (b_4 - b_1) - C(c_2 - c_1) \cdot (b_4 - b_1) - D(d_2 - d_1) \cdot (b_4 - b_1) \\
&\quad + C(c_4 - c_1) \cdot (b_2 - b_1) + D(d_4 - d_1) \cdot (b_2 - b_1)
\end{aligned}$$

Now we remove the rest of the brackets by multiplying them.

$$\begin{aligned}
a_3b_2 - a_1b_2 - a_3b_1 + a_1b_1 &= a_2b_3 - a_1b_3 - a_2b_1 + a_1b_1 \\
&\quad - Cc_2b_3 + Cc_1b_3 + Cc_2b_1 - Cc_1b_1 - Dd_2b_3 + Dd_1b_3 + Dd_2b_1 - Dd_1b_1 \\
&\quad + Cc_3b_2 - Cc_1b_2 - Cc_3b_1 + Cc_1b_1 + Dd_3b_2 - Dd_1b_2 - Dd_3b_1 + Dd_1b_1 \\
a_4b_2 - a_4b_1 - a_1b_2 + a_1b_1 &= a_2b_4 - a_1b_4 - a_2b_1 + a_1b_1 \\
&\quad - Cc_2b_4 + Cc_1b_4 + Cc_2b_1 - Cc_1b_1 - Dd_2b_4 + Dd_1b_4 + Dd_2b_1 - Dd_1b_1 \\
&\quad + Cc_4b_2 - Cc_1b_2 - Cc_4b_1 + Cc_1b_1 + Dd_4b_2 - Dd_1b_2 - Dd_4b_1 + Dd_1b_1
\end{aligned}$$

We cancel as much as we can.

$$\begin{aligned}
a_3b_2 - a_1b_2 - a_3b_1 &= a_2b_3 - a_1b_3 - a_2b_1 \\
&\quad - Cc_2b_3 + Cc_1b_3 + Cc_2b_1 - Dd_2b_3 + Dd_1b_3 + Dd_2b_1 \\
&\quad + Cc_3b_2 - Cc_1b_2 - Cc_3b_1 + Dd_3b_2 - Dd_1b_2 - Dd_3b_1
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
a_4b_2 - a_4b_1 - a_1b_2 &= a_2b_4 - a_1b_4 - a_2b_1 \\
&\quad - Cc_2b_4 + Cc_1b_4 + Cc_2b_1 - Dd_2b_4 + Dd_1b_4 + Dd_2b_1 \\
&\quad + Cc_4b_2 - Cc_1b_2 - Cc_4b_1 + Dd_4b_2 - Dd_1b_2 - Dd_4b_1
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

In (8) and (9) we move all the parts containing  $C$  to the left. We move all the rest to the right.

$$\begin{aligned}
Cc_2b_3 - Cc_1b_3 - Cc_2b_1 - Cc_3b_2 + Cc_1b_2 + Cc_3b_1 &= a_2b_3 - a_1b_3 - a_2b_1 - a_3b_2 + a_1b_2 + a_3b_1 \\
&\quad - Dd_2b_3 + Dd_1b_3 + Dd_2b_1 \\
&\quad + Dd_3b_2 - Dd_1b_2 - Dd_3b_1
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Cc_2b_4 - Cc_1b_4 - Cc_2b_1 - Cc_4b_2 + Cc_1b_2 + Cc_4b_1 &= a_2b_4 - a_1b_4 - a_2b_1 - a_4b_2 + a_4b_1 + a_1b_2 \\
&\quad - Dd_2b_4 + Dd_1b_4 + Dd_2b_1 \\
&\quad + Dd_4b_2 - Dd_1b_2 - Dd_4b_1
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

In (10) and (11) we express  $C$  on the left side and  $D$  on the right side.

$$\begin{aligned}
C(c_2b_3 - c_1b_3 - c_2b_1 - c_3b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_3b_1) &= a_2b_3 - a_1b_3 - a_2b_1 - a_3b_2 + a_1b_2 + a_3b_1 \\
&\quad + D(d_3b_2 - d_1b_2 - d_3b_1 - d_2b_3 + d_1b_3 + d_2b_1)
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
C(c_2b_4 - c_1b_4 - c_2b_1 - c_4b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_4b_1) &= a_2b_4 - a_1b_4 - a_2b_1 - a_4b_2 + a_4b_1 + a_1b_2 \\
&\quad + D(d_4b_2 - d_1b_2 - d_4b_1 - d_2b_4 + d_1b_4 + d_2b_1)
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

We extract  $C$  from (12) and (13).

$$C = \frac{(a_2b_3 - a_1b_3 - a_2b_1 - a_3b_2 + a_1b_2 + a_3b_1)}{(c_2b_3 - c_1b_3 - c_2b_1 - c_3b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_3b_1)} + D \frac{(d_3b_2 - d_1b_2 - d_3b_1 - d_2b_3 + d_1b_3 + d_2b_1)}{(c_2b_3 - c_1b_3 - c_2b_1 - c_3b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_3b_1)} \quad (14)$$

$$C = \frac{(a_2b_4 - a_1b_4 - a_2b_1 - a_4b_2 + a_4b_1 + a_1b_2)}{(c_2b_4 - c_1b_4 - c_2b_1 - c_4b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_4b_1)} + D \frac{(d_4b_2 - d_1b_2 - d_4b_1 - d_2b_4 + d_1b_4 + d_2b_1)}{(c_2b_4 - c_1b_4 - c_2b_1 - c_4b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_4b_1)} \quad (15)$$

We take  $C$  from (14) and insert it in (15) to get a single equation.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(a_2b_3 - a_1b_3 - a_2b_1 - a_3b_2 + a_1b_2 + a_3b_1)}{(c_2b_3 - c_1b_3 - c_2b_1 - c_3b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_3b_1)} + D \frac{(d_3b_2 - d_1b_2 - d_3b_1 - d_2b_3 + d_1b_3 + d_2b_1)}{(c_2b_3 - c_1b_3 - c_2b_1 - c_3b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_3b_1)} = \\ & \frac{(a_2b_4 - a_1b_4 - a_2b_1 - a_4b_2 + a_4b_1 + a_1b_2)}{(c_2b_4 - c_1b_4 - c_2b_1 - c_4b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_4b_1)} + D \frac{(d_4b_2 - d_1b_2 - d_4b_1 - d_2b_4 + d_1b_4 + d_2b_1)}{(c_2b_4 - c_1b_4 - c_2b_1 - c_4b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_4b_1)} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

We put all the elements containing  $D$  on the left and use brackets to only get one  $D$ .

$$D \left[ \frac{(d_3b_2 - d_1b_2 - d_3b_1 - d_2b_3 + d_1b_3 + d_2b_1)}{(c_2b_3 - c_1b_3 - c_2b_1 - c_3b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_3b_1)} - \frac{(d_4b_2 - d_1b_2 - d_4b_1 - d_2b_4 + d_1b_4 + d_2b_1)}{(c_2b_4 - c_1b_4 - c_2b_1 - c_4b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_4b_1)} \right] =$$

$$\frac{(a_2b_4 - a_1b_4 - a_2b_1 - a_4b_2 + a_4b_1 + a_1b_2)}{(c_2b_4 - c_1b_4 - c_2b_1 - c_4b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_4b_1)} - \frac{(a_2b_3 - a_1b_3 - a_2b_1 - a_3b_2 + a_1b_2 + a_3b_1)}{(c_2b_3 - c_1b_3 - c_2b_1 - c_3b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_3b_1)}$$

Now we extract  $D$ .

$$D = \frac{\frac{(a_2b_4 - a_1b_4 - a_2b_1 - a_4b_2 + a_4b_1 + a_1b_2)}{(c_2b_4 - c_1b_4 - c_2b_1 - c_4b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_4b_1)}}{\frac{(d_3b_2 - d_1b_2 - d_3b_1 - d_2b_3 + d_1b_3 + d_2b_1)}{(c_2b_3 - c_1b_3 - c_2b_1 - c_3b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_3b_1)}} - \frac{\frac{(a_2b_3 - a_1b_3 - a_2b_1 - a_3b_2 + a_1b_2 + a_3b_1)}{(c_2b_3 - c_1b_3 - c_2b_1 - c_3b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_3b_1)}}{\frac{(d_4b_2 - d_1b_2 - d_4b_1 - d_2b_4 + d_1b_4 + d_2b_1)}{(c_2b_4 - c_1b_4 - c_2b_1 - c_4b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_4b_1)}}$$

We see some common large parts in the denominators of the nested fractions that we could cancel out. This is why we set the common denominator on the nested fractions.

$$D = \frac{\frac{(a_2b_4 - a_1b_4 - a_2b_1 - a_4b_2 + a_4b_1 + a_1b_2) \cdot (c_2b_3 - c_1b_3 - c_2b_1 - c_3b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_3b_1) - (a_2b_3 - a_1b_3 - a_2b_1 - a_3b_2 + a_1b_2 + a_3b_1) \cdot (c_2b_4 - c_1b_4 - c_2b_1 - c_4b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_4b_1)}{(c_2b_4 - c_1b_4 - c_2b_1 - c_4b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_4b_1) \cdot (c_2b_3 - c_1b_3 - c_2b_1 - c_3b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_3b_1)}}{\frac{(d_3b_2 - d_1b_2 - d_3b_1 - d_2b_3 + d_1b_3 + d_2b_1) \cdot (c_2b_4 - c_1b_4 - c_2b_1 - c_4b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_4b_1) - (d_4b_2 - d_1b_2 - d_4b_1 - d_2b_4 + d_1b_4 + d_2b_1) \cdot (c_2b_3 - c_1b_3 - c_2b_1 - c_3b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_3b_1)}{(c_2b_3 - c_1b_3 - c_2b_1 - c_3b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_3b_1) \cdot (c_2b_4 - c_1b_4 - c_2b_1 - c_4b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_4b_1)}}$$

Now the common denominators of the both nested fractions are the same! and they cancel each other out!

$$D = \frac{(a_2b_4 - a_1b_4 - a_2b_1 - a_4b_2 + a_4b_1 + a_1b_2) \cdot (c_2b_3 - c_1b_3 - c_2b_1 - c_3b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_3b_1) - (a_2b_3 - a_1b_3 - a_2b_1 - a_3b_2 + a_1b_2 + a_3b_1) \cdot (c_2b_4 - c_1b_4 - c_2b_1 - c_4b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_4b_1)}{(d_3b_2 - d_1b_2 - d_3b_1 - d_2b_3 + d_1b_3 + d_2b_1) \cdot (c_2b_4 - c_1b_4 - c_2b_1 - c_4b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_4b_1) - (d_4b_2 - d_1b_2 - d_4b_1 - d_2b_4 + d_1b_4 + d_2b_1) \cdot (c_2b_3 - c_1b_3 - c_2b_1 - c_3b_2 + c_1b_2 + c_3b_1)}$$

At this point we should get rid of all the brackets and cancel out as much as possible.