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*The macro-social theories of functionalism, analytic conflict theory, and neo-marxian world-systems theory all explore the place of the household in social systems as a means of explaining women's social subordination.*

*From Modern Sociological Theory*

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*Life never does more than imitate the book, and the book itself is only a tissue of signs, an imitation that is lost, infinitely deferred.*

**Roland Barthes**

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*One of the principal drawbacks of the polynomial interpolation is related to the discontinuity of derivatives at data points  $x_j$ . One way to improve polynomial interpolation considerably is the spline interpolation.*

### *From Introductory Computational Physics*

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