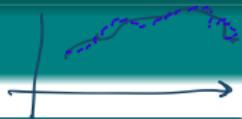


Lecture 15: Numerical Linear Algebra (UMA021): Interpolation

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Newton Divided Difference Interpolation:



Derivation:

The divided differences of f with respect to x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n are used to express $P_n(x)$ in the form

$$P_n(x) = a_0 + a_1(x - x_0) + a_2(x - \check{x}_0)(x - \check{x}_1) + \dots + a_n(x - x_0)(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_{n-1})$$

————— (*)

for appropriate constants a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n .

$$\begin{aligned} f[x_0] &\rightarrow \text{Zero D.D.} \\ &= f[x_0] \\ \text{1st D.D. } [f[x_0, x_1]] &= \frac{f[x_1] - f[x_0]}{x_1 - x_0} \\ &= \frac{f[x_1] - f[x_0]}{x_1 - x_0} = \frac{\cancel{f(x_1)} - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{2nd D.D. } f[x_0, x_1, x_2] &= f[x_1, x_2] - f[x_0, x_1] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} - \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}}{x_2 - x_0}$$

3rd D.D. $f(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{f[x_1, x_2, x_3] - f[x_0, x_1, x_2]}{x_3 - x_0}$

n^{th} D.D. $f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n] = \frac{f[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] - f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]}{x_n - x_0}$

Derivation

To determine a_0 , we put $x = x_0$ in (*)

$$P_n(x_0) = a_0 + 0 + 0 \dots$$

$$a_0 = P_n(x_0) = f(x_0)$$

$$a_0 = f[x_0]$$

To determine a_1 , we put $x = x_1$ in (*)

$$P_n(x_1) = a_0 + a_1(x_1 - x_0) + \dots + \dots$$

$$f(x_1) = f(x_0) + a_1(x_1 - x_0)$$

$$a_1 = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} = f[x_0, x_1]$$

$$a_1 = f[x_0, x_1]$$

To determine a_2 , we put $x = x_2$ in (*)

$$P_n(x_2) = a_0 + \textcircled{a}_1(x_2 - x_0) + a_2(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)$$

$$f(x_2) = f(x_0) + \frac{(f(x_1) - f(x_0))}{x_1 - x_0}(x_2 - x_0) + a_2(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)$$

$$f(x_2) - f(x_0) - \frac{(f(x_1) - f(x_0))(x_2 - x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} = a_2(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)$$

$$a_2(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1) = \frac{x_1 f(x_2) - x_0 f(x_2) - x_1 f(x_0) + x_0 f(x_0)}{(x_1 - x_0)}$$

$$= x_2 f(x_1) + x_2 f(x_0) + x_0 f(x_1) - \cancel{x_0 f(x_0)}$$

$$Q_2 = \frac{x_1 f(x_2) - x_0 f(x_2) - x_1 f(x_0) - x_2 f(x_1) + x_2 f(x_0) + x_0 f(x_1)}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)}$$

$$= \frac{x_1 \cancel{f(x_2)} - x_0 \cancel{f(x_2)} - x_1 f(x_0) - \cancel{x_2 f(x_1)} + \cancel{x_2 f(x_0)} + x_0 \cancel{f(x_1)}}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)}$$
$$- x_1 \cancel{f(x_1)} + x_1 \cancel{f(x_1)}$$

$$= \frac{f(x_2)(x_1 - x_0) - f(x_1)(x_1 - x_0) - f(x_1)(x_2 - x_1) + f(x_0)(x_2 - x_1)}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)}$$

$$= \frac{\left(f(x_2) - f(x_1) \right)(x_1 - x_0) - (x_2 - x_1)(f(x_1) - f(x_0))}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} - \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}}{x_2 - x_0}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{f[x_1, x_2] - f[x_0, x_1]}{x_2 - x_0} = f[x_0, x_1, x_2]$$

$$a_2 = f[x_0, x_1, x_2], \quad a_3 = f[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3]$$

by $a_n = f[x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$

$$\Rightarrow P_n(x) = f[x_0] + f[x_0, x_1](x-x_0) + f[x_0, x_1, x_2](x-x_0)(x-x_1) \\ + \dots + f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n](x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2) \dots (x-x_{n-1})$$

Newton Divided Difference Interpolation:

Divided Differences

The **zeroth divided difference** of the function f with respect to x_i , denoted $f[x_i]$, is simply the value of f at x_i : $f[x_i] = f(x_i)$. ✓

The **first divided difference** of f with respect to x_i and x_{i+1} is denoted $f[x_i, x_{i+1}]$ and defined as: $f[x_i, x_{i+1}] = \frac{f[x_{i+1}] - f[x_i]}{x_{i+1} - x_i}$. ✓

The **second divided difference**, $f[x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}]$, is defined as $f[x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}] = \frac{f[x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}] - f[x_i, x_{i+1}]}{x_{i+2} - x_i}$. ✓

The **k th divided difference**, $f[x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \dots, x_{i+k}]$, is defined as

$$f[x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \dots, x_{i+k}] = \frac{f[x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \dots, x_{i+k}] - f[x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \dots, x_{i+k-1}]}{x_{i+k} - x_i}$$
 ✓

i	x_i	$f(x_i) = f[x_i]$
0	x_0	$f[x_0]$
1	x_1	$f[x_1]$
2	x_2	$f[x_2]$
3	x_3	$f[x_3]$
4	x_4	$f[x_4]$
5	x_5	$f[x_5]$
6	x_6	$f[x_6]$

Table.

$$f(x) = f[x_0] + \frac{f[x_1] - f[x_0]}{x_1 - x_0} (x - x_0) + \frac{f[x_2] - f[x_1]}{x_2 - x_1} (x - x_1) + \dots + \frac{f[x_n] - f[x_{n-1}]}{x_n - x_{n-1}} (x - x_{n-1})$$

$$f_n(x) = f[x_0] + f[x_0, x_1](x - x_0) + f[x_0, x_1, x_2](x - x_0)(x - x_1) + \dots$$

Newton Divided Difference Interpolation:

Example:

Complete the divided difference table for the following data:

x	1	1.3	1.6	1.9	2.2
$f(x)$	0.7652	0.6201	0.4554	0.2818	0.1103

and construct the interpolating polynomial that uses all this data and hence find the value of $f(x)$ at $x = 1.5$.

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} i & x_i & f[x_i] & f[x_i, x_{i+1}] & f[x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}] & f[x_i, \dots, x_{i+5}] \\ 0 & 1.0 & 0.7652 & & & \\ 1 & 1.3 & 0.6201 & \frac{0.6201 - 0.7652}{1.3 - 1.0} = -0.4837 & & \\ 2 & 1.6 & 0.4554 & \frac{0.4554 - 0.6201}{1.6 - 1.3} = -0.5489 & \frac{-0.5489 + 0.4837}{1.6 - 1.0} = -0.1087 & \\ 3 & 1.9 & 0.2818 & -0.5786 & -0.0494 & \\ 4 & 2.2 & 0.1103 & -0.5715 & 0.0118 & \\ & & & & & 0.0681 \\ & & & & & 0.0681 \\ & & & & & 0.0681 \\ & & & & & 0.0681 \\ & & & & & 0.0681 \end{array}$$

$$P_4(x) = f[x_0] + f[x_0, x_1](x - x_0) + f[x_0, x_1, x_2](x - x_0)(x - x_1) + f[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3](x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \\ + f[x_0, \dots, x_n](x - \overset{\swarrow}{x_0}) - \overset{\swarrow}{(x - x_3)}$$

Put $x = 1.5$

$$P_4(1.5) = 0.51182 \quad \text{Ans}$$

Newton Divided Difference Interpolation:

Exercise:

- Using Newton's divided difference interpolation, construct interpolating polynomials of degree one, two, and three for the following data. Approximate $f(0.43)$ using the polynomial.

$$f(0) = 1, f(0.25) = 1.64872, f(0.5) = 2.71828, f(0.75) = 4.4816.$$

- Show that the Newton polynomial interpolating the following data has degree 3.

x	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
$f(x)$	1	4	11	16	13	-4