

Lecture 14: Numerical Linear Algebra (UMA021): Interpolation

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$$\boxed{f(x)} \approx \overset{\text{App.}}{g(x)}$$

$$f(1.25) \approx g(1.25)$$

$$\boxed{f(x) \approx P(x)}$$

Taylor's poly.

Interpolation

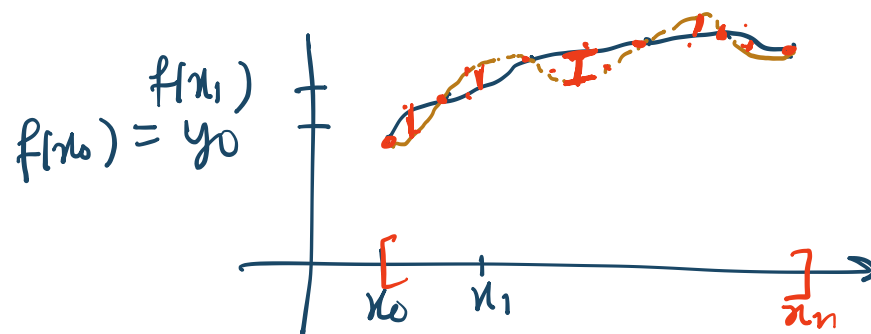
$$\boxed{f(x)} \approx \textcircled{P(x)}$$

$$f(x_0) = P(x_0)$$

$$f(x_1) = P(x_1)$$

$$f(x_2) = P(x_2)$$

$$\overbrace{f(x_n)} = P(x_n)$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{error} &= |f(x) - P(x)| \\ &= \max_{x \in [x_0, x_n]} |e(x)| \end{aligned}$$

Lagrange Interpolation & Newton D.D.

Polynomial interpolation:

Lagrange Interpolating polynomials:

Linear Interpolation: The linear Lagrange's interpolating polynomial passes through $(x_0, f(x_0)), (x_1, f(x_1))$ at which function $f(x)$ passes is

$p_{n \rightarrow n+1}$ degree

$$P_1(x) = L_{0,0}(x)f(x_0) + L_{1,1}(x)f(x_1)$$

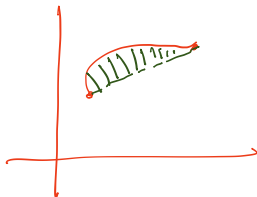
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1st degree

$f(x_0) = p_1(x_0)$
 $f(x_1) = p_1(x_1)$

where $L_0(x) = \frac{x-x_1}{x_0-x_1}$ and $L_1(x) = \frac{x-x_0}{x_1-x_0}$.

$f(x)$ x_0, x_1
 $(x_0, f(x_0))$, $(x_1, f(x_1))$

$$\boxed{p_1(x_0)} = l_0(x_0) f(x_0) + l_1(x_0) f(x_1)$$
$$= \textcircled{1} f(x_0) + \textcircled{0} = f(x_0)$$



$$P_1(x_1) = l_0(x_1) f(x_0) + l_1(x_1) f(x_1)$$

$$= \textcircled{0} + \textcircled{1} f(x_1) = f(x_1)$$

If x_0, x_1 are two points.
then

$$l_0(x) = \frac{x - x_1}{x_0 - x_1},$$

$$l_1(x) = \frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0}$$

Example

Determine the linear Lagrange Interpolating polynomial that passes through the points $(2, 4)$ and $(5, 1)$

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Linear Lagrange int. poly. is given by

$$x_0 = 2$$

$$x_1 = 5$$

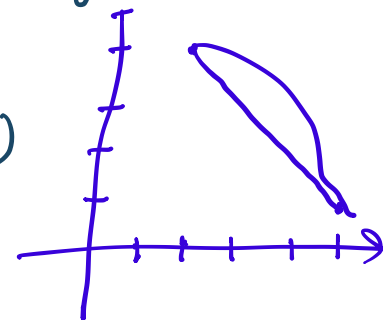
$$f(x_0) = 4$$

$$f(x_1) = 1$$

$$P_1(x) = \frac{(x - x_1)}{x_0 - x_1} f(x_0) + \frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0} f(x_1)$$

$$P_1(x) = \frac{x - 5}{2 - 5} 4 + \frac{x - 2}{5 - 2} (1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} [-4x + 20 + x - 2] = \frac{1}{3} [18 - 3x] = 6 - x$$



Lagrange Interpolating polynomials:

Quadratic Lagrange Interpolating polynomial:

Let function $f(x)$ passes through 3 points

$$(\underline{x_0}, f(x_0)), (\underline{x_1}, f(x_1)), (\underline{x_2}, f(x_2)).$$

Consider the construction of a polynomial of degree at most 2 that passes through these 3 points.

For this, we define $L_{2,k}(x) = \prod_{\substack{i=0 \\ i \neq k}}^2 \frac{x - x_i}{x_k - x_i}$.

The polynomial is given by

$$\underline{P_2(x)} = L_{2,0}(x)f(x_0) + L_{2,1}(x)f(x_1) + L_{2,2}(x)f(x_2).$$

$$l_0(x) f(x_0) + l_1(x) f(x_1) + l_2(x) f(x_2)$$

$$x_0, x_1, x_2$$

$$l_0(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)}, \quad l_1(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)}$$

$$l_2(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)}$$

$$p_2(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)} f(x_0) + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)} f(x_1) + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)} f(x_2)$$

Lagrange Interpolating polynomials:

Generalization:

If x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n are $n + 1$ distinct points and f is a function whose values are given at these numbers i.e.

$f(x_0), f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n)$, then a unique polynomial $P(x)$ of degree at most n exists with $f(x_k) = P(x_k)$, for each $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$.

The polynomial is given by

$$\begin{aligned} P_n(x) &= L_{n,0}(x)f(x_0) + L_{n,1}(x)f(x_1) + \dots + L_{n,n}(x)f(x_n) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n L_{n,k}(x)f(x_k), \end{aligned}$$

$$L_{n,0}(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)\dots(x-x_n)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)\dots(x_0-x_n)}$$

Lagrange Interpolating polynomials:

Generalization (continue):

where for each $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$\begin{aligned} L_{n,k}(x) &= \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_{k-1})(x - x_{k+1}) \cdots (x - x_n)}{(x_k - x_0)(x_k - x_1) \cdots (x_k - x_{k-1})(x_k - x_{k+1}) \cdots (x_k - x_n)} \\ &= \prod_{\substack{i=0 \\ i \neq k}}^n \frac{x - x_i}{x_k - x_i}. \end{aligned}$$

Lagrange Interpolating polynomials:

Example:

- 1 Use the numbers $x_0 = 2$, $x_1 = 2.75$, $x_2 = 4$ to find the second Lagrange interpolating polynomial for $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$.
- 2 Use this polynomial to approximate $f(3) = \frac{1}{3}$.

Solution: ① $x_0 = 2$, $x_1 = 2.75$, $x_2 = 4$

$$f(x_0) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad f(x_1) = \frac{1}{2.75}, \quad f(x_2) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_2(x) = & \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)} f(x_0) + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)} f(x_1) \\ & + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)} f(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{(x-2.75)(x-4)}{(2-2.75)(2-4)} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{(x-2)(x-4)}{(2.75-2)(2.75-4)} \left(\frac{1}{2.75}\right) \\ + \frac{(x-2)(x-2.75)}{(4-2)(4-2.75)} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$= \frac{(x^2 - 6.75x + 11)}{(-0.75)(-2)(2)} + \frac{x^2 - 6x + 8}{(0.75)(-1.25)(2.75)} \\ + \frac{x^2 - 4.75x + 5.5}{(2)(1.25) \cdot 4}$$

$$= 0.3333 (\check{x^2 - 6.75x + 11}) - 0.3878 (\check{x^2 - 6x + 8}) \\ + 0.1 (\check{x^2 - 4.75x + 5.5})$$

$$p_2(x) = 0.0455x^2 - 0.3980x + 1.1139$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad p_2(3) = 0.0455(3)^2 - 0.3980(3) + 1.1139 = 0.3294 \approx \frac{1}{3}$$

Lagrange Interpolating polynomials:

Exercise:

- 1 Find the unique polynomial $P(x)$ of degree 1 such that

$$P(1) = 1, P(3) = 27,$$

using Lagrange interpolation. Evaluate $P(1.05)$.

- 2 For the given functions $f(x)$, let $x_0 = 1$, $x_1 = 1.25$, and $x_2 = 1.6$. Construct Lagrange interpolation polynomials of degree at most one and at most two to approximate $f(1.4)$, and find the absolute error.

a $f(x) = \sin(\pi x)$.

b $f(x) = \log_{10}(3x - 1)$.

- 3 Let $P_3(x)$ be the Lagrange interpolating polynomial for the data $(0, 0)$, $(0.5, y)$, $(1, 3)$ and $(2, 2)$. Find y if the coefficient of x^3 in $P_3(x)$ is 6.