

Applied Mathematics: an introduction to Scientific Computing by Numerical Analysis

Lecture 04 - Properties of Polynomial interpolation

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Polynomial interpolation : $\{v_i\}_{i=0}^n$ belong to $P^n([0,1])$
 $\{a_i\}_{i=0}^n$ of $n+1$ points which
 are the interpolation points

example : 1) $v_i(x) := x^i$
 2) $l_i(x) := \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{(x - a_j)}{(a_i - a_j)}$

$I^n : C^0([0,1]) \longrightarrow P^n([0,1])$

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\longrightarrow

$$p = \sum_{i=0}^n p^i v_i$$

$$\forall i \in \{0, \dots, n\} \quad p^i := \left(\forall \right)^{-1} \cdot \left\{ \mu(a_i) \right\}_{i=0}^n$$

$$\underline{p} = \left(\underline{\forall} \right)^{-1} \underline{\mu}$$

$$I^n(p) = p \quad \forall p \in \mathbb{P}^n$$

$$I^n(p) = I^n(\underbrace{\tilde{p}^T}_{u} \underbrace{v_j}_{\mu(a_k)}) = \left(V^{-1} \tilde{p}^T \underbrace{v_j(a_k)}_{\substack{\mu(a_k) \\ p^e}} \right)^e v_e$$

$$\left(V^{-1} V p \right)^i v_i = p^i v_i$$

For Lagrange:

$$I^n(p) = I^n(p^i e_i) = \left(p^i \underbrace{e_i(a_k)}_{\substack{\delta_{ik} \\ = p^k}} \right) e_k$$

Is interpolation Good to approximate?

Given $u \in C^0([0,1])$ what can we say about

$$\|u - I^n u\|_{L^\infty} = ?$$

Let's define the Best Approximation (assuming it exists)

$$p \text{ is B.A.} \iff \|u - p\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|u - q\|_{L^\infty} \quad \forall q \in \mathbb{P}^n$$

p is the Best Approximation of u in \mathbb{P}^n

$$\begin{aligned}
\| \mu - \mathcal{I}^n(\mu) \|_{L^\infty} &= \| \mu - \rho + \rho - \mathcal{I}^n(\mu) \|_{L^\infty} \\
&= \| \underbrace{\mu - \rho} - \mathcal{I}^n(\underbrace{\mu - \rho}) \|_{L^\infty} \\
&\leq \| \mu - \rho \| + \| \underbrace{\mathcal{I}^n(\mu - \rho)} \|_{L^\infty} \\
&\leq \| \mu - \rho \| + \| \mathcal{I}^n \|_* \| \mu - \rho \|_{L^\infty} \\
&\leq (1 + \| \mathcal{I}^n \|_*) \| \mu - \rho \|_{L^\infty}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\| \mathcal{I}^n \|_* := \sup_{\substack{\mu \neq 0 \\ \mu \in C^0(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \frac{\| \mathcal{I}^n \mu \|_{L^\infty}}{\| \mu \|_{L^\infty}} \leq \| V^{-1} \|_{L^\infty} \| \underbrace{\sum |v_i|}_{\| \cdot \|_{L^1}} \|_{L^\infty}$$

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 1 for
 Lagrange

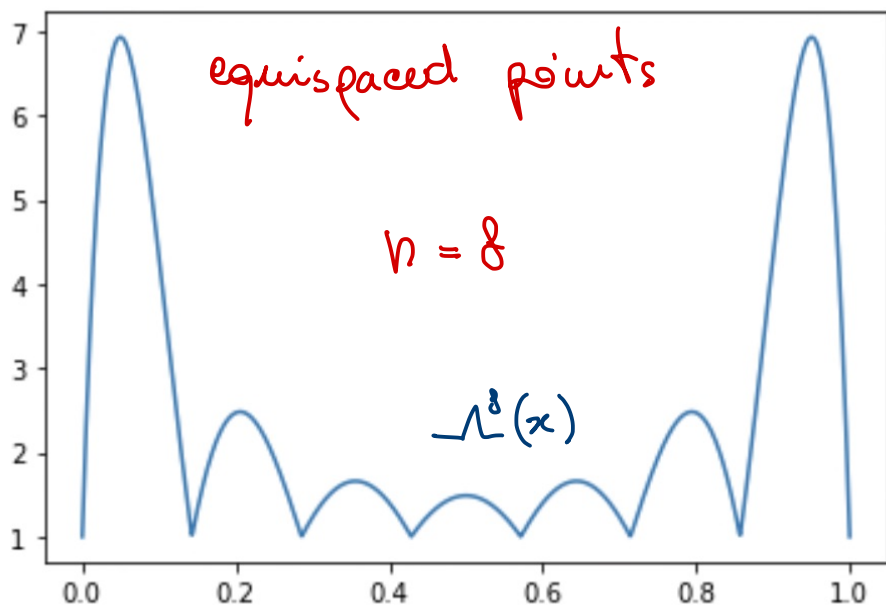
How does $\| \cdot \|_{L^\infty}$ behave?

Theo: (Erdős)

if collection of points $x_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$ $x_{ni} := a_i^n$

$\exists c > 0$ s.t.

$$\| \cdot \|_{L^\infty} \geq \frac{2}{\pi} \log(n-1) - c$$



Theo (Faber)

$$\forall \mathcal{X}^n \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$\exists f$ s.t.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|I^{\mathcal{X}^n}(f) - f\|_{L^\infty} \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\begin{matrix} a_0^1 & & & \\ a_0^2 & a_1^2 & & \\ a_0^3 & a_1^3 & a_2^3 & \\ a_0^4 & a_1^4 & a_2^4 & a_3^4 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{matrix} \sim \mathcal{X} \text{ infinite triang. matrix of points}$$

Can it be used??

Preliminary:

Taylor expansion theorem: if $f \in C^{k+1}([0,1])$
 then given $a \in (0,1)$, $\forall x \in [0,1]$, $\exists \xi \in (a,x)$
 s.t.

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{f^{(i)}(a)}{(i)!} (x-a)^i + \frac{f^{(k+1)}(\xi)}{(k+1)!}$$

→ Theo: if $f \in C^{n+1}([0,1])$, $a_i \in (0,1)$, $\forall x \in (0,1)$

$\exists \xi$:

$$(f - I^n(f))(x) = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi) \underline{\omega(x)}$$

where

$$\omega(x) = \prod_{i=0}^n (x - a_i)$$

characteristic
polynomial

Proof: $\forall x$, define $G(t)$ s.t.

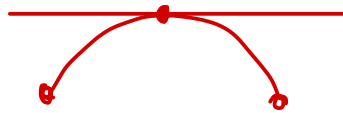
$$G(t) = (f(t) - p(t)) \omega(x) - (f(x) - p(x)) \omega(t)$$

$$p = I^n(f)$$

$$\frac{d^{n+1} G}{dt^{n+1}}(t) = \omega(x) f^{(n+1)}(t) - (f(x) - p(x)) (n+1)!$$

$G(t)$ has $n+2$ zeros, $\rightarrow G^{(n)}(t)$ will have 2 zeros

$\Rightarrow \exists \xi$ in the middle s.t. $\frac{d}{dt} G^{(n)} = G^{(n+1)}$ is zero



$$\rightarrow G^{(n+1)}(\xi) = 0 = \omega(x) f^{(n+1)}(\xi) - (f(x) - p(x)) (n+1)!$$

$$\omega(x) \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} = f(x) - p(x)$$

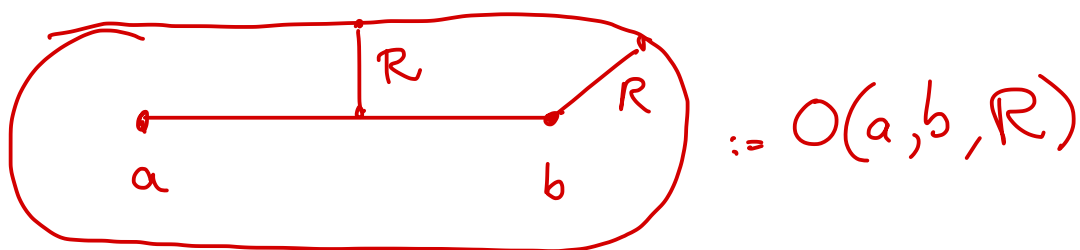
Can we apply this?

$$\|f - I^n(f)\|_{L^\infty} \leq \frac{\|\omega\|_{L^\infty}}{(n+1)!} \|f^{(n+1)}\|_{L^\infty}$$

Theo (Pungge)

If f analytically extendible on a Oval of radius R , then

$$\|f^{(n+1)}\|_{L^\infty} \leq \frac{(n+1)!}{R^{(n+1)}} \|f^\sim\|_{L^\infty(O(a,b,R))}$$



$z \in \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $\text{dist}(z, [a,b]) \leq R$

In those cases

$$\|f - I(f)\|_{L^\infty} \leq \frac{\|\omega\|_{L^\infty}}{(n+1)!} \cancel{(n+1)!} \|f^\sim\|_{L^\infty(O(a,b,R))}$$

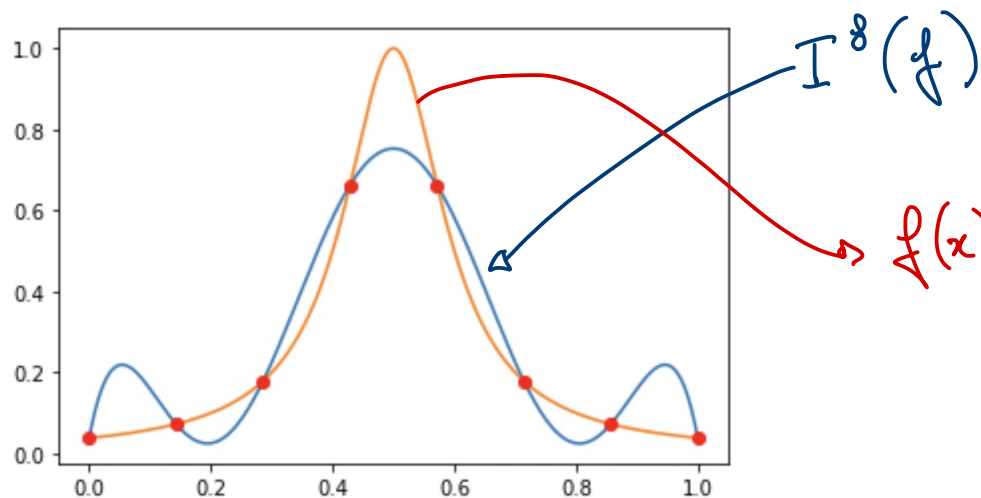
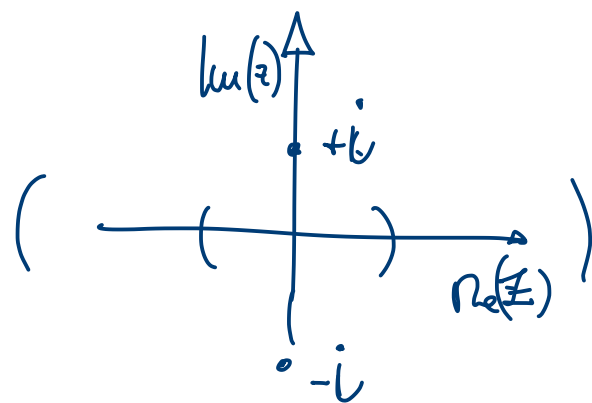
$$\|\omega(x)\|_{L^\infty} \leq (b-a)^{n+1}$$

$$\|f - I(f)\|_{L^\infty} \leq \left[\frac{(b-a)}{R} \right]^{n+1} \|f^\sim\|_{L^\infty(O(a,b,R))}$$

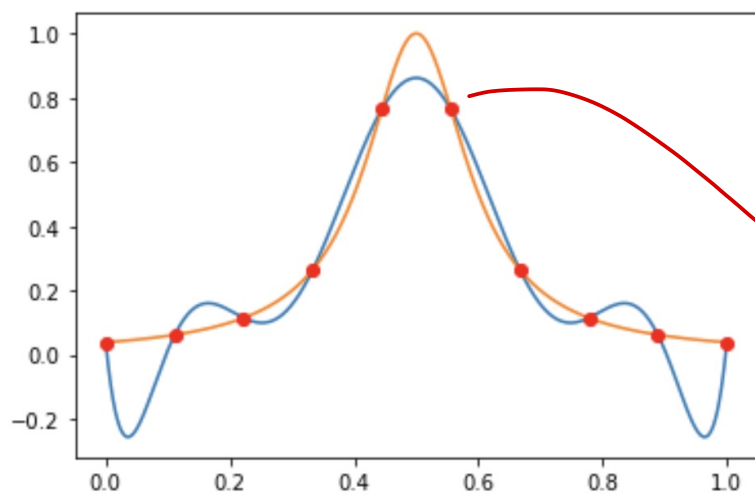
Runge function $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

$$\leadsto f(z) = \frac{1}{1+z^2}$$

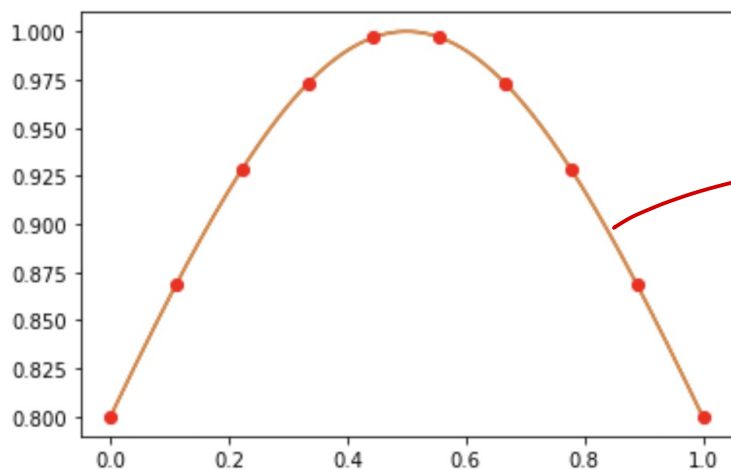
$$z \rightarrow \pm i \quad |f| \rightarrow \infty$$



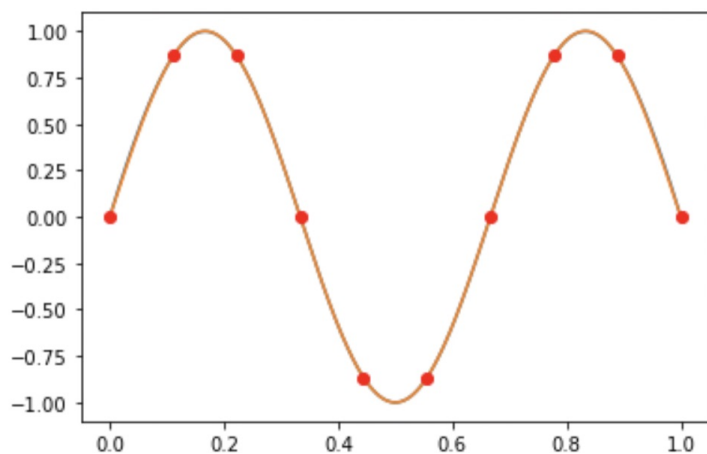
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+100(x-\frac{1}{2})^2}$$



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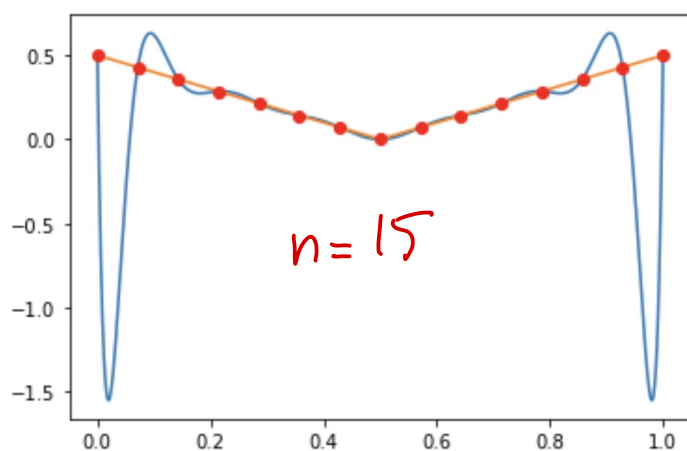
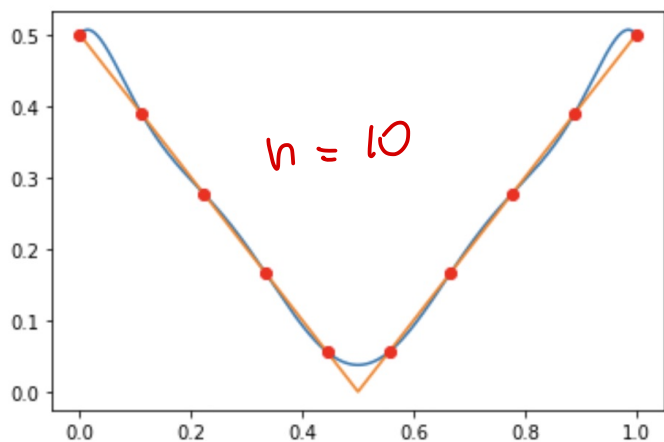


$$\frac{1}{1+(x-\frac{1}{2})^2}$$



$$\sin(3\pi x)$$

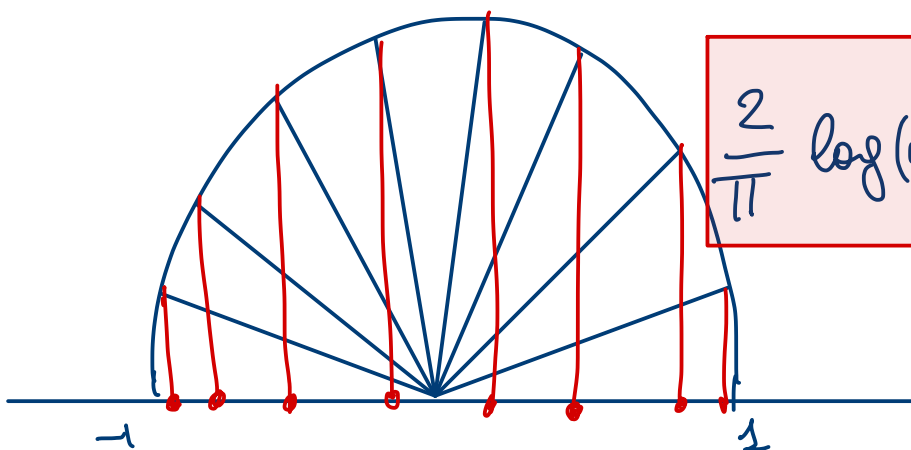
$$f(x) = |x - 0.5|$$



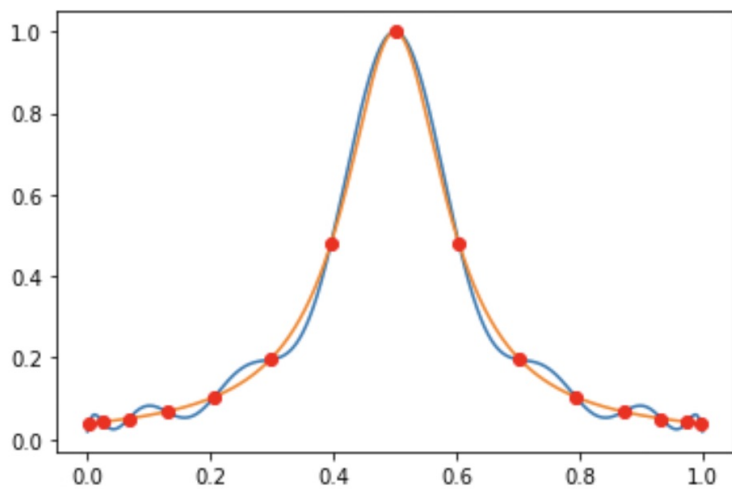
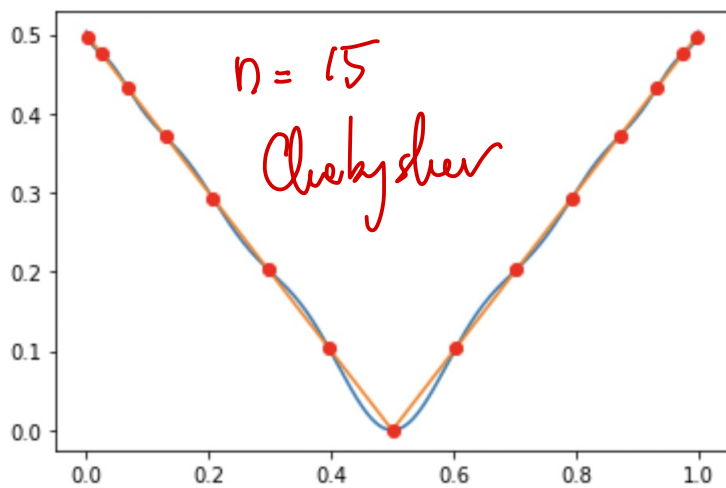
Everything depends on $\| \mathcal{L} \|_{\infty}$.

Chebyshev: take $\{a_i\}_{i=0}^n = \arg \min_{a \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \| \mathcal{L} \|_{\infty}$

\leadsto you get in $[-1, 1]$: $a_i = \cos\left(\frac{(2i+1)\pi}{2n+2}\right)$



$$\frac{2}{\pi} \log(n+1) - c \leq \| \mathcal{L} \|_{\infty} \leq \frac{2}{\pi} \log(n+1) + 1$$



If interpolation is not good to approximate in L^∞ , how do we get good results in L^∞ ?

Weierstrass Approximation Theorem

$\forall f \in C^0([a, b])$, $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\exists n, p \in \mathcal{P}^n$ s.t. $\|f - p\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon$

Lemma: let B_n be a sequence of linear operators.
s.t.

1) B_n is positive

2) $B_n q \rightarrow q \quad \forall q \in \mathcal{P}^2([a, b])$

Then $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\exists n$ s.t. $\forall \bar{n} \geq n$, $\|B_{\bar{n}} f - f\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon$

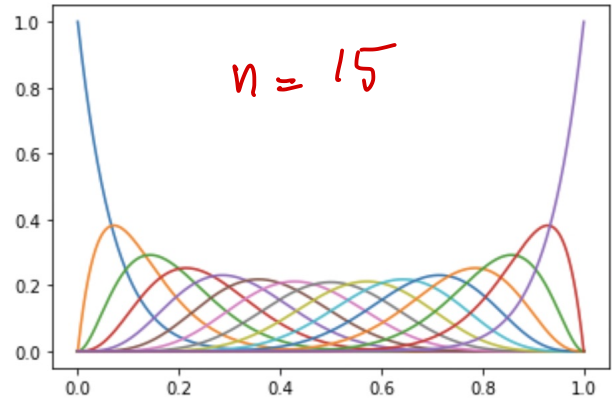
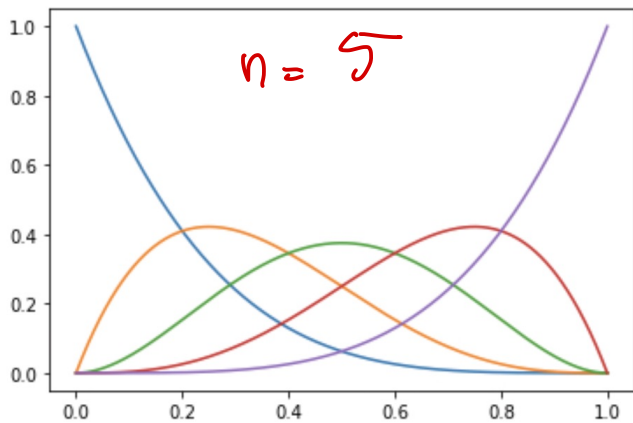
$$f(x) \geq 0 \Rightarrow (B_n f)(x) \geq 0 \quad (B_n \text{ is positive})$$

$$B_n : C^0([a, b]) \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^n \quad \text{linear}$$

Bernstein polynomials: built from

$$1 = 1^n = ((1-x) + x)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i (1-x)^{n-i}$$

$$:= b_i^n(x)$$



$\{b_i^n\}_{i=0}^n$ form a basis for \mathbb{P}^n

$$B_n f := \sum_{i=0}^n b_i^n(x) f(i/n)$$

