

SI 211: Numerical Analysis

Homework 2

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1 problem1

Assume that a function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies $f(0) = 1$, $f(1) = 3$, and $f(2) = 19$. Construct a polynomial of the form $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$ such that p interpolates f at $x \in 0, 1, 2$. What are a_0, a_1, a_2 ?

Solution.

$$N_0 = 1$$

$$N_1 = (x - x_0)$$

$$N_2 = (x - x_0)(x - x_1)$$

$$p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^2 b_i N_i(x)$$

Because

$$f(0) = p(x_0)$$

$$f(1) = p(x_1)$$

$$f(2) = p(x_2)$$

we can get that

$$b_0 = f(0) = 1$$

$$b_1 = \frac{f(1) - f(0)}{x_1 - x_0} = 2$$

$$b_2 = \frac{f(2) - b_0}{x_2 - x_0} - b_1 \frac{x_2 - x_0}{x_2 - x_1} = 7$$

So

$$p(x) = 1 + 2(x - 0) + 7(x - 0)(x - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = 1, a_1 = -5, a_2 = 7$$

2 problem2

Assume that a function $f : R^2 \rightarrow R$ satisfies

$$f(0,0) = 1, f(0,1) = 3, f(0,2) = 19, f(1,0) = 3, f(2,0) = 19, f(1,1) = 0$$

Construct a polynomial $p : R^2 \rightarrow R$ of the form

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_1^2 + a_3x_2 + a_4x_2^2 + a_5x_1x_2$$

such that p interpolates f at all 6 points. What are $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5$?

Solution.

When $x_1 = 0$, $p(x) = a_0 + a_3x_2 + a_4x_2^2$. This problem is the same as problem 1. So we can get that $a_0 = 1, a_3 = -5, a_4 = 7$.

When $x_2 = 0$

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_1^2$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l|l} x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0 & f(0,0) = 1 & d_{01} = 2 \\ x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0 & f(1,0) = 3 & d_{12} = 16 \\ x_1 = 2, x_2 = 0 & f(2,0) = 19 & d_{02} = 7 \end{array}$$

From the above table, we can get that $p(x) = f(0,0) + d_{01}(x_1 - 0) + d_{02}(x_1 - 0)(x_1 - 1)$.

$\Rightarrow a_1 = -5, a_2 = 7$. And we have $f(1,1) = 0$. So we can get that $a_5 = -5$.

In conclusion, $a_0 = 1, a_1 = -5, a_2 = 7, a_3 = -5, a_4 = 7, a_5 = -5$.

3. Implement a computer program that interpolates a function $f(x)$ at the points

$$x_1 = -5, x_2 = -4, x_3 = -3, \dots, x_{10} = 4, x_{11} = 5$$

with a polynomial p of order 10. Test your program for

(a) the function $f(x) = \sin(x)$ and

(b) the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$.

Plot the functions as well as their interpolating polynomials. How big are the approximation errors?

Solution. I use python to complete this program. And I use Lagrange basis to interpolate polynomials.

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In [2]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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In [3]: def lagrange_basis(x, data):
    basis = np.ones((data.shape[0], x.shape[0]))
    for i in range(data.shape[0]):
        for j in range(data.shape[0]):
            if i != j:
                basis[i, :] *= (x - data[j, 0]) / (data[i, 0] - data[j, 0])
    return basis
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def poly_interpolant(x, data):
    P = np.zeros(x.shape[0])
    basis = lagrange_basis(x, data)
    for n in range(data.shape[0]):
        P += basis[n, :] * data[n, 1]
    return P
def f(x):
    return 1.0 / (1.0 + x**2)

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In [7]: num_points = 11
data_a = np.empty((num_points, 2))
data_a[:, 0] = np.array([i for i in range(-5, 6)])
data_a[:, 1] = np.sin(data_a[:, 0])
data_b = np.empty((num_points, 2))
data_b[:, 0] = np.array([i for i in range(-5, 6)])
data_b[:, 1] = f(data_b[:, 0])

x_a = np.linspace(-5, 5, 100)
x_b = np.linspace(-5, 5, 100)

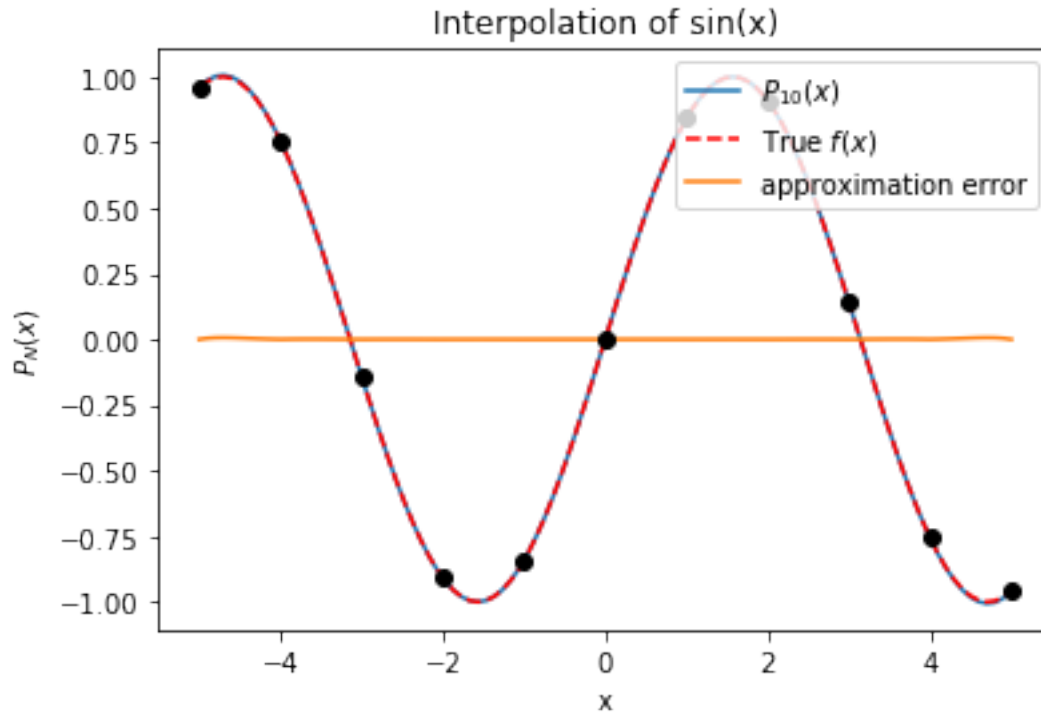
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(a)

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In [9]: fig = plt.figure()
axes = fig.add_subplot(1, 1, 1)
axes.plot(x_a, poly_interpolant(x_a, data_a), label="$P_{%s}(x)$" % 10)
axes.plot(x_a, np.sin(x_a), 'r--', label="True $f(x)$")
axes.plot(x_a, abs(np.sin(x_a) - poly_interpolant(x_a, data_a)), label="approximation error")
for point in data_a:
    axes.plot(point[0], point[1], 'ko')
axes.set_title("Interpolation of sin(x)")
axes.set_xlabel("x")
axes.set_ylabel("$P_N(x)$")
axes.legend(loc=1)
plt.show()

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(b)

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In [10]: fig = plt.figure()
axes = fig.add_subplot(1, 1, 1)
axes.plot(x_b, poly_interpolant(x_b, data_b), label="$P_{10}(x)$" % 10)
axes.plot(x_b, f(x_b), 'r--', label="True $f(x)$")
axes.plot(x_b, abs(f(x_b) - poly_interpolant(x_b, data_b)), label="the abs approximation error")
for point in data_b:
    axes.plot(point[0], point[1], 'ko')
axes.set_title("Interpolation of 1/(1+x^2)")
axes.set_xlabel("x")
axes.set_ylabel("$P_N(x)$")
axes.legend(loc=1)
plt.show()
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