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# Introduction

## 1.1 General Framework

— Data :

- $\chi \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  (here,  $d = 1$  often).
- $f : \chi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , with  $f \in \mathfrak{f}$ .

— Design :

- $\hat{\mathfrak{f}} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\hat{\chi}}$  is the set of admissible function, and is a subset of all function from  $\hat{\chi}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- $\mathcal{L} : \hat{\mathfrak{f}} \times \mathfrak{f} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the loss function.
- $\mathcal{R} : \hat{\mathfrak{f}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the regularizer.

— Optimisation problem :

$$\arg_{\hat{f} \in \hat{\mathfrak{f}}} \min \quad \mathcal{L}(\hat{f}, f) + \lambda \mathcal{R}(\hat{f})$$

— Optimisation algorithm.

# Polynomials

$\mathcal{P}_n$  is the set of all real polynomials of degree at most  $n$ .

- The Runge phenomenon is the explosion of the polynomial near the boundary of the domain when the interpolation points are chosen to be equidistant. A solution to that is to put more points near the boundary and less in the middle of the domain, e.g. Chebyshev points.

## 2.1 Lagrange interpolation

Let  $x_0, \dots, x_n$  be distinct real numbers. The Lagrange polynomial  $L_k$  of degree  $n$  is such that it is equal to 0 for all  $x_i, i \neq k$  and 1 for  $x_k$ . This serves as a base for the next interpolations. The general formula for the Lagrange polynomial is

$$L_k(x) = \prod_{i=0, i \neq k}^n \frac{x - x_i}{x_k - x_i} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n \quad (2.1)$$

- N.B. : we usually denote  $L_k(x; x_0, \dots, x_n)$  or let  $\chi = (x_0, \dots, x_n)$  and  $L_k(x; \chi)$ .

## 2.2 Hermite interpolation

Let  $x_0, \dots, x_n$  be distinct real numbers. Then, given two sets of real numbers  $(y_0, \dots, y_n)$  and  $(z_0, \dots, z_n)$ , there is a unique polynomial  $p_{2n+1} \in \mathcal{P}_{2n+1}$  such that

$$p_{2n+1}(x_i) = y_i \quad p'_{2n+1}(x_i) = z_i \quad i = 0, \dots, n \quad (2.2)$$

The polynomial  $p_{2n+1}$  is termed the Hermite interpolation polynomial of degree at most  $2n + 1$  for the data points  $(x_0, y_0, z_0), \dots, (x_n, y_n, z_n)$ . The expression is

$$p_{2n+1}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n (H_k(x)y_k + K_k(x)z_k) \quad \begin{cases} H_k(x) = (L_k(x))^2(1 - 2L'_k(x_k)(x - x_k)) \\ K_k(x) = (L_k(x))^2(x - x_k) \end{cases} \quad (2.3)$$

where  $L_k(x)$  is the Lagrange polynomial.

- The  $H_k(x)$  are such that their derivative is zero for all  $x_i$ , and their value is zero for all  $x_i$  except  $x_k$ , where it is 1.

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$$K_k(x_i) = 0 \quad K'_k(x_i) = \delta_{ik} \quad \forall i$$

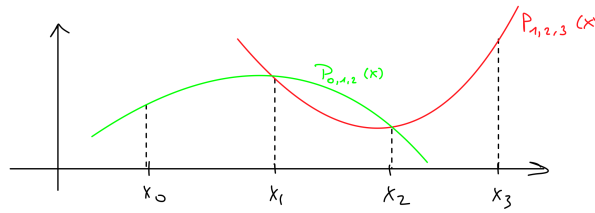
## 2.3 Neville's algorithm

Let us assume we are given a set of support points  $(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , and  $p_n$  is their Lagrange interpolation polynomial. Let us now define the notation  $P_{i_0 i_1 \dots i_k} \in \mathcal{P}_k$ , the polynomial for which  $P_{i_0 i_1 \dots i_k}(x_{i_j}) = y_{i_j}$  for all  $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ . We work by recursion, with the following formula :

$$\begin{cases} P_i(x) = y_i \\ P_{i_0 i_1 \dots i_k} = \frac{(x - x_{i_0})P_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_k}(x) - (x - x_{i_k})P_{i_0 i_1 \dots i_{k-1}}(x)}{x_{i_k} - x_{i_0}} \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

Example :

Let us have four points  $(x_0, y_0), \dots, (x_3, y_3)$ . We want the polynomial interpolating all of them, using Neville's algorithm.



Here,

$$P_{0123}(x) = \frac{x - x_0}{x_3 - x_0} P_{123}(x) + \frac{x_3 - x}{x_3 - x_0} P_{012}(x) \quad (2.5)$$

## 2.4 Newton's interpolation formula

Newton's interpolation formula is used to evaluate polynomials with a computer, as it only needs to compute each operation  $(x - x_i)$  one time. We write it like :

$$p_n(x) = ((\dots (y_0 \dots n(x - x_n) + y_0 \dots n-1)(x - x_{n-1}) + y_0 \dots n-2)(x - x_{n-2}) + \dots) + y_0 \quad (2.6)$$

And the recursive formula is

$$P_{i_0 i_1 \dots i_k} = P_{i_0 i_1 \dots i_{k-1}}(x) + y_{i_0 i_1 \dots i_k}(x - x_{i_0})(x - x_{i_1}) \dots (x - x_{i_{k-1}}) \quad (2.7)$$

## 2.5 Linear algebra approach

Let  $(\phi_0, \dots, \phi_n)$  be a basis of  $\mathcal{P}_n$ , which is known to be an  $(n + 1)$ -dimensional linear space. The interpolation polynomial can thus be expressed in a unique way in the basis :

$$p_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \phi_i(x) \quad (2.8)$$

and the coefficient are obtained by solving the linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phi_0(x_0) & \phi_1(x_0) & \dots & \phi_n(x_0) \\ \phi_0(x_1) & \phi_1(x_1) & \dots & \phi_n(x_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_0(x_n) & \phi_1(x_n) & \dots & \phi_n(x_n) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.9)$$

This is called a Vandermonde matrix, and its determinant is

$$\det(V) = \prod_{0 \leq i < j \leq n} (x_j - x_i) \quad (2.10)$$

which is always non zero, as the  $x_i$  are distinct, and the system has one unique solution.

→ N.B. : the condition number<sup>1</sup> of such a matrix grows exponentially with  $n$ .

## 2.6 Barycentric interpolation formula

This formula is interesting, because it is numerically stable, contrary to the linear algebra method described before. We use the following notation, called the nodal polynomial :

$$\pi_{n+1}(x) = \prod_{i=0}^n (x - x_i) \quad (2.11)$$

We now define

$$\lambda_j = \frac{1}{\prod_{k \neq j} (x_j - x_k)} \quad (2.12)$$

The modified Lagrange formula is then

$$p_n(x) = \pi_{n+1}(x) \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{x - x_j} y_j \quad (2.13)$$

For the polynomial  $p_n(x) = 1$ , we have the following expression :

$$1 = \pi_{n+1}(x) \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{x - x_j}$$

and thus we generally prefer to use the equivalent formula for equation (2.13) :

$$p_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{\lambda_j y_j}{x - x_j} / \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{\lambda_j}{x - x_j} \quad (2.14)$$

for all  $x \notin \{x_0, \dots, x_n\}$ .

## 2.7 Trigonometric interpolation

Let us consider the evenly spaced points  $x_j = \frac{2\pi j}{N}$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, N$ , on the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ , and the interpolation values  $f_0, \dots, f_N \in \mathbb{C}$ , with  $f_0 = f_N$ . The trigonometric interpolation problem consists of finding  $\beta_k$  such that

$$p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \beta_k e^{ikx} \text{ such that } p(x_j) = f_j \quad j = 0, \dots, N-1 \quad (2.15)$$

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1. It is a measure of the reaction of the system to a small perturbation

→ N.B. : the bound is  $N - 1$  because the last condition  $p(x_N) = f_N$  is satisfied when the others are (periodicity).

This is equivalent to the generalization to  $\mathbb{C}$  of the polynomial interpolation problem : if we denote  $\omega := e^{ix}$ , the complex polynomial is

$$P(\omega) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \beta_k \omega^k \quad (2.16)$$

The Vandermonde matrix in the complex case is defined as in the real case. We denote it  $W$ .

Theorem :  $W^*W = NI$  for a complex Vandermonde matrix in an interpolation problem.

From this, the solution to the interpolation problem is solved by multiplying both sides by  $W^*$ . We get

$$\beta = \frac{1}{N} W^* f \implies \beta_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f_j e^{-i2\pi kj/N} \quad k = 0, \dots, N-1 \quad (2.17)$$

And that is the discrete Fourier transform (DFT)

## 2.8 Rational interpolation

Let the interpolation points be  $x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_\sigma$ , with the values  $y_0, \dots, y_\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ . We define the polynomial

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{p_\mu(x)}{q_\nu(x)} \quad p_\mu \in \mathcal{P}_\mu, q_\nu \in \mathcal{P}_\nu \quad (2.18)$$

$$\text{such that } \Phi(x_i) = y_i \quad i = 0, \dots, \sigma \quad (2.19)$$

The interpolation polynomial can be written

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{\mu} a_k x^k}{\sum_{k=0}^{\nu} b_k x^k} = \frac{\lambda p_\mu(x)}{q_\nu(x)} \quad (2.20)$$

The number of constraints, i.e. points needed for the interpolation is then  $\sigma = \mu + \nu$ . This implies that

If  $\Phi$  is a solution to the equation (2.18), then  $p_\mu, q_\nu$  are solutions of

$$p_\mu(x_i) - y_i q_\nu(x_i) = 0 \quad i = 0, \dots, \mu + \nu \quad (2.21)$$

$$\left( \sum_{k=0}^{\mu} a_k x_i^k \right) - y_i \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\nu} b_k x_i^k \right) = 0 \quad (2.22)$$

The theorem of existence states that the equation (2.21) always has a non trivial solution, i.e.  $(p_\mu, q_\nu) \neq (0, 0)$ .

The theorem of uniqueness states that if  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  are non trivial solutions of (2.21), then they are equivalent, i.e. they differ only by a common polynomial factor in the numerator and denominator.

—  $p_\mu, q_\nu$  are relatively prime if they do not have zeros in common.

Given  $\Phi = \frac{p_\mu}{q_\nu}$ , let  $\tilde{\Phi} = \frac{\tilde{p}_\mu}{\tilde{q}_\nu}$  be the equivalent expression for which  $\tilde{p}_\mu$  and  $\tilde{q}_\nu$  are relatively prime.  $\Phi$  is the solution of (2.18)  $\iff \tilde{p}_\mu(x_i) - y_i \tilde{q}_\nu(x_i) = 0, i = 0, \dots, \mu + \nu$ .