

Derivative from Lagrange Polynomial

If $f(x)$ is not explicitly given, and we know $(x_i, f(x_i))$ for $i=0, \dots, n$ then f can be approximated using the Lagrange polynomial.

* Review:

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n f(x_i) L_i(x) + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} \prod_{i=0}^n (x-x_i)$$

$$L_i(x) =$$

Differentiating both sides wrt the x -variable and evaluating at $x=x_j$ we get

$$f'(x_j) = \sum_{i=0}^n f(x_i) L'_i(x_j) + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} \prod_{\substack{i=0 \\ i \neq j}}^n (x_j - x_i)$$

$(n+1)$ point formula to approximate $f'(x_j)$

Three point Formula

$$L_0(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)}$$

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$$L_2(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)}$$

$$L'_2(x) = \frac{(x-x_0) + (x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x_j) = & f(x_0) \left[\frac{(x_j-x_2) + (x_j-x_1)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)} \right] + f(x_1) \left[\frac{(x_j-x_2) + (x_j-x_0)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)} \right] \\ & + f(x_2) \left[\frac{(x_j-x_1) + (x_j-x_0)}{(x_2-x_1)(x_2-x_0)} \right] + \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi)}{3} \prod_{\substack{i=0 \\ i \neq j}}^2 (x_j - x_i) \end{aligned}$$

· If the nodes are equally spaced and $x_1 = x_0 + h$ and $x_2 = x_0 + 2h$ then,

$$f'(x_0) = f(x_0) \left[\frac{-2h - h}{(-h) - 2h} \right] + f(x_0 + h) \left[\frac{-h}{(2h)(h)} \right] \\ + f(x_0 + 2h) \left[\frac{-h}{(2h)h} \right] + \frac{f''(\xi)}{6} (-h)(2h)$$

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{-3f(x_0) + 4f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 + 2h)}{2h} + \frac{f''(\xi)h^2}{3}$$