

Opener

Core concepts covered today:

- Interpolation
 - Difference between interpolation and regression
 - Finding an interpolating polynomial for a set of data using MATLAB
 - Finding an interpolating polynomial for a set of data using Newton's formula

Quick Activity: Difference between interpolation and regression

Fill in the table below. You may want to look at the Lecture 18 slides for help.

Regression	Interpolation
Used to find a curve (of some chosen form) that:	Used to find a curve that can:
The curve must to pass through all of the points. True or False?	The curve must pass through all of the points. True or False?
$p = \text{polyfit}(x,y,n):$ n is _____ the number of data points minus one. Fits a _____ order polynomial to the data.	$p = \text{polyfit}(x,y,n):$ n is _____ the number of data points minus one. Fits an _____ to the data.

Activity 1

The following MATLAB code uses polynomial interpolation and all data points to estimate the value of y at $x=4.3$ and $x=7.8$. It also plots the data points and the interpolating polynomial on the same graph. All you need to do is fill in the blanks!

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% Our data points:
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x = [2 4 6 8];
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y = [5 7 10 18];
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p = _____(x,y,__); % Fits the interpolating  
polynomial (IP) to the data
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% The code below evaluates the interpolating polynomial  
at 100 evenly spaced values of x between 2 and 8.
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xIP = linspace(2,8,100);
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yIP = _____(p,xIP);
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% Figure(1) created below is a plot containing the data  
points and the interpolating polynomial
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figure(1)
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title('Graph of Data Points & Interpolating  
Polynomial')
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xlabel('x')
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ylabel('y')
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plot(x,y,'___') % Used to plot just the data points  
grid on
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_____  
plot(_____,_____, '--') % Used to plot the IP  
_____
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% The code below outputs the estimated value of y at  
x=4.3 and x=7.8 (i.e. outputs the value of the IP at  
these points).
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fprintf('The estimated value of y at x=4.3 is %f\n',  
polyval(_____,_____))
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fprintf('The estimated value of y at x=7.8 is %f\n',  
polyval(_____,_____))
```

Activity 2

Determine the equation of the interpolating polynomial for the data in Activity 1 using Newton's formula. What is the value of the interpolating polynomial at $x=4.3$ and $x=6$?

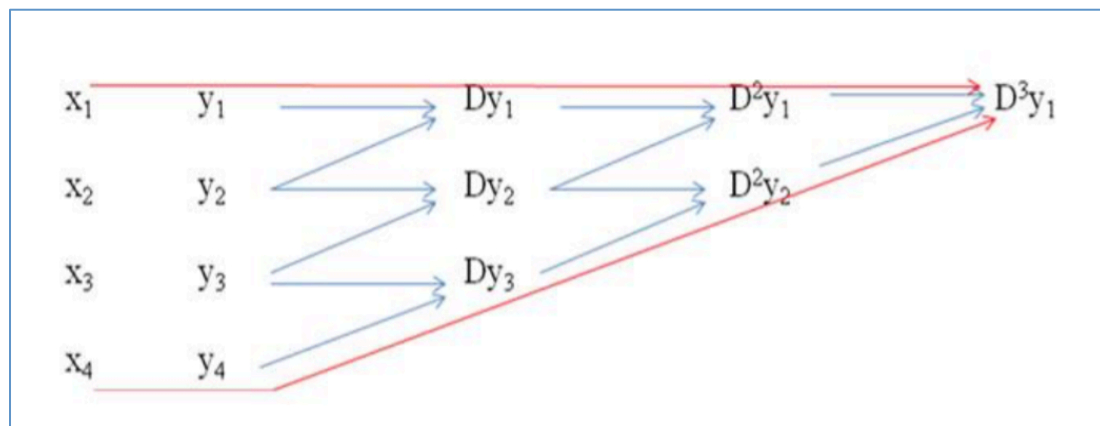
x	y
2	5
4	7
6	10
8	18

Here's what you are given on your formula sheet for Newton's interpolating polynomials:

$$p(x) = a_1 + a_2(x - x_1) + a_3(x - x_1)(x - x_2) + \dots + a_N(x - x_1)\dots(x - x_{N-1})$$

$$a_1 = y_1 \quad a_2 = Dy_1 \quad a_3 = D^2y_1 \quad \dots \quad a_N = D^{N-1}y_1$$

$$Dy_i = \frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{x_{i+1} - x_i} \quad D^2y_i = \frac{Dy_{i+1} - Dy_i}{x_{i+2} - x_i} \quad D^ky_i = \frac{D^{k-1}y_{i+1} - D^{k-1}y_i}{x_{i+k} - x_i}$$





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Homework: Try finding the interpolating polynomial for this data set using Lagrange's method.

Closer

Believe it or not, soon it will be time for me to start preparing your mock final!

So, this week I would like know what are some of the non-MATLAB topics that you would like to see on it. Note there will be some MATLAB questions on it as well, but for now I want to hear about the manual stuff.

Write down three post-midterm topics that we have covered so far that you would most like to see covered on the mock-final.

Just as a refresher, here are the main (non-MATLAB) topics that we have covered since the midterm:

- Solving series of linear equations
 - Using Gaussian Elimination
 - Using Gauss-Jordan Elimination
 - Using the Jacobi Method
 - Using the Gauss-Seidel Method
 - Using LU Factorization
- Curve-fitting
 - Fitting a linear regression (straight line) to a data set
 - Fitting a general least squares regression to a data set ($Z^T Z a = Z^T y$)
 - Fitting special functions to a data set
 - Exponential growth/decay equations
 - Power equations
 - Saturation growth rate equations
- Interpolation
 - Newton's method for finding interpolating polynomials
 - Lagrange's method for finding interpolating polynomials (NO I WILL NOT DO THIS!!)