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MAT 460 - HW4

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7.1.3 $P_n(x_i) = Q_n(x_i) = y_i$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$, where $P_n(x)$ and $Q_n(x)$ are of degree n .

Proposition: $P_n(x) \equiv Q_n(x) \forall x$.

Proof: Assume $P_n(x) \neq Q_n(x) \forall x$. So $\exists x_i$ such that $P(x_i) \neq Q(x_i)$.

Let $R_n(x) = P_n(x) - Q_n(x)$ so that $R_n(x)$ is of degree n .

If $P_n(x) \neq Q_n(x)$, then $R_n(x) \neq 0$.

So $R_n(x)$ can be written as $(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\cdots(x-x_n) = x^{n+1} + \dots$

for x_i where $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$.

This implies $R_n(x)$ is of degree $n+1$, unless $R_n(x) = 0$.

since $(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\cdots(x-x_n) = 0 \Rightarrow (x-x_0)(x-x_1)\cdots(x-x_{n-1}) = 0 \Rightarrow x^n + \dots = 0$

This contradicts the previous assumption that $R_n(x) \neq 0$. So

$P_n(x) - Q_n(x) = 0 \Rightarrow P_n(x_i) = Q_n(x_i) \forall x_i$. \square

7.1.4 Suppose $P_i(x) = a_0(x-x_1) + a_1(x-x_0)$.

$$\begin{cases} p_i(x_0) = y_0 \\ p_i(x_1) = y_1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} p_i(x_0) = a_0(x_0-x_1) + a_1(x_0-x_0) = y_0 \\ p_i(x_1) = a_0(x_1-x_1) + a_1(x_1-x_0) = y_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (x_0-x_1) & 0 \\ 0 & (x_1-x_0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ For } P_i(x) = \sum_{i=0}^1 C_i Q_i(x)$$

Goal: $\begin{bmatrix} ? & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & ? & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & ? \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} (x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2) & (x_1-x_1)(x_1-x_2) & (x_2-x_1)(x_2-x_2) \\ (x_0-x_0)(x_0-x_2) & (x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2) & (x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_2) \\ (x_0-x_0)(x_0-x_1) & (x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_1) & (x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1) \end{bmatrix}$

$$L_{n,i}(x) = \prod_{j=0, j \neq i}^n \frac{x-x_j}{x_i-x_j}$$

$$L_{1,j}(x) = \prod_{i=0, i \neq j}^1 \frac{x-x_i}{x_j-x_i}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (x-x_1)(x-x_2) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (x-x_0)(x-x_2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (x-x_0)(x-x_1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_{1,0}(x) &= \text{DNE} \\ L_{1,1}(x) &= \frac{x-x_0}{x_1-x_0} \\ L_{1,2}(x) &= \frac{x-x_1}{x_0-x_1} \end{aligned}$$

for (i,j)
(0,1)
(1,0)

Permutations of $n=2$
(0,1), (0,2),
(1,0), (1,2)
(2,0), (2,1)

$$\begin{aligned} L_{2,0}(x) &= \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)} \\ L_{2,1}(x) &= \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$L_{2,2}(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)}$$

2.21 Prop: $P_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n y_j L_{n,j}(x)$ is the unique n^{th} -degree polynomial satisfying $P_n(x_i) = y_i$ for $i=0,1,\dots,n$ with x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n distinct in $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$.

Proof: $L_{n,j}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 0 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases} \Rightarrow L_{n,j}(x) = \prod_{i=0, i \neq j}^n \frac{x - x_i}{x_j - x_i}$

We NTS that $\sum_{j=0}^n y_j L_{n,j}(x) = y_j \quad \forall j \in [0, n]$.

Assume $n=3$ and $j=0,1,2$ and $i=0,1,2$ for a base case of

$$L_{3,0}(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)}, \quad L_{3,1}(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)},$$

$$\text{and } L_{3,2}(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)}.$$

For general n and $i, j=0,1,\dots,n$ then,

$$L_{n,n}(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)\dots(x-x_{n-1})}{(x_n-x_0)(x_n-x_1)(x_n-x_2)\dots(x_n-x_{n-1})} \quad \text{and}$$

~~$$L_{n+1,n+1}(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)}{(x_{n+1}-x_0)(x_{n+1}-x_1)\dots(x_{n+1}-x_n)}$$~~

So for $P_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n [y_j L_{n,j}(x)]$, we know $\sum_{j=0}^n L_{n,j}(x) = 1$

$$\text{so } P_n(x) = \left(\sum_{j=0}^n y_j \right) \left(\sum_{j=0}^n L_{n,j}(x) \right) = \sum_{j=0}^n y_j = y.$$

Thus $P_n(x) = y \Rightarrow P_n(x_i) = y_i \quad \forall i \in [0, n]$

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