

# CS370: Interpolation

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See figure 2.1

$$y = p(x)$$

We want to find a function  $p$ , such that the curve is 'nice' (where nice is piecewise polynomial or polynomial)

Given:

$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$   $n$  points  $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$

Find a polynomial  $P(x)$  of degree  $< n$

In general:

$$p(x) = c_1 + c_2x + c_3x^2 + \dots + c_nx^{n-1}$$

$$p(x_1) = y_1$$

$$p(x_2) = y_2$$

...

$$p(x_n) = y_n$$

$n$  unknowns,  $n$  equations (linear)

**Example:**

$(-1, 1), (1, 1), (2, 5), (4, 1)$

See figure 2.2

$$p(x) = c_1 + c_2x + c_3x^2 + c_4x^3$$

$$p(-1) = c_1 - c_2 + c_3 - c_4 = 1$$

$$p(1) = c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + c_4 = 1$$

$$p(2) = c_1 + 2c_2 + 4c_3 + 8c_4 = 5$$

$$p(4) = c_1 + 4c_2 + 16c_3 + 64c_4 = 1$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 & 64 & 1 \end{array} \right\} // \text{ Solve the matrix!!}$$

Now we are just writing out the solution...

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= c_1 + c_2x + c_3x^2 + c_4x^3 \\ &= 1 + b_2(x-1) + b_3(x-1)^2 + b_4(x-1)^3 \\ &= L_1(x) + L_2(x) + 5L_3(x) + L_4(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$L_1(x) = \frac{(x-1)(x-2)(x-4)}{-30}$$

$$L_2(x) = \frac{(x+1)(x-2)(x-4)}{6}$$

$$L_3(x) = \frac{(x+1)(x-1)(x-4)}{-6}$$

$$L_4(x) = \frac{(x+1)(x-1)(x-2)}{30}$$

I think we are writing it out this way so that we can easily plug in the values and get the correct points??

Question:

1. Does an interpolating polynomial always exist?
2. If (1) is true then is the answer always unique?

$$p(x) = c_1 + c_2x + \dots c_n x^{n-1}$$

$$p(x_1) = c_1 + c_2x_1 + \dots c_n x_1^{n-1}$$

$$p(x_2) = c_1 + c_2x_2 + \dots c_n x_2^{n-1}$$

...

$$p(x_n) = c_1 + c_2x_n + \dots c_n x_n^{n-1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^{n-1} \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2^{n-1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \dots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \dots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

The first matrix is the vandermonde (V) matrix.

V is invertible,  $V \times \vec{c} = \vec{y}$

$\det V \neq 0$  and  $\det V = \prod_{i < j} (x_i - x_j) \neq 0$  for  $i < j$

Remember what a determinate is, remember what invertible is, but we will never be asked to do it.

$p(x)$

$$p(x) = q_1(x)(x - x_1) + y_1$$

$$p(x) = q_2(x)(x - x_2) + y_2$$

...

$$p(x) = q_n(x)(x - x_n) + y_n$$

## Lagrange Polynomial

$$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \dots (x_n, y_n)$$

$$p(x) = y_1 L_1(x) + y_2 L_2(x) + \dots + y_n L_n(x)$$

$L_i(x_i) = 1, L_i(x_j) = 0$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $\deg(L_i) = n - 1$

Lets construct  $L_1$  using the above

$$L_1(x) = \frac{(x - x_2)(x - x_3) \dots (x - x_n)}{(x_1 - x_2)(x_1 - x_3) \dots (x_1 - x_n)}$$

$$L_i(x) = \frac{(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{i-1})(x - x_{i+1}) \dots (x - x_n)}{(x_i - x_1) \dots (x_i - x_{i-1}) \dots (x_i - x_n)}$$

$L_i(x_i) = 1$  and  $L_j(x_j) = 0$  where  $j \neq i$

For A1 Q3 (January 13th) - figuring out the solution to the recurrence - and using the answer to help

$$?? \boxed{I_n} \leftarrow I_{n-1} \leftarrow I_{n-2} \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow I_0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{\boxed{\hat{I}_n}} &\leftarrow \hat{I}_{n-1} \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow \hat{I}_1 \leftarrow \hat{I}_0 \\ e_n &\leftarrow e_{n-1} \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow e_1 \leftarrow e_0 \\ e_n &= (-\alpha)^n e_0 \\ I_n? &= formula(I_0) =\end{aligned}$$

Using p?

$$??\boxed{p_n} \leftarrow p_{n-1}p_{n-2}, p_{n-2}p_{n-3}, \dots, p_1, p_0$$

$p_n = as^n + bt^n$  and  $a, b$  depend on  $p_0, p_1$

$$\sqrt{\boxed{\hat{p}_n}} \leftarrow \hat{p}_{n-1}\hat{p}_{n-2}\dots, \hat{p}_1\hat{p}_0$$

This line but with hats (I got lazy)  $p_n = as^n + bt^n$  and  $a, b$  depend on  $p_0, p_1$   
solve for  $e_n$

Recall from Jan 11th: (regoing over the start of this page)

## Lagrange Form (again)

For  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  distinct, construct  $L_1(x), L_2(x) \dots L_n(x)$   
Satisfying:

1.  $L_i(x)$  has degree  $n-1$
2.  $L_i(x_i) = 1$
3.  $L_i(x_j) = 0$  if  $i \neq j$

How do we construct this:

$$L_1(x) = \frac{(x - x_2)(x - x_3) \dots (x - x_n)}{(x_1 - x_2)(x_1 - x_3) \dots (x_1 - x_n)}$$

We divide like this in order to get an equation that satisfies that if we plug in  $x_1$  we will end up getting 1 as required, otherwise we will be getting a 0.  
This is actually pretty cool. Neat!

$$L_i(x) = \frac{(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{i-1})(x - x_{i+1}) \dots (x - x_n)}{(x_i - x_1) \dots (x_i - x_{i-1})(x_i - x_{i+1}) \dots (x_i - x_n)}$$

$$p(x) = y_1 L_1(x) + y_2 L_2(x) + \dots + y_n L_n(x)$$

$$p(x_1) = y_1 1 + y_2 0 + \dots + y_n 0 = y_1$$

...

$$p(x_n) = y_1 0 + y_2 0 + \dots + y_n 1 = y_n$$

A question that he often has asked on midterms ( and is almost 100% going to add it to ours):

Given:  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  as  $-1, 1, 2, 117, 412$

Form  $p(x) = L_1(x) + L_2(x) + L_3(x) + L_4(x)$

Write  $p(x) = c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 x^2 + c_4 x^3$

Draw the graph!

Solve for the 4 numbers, and find what is y at each of the 4 points?

Then we find out that  $f(x) = 1$  for each

Therefore the solution is  $p(x) = 1$

## Cubic Hermite Interpolation

Another type of interpolation

Given:  $(x_L, y_L)$  more on the left side and  $(x_R, y_R)$  on the right side,  $S_L$  slope of the left side, and  $S_R$  the slope of the right side

$p(x)$  has degree at most 3 since we have 4 unknowns

$$p(x_L) = y_L, p(x_R) = y_R, p'(x_L) = S_L, p'(x_R) = S_R$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= c_1 + c_2(x - x_L) + c_3(x - x_L)^2 + c_4(x - x_L)^3 & p'(x) &= c_2 + 2c_3(x - x_L) + 3c_4(x - x_L)^2 \\ p(x_L) &= y_L \implies c_1 = y_L & p'(x_L) &= S_L \implies c_2 = S_L \\ c_1 + c_2 \Delta x + c_3 \Delta x^2 + c_4 \Delta x^3 &= y_R & p'(x_R) &= S_R \implies c_2 + 2c_3 \Delta x + 3c_4 \Delta x^2 = S_R \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta x = x_R - x_L$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & Y_L \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & S_L \\ 1 & \Delta x & \Delta x^2 & \Delta x^3 & Y_R \\ 0 & 1 & 2\Delta x & 3\Delta x^2 & S_L \end{array} \right\}$$

becomes

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & Y_L \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & S_L \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{3Y'_R - 2S_L - S_R}{\Delta x} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{S_R + S_L - 2y'_L}{\Delta x^2} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$c_1 = y_L$$

$$c_2 = S_L$$

$$c_3 = \frac{3Y'_R - 2S_L - S_R}{\Delta x}$$

$$c_4 = \frac{S_R + S_L - 2y'_L}{\Delta x^2}$$

Sub into p(x)

$$p(x) = 3 - (x - 1) + 3(x - 1)^2 - (x - 1)^3$$

From Jan 16th:

See image Interp1.1: He is showing that the polynomial (red line) could be bad, we want the green line instead.

## Cubic Spline

Given:  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_N, y_N)$  N points

$$x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_{N-1} < x_N$$

A cubic spline is a function  $S(x)$  defined on the interval  $[x_1, x_N]$  which satisfies the following:

(see interp1.2 figure)

1. In each interval  $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$   $S(x)$  is a cubic polynomial.  $S_i(x) = a_i + b_i(x - x_i) + c_i(x - x_i)^2 + d_i(x - x_i)^3$
2.  $S(x)$  interpolates the N points:  $S(x_i) = y_i$

3.  $S'(x)$  is continuous
4.  $S''(x)$  is continuous
5. 2 other things??

### **Is this well defined?**

How many unknowns? 4 per interval,  $N-1$  intervals  $\rightarrow 4N - 4$  unknowns

How many conditions (equations)?

Condition(2)  $\rightarrow 2$  equations per interval  $\rightarrow 2N - 2$

$S_i(x_i) = y_i$  and  $S_i(x_{i+1}) = y_{i+1}$

Condition(3) - 1 equation per interior point  $\rightarrow N - 2$

Condition(4) - 1 equation per interior point  $\rightarrow N - 2$

In total we get  $4N - 6$  equations

### **Boundary Conditions**

1. Natural cubic spline  $S''(x_1) = 0, S''(x_N) = 0$
2. Clamped cubic spline  $S'(x_1) = s_1$  and  $S'(x_N) = s_N$   $s_1, s_N$  are known
3. Periodic Cubic spline  $S'(x_N) = S'(x_1)$  and  $S''(x_N) = S''(x_1)$
4. Not-a-knot condition (Matlab default)  $S'''(x)$  is continuous at  $x_2$  and  $x_{N-1}$

### **How do we compute a cubic spline?**

#### **Method 1:**

Have  $4N - 4$  unknowns and  $4N - 4$  linear equations  $\rightarrow$  solve via Gaussian elimination

This is a cost of:  $O((4N - 4)^3) = O(N^3)$

#### **Method 2:**

Think of the derivatives  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{N-1}$  as the unknowns. We will set up linear equations for these derivatives

Then:

1. This will give us  $S_1(x), S_2(x), \dots, S_{N-1}(x)$
2. We will solve linear system in  $O(N)$  operations