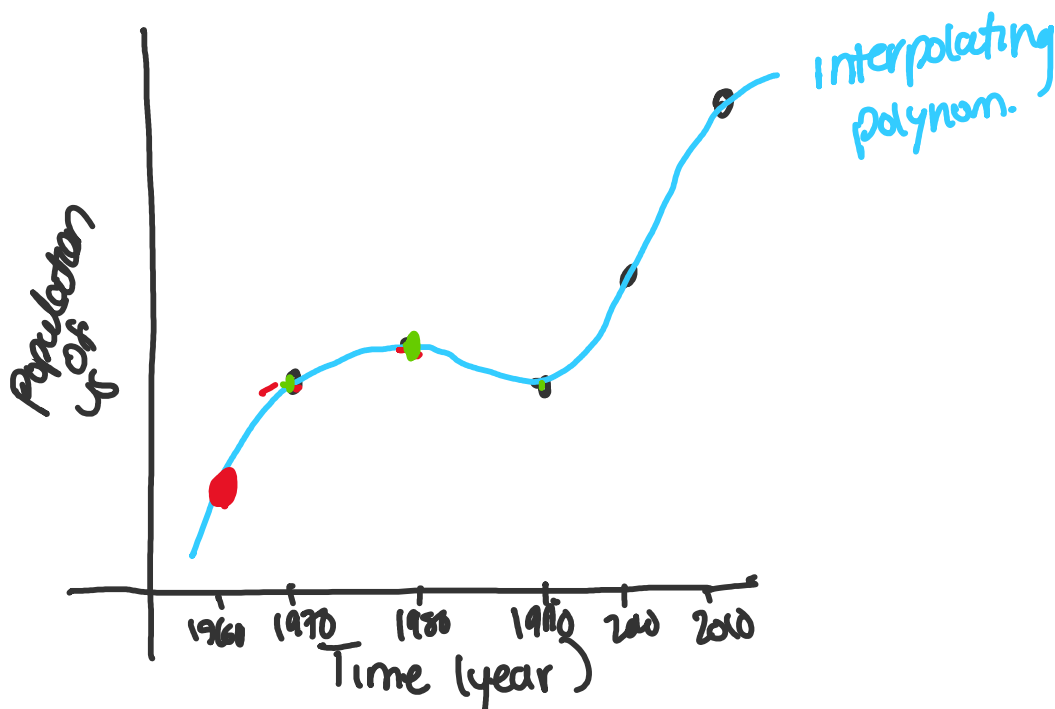


## Section 4.1: Numerical differentiation

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Q: What is the rate at which population is increasing in 1980?

A: what about using Lagrange interpolating polynomial & differentiating it?

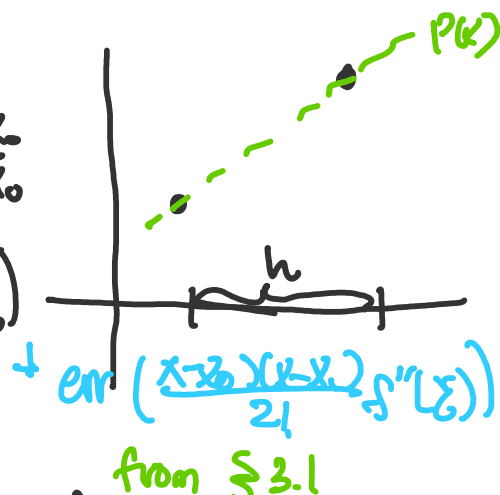
Let's consider 2 points  $(x_0, f(x_0)), (x_1, f(x_1))$

where  $x_1 = x_0 + h$

$$\rightarrow L_0(x) = \frac{x - x_1}{x_0 - x_1}, \quad L_1(x) = \frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0}$$

$$\rightarrow P(x) = f(x_0) \left( \frac{x - x_1}{x_0 - x_1} \right) + f(x_1) \left( \frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0} \right)$$

let  $x_1 = x_0 + h$



$$P(x) = f(x_0) \frac{(x-x_0+h)}{-h} + f(x_0+h) \frac{(x-x_0)}{h} + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_0+h)}{2} f''(\xi)$$

differentiate

$$P'(x) = \frac{f(x_0)}{-h} [1] + \frac{f(x_0+h)}{h} [1] + \text{Error}$$

$$P'(x) = \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h} + \text{error}$$

def of deriv.

If we evaluate at  $x_0$

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

error.

$\xi \in [x_0, x_0+h]$

Note: This formula is called forward difference formula ( $h > 0$ ) or backward difference formula ( $h < 0$ ). Also called a 2point formula (since it used 2pts for interpolating polynomial).

<sup>ex</sup> Use forward diff. formula to estimate derivative of  $\ln(x)$  at  $x_0 = 1.8$  using  $h = 0.1$ ,  $h = 0.05$ ,  $h = 0.01$ .

$$h = 0.1$$

$$f'(1.8) \approx \frac{f(1.9) - f(1.8)}{0.1} = 0.5407$$

$$h = 0.05$$

$$f'(1.8) \approx \frac{f(1.85) - f(1.8)}{0.05} = 0.5480$$

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$$h = 0.01$$

$$f'(1.8) \approx \frac{f(1.81) - f(1.8)}{0.01} = 0.5540$$

$$\text{True answer} = \frac{1}{1.8}$$

Q: How can we get more accurate?

A: Add more points to interpolating polynomial?

Recall Lagrange Polynomials

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f(x_k) L_k(x) + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi(x))$$

Now take deriv.

$$f'(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f(x_k) L_k'(x) + D \left[ \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi(x)) \right]$$

If we look at a specific data point  $x_j$

$$f'(x_j) = \sum_{k=0}^n f(x_k) L_k'(x_j) + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi(x_j))}{(n+1)!} \prod_{\substack{k=0 \\ k \neq j}}^n (x_j - x_k)$$

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

ex  $\rightarrow$  Let's try with 3 points.

recall

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

$\rightarrow$  took derivative with respect to

$$L_0'(x) = \frac{2x - x_1 - x_2}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)}$$

Similarly

$$L_1'(x) = \frac{2x - x_0 - x_2}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)}, \quad L_2'(x) = \frac{2x - x_0 - x_1}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{f'(x_i)} = f(x_0) \left( \frac{2x_i - x_1 - x_2}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)} \right) + f(x_1) \left( \frac{2x_i - x_0 - x_2}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)} \right) + f(x_2) \left( \frac{2x_i - x_0 - x_1}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)} \right) + \frac{1}{6} f^{(3)}(\xi_i) (x_i - x_0)(x_i - x_1)$$

Yikes!

ex Assume equally spaced points:  $x_1 = x_0 + h$ ,  $x_2 = x_0 + 2h$   
THEN we can simplify

3pt endpoint  $\underline{f'(x_0)} = \frac{1}{2h} [-3f(x_0) + 4f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 + 2h)] + \frac{h^2}{6} f^{(3)}(\xi_0)$

3pt midpoint  $f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{2h} [f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)] - \frac{h^2}{6} f^{(3)}(\xi_1)$

$\xi_0 \in [x_0, x_0 + 2h]$

$\xi_1 \in [x_0 - h, x_0 + h]$

Q: Why is error halved in the midpoint formula

A: midpoint use information from both sides



midpoint

end point

end point

There are also 5-pt formula

5pt  
end point

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{12h} [-25f(x_0) + 48f(x_0+h) - 36f(x_0+2h) + 16f(x_0+3h) - 3f(x_0+4h)] + \frac{h^4}{5} f^{(5)}(\xi)$$

error

5pt  
midpoint

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{12h} [f(x_0-2h) - 8f(x_0-h) + 8f(x_0+h) - f(x_0+2h)] + \frac{h^4}{30} f^{(5)}(\xi)$$

error  $\xi \in [x_0-2h, x_0+2h]$

What about higher order derivs?

consider 3<sup>rd</sup> Taylor polynomial about a point  $x_0$

WANT:  $f''(x_0)$

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x-x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2}(x-x_0)^2 + \frac{1}{6}f'''(\xi)(x-x_0)^3$$

lets eval @  $x_0+h$   $(x_0+h-x_0)$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_0+h) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)h + \frac{1}{2}f''(x_0)h^2 + \frac{1}{6}f'''(\xi)h^3$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_0-h) = f(x_0) - f'(x_0)h + \frac{1}{2}f''(x_0)h^2 + \frac{1}{6}f'''(\xi)h^3$$

add these eqns together

$$f(x_0+h) + f(x_0-h) = 2f(x_0) + f''(x_0)h^2 + \frac{h^4}{24}[f^{(4)}(\xi) + f^{(4)}(\xi)]$$

Solve for  $f''(x_0)$

$$f''(x_0) = \frac{1}{h^2} [f(x_0-h) - 2f(x_0) + f(x_0+h)] - \frac{h^2}{12} f^{(4)}(\xi)$$



$$2f(x_0+h) = 2f(x_0) + 2f'(x_0)h + \frac{f''(x_0)h^2}{2} + \frac{h^3}{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{h^2} [f(0) - 2f(1) + f(2)]$$