

Week 3, Thursday

△ Review: interpolation given $\{x_j, f(x_j)\}_{j=0}^n$, $\exists!$ a polynomial $P(x)$ (插值) degree of at most n , s.t. $P(x_j) = f(x_j)$

Lagrange interpolating polynomials: $L_j(x) = \prod_{\substack{i=0 \\ i \neq j}}^n \frac{x-x_i}{x_j-x_i}$

Key Property: $L_j(x_k) = \delta_{jk} = \begin{cases} 1 & k=j \\ 0 & k \neq j \end{cases}$

Then the interpolation is $P(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n f(x_j) L_j(x)$

The remainder:

$$R(x) = f(x) - P(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi(x))}{(n+1)!} (x-x_0)(x-x_1)\cdots(x-x_n)$$

Cond: $f \in C^{n+1}[a, b]$, $\xi(x) \in [a, b]$,

Q: What if we try to add one more point to do the new interpolation?

should we start over from the beginning since: $L_k(x)$ changed.

A: Neville's method

Def: x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n are $n+1$ points, $x_{m_1}, x_{m_2}, \dots, x_{m_k}$ are k distinct points among $\{x_j\}_{j=0}^n$, the polynomial that agree with f at $x_{m_1}, x_{m_2}, \dots, x_{m_k}$ is denoted $P_{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k}(x)$.

e.g. $x_0=1, x_1=2, x_2=3, x_3=4, x_4=6, f(x)=e^x$.

$$P_{1,2,4} = \frac{(x-3)(x-6)}{(2-3)(2-6)} e^2 + \frac{(x-2)(x-6)}{(3-2)(3-6)} e^3 + \frac{(x-2)(x-3)}{(6-2)(6-4)} e^6$$

Thm let f be defined at x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n , and x_i and x_j are distinct then the Lagrange polynomial agrees f at x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k

$$P(x) = \frac{(x-x_j)P_{0,1,\dots,j-1,j+1,\dots,k}(x) - (x-x_i)P_{0,1,\dots,i-1,i+1,\dots,k}(x)}{x_i - x_j}$$

Proof: $\forall x_m \neq x_i, x_m \neq x_j$

$$p(x_m) = \frac{(x_m - x_j) f(x_m) - (x_m - x_i) f(x_i)}{x_i - x_j} = f(x_m)$$

$$x_m = x_i: p(x_i) = \frac{(x_i - x_j) f(x_i) - 0}{x_i - x_j} = f(x_i)$$

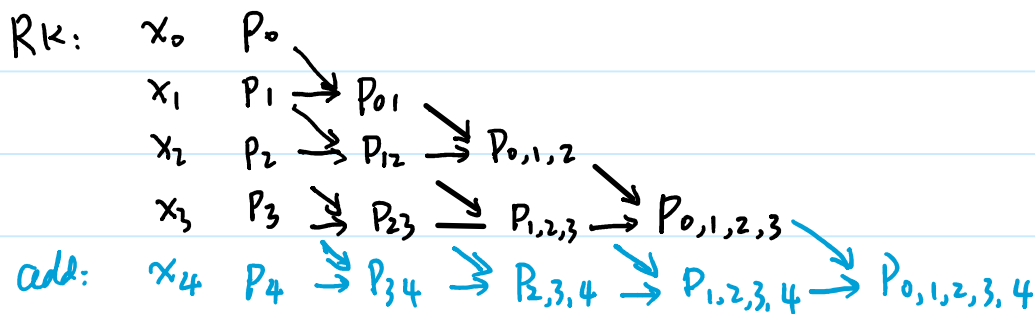
$$x_m = x_j: p(x_j) = \frac{0 - (x_j - x_i) f(x_j)}{x_i - x_j} = f(x_j)$$

Obviously: $p(x)$ is a polynomial of degree at most k . Done!

Rk: $P_k(x) \equiv f(x_k)$.

$$p_{0,1} = \frac{(x-x_0)p_0 - (x-x_1)p_1}{x_1 - x_0}, \quad p_{1,2} = \frac{(x-x_1)p_1 - (x-x_2)p_2}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_{0,1,2} = \frac{(x-x_0)p_{1,2} - (x-x_2)p_{0,1}}{x_2 - x_0}$$



Rk: a interpolating polynomial can be get by the combination of interpolating polynomials on the subset of nodes.

advantage: easy to implement for adding more points.

Δ look at the interpolation with another basis:

$\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n\}$ natural basis $\{L_0(x), L_1(x), \dots, L_n(x)\}$ Lagrange.

Q: other basis?

A: $1, x-x_0, (x-x_0)(x-x_1), \dots, (x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_{n-1})$ $\dim = n+1$

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)(x-x_1) + \dots + a_n(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_{n-1})$$

determine coefficients a_j :

$$p(x_0) = a_0 = f(x_0)$$

$$p(x_1) = a_0 + a_1(x_1 - x_0) = f(x_1) \Rightarrow a_1 = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$$

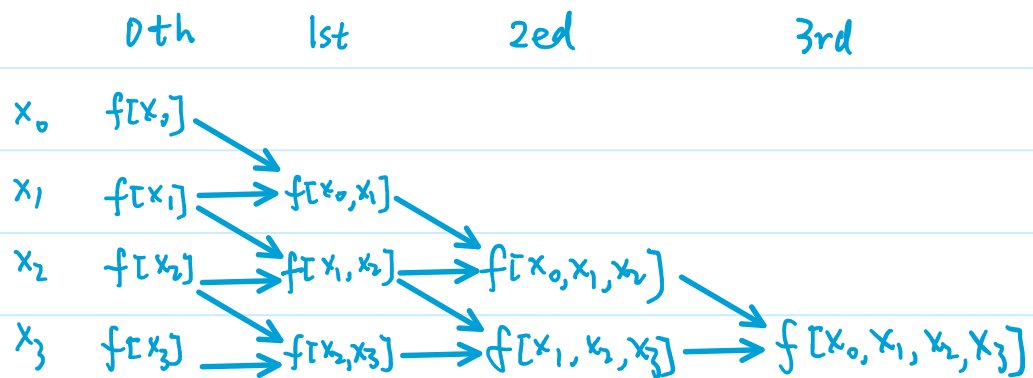
(d-d)
Next introduce divided-difference notation (均差)

idea: recursion formula.

zeroth d-d: $f[x_i] = f(x_i)$

first d-d: $f[x_i, x_{i+1}] = \frac{f[x_{i+1}] - f[x_i]}{x_{i+1} - x_i}$

kth d-d: $f[x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{i+k}] = \frac{f[x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \dots, x_{i+k}] - f[x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{i+k-1}]}{x_{i+k} - x_i}$



revisit $p(x) = a_0 + a_1(x - x_0) + a_2(x - x_0)(x - x_1) + \dots + a_n(x - x_0) \dots (x - x_{n-1})$

$$a_0 = f[x_0]$$

$$a_1 = f[x_0, x_1]$$

$$f(x_2) = f[x_0] + f[x_0, x_1](x_2 - x_0) + a_2(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f[x_2] - \cancel{f[x_1]} + \cancel{f[x_1]} - f[x_0] = \underbrace{f[x_0, x_1]}_{f[x_0, x_1]}(x_2 - x_0) + a_2(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f[x_2] - f[x_1] - (x_2 - x_1)f[x_0, x_1] = a_2(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f[x_1, x_2] - f[x_0, x_1] = a_2(x_2 - x_0) \Leftrightarrow a_2 = f[x_0, x_1, x_2]$$

Newton's divided-difference formula for the interpolation:

$$p(x) = f[x_0] + \sum_{k=1}^n f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k] (x - x_0)(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{k-1})$$

Q: how to show above is the interpolation, i.e. $P(x_j) = f(x_j)$

Proof: fix $x \in [a, b)$ as one point:

by the definition of d-d formula:

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + f[x, x_0](x - x_0)$$

$$f[x, x_0] = f[x_0, x_1] + f[x, x_0, x_1](x - x_1)$$

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$$f[x, x_0, \dots, x_{n-2}] = f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}] + f[x, x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}](x - x_{n-1})$$

$$f[x, x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}] = f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n] + f[x, x_0, \dots, x_n](x - x_n)$$

$\Rightarrow f(x) = P(x) + R_n(x)$, where: d-d formula for the reminder

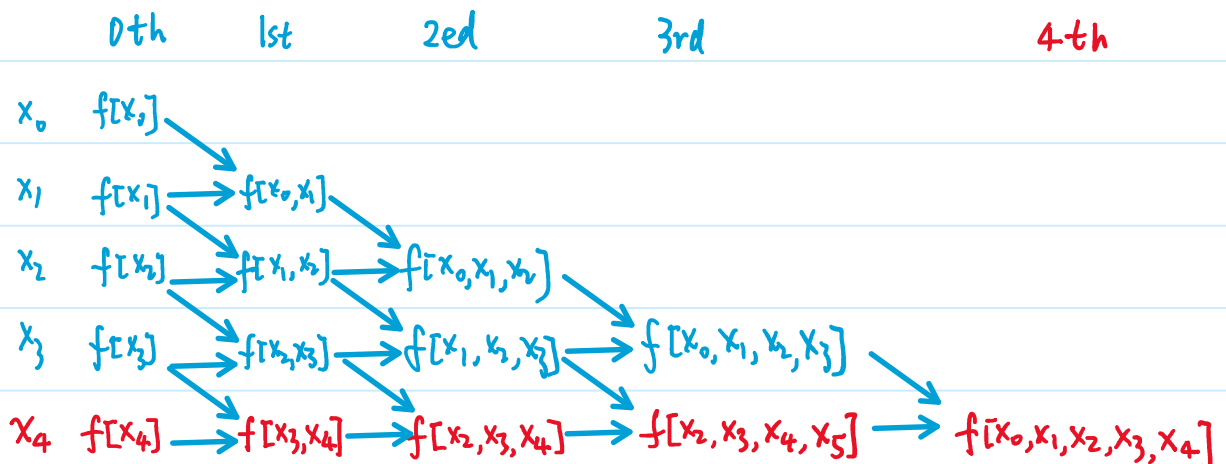
$$R_n(x) = f[x, x_0, \dots, x_n](x - x_0)(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_n)$$

$$\therefore f(x_j) = P(x_j) + R_n(x_j) = P(x_j) + \underbrace{R_n(x_j)}_{=0 \text{ for } j \leq n} = P(x_j) \text{ for } \underline{j \leq n}$$

advantages ① just add one more basis if we add one more point

② $\phi_j(x_i) = 0$, for $i < j$, if add one more points, the coefficients does not change for the old basis,

Since $\phi_{n+1}(x_j) = 0, j = 0, 1, \dots, n$, $P_{\text{new}}(x_j) = P_{\text{old}}(x_j)$



$$P: f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n] = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{f(x_j)}{(x_j - x_0) \dots (x_j - x_{j-1})(x_j - x_{j+1}) \dots (x_j - x_n)}$$

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in Lagrange: $P(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n f(x_j) L_j(x)$ (RHS)

in Newton's d-d: $P(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n f[x_0, \dots, x_j] \omega_j(x)$ (LHS) ||

RK: d-d is independent of the order of nodal points.

P2: $f \in C^n[a, b]$, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n distinct $\in [a, b]$, $\exists \xi \in (a, b)$ s.t.

$$f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n] = \frac{f^{(n)}(\xi)}{n!}$$

Proof: as $P(x_j) = f(x_j)$ $j=0, 1, \dots, n+1$. By generalized Rolle's thm

$\exists \xi \in (a, b)$ s.t. $f^{(n)}(\xi) = P^{(n)}(\xi)$

$$P^{(n)}(\xi) = n! a_n = n! f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n].$$

RK: for $f \in C^n[a, b]$, $\{x_i\} \subset [a, b]$, $\exists \xi \in (a, b)$ s.t.

$$\sum_{j=0}^n \frac{f(x_j)}{\prod_{k \neq j} (x_j - x_k)} = \frac{f^{(n)}(\xi)}{n!} \quad \text{RK: coefficient of } x^n \text{ in } P_n(x)$$

RK: the remainder: $f[x, x_0, \dots, x_n] \omega_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi) \omega_{n+1}(x)}{(n+1)!}$

Δ equal spacing: $h = x_{i+1} - x_i$, $x_i = x_0 + ih$, $i=1, 2, \dots, n$.

$$\text{let } x = x_0 + sh \Rightarrow x - x_i = (s-i)h$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= f[x_0] + \sum_{k=1}^n f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k] (x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_{k-1}) \\ &= f[x_0] + \sum_{k=1}^n s(s-1)\dots(s-k+1) h^k f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Def: } \binom{s}{k} = \frac{s(s-1)\dots(s-k+1)}{k!} \quad \text{binomial coefficient (二项系数)}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(x) = P(x_0 + sh) = f[x_0] + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{s}{k} k! h^k f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k]$$

Def: forward difference formula: $\Delta f(x_k) = f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)$

$$f[x_0, x_1] = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} = \frac{1}{h} \Delta f(x_0)$$

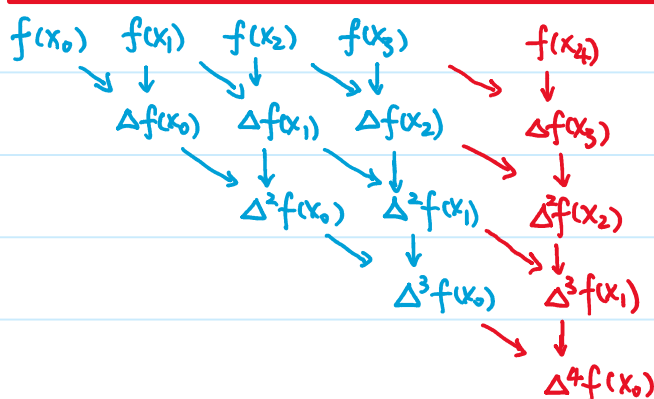
$$f[x_0, x_1, x_2] = \frac{f[x_2, x_1] - f[x_1, x_0]}{x_2 - x_0} = \frac{\frac{1}{h} [\Delta f(x_1) - \Delta f(x_0)]}{2h} = \frac{1}{2h^2} \Delta^2 f(x_0)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k] = \frac{1}{h^k k!} \Delta^k f(x_0) \quad \binom{s}{0}=1, \quad \Delta^0 f(x_k) = I f(x_k) = f(x_k)$$

Hence, Newton forward-difference formula (equal spacing)

$$P(x) = f(x_0) + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{s}{k} \Delta^k f(x_0) := \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{s}{k} \Delta^k f(x_0)$$



$$P_4(x) = P_3(x) + \binom{s}{4} \Delta^4 f(x_0), \quad x = x_0 + sh.$$

Similarly: def: backward difference formula: $\nabla f(x_k) = f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1})$

$$P(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{-s}{k} \nabla^k f(x_n)$$

△ Hermite interpolation: $f \in C^1[a, b]$, $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n \in [a, b]$ distinct

Def: Hermite polynomial: $H(x)$ agrees with f and f' at x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n .

i.e. $H(x_j) = f(x_j)$, $H'(x_j) = f'(x_j)$ $j=0, 1, \dots, n$. ($2n+2$ conditions)

degree of at most $2n+1$.

Thm The unique polynomial of least degree agreeing with f and f' at x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n is the Hermite polynomial of degree at most

$2n+1$ given by:

$$H(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n f(x_j) H_j(x) + \sum_{j=0}^n f'(x_j) \hat{H}_j(x), \text{ where}$$

$$H_j(x) = [1 - 2(x - x_j) L_j'(x_j)] L_j^2(x), \quad \hat{H}_j(x) = (x - x_j) L_j^2(x)$$

and $L_j(x)$ is the j th Lagrange interpolating polynomial

Proof: to construct the Hermite polynomial, we need to find:

$$(i) \quad H_j(x_i) = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & i=j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases} \quad \hat{H}_j(x_i) = 0 \Rightarrow H(x_j) = f(x_j)$$

$$(ii) \quad H_j'(x_i) = 0, \quad \hat{H}_j'(x_i) = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & i=j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases} \Rightarrow H'(x_i) = f'(x_i)$$

i.e. ① x_i ($i \neq j$) is a double root of $H_j(x)$: $H_j(x) = (ax+b)L_j^2(x)$

② x_i ($i \neq j$) is a double root of $\hat{H}_j(x)$ and x_j is the single root

$$\hat{H}_j(x) = C(x-x_j)L_j^2(x)$$

$$\text{Furthermore: } \begin{cases} H_j(x_j) = (ax_j+b)L_j^2(x_j) = 1 \\ H_j'(x_j) = aL_j^2(x_j) + 2(ax_j+b)L_j'(x_j)L_j(x_j) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \begin{cases} ax_j+b=1 \\ a+2(ax_j+b)L_j'(x_j)=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} b=1+2x_jL_j'(x_j) \\ a=-2L_j'(x_j) \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore H_j(x) = [1-2(x-x_j)L_j'(x_j)]L_j^2(x)$$

$$\hat{H}_j'(x_j) = CL_j^2(x_j) = 1 \Rightarrow C=1$$

$$\therefore \hat{H}_j(x) = (x-x_j)L_j^2(x)$$

error bound: $f \in C^{2n+2}[a,b], \exists \xi \in (a,b), \text{ s.t.}$

$$f(x) = H(x) + \frac{(x-x_0)^2(x-x_1)^2 \cdots (x-x_n)^2}{(2n+2)!} f^{(2n+2)}(\xi(x))$$

HW 3-2: SEC 3.2: 5, 8.

Sec 3.3: 6, 9 ch, 11 14 15 16 20 22 23

extra: use the definition of divided-difference.

$$\text{define } P(x) = f[x_0] + \sum_{k=1}^n f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k] (x-x_0)(x-x_1) \cdots (x-x_{k-1})$$

Show that $P(x_j) = f(x_j)$

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