

△ Background: in physics, experiments collect many discrete datas.

We try to find the continuum formula to indicate the routine.

$x_j$ : independent variable  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow \text{continuum approximation } p(x) \text{ of } f \\ f(x_j), \text{ dependent variable} \end{array} \right.$

**Thm** (Weierstrass approximation thm)  $\forall f \in C[a, b], \forall \varepsilon > 0,$

$\exists$  a polynomial  $p(x)$  s.t.  $|f(x) - p(x)| < \varepsilon, \forall x \in C[a, b].$

RK: if  $f(x)$  is analytical in  $I$ , then  $\forall x_0 \in I$

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(j)}(x_0)}{j!} (x - x_0)^j \quad \text{Taylor expansion.}$$

$$\therefore P_N(x) = \sum_{j=0}^N \frac{f^{(j)}(x_0)}{j!} (x - x_0)^j \sim f(x).$$

RK: besides approximation, we need more: **interpolation**

i.e. try to find  $p(x) \sim f(x)$  and  $p(x_j) = f(x_j) \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n.$

△ Suppose we have  $\{x_j, f(x_j)\}_{j=0}^n$ , we can determine a polynomial

at most degree of  $n$ , i.e. find:  $a_0, \dots, a_n$ , s.t.

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n, \quad p(x_j) = f(x_j)$$

$$\begin{cases} a_0 + a_1 x_0 + \dots + a_n x_0^n = f_0 \\ a_0 + a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_1^n = f_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_0 + a_1 x_n + \dots + a_n x_n^n = f_n \end{cases} \Rightarrow D \vec{a} = \vec{f}, \quad \vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{f} = \begin{bmatrix} f_0 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_0 & \dots & x_0^n \\ 1 & x_1 & \dots & x_1^n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & \dots & x_n^n \end{bmatrix}$$

Vandermonde

$$|D| = \prod_{\substack{i,j=0 \\ i \neq j}}^n (x_i - x_j), \quad \text{invertible! if } x_i \neq x_j$$

**Thm**  $\vec{a}$  exists and is unique, i.e., the interpolation polynomial  $\exists!$ .

RK: Solve  $D\vec{a} = \vec{f}$  is doable but not practical:  $\begin{cases} \text{large computations} \\ \text{large rounding error.} \end{cases}$

**Solution: Choose a good basis!**

**Def** Lagrange interpolation polynomials:  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

$$L_k(x) = \frac{(x-x_0) \cdots (x-x_{k-1})(x-x_{k+1}) \cdots (x-x_n)}{(x_k-x_0) \cdots (x_k-x_{k-1})(x_k-x_{k+1}) \cdots (x_k-x_n)} := \prod_{\substack{i=0 \\ i \neq k}}^n \frac{x-x_i}{x_k-x_i}$$

Key property: (i) each  $L_k(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$ .

$$\text{ii) } L_k(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0 & k \neq j \\ 1 & k = j \end{cases} := \delta_{kj}.$$

RK: 
$$P(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f(x_k) L_k(x)$$

(i)  $P(x)$  is a polynomial of degree **at most**  $n$ .

(ii)  $P(x_j) = f(x_j) \rightarrow$  interpolation. (elegant formula!).

**Thm** if  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  are  $n+1$  distinct numbers, then a unique polynomial  $p(x)$  of degree at most  $n$  exists with

$$P(x_j) = f(x_j), \quad j=0, 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad \text{which is given by:}$$

$$P(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f(x_k) L_k(x).$$

**proof:** it is trivial to verify the existence.

if we assume there exists two polynomials  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$  of degree at most  $n$  satisfying  $P(x_j) = Q(x_j) = f(x_j)$ ,  $j=0, 1, \dots, n$ .

Define:  $R(x) = P(x) - Q(x)$ , which is also a polynomial of degree at most  $n$ . But  $R(x)$  has  $n+1$  roots,  $x_0, \dots, x_n$ .

$$\therefore R(x) \equiv 0, \quad \text{i.e. } P(x) = Q(x)$$

**Lemma:** polynomials of degree  $n$  have at most  $n$  real roots.

**Q:** why degree at most  $n$ ?

ex.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $x_0 = 2$ ,  $x_1 = 2.75$ ,  $x_2 = 4$ .

$$L_0(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)} = \frac{(x-2.75)(x-4)}{0.75 \cdot 2} = \frac{2}{3}(x-2.75)(x-4), \quad f(x_0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$L_1(x) = \frac{(x-2)(x-4)}{(2.75-2)(2.75-4)} = -\frac{16}{15}(x-2)(x-4) \quad f(x_1) = \frac{4}{11}$$

$$L_2(x) = \frac{(x-2)(x-2.75)}{(4-2)(4-2.75)} = \frac{2}{5}(x-2)(x-2.75) \quad f(x_2) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(x) = \frac{1}{2}L_0(x) + \frac{4}{11}L_1(x) + \frac{1}{4}L_2(x) = \frac{1}{22}x^2 - \frac{35}{88}x + \frac{49}{44}$$

use  $P(x) \sim f(x)$ , take  $x=3$

$$P\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{29}{88} \approx 0.329555, \quad f(3) = \frac{1}{3}, \quad \text{error} = 0.0038.$$

Q: error estimate.

Lemma: (Rolle's thm)  $f \in C[a, b]$ ,  $f' \exists$  on  $(a, b)$ ,  $f(a) = f(b)$ ,

then  $\exists c \in (a, b)$  s.t.  $f'(c) = 0$ .

(Generalization)  $f \in C[a, b]$ ,  $f^{(n)} \exists$  on  $(a, b)$ ,  $\exists x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  s.t.

$f(x_0) = \dots = f(x_n)$ , then  $\exists \xi \in (a, b)$ , s.t.  $f^{(n)}(\xi) = 0$ .

**Thm**  $f \in C^{n+1}[a, b]$ ,  $x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n$ ,  $\forall x \in [a, b]$ ,  $\exists \xi(x)$  s.t.

$$f(x) - P(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi(x))}{(n+1)!} (x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n), \text{ where}$$

$P(x)$  is the interpolation polynomial.

Proof: let:  $g(t) = f(t) - P(t) - (f(x) - P(x)) \prod_{i=0}^n \frac{(t-x_i)}{(x-x_i)}$ , then

$g(x) = 0$  and  $g(x_k) = 0$ ,  $k=0, 1, \dots, n$  ( $n+2$  roots)

(General Rolle's thm)  $\Rightarrow \exists \xi(x)$  s.t.  $g^{(n+1)}(\xi(x)) = 0$ ,

$$\text{as } g^{(n+1)}(t) = \underbrace{f^{(n+1)}(t) - P^{(n+1)}(t)}_{\text{degree of } n} - (f(x) - P(x)) \frac{d^{n+1}}{dt^{n+1}} \prod_{i=0}^n \frac{(t-x_i)}{(x-x_i)}$$

$$= f^{(n+1)}(\xi) - (f(x) - p(x)) \frac{(n+1)!}{\prod_{i=0}^n (x - x_i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{(n+1)}(\xi(x)) - (f(x) - p(x)) \frac{(n+1)!}{\prod_{i=0}^n (x - x_i)} = 0$$

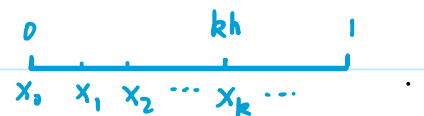
$$\text{i.e. } f(x) = p(x) + \boxed{\frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi(x))}{(n+1)!} \prod_{i=0}^n (x - x_i)} := R(x).$$

e.g.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $x_0 = 2$ ,  $x_1 = 2.75$ ,  $x_2 = 4$ .

$$R(x) = \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi(x))}{3!} (x-2)(x-2.75)(x-4) = -(\xi(x))^{-4} (x-2)(x-2.75)(x-4)$$

$$\therefore \forall x \in [2, 4], |R(x)| \leq \frac{1}{16} |(x-2)(x-2.75)(x-4)| \leq \frac{9}{256} \approx 0.00586$$

e.g.  $f(x) = e^x$ , table in  $[0, 1]$



$$[0, 1] = \bigcup_{k=1}^n [x_{k-1}, x_k], \quad \forall x \in (x_{k-1}, x_k)$$

$$f(x) \approx f(x_{k-1}) \frac{x - x_k}{x_{k-1} - x_k} + f(x_k) \frac{x - x_{k-1}}{x_k - x_{k-1}} := P_1(x)$$

Q: Find  $h$  s.t.  $\text{err} \leq 10^{-6}$ .

$$|f(x) - P_1(x)| = \left| \frac{f^{(2)}(\xi)}{2!} (x - x_{k-1})(x - x_k) \right| = \frac{e^3}{2} |(x - (k-1)h)(x - kh)|$$

$$\leq \frac{e}{2} \cdot \frac{h^2}{4} = \frac{e}{8} h^2 \leq 10^{-6} \Rightarrow h \leq 1.72 \times 10^{-3}$$

HW3-1: Sec 3.1 | b 2d 3b 4d 9 10 15 21 23

① Suppose we have  $(x_0, x_0^2)$ ,  $(x_1, x_1^2)$ ,  $(x_2, x_2^2)$  distinct.

write down the Lagrange polynomial agrees at  $x_0, x_1, x_2$

② we have  $n+1$  distinct points  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$ , ( $n \geq 1$ ), show that

$\sum_{k=0}^n L_k(x) \equiv 1$ , where  $L_k(x)$  is the Lagrange interpolating polynomial

show that  $\forall$  integer  $0 \leq m \leq n$ .  $\sum_{k=0}^n x_k^m L_k(x) \equiv x^m$