

△ Review: interpolation (插值), given data  $\{x_j, f(x_j)\}_{j=0}^n$

find  $p(x) \in P_n = \{\text{all polynomials of degree } \leq n\}$  s.t.  $p(x_j) = f(x_j)$

- Lagrange interpolating polynomials:

$$p(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n f(x_j) L_j(x), \quad L_j(x) = \prod_{i=0, i \neq j}^n \frac{x - x_i}{x_j - x_i}.$$

- Newton's divided difference

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

- divided difference.

$$0\text{th d-d: } f[x_i] = f(x_i)$$

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

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

advantage: if add one more point, only need add one more term.

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

- reminder  $R(x) = f(x) - p(x)$

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

$$\text{d-d: } R(x) = f[x, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n] (x - x_0)(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_n)$$

$$\boxed{\text{Thm}} \quad \text{if } f \in C^n[a, b], \exists \xi \in (a, b) \text{ s.t. } f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n] = \frac{f^{(n)}(\xi)}{n!}$$

equal spacing:  $x_i = x_0 + ih$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

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

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

$$x = x_0 + sh \quad p(x) = f(x_0) + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{s}{k} \Delta^k f(x_0)$$

$$x = x_n + sh \quad p(x) = f(x_n) + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \binom{-s}{k} \nabla^k f(x_n).$$

Hermite interpolation: given  $\{x_j, f(x_j), f'(x_j)\}_{j=0}^n$   
find a polynomial  $H(x)$  agree with  $f$  and  $f'$  at  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

**Thm** ( $\exists!$ ) the least degree of the polynomial  $H(x)$  is degree of at most  $2n+1$  given by:

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

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

$$\text{RK: } f(x) = H(x) + \frac{\omega_n^2(x)}{(2n+2)!} f^{(2n+2)}(\xi(x))$$

Q: Do we expect we can approximate as accurate as possible with polynomials of very high degree by enough data  $\{x_j, f(x_j)\}_{j=0}^n$ ?

Problem: high-degree polynomials can oscillate dramatically.

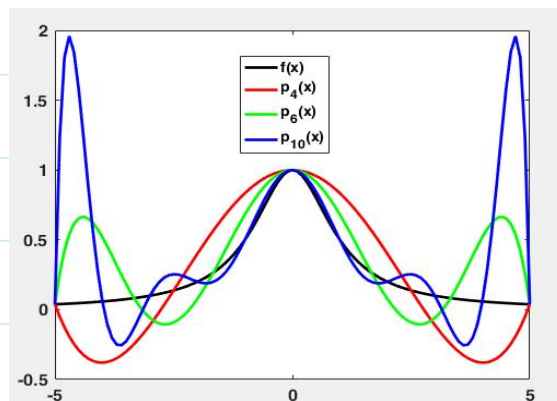
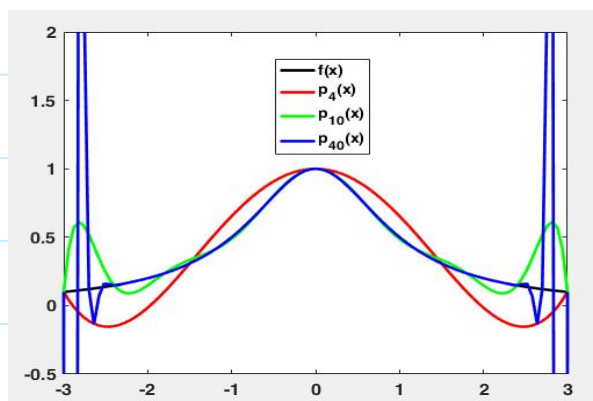
e.g. Runge phenomenon, take  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ , in  $[-5, 5]$ ,

$$x_j = -5 + \frac{10}{n}j, \quad j=0, 1, \dots, n. \text{ then } p_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{1}{1+x_j^2} L_j(x)$$

RK: clearly  $f(x) \in C^\infty[-5, 5]$ , but not analytically at  $x = \pm i$

Runge theoretically proved that,  $\exists C \approx 3.63$ , such that

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n(x) = f(x), |x| \leq C$ , but if  $|x| > C$ ,  $L_n(x)$  diverges.



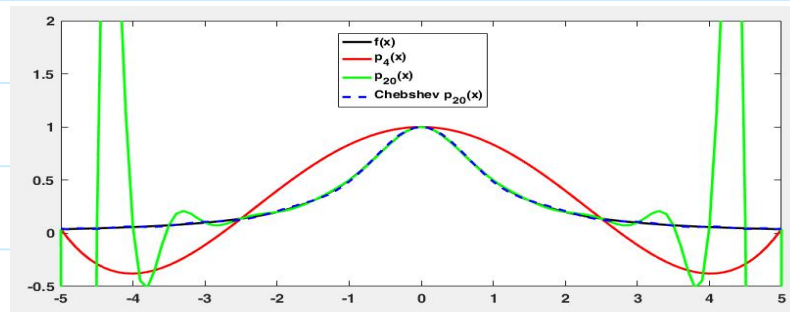
$(|x| \leq 3, n \uparrow, p_n(x) \rightarrow f(x))$

$(|x| > C, \text{ close to } 5, n \uparrow, p_n(x) \text{ diverges})$

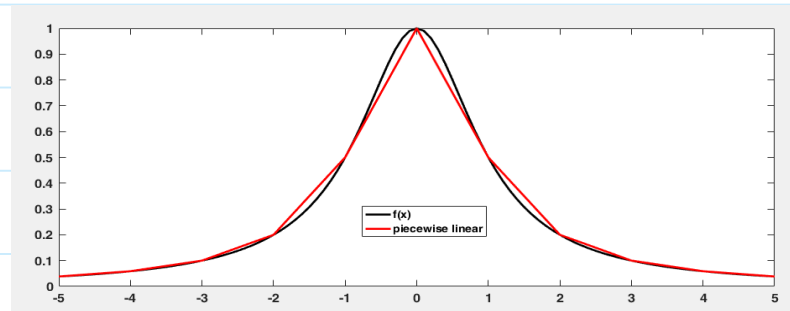
RK: if we choose **Chebyshev** points as interpolating nodal points

$$x_j = -1 + \frac{2j}{n} \quad j=0, 1, \dots, n$$

RK: if we choose **Chebyshev** points as interpolating nodal points  $x_k = 5 \cos(\frac{k\pi - \frac{1}{2}\pi}{n})$ ,  $k=1, 2, \dots, n$ , above oscillation disappear.



**△ another solution: piecewise-polynomial approximation**



①  $I_h(x) \in C[x_0, x_n]$  ②  $I_h(x_j) = f(x_j)$  ③  $I_h(x)|_{[x_j, x_{j+1}]}$  is linear

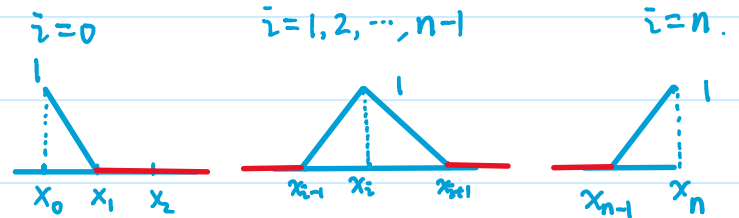
$$I_h(x) = f(x_j) \frac{x - x_{j+1}}{x_j - x_{j+1}} + f(x_{j+1}) \frac{x - x_j}{x_{j+1} - x_j}, \quad x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]$$

Q: how to find a basis for  $X_n = \{\text{piecewise linear on } [x_{j-1}, x_j]\}$

$$\begin{cases} \varphi_i(x_j) = \delta_{ij}, \quad 0 \leq i, j \leq N. \\ \varphi_i|_{[x_j, x_{j+1}]} \text{ is linear} \end{cases}$$

"Hat" function:

$$\varphi_i(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x - x_{i-1}}{x_i - x_{i-1}} & x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i] \\ \frac{x_{i+1} - x}{x_{i+1} - x_i} & x \in [x_i, x_{i+1}] \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



Define: interpolation:  $I_h: C[0, 1] \rightarrow X_n$  s.t.

$$I_h u(x_i) = u(x_i), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

$$\text{RK: } I_h f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n f(x_i) \varphi_i(x).$$

$$x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}], \quad f(x) = I_h(x) + \frac{1}{2} f''(\xi(x)) (x - x_j)(x - x_{j+1}), \quad \xi(x) \in (x_j, x_{j+1}).$$

$$x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}], \quad f(x) = I_h(x) + \frac{1}{2} f''(\xi(x)) (x-x_j)(x-x_{j+1}), \quad \xi(x) \in (x_j, x_{j+1}).$$

error bound:

$$\therefore \max_{x \in [x_0, x_n]} |f(x) - I_h f(x)| \leq \frac{1}{8} h^2 \max_{x \in [x_0, x_n]} |f''(x)|, \quad h = \max_{0 \leq j \leq n} |x_{j+1} - x_j|$$

RK: applications of this piecewise linear approximation

e.g. two-point boundary value problem 
$$\begin{cases} -u''(x) = f(x), & x \in (0, 1) \\ u(0) = u(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Weak formulation: find  $u$  in  $H_0^1(0, 1)$  s.t.

$$(u', v') = (f, v), \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(0, 1)$$

$$\text{where } H_0^1(0, 1) = \{v(x) \mid \int_0^1 |v|^2 dx, \int_0^1 |v'|^2 dx < \infty, v(0) = v(1) = 0\}.$$

piecewise linear finite element method: (有限元)

$$\text{find } u_h \text{ in } X_n, \text{ i.e. } u_h = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \varphi_j(x) \text{ s.t.}$$

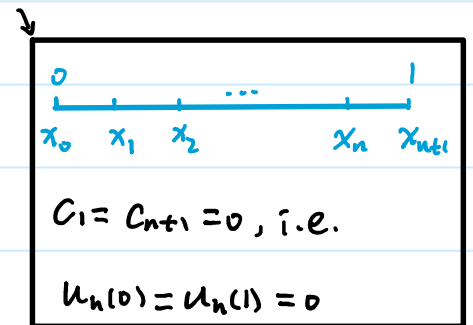
$$(u_h', v_h') = (f, v_h), \quad \forall v_h \in X_n$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \text{ take } v_h = \varphi_i$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (\varphi_j', \varphi_i') c_j = (f, \varphi_i),$$

$$\text{denote } m_{ij} = (\varphi_j', \varphi_i'), \quad (f, \varphi_i) = f_i$$

$$M \vec{c} = \vec{f}$$



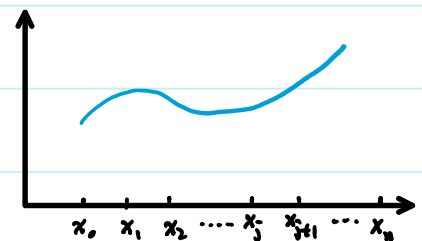
RK: it is easy to prove  $M$  is symmetric and positive definite, so it is invertible. (try it)

**Thm** For linear FEM:  $\|u - u_h\|_{L^2} + ch \|u' - u_h'\|_{L^2} \leq 2(ch)^2 \|f\|_{L^2}.$

(more about FEM, refer to Feng Kang 冯康)

△ Cubic splines: piecewise cubic

Def:  $S(x) \in C^2[x_0, x_n]$  such that  $S(x)$  is an interpolation of  $f(x)$ , on each interval  $S(x)$  is a cubic polynomial



Cubic spline interpolant  $S$  for  $f$  satisfies:

$S_j(x) = S(x)|_{[x_j, x_{j+1}]}$  is a cubic polynomial,  $j=0, 1, \dots, n-1$

$S_j(x) = a_j + b_j x + c_j x^2 + d_j x^3$  (4n) coefficients to be determined.

(a)  $S_j(x_j) = f(x_j)$  and  $S_j(x_{j+1}) = f(x_{j+1})$ ,  $j=0, 1, \dots, n-1$

also imply:  $S_{j+1}(x_{j+1}) = S_j(x_{j+1})$  ( $S \in C[x_0, x_n]$ ) (2n)

(b)  $S'_{j+1}(x_{j+1}) = S'_j(x_{j+1})$ ,  $j=0, 1, \dots, n-2$  ( $S \in C^1[x_0, x_n]$ ) (n-1)

(c)  $S''_{j+1}(x_{j+1}) = S''_j(x_{j+1})$ ,  $j=0, 1, \dots, n-2$  ( $S \in C^2[x_0, x_n]$ ) (n-1)

(d) one of following boundary condition is satisfied (2)

(i)  $S''(x_0) = S''(x_n) = 0$  (natural (free) boundary)

(ii)  $S'(x_0) = f'(x_0)$  and  $S'(x_n) = f'(x_n)$  (clamped boundary)

$\Delta$  Construction:

$S_j(x) = S(x)|_{[x_j, x_{j+1}]} = a_j + b_j(x-x_j) + c_j(x-x_j)^2 + d_j(x-x_j)^3$   $j=0, 1, \dots, n-1$ .

define:  $h_j = x_{j+1} - x_j$ ,  $j=0, 1, \dots, n-1$

as  $S''_j(x)$  is a linear function

$$S''_j(x) = M_j \frac{x_{j+1} - x}{h_j} + M_{j+1} \frac{x - x_j}{h_j} \quad (c)$$

$$\therefore S_j(x) = M_j \frac{(x_{j+1} - x)^3}{6h_j} + M_{j+1} \frac{(x - x_j)^3}{6h_j} + P_j x + Q_j$$

as  $S_j(x_j) = f(x_j)$ ,  $S_j(x_{j+1}) = f(x_{j+1})$  (a)

$$S_j(x) = M_j \frac{(x_{j+1} - x)^3}{6h_j} + M_{j+1} \frac{(x - x_j)^3}{6h_j} + \left(f(x_j) - \frac{M_j h_j^2}{6}\right) \frac{x_{j+1} - x}{h_j}$$

$$+ \left(f(x_{j+1}) - \frac{M_{j+1} h_j^2}{6}\right) \frac{x - x_j}{h_j} \quad j=0, 1, \dots, n-1.$$

$$S'_j(x) = -M_j \frac{(x_{j+1} - x)^2}{2h_j} + M_{j+1} \frac{(x - x_j)^2}{2h_j} + \frac{f(x_{j+1}) - f(x_j)}{h_j} - \frac{M_{j+1} - M_j}{6} h_j$$

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$$(b) \quad S'_j(x_{j+1}) = S'_{j+1}(x_{j+1}) \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-2$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{2} h_j M_{j+1} + \frac{f(x_{j+1}) - f(x_j)}{h_j} - \frac{M_{j+1} - M_j}{6} h_j$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} h_{j+1} M_{j+1} + \frac{f(x_{j+2}) - f(x_{j+1})}{h_{j+1}} - \frac{M_{j+2} - M_{j+1}}{6} h_{j+1}$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{1}{6} h_j M_j + \frac{1}{3} (h_j + h_{j+1}) M_{j+1} + \frac{1}{6} h_{j+1} M_{j+2} = f[x_{j+1}, x_{j+2}] - f[x_j, x_{j+1}]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{1}{6} h_j M_j + \frac{1}{3} (h_j + h_{j+1}) M_{j+1} + \frac{1}{6} h_{j+1} M_{j+2} = \underbrace{(h_j + h_{j+1})}_{\substack{\parallel \\ x_{j+2} - x_j}} f[x_j, x_{j+1}, x_{j+2}]$$

$$j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-2.$$

$$(d) \text{ natural: } M_0 = f''(x_0) = 0, \quad M_n = f''(x_n) = 0 \quad (\text{known})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3}(h_0+h_1) & \frac{1}{6}h_1 & & & \\ \frac{1}{6}h_1 & \frac{1}{3}(h_1+h_2) & \frac{1}{6}h_2 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{1}{6}h_{n-3} & \frac{1}{3}(h_{n-3}+h_{n-2}) & \frac{1}{6}h_{n-2} \\ & & & \frac{1}{6}h_{n-2} & \frac{1}{3}(h_{n-2}+h_{n-1}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 \\ M_2 \\ \vdots \\ M_{n-2} \\ M_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (h_0+h_1)f[x_0, x_1, x_2] - \cancel{\frac{1}{6}h_0M_0}^0 \\ (h_1+h_2)f[x_1, x_2, x_3] \\ \vdots \\ (h_{n-3}+h_{n-2})f[x_{n-3}, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}] \\ (h_{n-2}+h_{n-1})f[x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, x_n] - \cancel{\frac{1}{6}h_{n-1}M_n}^0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \vec{M} = \vec{F}$$

**Thm**  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$ , the  $f$  has a unique natural cubic Spline interpolant  $S$  on  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

Proof: as  $A$  given above is strictly diagonal dominant, then

$A$  is invertible.  $\therefore A \vec{M} = \vec{F}$  has a unique solution.

RK: if  $f \in C^4[a, b]$ ,  $|f^{(4)}(x)|_{\max_{x \in [a, b]}} = M$ .

$$|f(x) - S(x)| \leq \frac{5M}{384} \max_{0 \leq j \leq n-1} h_j^4$$

HW5-1: Sec 3.4 11 Sec 3.5 4 9 6 9 13 29

Consider the following function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + 25x^2}, \quad x \in [-1, 1].$$

- a. Set  $t_k = -1 + 0.01 * k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 200$ .
- b. Set  $x_j = -1 + 0.4 * j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, 5$ . Use these nodes to get the interpolation  $L_5(x)$  and compute the error  $e_k^{[1]} = |f(t_k) - L_5(t_k)|$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 200$ .
- c. Set  $x_j = -1 + 0.2 * j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, 10$ . Use these nodes to get the interpolation  $L_{10}(x)$  and compute the error  $e_k^{[2]} = |f(t_k) - L_{10}(t_k)|$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 200$ .
- d. Set  $x_j = \cos \frac{(2j-1)\pi}{22}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 11$ . Use these nodes to get the interpolation  $C_{10}(x)$  and compute the error  $e_k^{[3]} = |f(t_k) - C_{10}(t_k)|$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 200$ .
- e. Set  $x_j = -1 + 0.2 * j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, 10$ . Use these nodes to get a cubic spline with natural boundary condition  $S_{10}(x)$  and compute the error  $e_k^{[4]} = |f(t_k) - S_{10}(t_k)|$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 200$ .
- f. Plot the errors  $e_k^{[i]}$ s, (learn "subplot" to present your results in an elegant way).

print out the figure in `4f`, no need to submit the matlab code.

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