

# Lecture 7

Last time I introduced

piecewise-polynomial interpolation

We did

- piecewise linear interpolation

- piecewise cubic interpolation

- piecewise-cubic Hermite ✓
  - piecewise cubic spline (we will do today)

Piecewise-cubic Hermite

$$a = x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_{N+1} = b$$

in  $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$   $q_i(x)$  is given by

polynomial  $P_i(x)$  which interpolates  $f$  at

$x_i, x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+1}$

$$\text{i.e., } P_i(x_i) = f(x_i), \quad P_i'(x_i) = f'(x_i)$$

$$P_i(x_{i+1}) = f(x_{i+1}), \quad P_i'(x_{i+1}) = f'(x_{i+1})$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} p_i(x) = & f(x_i) + f[x_i, x_i] (x - x_i) + \\ & + f[x_i, x_i, x_{i+1}] (x - x_i)^2 + \\ & + f[x_i, x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+1}] (x - x_i)^2 (x - x_{i+1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$x \in [x_i, x_{i+1}]$$

The piecewise-cubic Hermite polynomial  $g_3(x)$  is continuously diff in  $[a, b]$

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piecewise  
Cubic-spline interpolation is twice  
continuously differentiable on  $[a, b]$

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# Cubic spline interpolation

Def<sup>n</sup> Given a function  $f$  defined on  $[a, b]$  and a set of nodes

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b \quad a$$

cubic spline interpolant  $S$  for  $f$  is a function that satisfies the following conditions:

1)  $S(x)$  is a cubic polynomial, denoted by  $S_j(x)$  on the subinterval  $[x_j, x_{j+1}]$  for each  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$

2)  $S_j(x_j) = f(x_j)$ ,  $S_j(x_{j+1}) = f(x_{j+1})$  for each  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$

3)  $S_{j+1}(x_{j+1}) = S_j(x_{j+1})$  for each  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-2$

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

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

(6) One of the following sets of boundary condition is satisfied

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

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

Construction of cubic spline interpolation  
on  $[x_j, x_{j+1}]$

$$S_j(x) = a_j + b_j(x - x_j) + c_j(x - x_j)^2 + d_j(x - x_j)^3$$

$$S_j(x_j) = f(x_j). \quad \text{So } a_j = f(x_j).$$

$$a_{j+1} = S_j(x_{j+1}) = a_j + b_j(x_{j+1} - x_j) + c_j(x_{j+1} - x_j)^2 + d_j(x_{j+1} - x_j)^3$$

$$\text{set } h_j = x_{j+1} - x_j$$

$$\boxed{a_{j+1} = a_j + b_j h_j + c_j h_j^2 + d_j h_j^3} \longrightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$S_j'(x) = b_j + 2c_j(x - x_j) + 3d_j(x - x_j)^2$$

$$S_j'(x_j) = b_j$$

$$\text{So } b_{j+1} = S_{j+1}'(x_{j+1}) = S_j'(x_{j+1})$$

$$\boxed{b_{j+1} = b_j + 2c_j h_j + 3d_j h_j^2} \longrightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\text{define } b_n = S'(x_n).$$

$$S_j''(x) = 2c_j + 6d_j(x-x_j)$$

$$c_j = S_j''(x_j)/2$$

$$c_{j+1} = S_{j+1}''(x_{j+1})/2 = \frac{S_j''(x_{j+1})}{2}$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{c_{j+1} = c_j + 3d_j h_j} \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\text{define } c_n = S''(x_n)/2$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{By 3}}} \quad d_j = \frac{1}{3} h_j (c_{j+1} - c_j)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\underline{\text{By 1}}} \quad a_{j+1} &= a_j + b_j h_j + c_j h_j^2 + d_j h_j^3 \\ &= a_j + b_j h_j + c_j h_j^2 + \frac{1}{3} (c_{j+1} - c_j) h_j^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{a_{j+1} = a_j + b_j h_j + \frac{1}{3} (2c_j + c_{j+1}) h_j^2} \rightarrow (4)$$

plugging value of  $d_j$  in (2) we get

$$b_{j+1} = b_j + 2c_j h_j + h_j (c_{j+1} - c_j)$$

$$\boxed{b_{j+1} = b_j + h_j (c_j + c_{j+1})} \rightarrow (5)$$

by (4) we get

$$b_j = \frac{1}{h_j} (a_{j+1} - a_j) - \frac{h_j}{3} (2c_j + c_{j+1}) \rightarrow (6)$$

$$b_{j-1} = \frac{1}{h_{j-1}} (a_j - a_{j-1}) - \frac{h_{j-1}}{3} (2c_{j-1} + c_j)$$

by 5  $b_j = b_{j-1} + h_{j-1} (c_{j-1} + c_j)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \frac{1}{h_j} (a_{j+1} - a_j) - \frac{h_j}{3} (2c_j + c_{j+1}) \\ = \frac{1}{h_{j-1}} (a_j - a_{j-1}) - \frac{h_{j-1}}{3} (2c_{j-1} + c_j) \\ + h_{j-1} (c_{j-1} + c_j) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} h_{j-1} c_{j-1} + \frac{1}{3} (2h_{j-1} + 2h_j) c_j + \frac{h_j}{3} c_{j+1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{h_j} (a_{j+1} - a_j) - \frac{1}{h_{j-1}} (a_j - a_{j-1})$$

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} h_{j-1} c_{j-1} + 2(h_{j-1} + h_j) c_j + h_j c_{j+1} \\ = \frac{3}{h_j} (a_{j+1} - a_j) - \frac{3}{h_{j-1}} (a_j - a_{j-1}) \end{aligned} \right]$$

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

$n-1$  equations and  $n+1$  unknowns

$c_0, \dots, c_n$

Case 1 free boundary

$$S''(x_0) = S''(x_n) = 0$$

$$0 = 2C_0 + 6d_0(x_0 - x_0) \quad // \quad S''(x_0) = 0$$

$$\text{So } C_0 = 0$$

$$C_n = \frac{S''(x_n)}{2} = 0$$

So we have a system

$$Ax = b$$

where  $A$  is the  $(n+1) \times (n+1)$  matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & - & - & - & 0 \\ h_0 & 2(h_0+h_1) & h_1 & 0 & - & - & 0 \\ 0 & h_1 & 2(h_1+h_2) & h_2 & - & - & 0 \\ & & & & & & \vdots \\ & & & & & & \vdots \\ & & & & & & \vdots \\ & & & & h_{n-2} & 2(h_{n-2}+h_{n-1}) & h_{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & - & - & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & \\ \frac{3}{h_1}(a_2 - a_1) & -\frac{3}{h_0}(a_1 - a_0) & \\ & \vdots & \\ \frac{3}{h_{n-1}}(a_n - a_{n-1}) & -\frac{3}{h_{n-2}}(a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) & \\ & 0 & \end{bmatrix}$$

$A$  is strictly diagonally dominant

A matrix  $T = (t_{ij})_{n \times n}$  is called strictly diagonally dominant if

$$|t_{ii}| > \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n |t_{ij}|$$

So  $A$  is invertible.

So can solve  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n$   
and then obtain  $d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{n-1}$   
and  $b_0, b_1, \dots, b_n$



Example :-

We approximate  $f(x) = e^x$  in the interval  $[0, 3]$

$$x_0 = 0 \quad x_1 = 1 \quad x_2 = 2 \quad x_3 = 3$$

$$f(x_0) = 1 \quad f(x_1) = e \quad f(x_2) = e^2 \quad f(x_3) = e^3$$

Find cubic-spline with free boundary

Ans  $n = 3$

$$h_0 = h_1 = h_2 = 1$$

$$a_0 = 1 \quad a_1 = e \quad a_2 = e^2 \quad a_3 = e^3$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3(e^2 - 2e + 1) \\ 3(e^3 - 2e^2 + e) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_0 = 0 \quad c_3 = 0$$

$$4c_1 + c_2 = 3(e^2 - 2e + 1)$$

$$c_1 + 4c_2 = 3(e^3 - 2e^2 + e)$$

$$c_1 = 0.7569$$

$$c_2 = 5.83$$

$$b_0 = \frac{1}{h_0} (a_1 - a_0) - \frac{h_0}{3} (2c_0 + c_1)$$

$$= a_1 - a_0 - \frac{1}{3} c_1$$

$$= 1.466$$

$$b_1 = \frac{1}{h_1} (a_2 - a_1) - \frac{h_1}{3} (c_2 + 2c_1)$$

$$= 2.223$$

$$b_2 = \frac{1}{h_2} (a_3 - a_2) - \frac{h_2}{3} (c_3 + 2c_2)$$

$$= 8.81$$

$$d_0 = \frac{1}{3h_0} (c_1 - c_0) = 0.2523$$

$$d_1 = \frac{1}{3h_0} (c_2 - c_1) = 1.691$$

$$d_2 = \frac{1}{3h_2} (c_3 - c_2) = -1.943$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 1(x) = & \begin{cases} 1 + 1.466x + 0x^2 + 0.2523x^3 & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 2.718 + 2.223(x-1) + 0.7569(x-1)^2 + 1.691(x-1)^3 & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 7.389 + 8.80(x-2) + 5.83(x-2)^2 - 1.943(x-2)^3 & 2 \leq x \leq 3 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$


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Case 2 clamped boundary

$$S'(x_0) = f'(x_0) \quad \Delta \quad S'(x_n) = f'(x_n)$$

$$f'(a) = S'(a) = b_0$$

Put this in eqn (6)

$$f'(a) = \frac{1}{h_0}(a_1 - a_0) - \frac{h_0}{3}(2b_0 + c_1)$$

$$\hookrightarrow 2h_0 b_0 + h_0 c_1 = \frac{3}{h_0}(a_1 - a_0) - 3f'(a)$$

Similarly

$$f'(b) = b_n = b_{n-1} + h_{n-1} (C_{n-1} + C_n)$$

So eqn 6 with  $j = n-1$

gives

$$f'(b) = \frac{1}{h_{n-1}} (a_n - a_{n-1}) - \frac{h_{n-1}}{3} (2C_{n-1} + C_n) + h_{n-1} (C_{n-1} + C_n)$$

Simplify to get

$$h_{n-1} C_{n-1} + 2h_{n-1} C_n = 3f'(b) - \frac{3}{h_{n-1}} (a_n - a_{n-1})$$

Thus we obtain

$$A \underline{x} = \underline{b} \quad \text{where}$$

$$\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} C_0 \\ C_1 \\ \vdots \\ C_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2h_0 & h_0 & 0 & - & - & 0 \\ h_0 & 2(h_0+h_1) & h_1 & 0 & - & 0 \\ 0 & h_1 & 2(h_1+h_2) & h_2 & - & 0 \\ & & & & & \\ 0 & - & - & h_{n-2} & 2(h_{n-2}+h_{n-1}) & h_{n-1} \\ & & & & h_{n-1} & 2h_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{h_0} (a_1 - a_0) - 3f'(a) \\ \frac{3}{h_1} (a_2 - a_1) - \frac{3}{h_0} (a_1 - a_0) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{3}{h_{n-1}} (a_n - a_{n-1}) - \frac{3}{h_{n-2}} (a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) \\ 3f'(b) - \frac{3}{h_{n-1}} (a_n - a_{n-1}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{3(e-1)}{-3} \\ & \frac{3(e^2-e)}{-3(e-1)} \\ & \frac{3(e^3-e^2)}{-3(e^2-e)} \\ & \frac{3e^3}{3(e^3-e)} \end{aligned}$$

The matrix  $A$  is strictly diagonally dominant.

So  $A$  is invertible.

Thus we can obtain  $c_0, \dots, c_n$  by solving  $Ax = b$ .

Then one can obtain  $b_0, \dots, b_{n-1}$  and  $d_0, \dots, d_{n-1}$

by using  $\xi = c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n$

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Example  $f(x) = e^x$   
interval  $[0, 3]$

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 = 0, \quad x_1 = 1, \quad x_2 = 2, \quad x_3 = 3 \\ f(x_0) = 1 \quad f(x_1) = e \quad f(x_2) = e^2 \quad f(x_3) = e^3 \\ f'(x_0) = 1 \quad f'(x_3) = e^3 \end{aligned}$$

find clamped cubic spline interpolant of  $f$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot 13 \\ \\ \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

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