

## Lecture 5

Last time we did error in interpolating polynomial.

$P_n(x)$  interpolates  $f(x)$  at  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$

$$e_n(x) = f(x) - P_n(x) \quad \text{error}$$

If  $\bar{x}$  distinct from  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$

$$\text{then } e_n(\bar{x}) = f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, \bar{x}] \prod_{j=0}^n (x - x_j)$$

Theorem

If  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k$  are  $k+1$  distinct pts in  $[a, b]$

$$\text{then } f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k] = \frac{f^{(k)}(\xi)}{k!} \quad \text{for some } \xi \in (a, b)$$

# Osculatory interpolation

## Example

In some problems we have

$$\begin{aligned} & x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n \\ & f(x_0), f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n) \\ & f'(x_0), f'(x_1), \dots, f'(x_n) \end{aligned}$$

We desire a polynomial of degree  $\leq 2n+1$  such that

$$p(x_i) = f(x_i)$$

$$\text{and } p'(x_i) = f'(x_i)$$

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## Algorithm :-

define  $y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{2n}$  as

$$y_0 = x_0, y_1 = x_0$$

$$y_2 = x_1, y_3 = x_1$$

$$y_4 = x_2, y_5 = x_2$$

$$y_{2i} = x_i, y_{2i+1} = x_i$$

$$y_{2n} = x_n, y_{2n+1} = x_n$$

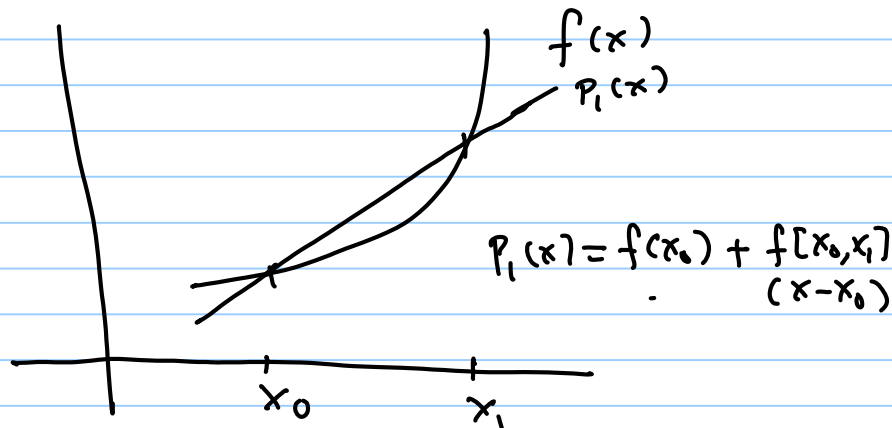
Form divided diff table using

$$f[a, a] = f'(a)$$

motivation  

$$f[x_0, x_1] = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} \rightarrow f'(x_0) \text{ as } x_1 \rightarrow x_0$$

Geometric reasoning



as  $x_1 \rightarrow x_0$

$$P_1(x) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0)$$

Example (repeat of last time)

Example :-

$$f(1) = 0$$

$$f'(1) = 1$$

$$f(2) = 6.931 \times 10^{-1}$$

$$f'(2) = 0.5$$

need cubic polynomial

such that

$$P_3(1) = f(1), \quad P_3'(1) = f'(1)$$

$$P_3(2) = f(2), \quad P_3'(2) = f'(2)$$

## Solution

$$\text{Set } y_0 = y_1 = 1$$

$$y_2 = y_3 = 2$$

$$f[y_0, y_1] = f'(y_0) = 1$$

$$f[y_1, y_2] = \frac{f(y_2) - f(1)}{y_2 - y_1} = 0.6931$$

$$f[y_2, y_3] = f'(y_2) = 0.5$$

$$f[y_0, y_1, y_2] = \frac{f[y_1, y_2] - f[y_0, y_1]}{y_2 - y_0} = -0.3069$$

$$f[y_1, y_2, y_3] = \frac{f[y_2, y_3] - f[y_1, y_2]}{y_3 - y_1} = -0.1931$$

$$f[y_0, y_1, y_2, y_3] = \frac{f[y_1, y_2, y_3] - f[y_0, y_1, y_2]}{y_3 - y_0} = 0.1137$$

$$P_3(x) = 0 + 1(x-1) + (-0.3069)(x-1)^2 + 0.1137(x-1)^2(x-2)$$


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Example :- Suppose we are given the following problem

$x_0$	$x_1$
$f(x_0)$	$f(x_1)$
$f'(x_0)$	
$f''(x_0)$	

need  $P_3(x)$

s.t  $P_3(x_0) = f(x_0), P_3(x_1) = f(x_1)$

$P_3'(x_0) = f'(x_0)$

$P_3''(x_0) = f''(x_0)$

Algorithm

$y_0 = x_0$

$y_1 = x_0$

$y_2 = x_0$

$y_3 = x_1$

Calculate divided differences

using  $f[a, a] = f'(a)$

$f[a, a, a] = \frac{f''(a)}{2!}$

Example 2

$$f(0) = 1 \quad f'(0) = 0 \quad f''(0) = 1$$

$$f(0.1) = 9.95 \text{ E-1}$$

approximal-  $f(0.05)$

Solution

$$y_0 = 0$$

$$y_3 = 0.1$$

$$y_1 = 0$$

$$y_2 = 0$$

$$f[y_0, y_1] = f'(0) = 0$$

$$f[y_1, y_2] = f'(0) = 0$$

$$f[y_2, y_3] = \frac{f(y_3) - f(y_2)}{y_3 - y_2} = -5 \text{ E-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f[y_0, y_1, y_2] &= \frac{f[y_1, y_2] - f[y_0, y_1]}{y_2 - y_0} \\
 &= f'(y_0)/2 \quad \text{if } \begin{matrix} y_1 \rightarrow y_0 \\ y_2 \rightarrow y_0 \end{matrix} \\
 &= 0.5
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f[y_1, y_2, y_3] &= \frac{f[y_2, y_3] - f[y_1, y_2]}{y_3 - y_1} \\
 &= \frac{-5 \text{ E-} 2 - 0}{-1} \\
 &= -5 \text{ E-} 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f[y_0, y_1, y_2, y_3] &= \frac{f[y_1, y_2, y_3] - f[y_0, y_1, y_2]}{y_3 - y_0} \\
 &= \frac{-5 \text{ E-} 1 - 0.5}{0.1} \\
 &= -10
 \end{aligned}$$

$$p(x) = 1 + 0(x-0) + 1(x-0)^2 + 15(x-0)^3$$

$$= 1 + x^2 - 10x^3$$

$$p(0.05) = 1.00$$

# Theory of Osculatory interpolation

## Convention

$x_0, x_1, \dots, x_m$  not necc distinct pts

We say two functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  agree at the pts  $x_0, \dots, x_m$  if

$$f^{(j)}(z) = g^{(j)}(z) \text{ for } j = 0, 1, \dots, k-1$$

for every pt  $\underline{z}$  which occurs  $k$  times,

in the sequence  $x_0, \dots, x_m$



### Example

$$x = 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 2$$

$f(x), g(x)$  agree at  $1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 2$  if

$$f(1) = g(1)$$

$$f'(1) = g'(1)$$

$$f(2) = g(2)$$

$$f'(2) = g'(2)$$

$$f''(2) = g''(2)$$

$$f(3) = g(3)$$

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Problem Given  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_m$  not nec.  
distinct pts  
and  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

We need a polynomial  $p(x)$  of degree  $\leq m$   
such that  
 $p(x)$  &  $f(x)$  agree at  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_m$

## Remark

Two polynomials of degree  $\leq m$  which agree at  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_m$  are equal.

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So it makes sense to talk about the polynomial of degree  $\leq m$  which agrees with  $f(x)$  at  $m+1$  pts.  
 $x_0, \dots, x_m$ .

Theorem If  $f(x)$  has  $r$  continuous derivatives and no point in the sequence  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_m$  occur more than  $r$  times, then there exists exactly one polynomial  $P_m(x)$  of degree  $\leq m$  which agrees with  $f(x)$  at  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_m$ .

## Proof

Uniqueness already taken care of.

## Proof of Existence

Assume  $x_0 \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_n$

for  $n=0$  nothing to show.

Assume the statement correct for  $n=k-1$  and consider it for  $n=k$

There are two cases.

### Case 1 $x_0 = x_k$

Then  $x_0 = x_1 = \dots = x_k$ . So  $r \geq m$   
by assumption, i.e.,  $f$  has at least  $k$   
continuous derivatives

Then the Taylor polynomial  $P_k(x)$  for  $f(x)$   
around the center  $c = x_0$  does the job

Note that its leading coefficient  
is the number  $\frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!}$ .

Case  $x_0 < x_k$ .

Then by induction hypothesis we can  
find polynomial  $p_{k-1}(x)$  of degree  $\leq k-1$   
which agrees with  $f(x)$  at  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}$ ,  
and polynomial  $q_{k-1}(x)$  of degree  $\leq k-1$  which agree  
with  $f(x)$  at  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$ .

Verify 
$$p_k(x) = \frac{x-x_0}{x_k-x_0} q_{k-1}(x) + \frac{x_k-x}{x_k-x_0} p_{k-1}(x)$$

(slightly tricky  
see textbook pg 64)

## Convention

$x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  not necc distinct pts

$P_n(x)$  unique polynomial which agrees with  $f(x)$  at  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$

$f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$  = leading coefficient of  $P_n(x)$ .  
= coeff of  $x^n$  in  $P_n(x)$

We also have

$$P_n(x) = P_{n-1}(x) + f[x_0, \dots, x_n] \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (x - x_i)$$

Proof  $P_n(x) - f[x_0, \dots, x_n] \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (x - x_i)$  has degree  $\leq n-1$  and agrees with  $f(x)$  at  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$ . So by uniqueness of interpolating poly result follows

Thus we can write  $P_n(x)$  as

$$\begin{aligned} P_n(x) = & f[x_0] + f[x_0, x_1](x - x_0) + \\ & + f[x_0, x_1, x_2](x - x_0)(x - x_1) + \dots \\ & + f[x_0, \dots, x_n](x - x_0)(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Case 1  $x_0 = x_1 = \dots = x_n$

$$\begin{aligned} P_n(x) = & \text{Taylor polynomial with center } x_0 \\ = & f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!}(x - x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!}(x - x_0)^2 + \dots \\ & + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!}(x - x_0)^n \end{aligned}$$

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

$n+1$  times

Otherwise say  $x_n \neq x_0$

$$f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n] = \frac{f[x_1, \dots, x_n] - f[x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}]}{x_n - x_0}$$

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Theorem :-  $f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is a cts function of  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

i.e if for each  $n$   $x_0^{(n)}, \dots, x_n^{(n)}$

are  $n+1$  pts in  $[a, b]$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_i^{(n)} = y_i \quad \text{for } i = 0, \dots, n$$

then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f[x_0^{(n)}, \dots, x_n^{(n)}] = f[y_0, \dots, y_n]$$

rf See text pg 65.

## Problem

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$f(1) = 1.9$$

$$f'(0) = 2$$

$$f'(1) = 2.5$$

Sol<sup>n</sup> approximate  $f(0.4)$   
 $y_0 = 0, y_1 = 0, y_2 = 1, y_3 = 1$

$y$	$f(y)$	$f[.,.]$	$f[.,.]$	$f[.,.,.]$
0	1	2	-1.1	$f[0,0,1,1]$
0	1	0.9	$f[0,1,1]$	$= \frac{f[0,1,1] - f[0,0,1]}{1-0}$
1	1.9	2.5	$= 1.6$	$= 2.7$
1	1.9			

$$p_3(x) = 1 + 2(x-0) + \frac{(-1.1)(x-0)^2}{(x-0)^2(x-1)} + 2.7(x-0)^2(x-1)$$

And  $p_3(0.4)$