

# Lecture 4

Recall,  
Last time we introduced interpolation  
Polynomial

Given distinct points  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$   
and function values  $f(x_0), f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n)$   
there exists a unique polynomial  
 $P_n(x)$  of degree  $\leq n$  such that  
 $P_n(x_i) = f(x_i)$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

2 forms to write  $P_n(x)$

1) Lagrange's form

2) Newton's divided difference form

## Lagrange's form

$$l_k(x) = \prod_{\substack{i=0 \\ i \neq k}}^n \frac{x - x_i}{x_k - x_i}$$

$$k = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

- $l_k(x)$  polynomial of degree  $\leq n$
- $l_k(x_k) = 1$
- $l_k(x_i) = 0$  for  $i \neq k$ .

$$P_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f(x_k) l(x_k)$$

$$P_n(x_k) = f(x_k) \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

## Newton's divided difference form

$$\begin{aligned} * P_n(x) = & a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)(x-x_1) \\ & + \dots + a_n(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

(note any polynomial of degree  $\leq n$   
can be written as above for suitable  
 $a_0, \dots, a_n$ )

$P_{n-1}(x)$  polynomial which interpolates  
 $f(x)$  at  $x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}$  ( $\deg P_{n-1}(x) \leq n-1$ )

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

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

$$f[x_0, \dots, x_i] = a_i \quad \text{in } *$$

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

$$f[x_0] = f(x_0)$$

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

⋮

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

Always remember

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

i.e.,  $f[x_0, \dots, x_n]$  = coeff of  $x^n$  in  $p_n(x)$ .

## Example 2

$$f(x) = \int_0^x \sin(t^2) dt$$

$x$	$f(x)$	$f[ , ]$	$f[ , , ]$	$f[ , , , ]$
0.8	1.657 E-1	$f[0.8, 0.9]$ 6.62 E-1	$f[0.8, 0.9, 1.0]$ 6.1 E-1	-2.5 E-1
0.9	2.319 E-1	7.84 E-1	5.35 E-1	$f[0.8, 0.9, 1, 1.1]$
1.0	3.103 E-1	8.91 E-1	$f[0.9, 1.0, 1.1]$	
1.1	3.994 E-1	$f[1.0, 1.1]$		

$$f[0.8, 0.9] = \frac{f(0.9) - f(0.8)}{0.9 - 0.8}$$

$$f[0.9, 1] = \frac{f(1) - f(0.9)}{1 - 0.9}$$

$$f[0.8, 0.9, 1] = \frac{f[0.9, 1] - f[0.8, 0.9]}{1 - 0.8}$$

$$P_2(x) = f[0.8] + f[0.8, 0.9](x - 0.8)$$

$$+ f[0.8, 0.9, 1](x - 0.8)(x - 0.9)$$

$$= 1.657 E-1 + 6.62 E-1 (x - 0.8) + 6.1 E-1 (x - 0.8)(x - 0.9)$$

$$P_2(0.85) = 1.973 E-1$$

$$f(0.85) = 1.974 E-1$$

$$P_3(x) = P_2(x) +$$

$$f[0.8, 0.9, 1.0, 1.1] (x-0.8)(x-0.9)(x-1)$$

$$P_3(0.85) = P_2(0.85) - 2.5 \text{ E-1} \frac{(0.05)(-0.05)}{(-0.15)}$$

$$= 1.973 \text{ E-1}$$


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Remark :- It is possible that interpolation error to increase if we increase number of pts

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

it is possible that

$$\max_{x \in [a, b]} |e_{n+1}(x)| > \max_{x \in [a, b]} |e_n(x)|$$

(See example 2.4 pg 44 of your textbook)

## The error of the interpolating function.

$x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$        $n+1$  distinct pts  
 $f(x_0), f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n)$       function values  
 $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

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

error:  $e_n(x) = f(x) - P_n(x)$

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

Need  $e_n(\bar{x})$ .

Let  $P_{n+1}(x)$  be the polynomial which  
interpolates  $f$  at  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, \bar{x}$   
( $n+2$  pts)

$$P_{n+1}(x) = P_n(x) + f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, \bar{x}] \prod_{j=0}^n (x - x_j)$$

$$f(\bar{x}) = P_{n+1}(\bar{x}) \quad \text{by def}^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } e_n(\bar{x}) &= f(\bar{x}) - P_n(\bar{x}) \\ &= P_{n+1}(\bar{x}) - P_n(\bar{x}) \end{aligned}$$

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

To estimate error we need to

approximate  $f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, \bar{x}]$

and  $\prod_{j=0}^n (\bar{x} - x_j)$



Theorem Let  $f(x)$  be a continuous function on  $[a, b]$  and  $k$  times differentiable in  $(a, b)$ . If  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k$  are  $k+1$  distinct pts in  $[a, b]$ , then there exists  $\xi \in (a, b)$  such that

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

Proof  $k=1$

$$f[x_0, x_1] = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} = f'(\xi) \quad \text{by MVT}$$

$$e_k(x) = f(x) - P_k(x)$$

has at least  $k+1$  zeros ( $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k$ )

by Rolle's theorem

$e_k'(x)$  has  $k$  zeros

$e_k''(x)$  has  $k-1$  zeros

$e_k^{(k)}(x)$  has at least one zero in  $(a, b)$

Let  $\xi$  be a zero of  $e_k^{(k)}(x)$

$$0 = e_k^{(k)}(\xi) = f^{(k)}(\xi) - p_k^{(k)}(\xi)$$

$p_k(x)$  is poly of  $\deg \leq k$  having  
 $f[x_0, \dots, x_k]$  as coeff of  $x^k$

$$\text{So } p_k^{(k)}(\xi) = f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k] k!$$

$$\text{So } f[x_0, \dots, x_k] = \frac{f^{(k)}(\xi)}{k!}$$

Cor

$$\begin{aligned} e_n(\bar{x}) &= f(\bar{x}) - p_n(\bar{x}) \\ &= \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} \prod_{j=0}^n (\bar{x} - x_j) \end{aligned}$$

estimating

$$\psi_{n+1}(x) = \prod_{j=0}^n (x - x_j)$$

It is possible to choose  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  in  $[a, b]$  such that

$|\psi_{n+1}(x)|$  is as small as possible

This choice of pts are called  
Chebyshev pts of  $[a, b]$

(Unfortunately it is not in syllabus)

# Osculatory interpolation

Example

Sometime we have the following situation

we have

$$x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$$

$$f(x_0), f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n)$$

and

$$f'(x_0), f'(x_1), \dots, f'(x_n)$$

We need a polynomial  $p(x)$  such

that

$$p(x_i) = f(x_i) \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

$$p'(x_i) = f'(x_i) \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

$$\deg p(x) \leq 2n+1$$

Example where this happens

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x, y)$$

$$y(x_0) = y_0$$

$x_0$	$y(x_0)$	$y'(x_0) = g(x_0, y_0)$
$x_1$	$y(x_1)$	$y'(x_1) = g(x_1, y_1)$
$x_2$	$y(x_2)$	← find using some numerical method
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	
$x_n$	$y(x_n)$	
		$y'(x_n) = g(x_n, y_n)$

So for  $y(\bar{x})$  we have  $2n+2$  data pts.

Remark

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

$$\lim_{x_1 \rightarrow x_0} f[x_0, x_1] = f'(x_0)$$

def<sup>n</sup>  $f[x_0, x_0] = f'(x_0)$

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Example :-

$$f(1) = 0$$

$$f'(1) = 1$$

$$f(2) = 6.931$$

$$f'(2) = 0.5$$

need cubic polynomial <sup>E-1</sup>

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

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

$$y_2 = y_3 = 2$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$p_3(x) = 0 + 1(x-1) + (-0.3069)(x-1)^2 + 0.1137(x-1)^2(x-2)$$


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$$x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n \quad f(x_0), f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n) \quad f'(x_0), f'(x_1), \dots, f'(x_n)$$

$$y_0 = x_0 \quad y_2 = x_1 \quad y_4 = x_2 \quad \dots \quad y_{2i} = x_i$$

$$y_1 = x_0 \quad y_3 = x_1 \quad y_5 = x_2 \quad \dots \quad y_{2i+1} = x_i$$

Use  $f[a, b] = f'(a)$  if  $b = a$ .

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$y_0$	$f[y_0, y_1]$
$y_1$	$f[y_1, y_2]$
$y_2$	$f[y_2, y_3]$
$y_3$	

$$p_{2n+1}(x) = f[y_0] + f[y_0, y_1](x - y_0) + f[y_0, y_1, y_2](x - y_0)(x - y_1) + f[y_0, y_1, y_2, y_3](x - y_0)(x - y_1)(x - y_2) + \dots + f[y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{2n+2}] \prod_{i=0}^{2n+1} (x - y_i)$$



