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Tutorial Set -3  
Question - 7

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→ In question 7, we are asked to estimate the value of temperature at distance equal to 3.2 and 2.7 m by nth order polynomial interpolation. I have used the Lagrange Interpolation method. For nth order polynomial interpolation, we need (n+1) data points  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_{n+1}, y_{n+1})$  We are given input data points as shown below.

$x$	$T (^{\circ}\text{C})$
0	100
2	85
4	70
6	55
8	40

→ The idea behind the interpolation is to interpret a polynomial which takes on certain values at arbitrary points. Approximation for Lagrange Interpolation method, as we know, is given by:

### **Lagrange Polynomial:**

$$p(x) = L_1(x)y_1 + L_2(x)y_2 + L_3(x)y_3 + \dots L_N(x)y_N$$

$$L_k(x) = \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_{k-1})(x - x_{k+1}) \dots (x - x_N)}{(x_k - x_1)(x_k - x_2) \dots (x_k - x_{k-1})(x_k - x_{k+1}) \dots (x_k - x_N)}$$

Numerator of  $L_k(x)$  is product of all  $(x - x_i)$  except for  $(x - x_k)$

Denominator of  $L_k(x)$  is product of all  $(x_k - x_i)$  except for  $(x_k - x_k)$

→ Here, we need to estimate the both values for 1 to nth order polynomial interpolation. I built a function called Interpolation(N,x) that can take two inputs as previously. One is the value of n in which order of polynomial we need to estimate and the second is x(value of distance where we need to estimate the value of temperature.)

→ To run this function and get the output, I ran a loop by varying the value of n(order) and gave the command to find the required values and printed it.

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for z=1:4
    a = Interpolation(z,3.2);
    disp('The value of T for x=3.2 and for order')
    disp(z)
    disp('is ')
    disp(a)
    b = Interpolation(z,2.7);
    disp('The value of T for x=2.7 and for order')
    disp(z)
    disp('is ')
    disp(b)
end

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function v = Interpolation(N,t)
format('long')
x = [0,2,4,6,8];
n = size(x);
n = n(2);
T = [100,85,70,55,40];
L = zeros(1,n);
p=1;
q=1;
for i=1:N
    for j=1:N
        if i == j
            continue;
        else
            p = p * (t - x(j));

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        p=1;
        q=1;
        for i=1:N
            for j=1:N
                if i == j
                    continue;
                else
                    p = p * (t - x(j));
                    q = q * (x(i) - x(j));
                end
            end
            L(1,i) = T(i) * (p/q);
            p=1;
            q=1;
        end
        v=0;
        for k=1:N
            v = v + L(1,k);
        end
        plot(x,T,'-s', 'MarkerSize',10,...
            'MarkerEdgeColor','red',...
            'MarkerFaceColor',[1 .6 .6])
    end
end

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>> T7_20110131
The value of T for x=3.2 and for order
  1

is
  100

The value of T for x=2.7 and for order
  1

is
  100

The value of T for x=3.2 and for order
  2

is
  76

The value of T for x=2.7 and for order
  2

is
  79.7500000000000000

The value of T for x=3.2 and for order
  3
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- We can easily see through these images that as the value of  $n$  is increasing, the resultant value becomes more accurate and goes towards the correct value. For  $n=1$  (Linear interpolation), the value of temperature comes out 100 but for  $n=4$ , the value of temperature is 76 C(for  $x=3.2$ ) and 79.75 C(for  $x = 2.7$ ).
- The points are also plotted in the graph below.

The value of T for x=3.2 and for order  
3

is  
76

The value of T for x=2.7 and for order  
3

is  
79.7500000000000000

The value of T for x=3.2 and for order  
4

is  
76

The value of T for x=2.7 and for order  
4

is  
79.7500000000000000

