

Problem 1): Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be continuously differentiable and define

$$B_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) x^k (1-x)^{n-k}$$

prove that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n(x) = f(x)$ for each $x \in [0, 1]$.

solution):

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\Rightarrow

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end of the proof of result 4

Finally we use the fact that f is continuous on $[0, 1]$. i.e,

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$$\leq \epsilon + \frac{2M}{\delta^2} \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ |\frac{k}{n} - x| > \delta}}^n \binom{n}{k} \left(\left(\frac{k}{n} \right) - x \right)^2 x^k (1-x)^{n-k}$$

$$\leq \epsilon + \frac{2M}{\delta^2} \frac{x(1-x)}{n} \leq \epsilon + \frac{2M}{n\delta^2}$$

Taking $n \geq \left\lceil \frac{2M}{\epsilon\delta^2} \right\rceil + 1$, we have:

$$|B_n(x) - f(x)| \leq 2\epsilon$$

\Rightarrow

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n(x) = f(x) \text{ for each } x \in [0, 1]$$

Problem 2): If $f(x) = x^2$ then show that $B_n(x) = \frac{n-1}{n}x^2 + \frac{1}{n}x$.
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$$B_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (k^2) x^k (1-x)^{n-k}$$

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$$\implies \sum_{k=0}^n b_{n,k} = 1^n = 1$$

end of the proof of result 1

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As, $B_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \left(\frac{k^2}{n^2}\right) b_{n,k}(x)$; we have: $B_n(x) = \frac{n-1}{n}x^2 + \frac{1}{n}x$.

Problem 3): Use the above $B_n(x)$ to determine n such that $|B_n(x) - x^2| < 10^{-2}$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$.

solution):

$$|B_n(x) - x^2| \leq \left| \frac{n-1}{n}x^2 + \frac{1}{n}x - x^2 \right| \leq \frac{1}{n} |x - x^2|$$

Now $x - x^2 = \frac{1}{4} - \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2$, is maximize at $x = \frac{1}{2}$, and the maximum value is $\frac{1}{4}$. Using this,

$$|B_n(x) - x^2| \leq \frac{1}{4n}$$

So, it is enough to solve for the n , for which, $\frac{1}{4n} \leq 10^{-2}$, i.e $n > 25 \implies n = 26$.

Problem 4): Use Neville's method to approximate $\sqrt{3}$ with $f(x) = 3^x$ and $x_0 = -2, x_1 = -1, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 1$ and $x_4 = 2$. Find the absolute and relative errors.

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We have the following table for $x = \frac{1}{2}$:

i	x_i	$P_i(x)$	$P_{i-1,i}(x)$	$P_{i-2,i-1,i}(x)$	$P_{i-3,i-2,i-1,i}(x)$	$P_{i-4,i-3,i-2,i-1,i}(x)$
0	-2	$\frac{1}{9}$				
1	-1	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$			
2	0	1	$\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{3}{2}$		
3	1	3	2	$\frac{11}{6}$	$\frac{16}{9}$	
4	2	9	0	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{5}{3}$	$\frac{41}{24}$

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Problem 5): Use Neville's method to approximate $\sqrt{3}$ with $f(x) = \sqrt{3}$ and $x_0 = 0, x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2, x_3 = 4$ and $x_4 = 5$. Find the absolute and relative errors.

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0	0	0				
1	1	1	3			
2	2	1.4142	1.4244	1.2426		
3	4	2	1.7071	1.7475	1.6213	
4	5	2.2341	1.7439	1.7260	1.7368	1.6906

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One thing to note: the approximation is better if we choose $f(x) = 3^x$ instead of $f(x) = \sqrt{3}$, as in problem 4; as both the absolute and relative error is smaller in comparison to problem 5.

Problem 6): If $P_3(x)$ is the interpolating polynomial for the following data then we use Neville's method to find y if $P_3(1.5) = 0$.

x	0	.5	1	2
$f(x)$	0	y	3	2

solution): Here we define $P_{0,1,2,3}$ as the Neville's P_3 polynomial. So we have:
 $P_{0,1,2,3}(1.5) = 0$.

$$P_0 = f(0) = 0; P_1 = f(.5) = y; P_2 = f(1) = 3; P_3 = f(2) = .2$$

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Using this:

$$P_{0,1}(1.5) = \frac{(1.5 - 0)y - (1.5 - .5) \times 0}{.5} = 3y$$

$$P_{1,3}(1.5) = \frac{(1.5 - 0.5) \times 3 - (1.5 - 1) \times y}{.5} = 6 - y$$

$$P_{2,3}(1.5) = \frac{(1.5 - 1) \times 2 - (1.5 - 2) \times 3}{1} = 2.5$$

$$P_{0,1,2}(1.5) = \frac{(1.5 - 0) \times (6 - y) - (1.5 - 1) \times 3y}{1} = 9 - 3y$$

$$P_{1,2,3}(1.5) = \frac{(1.5 - .5) \times 2.5 - (1.5 - 2) \times (6 - y)}{1.5} = \frac{11 - y}{3}$$

$$P_{0,1,2,3}(1.5) = \frac{(1.5 - 0) \times \frac{(11-y)}{3} - (1.5 - 2) \times (9 - 3y)}{2} = 5 - y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 5$$

Problem 7): Use the forward difference formula to construct interpolating polynomials of degree one, two, and three for the following data and approximate $f(-\frac{1}{3})$.

x	-0.75	-0.5	-0.25	0
$f(x)$	-0.07181250	-0.02475000	-0.33493750	1.10100000

solution): Note that $-.75 < -.5 < -\frac{1}{3} < -.25 < 0$.
 From the given data we have the given divided difference table, where divided difference formula is give by ,

$$f[x_i] = f(x_i); \text{ and } f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n] = \frac{f[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] - f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]}{x_n - x_0};$$

x	$f(x)$			
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		.18825		
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		1.43875		1
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For polynomial of degree 2 we use subtable corresponding to $[x_0, x_2]$ and denoted it by $P_2^1(x)$, and the subtable corresponding to $[x_1, x_2]$, denoting it by $P_2^2(x)$.

$$P_2^1(x) = -.0718125 + .18825(x + .75) + 2.501(x + .75)(x + .5)$$

$$P_2^1(-\frac{1}{3}) = -.0718125 + .18825(-\frac{1}{3} + .75) + 2.501(-\frac{1}{3} + .75)(-\frac{1}{3} + .5) = .180306$$

Similarly:

$$P_2^2(x) = -.02475 + 1.43875(x + .5) + 3.251(x + .5)(x + .25)$$

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x	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
$f(x)$	-0.62049958	-0.28398668	0.00660095	0.24842440

solution): Note that $.1 < .2 < .25 < .3 < .4$.

From the given data we have the given divided difference table, where divided difference formula is give by ,

$$f[x_i] = f(x_i); \text{ and } f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n] = \frac{f[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] - f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]}{x_n - x_0};$$

x	$f(x)$			
$x_0 = .1$	-.62049958			
		3.651286		
$x_1 = .2$	-.28398668	-2.2962615		
		2.9058763		-.4731583
$x_2 = .3$.00660095	-2.438209		
		2.4182345		
$x_3 = .4$	0.24842440			

interpolating polynomials of degree one, two, and three for the following data and approximate $f(0.25)$.

x	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
$f(x)$	-0.62049958	-0.28398668	0.00660095	0.24842440

solution): Note that

$$.1 < .2 < .25 < .3 < .4.$$

From the given data we have the given divided difference table, where divided difference formula is give by ,

$$f[x_i] = f(x_i); \text{ and } f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n] = \frac{f[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] - f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]}{x_n - x_0} ;$$

x	$f(x)$			
$x_0 = .1$	-.62049958			
		3.651286		
$x_1 = .2$	-.28398668		-2.2962615	
		2.9058763		-.4731583
$x_2 = .3$.00660095		-2.438209	
		2.4182345		
$x_3 = .4$.24842440			

For polynomial of degree 1, we use the subtable corresponding to $[x_1, x_2]$.

$$P_1(x) = .006095 + 2.9058763(x - .3)$$

$$P_1(.25) = .006095 + 2.9058763(.25 - .3) = -.138692365$$

For polynomial of degree 2 we use subtable corresponding to $[x_1, x_3]$ and denoted it by $P_2^1(x)$, and the subtable corresponding to $[x_0, x_2]$, denoting it by $P_2^2(x)$.

$$P_2^1(x) = .24842440 + 2.4182345(x - .4) - 2.438209(x - .4)(x - .3)$$

$$P_2^1(.25) = .24842440 + 2.4182345(.25 - .4) - 2.438209(.25 - .4)(.25 - .3) = -.13279734$$

$$P_2^2(x) = .00660095 + 2.9058763(x - .3) - 2.2962615(x - .3)(x - .2)$$

$$P_2^2(.25) = .00660095 + 2.9058763(.25 - .3) - 2.2962615(.25 - .3)(.25 - .2) = -.132952$$

For polynomial of degree 3, we will use the entire table corresponding to the interval $[x_0, x_3]$.

$$P_3(x) = P_2^1(x) - .4731583(x - .4)(x - .3)(x - .2)$$

$$P_3(.25) = P_2^1(.25) - .4731583(.25 - .4)(.25 - .3)(.25 - .2) = -.13297478$$

Problem 9): A fourth degree polynomial $P(x)$ satisfies $\Delta^4 P(0) = 24$, $\Delta^3 P(0) = 6$, and $\Delta^2 P(0) = 0$, where $\Delta P(x) = P(x+1) - P(x)$.

Find $\Delta^2 P(10)$

Problem 9): A fourth degree polynomial $P(x)$ satisfies $\Delta^4 P(0) = 24, \Delta^3 P(0) = 6$, and $\Delta^2 P(0) = 0$, where $\Delta P(x) = P(x+1) - P(x)$. Compute $\Delta^2 P(10)$.

solution): We have the following divided difference table:

x	$f(x)$	B			
$x_0 = 0$	$P(0)$				
		$\Delta P(0)$			
$x_1 = 1$	$P(1)$		$\Delta^2 \frac{P(0)}{2} = 0$		
		$\Delta P(1)$		$\Delta^3 \frac{P(0)}{6} = 1$	
$x_2 = 2$	$P(2)$		$\Delta^2 \frac{P(1)}{2}$		$\Delta^4 \frac{P(0)}{24} = 1$
		$\Delta P(2)$		$\Delta^3 \frac{P(1)}{6}$	
$x_3 = 3$	$P(3)$		$\Delta^2 \frac{P(2)}{2}$		$\Delta^4 \frac{P(1)}{24}$
		$\Delta P(3)$		$\Delta^3 \frac{P(2)}{6}$	
$x_4 = 4$	$P(4)$				

So our required polynomial will be:

$$P_4(x) = P(0) + \Delta P(0)(x-0) + \Delta^2 \frac{P(0)}{2}(x-0)(x-1) + \Delta^3 \frac{P(0)}{6}(x-0)(x-1)(x-2)$$

Compute $\Delta^2 P(10)$.

solution): We have the following divided difference table:

x	$f(x)$	B		
$x_0 = 0$	$P(0)$			
		$\Delta P(0)$		
$x_1 = 1$	$P(1)$		$\Delta^2 \frac{P(0)}{2} = 0$	
		$\Delta P(1)$		$\Delta^3 \frac{P(0)}{6} = 1$
$x_2 = 2$	$P(2)$		$\Delta^2 \frac{P(1)}{2}$	$\Delta^4 \frac{P(0)}{24} = 1$
		$\Delta P(2)$		$\Delta^3 \frac{P(1)}{6}$
$x_3 = 3$	$P(3)$		$\Delta^2 \frac{P(2)}{2}$	$\Delta^4 \frac{P(1)}{24}$
		$\Delta P(3)$		$\Delta^2 \frac{P(2)}{2}$
$x_4 = 4$	$P(4)$			

So our required polynomial will be:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_5(x) = P(0) + \Delta P(0)(x - 0) + \Delta^2 \frac{P(0)}{2}(x - 0)(x - 1) + \Delta^3 \frac{P(0)}{6}(x - 0)(x - 1)(x - 2) \\
 + \Delta^4 \frac{P(1)}{24}(x - 0)(x - 1)(x - 2)(x - 3)
 \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow

$$P_5(x) = P(0) + \Delta P(0)x + x(x-1)(x-2) + x(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)$$

$$\Delta^2 P(10) = \Delta P(11) - \Delta P(10) = P(12) - 2P(11) + P(10)$$

$$= 12 \times 11 \times 10 + 12 \times 11 \times 10 \times 9 + 10 \times 9 \times 8 + 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 - 2 \times 11 \times 10 \times 9 - 2 \times 11 \times 10 \times 9 \times 8$$

$$= 1140$$