

**Homework 1**

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First,  $V$  has dimension  $2N + 3$ .

Actually, for  $u \in V$ , it should satisfy

$$u(x_i) = u(x_{i+1}), u'(x_i) = u'(x_{i+1}), u''(x_i) = u''(x_{i+1}))$$

There are already  $3N - 3$  linear equations.

$u$  is composed by  $N$  polynomials, so it is in the polynomial space with free elements  $5N$ .

Hence the dimension of  $V$  is  $5N - 3N + 3 = 2N + 3$ .

Now for  $f_i \in V$ , denote  $f_{i,j}$  to be  $f_i|_{[x_j, x_{j+1}]}$ .

We construct basis  $V$  such that the length of  $\text{supp}(f_{i,j}) \leq \frac{3}{N}$ .

First, take 5 functions  $f_i(x)$  with support in  $[x_1, x_4]$  such that

$$f_{i,0}(x_1) = f_{i,1}(x_1), f'_{i,0}(x_1) = f'_{i,1}(x_1), f''_{i,0}(x_1) = f''_{i,1}(x_1)$$

$$f_{i,1}(x_2) = f_{i,2}(x_2), f'_{i,1}(x_2) = f'_{i,2}(x_2), f''_{i,1}(x_2) = f''_{i,2}(x_2)$$

$$f_{i,2}(x_3) = f_{i,3}(x_3), f'_{i,2}(x_3) = f'_{i,3}(x_3), f''_{i,2}(x_3) = f''_{i,3}(x_3)$$

$$f_{i,3}(x_4) = 0, f'_{i,3}(x_4) = 0, f''_{i,3}(x_4) = 0$$

Noticed that There are 12 linear equations but the free coefficients have number of 25, so it can be founded with  $f_i$  linearly independent.

Keep this process, similarly we can find functions with support in  $[x_j, x_{j+3}]$  linearly independent.

There are actually  $3N - 3$  functions. So we have found those  $3N - 3$  linearly independent functions.