

Consider the piecewise polynomial

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + 2x^2 & x \in [0, 1) \\ 2x + x^2 & x \in [1, 2) \\ 10 - 9x + 4x^2 & x \in [2, 3) \\ 27 - 20x + 6x^2 & x \in [3, 4) \\ 27 - 20x + 6x^2 & x \in [4, 5] \end{cases}$$

1. Determine the space to which  $p(x)$  belongs.

All the polynomials are of degree 2 so  $p \in P_2^5[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]$ .

We compute the derivatives of  $p$

$$p'(x) = \begin{cases} 4x & x \in [0, 1) \\ 2 + 2x & x \in [1, 2) \\ -9 + 8x & x \in [2, 3) \\ -20 + 12x & x \in [3, 4) \\ -20 + 12x & x \in [4, 5] \end{cases} \quad p''(x) = \begin{cases} 4 & x \in [0, 1) \\ 2 & x \in [1, 2) \\ 8 & x \in [2, 3) \\ 12 & x \in [3, 4) \\ 12 & x \in [4, 5] \end{cases}$$

We check orders of differentiability at the intermediate points.

- (a) At  $x_1 = 1$  order of differentiability  $r_1$ :

$$p : \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 1 + 2x^2 = 1 + 2 = 3 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 2x + x^2 = 2 + 1 = 3 \quad \Rightarrow r_1 \geq 0$$

$$p' : \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 4x = 4 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 2 + 2x = 2 + 2 = 4 \quad \Rightarrow r_1 \geq 1$$

$$p'' : \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 4 = 4 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 2 = 2 \quad \Rightarrow r_1 = 1$$

- (b) At  $x_2 = 2$  order of differentiability  $r_2$ :

$$p : \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} 2x + x^2 = 4 + 4 = 8 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} 10 - 9x + 4x^2 = 10 - 18 + 16 = 8 \quad \Rightarrow r_2 \geq 0$$

$$p' : \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} 2 + 2x = 2 + 4 = 6 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} -9 + 8x = -9 + 16 = 7 \quad \Rightarrow r_2 = 0$$

(c) At  $x_3 = 3$  order of differentiability  $r_3$ :

$$p: \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} 10 - 9x + 4x^2 = 10 - 27 + 36 = 19$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} 27 - 20x + 6x^2 = 27 - 60 + 36 = 3 \Rightarrow r_3 = -1$$

(d) At  $x_4 = 4$  order of differentiability  $r_4$ :

$$p_4(x) = 27 - 20x + 6x^2 = p_5(x) \Rightarrow r_4 = 2$$

We conclude that  $p \in P_{2,\vec{r}}^5[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]$  with  $\vec{r} = (1, 0, -1, 2)$ .

2. Construct the standard basis for that space.

We start with the standard basis for  $P_2^5[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]$  which is

$$B = \{1, x, x^2, (x-1)_+^0, (x-1)_+^1, (x-1)_+^2, (x-2)_+^0, (x-2)_+^1, (x-2)_+^2, (x-3)_+^0, \\ (x-3)_+^1, (x-3)_+^2, (x-4)_+^0, (x-4)_+^1, (x-4)_+^2, \}$$

(a) At  $x = 1$  order of differentiability is 1:

$$B = \{1, x, x^2, \cancel{(x-1)_+^0}, \cancel{(x-1)_+^1}, (x-1)_+^2, (x-2)_+^0, (x-2)_+^1, (x-2)_+^2, (x-3)_+^0, \\ (x-3)_+^1, (x-3)_+^2, (x-4)_+^0, (x-4)_+^1, (x-4)_+^2, \}$$

(b) At  $x = 2$  order of differentiability is 0:

$$B = \{1, x, x^2, \cancel{(x-1)_+^0}, \cancel{(x-1)_+^1}, (x-1)_+^2, \cancel{(x-2)_+^0}, (x-2)_+^1, (x-2)_+^2, (x-3)_+^0, \\ (x-3)_+^1, (x-3)_+^2, (x-4)_+^0, (x-4)_+^1, (x-4)_+^2, \}$$

(c) At  $x = 3$  order of differentiability is -1:

$$B = \{1, x, x^2, \cancel{(x-1)_+^0}, \cancel{(x-1)_+^1}, (x-1)_+^2, \cancel{(x-2)_+^0}, (x-2)_+^1, (x-2)_+^2, (x-3)_+^0, \\ (x-3)_+^1, (x-3)_+^2, (x-4)_+^0, (x-4)_+^1, (x-4)_+^2, \}$$

(d) At  $x = 4$  order of differentiability is 2:

$$B = \{1, x, x^2, \cancel{(x-1)_+^0}, \cancel{(x-1)_+^1}, (x-1)_+^2, \cancel{(x-2)_+^0}, (x-2)_+^1, (x-2)_+^2, (x-3)_+^0, \\ (x-3)_+^1, (x-3)_+^2, \cancel{(x-4)_+^0}, \cancel{(x-4)_+^1}, \cancel{(x-4)_+^2}, \}$$

After deleting the elements that break continuity the standard basis is

$$B = \{1, x, x^2, (x-1)_+^2, (x-2)_+^1, (x-2)_+^2, (x-3)_+^0, (x-3)_+^1, (x-3)_+^2, \}$$

3. Give the vector of coordinates of  $p$  in the standard basis.

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3(x-1)_+^2 + a_4(x-2)_+^1 + a_5(x-2)_+^2 + a_6(x-3)_+^0 + a_7(x-3)_+^1 + a_8(x-3)_+^2$$

We do the construction piecewise.

(a) for  $x \in [0, 1)$ ,  $p(x) = 1 + 2x^2$ :

$$1 + 2x^2 = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3 \cdot 0 + a_4 \cdot 0 + a_5 \cdot 0 + a_6 \cdot 0 + a_7 \cdot 0 + a_8 \cdot 0$$

so  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 0$  and  $a_2 = 2$ .

(b) for  $x \in [1, 2)$ ,  $p(x) = 2x + x^2$ :

$$2x + x^2 = 1 + 2x^2 + a_3(x - 1)^2 \rightarrow -1 + 2x - x^2 = a_3(x^2 - 2x + 1)$$

so  $a_3 = -1$ .

(c) for  $x \in [2, 3)$ ,  $p(x) = 10 - 9x + 4x^2$ :

$$10 - 9x + 4x^2 = 1 + 2x^2 - (x - 1)^2 + a_4(x - 2) + a_5(x - 2)^2$$

$$10 - 9x + 4x^2 = 1 + 2x^2 - x^2 + 2x - 1 + a_4(x - 2) + a_5(x^2 - 4x + 4)$$

$$10 - 11x + 3x^2 = a_4(x - 2) + a_5(x^2 - 4x + 4)$$

$$10 - 11x + 3x^2 = (-2a_4 + 4a_5) + (a_4 - 4a_5)x + a_5x^2$$

so  $a_4 = 1$  and  $a_5 = 3$ .

(d) for  $x \in [3, 4)$ ,  $p(x) = 27 - 20x + 6x^2$ :

$$27 - 20x + 6x^2 = 1 + 2x^2 - (x - 1)^2 + (x - 2) + 3(x - 2)^2 + a_6 + a_7(x - 3) + a_8(x - 3)^2$$

$$27 - 20x + 6x^2 = 1 + 2x^2 - x^2 + 2x - 1 + x - 2 + 3x^2 - 12x + 12 + a_6 + a_7(x - 3) + a_8(x - 3)^2$$

$$27 - 20x + 6x^2 = 4x^2 - 9x + 10 + a_6 + a_7(x - 3) + a_8(x^2 - 6x + 9)$$

$$17 - 11x + 2x^2 = (a_6 - 3a_7 + 9a_8) + (a_7 - 6a_8)x + a_8x^2$$

so  $a_6 = 2$ ,  $a_7 = 1$  and  $a_8 = 2$ .

Then the vector of coordinates is

$$(1, 0, 2, -1, 1, 3, 2, 1, 2).$$