

1. (20%) Consider  $x_0 = -1$ ,  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $x_2 = 1$ ,  $x_3 = 2$  and  $x_4 = 4$ . Construct the Lagrange polynomials associated to that nodes and give their vectors of coordinates in the standard basis.
2. (15%) Show that the set of Lagrange polynomials obtained in exercise 1 is a basis for a certain polynomial vector space. Which space?
3. (10%) Consider a polynomial  $p : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $p(x_0) = 0$ ,  $p(x_1) = 2$ ,  $p(x_2) = 1$ ,  $p(x_3) = 3$  and  $p(x_4) = 3$ . Give the vector of coordinates of  $p$  in the Lagrange basis.
4. (20%) Construct the divided differences for the nodes  $x_0 = -1$ ,  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $x_2 = 1$ ,  $x_3 = 2$  and  $x_4 = 4$  being  $f = p$  in exercise 3.
5. (15%) Construct the Newton basis associated to the nodes  $x_0 = -1$ ,  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $x_2 = 1$ ,  $x_3 = 2$  and  $x_4 = 4$ .
6. (10%) Show that the Newton basis in exercise 5 is indeed a basis of a certain polynomial vector space. Which space?
7. (10%) Give the vector of coordinates of  $p$  (the one in exercise 3) in the Newton basis (the one in exercise 5). **Hint:** you have computed the divided differences for that polynomial in exercise 4.



$$\textcircled{1} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} x_0 = -1 \\ x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = 1 \\ x_3 = 2 \\ x_4 = 4 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} 5 \text{ nodes} \Rightarrow \text{polynomials in } P_4 \\ L_i^4(x) = \prod_{j \neq i} \frac{(x - x_j)}{(x_i - x_j)} \quad i, j = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 \end{array}$$

$$L_0^4(x) = \left( \frac{x-0}{-1-0} \right) \left( \frac{x-1}{-1-1} \right) \left( \frac{x-2}{-1-2} \right) \left( \frac{x-4}{-1-4} \right) = \frac{x}{-1} \cdot \frac{x-1}{-2} \cdot \frac{x-2}{-3} \cdot \frac{x-4}{-5}$$

$$= \frac{x^4}{30} - \frac{7x^3}{30} + \frac{7x^2}{15} - \frac{4x}{15} \quad \left( 0, -\frac{4}{15}, \frac{7}{15}, -\frac{7}{30}, \frac{1}{30} \right)_{S_t}$$

$$L_1^4(x) = \left( \frac{x+1}{0+1} \right) \left( \frac{x-1}{0-1} \right) \left( \frac{x-2}{0-2} \right) \left( \frac{x-4}{0-4} \right) = \frac{x+1}{1} \cdot \frac{x-1}{-1} \cdot \frac{x-2}{-2} \cdot \frac{x-4}{-4}$$

$$= -\frac{x^4}{8} + \frac{3x^3}{4} - \frac{7x^2}{8} - \frac{3x}{4} + 1 \quad \left( 1, -\frac{3}{4}, -\frac{7}{8}, \frac{3}{4}, -\frac{1}{8} \right)_{S_t}$$

$$L_2^4(x) = \left( \frac{x+1}{1+1} \right) \left( \frac{x-0}{1-0} \right) \left( \frac{x-2}{1-2} \right) \left( \frac{x-4}{1-4} \right) = \frac{x+1}{2} \cdot \frac{x}{1} \cdot \frac{x-2}{-1} \cdot \frac{x-4}{-3}$$

$$= \frac{x^4}{6} - \frac{5x^3}{6} + \frac{x^2}{3} + \frac{4x}{3} \quad \left( 0, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{5}{6}, \frac{1}{6} \right)_{S_t}$$

$$L_3^4(x) = \left( \frac{x+1}{2+1} \right) \left( \frac{x-0}{2-0} \right) \left( \frac{x-1}{2-1} \right) \left( \frac{x-4}{2-4} \right) = \frac{x+1}{3} \cdot \frac{x}{2} \cdot \frac{x-1}{1} \cdot \frac{x-4}{-2}$$

$$= -\frac{x^4}{12} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{12} - \frac{x}{3} \quad \left( 0, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{12}, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{12} \right)_{S_t}$$

$$L_4^4(x) = \left( \frac{x+1}{4+1} \right) \left( \frac{x-0}{4-0} \right) \left( \frac{x-1}{4-1} \right) \left( \frac{x-2}{4-2} \right) = \frac{x+1}{5} \cdot \frac{x}{4} \cdot \frac{x-1}{3} \cdot \frac{x-2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{x^4}{120} - \frac{x^3}{60} - \frac{x^2}{120} + \frac{x}{60} \quad \left( 0, \frac{1}{60}, -\frac{1}{120}, -\frac{1}{60}, \frac{1}{120} \right)_{S_t}$$

②  $LB = \{L_0^4, L_1^4, L_2^4, L_3^4, L_4^4\}$  is a basis for  $P_4$ .

•  $\dim(P_4) = 5 = |LB|$  so we only need to verify linear independence.

• For linear independence  $P_4 \cong \mathbb{R}^5$  so to prove that the vectors of coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^5$  are linearly independent is the same as proving that the polynomials in  $P_4$  are linearly independent. Introducing the vectors of coordinates in a matrix and computing its determinant we get

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -4/15 & -3/4 & 4/3 & -1/3 & 1/60 \\ 7/15 & -7/8 & 1/3 & 1/12 & -1/120 \\ -7/30 & 3/4 & -5/6 & 1/3 & -1/60 \\ 1/30 & -1/8 & 1/6 & -1/12 & 1/120 \end{pmatrix} \cong 6.94 \cdot 10^4 \neq 0$$

So the vectors are linearly independent in  $\mathbb{R}^5$  and so the polynomials are linearly independent in  $P_4$ .

We can conclude they form a basis for  $P_4$ .

③  $p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $p(x_0)=0$ ,  $p(x_1)=2$ ,  $p(x_2)=1$ ,  $p(x_3)=3$

$$p(x_4)=3$$

$$p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^4 y_i L_i^4(x) \quad \text{therefore } p = (0, 2, 1, 3, 3)_{LB}$$

(4) Divided differences:

<u>Nodes</u>	$f[x_i] = y_i$	$f[x_i, x_{i+1}]$	$f[x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}]$	$f[x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, x_{i+3}]$	$f[x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, x_{i+3}, x_{i+4}]$
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$$x_0 = -1 \quad f[x_0] = 0$$

$$f[x_0, x_1] = \frac{2-0}{0+1} = 2$$

$$f[x_0, x_1, x_2] = \frac{-1-2}{1+1} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$f[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3] = \frac{\frac{3+3}{2}}{2+1} = 1$$

$$f[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4] = \textcircled{*}$$

$$x_1 = 0 \quad f[x_1] = 2$$

$$f[x_1, x_2] = \frac{1-2}{1-0} = -1$$

$$f[x_1, x_2, x_3] = \frac{2+1}{2-0} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$f[x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4] = \frac{-\frac{2}{3}-\frac{3}{2}}{4-0} = -\frac{13}{24}$$

$$x_2 = 1 \quad f[x_2] = 3$$

$$f[x_2, x_3] = \frac{3-1}{2-1} = 2$$

$$x_3 = 2 \quad f[x_3] = 3$$

$$f[x_3, x_4] = \frac{3-3}{4-2} = 0$$

$$f[x_2, x_3, x_4] = \frac{0-2}{4-1} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$x_4 = 4 \quad f[x_4] = 3$$

$$\textcircled{*} = \frac{-\frac{13}{24} - 1}{4+1} = \frac{-37}{120}$$

(5) Newton basis 5 nodes  $\rightarrow$  basis for  $P_4$

$BN = \{N_0, N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4\}$  where

$$N_0(x) = 1$$

$$N_3(x) = (x+1)(x-0)(x-1) = x^3 - x$$

$$N_1(x) = x+1$$

$$N_4(x) = (x+1)(x-0)(x-1)(x-2) = x^4 - 2x^3 - x^2 + 2x$$

$$N_2(x) = (x+1)(x-0) = x^2 + x$$

⑥  $BN = \{N_0, N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4\}$  is a basis for  $P_4$

•  $\dim(P_4) = 5 = |BN|$  so we only need to prove linear independence.

Obtaining the vectors of coordinates of the Newton polynomials in the standard basis we have

$$N_0 = (1, 0, 0, 0, 0)_{st}$$

$$N_1 = (1, 1, 0, 0, 0)_{st}$$

$$N_2 = (0, 1, 1, 0, 0)_{st}$$

$$N_3 = (0, -1, 0, 1, 0)_{st}$$

$$N_4 = (0, 2, -1, -2, 1)_{st}$$

Vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ .

To verify that they are linearly independent we introduce the vectors in a matrix and compute its determinant.

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \neq 0 \rightarrow \text{vectors are linearly independent in } \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow$$

Polynomials are linearly independent in  $P_4$ , so they form a basis.

⑦ Taking the first divided differences in exercise 4, the coordinates of  $p$  are

$$\left(0, 2, -\frac{3}{2}, 1, \frac{-37}{120}\right)_{NB}$$