

1) Lagrange polynomial to interpolate through points  $(x, y) = (-1, 6), (0, 2), (1, 4)$   
 $x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, x_3, y_3$

$$P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n y_i l_i(x)$$

$$P_{n-1} = y_1 l_1(x) + y_2 l_2(x) + y_3 l_3(x)$$

$$l_1(x) = \frac{x-x_2}{x_1-x_2} \times \frac{x-x_3}{x_1-x_3} = \frac{x-0}{-1-0} \times \frac{x-1}{-1-1} = \frac{x(x-1)}{2}$$

$$l_2(x) = \frac{x-x_1}{x_2-x_1} \times \frac{x-x_3}{x_2-x_3} = \frac{x+1}{0+1} \times \frac{x-1}{0-1} = \frac{(x+1)(x-1)}{-1} = -(x+1)(x-1)$$

$$l_3(x) = \frac{x-x_1}{x_3-x_1} \times \frac{x-x_2}{x_3-x_2} = \frac{x+1}{1+1} \times \frac{x-0}{1-0} = \frac{x(x+1)}{2}$$

$$P_2 = y_1 \frac{x(x-1)}{2} + y_2 \frac{-(x+1)(x-1)}{1} + y_3 \frac{x(x+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \frac{(x^2-x)}{x} - 2 \frac{(x^2-1)}{x} + \frac{2}{2} \frac{(x^2+x)}{x} = 3x^2 - 3x - 2x^2 + 2 + 2x^2 + 2x$$

$$\boxed{P_2 = 3x^2 - x + 2}$$

2) a) Newton polynomial to interpolate through points  $(x, y) = (-1, 6), (0, 2), (1, 4)$

$$P_n(x) = a_1 + (x-x_1)a_2 + (x-x_1)(x-x_2)a_3$$

$$y_1 = a_1$$

$$y_2 = a_1 + (x_2-x_1)a_2$$

$$y_3 = a_1 + (x_3-x_1)a_2 + (x_3-x_1)(x_3-x_2)a_3$$

$$a_1 = 6$$

$$2 = 6 + (0+1)a_2 \Rightarrow 2 = 6 + a_2 \Rightarrow a_2 = -4$$

$$4 = 6 + (1+1)(-4) + (1+1)(1-0)a_3$$

$$4 = 6 - 8 + 2a_3 \Rightarrow 2a_3 = 6 \Rightarrow a_3 = 3$$

$$P(x) = 6 + (x+1)(-4) + (x+1)(x-0)(3)$$

$$= 6 - 4x - 4 + 3x^2 + 3x$$

$$\boxed{P(x) = 3x^2 - x + 2}$$

2) a) natural piecewise cubic splines needed to interpolate through the points  $(x, y) = (-1, 6), (0, 2), (1, 4)$

General form of a cubic spline

$$(i) \quad S_i(x) = a_i x + b_i(x-x_i) + c_i(x-x_i)^2 + d_i(x-x_i)^3$$

$$S_0(x) = a_0 + b_0(x-x_0) + c_0(x-x_0)^2 + d_0(x-x_0)^3$$

$$S_1(x) = a_1 + b_1(x-x_1) + c_1(x-x_1)^2 + d_1(x-x_1)^3$$

$$S_0(x) = 6 \Rightarrow a_0 + b_0(-1+1) + c_0(-1+1)^2 + d_0(-1+1)^3 = 6$$

$$\boxed{a_0 = 6}$$

$$(ii) \quad S_0(0) = 2 \Rightarrow a_0 + b_0(0+1) + c_0(0+1)^2 + d_0(0+1)^3 = 2$$

$$6 + b_0 + c_0 + d_0 = 2$$

$$6 + b_0 + c_0 + d_0 = 2 \Rightarrow \boxed{b_0 + c_0 + d_0 = -4}$$

$$S_1(0) = 2 \Rightarrow a_1 + b_1(0-0) + c_1(0-0)^2 + d_1(0-0)^3 = 2 \Rightarrow \boxed{a_1 = 2}$$

$$S_1(1) = 4 \Rightarrow a_1 + b_1(1-0) + c_1(1-0)^2 + d_1(1-0)^3 = 4$$

$$a_1 + b_1 + c_1 + d_1 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + b_1 + c_1 + d_1 = 4 \Rightarrow \boxed{b_1 + c_1 + d_1 = 2}$$

(iii) Smoothness Condition  $S_0'(x_1) = S_1'(x_1)$

$$S_0'(0) = b_0 + 2c_0(0+1) + 3d_0(0+1)^2 = b_0 + 2c_0 + 3d_0$$

$$S_1'(0) = b_1 + 2c_1(0-0) + 3d_1(0-0)^2 = b_1$$

$$\boxed{b_0 + 2c_0 + 3d_0 = b_1}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} S_0''(0) &= 2c_0 + 6d_0(0+1) = 2c_0 + 6d_0 \\ S_1''(0) &= 2c_1 + 6d_1(0-0) = 2c_1 \end{aligned} \right\} 2c_0 + 6d_0 = 2c_1$$

iv)  $S_0''(x_0) = S_1''(x_1) = 0$

$$S_0''(-1) = 2c_0 + 6d_0(-1+1) = 2c_0 \Rightarrow \boxed{c_0 = 0}$$

$\Rightarrow a_0 = 6, c_0 = 0$

$$b_0 + d_0 = 4 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$a_1 = 2, b_1 + c_1 + d_1 = 2 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$b_0 + 3d_0 - b_1 = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

$$6d_0 - 2c_1 = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{4}$$

$$2c_1 + 6d_1 = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{5}$$

from 4  $c_1 = 3d_0$

from 5  $\Rightarrow 2c_1 + 6d_1 = 0 \Rightarrow 2(3d_0) + 6d_1 = 0 \Rightarrow d_1 = -d_0$

from 1 & 3  $b_0 + 3d_0 - b_1 = 0 \Rightarrow b_0 + d_0 + 2d_0 - b_1 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow -4 + 2d_0 = b_1 \Rightarrow b_1 = 2d_0 - 4$

from 2  $b_1 + c_1 + d_1 = 2 \Rightarrow 2d_0 - 4 + 3d_0 - d_0 = 2$

$$\Rightarrow 4d_0 - 4 = 2 \Rightarrow d_0 = \frac{6}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} \quad d_1 = -3/2$$

①  $b_0 + d_0 = 4, b_0 = 4 - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$

④  $6d_0 - 2c_1 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 3 \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{9}{2}$

⑤  $b_1 = 2 - c_1 - d_1 = 2 - \frac{9}{2} + \frac{3}{2} = -1$

finally

$$a_0 = 6$$

$$a_1 = 2$$

$$b_0 = -11/2$$

$$b_1 = -1$$

$$c_0 = 0$$

$$c_1 = 9/2$$

$$d_0 = 3/2$$

$$d_1 = -3/2$$

$$S_0(x) = 6 - \frac{11}{2}(x+1) + 0(x+1)^2 + \frac{3}{2}(x+1)^3$$

$$= 6 - \frac{11}{2}x - \frac{11}{2} + \frac{3}{2}x^3 + \frac{9}{2}x^2 + \frac{9}{2}x + \frac{3}{2}$$

$$S_0(x) = \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{9}{2}x - x + 2$$

$$S_1(x) = 2 - 1(x-0) + \frac{9}{2}(x-0) - \frac{3}{2}(x-0)^2$$

$$= 2 - x + \frac{9}{2}x - \frac{3}{2}x^2$$

$$S_1(x) = -\frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{9}{2}x - x + 2$$

2.4) Newton interpolation is preferable due to its simplicity and direct fitting properties when the data is smooth and evenly distributed.

→ Piecewise Cubic splines are preferred as they provide robust interpolation when the data is ~~noisy~~ and has irregular intervals.

→ in one problem data is smooth and has no noise, missing values we would prefer Newton polynomial interpolation.