

现代数学概论【科学计算】

Lecture 3 - Approximation & Interpolation

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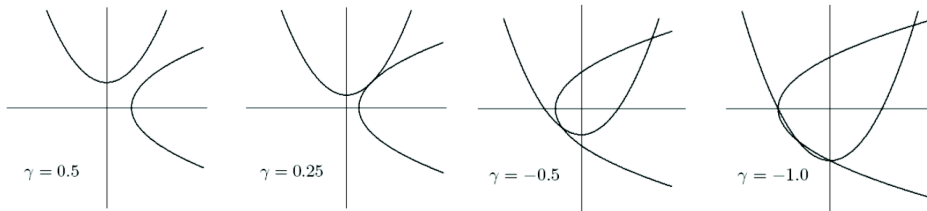
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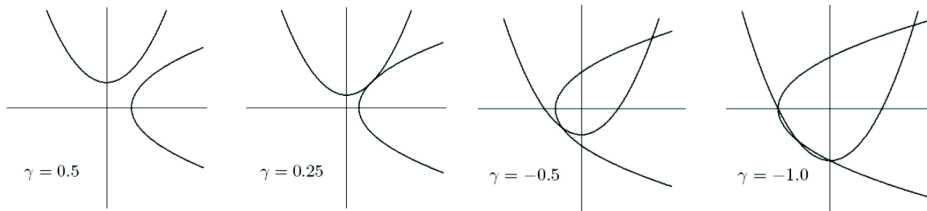


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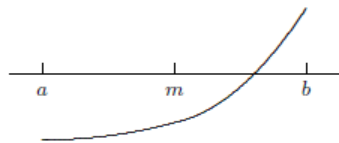
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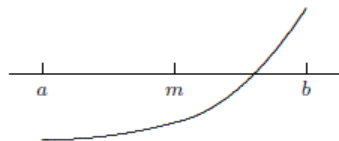
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1.500000	-1.739980	2.000000	0.362810	1.933594	-0.000846	1.933838	0.000445
1.750000	-0.873444	2.000000	0.362810	1.933716	-0.000201	1.933838	0.000445
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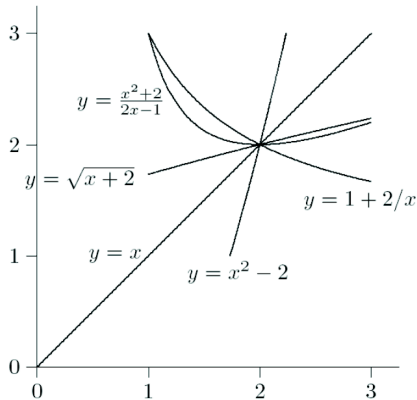
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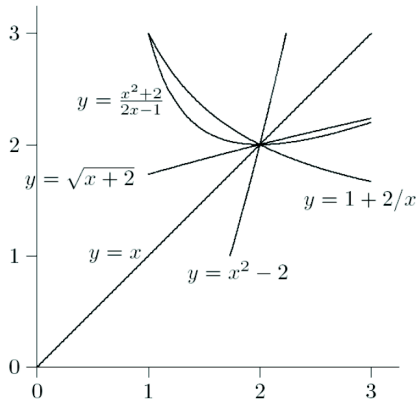
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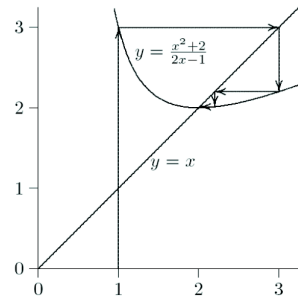
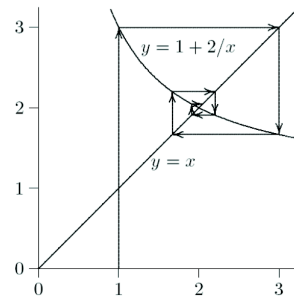
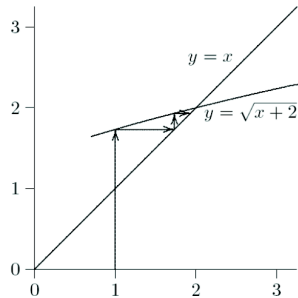
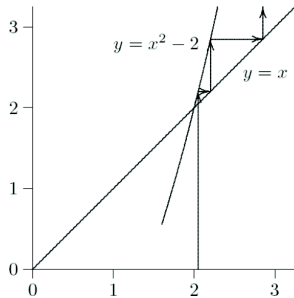


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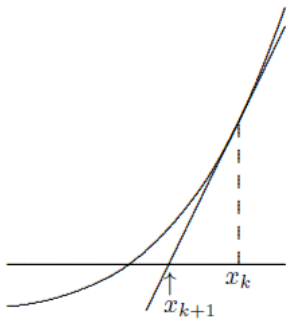


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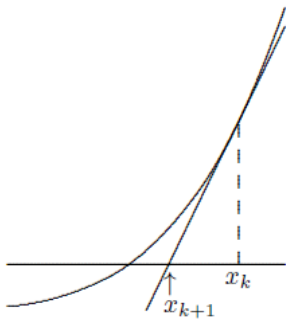
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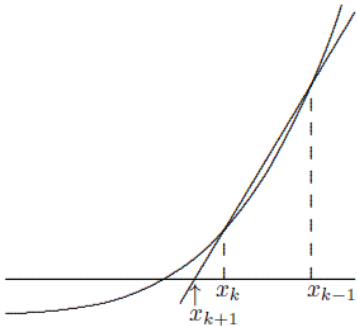
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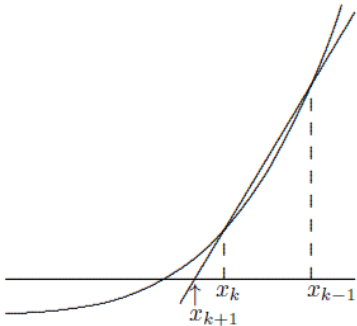
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Given $g: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, then seek $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ as the fixed point of g , such that

$$x = g(x).$$

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It is obvious that the nonlinear equation system can be rewritten with

$$x = G(x) = \begin{bmatrix} (\cos(x_1) + \sin(x_2))/3 \\ (\sin(x_1) + \cos(x_2))/4 \end{bmatrix},$$

the calculation is performed in matlab, in which the initial guess is $x_0 = [1.5, 1]^T$.

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Partial derivatives in the Jacobian matrix is approximated by *divided difference*:

Initialize the x_0

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for $k=0,1,2,\dots$

Solve $B_k s_k = -f(x_k)$

$x_{k+1} = x_k + s_k$

$y_k = f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)$

$B_{k+1} = B_k +$

$[(y_k - B_k s_k) s_k^T] / (s_k^T s_k)$

end

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1  x0 = [1.5;1]; J0 = J(x0(1),x0(2));
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4      i = i + 1; x(:, i) = tempx1;
5      s = tempJ \ (-h(tempx1(1),tempx1(2)));
6      tempx2 = tempx1 + s;
7      yk = h(tempx2(1),tempx2(2)) - h(tempx1(1),
                                     tempx1(2));
8      tempJ = tempJ + ((yk - tempJ*s)*s')/(s'*s); %
                                     Update J
9      err = max(abs(h(x(1,i),x(2,i))));
10     tempx1 = tempx2;
11     % printf("Step %d: x = %f, f(x) = %f.\n",i,
                                     tempx1, yk);

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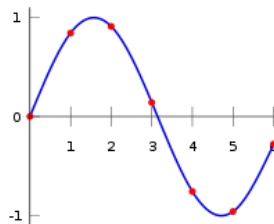
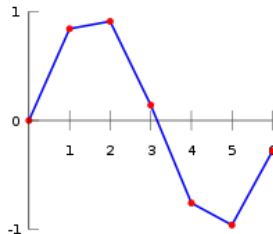
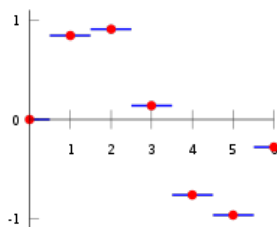
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Chapter 5. Equation Roots

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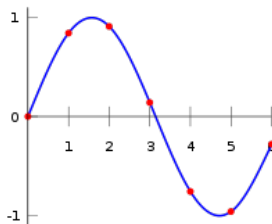
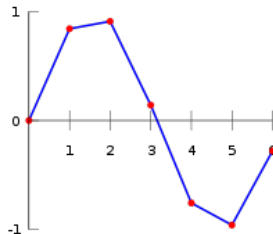
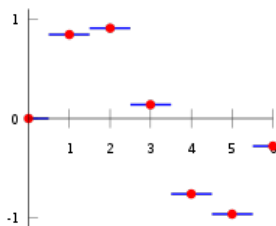


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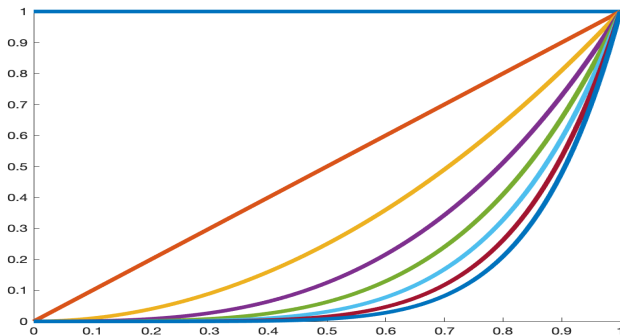
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Monomial Basis

The vector space of polynomials of degree at most $n - 1$, and the basis set is the first n *monomials*, and this is the most natural basis for \mathbb{P}_{n-1} .

$$\phi_j(t) = t^{j-1}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$



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It is worth to mention that any given polynomial $p_{n-1} \in \mathbb{P}_{n-1}$ has the form of

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Example (Interpolating with Monomial Basis)

Example 7.1 Monomial Basis. To illustrate polynomial interpolation using the monomial basis, we will determine the polynomial of degree two interpolating the three data points $(-2, -27)$, $(0, -1)$, $(1, 0)$. In general, there is a unique polynomial

$$p_2(t) = x_1 + x_2 t + x_3 t^2$$

of degree two interpolating three points (t_1, y_1) , (t_2, y_2) , (t_3, y_3) . With the monomial basis, the coefficients of the polynomial are given by the system of linear equations

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_1 & t_1^2 \\ 1 & t_2 & t_2^2 \\ 1 & t_3 & t_3^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = y.$$

For this particular set of data, this system becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -27 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solving this system by Gaussian elimination yields the solution $x = [-1 \quad 5 \quad -4]^T$, so that the interpolating polynomial is

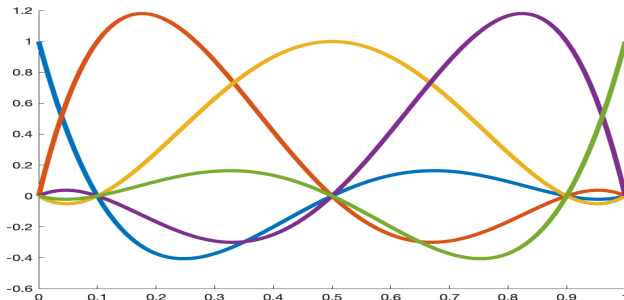
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Fundamental Polynomials

For a given set of data points (t_i, y_i) , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, the Lagrange basis function for \mathbb{P}_{n-1} are given by

$$l_j(t) = \frac{\prod_{k=1, k \neq j}^n (t - t_k)}{\prod_{k=1, k \neq j}^n (t_j - t_k)}, j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

which is also called *fundamental polynomials*



2. Lagrange Interpolation

It is straightforward that

$$l_j(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j, \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases} \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

Thus, the polynomial interpolating the data points (t_i, y_i) is given by

$$p_{n-1}(t) = y_1 l_1(t) + y_2 l_2(t) + \cdots + y_n l_n(t). \quad (3)$$

- ▶ $l_j(t)$ could be pre-computed, however, re-compute if order changed
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$$\ell(t) = (t - t_1)(t - t_2)(t - t_3) = (t + 2)t(t - 1),$$

and the weights are given by

$$\begin{aligned}w_1 &= \frac{1}{(t_1 - t_2)(t_1 - t_3)} = \frac{1}{(-2)(-3)} = \frac{1}{6}, \\w_2 &= \frac{1}{(t_2 - t_1)(t_2 - t_3)} = \frac{1}{2(-1)} = -\frac{1}{2}, \\w_3 &= \frac{1}{(t_3 - t_1)(t_3 - t_2)} = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 1} = \frac{1}{3},\end{aligned}$$

so that the interpolating quadratic polynomial is given by

$$p_2(t) = (t + 2)t(t - 1) \left(-27 \frac{1/6}{t + 2} - 1 \frac{-1/2}{t} + 0 \frac{1/3}{t - 1} \right).$$

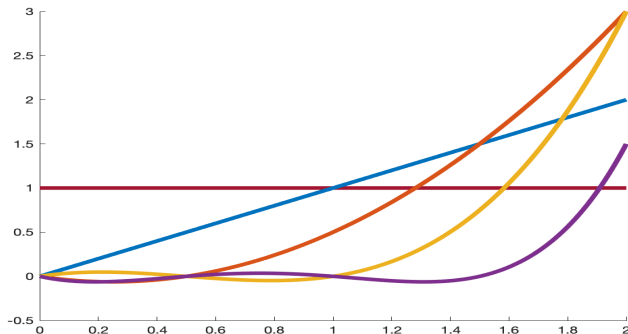
The polynomial can be evaluated efficiently in this form for any t , or it can be simplified to produce the same result we obtained in Example 7.1 using the monomial basis (as expected, since the interpolating polynomial is unique).

Newton basis functions

Given data points $\{(t_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$, the Newton basis functions for \mathbb{P}_{n-1} are given by

$$\pi_j(t) = \prod_{k=1}^{j-1} (t - t_k), \quad \forall j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

where we take the value of the product to be 1 when the limits make it vacuous.



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Let us consider now to construct an interpolating polynomial $Q_n(t)$ of degree $n - 1$ via the *Newton interpolation*. In the Newton basis, it is

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & t_2 - t_1 & 0 \\ 1 & t_3 - t_1 & (t_3 - t_1)(t_3 - t_2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For the data from Example 7.1, this system becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -27 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

whose solution, obtained by forward-substitution, is $\mathbf{x} = [-27 \quad 13 \quad -4]^T$. Thus, the interpolating polynomial is

$$p(t) = -27 + 13(t + 2) - 4(t + 2)t,$$

which reduces to the same polynomial we obtained earlier by either of the other two methods.

Example (Interpolating Incrementally with Newton Basis)

Example 7.4 Incremental Newton Interpolation. We illustrate by building the Newton interpolant for the previous example incrementally as new data points are added. We begin with the first data point, $(t_1, y_1) = (-2, -27)$, which is interpolated by the constant polynomial

$$p_1(t) = y_1 = -27.$$

Incorporating the second data point, $(t_2, y_2) = (0, -1)$, we modify the previous polynomial so that it interpolates the new data point as well:

$$\begin{aligned} p_2(t) &= p_1(t) + x_2 \pi_2(t) = p_1(t) + \frac{y_2 - p_1(t_2)}{\pi_2(t_2)} \pi_2(t) \\ &= p_1(t) + \frac{y_2 - y_1}{t_2 - t_1} (t - t_1) = -27 + 13(t + 2). \end{aligned}$$

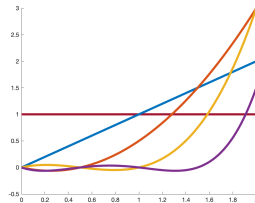
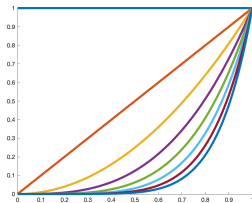
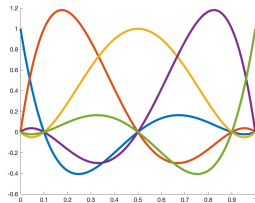
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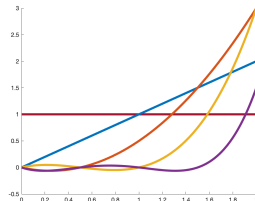
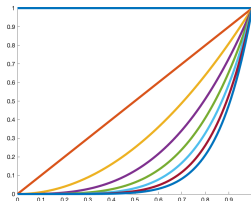
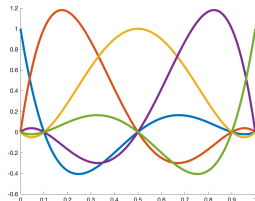


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Error estimation for polynomial interpolant

It is straightforward to verify that

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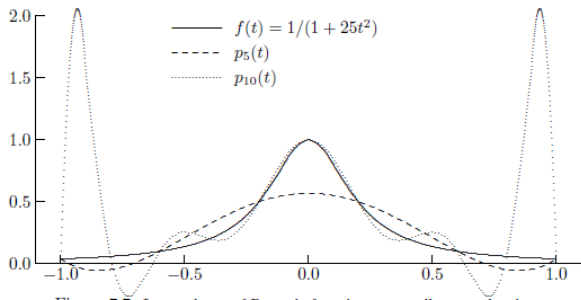
Thus the error estimation for the polynomial interpolant is

$$E_{n+1} = f(x) - P_n(x) = \omega_{n+1}(x)f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, x].$$

Especially, error for degree 2 interpolant: $E_2 = -\frac{h^2}{8}f''(\xi)$

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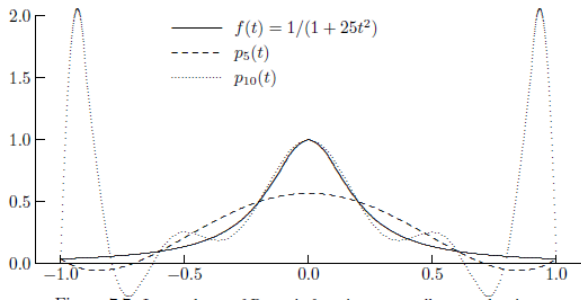


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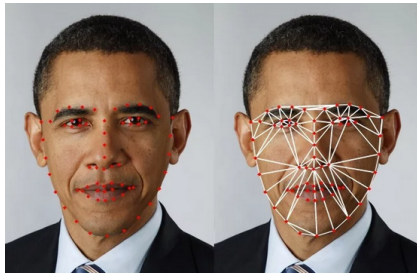
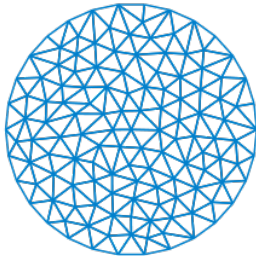
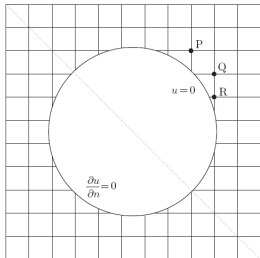


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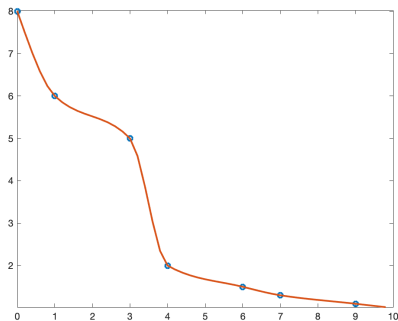
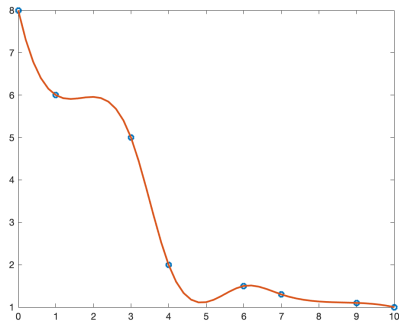


Figure: (Left) Interpolation with cubic splines; (Right) Interpolation with cubic Hermitt

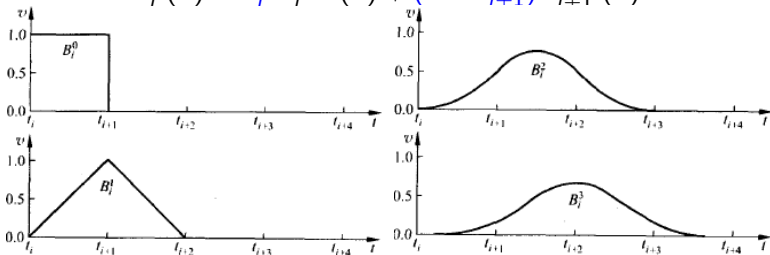
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Numerical approach for implementation least square

Let us consider three types of commonly used base functions for approximation

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$$A_{ij}^1 = t_i^{j-1}.$$

2. Non-polynomial base $\phi_j(t) = f_j(t), j = 1, 2, \dots, k$, such that

$$A_{ij}^2 = f_j(t_i).$$

3. B-spline base with knots $\{m_j | t_1 \leq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k \leq t_n, k < n - 1\}$, and

$$A_{ij}^3 = B_j^k(t_i).$$

Example

Using the above base functions to fit the COCID-19 data, including confirmed cases, suspected cases, death and cure cases. The data are shown as following:

Date	1.25	1.26	1.27	1.28	1.29	1.30	1.31
Confirmed	1377	2071	2846	4630	6086	7830	9811
Suspected	1983	2692	5794	6973	9239	12167	15238
Death	41	56	81	106	132	171	213
Cure	39	49	56	73	119	135	214

2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8
11890	14490	17341	20530	24439	31161	31774	34673
17988	19544	21558	23214	23260	26359	27657	27657
259	304	361	426	493	636	722	724
275	434	527	718	1019	1540	2050	2375

Figure: (Confirmed): Polynomial degree $k = 4$, Non-polynomial with $f(x) = \ln x$, B-spline with $k = 3$, and Neural network with 56 parameters equipped with 2 hidden layers.

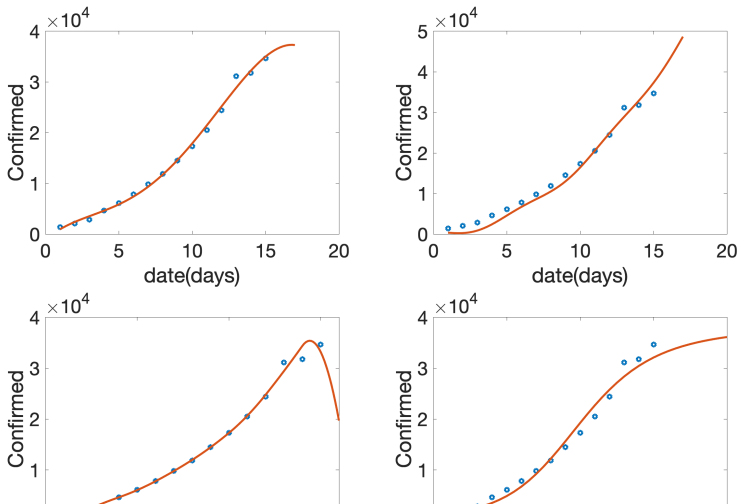


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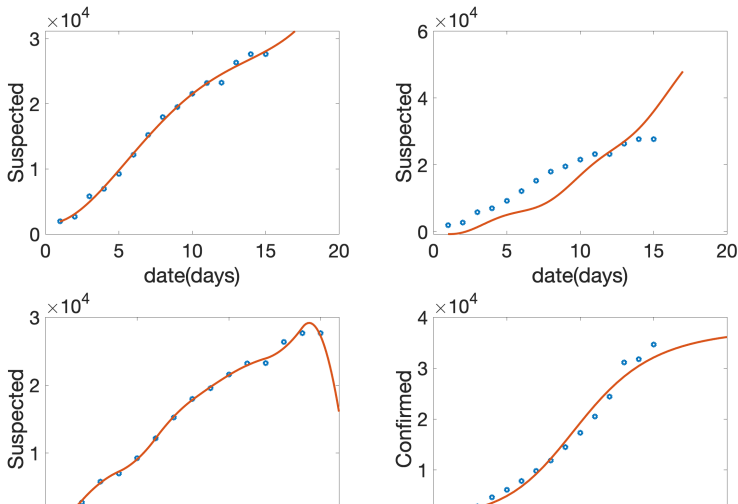


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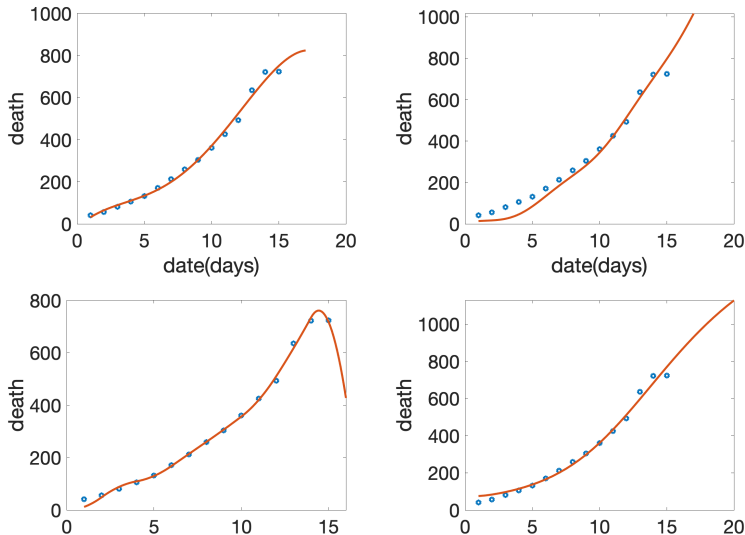
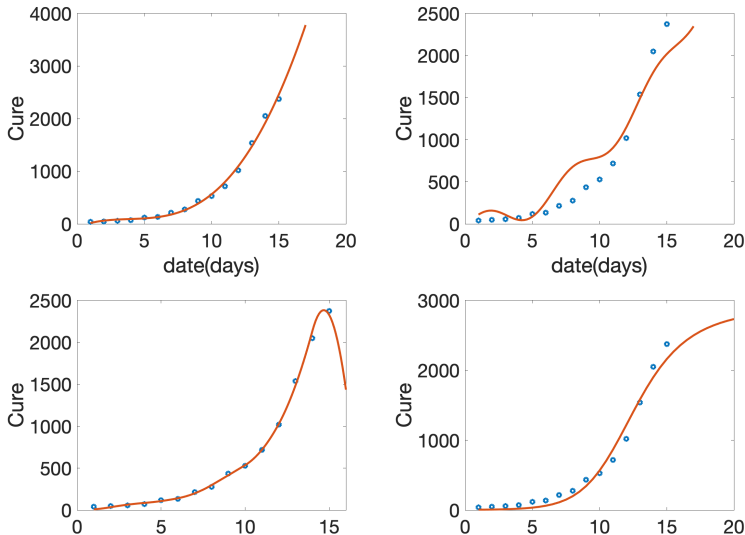


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7.1, 7.3, 7.9, 7.11, 7.16