Numerical Analysis

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Chapter 3.1: Interpolation and Lagrange Poly

Weierstrass Theorem Illustration



Chapter 3.1: Interpolation and Lagrange Poly

Theorem (3.1 Weierstrass Approximation Theorem)

Suppose that f is defined and continuous on [a, b]. For each $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a polynomial P(x), with the property that

 $|f(x) - P(x)| < \epsilon$, for all x in [a, b].

Theorem (3.2: *n*th Lagrange Interpolating Polynomial)

If x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n are n + 1 distinct numbers and f is a function whose values are given at these numbers, then a unique polynomial P(x) of degree at most n exists with

 $f(x_k) = P(x_k)$, for each k = 0, 1, ..., n.

This polynomial is given by

$$P(x) = f(x_0)L_{n,0}(x) + \dots + f(x_n)L_{n,n}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f(x_k)L_{n,k}(x),$$

where, for each k = 0, 1, ..., n,

$$L_{n,k}(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\cdots(x-x_{k-1})(x-x_{k+1})\cdots(x-x_n)}{(x_k-x_0)(x_k-x_1)\cdots(x_k-x_{k-1})(x_k-x_{k+1})\cdots(x_k-x_n)} = \prod_{\substack{i=0\\i\neq k}}^n \frac{(x-x_i)}{(x_k-x_i)}.$$

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Theorem (3.3)

Suppose $x_0, x_1, ..., x_n$ are distinct numbers in the interval [a, b]and $f \in C^{n+1}[a, b]$. Then, for each x in [a, b], a number $\xi(x)$ (generally unknown) between min $\{x_0, x_1, ..., x_n\}$, and the max $\{x_0, x_1, ..., x_n\}$ and hence in (a, b), exists with

$$f(x) = P(x) + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi(x))}{(n+1)!}(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\cdots(x-x_n),$$

where P(x) is the interpolating polynomial given in Theorem 3.2.

Definition (3.4)

Let *f* be a function defined at $x_0, x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$, and suppose that $m_1, m_2, ..., m_k$ are *k* distinct integers, with $0 \le m_i \le n$ for each *i*. The Lagrange polynomial that agrees with f(x) at the *k* points $x_{m_1}, x_{m_2}, ..., x_{m_k}$ is denoted $P_{m_1, m_2, ..., m_k}(x)$.

Theorem (3.5)

Let f be defined at x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_k , and let x_j and x_i be two distinct numbers in this set. Then

$$P(x) = \frac{(x - x_j)P_{0,1,\dots,j-1,j+1,\dots,k}(x) - (x - x_i)P_{0,1,\dots,i-1,i+1,\dots,k}(x)}{(x_i - x_j)}$$

is the kth Lagrange polynomial that interpolates f at the k + 1 points x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_k .

Algorithm 3.1: NEVILLE'S ITERATED INTERPOLATION

To evaluate the interpolating polynomial *P* on the n + 1 distinct numbers x_0, \ldots, x_n at the number *x* for the function *f*:

INPUT numbers x, x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n ; values $f(x_0), f(x_1), \ldots, f(x_n)$ as first column $Q_{0,0}, Q_{1,0}, \ldots, Q_{n,0}$ of Q. OUTPUT the table Q with $P(x) = Q_{n,n}$. Step 1 For $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ for $j = 1, 2, \ldots, i$ set $Q_{i,j} = \frac{(x - x_{i-j})Q_{i,j-1} - (x - x_i)Q_{i-1,j-1}}{x_i - x_{i-j}}$. Step 2 OUTPUT (Q); STOP.

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Algorithm 3.2: NEWTON'S DIVIDED DIFFERENCE

To obtain the divided-difference coefficients of the interpolatory polynomial *P* on the (n + 1) distinct numbers $x_0, x_1, ..., x_n$ for the function *f*:

INPUT $x_0, x_1, ..., x_n$; values $f(x_0), f(x_1), ..., f(x_n)$ as $F_{0,0}, F_{1,0}, ..., F_{n,0}$. OUTPUT the numbers $F_{0,0}, F_{1,1}, ..., F_{n,n}$ where $P_n(x) = F_{0,0} + \sum_{i=1}^n F_{i,i} \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} (x - x_j)$. $(F_{i,i} \text{ is } f[x_0, x_1, ..., x_i]$.) Step 1 For i = 1, 2, ..., nFor j = 1, 2, ..., iset $F_{i,j} = \frac{F_{i,j-1} - F_{i-1,j-1}}{x_i - x_{i-j}}$. $(F_{i,j} = f[x_{i-j}, ..., x_i]$.) Step 2 OUTPUT $(F_{0,0}, F_{1,1}, ..., F_{n,n})$; STOP. The YouTube video developed by Sujoy Krishna Das can serve as a good illustration of the Newton's Divided Difference Formula. • Newton's Video

Theorem (3.6)

Suppose that $f \in C^n[a, b]$ and x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n are distinct numbers in [a, b]. Then a number ξ exists in (a, b) with

$$f[x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n] = \frac{f^{(n)}(\xi)}{n!}.$$

Newton's Forward-Difference Formula

$$P_n(x) = f(x_0) + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{s}{k} \Delta^k f(x_0).$$

Definition (3.7)

Given the sequence $\{p_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$, define the backward difference ∇p_n (read *nabla* p_n) by

$$\nabla p_n = p_n - p_{n-1}$$
, for $n \ge 1$.

Higher powers are defined recursively by

$$abla^k p_n = \nabla (\nabla^{k-1} p_n), \quad \text{for } k \ge 2.$$



$$P_n(x) = f[x_n] + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \binom{-s}{k} \nabla^k f(x_n)$$

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Newton's forward and backward difference formulas are not appropriate for approximating f(x) when x lies near the center of the table since neither permits the highest-order difference to have x_0 close to x. A number of divided-difference formulas are available for this case. These methods are known as **centered-difference formulas**. We consider only one Centered-difference formula, Stirling's method.

Definition (Centered Difference: Stirling's Formula)

$$P_{n}(x) = P_{2m+1}(x) = f[x_{0}] + \frac{sh}{2}(f[x_{-1}, x_{0}] + f[x_{0}, x_{1}]) + s^{2}h^{2}f[x_{-1}, x_{0}, x_{1}] + \frac{s(s^{2} - 1)h^{3}}{2}f[x_{-2}, x_{-1}, x_{0}, x_{1}] + f[x_{-1}, x_{0}, x_{1}, x_{2}]) + \cdots + s^{2}(s^{2} - 1)(s^{2} - 4) \cdots (s^{2} - (m - 1)^{2})h^{2m}f[x_{-m}, \dots, x_{m}] + \frac{s(s^{2} - 1) \cdots (s^{2} - m^{2})h^{2m+1}}{2}(f[x_{-m-1}, \dots, x_{m}] + f[x_{-m} \dots, x_{m+1}]),$$

if n = 2m + 1 is odd. If n = 2m is even, we use the same formula but delete the last line.

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Table 3.12

		First	Second	Third	Fourth
		divided	divided	divided	divided
X	f(x)	differences	differences	differences	differences
X_2	$f[x_{-2}]$				
		$f[x_{-2}, x_{-1}]$			
x_1	$f[x_{-1}]$		$f[x_{-2}, x_{-1}, x_0]$		
		$f[x_{-1}, x_0]$		$f[x_{-2}, x_{-1}, x_0, x_1]$	
<i>x</i> ₀	$f[x_0]$		$f[x_{-1}, x_0, x_1]$		$f[x_{-2}, x_{-1}, x_0, x_1, x_2]$
Ť		$f[x_0, x_1]$		$f[x_{1}, x_{0}, x_{1}, x_{2}]$	
X.	$f[x_1]$		f[xo x+ xo]		
	1.413	$f[x_1, x_2]$	1		
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Definition (3.8)

Let x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n be n + 1 distinct numbers in [a, b] and for $i = 0, 1, \ldots, n$ let m_i be a nonnegative integer. Suppose that $f \in C^m[a, b]$, where $m = \max_{0 \le i \le n} m_i$. The **osculating polynomial** approximating *f* is the polynomial P(x) of least degree such that

$$\frac{d^k P(x_i)}{dx^k} = \frac{d^k f(x_i)}{dx^k}, \text{ for each } i = 0, 1, \dots, n \text{ and } k = 0, 1, \dots, m_i.$$

Chapter 3.4: Hermite Interpolation

Theorem (3.9)

If $f \in C^1[a, b]$ and $x_0, \ldots, x_n \in [a, b]$ are distinct, the unique polynomial of least degree agreeing with f and f' at x_0, \ldots, x_n is the Hermite polynomial of degree at most 2n + 1 given by

$$H_{2n+1}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{n} f(x_j) H_{n,j}(x) + \sum_{j=0}^{n} f'(x_j) \hat{H}_{n,j}(x),$$

where, for $L_{n,j}(x)$ denoting the jth Lagrange coefficient polynomial of degree n, we have

$$H_{n,j}(x) = [1 - 2(x - x_j)L'_{n,j}(x_j)]L^2_{n,j}(x)$$
 and $\hat{H}_{n,j}(x) = (x - x_j)L^2_{n,j}(x)$.

Moreover, if $f \in C^{2n+2}[a, b]$, then

$$f(x) = H_{2n+1}(x) + \frac{(x-x_0)^2 \dots (x-x_n)^2}{(2n+2)!} f^{(2n+2)}(\xi(x)),$$

for some (generally unknown) $\xi(x)$ in the interval (a, b).

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Chapter 3.4: Hermite Interpolation

Algorithm 3.3: HERMITE INTERPOLATION

To obtain the coefficients of the Hermite interpolating polynomial H(x) on the (n + 1) distinct numbers x_0, \ldots, x_n for the function f:

INPUT numbers x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n ; values $f(x_0), \ldots, f(x_n)$ and $f'(x_0), \ldots, f'(x_n)$. OUTPUT the numbers $Q_{0,0}, Q_{1,1}, \ldots, Q_{2n+1,2n+1}$ where $H(x) = Q_{0,0} + Q_{1,1}(x - x_0) + Q_{2,2}(x - x_0)^2 + Q_{3,3}(x - x_0)^2(x - x_1)$ $+ Q_{4,4}(x - x_0)^2(x - x_1)^2 + \cdots$ $+Q_{2n+1,2n+1}(x-x_0)^2(x-x_1)^2\cdots(x-x_{n-1})^2(x-x_n).$ Step 1 For $i = 0, 1, \ldots, n$ do Steps 2 and 3. Step 2 Set $z_{2i} = x_i$; $Z_{2i+1} = X_i;$ $Q_{2i,0} = f(x_i);$ $Q_{2i+1,0} = f(x_i);$ $Q_{2i+1,1} = f'(x_i).$ Step 3 If $i \neq 0$ then set $Q_{2i,1} = \frac{Q_{2i,0} - Q_{2i-1,0}}{z_{2i} - z_{2i-1}}.$ Step 4 For *i* = 2, 3, ..., 2*n* + 1 for j = 2, 3, ..., i set $Q_{i,j} = \frac{Q_{i,j-1} - Q_{i-1,j-1}}{z_i - z_{i-i}}$. Step 5 OUTPUT $(Q_{0,0}, Q_{1,1}, \ldots, Q_{2n+1,2n+1});$ STOP

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Hermite Interpolation Video

Chapter 3.5: Cubic Spline Interpolation

Definition (3.10)

Given a function *f* defined on [a, b] and a set of nodes $a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = b$, a **cubic spline interpolant** *S* for *f* is a function that satisfies the following conditions:

- (a) S(x) is a cubic polynomial, denoted $S_j(x)$, on the subinterval $[x_j, x_{j+1}]$ for each j = 0, 1, ..., n-1;
- **(b)** $S_j(x_j) = f(x_j)$ and $S_j(x_{j+1}) = f(x_{j+1})$ for each j = 0, 1, ..., n-1;
- (c) $S_{j+1}(x_{j+1}) = S_j(x_{j+1})$ for each j = 0, 1, ..., n-2; (Implied by (b).)
- (d) $S'_{j+1}(x_{j+1}) = S'_j(x_{j+1})$ for each j = 0, 1, ..., n-2;
- (e) $S_{j+1}''(x_{j+1}) = S_j''(x_{j+1})$ for each j = 0, 1, ..., n-2;
- (f) One of the following sets of boundary conditions is satisfied:

(i) $S''(x_0) = S''(x_n) = 0$ (natural (or free) boundary); (ii) $S'(x_0) = f'(x_0)$ and $S'(x_n) = f'(x_n)$ (clamped boundary).



If *f* is defined at $a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = b$, then *f* has a unique natural spline interpolant *S* on the nodes x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n ; that is, a spline interpolant that satisfies the natural boundary conditions S''(a) = 0 and S''(b) = 0.

Algorithm 3.4: NATURAL CUBIC SPLINE

To construct the cubic spline interpolant S for the function f, defined at the numbers $x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n$, satisfying $S''(x_0) = S''(x_n) = 0$: INPUT $n; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n; a_0 = f(x_0), a_1 = f(x_1), \ldots, a_n = f(x_n).$ OUTPUT a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i for j = 0, 1, ..., n - 1. (Note: $S(x) = S_i(x) = a_i + b_i(x - x_i) + c_i(x - x_i)^2 + d_i(x - x_i)^3$ for $x_i \le x \le x_{i+1}$.) Step 1 For i = 0, 1, ..., n - 1 set $h_i = x_{i+1} - x_i$. Step 2 For i = 1, 2, ..., n-1 set $\alpha_i = \frac{3}{h_i}(a_{i+1} - a_i) - \frac{3}{h_{i-1}}(a_i - a_{i-1})$. Step 3 Set $l_0 = 1$; $\mu_0 = 0$; $z_0 = 0$. (Steps 3-5, & part of 6 solve tridiagonal linear system by method in Algorithm 6.7.) Step 4 For i = 1, 2, ..., n - 1set $l_i = 2(x_{i+1} - x_{i-1}) - h_{i-1}\mu_{i-1}$; $\mu_i = h_i/l_i; z_i = (\alpha_i - h_{i-1}z_{i-1})/l_i.$ Step 5 Set $I_n = 1$; $z_n = 0$; $c_n = 0$. Step 6 For i = n - 1, n - 2, ..., 0set $c_i = z_i - \mu_i c_{i+1}$; $b_i = (a_{i+1} - a_i)/h_i - h_i (c_{i+1} + 2c_i)/3$; $b_i = (a_{i+1} - a_i)/h_i - h_i(c_{i+1} + 2c_i)/3;$ Step 7 OUTPUT $(a_j, b_j, c_j, d_j \text{ for } j = 0, 1, ..., n - 1);$ STOP

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Theorem (3.12)

If f is defined at $a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = b$ and differentiable at a and b, then f has a unique clamped spline interpolant S on the nodes x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n ; that is, a spline interpolant that satisfies the clamped boundary conditions S'(a) = f'(a) and S'(b) = f'(b).

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Algorithm 3.5: CLAMPED CUBIC SPLINE

To construct the cubic spline interpolant *S* for the function *f* defined at the numbers $x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n$, satisfying $S'(x_0) = f'(x_0)$ and $S'(x_n) = f'(x_n)$:

INPUT $n; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n; a_0 = f(x_0), a_1 = f(x_1), \ldots, a_n = f(x_n); FPO = f'(x_0); FPN = f'(x_n).$

OUTPUT a_j, b_j, c_j, d_j for j = 0, 1, ..., n - 1. (Note: $S(x) = S_j(x) = a_j + b_j(x - x_j) + c_j(x - x_j)^2 + d_j(x - x_j)^3$ for $x_j \le x \le x_{j+1}$.)

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Step 1 For } i=0,1,\ldots,n-1 \text{ set } h_i=x_{i+1}-x_i.\\ \text{Step 2 Set } \alpha_0=3(a_1-a_0)/h_0-3FPO; \ \alpha_n=3FPN-3(a_n-a_{n-1})/h_{n-1}.\\ \alpha_n=3FPN-3(a_n-a_{n-1})/h_{n-1}.\\ \text{Step 3 For } i=1,2,\ldots,n-1\\ \text{ set } \alpha_i=\frac{3}{h_i}(a_{i+1}-a_i)-\frac{3}{h_{i-1}}(a_i-a_{i-1}).\\ \text{Step 4 Set } h_0=2h_0; \ \mu_0=0.5; \ _0=\alpha_0/h_0. \quad (\text{Step 4-6, & part of 7 solve a tridiagonal linear system by method in Algorithm 6.7})\\ \text{Step 5 For } i=1,2,\ldots,n-1\\ \text{ set } h_i=2(x_{i+1}-x_{i-1})-h_{i-1}\mu_{i-1}; \ \mu_i=h_i/h_i; \ z_i=(\alpha_i-h_{i-1}z_{i-1})/h_i.\\ \text{Step 6 Set } h_n=h_n-1(2-\mu_{n-1}); \ z_n=(\alpha_n-h_{n-1}z_{n-1})/h_n; \ c_n=z_n.\\ \text{ set } c_j=z_j-\mu_jc_{j+1}; \ b_j=(a_{j+1}-a_j)/h_j-h_j(c_{j+1}+2c_j)/3; \ d_j=(c_{j+1}-c_j)/(3h_j).\\ \text{Step 8 OUTPUT (} a_j, b_j, c_j, \ d_j \text{ for } j=0, 1,\ldots,n-1);\\ \text{ STOP.} \end{array}$



Let $f \in C^4[a, b]$ with $\max_{a \le x \le b} |f^{(4)}(x)| = M$. If S is the unique clamped cubic spline interpolant to f with respect to the nodes $a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = b$, then for all x in [a, b],

$$|f(x) - S(x)| \le \frac{5M}{384} \max_{0 \le j \le n-1} (x_{j+1} - x_j)^4.$$

Chapter 3.6: Parametric Curves

Algorithm 3.6: BÉZIER CURVE

To construct the cubic Bézier curves C_0, \ldots, C_{n-1} in parametric form, where C_i is represented by

$$(x_i(t), y_i(t)) = (a_0^{(i)} + a_1^{(i)}t + a_2^{(i)}t^2 + a_3^{(i)}t^3, b_0^{(i)} + b_1^{(i)}t + b_2^{(i)}t^2 + b_3^{(i)}t^3),$$

for $0 \le t \le 1$, as determined by the left endpoint (x_i, y_i) , left guidepoint (x_i^+, y_i^+) , right endpoint (x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}) , and right guidepoint (x_{i+1}^-, y_{i+1}^-) for each i = 0, 1, ..., n - 1: INPUT n; $(x_0, y_0), ..., (x_n, y_n)$; $(x_0^+, y_0^+), ..., (x_{n-1}^+, y_{n-1}^+)$; $(x_1^-, y_1^-), ..., (x_n^-, y_n^-)$. OUTPUT coefficients $\{a_0^{(i)}, a_1^{(i)}, a_2^{(i)}, a_3^{(i)}, b_0^{(i)}, b_1^{(i)}, b_2^{(i)}, b_3^{(i)}$, for $0 \le i \le n - 1\}$.

Step 1 For each
$$i = 0, 1, ..., n - 1$$
 do Steps 2 and 3.
Step 2 Set $a_0^{(i)} = x_i$; $b_0^{(i)} = y_i$; $a_1^{(i)} = 3(x_i^+ - x_i)$; $b_1^{(i)} = 3(y_i^+ - y_i)$;
 $a_2^{(i)} = 3(x_i + x_{i+1}^- - 2x_i^+)$; $b_2^{(i)} = 3(y_i + y_{i+1}^- - 2y_i^+)$;
 $a_3^{(i)} = x_{i+1} - x_i + 3x_i^+ - 3x_{i+1}^-$; $b_3^{(i)} = y_{i+1} - y_i + 3y_i^+ - 3y_{i+1}^-$;
Step 3 OUTPUT ($a_0^{(i)}, a_1^{(i)}, a_2^{(i)}, a_3^{(i)}, b_0^{(i)}, b_1^{(i)}, b_2^{(i)}, b_3^{(i)}$).
Step 4 STOP.



The following website links to a Java applet that can serve as a good illustration of the Bézier Curve. This applet works best in Firefox. The URL may need to be added to the Java security exceptions. • Bézier Curve Java Applet