

Theorem 3.5 Let f be defined at x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k and let x_j and x_i be two distinct numbers in this set. Then

$$P(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)P_{k-1}(x) - (x-x_0)P_{k-1}(x)}{(x_0-x_1)}$$

is the k th Lagrange polynomial that interpolates f at the $k+1$ points x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k .

3.2 Problems
Problem 1. Use Newton's method to approximate $\sqrt{3}$ with the following functions and values:

- $f(x) = 3^x$ and the values $x_0 = -2, x_1 = -1, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 1, x_4 = 2$
- $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and the values $x_0 = 0, x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2, x_3 = 4, x_4 = 5$

2. Compare the accuracy of the approximations in parts (a) and (b).
Problem 2. Let $P_4(x)$ be the interpolating polynomial for the data $(0,0), (1,3), (2,2)$. Find y if the coefficient of x^3 in $P_4(x)$ is 6.

i	x_i	$f(x_i)$
0	-2	$f(-2)$
1	-1	$f(-1)$
2	0	$f(0)$
3	1	$f(1)$
4	2	$f(2)$

$\sqrt{3} = 3^{1/2} = f(1/2)$
We want to approximate $f(1/2)$
using polynomials of growing degree

$Q_{0,0}(1/2)$ 0th order poly using x_0
 $Q_{1,0}(1/2)$ 1st order poly using x_0, x_1
 $Q_{2,0}(1/2)$ 2nd order poly using x_0, x_1, x_2
 $Q_{3,0}(1/2)$ 3rd order poly using x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3
 $Q_{4,0}(1/2)$ 4th order poly using x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4

$Q_{0,0} = 1$
 $Q_{1,0} = .5$
 $Q_{2,0} = 1$
 $Q_{3,0} = 3$
 $Q_{4,0} = 9$

Let 1st order polynomials.
 $Q_{1,1} : 1^{st}$ order poly using x_0, x_1
 $Q_{2,1} : 2^{nd}$ order poly using x_0, x_1, x_2
 $Q_{3,1} : 3^{rd}$ order poly using x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3
 $Q_{4,1} : 4^{th}$ order poly using x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4

$$Q_{1,1}(1/2) = \frac{(1/2 - x_0)Q_{0,0}(1/2) - (1/2 - x_1)Q_{0,0}(1/2)}{(x_1 - x_0)}$$

$Q_{2,1} : 2^{nd}$ order poly using x_0, x_1, x_2
 $Q_{3,1} : 3^{rd}$ order poly using x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3
 $Q_{4,1} : 4^{th}$ order poly using x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4

$$Q_{2,2}(1/2) = \frac{(x - x_0)Q_{2,1}(1/2) - (x - x_1)Q_{1,1}(1/2)}{(x_2 - x_0)}$$

x_0, x_1, x_2

$$P_n(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)(x-x_1) + \dots + a_n(x-x_0)\dots(x-x_{n-1}) \quad (3.5)$$

$$a_0 = f(x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$f(x_i) = f(x_i) \quad (3.7)$$

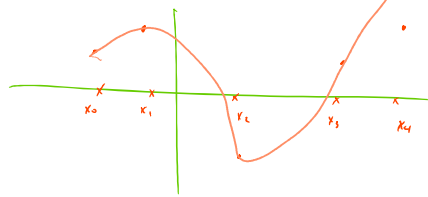
The remaining divided differences are defined recursively; the first divided difference of f with respect to x_i and x_{i+1} is denoted $f[x_i, x_{i+1}]$ and defined as

$$f[x_i, x_{i+1}] = \frac{f[x_{i+1}] - f[x_i]}{x_{i+1} - x_i} \quad (3.8)$$

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

Newton's Method

Recursive algorithm to construct an interpolating poly @ a point.



Formula
 P_{i-1} $n-1$ degree poly x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}
 P_i interpolates all $\{x_k\}$ except x_i
 P_j interpolates all $\{x_k\}$ except x_j

P_n interpolates all

$$P_n(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)}{(x_0-x_1)\dots(x_0-x_n)} P_0 + \dots + \frac{(x-x_0)\dots(x-x_{n-1})}{(x_n-x_0)\dots(x_n-x_{n-1})} P_n$$

$x_j - x_i$

3.3 Problems
Problem 3. Use Newton forward-difference formula to construct interpolating polynomials of degree one, two, and three for the following data. Approximate the specified value using each of the polynomials f, f_1, f_2, f_3 .

x_i	$f(x_i)$
0	1
1	1.46128
2	2.18588
3	3.242959

Problem 4. Show that the polynomial interpolating the following data has degree three.

x_i	$f(x_i)$
-2	1
-1	0
1	1
2	1

Theorem 3.3 Suppose x_0, x_1, \dots, 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 $\min\{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ and the max $\{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ and hence in $[a, b]$, exists with

$$f(x) = P(x) + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi(x))}{(n+1)!} (x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n) \quad (3.3)$$

where $P(x)$ is the interpolating polynomial given in Eq. (3.1).

Proof Note first that if $\xi = x_k$, for any $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$, then $f(x) = P(x)$, and choosing $\xi(x)$ arbitrarily in (a, b) yields Eq. (3.3).

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If $x \neq x_k$, for all $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$, define the function g for t in $[a, b]$ by

$$g(t) = f(t) - P(t) - \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (t-x_0)(t-x_1)\dots(t-x_n)$$

Since $f \in C^{n+1}[a, b]$, and $P \in C^n[a, b]$, it follows that $g \in C^{n+1}[a, b]$. For $t = x_k$, we have

$$g(x_k) = f(x_k) - P(x_k) - \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (x_k-x_0)\dots(x_k-x_n) = 0 - [f(x_k) - P(x_k)] = 0 = 0.$$

Moreover,

$$g'(x_k) = f'(x_k) - P'(x_k) - \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} \sum_{j=0}^n (x_k-x_j) = f'(x_k) - P'(x_k) - [f'(x_k) - P'(x_k)] = 0.$$

Thus, $g \in C^{n+1}[a, b]$, and g is zero at the $n+2$ distinct numbers $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, \xi$. By Generalized Rolle's Theorem 1.10, there exists a number ξ in (a, b) for which $g^{(n+1)}(\xi) = 0$. So,

$$0 = g^{(n+1)}(\xi) = f^{(n+1)}(\xi) - \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (n+1)! = f^{(n+1)}(\xi) - f^{(n+1)}(\xi) = 0 \quad (3.4)$$

However, $P(x)$ is a polynomial of degree at most n , so the $(n+1)$ st derivative, $P^{(n+1)}(x)$, is identically zero. Also, $\frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (n+1)! = f^{(n+1)}(\xi)$ is a polynomial of degree $(n+1)$, so

$$\frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (n+1)! = \left[\frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (n+1)! \right]^{n+1} + \text{(lower-degree terms in } \xi),$$

and

$$\frac{d^{n+1}}{d\xi^{n+1}} \left[\frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (n+1)! \right] = \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)!} = 1$$

Equation (3.4) now becomes

$$0 = f^{(n+1)}(\xi) - 0 - \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (n+1)! = f^{(n+1)}(\xi) - f^{(n+1)}(\xi) = 0$$

and, upon solving for $f(x)$, we have

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



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



$$\frac{(t-x_0)(t-x_1)\dots(t-x_n)}{(x_0-x_1)\dots(x_0-x_n)} = \frac{1}{(x_0-x_1)\dots(x_0-x_n)} (t-x_0)\dots(t-x_n)$$

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