

Piecewise linear interpolation

* Let $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ be $n+1$ distinct nodal points
the piecewise linear interpolating polynomial

$$P_{i,1}(x) = \frac{x-x_i}{x_{i-1}-x_i} f(x_{i-1}) + \frac{x-x_{i-1}}{x_i-x_{i-1}} f(x_i), \quad i=1,2,\dots,n$$

where $x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$

Ex: Obtain the piecewise linear interpolating polynomials for the function $f(x)$ defined by the data

x	1	2	4	8
$f(x)$	3	7	21	73

find values of $f(3)$ and $f(7)$.

Solⁿ:

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= 1, & f(x_0) &= 3 \\ x_1 &= 2, & f(x_1) &= 7 \\ x_2 &= 4, & f(x_2) &= 21 \\ x_3 &= 8, & f(x_3) &= 73 \end{aligned}$$

$$P_1(x) = \frac{x-x_1}{x_0-x_1} f(x_0) + \frac{x-x_0}{x_1-x_0} f(x_1)$$

(Here $i=1$)

where $x \in [x_0, x_1]$, $P_1(x)$ denote as linear interpolation
ie $x \in [1, 2]$

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(x) &= \frac{x-2}{(1-2)} (3) + \frac{(x-1)}{(2-1)} 7 \\ &\Rightarrow -3(x-2) + 7(x-1) \\ &\Rightarrow 4x-1 \end{aligned}$$

Now, $i=2$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [x_1, x_2] \Rightarrow x \in [2, 4]$$

$$P_2(x) = \frac{x-4}{(2-4)} (7) + \frac{(x-2)}{(4-2)} 21$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x - 7$$

Now $i = 3$

$$x \in [4, 8]$$

$$P_i(x) = \frac{x-8}{(4-8)} (21) + \frac{(x-4)}{(8-4)} (73)$$

$$\Rightarrow 13x - 31$$

the piecewise linear interpolating polynomials are given as.

$$P_i(x) = \begin{cases} 4x-1 & , 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 7x-7 & , 2 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 13x-31 & , 4 \leq x \leq 8. \end{cases}$$

① $f(3) = ?$

$$3 \in [2, 4]$$

$$\Rightarrow P_i(x) = 7x - 7$$

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② $f(7) = ?$

$$7 \in [4, 8]$$

$$\Rightarrow P_i(x) = 13x - 31$$

$$= 13(7) - 31$$

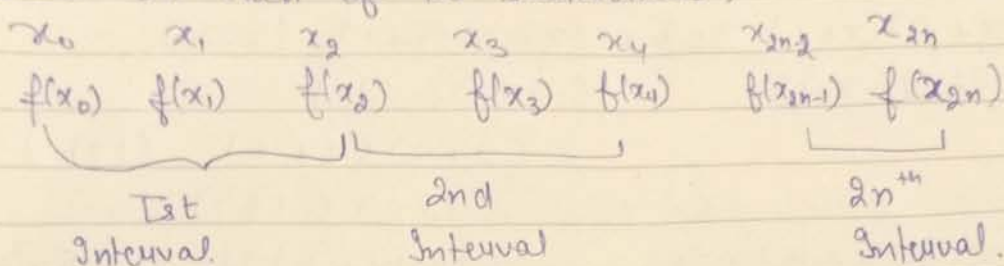
$$\Rightarrow 91 - 31$$

$$\Rightarrow 60$$

Piecewise Quadratic Interpolation

Let $[a, b]$ be given interval
 we subdivide the given interval $[a, b]$
 where $a = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n = b$

On each of the subintervals,



The Quadratic Interpolating polynomial.

$$P_2(x) = \frac{(x-x_i)(x-x_{i+1})}{(x_{i-1}-x_i)(x_{i-1}-x_{i+1})} f(x_{i-1}) + \frac{(x-x_{i-1})(x-x_{i+1})}{(x_i-x_{i-1})(x_i-x_{i+1})} f(x_i) + \frac{(x-x_{i-1})(x-x_i)}{(x_{i+1}-x_{i-1})(x_{i+1}-x_i)} f(x_{i+1}) \quad \text{--- } \otimes$$

Ex Obtain the piecewise quadratic interpolating polynomials for the function $f(x)$ defined by the data.

	x_0	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6
x	-3	-2	-1	1	3	6	7
$f(x)$	369	222	171	165	207	990	1779

Hence, find an approximate value of $f(-2.5)$ & $f(6.5)$

Solⁿ Here 1st Interval = $[x_0, x_2] = [-3, -1]$
 2nd Interval = $[x_2, x_4] = [-1, 3]$
 3rd Interval = $[x_4, x_6] = [3, 7]$

let $i = 1$

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quadratic eqⁿ

$$P_{1,2}(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)} f(x_0) + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)} f(x_1) + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)} f(x_2)$$

Nodal points $\{-3, -2, -1\}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(x+2)(x+1)}{(-3+2)(-3+1)} 369 + \frac{(x+3)(x+1)}{(-2+3)(-2+1)} (222) + \frac{(x+3)(x+2)}{(-1+3)(-1+2)} (171)$$
$$= \frac{(x^2+3x+2) 369}{2} + \frac{(x^2+4x+3) 222}{1} + \frac{171(x^2+5x+6)}{2}$$

\Rightarrow

$$= 48x^2 + 93x + 1548$$

Here $i=2$, ~~x_1, x_2, x_3~~ $\{ \overset{x_1}{-1}, \overset{x_2}{1}, \overset{x_3}{3} \}$ - point.

$$P_{(2,2)}(x) = \frac{(x-x_2)(x-x_3)}{(x_1-x_2)(x_1-x_3)} f(x_1) + \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_3)}{(x_2-x_1)(x_2-x_3)} f(x_2) + \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_3-x_1)(x_3-x_2)} f(x_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(x-1)(x-3)}{(-1-1)(-1-3)} (171) + \frac{(x+1)(x-3)}{(1+1)(1-3)} (165) + \frac{(x+1)(x-1)}{(3+1)(3-1)} (207)$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x^2 - 3x + 162$$

$$\text{points} = \{3, 6, 7\}$$

$$P_{3,2}(x) = \frac{(x-6)(x-7)(207)}{(3-6)(3-7)} + \frac{(x-3)(x-7)(990)}{(6-3)(6-7)} + \frac{(x-3)(x-6)(1779)}{(7-3)(7-6)}$$

$$= 132x^2 - 927x + 1800$$

Ques: Obtain the piecewise linear interpolating polynomial for the function $f(x)$ defined by the given data.

x	0	1	2	3
$f(x)$	1	2	5	10

4 interpolate at $x = 0.5$ and 1.5 .