

Notes for Week 3

Relation between Secant & Newton Raphson Method

• Secant Method:

$$P_2 = P_1 - \frac{f(P_1)(P_1 - P_0)}{f(P_1) - f(P_0)}$$

If we make:

$$P_1 = P_0 + \epsilon$$
$$P_2 = P_0 + \epsilon - \frac{f(P_0 + \epsilon)(P_0 + \epsilon - P_0)}{f(P_0 + \epsilon) - f(P_0)}$$

$$\epsilon \Rightarrow 0$$

$$P_2 = P_0 - \frac{f(P_0) \cdot \epsilon}{f(P_0 + \epsilon) - f(P_0)}$$

$$P_2 = P_0 - \frac{f(P_0)}{f'(P_0)}$$

• Newton Method

The secant Method ^{convert} to Newton Method, $P_1 = P_0$

The second m solution of Linear system

$$A X = B$$

This is a system of equations.

eg.

$$6x + 3y + 2z = 29$$

$$3x + y + 2z = 17$$

$$2x + 2y + 2z = 21$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 29 \\ 17 \\ 21 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix \uparrow vector

*Definitions.

N-Dimensional vector.

$$X = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots)$$

x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are called components of X

When a vector is used for determining a position it

The nonor Euclidean Norm of a vector.

$$|X| = (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + \dots + x_n^2)^{1/2}$$

Multiplication CX is stretched vector when $|C| > 1$ & shrinks vector when $|C| < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} |CX| &= (C_1^2 x_1^2 + C_2^2 x_2^2 + \dots + C_n^2 x_n^2)^{1/2} \\ &= |C| (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2)^{1/2} \\ &= |C| \cdot |X| \end{aligned}$$

Relationship between product & norm of a vector

$$\begin{aligned} |X|^2 &= x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2 \\ &= X \cdot X \end{aligned}$$

Displacement vector.

If X & Y represent 2 points in the space, the disp vector from X to Y is given by the difference $|Y - X|$.

$$|Y - X|$$

The distance between 2 points in space:

$$||Y| - |X|| = ((x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + \dots + (x_n - y_n)^2)^{1/2}$$

eg:

$$\text{Let } X = (-1, 3, 2) \quad Y = (3, 5, 2)$$

$$\text{Sum } X + Y = (-1 + 3, 3 + 5, 2 + 2) = (2, 8, 4)$$

$$\text{Difference } X - Y = (-1 - 3, 3 - 5, 2 - 2) = (-4, -2, 0)$$

Matrices.

If A is a matrix then the letter a_{ij} denotes the number in location i, j . (i th row & j th column)

If A is a $M \times N$ matrix, then it has M rows & N columns

eg: $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}$

A is a 3×4 matrix

You can say that an $M \times N$ matrix has M rows of N dimensional vectors.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = [v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4]$$

or A can be seen as N columns with N dimensions

$$A = [c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_4]$$

Operations:

- Equality $A = B$ if $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$.
- Sum $A + B = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}]_{m \times n}$
- Negation $-A = [-a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$.
- Difference $A - B = [a_{ij} - b_{ij}]_{m \times n}$.
- Scalar Multiplication: $cA = [ca_{ij}]_{m \times n}$
- Weight sum: $pA + qB = [pa_{ij} + qb_{ij}]_{m \times n}$.

eg: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 7 \\ 6 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$3A + 2B = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 7 \\ 6 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3A + 2B = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 17 \\ 24 & 22 \\ 13 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Properties:

Suppose A, B, C are $M \times N$ Matrices

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} I_B + I_A = I_A + I_B \\ \phi + I_A = I_A + \phi \\ I_A - I_A = I_A + (-I_A) = \phi \\ (I_A + I_B) + I_C = I_A + (I_B + I_C) \\ (p+q)I_A = pI_A + qI_A \\ p(I_A + I_B) = pI_A + pI_B \\ pqI_A = (pq)I_A \\ I_A - I_B = C \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} I_A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n} \\ I_B = [b_{kj}]_{m \times p} \end{array} \right.$$

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj}$$

eg:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & 6 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2 \times \textcircled{3} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \textcircled{3} \times 4$$

— Special Matrix

$$\phi = (\phi)_{m \times n}$$

Identity Matrix

$$I_N = [s_{ij}], \quad s_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & i=j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

eg

$$I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} I A I = I A \\ I A B C = I A \cdot I B \cdot C \\ I A = I A I = I A \\ I A (I B + C) = I A \cdot I B + I B \cdot C \\ (I A + I B) \cdot C = I A \cdot C + I B \cdot C \end{array} \right.$$

A is $M \times N$ invertible

$$I A \cdot B = I B \cdot I A = I$$

— B is called an inverse of $I A$ or $I A^T$

$$I A^{-1} = I A^{-1} \cdot I A = I$$

Upper triangular system of Linear Equation

Matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ is called upper triangular if $a_{ij} = 0$ when

$i > j$
eg:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

A matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ is called a lower triangular if $a_{ij} = 0$ when $i < j$

eg:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Upper triangular system of Linear Equation

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1N}x_N = b_1$$

$$- \quad - \quad a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 + \dots + a_{2N}x_N = b_2$$

$$| \quad | \quad a_{33}x_3 + \dots + a_{3N}x_N = b_3$$

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$$| \quad | \quad | \quad | \quad a_{NN}x_N = b_N$$

$$AX = B$$

upper triangular.

To solve the system, use back substitution.

$$x_N = \frac{b_N}{a_{NN}}$$

$$x_{N-1} = \frac{b_{N-1} - a_{N-1,N}x_N}{a_{N-1,N-1}}$$

$$\vdots$$
$$x_1 = \frac{b_1 - a_{1N}x_N - a_{1,N-1}x_{N-1} - \dots - a_{12}x_2}{a_{11}}$$

* Gauss Elimination

- It is an essential method used to solve systems of linear equations

- It uses some transformation/equations on the equations that do not affect the system of linear equations

- Using these transformations it converts the system to an upper triangular matrix that can be solved with back substitution transformations:

① Interchange

The order of 2 equations can be changed
example

$$x + 2y + 4z = 19$$

$$8x + 9y + 3z = 35$$

$$x + y + z = 6$$

② Scaling:

We can multiply an equation by a constant & that will not affect the solution.

Example: * A by 2

$$2x + 5y + 8z = 38$$

$$x + 9y + 3z = 35$$

$$x + y + z = 6$$

③ Replacement

An equation can be replaced by the sum of itself & one or more non zero multiple of another equation

Example:

A

B

C

Use these method to transfer to convert to a upper triangular

$$x + 3y + 4z = 19$$

$$8x + 9y + 3z = 35$$

$$x + y + z = 6$$

$$Ax = B$$

Augment Matrix

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & 4 & 19 & A \\ 8 & 9 & 3 & 35 & B \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 & C \end{array} \right]$$

We want A to be upper triangular to solve it using back substitution.

Implementing Gauss Elimination in Matlab
function $x = \text{gauss}(A, B)$

% input. A is a N x N nonsingular matrix.
% B is a N x 1 matrix.

% output x is a N x 1 matrix with the solution $Ax = B$

% get dimension of A

$[N, N] = \text{size}(A)$

% initialize x with zeros.

$x = \text{zeros}(N, 1)$

% obtain augmented matrix.

$\text{Aug} = [A, B]$

% Gauss elimination

% for all rows

for $p = 1 : N$

% choose pivot, we ignore case where pivot is 0 for simplicity

$\text{piv} = \text{Aug}(p, p)$

% when the element in pivotal column

for $k = p + 1 : N$ % for all remaining rows

$m = \text{Aug}(k, p) / \text{piv}$

for $i = p + 1 : N$

$\text{Aug}(k, i) = \text{Aug}(k, i) - m \cdot \text{Aug}(p, i)$

end

end

$\Rightarrow 0(N)$

end end $\Rightarrow O(N^3)$

% back substitution

for $k=N-1$

% accumulate all elements in upper triangular

% upper triangular matrix.

sum = 0

for $j=k+1:N$

sum = sum + $A_{kj} \cdot x(j)$

end

$x(k) = (A_{kk} - \text{sum}) / A_{kk}$

end

$O(N^2)$

Notes.

→ If pivot is 0, the switch was to prevent divisions

→ To reduce the computational error you may use as the next pivot the largest number in the rows that are still left to traverse

Triangular Factorization

A matrix has a triangular factorization if it can be expressed as the product of a lower triangular matrix L & upper triangular matrix U

$$A = LU$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ m_{21} & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ m_{n1} & m_{n2} & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & \dots & u_{1n} \\ 0 & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & & & u_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Assume we have a linear system

$$AX = B$$

such that A has a triangular factorization

$$A = LU \quad \text{then}$$

$$AX = B$$

$$L^{-1}ULX = B$$

Then we can define $Y = UX$ ①

then we have

$$L^{-1}Y = B \quad \text{②} \quad \begin{matrix} Y \\ \downarrow \\ UX = Y \end{matrix}$$

then we can solve x by first solving y , using ② then solving x , using ①.

This will help us solving multiple systems of linear equations of the form

$$AX_1 = B_1$$

$$AX_2 = B_2$$

$$AX_3 = B_3$$

$$AX_m = B_m$$

The A is the same in all of the systems only B changes.

To solve them, we first find the L & U factorization of A

$$A = LU \quad AX_1 = B_1$$

$$LUX_1 = B_1$$

then for every B_1, \dots, B_m solve

$$LUY = B_i$$

and then solve $X_i = m$

$$UY = Y_i$$

If we use only Gauss elimination for the m system of equations.

$$\text{It will cost } O(MN) = O(MN^2)$$

If we use triangular factorization it will take

$$\begin{aligned} & O(N^3) + O(MN^2) \\ &= O(N^3) + O(MN^2) \\ &= O(N^3 + MN^2) \end{aligned}$$

How do we do LU factorization

- similar to Gauss elimination

Assume we want to solve the equation

$$6x_1 + x_2 - 4x_3 = 3$$

$$5x_1 + 5x_2 + 2x_3 = 21$$

$$1x_1 + 4x_2 - 3x_3 = 10$$

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$$6x_1 + x_2 - 4x_3 = 3$$

$$5x_1 + 5x_2 + 2x_3 = 10$$

$$1x_1 - 4x_2 + 3x_3 = 0$$

Both systems use same A,
we do the factorization IAA as follows

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & -4 \\ 5 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{matrix}$$

Do the same in Gauss elimination to make an upper triangular and pass pivot division in last matrix

$$\begin{matrix} m_2 \\ m_3 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5/6 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/6 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1/6 & 3/6 \\ 0 & -25/6 & 25/6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} A \\ B - \frac{1}{6}A \\ C - \frac{1}{6}A \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5/6 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/6 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1/6 & 3/6 \\ 0 & -25/6 & 25/6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5/6 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/6 & -25/6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1/6 & 3/6 \\ 0 & -10/6 & 10/6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C - B(-\frac{25}{6}) \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5/6 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/6 & -25/6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1/6 & 3/6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution

$$6x_1 + x_2 - 4x_3 = 3$$

$$5x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 = 21$$

$$1x_1 - 4x_2 + 3x_3 = 10$$

Solve $LY = B$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5/6 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/6 & -4/3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 21 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y_1 = 3$$

$$y_2 = \left[21 - \frac{5}{6}(3) \right] \frac{1}{1} = \frac{11}{2} = 5.5$$

$$y_3 = 10 - \frac{1}{6}(3) + \frac{25}{13}(5.5) = 10 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{25 \cdot 5.5}{13} = 45.0769$$

Solve $UX = Y$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1/6 & 3/6 \\ 0 & 0 & 10/6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5.5 \\ 45.0769 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_3 = 45.0769 \left(\frac{6}{10} \right) = 3.2376$$

$$x_2 = 5.5 - \frac{3}{6} \cdot (3.2376) \frac{6}{1} = 6.5695$$

$$x_1 = \left[3 - (-4)(3.2376) - (1)(6.5695) \right] \frac{1}{6} = 2.5635$$

Do the same for the other system

$$6x_1 + x_2 - 4x_3 = 3$$

$$5x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 = 10$$

$$1x_1 - 4x_2 + 3x_3 = 0$$

Iterative Methods for Linear Equations

Consider the system of Equations.

$$3x + y = 5$$

$$x + 3y = 7$$

We can create the following iterations.

$$3x + y = 5 \Rightarrow x_{k+1} = \frac{5 - y_k}{3}$$

$$x + 3y = 7 \Rightarrow y_{k+1} = \frac{7 - x_k}{3}$$

$$x_0 = 0, y_0 = 0$$

$$x_1 = \frac{5 - 0}{3} = 1.667, y_1 = \frac{7 - 0}{3} = 2.333$$

$$x_2 = \frac{5 - 2.333}{3} = 0.889, y_2 = \frac{7 - 1.667}{3} = 1.777$$

$$x_3 = \frac{5 - 1.777}{3} = 1.074, y_3 = \frac{7 - 0.889}{3} = 2.037$$

$$x_4 = \frac{5 - 2.037}{3} = 0.987, y_4 = \frac{7 - 1.074}{3} = 1.979$$

$$x_N = 1$$

$$y_N = 2$$

Jacobi Iteration

Gauss Seidel Iteration

We can speed up the convergence by using the values of the current iteration as they are obtained. This is called Gauss Seidel.

$$\text{Jacobi} \quad \begin{aligned} x_{k+1} &= \frac{5 - y_k}{3} \\ y_{k+1} &= \frac{7 - x_k}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Gauss Seidel} \quad \begin{aligned} x_{k+1} &= \frac{5 - y_k}{3} \\ y_{k+1} &= \frac{7 - x_{k+1}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

If we do M iterations, the cost will be $O(MN^2)$
 since Gauss elimination takes $O(N^3)$
 then guess seidel or Jacobi are better
 when $M < N$.

This happens in sparse matrices that have many zeros in their entries: the # of entries which is $O(N)$

- Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & & & \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & & \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & a_{34} & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{44} & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- These matrices are common in problems where there are many equations and each equation represents one component and its neighbors.

- If M is very large $\approx 1000,000$

- It Gauss: $O(N^3) = (10^6)^3 = 10^{18}$

Jacobi:

in sparse matrix the # of elements

that are non zero is $O(N)$

\Rightarrow 1 iteration $O(N)$

M iterations: $O(MN)$

In this case use Jacobi could be faster than Gauss elimination

Lagrange Approximation polynomial approximation

Assume that we have 2 points (x_0, y_0) & (x_1, y_1) . The polynomial that passes through these 2 points is a straight line

$$\textcircled{1} \quad m = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0} \quad \Delta \quad \textcircled{2} \quad m = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0}$$

from $\textcircled{1}$ & $\textcircled{2}$

$$\frac{y - y_0}{x - x_0} = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0} (x - x_0)$$

$$y - y_0 = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0} (x - x_0)$$

$$y = y_0 + \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0} (x - x_0)$$

* Lagrange Approximation uses a different method to build a polynomial

$$p_1(x) = y = y_0 \underbrace{\frac{x - x_1}{x_0 - x_1}}_{\substack{0 \text{ when } x = x_1 \\ 1 \text{ when } x = x_0}} + y_1 \underbrace{\frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0}}_{\substack{0 \text{ when } x = x_0 \\ 1 \text{ when } x = x_1}}$$

$$p_1(x_0) = y_0 \cdot \left(\frac{x_0 - x_1}{x_0 - x_1}\right) + y_1 \cdot \left(\frac{x_0 - x_0}{x_1 - x_0}\right)$$

$$p_1(x_0) = y_0$$

For $P_2(x) = (x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$.

$$P_2(x) = y_0 \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_2)}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)} + y_1 \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_2)}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)} + y_2 \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_1)}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)}$$

In General:

$$P_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n y_k L_{n,k}(x)$$

Newton Polynomials.

- In Lagrange polynomials

$p_{n-1}(x)$ & $p_n(x)$ are not related

- Newton polynomials can be built incrementally so the work done to build $p_{n-1}(x)$ can be used to build $p_n(x)$

Assume

$$p_1(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-x_0)$$

$$p_2(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)(x-x_1)$$

$$p_3(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)(x-x_1) + a_3(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)$$

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

$p_n(x)$ is the Newton polynomial of degree N .

How to compute a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n ?

Assume we want to build $p_1(x)$ with the point $(x_0, f(x_0))$ and $(x_1, f(x_1))$

$$p_0(x_0) = f(x_0) \quad p_0(x_1) = f(x_1)$$

$$f(x_0) = p_1(x_0) = a_0 + a_1(x_0 - x_0) = a_0$$

$$f(x_0) = a_0 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$p_1(x_1) = f(x_1) = a_0 + a_1(x_1 - x_0)$$

$$\text{from } \textcircled{1} \quad f(x_1) = f(x_0) + a_1(x_1 - x_0)$$

$$a_1 = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} \quad \textcircled{2}$$

So we have that

$$p_1(x_1) = a_0 + a_1(x_1 - x_0) \quad a_0 = f(x_0), \quad a_1 = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$$

With the same method, we build a_2, a_3, \dots

The divided difference of a function $f(x)$ are defined as

$$- f[x_k] = f(x_k)$$

$$- f[x_{k-1}, x_k] = \frac{f[x_k] - f[x_{k-1}]}{x_k - x_{k-1}}$$

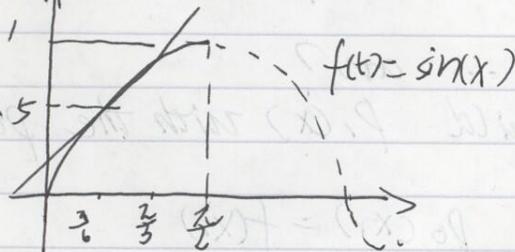
$$- f[x_{k-2}, x_{k-1}, x_k] = \frac{f[x_{k-1}, x_k] - f[x_{k-2}, x_{k-1}]}{x_k - x_{k-2}}$$

$$f[x_{k-j}, x_{k-j+1}, \dots, x_k] = \frac{f[x_{k-j+1}, \dots, x_k] - f[x_{k-j}, \dots, x_{k-1}]}{x_k - x_{k-j}}$$

where $a_k = f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k]$

*Example:

Build polynomials of degree 1, 2, 3 to approximate $f(x) = \sin(x)$ in the interval $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$



Divided Difference Table.

- x_k $f[x_k]$ $f[x_{k-1}, x_k]$ $f[x_{k-2}, x_{k-1}, x_k]$

0	0	0.5	0
$\frac{\pi}{6} = 0.5236$	0.5	$\frac{0.5836 - 0}{0.5836 - 0} = 0.9549$	$\frac{0.699 - 0.9549}{1.047 - 0} = -0.2559$
$\frac{\pi}{3} = 1.0472$	0.8659	$\frac{0.8659 - 0.5}{1.0472 - 0.5836} = 0.699$	$\frac{0.256 - 0.699}{1.5708 - 1.0472} = -0.4230$
$\frac{\pi}{2} = 1.5708$	1	$\frac{1 - 0.8659}{1.5708 - 1.0472} = 0.956$	

$$p_2(x) = \frac{a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{p_1(x) + a_2(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}$$

$$= 1.082x - 0.2494x^2$$

$$p_3 = a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + \dots + a_3(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2) / \dots$$