

Operation count

$$\# \text{ mult} = 1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \quad ; \quad \text{Newton's form}$$

n : nested form

Code (for nested multiplication)

$a(1), a(2), \dots, a(n+1)$
 $x(1), x(2), \dots, x(n+1)$

$p = a(n+1)$

for $i = n : -1 : 1$

$p = a(i) + p * (x - x(i))$

end

Matrix interpretation of $p_n(x_i) = f(x_i)$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$

\mathcal{P}_n : vector space of polynomials of $\deg \leq n$

Standard basis: $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n\}$

$p_n(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n$ $a_n : n+1$ unknowns.

Goal is to find coefficients a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n .

We need to use $n+1$ conditions, i.e.

$$p_n(x_i) = f(x_i), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & \dots & x_0^n \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f(x_0) \\ f(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

Vandermonde
matrix

If x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n are $n+1$ distinct points, then coefficient matrix (Vandermonde matrix) is invertible. However, it is ill-conditioned, in general.

Lagrange basis: $\{l_0(x), l_1(x), \dots, l_n(x)\}$

$$p_n(x) = a_0 l_0(x) + a_1 l_1(x) + \dots + a_n l_n(x)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f(x_0) \\ f(x_1) \\ f(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = f(x_0), a_1 = f(x_1), \dots, a_n = f(x_n)$$

Note: coefficient matrix is identity matrix.

Newton's basis: $\{ 1, x-x_0, (x-x_0)(x-x_1), \dots, (x-x_0)\dots(x-x_{n-1}) \}$

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ 1 & x_1-x_0 & & & \\ 1 & x_2-x_0 & (x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1) & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n-x_0 & (x_n-x_0)(x_n-x_1) & \dots & (x_n-x_0)\dots(x_n-x_{n-1}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f(x_0) \\ f(x_1) \\ f(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_n) \end{pmatrix}$$