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Interpolation Methods

Now, today's topic is Interpolation Method for solving non linear programming problem, now interpolation methods are very useful methods, and very efficient method the for solving non-linear optimization problem. And it is one of the very important line search technique for solving non-linear, now there are various interpolation methods are available. One of that is the quadratic interpolation method, and other one is the cubic interpolation method.

Now, what it does whenever a function has been given to us, if the function is differentiable. Then we can proceed further, even if it is not differentiable then also we can use a quadratic interpolation technique, what it does actually I will start my lecture with the quadratic interpolation method.

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$\text{Min } f(x) = x^2 e^x + x e^{-x}$
 Minimize $f(x)$, $x \in [a, b] \leftarrow \bar{x}$
 $p(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 \leftarrow x^*$
 $|x^* - \bar{x}| < \epsilon$
 $\text{Min } p(x)$ $x \in [a, b]$
 Nec. Condⁿ. $p'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 + 2a_2 x^* = 0$
 or, $x^* = -\frac{a_1}{2a_2}$
 Suf. Condⁿ $p''(x) > 0 \Rightarrow a_2 > 0$.

Now, if the given function for example, there is a function $f(x)$ is equal to say $x^2 e^x$ to the power x^2 plus x into e to the power minus x , some range of x is given to us. Now, if I want to minimize this function, then the function will be differentiable if it is differentiable, now sometimes it happen that it is not differentiable. Now, we can just

approximate this function with the quadratic polynomial that is the idea for example, if this is the function for us graph of this function.

Now, the function assumption must be there for applying the quadratic interpolation, and the cubic interpolation method that the function must be unimodal in the given range. Now, if this is the range for the function, then we can just approximate this function with a second degree polynomial say parabola alright, and with it now if I just approximate with this quadratic function, it is very easy to handle the quadratic function that is why we will go for the minimum of this quadratic function.

And we will say, that is the approximate solution of the given non-linear programming problem, that is the idea for quadratic interpolation problem. That is why in general let us consider we are having a function minimize $f(x)$ and the range for x is given as from a to b . As I said that I will approximate this function with a quadratic polynomial say $p(x)$, then it is a second degree polynomial $a_0 x + a_1 x + a_2 x^2$, instead of minimizing $f(x)$ we will minimize $p(x)$.

And we will check, if \bar{x} is the minimum value for this optimal solution for this optimization problem. And if x^* is the optimal solution for this polynomial, then we will do the iteration we will first find out x^* , we will check the condition where the x^* is closer to \bar{x} or not. If it is very closer for mathematically we can say $x^* - \bar{x} < \epsilon$, where ϵ is a very small pre assigned value alright.

Now, if this says, so then we will minimize $p(x)$ and subject to the condition again x belongs to a, b we will go for the minimum value. And how to get the minimum wise as we know the necessary condition would be, first order derivative of p with respect to x must be equal to 0 that is why, we get from the given polynomial this is equal to $a_1 + 2a_2 x$ and at optimal point at x^* this must be equal to 0. Thus we get the condition that \bar{x} must be equal to $-\frac{a_1}{2a_2}$, this is the necessary condition for us.

And what is the sufficient condition that is $p''(x)$ must be greater than 0, as we get the we want to get the minimum of $p(x)$, if this is greater than equal to 0 certainly a 2

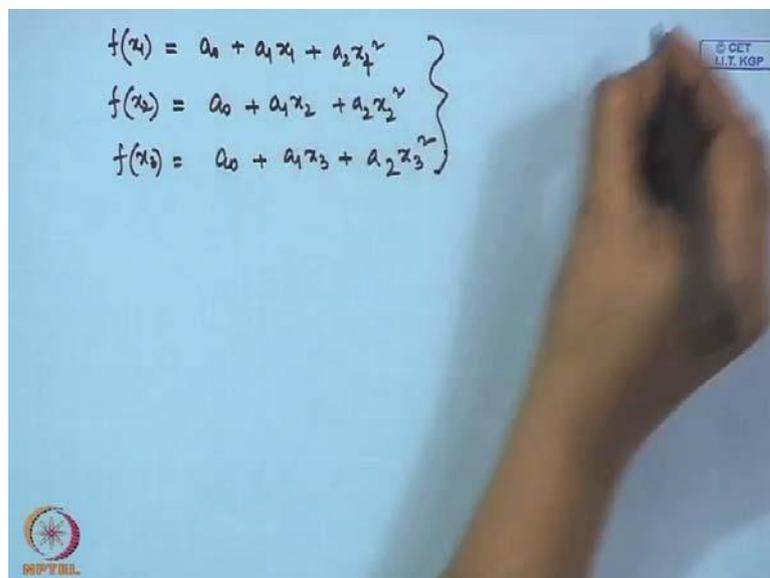
must be greater than 0 that is the condition for optimality of $p(x)$. Now, our task is to determine the values for a_0, a_1 and a_2 because, these are the coefficient of the

corresponding $p(x)$. Now, for finding out the values for a_0, a_1, a_2 we need to have since 3 unknowns are there, we need to have 3 equations for this case.

Now, for getting 3 information we can consider 3 points in the interval a to b , say x_1, x_2, x_3 and we will say that $f(x)$ is equal to $p(x)$ at this 3 points, then we will get 3 equations. And with 3 unknowns the coefficients of the polynomial a_0, a_1 and a_2 and we can solve it, otherwise we can have information in other way also, functional value at 2 points say x_1 and x_2 . We know the $f(x)$ value, we will equate $f(x)$ with $p(x)$ at this 2 points x_1 and x_2 , and after that there is another information that is the first order derivative of $f(x)$ is given in one of these 2 points that is why $f'(x_1)$ or $f'(x_2)$ is known to us.

In this case also we are having 3 equations, and we will have 3 unknowns a_0, a_1 and a_2 that is why we can solve that polynomial rather we will get that polynomial. And we will check the minimum value of that polynomial close to the minimum value of $f(x)$ or not, how to check I will tell you in the next, but first I will just tell how to find out the value for a_0, a_1 and a_2 .

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$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(x_1) &= a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_1^2 \\ f(x_2) &= a_0 + a_1x_2 + a_2x_2^2 \\ f(x_3) &= a_0 + a_1x_3 + a_2x_3^2 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

As I said that functional value at this 3 points x_1 is equal to $p(x)$; that means, it is equal to a_0 plus a_1x_1 plus $a_2x_1^2$ square. There is another point in the given interval a to b that is x_2 we have a_0 plus a_1x_2 plus $a_2x_2^2$ square this is x_1 , $f(x_3)$ is equal to a_0 plus a_1x_3 plus $a_2x_3^2$ square. Now, we are having 3 equations and we these are the functional values

this these are constant for us that is why solving this 3 equations we will get the coefficients a 0, a 1 and a 2 like this.

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The image shows handwritten mathematical formulas for the coefficients of a quadratic polynomial and the optimal value x^* . The formulas are as follows:

$$a_0 = \frac{f(x_1)x_2x_3(x_3-x_2) + f(x_2)x_3x_1(x_1-x_3) + f(x_3)x_1x_2(x_2-x_1)}{(x_1-x_2)(x_2-x_3)(x_3-x_1)}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{f(x_1)(x_2^2-x_3^2) + f(x_2)(x_3^2-x_1^2) + f(x_3)(x_1^2-x_2^2)}{(x_1-x_2)(x_2-x_3)(x_3-x_1)}$$

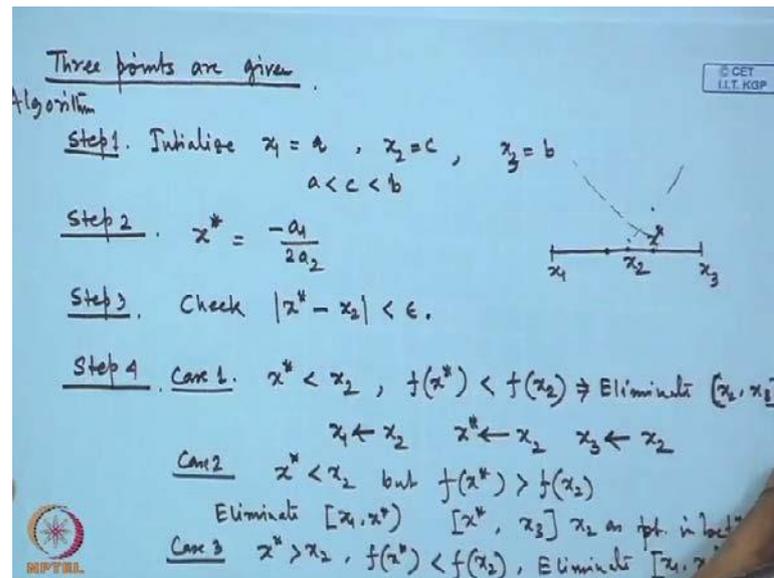
$$a_2 = -\frac{f(x_1)(x_2-x_3) + f(x_2)(x_3-x_1) + f(x_3)(x_1-x_2)}{(x_1-x_2)(x_2-x_3)(x_3-x_1)}$$

$$x^* = \frac{-a_1}{2a_2} = \frac{f(x_1)(x_2^2-x_3^2) + f(x_2)(x_3^2-x_1^2) + f(x_3)(x_1^2-x_2^2)}{2[f(x_1)(x_2-x_3) + f(x_2)(x_3-x_1) + f(x_3)(x_1-x_2)]}$$

Just after some simplification we get a 0 is equal to $f(x_1)x_2x_3(x_3-x_2) + f(x_2)x_3x_1(x_1-x_3) + f(x_3)x_1x_2(x_2-x_1)$

plus $f(x_2)x_3x_1(x_1-x_3) + f(x_3)x_1x_2(x_2-x_1) + f(x_1)x_2x_3(x_3-x_2)$ divided by $(x_1-x_2)(x_2-x_3)(x_3-x_1)$. And in this way we will get the values for a 0, a 1, and a 2, once we get the value for a 0, a 1 and a 2; that means, we are getting the corresponding second degree polynomial. And we can construct $p(x)$, now we will go for the optimal value for this $p(x)$.

Now, the optimal value for this $p(x)$ a basic condition is that x^* that optimal value must be equal to $-\frac{a_1}{2a_2}$ to just I got it from the necessary condition that is why we will just substitute the values for a 1 and a 2, what we got in the previous case here. And we will get the value for x^* , and we will check in the next whether x^* is the optimal value or not. If it is optimal we will declare this is the approximate optimal value of $f(x)$ if is not, so then we have to proceed further that is why, let me write down the algorithm for this how to get the solution through the quadratic interpolation method. (Refer Slide Time: 09:03)



When 3 points are given to us, now algorithm tells us the algorithm we can construct in this way because, just now we I have gone through the process. The step 1 would be initialize x_1 is equal to a some given value, and x_2 is equal to b , x_3 is equal to b I can take a middle value here that is c , where c is in between a and b . That means, we are having 3 points here a , b and c , if c is not given to us we can take the middle value of a and b , if x c is given to us then we will get c accordingly.

Now, selection of c is very important because, if c is far from the optimal value, then we need to do more number of iterations. If the c slightly selected, then we will get the optimality very quickly we will move to the next step, we will calculate the value for x star as $\frac{-a_1}{2a_2}$ alright, and how I will get a_1 and a_2 I have just showed it to you. Now, step 3 we will check the condition whether x star is close to c or not, if it is close to c ; that means, the difference between x star and x_2 is very small that is ϵ , then we will stop.

Otherwise we will proceed to the next step, step 4 this is the interval for us, this is x_1 , this is x_3 , and the middle value is x_2 . Now, we are getting x star, x star can be this side of x_2 x star can be this side of x_2 as well, if x star is in the left hand side; that means, we are considering case 1 that is x star is in the left part of x_2 , where $f(x$ star) is lesser than $f(x_2)$. Then what is happening this, is a process bisection's technique that is why our initial interval of uncertainty is given x_1 to x_3 .

We are running the quadratic interpolation technique, and in each iteration the interval size will be reduced; that means, we will eliminate a portion of the interval in each step. So, that we will get at the optimal step the interval size is very small, then only it is accepted to us, now x^* is $f(x^*)$ is lesser than $f(x_2)$; that means, it is very clear that, the optimal value cannot lie from x_2 to x_3 . As I assume that function is unimodal in the interval x_1 to x_3 if this is, so then we will eliminate x_2 and x_3 , x_2 to x_3 .

And we will declare the new x_1 as x_1 new x_2 as x^* , and we will consider x_3 as x_2 alright. Then we will get another interval x_1 x^* x_3 that is; that means, we will get up to this, and we will run the we again we will find out the x^* value, if x^* is closer to the middle value of that not the middle value, middle point of that interval. Then it is accepted otherwise rejected this is one of that case I have considered that x^* is in the left part of x_2 , and functional value of x^* is lesser than $f(x_2)$.

If the other case arises that x^* is lesser than x_2 , but $f(x^*)$ is greater than $f(x_2)$, since we are going for the minimization of functional value. That means, that $f(x^*)$ value is higher than $f(x_2)$ value, function is coming in this way in that case; that means, the minimum value cannot lie within this interval that is x_1 to x^* . If I consider this as x^* thus what we will do, we will eliminate x_1 to x^* , and we will declare the new interval from x^* to x_3 considering x_2 as the meet at the point in between clay.

The other case may arise as well that is x^* is in the right hand side of x_2 , but $f(x^*)$ is lesser than $f(x_2)$; that means, function is x^* is here now, and functional value of $f(x^*)$ is lesser than $f(x_2)$. That means, function is coming down in this way, then we can eliminate up to this there cannot lie any minimum value because, $f(x_2)$ value is higher than $f(x^*)$ value. That is why we will eliminate x_1 to x_2 because, minimum cannot lie there.

And we will again apply the technique that is we will calculate with the new points a, b, c, we will calculate x^* . We will check whether this is very close to the meet middle value of these interval x_1 to x_2 to rather this is x_2 , x_2 to x_3 and we will proceed. Case 4, once I will apply this technique for the problem, then it is much more clear to you now if x^* is greater than x_2 , but $f(x^*)$ is greater than $f(x_2)$, it means that $f(x^*)$ value is higher than the $f(x_2)$ value.

That means, the function is coming in this way in this case, then the minimum cannot lie from x^* to x_3 that is why we will just eliminate this interval in the next alright minimum

must lie from x_1 to x_2 in this case. Then again we will redefine a , b , c for each of the cases when whatever will occur, we will see the values for a , b , c we will calculate x^* , and we will check whether this is optimal or not this is the quadratic interpolation technique when 3 in 3 points the functional values are given to us alright. We can have another case as well for the quadratic interpolation method. (Refer Slide Time: 17:06)

Handwritten notes on a blue background showing the derivation of a quadratic polynomial $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$ that passes through two points $(x_1, f(x_1))$ and $(x_2, f(x_2))$ and has a derivative $f'(x_1)$ at x_1 . The equations are:

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$$

$$\begin{cases} f(x_1) = a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_1^2 & \text{---(1)} \\ f(x_2) = a_0 + a_1x_2 + a_2x_2^2 & \text{---(2)} \\ f'(x_1) = a_1 + 2a_2x_1 & \text{---(3)} \end{cases}$$

Subtracting (2) from (1):

$$(1) - (2) \quad f(x_1) - f(x_2) = a_1(x_1 - x_2) + a_2(x_1^2 - x_2^2)$$

Or, $f(x_1) - f(x_2) = \{f'(x_1) - 2a_2x_1\}(x_1 - x_2) + a_2(x_1^2 - x_2^2)$

$$\begin{cases} a_2 = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_2) - f'(x_1)(x_1 - x_2)}{-(x_1 - x_2)^2} \\ a_1 = f'(x_1) + 2 \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_2) - f'(x_1)(x_1 - x_2)}{(x_1 - x_2)^2} x_1 \end{cases}$$

That is the method when only 2 points are given to us, functional values at x_1 and x_2 given, and we have the first order derivative of the function and the value at x_1 is also given to us. Then in this situation how to apply quadratic interpolation technique because, the previous case it was that 3 point values are given, 3 points are given, here 2

points and one first order derivative of f , if it is given again we will apply the same technique we will approximate the function with a polynomial $p(x)$.

And the $p(x)$ would be equal to $a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$, we need to find out the coefficients of a_0 , a_1 and a_2 . So, that we can approximate the polynomial, we can approximate the function $f(x)$ with the polynomial $p(x)$, now when these are given to us then we can have 3 equations like this $f(x_1)$ is equal to $a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_1^2$, we are having $f(x_2)$, $f(x_2)$ is equal to $a_0 + a_1x_2 + a_2x_2^2$. We are having the functional value x_1 $f'(x_1)$.

Certainly this is equal to $a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_1^2 = f(x_1)$ 3 equations again 3 unknowns for us, we need to find out the values for a_0 , a_1 and a_2 with this 3 equations 1, 2 and 3. Just I have give you some simplified value how to proceed for that, let us go for 1 minus 2 then we are

getting $f(x_1) - f(x_2)$ is equal to $a_1(x_1 - x_2) + a_2(x_1 - x_2)^2$.

Now, we will substitute the value in the third equation, then what we get in the third equation from the third equation we will substitute the value for a_1 then we will get $f(x_1) - f(x_2)$ is equal to in place of a_1 we will replace $f'(x_1) - 2a_2(x_1 - x_2)$ and the rest thing I will just keep as it is, then this is the equation with only one unknown a_2 , from here we will get the value for a_2 as $f(x_1) - f(x_2) - f'(x_1)(x_1 - x_2)$ divided by $-(x_1 - x_2)^2$.

Now, we can have a_1 as well by substituting the value for a_2 , we will get a_1 as $f'(x_1) + 2[f(x_1) - f(x_2) - f'(x_1)(x_1 - x_2)] / (x_1 - x_2)$ and here x_1 . Once we are getting a_1 and a_2 we may not calculate a naught because, as we have seen for from the necessary condition that $p'(x)$ must be equal to 0, and it gives me the stationary point x^* as optimal value, and this is equal to $-a_1 / 2a_2$ that is why for calculation of the optimal value we may not calculate a naught with this two values we can proceed to the next. (Refer slide Time: 21:29)

$$x^* = -\frac{a_1}{2a_2}$$

$$= x_1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{f'(x_1)(x_1 - x_2)^2}{2\{f(x_1) - f(x_2) - f'(x_1)(x_1 - x_2)\}}$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \frac{1}{2} \frac{f'(x_k)(x_k - x_{k-1})^2}{2\{f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1}) - f'(x_k)(x_k - x_{k-1})\}}$$

Convergence. x^* $f'(x^*) < \epsilon$

$$\left| \frac{f(x^*) - p(x^*)}{f(x^*)} \right| < \epsilon$$

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

That is x^* is equal to $-a_1 / 2a_2$, and this gives me the value as $x_1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{f'(x_1)(x_1 - x_2)^2}{f(x_1) - f(x_2) - f'(x_1)(x_1 - x_2)}$ this is the value for the optimal point. Now, we can develop the iteration process with these from this equation, by substituting x^* as the next approximation when x_k and x_{k-1} values are given to us.

And this can be written as and by substituting this as x_k and x_{k-1} we will get x_{k+1} plus half $f'(x_k)$, $x_k - x_{k-1}$ square divided by $2f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1}) - f'(x_k)(x_k - x_{k-1})$. This is the iteration formula for us that is why when x_k and x_{k-1} is given both the values are given to us, we will calculate the value for x_{k+1} . And we will go for the check whether the convergence of the sequence of values is there or not, for checking the convergence there are few processes.

First thing is that, if x^* is the optimal value for us it could be minimum, it could be maximum. Then at this point the function also has the optimum the minimum or maximum value that is why I can say that $f'(x^*)$ is very small closer to 0, I cannot say this is equal to 0 because, I am approximating $f(x)$ with the polynomial $p(x)$. That is why it may not happen that this is the exact minimum for $f(x)$ that is why we can check, whether $f'(x)$ is lesser than epsilon or not.

If it is lesser than a very pre assigned small value, then we can accept x^* as the optimal solution. There is another check also there, this is available in the literature we can also go for the $f(x^*) - p(x^*)$ divided by $f(x^*)$. If this value is lesser than epsilon that also could be a check, and other check as I said that if the interval that is x_k and x_{k-1} this interval is very small, then also we can stop our iteration process.

These are the all alternative processes for checking the convergence of the sequence of values of x_{k+1} , and rather that will lead us to the optimal solution for the given function $f(x)$.

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Example Minimize $f(x) = e^{x^2} + 2x^2 e^{-x}$
 $x \in [-1, 1]$ by Quad. Int. Method.

Iteration 1
 $x_1 = -1, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 1$
 Calculate a_0, a_1, a_2 to construct $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$
 Now calculate $x^* = -\frac{a_1}{2a_2} = 0.244607$
 $f(x^*) = 1.155358, \left| \frac{f(x^*) - p(x^*)}{f(x^*)} \right| = 0.38$

Iteration 2
 $x_1 = -1, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 0.244607$ (Discarding $[-1, 1]$)
 $x^* = 0.071566, f(x^*) = 1.0196$
 $\left| \frac{f(x^*) - p(x^*)}{f(x^*)} \right| = 0.04$ → Approximate opt. of $f(x)$

Now, let me apply this one for a problem given like this example, where we need to minimize $f(x)$ is equal to $e^{x^2} + 2x^2 e^{-x}$. And the interval has been given that x is in between minus 1 to 1, as we see the function involves an exponential function. We can go for the other techniques as well for getting the optimal solution, but if we apply the quadratic interpolation technique it has been seen that, quadratic interpolation technique is much more efficient than the Fibonacci golden search technique as I discussed before.

And thus quadratic interpolation method convergence is very quick, very faster than other methods. Then we can apply the quadratic, and I will discuss in the next the cubic interpolation, and we will see cubic interpolation technique is much more efficient than other line search techniques like Fibonacci golden section and others and the quadratic interpolation technique as well.

Now, if we apply the quadratic interpolation technique, then as we see in the first iteration, we are having the value as x_1 as minus 1, x_3 is equal to 1. And as I said if 3 points are not given to us, if no other information is given then we can consider the middle value as x_2 point that is why we having x_1 minus 1 x_2 equal to 0 and x_3 is equal to 1. Then we can calculate the values for a_0, a_1 and a_2 to construct $p(x)$, see how to get this values as I just showed you, we will calculate a_0, a_1 and a_2 with this formula.

Because, we are we know x_1 , we know x_2 , we know $f(x_1), f(x_2), f(x_3)$ as well, we will just substitute the values here, and we will get a_0, a_1 and a_2 . From there we will calculate x^*

star. This is equal to $-\frac{1}{2} \frac{a_1}{a_2}$ with the formula I have showed, now this value will be 2.244607; that means, in this iteration we are getting the minimum point of the given polynomial $p(x)$, with these a_0 , a_1 , a_2 values is x^* . And we can declare this is the approximate value of the minimum value of the function.

But, we need to check whether this is correct or not that is why we will go for the functional value for $f(x)$ at x^* . We see the functional value is 1.155358, and we will check if I just check the condition, as I said I can check the first order derivative of function at point x^* if it is very small. Then we can stop our iteration or other check as I said we will just check the value the difference between x^* and x_2 , we see the difference is 0.244 that is very high we cannot stop.

But, we can check other way as well, as I was discussing that is the this is the value, and this value is coming as 0.38. This is also quite high that is why we should not stop here, we cannot declare x^* though this is the minimum value of the polynomial $p(x)$, but we cannot declare x^* , as the minimum value for $f(x)$ that is e to the power x^2 plus $2x$ square e to the power minus x , we will proceed to the next. How I will proceed to the next iteration.

Iteration 2; that means, the interval we are having minus 1, 0 and minus 1 and 1, this interval will be reduced in the next iteration. And this will be reduced according to the unimodality property, as I said function is unimodal in the given interval that is why we will check the functional value at minus 1, functional value at 0, functional value at 1. And also functional value at this point, and we see the functional value at 1 will be higher than the functional value of x^* .

That means, minimum cannot lie within that and functional value is decreasing, again that is why we will consider the next interval as x_1 is equal to minus 1, x_2 is equal to 0 and x_3 is equal to 0.244607. That means, we are discarding 0.244 to 1 because, with unimodality property, we can check the minimum cannot live here. Again we will go for the calculation for a_0 , a_1 and a_2 and we will get x^* as well here, x^* will come as in this situation this is 0.071566.

And we will check the functional value at this point as, well we will see the functional value is 1.0146. And we will see this functional value is very close to the functional value at 0, functional value at 0 is 1 it is very close that is why, we can either go for the check as

I said. The first order derivative of f at point x^* , we will see the value will be very less, and otherwise we can calculate this value as well $f(x^*) - p(x^*)$ divided by x^* , and this value is coming as 0.04.

This can be considered as a very small value, if we are happy with this value we can stop our iteration. And we can declare that this is the optimal solution for the approximate optimal solution for the given function, but if you are not happy with this value we can proceed in the next again how. Again we will just reduce the interval from minus 1 to this point with the unimodality property, and accordingly we can proceed in the next and we will say, we will see that we will get better minimum, better x^* .

As many iterations we will do, we will get better iterations further, but at some point it will converge there we need to stop at least. Since I am doing it manually I am stopping here with the acceptance that this value is acceptable to me, now this is the way we can use the quadratic interpolation method, for solving any function given and function can be complicated in nature also. Then also we can apply the technique very well that is all about the quadratic interpolation method.

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Cubic Interpolation Method.

Min $f(x)$
 $x \in [a, b]$

$f(x_i) = p(x_i)$
 $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

two pts are given
 $f(x_1), f(x_2)$
 $f'(x_1), f'(x_2)$

such that

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1(x - x_1) + a_2(x - x_1)^2 + a_3(x - x_1)^3$$

$$\begin{cases} p(x_1) = f(x_1) & p(x_2) = f(x_2) \\ p'(x_1) = f'(x_1) & p'(x_2) = f'(x_2) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} a_0 = f(x_1) \\ a_1 = f'(x_1) \end{cases}$$

$$p'(x) = a_1 + 2a_2(x - x_1) + 3a_3(x - x_1)^2$$

$$\begin{cases} f(x_2) = a_0 + a_1(x_2 - x_1) + a_2(x_2 - x_1)^2 + a_3(x_2 - x_1)^3 \\ f'(x_2) = a_1 + 2a_2(x_2 - x_1) + 3a_3(x_2 - x_1)^2 \end{cases}$$

$p'(x^*) = 0$ $p''(x^*) > 0$

Let me go to the next that is the cubic interpolation technique that is the extension of the quadratic interpolation technique. But, cubic interpolation method is popular and much more better method than other line search technique, but one disadvantage of this method is that, the calculation is very long. Because, as you see we are going for the cubic

interpolation method; that means, we are instead of approximating the function with the second degree polynomial.

We will approximate the function with the third degree polynomial that is cubic function, and since this is the third degree polynomial instead of having in the quadratic, we had the 3 unknowns. Here we are having 4 unknowns that is why the information we need 4 information to calculate the value let me go to the process further, the cubic interpolation technique. We are having the function minimize $f(x)$ belongs to a, b we are approximating the function $f(x)$ with the polynomial $p(x)$, and this polynomial is of third degree polynomial.

Now, for doing that we are having 4 unknowns that is why we need 4 equations, how to get 4 equations, either the functional values at 4 points should be given to us. And we will equate that and the functional value of the polynomial, we will equate both together that is either we will calculate $f(x_i)$ is equal to $p(x_i)$, for i is equal to 1 to 4. And we can get the values for a_0, a_1, a_2 and a_3 , otherwise we can have functional values at 2 points and derivative value at 2 points and the same 2 points.

That means, we will have 4 equations again, and we are having 4 unknowns that also quite possible. And otherwise we can have the 3 points are given, and 1 derivative value also given it is it could be happen also, there also we will have 4 equations and 4

unknowns and we can solve it. Now, I will just consider one case because, other case calculations are almost similar to the this case that is why we will consider the case where 3 no 2 points are given.

That means, we are having $f(x_1), f(x_2)$, and we have the derivative of f at x_1 we have derivative of x_2 at x_2 alright. These are all given to us, and with this information we will proceed to approximate the polynomial, we can consider the polynomial in this way a_0 plus a_1 into x minus x_1 in different just little deviation I have taken from the quadratic interpolation technique. Again we can just approximate this polynomial as a_0 plus $a_1 x$ plus $a_2 x^2$ plus $a_3 x^3$ that also quite possible.

But, here I am taking another in another way, so that I will get a nice and quick result from here cube, in such a way that $p(x_1)$ is equal to $f(x_1)$ $p(x_2)$ is equal to $f(x_2)$ $p'(x_1)$ is equal to $f'(x_1)$, and $p'(x_2)$ is equal to $f'(x_2)$. Then we will have 4

equations and 4 unknowns, then from this information what we get that a_0 must be equal to $f(x_1)$ alright.

From the second $p'(x_1)$ is equal to $f'(x_1)$, $p'(x_1)$ means a_0 plus $a_1 x_1$ alright now sorry a_0 not only a_1 because, $p'(x)$ is equal to a_1 plus $2 a_2 x$ minus x^2 plus $3 a_3 x$ minus x^3 that is why from here, we are getting at point x_1 if $p'(x_1)$ equal to $f'(x_1)$, then we are getting a_1 is equal to $f'(x_1)$ alright.

Now, what about $p(x_2)$, $p(x_2)$ gives me the $p(x_3)$ equal to $f(x_2)$ gives me the equation $f(x_2)$ is equal to a_0 plus $a_1 x_2$ minus x_2^2 plus $a_2 x_2^2$ minus x_2^3 plus $a_3 x_2^3$ minus x_2^4 cube. Here you see we are we know the value for a_0 , we know the value for a_1 that is why this will be equation with only 2 unknowns, a_2 and a_3 because, $x_1 x_2 f(x_2)$ everything is given a_0 , a_1 can be calculated very easily from the functional values at x_1 , and derivative value of that function at x_1 .

And from the other condition that is $p'(x_2)$ is equal to $f'(x_2)$, from here we will get this value $f'(x_2)$ is given to us that is why will equate these with a_1 plus $2 a_2 x_2$ minus x_2^2 plus $3 a_3 x_2^2$ minus x_2^3 square. And with this 4 equations and 4

unknowns we can get the solution very easily, and a_0 and a_1 , a_2 and this are the equations with a_2 and a_3 only, that is why again we will declare the necessary condition for getting optimal is $p''(x^*)$ is equal to 0 . Not only that $p''(x^*)$ must be for minimization greater than 0 .

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$$p'(x^*) = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 + 2a_2(x^* - x_1) + 3a_3(x^* - x_1)^2 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* = \begin{cases} x_1 + \frac{-a_2 \pm \sqrt{a_2^2 - 3a_1a_3}}{3a_3} & a_3 \neq 0 \\ x_1 - \frac{a_1}{2a_2} & a_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$p''(x^*) > 0 \Rightarrow 2a_2 + 6a_3(x^* - x_1) > 0$$

$$x^* = x_1 + \frac{-a_1}{a_2 + \sqrt{a_2^2 - 3a_1a_3}}$$

$$f'(x^*) < \epsilon \quad \left| \frac{f(x^*) - p(x^*)}{f(x^*)} \right| < \epsilon.$$

And if we equate $p'(x^*) > 0$ we get the value for x^* as; that means $a_1 + 2a_2(x^* - x_1) + 3a_3(x^* - x_1)^2 = 0$ this is the equation for us. From here we get the value for x^* as $x_1 + \frac{-a_2 \pm \sqrt{a_2^2 - 3a_1a_3}}{3a_3}$ because, this is the equation of degree 2, we can use this and we will get the value for x^* . And we are having another condition as well $p''(x^*) > 0$.

That means, we are getting that $2a_2 + 6a_3(x^* - x_1) > 0$, this is another condition is given for minimum, this is the sufficient condition. Now, when a_3

is equal to 0 here, we get the value for x^* as $x_1 - \frac{a_1}{2a_2}$, when $a_3 \neq 0$ and we are getting $a_3 \neq 0$. Thus if we calculate the values for a_1 , a_2 and a_3 from the given conditions as I showed before.

Then we will get the value for x^* is equal to this, either this or that instead of considering both together, we can just simplify the case. And we can declare by multiplying both side the numerator and denominator with certain value, we will get $x_1 + \frac{-a_1}{a_2 + \sqrt{a_2^2 - 3a_1a_3}}$ and this can be considered as general equation, you see we have considered only the positive values, positive value of x^* .

Why because, sufficient condition tells us that if we consider negative value then it will not satisfy thus, we will only consider the plus value here, and we are multiplying numerator and denominator with $a_1 + \dots$ and we will get the solution for the given equation.

Now, if this is, so you see there is a nice fact here if we consider this function even a 3 is equal to 0, it leads to this value that is $x = 1$ minus a 1 by a 2 this is the value, here it should be a 2 not a 1 alright. Now, this is the way we can calculate the optimal value for the cubic interpolation, and the same procedure if we are satisfied then we can proceed to the we will proceed, if you are not satisfied we will proceed to the next iteration after checking the convergence.

Convergence checking is again the same that we will check whether $f(x^*)$ value is small or not, at either we can go for this or we can calculate $f(x^*) - p(x^*)$ divided by $f(x^*)$. Whether this is lesser than a very small value or not, and we can proceed further in this way.

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Example Solve by cubic interpolation method

Minimize $f(x) = x^5 - 5x^3 - 20x + 5$
 $x \in [0, 3]$

$p(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-x_1) + a_2(x-x_1)^2 + a_3(x-x_1)^3$

$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 3, f'(x_1) = -20, f'(x_2) = 250$

$p(0) = f(0) \Rightarrow a_0 = 5$
 $p'(0) = f'(0) \Rightarrow a_1 = -20$
 $p(3) = f(3) \Rightarrow 9a_2 + 27a_3 = 108$
 $p'(3) = f'(3) \Rightarrow 6a_2 + 27a_3 = 247$

$a_0 = 5$
 $a_1 = -20$
 $a_2 = -46.57$
 $a_3 = 19.44$

$x^* = x_1 - \frac{a_1}{a_2 + \sqrt{a_2^2 - 3a_1a_3}} = 1.83$

Let me take one example for this, the problem is minimize $f(x)$ we are having a another polynomial of degree 5, and initial interval of uncertainty has been given that from 0 to 3. And the cubic interpolation technique, we are we will apply means we will approximate this fifth degree polynomial with a lesser order polynomial that is degree 3. Thus we will approximate $p(x)$ with $f(x)$ with $p(x)$, as a 0 plus a 1 into x minus x^2 plus a 2 x minus x^2 square plus a 3 x minus x^3 square.

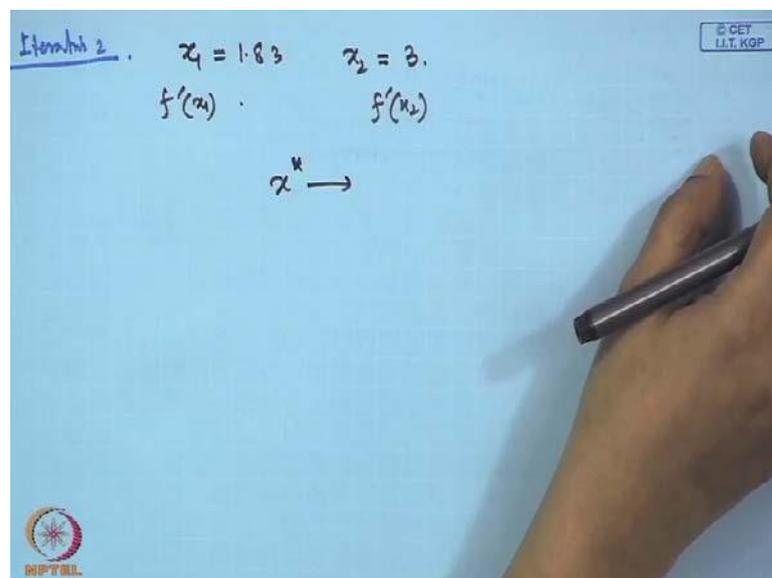
Now, for this we are having information regarding we know only $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 3$, we can have $f'(x_1)$ value that would be is equal to minus 20, and $f'(x_2)$ value that would be is equal to 250 alright. Then the function looks like this, and we have

assumed that function is unimodal this is x , this is $f(x)$; that means, function is coming it is negative, and negative to positive it goes in this way alright, and minimum may lie it would be this way as well alright.

If this is, so then we will calculate the values one after another, how we will go for p_0 is equal to f_0 , p_0 equal to f_0 gives me the value for a naught is equal to 5, p prime 0 is equal to f prime 0, this gives me the value for a_1 is equal to minus 20, p_3 is equal to f_3 this gives the equation $9a^2 + 27a + 3 = 108$ by substituting the value of a_0 and a_1 . And we are having another equation p prime 3 is equal to f prime 3, then it will give me another equation $6a^2 + 27a + 3 = 247$ alright.

Now, we are having 2 equations and 2 unknowns, and from here we will get the values for a_0 as 5 a_1 as minus 20, a_2 as minus 46 dot 33 and a_3 is equal to 19.44. And we will calculate x star here, x_1 minus a_1 divided by a_2 plus root over a_2 square minus 3

$a_1 a_3$, and this value is coming as 1.83. And if this is the value and we will go for the functional value, and we will see that functional value is a not that is a first order derivative of the function is not small enough that is why we will go to the next iteration. (Refer Slide Time: 47:45)



How to get the next iteration, as we see that functional value is at 1.83 functional value is less that is why the next interval we will consider as 1.83 and x_2 is equal to 3. And we will calculate the again we will go for f prime x_1 and f prime x_2 , and we can calculate x

start from here. And if this optimal solution is acceptable, then it is accepted otherwise we will go to the next iteration further for getting the solution of the problem.

And if this is the way we can solve the quadratic interpolation the minimization or maximization of any non-linear function, with quadratic interpolation or with cubic interpolation technique.

Thank you for today.