Abstract— Using the Lagrange interpolation the number of conditions determines the interpolation space, however, the k-algebraic Lagrange interpolation only determines their dimension, therefore exist the possibility of choosing different interpolation spaces, this allows to determine a polynomial such that besides be able to interpolate is a good approximation with respect to the uniform norm. In this paper a heuristic technique is developed in order to find this polynomial in the case of an asymptotic function with two nodes and a condition that allows to obtain the polynomial degree.

Index Terms— Lagrange K-algebraic interpolation, heuristic procedure, degrade system.

I. INTRODUCTION

The K-algebraic interpolation is an interpolation with a space type

\[ (x^{k_1}, x^{k_2}, \ldots, x^{k_n}) \]

(1)

Where the integer set \( \{k_1, k_2, \ldots, k_n\} \) is called the degrade system, non-negative, different and could be non consecutive. The interpolation polynomials have the form

\[ p(x) = a_1x^{k_1} + a_2x^{k_2} + \cdots + a_nx^{k_n}. \]

(2)

A Birkhoff interpolation problem consists of an interpolation matrix which elements only are zeros and ones, but lacks null rows, order \((m \times n)\) and denoted by \(E_n^m\).

\[ E_n^m = (e_{ij}); \quad i = 1, \ldots, m; \quad j = 0, \ldots, n - 1 \quad \text{where} \quad e_{ij} = 0, 1, \]

(3)

corresponding to a system with \(m\) nodes \(x_1 < x_2 < \cdots < x_m\), an interpolation space with dimension \(n = \sum_{ij} e_{ij}\), and data \(c_{ij}\). The problem is to determine a polynomial \(p(x)\) from interpolation space that agreed with the following \(n\) conditions:

\[ D^{ij} p(x) = c_{ij} \quad \text{for the values} \quad i,j \quad \text{where} \quad e_{ij} = 1. \]

(4)

We say that interpolation is algebraic if the space is a set with all polynomials with degree less than \(n\) [5] and the interpolation is K-algebraic if the interpolation space is type \((x^{k_1}, x^{k_2}, \ldots, x^{k_n})\) that results in an extension of the algebraic interpolation.

An interpolation matrix is regular ordered if the conditions (1) determine an unique polynomial for each set of nodes \(x_1 < x_2 < \cdots < x_m\), or equivalently, if the homogeneous problem (1) with \(c_{ij} = 0\) has only trivial solution. So \(E_n^m\) is regular ordered if and only if determinant of the linear system (1), denoted by \(\Delta(E_n^m, x)\), is nonzero for all

\[ x_1 < x_2 < \cdots < x_m. \]

(5)

Given an interpolation matrix \(E_n^m\) the number of ones in the \(j\)-th column is denoted by \(m_j\) and equal to

\[ m_j = \sum_{i=1}^m e_{ij}. \]

(6)

So, the Polya constants of \(E_n^m\) are defined as the numbers:

\[ M_j = \sum_{i=0}^n m_i \quad (j = 0, 1, \ldots, n - 1). \]

(7)

Theorem. If \(E_n^m\) is an interpolation regular ordered matrix then the Polya condition \(M_j \geq j + 1\) \(j = 0, 1, \ldots, n - 1\) is satisfied.

For the problem with two nodes the Polya condition is a sufficient condition for the ordered regularity. The proof of these results can be found in [1], [2], [3].

The solution of the algebraic interpolation problem is not affected by translations and homotheties from node system, this means that solution to algebraic interpolation problem not depends on the interval \([a, b]\), therefore, it is assumed that the end nodes \(x_1\) and \(x_m\) take the values 0 and 1, respectively. However, in the K-algebraic interpolation the solution and uniqueness depends on the interval \([a, b]\), therefore, does not allow the transfer of nodes but supports homotheties from nodes for this reason the K-algebraic interpolation problems on intervals \([a, 0]\) and \([0, b]\), are


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transformed to K-algebraic interpolation problems in the interval $[0, 1]$.

In algebraic interpolation, the number of conditions determines completely the interpolation space, however, in the K-algebraic interpolation the number of conditions only determines its dimension. For this reason there are an infinite number of degree systems in order to perform the interpolation. This situation establishes the problem of choosing the most suitable system for interpolation such that also we obtain a good approximation with respect to the uniform norm. This work is restricted to the particular case of the Lagrange K-algebraic interpolation with two nodes and presents a heuristic procedure in order to determine the degree of the interpolating polynomial that besides is a good approximant in the uniform norm.

II. DEVELOPMENT

A Lagrange interpolation matrix is formed by n rows and unique column that is fully occupied. In this case, interpolation conditions are:

$$p(x_i) = c_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, ..., n.$$  \hspace{1cm} (8)

The following statement sets a restrictive necessary and sufficient condition for K-regularity of Lagrange K-algebraic interpolation problem in intervals with the form $[a, 0]$ and $[0, b]$.

Theorem. $E_n^k$ is a matrix for Lagrange interpolation and $\{k_1, k_2, ..., k_n\}$ a degrees system. Then $E_n^k$ is regular ordered, regarding degree system $\{k_1, k_2, ..., k_n\}$ on intervals of the form $[a, 0]$ and $[0, b]$ if and only if $k_1 = 1$. Demonstration of this statement is on [4].

For the case of Lagrange K-algebraic interpolation, a problem that could be presented is the appropriate choice of degrees system. On the problem with two nodes, the degrees system can be founded considering some additional restrictions, such as the conditions in the first and second derivative at some interpolation points [4]. In this paper a restriction that considers the interpolating polynomial should be very close to the function to be interpolated.

A. Nodes $0 < x_1 < x_2$ and Interpolation Space $[1, x^2]$

If $x_1 = a$ and $x_2 = b$, the interpolation interval is $[a, b]$. We want to find an interpolator with the form

$$p(x) = a + bx^2$$  \hspace{1cm} (9)

where \( p(a) = f(a) \) and \( p(b) = f(b) \).

For this case, we perform a transformation, so that the problem becomes an interpolation problem in the range $[0, 1]$. If we carried out the transformation \( t = (x - a) / (b - a) \), the polynomial with the form \( p(t) = y + \delta t^2 \) are required to fulfill the new conditions, \( t \in [0, 1] \), \( p(0) = f(a) \) and \( p(1) = f(b) \). These conditions imply that \( p(t) = y \) and \( p'(t) = \gamma + \delta t^2 \). Hence the polynomial \( p(t) = y + \delta t^2 \) is transformed into expression:

$$p(t) = f(a) + (f(b) - f(a)) t^2$$  \hspace{1cm} (10)

from we obtain:

$$s = \frac{\ln \left[ \frac{p(t) - f(a)}{f(b) - f(a)} \right]}{\ln \left[ \frac{f(t) - f(a)}{f(b) - f(a)} \right]}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (11)

This substitution may assist in problems where the function $f(x)$ is not exactly known, as in some applications where only some values of $f(x)$ are known. For the case where the form of $f(x)$ is exactly know, this can be used a condition from derivative of $f(x)$ in $b$ as shown in [4]. But note that our $s$ can be applied in both cases.

Taking the value of $s$, the polynomial with the variable $x$ assumes the form

$$p(x) = f(a) + (f(b) - f(a)) \left( \frac{x - a}{b - a} \right)^2 \text{ with } x \in [a, b],$$  \hspace{1cm} (13)

that is the polynomial approximated to $f(x)$ and interpolates the points $a$ and $b$.

B. Interpolation of $f(x) = 1/(1 - x)^2$ in $[0, 1]$

We consider the nodes $x_1 = 0.3, x_2 = 0.9$. In order to determine the value of $t_0$ we must obtain the tangent line that interpolates the points $(x_1, f(x_1))$ and $(x_2, f(x_2))$ whose equation is

$$y(x) = 163.2653x - 46.9388$$  \hspace{1cm} (14)

The $t_0$ value is where the function $g(x) = y(x) - f(x)$ assumes the maximum value, resulting $t_0 = 0.7695$. With this value we calculate the approximate value of $s$. 

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So, the interpolating polynomial is
\[ p(x) = 2.04 + 3499.34(x - 0.3)^7 \]

The following graphs represent both the function and the interpolating; also, the function and their best approximants for any 3, 4 or 5 nodes of the classical theory are presented.

It can be observed the good behavior of the polynomial respect to function also, its simplicity regarding polynomials with better approximations for the classical theory.

If the value of the endpoint is approximated to unity, the growth is higher so that the degree of polynomial is increased as can be observed with the nodes \( x_3 = 0.45, x_2 = 0.95 \) and the calculated value for \( t = \)
0.8639, then the approximate value of \( s \) is

\[
  s = \frac{\ln \left[ \frac{f(0.8639) - f(0.45)}{f(0.95) - f(0.45)} \right]}{\ln 0.8639} = [1.06] = 1
\]

(17)

Nodes \( x = 0.45 \) and \( x = 0.95 \)

Best approximant for 4 nodes

Fig. 5 nodes \( x = 0.45 \) and \( x = 0.95 \)

Fig. 6 Best approximant for 3 nodes

Best approximant for 5 nodes

Fig. 7 Best approximant for 4 nodes

Fig. 8 Best approximant for 5 nodes

In last case can be observed the good behavior of the

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interpolating polynomial respect to the function besides the simplicity regarding to polynomials with better approximation to the function in classical theory.

III. CONCLUSION

Algebraic interpolation imposes a restriction in the degree of interpolants, that makes difficult the function approximation with high growth, however, using the K-algebraic interpolation can be constructed interpolants with arbitrary degree, obtaining a better approximant.

Using the Remes algorithm can be obtained an approximation to the optimal approximant and realize comparisons to the interpolant obtained in this work that is the better approximant than any interpolator with three, four and five nodes in the classical interpolation.

Other advantage of these interpolants is the small oscillation along the function despite the degree is high, this does not occurs using the optimal approximation since the increment of polynomial degree causes an increment of oscillation.

This technique can be performed in order to find interpolants for functions with high growth, for example, exponential functions.

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