

Code explanation

In the main function I call interp three times for each n in the four problems. Linspace is used to space out the x 's and z 's where $m=100$. A hold is put around each of the problems so that each graph shows the $f(z)$ and $pn(z)$ functions in the same graph. The instructions were ambiguous saying "Do this by sampling these functions at a "dense" set of points" I wasn't sure if "these" refers to only the $pn(x)$ functions or the $pn(x)$ functions and the $f(x)$ function. I chose the later, plotting $f(z)$ and $pn(z)$. The first thing the interp function calls is the DivDif function. The DivDif function calculates the divided difference. It basically calculates the divided difference the same way it is done by hand but uses a 2d array. It's not very elegant but it's very efficient. The interp function goes on to add the x 's to the coefficients that divided difference calculated. At this point $pn(x)$ is formed and fz is calculated for each of the 100 z values. To calculate the values I use the matlab function polyval() which solves the polynomial with nested multiplication. Now the $f(z)$ and $pn(z)$ values are graphed. Finally the max error is calculated by scanning all the error values for each z and the error is displayed, but since the fz results are displayed in the main function the max error is displayed before the fz values.

Analysis

For the first problem when $n=4$ we see that the error is high at 0.012, but when the $n=8$ or 12 the error is eliminated other than computational error. The error is eliminated because when n is 6 or higher the error is 0, so we know the line is an exact fit.

For the second problem we will never get an exact fit because no matter the order of derivative $\sin(x)$ will never equal 0. However, the larger the n the larger the error's denominator is. As the denominator increases the error gets closer to 0. So when n increases we'll get a better line.

The third problem is discontinuous so we can't derivative it. The error is unreliable. We won't be able to find a good line for this function.

In the last problem the error increases with n . When the order of derivative increases this function increases. It increases at a faster rate than $(n+1)!$ So the error increases when n rises and the line gets worse.

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function [ ] = main( )

    figure
    hold on
    y1=linspace(0,1);
    f1=@(x) x.^6;
    fz14=interp(linspace(0,1,5),f1,y1)
    fz18=interp(linspace(0,1,9),f1,y1)
    fz112=interp(linspace(0,1,13),f1,y1)
    axis([0,1,f1(0),f1(1)]);
    hold off

    figure
    hold on
    y2=linspace(0,2*pi);
    f2=@(x) sin(x);
    fz24=interp(linspace(0,2*pi,5),f2,y2)
    fz28=interp(linspace(0,2*pi,9),f2,y2)
    fz212=interp(linspace(0,2*pi,13),f2,y2)
    axis([0,2*pi,-1.5,1.5]);
    hold off

    figure
    hold on
    y3=linspace(0,2);
    f3=@(x) .45*(x<1) + .5*(x==1) + .55*(x>1);
    fz34=interp(linspace(0,2,5),f3,y3)
    fz38=interp(linspace(0,2,9),f3,y3)
    fz312=interp(linspace(0,2,13),f3,y3)
    axis([0,2,.4,.6]);
    hold off

    figure
    hold on
    y4=linspace(-1,1);
    f4=@(x) 1./(1 + 10*x.^2);
    fz44=interp(linspace(-1,1,5),f4,y4)
    fz48=interp(linspace(-1,1,9),f4,y4)
    fz412=interp(linspace(-1,1,13),f4,y4)
    hold off

end

function [ fz ] = interp( x,f,z )
    %divided difference
    c = DivDif(x,f);

    %multiply coefficients by variables and x values
    syms q;
    px = [c(1)];
    xs=1;
    for i=2:length(x)
        xs=xs*(q-x(i-1));
        px=[px,c(i)*xs(end)];
    end

    %simplify px
    simp=0;
    for i=1:length(px)

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        simp=simp+px(i);
    end

    %solve for z's
    p = sym2poly(simp);
    fz=zeros(1,length(z));
    for i=1:length(z)
        %function polyval uses nested multiplication
        fz(i)=polyval(p,z(i));
    end

    s=vpa(simp);
    %plot
    plot(z, f(z));
    ezplot(s,z);

    %calculate error
    maxError=0;
    for i=1:length(z)
        if abs(f(z(i))-subs(s,z(i))) > maxError
            maxError=abs(f(z(i))-subs(s,z(i)));
        end
    end
    maxError=simplify(maxError)
end

function [ c, table ] = DivDif( x, f )
    table = zeros([1 2*length(x)+(((length(x)-1)*(length(x)))/2))]);
    %4 times the size of x fits everything
    for i=1:length(x)
        table(i)=x(i); %put the x's in
    end
    for i=1:length(x)
        table(i+length(x))=f(x(i)); %put the y's in
    end

    sub=1;
    index=1;
    num=length(x); %number of elemnts in column
    spacing=0;
    for i=(length(x)*2)+1:length(table)
        if index == num
            spacing=spacing+index;
            num=num-1;
            index=1;

            end

        distance=length(x)-num+1;
        numerator = table(index+length(x)+spacing) ...
            -table(index+length(x)+spacing+1);
        den = table(index)-table(index+distance);
        table(i)=numerator./den;
        index=index+1;
        sub=sub+1;
    end
    table;

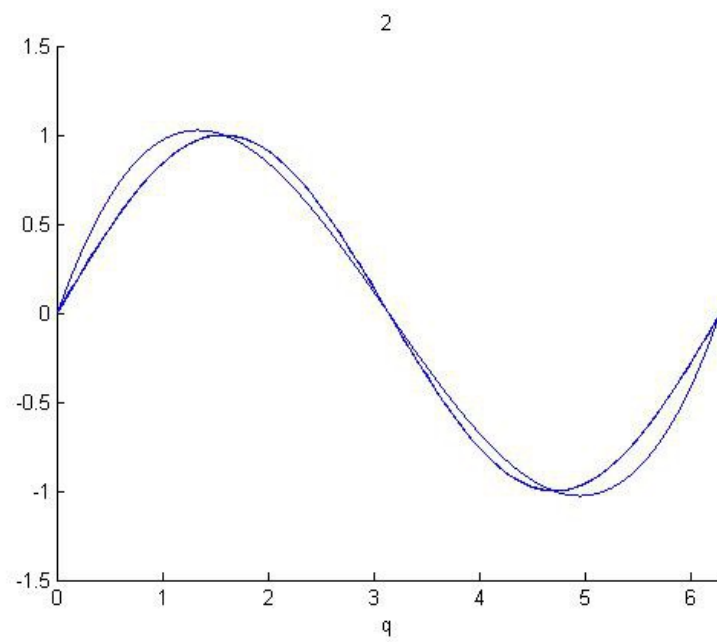
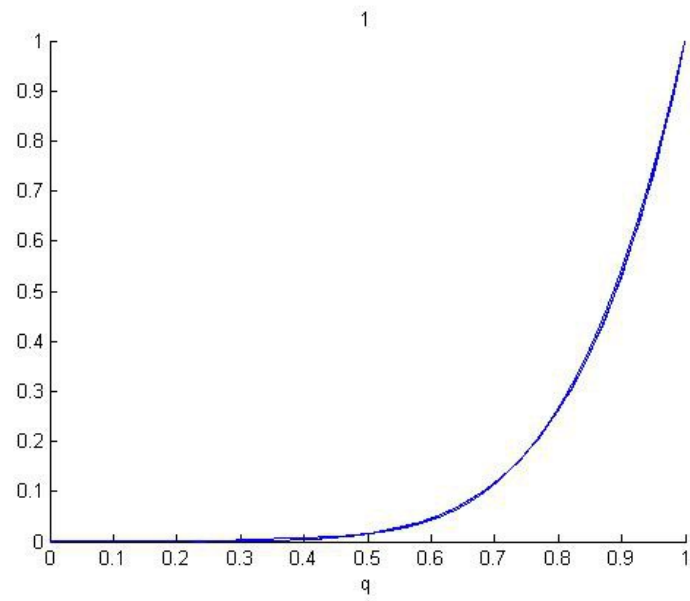
    c=[];

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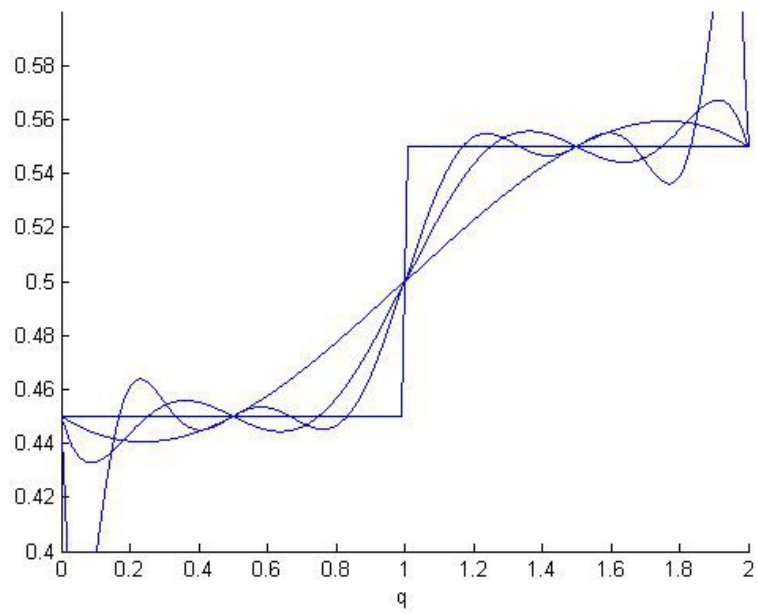
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i=length(x)+1;
in=length(x);
while i<=length(table)
    c=[c,table(i)];
    i=i+in;
    in=in-1;
end
end

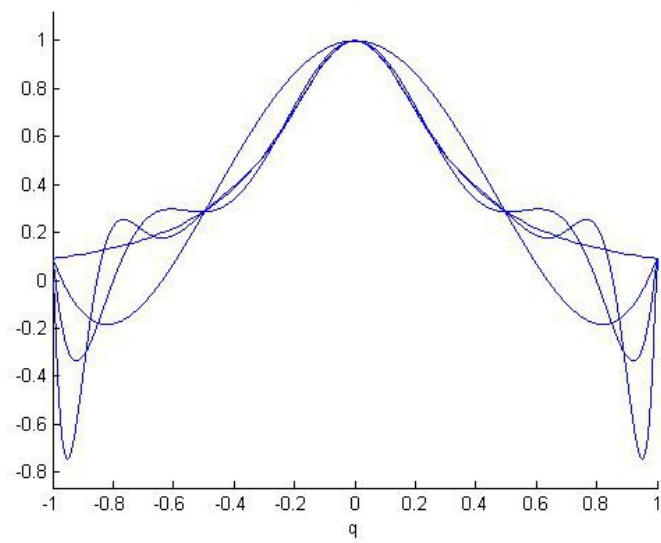
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>> main
maxError =
0.012085475041503048470771871461945
fz14 =
Columns 1 through 9
    0 -0.0022 -0.0040 -0.0055 -0.0067 -0.0077 -0.0084 -0.0088 -0.0091
Columns 10 through 18
-0.0092 -0.0091 -0.0089 -0.0086 -0.0081 -0.0076 -0.0070 -0.0063 -0.0056
Columns 19 through 27
-0.0049 -0.0041 -0.0033 -0.0026 -0.0018 -0.0010 -0.0003 0.0004 0.0011
Columns 28 through 36
    0.0018 0.0024 0.0030 0.0035 0.0041 0.0046 0.0050 0.0055 0.0059
Columns 37 through 45
    0.0063 0.0067 0.0071 0.0075 0.0079 0.0084 0.0089 0.0095 0.0101
Columns 46 through 54
    0.0108 0.0117 0.0126 0.0137 0.0149 0.0164 0.0180 0.0198 0.0219
Columns 55 through 63
    0.0243 0.0269 0.0299 0.0332 0.0369 0.0410 0.0455 0.0505 0.0560
Columns 64 through 72
    0.0621 0.0687 0.0759 0.0837 0.0922 0.1015 0.1115 0.1223 0.1339
Columns 73 through 81
    0.1464 0.1598 0.1742 0.1896 0.2061 0.2237 0.2424 0.2624 0.2836
Columns 82 through 90
    0.3061 0.3299 0.3552 0.3820 0.4103 0.4401 0.4716 0.5048 0.5398
Columns 91 through 99
    0.5766 0.6152 0.6558 0.6984 0.7431 0.7900 0.8390 0.8903 0.9439
Column 100
    1.0000
maxError =
0.00000000000000029382981965916339404717780081503
fz18 =
Columns 1 through 9
    0 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000
Columns 10 through 18
    0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000
Columns 19 through 27
    0.0000 0.0000 0.0001 0.0001 0.0001 0.0002 0.0002 0.0003 0.0003
Columns 28 through 36
    0.0004 0.0005 0.0006 0.0008 0.0009 0.0011 0.0014 0.0016 0.0020
Columns 37 through 45
    0.0023 0.0027 0.0032 0.0037 0.0044 0.0050 0.0058 0.0067 0.0077
Columns 46 through 54
    0.0088 0.0101 0.0114 0.0130 0.0147 0.0166 0.0187 0.0210 0.0235
Columns 55 through 63
    0.0263 0.0294 0.0328 0.0364 0.0404 0.0448 0.0496 0.0547 0.0603
Columns 64 through 72
    0.0664 0.0730 0.0801 0.0878 0.0961 0.1050 0.1146 0.1250 0.1361
Columns 73 through 81
    0.1480 0.1607 0.1744 0.1890 0.2047 0.2214 0.2392 0.2582 0.2784
Columns 82 through 90
    0.3000 0.3229 0.3473 0.3731 0.4006 0.4297 0.4606 0.4933 0.5279
Columns 91 through 99
    0.5645 0.6032 0.6440 0.6872 0.7328 0.7808 0.8314 0.8847 0.9409
Column 100
    1.0000
maxError =
0.0000000000000002402738776309522488084138917226
fz112 =

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Columns 1 through 9

0 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000

Columns 10 through 18

0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000

Columns 19 through 27

0.0000 0.0000 0.0001 0.0001 0.0001 0.0002 0.0002 0.0003 0.0003

Columns 28 through 36

0.0004 0.0005 0.0006 0.0008 0.0009 0.0011 0.0014 0.0016 0.0020

Columns 37 through 45

0.0023 0.0027 0.0032 0.0037 0.0044 0.0050 0.0058 0.0067 0.0077

Columns 46 through 54

0.0088 0.0101 0.0114 0.0130 0.0147 0.0166 0.0187 0.0210 0.0235

Columns 55 through 63

0.0263 0.0294 0.0328 0.0364 0.0404 0.0448 0.0496 0.0547 0.0603

Columns 64 through 72

0.0664 0.0730 0.0801 0.0878 0.0961 0.1050 0.1146 0.1250 0.1361

Columns 73 through 81

0.1480 0.1607 0.1744 0.1890 0.2047 0.2214 0.2392 0.2582 0.2784

Columns 82 through 90

0.3000 0.3229 0.3473 0.3731 0.4006 0.4297 0.4606 0.4933 0.5279

Columns 91 through 99

0.5645 0.6032 0.6440 0.6872 0.7328 0.7808 0.8314 0.8847 0.9409

Column 100

1.0000

maxError =

0.18062139140991704531017171669434

fz24 =

Columns 1 through 9

0 0.1045 0.2026 0.2944 0.3801 0.4598 0.5337 0.6018 0.6643

Columns 10 through 18

0.7213 0.7729 0.8194 0.8608 0.8972 0.9288 0.9557 0.9781 0.9961

Columns 19 through 27

1.0098 1.0193 1.0248 1.0264 1.0242 1.0185 1.0092 0.9965 0.9807

Columns 28 through 36

0.9617 0.9397 0.9150 0.8875 0.8574 0.8249 0.7901 0.7531 0.7141

Columns 37 through 45

0.6732 0.6305 0.5861 0.5402 0.4929 0.4444 0.3948 0.3441 0.2926

Columns 46 through 54

0.2404 0.1876 0.1343 0.0807 0.0269 -0.0269 -0.0807 -0.1343 -0.1876

Columns 55 through 63

-0.2404 -0.2926 -0.3441 -0.3948 -0.4444 -0.4929 -0.5402 -0.5861 -0.6305

Columns 64 through 72

-0.6732 -0.7141 -0.7531 -0.7901 -0.8249 -0.8574 -0.8875 -0.9150 -0.9397

Columns 73 through 81

-0.9617 -0.9807 -0.9965 -1.0092 -1.0185 -1.0242 -1.0264 -1.0248 -1.0193

Columns 82 through 90

-1.0098 -0.9961 -0.9781 -0.9557 -0.9288 -0.8972 -0.8608 -0.8194 -0.7729

Columns 91 through 99

-0.7213 -0.6643 -0.6018 -0.5337 -0.4598 -0.3801 -0.2944 -0.2026 -0.1045

Column 100

0.0000

maxError =

0.0012025121116075082926235981564947

fz28 =

Columns 1 through 9

0 0.0641 0.1276 0.1904 0.2524 0.3132 0.3727 0.4306 0.4869

Columns 10 through 18

0.5411 0.5932 0.6430 0.6901 0.7345 0.7760 0.8144 0.8495 0.8812

Columns 19 through 27
0.9094 0.9340 0.9547 0.9717 0.9847 0.9938 0.9988 0.9999 0.9969
Columns 28 through 36
0.9899 0.9789 0.9639 0.9451 0.9224 0.8961 0.8661 0.8326 0.7958
Columns 37 through 45
0.7558 0.7127 0.6668 0.6181 0.5670 0.5136 0.4582 0.4009 0.3420
Columns 46 through 54
0.2817 0.2203 0.1580 0.0950 0.0317 -0.0317 -0.0950 -0.1580 -0.2203
Columns 55 through 63
-0.2817 -0.3420 -0.4009 -0.4582 -0.5136 -0.5670 -0.6181 -0.6668 -0.7127
Columns 64 through 72
-0.7558 -0.7958 -0.8326 -0.8661 -0.8961 -0.9224 -0.9451 -0.9639 -0.9789
Columns 73 through 81
-0.9899 -0.9969 -0.9999 -0.9988 -0.9938 -0.9847 -0.9717 -0.9547 -0.9340
Columns 82 through 90
-0.9094 -0.8812 -0.8495 -0.8144 -0.7760 -0.7345 -0.6901 -0.6430 -0.5932
Columns 91 through 99
-0.5411 -0.4869 -0.4306 -0.3727 -0.3132 -0.2524 -0.1904 -0.1276 -0.0641
Column 100
-0.0000

maxError =

0.0000015747932573422702468124057710497

fz212 =

Columns 1 through 9
0 0.0634 0.1266 0.1893 0.2511 0.3120 0.3717 0.4298 0.4862
Columns 10 through 18
0.5406 0.5929 0.6428 0.6901 0.7346 0.7761 0.8146 0.8497 0.8815
Columns 19 through 27
0.9096 0.9341 0.9549 0.9718 0.9848 0.9938 0.9989 0.9999 0.9969
Columns 28 through 36
0.9898 0.9788 0.9638 0.9450 0.9224 0.8960 0.8660 0.8326 0.7958
Columns 37 through 45
0.7557 0.7127 0.6668 0.6182 0.5671 0.5137 0.4582 0.4009 0.3420
Columns 46 through 54
0.2817 0.2203 0.1580 0.0951 0.0317 -0.0317 -0.0951 -0.1580 -0.2203
Columns 55 through 63
-0.2817 -0.3420 -0.4009 -0.4582 -0.5137 -0.5671 -0.6182 -0.6668 -0.7127
Columns 64 through 72
-0.7557 -0.7958 -0.8326 -0.8660 -0.8960 -0.9224 -0.9450 -0.9638 -0.9788
Columns 73 through 81
-0.9898 -0.9969 -0.9999 -0.9989 -0.9938 -0.9848 -0.9718 -0.9549 -0.9341
Columns 82 through 90
-0.9096 -0.8815 -0.8497 -0.8146 -0.7761 -0.7346 -0.6901 -0.6428 -0.5929
Columns 91 through 99
-0.5406 -0.4862 -0.4298 -0.3717 -0.3120 -0.2511 -0.1893 -0.1266 -0.0634
Column 100
-0.0000

maxError =

0.048821617528892296495711087931554

fz34 =

Columns 1 through 9
0.4500 0.4484 0.4470 0.4457 0.4445 0.4436 0.4427 0.4420 0.4415
Columns 10 through 18
0.4411 0.4408 0.4406 0.4406 0.4407 0.4409 0.4413 0.4417 0.4423
Columns 19 through 27
0.4429 0.4437 0.4446 0.4456 0.4466 0.4478 0.4490 0.4503 0.4517
Columns 28 through 36
0.4532 0.4548 0.4564 0.4581 0.4599 0.4617 0.4636 0.4655 0.4675

Columns 37 through 45
0.4695 0.4716 0.4737 0.4759 0.4781 0.4803 0.4826 0.4848 0.4871
Columns 46 through 54
0.4894 0.4918 0.4941 0.4965 0.4988 0.5012 0.5035 0.5059 0.5082
Columns 55 through 63
0.5106 0.5129 0.5152 0.5174 0.5197 0.5219 0.5241 0.5263 0.5284
Columns 64 through 72
0.5305 0.5325 0.5345 0.5364 0.5383 0.5401 0.5419 0.5436 0.5452
Columns 73 through 81
0.5468 0.5483 0.5497 0.5510 0.5522 0.5534 0.5544 0.5554 0.5563
Columns 82 through 90
0.5571 0.5577 0.5583 0.5587 0.5591 0.5593 0.5594 0.5594 0.5592
Columns 91 through 99
0.5589 0.5585 0.5580 0.5573 0.5564 0.5555 0.5543 0.5530 0.5516
Column 100
0.5500

maxError =

0.04743725207702571313884980289152

fz38 =

Columns 1 through 9
0.4500 0.4420 0.4368 0.4339 0.4328 0.4331 0.4345 0.4365 0.4389
Columns 10 through 18
0.4416 0.4443 0.4468 0.4492 0.4512 0.4529 0.4543 0.4552 0.4557
Columns 19 through 27
0.4558 0.4556 0.4551 0.4543 0.4533 0.4522 0.4510 0.4497 0.4484
Columns 28 through 36
0.4473 0.4462 0.4454 0.4448 0.4444 0.4444 0.4447 0.4454 0.4464
Columns 37 through 45
0.4479 0.4497 0.4520 0.4546 0.4576 0.4610 0.4647 0.4688 0.4731
Columns 46 through 54
0.4776 0.4824 0.4873 0.4923 0.4974 0.5026 0.5077 0.5127 0.5176
Columns 55 through 63
0.5224 0.5269 0.5312 0.5353 0.5390 0.5424 0.5454 0.5480 0.5503
Columns 64 through 72
0.5521 0.5536 0.5546 0.5553 0.5556 0.5556 0.5552 0.5546 0.5538
Columns 73 through 81
0.5527 0.5516 0.5503 0.5490 0.5478 0.5467 0.5457 0.5449 0.5444
Columns 82 through 90
0.5442 0.5443 0.5448 0.5457 0.5471 0.5488 0.5508 0.5532 0.5557
Columns 91 through 99
0.5584 0.5611 0.5635 0.5655 0.5669 0.5672 0.5661 0.5632 0.5580
Column 100
0.5500

maxError =

0.080859510961997604288507367015388

fz312 =

Columns 1 through 9
0.4500 0.3911 0.3691 0.3696 0.3822 0.3999 0.4183 0.4345 0.4474
Columns 10 through 18
0.4564 0.4616 0.4637 0.4633 0.4612 0.4582 0.4548 0.4515 0.4487
Columns 19 through 27
0.4466 0.4454 0.4450 0.4453 0.4461 0.4474 0.4489 0.4504 0.4517
Columns 28 through 36
0.4527 0.4533 0.4534 0.4531 0.4524 0.4513 0.4500 0.4486 0.4473
Columns 37 through 45
0.4462 0.4455 0.4453 0.4458 0.4471 0.4493 0.4524 0.4564 0.4614
Columns 46 through 54
0.4671 0.4736 0.4807 0.4882 0.4960 0.5040 0.5118 0.5193 0.5264

Columns 55 through 63
0.5329 0.5386 0.5436 0.5476 0.5507 0.5529 0.5542 0.5547 0.5545
Columns 64 through 72
0.5538 0.5527 0.5514 0.5500 0.5487 0.5476 0.5469 0.5466 0.5467
Columns 73 through 81
0.5473 0.5483 0.5496 0.5511 0.5526 0.5539 0.5547 0.5550 0.5546
Columns 82 through 90
0.5534 0.5513 0.5485 0.5452 0.5418 0.5388 0.5367 0.5363 0.5384
Columns 91 through 99
0.5436 0.5526 0.5655 0.5817 0.6001 0.6178 0.6304 0.6309 0.6089
Column 100
0.5500

maxError =

0.31537296198563854510557673346261

fz44 =

Columns 1 through 9
0.0909 0.0275 -0.0265 -0.0716 -0.1085 -0.1374 -0.1589 -0.1734 -0.1814
Columns 10 through 18
-0.1834 -0.1796 -0.1707 -0.1569 -0.1387 -0.1164 -0.0904 -0.0611 -0.0289
Columns 19 through 27
0.0060 0.0431 0.0823 0.1230 0.1652 0.2084 0.2524 0.2969 0.3416
Columns 28 through 36
0.3864 0.4309 0.4750 0.5184 0.5609 0.6023 0.6425 0.6812 0.7182
Columns 37 through 45
0.7536 0.7870 0.8183 0.8475 0.8744 0.8989 0.9209 0.9403 0.9571
Columns 46 through 54
0.9712 0.9825 0.9911 0.9968 0.9996 0.9996 0.9968 0.9911 0.9825
Columns 55 through 63
0.9712 0.9571 0.9403 0.9209 0.8989 0.8744 0.8475 0.8183 0.7870
Columns 64 through 72
0.7536 0.7182 0.6812 0.6425 0.6023 0.5609 0.5184 0.4750 0.4309
Columns 73 through 81
0.3864 0.3416 0.2969 0.2524 0.2084 0.1652 0.1230 0.0823 0.0431
Columns 82 through 90
0.0060 -0.0289 -0.0611 -0.0904 -0.1164 -0.1387 -0.1569 -0.1707 -0.1796
Columns 91 through 99
-0.1834 -0.1814 -0.1734 -0.1589 -0.1374 -0.1085 -0.0716 -0.0265 0.0275
Column 100
0.0909

maxError =

0.43981480807396251339949513903648

fz48 =

Columns 1 through 9
0.0909 -0.1270 -0.2576 -0.3209 -0.3340 -0.3110 -0.2636 -0.2011 -0.1310
Columns 10 through 18
-0.0589 0.0108 0.0750 0.1318 0.1800 0.2192 0.2495 0.2715 0.2860
Columns 19 through 27
0.2943 0.2976 0.2972 0.2945 0.2909 0.2875 0.2856 0.2861 0.2898
Columns 28 through 36
0.2974 0.3094 0.3261 0.3475 0.3737 0.4044 0.4393 0.4779 0.5196
Columns 37 through 45
0.5638 0.6096 0.6563 0.7030 0.7488 0.7930 0.8346 0.8730 0.9073
Columns 46 through 54
0.9369 0.9614 0.9801 0.9928 0.9992 0.9992 0.9928 0.9801 0.9614
Columns 55 through 63
0.9369 0.9073 0.8730 0.8346 0.7930 0.7488 0.7030 0.6563 0.6096
Columns 64 through 72
0.5638 0.5196 0.4779 0.4393 0.4044 0.3737 0.3475 0.3261 0.3094

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Columns 73 through 81
0.2974 0.2898 0.2861 0.2856 0.2875 0.2909 0.2945 0.2972 0.2976
Columns 82 through 90
0.2943 0.2860 0.2715 0.2495 0.2192 0.1800 0.1318 0.0750 0.0108
Columns 91 through 99
-0.0589 -0.1310 -0.2011 -0.2636 -0.3110 -0.3340 -0.3209 -0.2576 -0.1270
Column 100
0.0909
maxError =
0.83172274725020796993688487852171
fz412 =
Columns 1 through 9
0.0909 -0.5260 -0.7338 -0.7053 -0.5578 -0.3673 -0.1797 -0.0200 0.1017
Columns 10 through 18
0.1841 0.2317 0.2515 0.2516 0.2395 0.2219 0.2038 0.1891 0.1798
Columns 19 through 27
0.1772 0.1812 0.1912 0.2062 0.2249 0.2461 0.2685 0.2914 0.3142
Columns 28 through 36
0.3364 0.3581 0.3796 0.4014 0.4239 0.4478 0.4737 0.5021 0.5332
Columns 37 through 45
0.5674 0.6044 0.6440 0.6857 0.7286 0.7719 0.8144 0.8551 0.8927
Columns 46 through 54
0.9261 0.9543 0.9763 0.9914 0.9990 0.9990 0.9914 0.9763 0.9543
Columns 55 through 63
0.9261 0.8927 0.8551 0.8144 0.7719 0.7286 0.6857 0.6440 0.6044
Columns 64 through 72
0.5674 0.5332 0.5021 0.4737 0.4478 0.4239 0.4014 0.3796 0.3581
Columns 73 through 81
0.3364 0.3142 0.2914 0.2685 0.2461 0.2249 0.2062 0.1912 0.1812
Columns 82 through 90
0.1772 0.1798 0.1891 0.2038 0.2219 0.2395 0.2516 0.2515 0.2317
Columns 91 through 99
0.1841 0.1017 -0.0200 -0.1797 -0.3673 -0.5578 -0.7053 -0.7338 -0.5260
Column 100
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