

Numerical Analysis II

2001

Question A

[2 marks]

(a) By substitution, $\phi(x_j) = y_j$.

$$(b) \phi'(x) = \frac{y_{j+1} - y_j}{d_j} - \frac{(x_{j+1} + x_j - 2x) \{ (d_j + x_{j+1} - x)\mu_j + (d_j + x - x_j)\mu_{j+1} \}}{6d_j} \\ + \frac{(x - x_j)(x_{j+1} - x)(\mu_{j+1} - \mu_j)}{6d_j}$$

so

$$\phi'(x_j) = \frac{y_{j+1} - y_j}{d_j} - \frac{(2\mu_j + \mu_{j+1})d_j}{6} \quad (1)$$

$$\phi'(x_{j+1}) = \frac{y_{j+1} - y_j}{d_j} + \frac{(2\mu_{j+1} + \mu_j)d_j}{6} \quad (2)$$

[4 marks]

(c) $\phi''(x_j) = \mu_j$.

[2 marks]

To force first derivative continuity at x_j , equate formula (2) applied to $[x_{j-1}, x_j]$ with formula (1) applied to $[x_j, x_{j+1}]$:

$$\frac{y_j - y_{j-1}}{d_{j-1}} + \frac{(2\mu_j + \mu_{j-1})d_{j-1}}{6} = \frac{y_{j+1} - y_j}{d_j} - \frac{(2\mu_j + \mu_{j+1})d_j}{6}$$

Multiply by 6 and rearrange:

$$d_{j-1}\mu_{j-1} + 2(d_{j-1} + d_j)\mu_j + d_j\mu_{j+1} = \frac{6(y_{j+1} - y_j)}{d_j} - \frac{6(y_j - y_{j-1})}{d_{j-1}}$$

If $\phi(x)$ is linear for $x < x_1$, $x > x_n$ then $\mu_1 = \mu_n = 0$ so the equations form the system $A\underline{\mu} = \underline{z}$ where $\underline{\mu} = \{\mu_2, \mu_3, \dots, \mu_{n-1}\}$,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2(d_1 + d_2) & d_2 & & & \\ d_2 & 2(d_2 + d_3) & d_3 & & \\ & d_3 & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & d_{n-2} & \\ & & & d_{n-2} & 2(d_{n-2} + d_{n-1}) \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$z_j = \frac{6(y_{j+1} - y_j)}{d_j} - \frac{6(y_j - y_{j-1})}{d_{j-1}}$$

[10 marks]

A is symmetric positive definite and tridiagonal so is well conditioned for solution.

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