# Chapter 2 homework

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## 1 Theoretical questions

## 1.1 I

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= 1, f_0 = 1, x_1 = 2, f_2 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow p_1(f;x) = -\frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{2} \\ \text{So, } f(x) - p_1(f;x) &= \frac{1}{x} + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{1}{\xi^3(x)}(x-1)(x-2) \\ &\Rightarrow \xi(x) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{2x}} \\ \text{So,max } \xi(x) &= \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{2}}, \min \xi(x) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{4}}, \max f''(\xi(x)) = \max 4x = 8 \end{aligned}$$

## 1.2 II

First, find an interpolation polynomial p(x) of degree n that satisfies  $p(x_i) = \sqrt{f_i}, i = 0, 1, \ldots, n$ 

Then, let  $p_2(x) = p^2(x)$ , then, we can verify than  $p_2(x) \ge 0$ ,  $p_2(x_i) = f_i$  and  $p_2 \in \mathbb{P}_{2n}^+$ 

## 1.3 III

$$\forall t,\, f[t]=f(t)=e^t=\frac{(e-1)^0}{0!}e^t$$
 Assume than when  $n=1,2,\ldots,k, for all t\in\mathbb{R}, f[t,t+1,\ldots,t+n]=\frac{(e-1)^n}{n!}e^t$  Then  $\forall t\in\mathbb{R}, f[t,t+1,\ldots,t+k+1]=\frac{f[t+1,t+2,\ldots,t+n+1]-f[t,t+1,\ldots,t+n]}{t+1-t}=\frac{(e-1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}e^t$  By induction, the original proposition is proved. 
$$f[0,1,\ldots,n]=\frac{(e-1)^n}{n!}e^0=\frac{(e-1)^n}{n!}=\frac{1}{n!}f^{(n)}(\xi)$$
  $\Rightarrow (e-1)^n=e^\xi$  So,  $\xi=nlog(e-1)$  and it is located at the right side of  $\frac{n}{2}$ 

## 1.4 IV

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
0 & 5 & \\
1 & 3 & -2 & \\
3 & 5 & 1 & 1 & \\
4 & 12 & 7 & 2 & 0.25 \\
So, p_3 = 5 - 2x + (x - 1)x + 0.25x(x - 1)(x - 3) \\
p'_3(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 9}{2} \Rightarrow x_{\min} = \sqrt{3}
\end{array}$$

## 1.5 V

#### 1.6 VI

#### 1.7 VII

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \Delta^{0} f(x) = 0!h^{0} f[x_{0}]$$
Assume that  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \Delta^{k} f(x) = k!h^{k} f[x_{0}, \dots, x_{k}]$ 
Then  $\Delta^{k+1} f(x) = \Delta^{k} f(x+h) - \Delta^{k} f(x) = k!h^{k} (f[x_{1}, \dots, x_{k+1}] - f[x_{0}, \dots, x_{k}]) = (k+1)!h^{k+1} f[x_{0}, \dots, x_{k+1}]$ 

The second equation can prove similarly.

#### 1.8 VIII

$$\frac{\partial}{x_0} f[x_0, \dots, x_n] = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f[x_0 + h, x_1, \dots, x_n] - f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]}{h}$$
$$= \lim_{h \to 0} f[x_0, x_0 + h, x_1, \dots, x_n] = f[x_0, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

Similarly

$$\frac{\partial}{x_k} f[x_0, \dots, x_n] = \lim_{h \to 0} f[x_0, x_k + h, x_1, \dots, x_n] = f[x_k, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

#### 1.9 IX

When 
$$x \in [-1,1], a_0 = 1$$
,  $\min \max_{x \in [-1,1]} |a_0 x^n + \dots + a_n| = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$   
Let  $x = \frac{b-a}{2}(y+1), y \in [-1,1]$   
then  $p(x) = q(y) = a_0(\frac{b-a}{2}y + \frac{a+b}{2})^n + \dots + a_n$   
 $\Rightarrow \min \max_{y \in [-1,1]} |\frac{2^n}{a_0(b-a)^n}q(y| = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$   
 $\Rightarrow \min \max_{x \in [a,b]} |p(x)| = \frac{a_0(b-a)^n}{2^{2n-1}}$ 

#### 1.10 X

$$T_n(x) = cos(n \arccos x)$$
  
Assume  $\exists p_0 \in \mathbb{P}_n^a, ||\hat{p}_n||_{\infty} > ||p_0||_{\infty}$ , then  $\max_{x \in [-1,1]} |p_0| < \frac{1}{T_n(a)}$ 

Let  $Q(x) = \hat{p}(x) - p_0(x)$ , then  $Q(x_k') = \frac{(-1)^k}{T_n(a)} - p_0(x_k')$ , then Q(x) has alternating signs at these n+1 points.

However, the degree of Q(x) is no larger than n, so  $Q(x) \equiv 0$ , which is a contradiction to assumption. So the original proposition is true.

## 1.11 XI

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} b_{n,k}(t) = ((1-t)+t)^{n} = 1$$

$$(p+q)^{n} = \sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \choose k} p^{k} q^{n-k}$$

$$\Rightarrow n(p+q)^{n-1} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} k {n \choose k} p^{k-1} q^{n-k}$$

$$\Rightarrow np(p+q)^{n-1} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} k {n \choose k} p^{k} q^{n-k}$$

Let p = t, q = 1 - t, we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} k b_{n,k}(t) = nt$$

$$(p+q)^n = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

$$\Rightarrow np(p+q)^{n-1} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} k \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n-1)p(p+q)^{n-2} + n(p+q)^{n-1} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} k^2 \binom{n}{k-1} p^k q^{n-k}$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n-1)p^2(p+q)^{n-2} + np(p+q)^{n-1} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} k^2 \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

Let p = t, q = 1 - t, we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} k^{2} b_{n,k}(t) = n(n-1)t^{2} + nt$$

then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} (k - nt)^2 b_{n,k}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} (k^2 - 2knt + n^2 t^2) b_{n,k}(t)$$
$$= n(n-1)t^2 + nt - 2n^2 t^2 + n^2 t^2 = nt - nt^2 = nt(1-t)$$