

Numerical Analysis  
Homework 1

1. Find the error term and order for the approximation formula

$$f'(x) = \frac{4f(x+h) - 3f(x) - f(x-2h)}{6h}.$$

2. Develop a second-order method for approximating  $f'(x)$  that uses the data  $f(x-h)$ ,  $f(x)$  and  $f(x+3h)$  only.
3. Develop a first-order method for approximating  $f''(x)$  that uses the data  $f(x-h)$ ,  $f(x)$  and  $f(x+3h)$  only.
4. Prove the second-order formula for the third derivative

$$f'''(x) = \frac{-f(x-2h) + 2f(x-h) - 2f(x+h) + f(x+2h)}{2h^3} + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

5. Let  $f'(x)$  be a six-times continuously differentiable function.  
Prove that if  $f(x) = f'(x) = 0$ , then

$$f^{(IV)}(x+h) - \frac{16f(x+h) - 9f(x+2h) + \frac{8}{3}f(x+3h) - \frac{1}{4}f(x+4h)}{h^4} = \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

*Hint:*

Use formula:  $f^{(iv)}(x) = \frac{f(x-2h) - 4f(x-h) + 6f(x) - 4f(x+h) + f(x+2h)}{h^4} + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$ ;  
Show that if  $f(x) = f'(x) = 0$ , then  $f(x-h) - 10f(x+h) + 5f(x+2h) - \frac{5}{3}f(x+3h) + \frac{1}{4}f(x+4h) = \mathcal{O}(h^6)$