

# Homework #4

Interpolation and Polynomial Approximation / Curve Fitting

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## 1 INDICATIONS

- Answers with no process are **not valid**.
- Make all calculations with 5 decimal places of precision.

## 2 INTERPOLATION AND POLYNOMIAL APPROXIMATION

1. (0.6 points) Find the Taylor polynomial of degree  $N = 4$  and  $N = 6$  for  $f(x) = e^{-x^2/2}$  about  $x_0 = 0$

**Process:**

**P<sub>4</sub>(x) =**

**P<sub>6</sub>(x) =**

2. (0.6 points) Find the Taylor polynomial of degree  $N = 5$  for  $f(x) = (3 + x)^{1/2}$  about  $x_0 = 3$ , and use it to find approximation to  $f = 4^{1/2}$ .

**Process:**

$\mathbf{P_5(x) =}$
$4^{1/2} =$

3. (0.6 points) Compute the divided difference table for each tabulated function.

a)  $f(x) = (x + 1)^{1/2}$

b)  $f(x) = 7.8/x^2$

$k$	$x_k$	$f(x_k)$
0	8.0	3.00000
1	9.0	3.16227
2	10.0	3.31662
3	11.0	3.46410
4	12.0	3.60555

$k$	$x_k$	$f(x_k)$
0	6.0	0.21666
1	7.0	0.15918
2	8.0	0.12187
3	9.0	0.09629
4	10.0	0.07800

$f(x) = (x + 1)^{1/2}$

$x_k$	$f(x_k)$	1st divided difference	2nd divided difference	3th divided difference	4th divided difference
$x_0 =$					
$x_1 =$					
$x_2 =$					
$x_3 =$					
$x_4 =$					

$f(x) = 7.8/x^2$

$x_k$	$f(x_k)$	1st divided difference	2nd divided difference	3th divided difference	4th divided difference
$x_0 =$					
$x_1 =$					
$x_2 =$					
$x_3 =$					
$x_4 =$					

4. (0.6 points) Write down the Newton polynomial  $P_1(x)$ ,  $P_2(x)$  and  $P_3(x)$  for each function in Exercise 3.

a)  $f(x) = (x + 1)^{1/2}$

$\mathbf{P_1(x) =}$
$\mathbf{P_2(x) =}$
$\mathbf{P_3(x) =}$

b)  $f(x) = 7.8/x^2$

$\mathbf{P_1(x) =}$
$\mathbf{P_2(x) =}$
$\mathbf{P_3(x) =}$

5. (0.8 point) Use appropriate Lagrange interpolating polynomials  $P_1(x)$ ,  $P_2(x)$  and  $P_3(x)$  of degrees 1, 2 and 3 respectively to approximate each of the following:
- a)  $f(8.4)$ , if  $f(8.1) = 16.94410$ ,  $f(8.3) = 17.56492$ ,  $f(8.6) = 18.50515$ ,  $f(8.7) = 18.82091$ . Specify each Lagrange multiplier.

<b>Process:</b>	
$L_{1,0} =$	$L_{1,1} =$
$P_1(x) =$	$P_1(8.4) =$
$L_{2,0} =$	$L_{2,1} =$
$L_{2,2} =$	$P_2(8.4) =$
$P_2(x) =$	
$L_{3,0} =$	
$L_{3,1} =$	
$L_{3,2} =$	
$L_{3,3} =$	
$P_3(x) =$	
$P_3(8.4) =$	

b)  $f(-\frac{1}{3})$ , if  $f(-0.75) = -0.0718125, f(-0.5) = -0.02475000, f(-0.25) = 0.33493750, f(0) = 1.10100000$ .  
Specify each Lagrange multiplier.

<b>Process:</b>	
$L_{1,0} =$	$L_{1,1} =$
$P_1(x) =$	$P_1(-\frac{1}{3}) =$
$L_{2,0} =$	$L_{2,1} =$
$L_{2,2} =$	$P_2(-\frac{1}{3}) =$
$P_2(x) =$	
$L_{3,0} =$	
$L_{3,1} =$	
$L_{3,2} =$	
$L_{3,3} =$	
$P_3(x) =$	
$P_3(-\frac{1}{3}) =$	

c) **f(0.25)**, if  $f(0.1) = 0.62049958$ ,  $f(0.2) = -0.28395668$ ,  $f(0.3) = 0.00660095$ ,  $f(0.4) = 0.24842440$ .  
Specify each Lagrange multiplier.

<b>Process:</b>	
<b>L<sub>1,0</sub></b> =	<b>L<sub>1,1</sub></b> =
$P_1(x)$ =	$P_1(0.25)$ =
<b>L<sub>2,0</sub></b> =	<b>L<sub>2,1</sub></b> =
<b>L<sub>2,2</sub></b> =	$P_2(0.25)$ =
$P_2(x)$ =	
<b>L<sub>3,0</sub></b> =	
<b>L<sub>3,1</sub></b> =	
<b>L<sub>3,2</sub></b> =	
<b>L<sub>3,3</sub></b> =	
$P_3(x)$ =	
$P_3(0.25)$ =	

d)  $f(0.9)$ , if  $f(0.6) = -0.17694460$ ,  $f(0.7) = 0.01375227$ ,  $f(0.8) = 0.22363362$ ,  $f(1.0) = 0.65809197$ .  
Specify each Lagrange multiplier.

<b>Process:</b>	
$L_{1,0} =$	$L_{1,1} =$
$P_1(x) =$	$P_1(0.9) =$
$L_{2,0} =$	$L_{2,1} =$
$L_{2,2} =$	$P_2(0.9) =$
$P_2(x) =$	
$L_{3,0} =$	
$L_{3,1} =$	
$L_{3,2} =$	
$L_{3,3} =$	
$P_3(x) =$	
$P_3(0.9) =$	

6. (0.6 points) Use the Lagrange polynomial error formula to find an error bound for the approximations in Exercise 5.

a)  $f(8.4)$

$\mathbf{E_1(x)}$ =
$\mathbf{E_2(x)}$ =
$\mathbf{E_3(x)}$ =

b)  $f(-\frac{1}{3})$

$\mathbf{E_1(x)}$ =
$\mathbf{E_2(x)}$ =
$\mathbf{E_3(x)}$ =

c)  $f(0.25)$

$\mathbf{E_1(x)}$ =
$\mathbf{E_2(x)}$ =
$\mathbf{E_3(x)}$ =

d)  $f(0.9)$

$\mathbf{E_1(x)}$ =
$\mathbf{E_2(x)}$ =
$\mathbf{E_3(x)}$ =

### 3 CURVE FITTING

1. (0.4 points) Find the power fitting for  $y = A/x$  and  $y = B/x^2$  using the following data. Use the  $E_2(y)$  error to determine which one of the curves present a better fitting to the data.

a)	$x_k$	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.8	4.0
	$y_k$	7.1	4.4	3.2	1.9	0.9

**Process:**

$A =$	$E_2(y) =$
$B =$	$E_2(y) =$

b)	$x_k$	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.6	3.0
	$y_k$	8.1	4.9	3.3	1.6	0.5

**Process:**

$A =$	$E_2(y) =$
$B =$	$E_2(y) =$



2. (0.4 points) Find the Least-square line for  $y = Ax + b$  for the data and calculate  $E_2(y)$ .

$x_k$	-6.0	-2.0	0.0	2.0	6.0
$y_k$	-5.3	-3.5	-1.7	0.2	4.0

Process:

$A =$	$b =$	$E_2(y) =$
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3. (0.4 points) Find the least-squares parabola  $f(x) = Ax^2 + Bx + C$  for the data and calculate  $E_2(f)$ .

$x_k$	-2.0	-1.0	0.0	1.0	2.0
$y_k$	2.8	2.1	3.25	6.0	11.5

Process:

$A =$	$B =$	$C =$	$E_2(f) =$
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