This file shows (though it does not prove) that using only even order derivatives on the edges to constrain the terms of an interpolating polynomial results in a series in h, the sample spacing, that is purely even.

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Maxima 5.33.0 http://maxima.sourceforge.net
using Lisp SBCL 1.1.18
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Dedicated to the memory of William Schelter.
The function bug_report() provides bug reporting information.
*** My very own personal maxima-init.mac has been loaded. ***
STYLE-WARNING: redefining MAXIMA::MAIN-PROMPT in DEFUN
STYLE-WARNING: redefining MAXIMA::TEX-STRIPDOLLAR in DEFUN
STYLE-WARNING: redefining MAXIMA::TEX-MEXPT in DEFUN
STYLE-WARNING: redefining MAXIMA::TEX-CHOOSE in DEFUN
STYLE-WARNING: redefining MAXIMA::TEX-INT in DEFUN
STYLE-WARNING: redefining MAXIMA::TEX-SUM in DEFUN
STYLE-WARNING: redefining MAXIMA::TEX-LSUM in DEFUN
 (%i1) polyorder :2;
 (\%01) 2
 (%i2) pint(x) := sum( a[i] * x^(i) / (i)!, i, 0, (polyorder + 1)-1 +
                  2*ceiling((polyorder+1)/2) );
(%o2) \operatorname{pint}(x) := \operatorname{sum}\left(\frac{a_i x^i}{i!}, i, 0, \operatorname{polyorder} + 1 - 1 + 2\left\lceil \frac{\operatorname{polyorder} + 1}{2} \right\rceil\right)
 (%i3) pm(x) := sum(b[i] * x^(i) / (i)!, i, 0, polyorder);
(%o3) \operatorname{pm}(x) := \operatorname{sum}\left(\frac{b_i x^i}{i!}, i, 0, \operatorname{polyorder}\right)
 (%i4) p0(x) := sum(c[i] * x^i / i!, i, 0, polyorder);
(%o4) p0(x) := sum\left(\frac{c_i x^i}{i!}, i, 0, polyorder\right)
 (%i5) pp(x) := sum(d[i] * x^(i) / (i)!, i, 0, polyorder);
(%o5) \operatorname{pp}(x) := \operatorname{sum}\left(\frac{d_i x^i}{i!}, i, 0, \operatorname{polyorder}\right)
 (%i6) ders(f) := makelist(diff(f(x), x, i), i, 0, polyorder);
 (%06) \operatorname{ders}(f) := \operatorname{makelist}(\operatorname{diff}(f(x), x, i), i, 0, \operatorname{polyorder})
 (%i7) derseven(f) := makelist( diff(f(x), x, 2*i), i, 0, ceiling((polyorder-
(%o7) derseven(f) := \text{makelist}\left(\text{diff}(f(x), x, 2i), i, 0, \left\lceil \frac{\text{polyorder} - 1}{2} \right\rceil \right)
 (%i8) dpint : ders(pint);
 \begin{array}{l} \text{(\%08)} \  \, \left[ \frac{a_6\,x^6}{720} + \frac{a_5\,x^5}{120} + \frac{a_4\,x^4}{24} + \frac{a_3\,x^3}{6} + \frac{a_2\,x^2}{2} + a_1\,x + a_0, \frac{a_6\,x^5}{120} + \frac{a_5\,x^4}{24} + \frac{a_4\,x^3}{6} + \frac{a_3\,x^2}{2} + a_2\,x + a_1, \frac{a_5\,x^4}{24} + \frac{a_5\,x
\frac{a_6 x^4}{24} + \frac{a_5 x^3}{6} + \frac{a_4 x^2}{2} + a_3 x + a_2
 (%i9) dpinteven : derseven(pint);
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$$(\%09) \left[ \frac{a_6x^6}{720} + \frac{a_5x^5}{120} + \frac{a_4x^4}{24} + \frac{a_3x^3}{6} + \frac{a_2x^2}{2} + a_1x + a_0, \frac{a_6x^4}{24} + \frac{a_5x^3}{6} + \frac{a_4x^2}{2} + a_3x + a_2 \right]$$

$$(\%110) \ \, \text{dpm}: \ \, \text{derseven(pm)};$$

$$(\%010) \left[ \frac{b_2x^2}{2} + b_1x + b_0, b_2 \right]$$

$$(\%111) \ \, \text{dpo}: \ \, \text{ders(p0)};$$

$$(\%011) \left[ \frac{c_2x^2}{2} + c_1x + c_0, c_2x + c_1, c_2 \right]$$

$$(\%12) \ \, \text{dpo}: \ \, \text{derseven(pp)};$$

$$(\%012) \left[ \frac{d_2x^2}{2} + d_1x + d_0, d_2 \right]$$

$$(\%13) \ \, \text{eqns}: \ \, \text{makelist}(\ \, \text{ev(dpinteven[i]}, \ \, \text{x=-h}) = \text{ev(dpm[i]}, \ \, \text{x=0)}, \ \, \text{i, 1, 1}$$

$$\, \text{length(dpm)};$$

$$(\%013) \left[ \frac{a_6h^6}{720} - \frac{a_5h^5}{120} + \frac{a_4h^4}{24} - \frac{a_5h^3}{6} + \frac{a_2h^2}{2} - a_1h + a_0 = b_0, \frac{a_6h^4}{24} - \frac{a_5h^3}{6} + \frac{a_4h^2}{2} - a_3h + a_2 = b_2 \right]$$

$$(\%14) \ \, \text{eqns}: \ \, \text{append(eqns, makelist(ev(dpint[i], \ \, \text{x=0}) = ev(dp0[i], \ \, \text{x=0}), \ \, \text{i, 1, length(dp0)}); }$$

$$(\%014) \left[ \frac{a_6h^6}{720} - \frac{a_5h^5}{210} + \frac{a_4h^4}{24} - \frac{a_3h^3}{6} + \frac{a_2h^2}{2} - a_1h + a_0 = b_0, \frac{a_6h^4}{24} - \frac{a_5h^3}{6} + \frac{a_4h^2}{2} - a_3h + a_2 = b_2, a_0 = c_0, a_1 = c_1, a_2 = c_2 \right]$$

$$(\%15) \ \, \left[ \frac{a_6h^6}{720} - \frac{a_5h^5}{120} + \frac{a_4h^4}{24} - \frac{a_3h^3}{6} + \frac{a_2h^2}{2} - a_1h + a_0 = b_0, \frac{a_6h^4}{24} - \frac{a_5h^3}{6} + \frac{a_4h^2}{2} - a_3h + a_2 = b_2, a_0 = c_0, a_1 = c_1, a_2 = c_2, \frac{a_6h^6}{20} + \frac{a_5h^5}{22} + \frac{a_4h^4}{24} + \frac{a_5h^3}{6} + \frac{a_2h^2}{2} + a_1h + a_0 = d_0, \frac{a_6h^4}{24} + \frac{a_5h^3}{6} + \frac{a_4h^2}{2} - a_3h + a_2 = b_2, a_0 = c_0, a_1 = c_1, a_2 = c_2, \frac{a_6h^6}{120} + \frac{a_5h^5}{120} + \frac{a_4h^4}{24} + \frac{a_5h^3}{6} + \frac{a_2h^2}{2} + a_1h + a_0 = d_0, \frac{a_6h^4}{24} + \frac{a_5h^3}{6} + \frac{a_4h^2}{2} - a_3h + a_2 = d_2 \right]$$

$$(\%16) \ \, \text{vars}: \ \, \text{makelist}(\ \, \text{si}[], \ \, \text{i, 0, (polyorder+1)-1} + 2 + 2 + \frac{a_5h^3}{2} +$$

(%i18) avec : transpose(matrix( makelist( rhs(soln[1][i]), i, 1, (polyorder+1) +

2\*ceiling((polyorder+1)/2))));

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 \begin{array}{c} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \underline{(3\,b_2-3\,d_2)\,h^2-120\,c_1\,h+60\,d_0-60\,b_0} \\ 14\,h^3 \\ -\underline{(2\,d_2+56\,c_2+2\,b_2)\,h^2-60\,d_0+120\,c_0-60\,b_0} \\ -\underline{(30\,b_2-30\,d_2)\,h^2-360\,c_1\,h+180\,d_0-180\,b_0} \\ 7\,h^5 \\ \underline{(20\,d_2+200\,c_2+20\,b_2)\,h^2-240\,d_0+480\,c_0-240\,b_0} \\ h^6 \end{array} 
   (%i19) xvec : transpose(matrix(makelist(x^n/n!, n, 0, (polyorder+1)-1 +
                                      2*ceiling((polyorder+1)/2))));
(%019) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \frac{x^2}{2} \\ \frac{x^3}{6} \\ \frac{x^4}{24} \\ \frac{x^5}{120} \end{bmatrix}
   (%i20) intpoly : transpose(xvec).avec;
  \frac{(\% \circ 20)}{(\% \circ 20)} \frac{\left(\left(20\,d_2+200\,c_2+20\,b_2\right)h^2-240\,d_0+480\,c_0-240\,b_0\right)x^6}{720\,h^6} - \frac{\left(\left(30\,b_2-30\,d_2\right)h^2-360\,c_1\,h+180\,d_0-180\,b_0\right)x^5}{840\,h^5} - \frac{\left(\left(2\,d_2+56\,c_2+2\,b_2\right)h^2-60\,d_0+120\,c_0-60\,b_0\right)x^4}{72\,h^4} + \frac{\left(\left(3\,b_2-3\,d_2\right)h^2-120\,c_1\,h+60\,d_0-60\,b_0\right)x^3}{84\,h^3} + \frac{\left(3\,b_2-3\,d_2\right)h^2-120\,c_1\,h+60\,d_0-60\,b_0\right)x^3}{84\,h^3} + \frac{\left(3\,b_2-3\,d_2\right)h^2-120\,c_1\,h+60\,d_0-60\,b_0\right)x^3}{84\,h^3} + \frac{\left(3\,b_2-3\,d_2\right)h^2-120\,c_1\,h+60\,d_0-60\,b_0\right)x^3}{84\,h^3} + \frac{\left(3\,b_2-3\,d_2\right)h^2-120\,c_1\,h+60\,d_0-60\,b_0\right)x^3}{84\,h^3} + \frac{\left(3\,b_2-3\,d_2\right)h^2-120\,c_1\,h+60\,d_0-60\,b_0}{84\,h^3} + \frac{\left(3\,b_2-3\,d_2\right)h^2-120\,c_1\,h+60\,d_0-60\,b_0}{84\,h^2} + \frac{\left(3\,b_2-3\,d_2\right)h^2-120\,c_1\,h+60\,d_0-60\,b_0}{84\,h^2} + \frac{\left(3\,b_2-3\,d_2\right)h^2-
 \frac{c_2 x^2}{2} + c_1 x + c_0
   (\%i21) meanPoly : integrate(intpoly, x, -h, h)/(2*h);
   (\%021)
   \frac{(7\,d_2 + 256\,c_2 - 23\,b_2)\,h^3 - 1080\,c_1\,h^2 + (-120\,d_0 + 3840\,c_0 + 1320\,b_0)\,h}{5040} - \frac{(23\,d_2 - 256\,c_2 - 7\,b_2)\,h^3 - 1080\,c_1\,h^2 + (-1320\,d_0 - 3840\,c_0 + 120\,b_0)\,h}{5040}
   (%i22) meanPoly : expand(meanPoly);
   \begin{array}{ll} \hbox{(\%o22)} & -\frac{d_2\,h^2}{630} + \frac{16\,c_2\,h^2}{315} - \frac{b_2\,h^2}{630} + \frac{5\,d_0}{42} + \frac{16\,c_0}{21} + \frac{5\,b_0}{42} \end{array}
   (%i23) meanPoly : fullratsimp(meanPoly);
        (%o23) -\frac{(d_2-32\,c_2+b_2)\,h^2-75\,d_0-480\,c_0-75\,b_0}{630}
   (%i59) meanCoeffs : makelist(diff(meanPoly, h, i)/i!, i, 0, polyorder);
  \left[-\frac{\left(d_2-32\,c_2+b_2\right)h^2-75\,d_0-480\,c_0-75\,b_0}{630},-\frac{\left(d_2-32\,c_2+b_2\right)h}{315},-\frac{d_2-32\,c_2+b_2}{630}\right]
   (%i60) meanCoeffs : ev(meanCoeffs, h = 0);
  (%o60)  \left[ -\frac{-75 d_0 - 480 c_0 - 75 b_0}{630}, 0, -\frac{d_2 - 32 c_2 + b_2}{630} \right] 
   (%i61) meanCoeffs : factor(meanCoeffs);
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(%i1)