Numerical Analysis: Homework #2

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Problem 1

Let $f(x) = -x^3 - \cos x$ and $p_0 = 1$. Use two iterations of Newtown's method to approximate the root of $f(x)$.

Solution
Iteration one:

$$f'(x) = -3x^2 + \sin x$$

Use the slope at $x = p_0 = 1$ to approximate the root for our next iteration.

$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &\approx -1.5403 \\ f'(1) &\approx -2.15853 \\ p_1 &= x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} \\ &= 1 - \frac{-1.5403}{-2.15853} \\ &= 0.2864 \end{aligned}$$

Iteration two with $p_1 = 0.2864$:

$$\begin{aligned} f(0.2864) &\approx -0.982759 \\ f'(0.2864) &\approx 0.0364182 \\ p_2 &= x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} \\ &= 0.2864 - \frac{-0.982759}{0.0364182} \\ &= 27.98538 \end{aligned}$$

Our final approximation is 27.9854. This is very innacurate because the slope at our initial choice is nearly 0, pushing our estimation far from the actual root.

Problem 2

The derivative of a function can be approximated by

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

Show that the error of this approximation is $O(h^2)$.

Solution
The Taylor series for $f(x+h)$ and $f(x+2h)$ are as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x+h) &= f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2}f''(x) + \frac{h^3}{6}f'''(x) + Ch^4 \\ f(x+2h) &= f(x) + 2hf'(x) + 2h^2f''(x) + (4/3)h^3f'''(x) + Ch^4 \end{aligned}$$

Using those expansions to calculate the error of the approximation

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\begin{aligned}
err_h &= f'(x) - \frac{-3f(x) + 4f(x+h) - f(x+2h)}{2h} \\
err_h &= f'(x) - \frac{-3f(x) + 4\left[f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2}f''(x) + \frac{h^3}{6}f'''(x) + Ch^4\right]}{2h} \\
&\quad - \frac{\left[f(x) + 2hf'(x) + 2h^2 f''(x) + (4/3)h^3 f'''(x) + Ch^4\right]}{2h} \\
&= f'(x) - \frac{4hf'(x) + 2h^2 f''(x) + \frac{2h^3}{3}f'''(x) - 2hf'(x) - 2h^2 f''(x) - \frac{4h^3}{3}f'''(x) + Ch^4}{2h} \\
&= f'(x) - \frac{2hf'(x) - \frac{2h^3}{3}f'''(x) + Ch^4}{2h} \\
&= f'(x) - f'(x) - \frac{h^2}{3}f'''(x) + Ch^3 \\
&= \frac{h^2}{3}f'''(x) + Ch^3
\end{aligned}
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Therefore, the error of this approximation is $O(h^2)$.

Problem 3

Use the approximation for $f''(x)$ given in class to approximate the second derivative of

$$f(x) = \cos e^{x^2} + x^3$$

at $x = 1$ using $h = .1, .05, .025$. How does the decrease in error comapre to the order of accuracy of the method (is the decrease what we should expect)?

Solution

The equation for $f''(x)$ given in class:

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

Using the specified inputs:

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\begin{aligned}
f''(1)_0.1 &= \frac{f(1+0.1) - 2f(1) + f(1-0.1)}{0.1^2} \\
&\approx 0.3534 \\
f''(1)_0.05 &= \frac{f(1+0.05) - 2f(1) + f(1-0.05)}{0.05^2} \\
&\approx 0.1661 \\
f''(1)_0.025 &= \frac{f(1+0.025) - 2f(1) + f(1-0.025)}{0.025^2} \\
&\approx 0.1164
\end{aligned}
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Problem 4

Use the composite trapezoidal rule and Simpson's rule with $n = 4$ to approximate

$$\int_0^1 x^2 e^{-x}$$

What is the error of each method?

Solution

Problem 5

Determine c_0, c_1, and c_2 such that

$$\int_0^2 p(x)dx = c_0 p(0) + c_1 p(1) + c_2 p(2)$$

for all polynomials $p(x)$ of degree 2 or less.

Solution

Appendix