

**Supplemental 1:** Find  $n$  so that degree  $n$  polynomial interpolation of  $f(x) = \cos(3x)$ , using equally-spaced points on  $[0, 2]$ , gives a maximum approximation error  $|f(x) - p(x)|$  which is less than  $10^{-6}$  on  $[0, 2]$ .

Then use MATLAB's `polyfit` and `polyval` and a bit of trial and error to find the actual smallest  $n$  needed to approximate  $f(x) = \cos(3x)$  to within  $10^{-6}$ .

**Solution:**

In class we demonstrated that given  $f$  is  $n + 1$  times differentiable on  $[a, b]$ ,  $x_0, \dots, x_n$  then there exists an  $\xi \in [a, b]$  the error of an  $n$  degree polynomial interpolant,

$$|f(x) - p(x)| = f^{(n+1)}(\xi) \frac{\prod_{k=0}^n (x - x_k)}{(n+1)!}$$

Finding  $n$  so that the maximum error term of  $p(x)$  on the interval  $[0, 2]$  is less than  $10^{-6}$ ,

$$f^{(n+1)}(\xi) \frac{\prod_{k=0}^n (x - x_k)}{(n+1)!} \leq 10^{-6}.$$

Note that, when differentiate  $\cos(3x)$ ,  $n + 1$  times we get a trig function whose maximum value is 1 multiplied by  $3^{n+1}$  so,

$$3^{n+1} \frac{\prod_{k=0}^n (x - x_k)}{(n+1)!} \leq 10^{-6}.$$

Also note that the maximum size of each term in the product is 2 so,

$$3^{n+1} \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \leq 10^{-6}.$$

Using MATLAB we get that when  $n \geq 25$  then this statement is true.

Using MATLAB's `polyfit` and `polyval` approximate to approximate  $n$  by trial and error we get  $n \geq 13$ ,

**Function:**

```
function [hist] = HW11_Sup(f,n)
%This function takes a function f and
% a natural number n and return the error
%in the polynomial interpolant as we add more sample points
xx = linspace(0,2,10000);
hist = [];

for i = 1:n

    x = linspace(0,2,i);
```

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    y = f(x);
    polyinter = polyfit(x,y,i);

    error = abs(f(xx)-polyval(polyinter,xx));
    hist = [hist, max(error)];

end

end

Console:

>> hist = HW11_Sup(f,40);

>> for i = 1:20

    if (hist(i)<= 1*10^(-6))
        y = i
        break
    end
end

y =

    13

```

**Text 8.9:** Determine the piecewise polynomial function,

$$P(x) = \begin{cases} P_1(x) & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ P_2(x) & 1 \leq x \leq 2, \end{cases}$$

That is defined by the following conditions,

1.  $P_1(x)$  is linear.
2.  $P_2(x)$  is quadratic.
3.  $P(x)$  and  $P'(x)$  are continuous at  $x = 1$ .
4.  $P(0) = 1$ ,  $P(1) = -1$ , and  $P(2) = 0$ .

Plot the function.

**Solution:**

Note that since  $P(0) = 1$ ,  $P(1) = -1$  and  $P_1(x)$  is linear we know that

$$P_1(x) = -2x + 1.$$

Since  $P_2(x)$  is a quadratic we know it is of the following form,

$$P_2(x) = c_2x^2 + c_1x + c_0.$$

Since  $P(2) = 0$  we get the following equation,

$$0 = c_2(2)^2 + c_1(2) + c_0.$$

and since  $P(x)$  and  $P'(x)$  are continuous at  $x = 1$  we get that

$$-1 = c_2(1)^2 + c_1(1) + c_0.$$

$$-2 = c_2(2)(1) + c_1 + (0)c_0.$$

Solving the system of equations(lazily with MATLAB) we get that

$$P_2(x) = 3x^2 - 8x + 4.$$

Finally, all together we see that,

$$P(x) = \begin{cases} -2x + 1 & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 3x^2 - 8x + 4 & 1 \leq x \leq 2, \end{cases}$$

**Text 8.7 (a,b):** Use MATLAB to various piecewise polynomials to the Runge function, using the same nodes as in part(a) of exercise 4.

1. Find the piecewise linear interpolant of  $f(x)$ . (You may use MATLAB routine `interp1` or write your own routine.)

**Solution:**

**Console:**

```
%Sample points from question 4.a
>> x = linspace(-5,5,13);

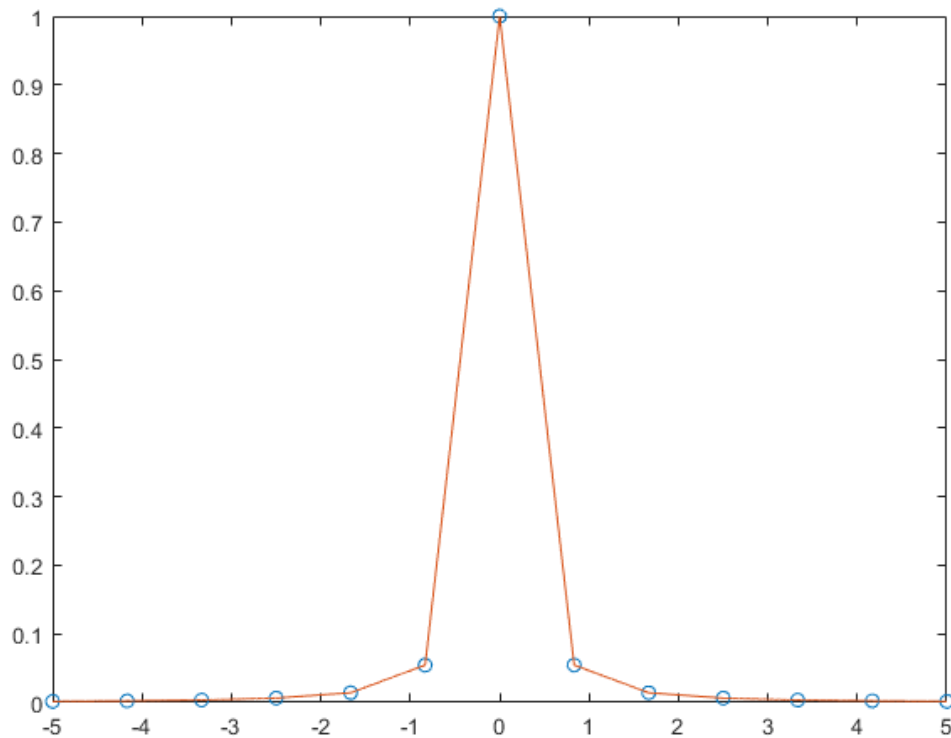
%Runge function
>> f = @(x) 1 ./ (1 + 25.*x.^2);

%set linspace to plot interpolant
>> xx = linspace(-5,5,10000);

%Calculate interpolant value on xx
>> vq = interp1(x,f(x),xx);

>> plot(x,f(x),'o',xx,vq);
```

Figure 1: Plot of linear interpolation for the Runge function with 13 sample points



- Find the piecewise cubic Hermite interpolant of  $f(x)$ . (Write your own routine for this, using formulas (8.17) and (8.18).)

**Solution:****Function:**

```

function px = cubicHermite(sx,sy,sdy,xl)
% This function takes sx sample points , sy the value
% at those sample points , sdy the value of the derivative
% at those sample points , and a linspace xl and returns
% the value of the piecewise cubicHermite Interpolation

%initilizing piecewise linspace
xx = [];

%Intitilizing return vector
px = [];

%Iterating through sample points
for i = 2:length(sx)

    %Creating truncated linspace xx
    for j = 1:length(xl)
        if (sx(i-1)<= xl(j) && sx(i) > xl(j))
            xx =[xx xl(j)];
            if (sx(length(sx)) == xl(j))
                xx =[xx xl(j)];
            end
            if (sx(1) == xl(j))
                xx =[xx xl(j)];
            end
        end
    end

    %Caluculating P(x) on xx linspace with proper sample interval
    h = sx(i) - sx(i-1);
    AA = (3/h^2)*(sdy(i-1)+sdy(i)) + (6/h^3)*(sy(i-1)-sy(i));

    px_i = (-sdy(i-1)/h).*(((xx - sx(i)).^2)./2) - (h^2/2)) +
    ((sdy(i)/h).*(((xx - sx(i-1)).^2)./2)) +
    AA.*((xx - sx(i-1)).^2).*(((xx - sx(i-1))./3) - h/2) + sy(i-1);

    %Storing P(x)
    px = [px px_i];

%Clearing truncated linspace
xx = [];

```

```
end
```

```
end
```

**Console:**

```
>> f = @(x) 1 ./ (1 + 25.*x.^2)
```

```
f =
```

```
function_handle with value:
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```
@(x)1./(1+25.*x.^2)
```

```
>> fd = @(x) (-50.*x)./((25.*x.^2 + 1).^2)
```

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fd =
```

```
function_handle with value:
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```
@(x)(-50.*x)./((25.*x.^2+1).^2)
```

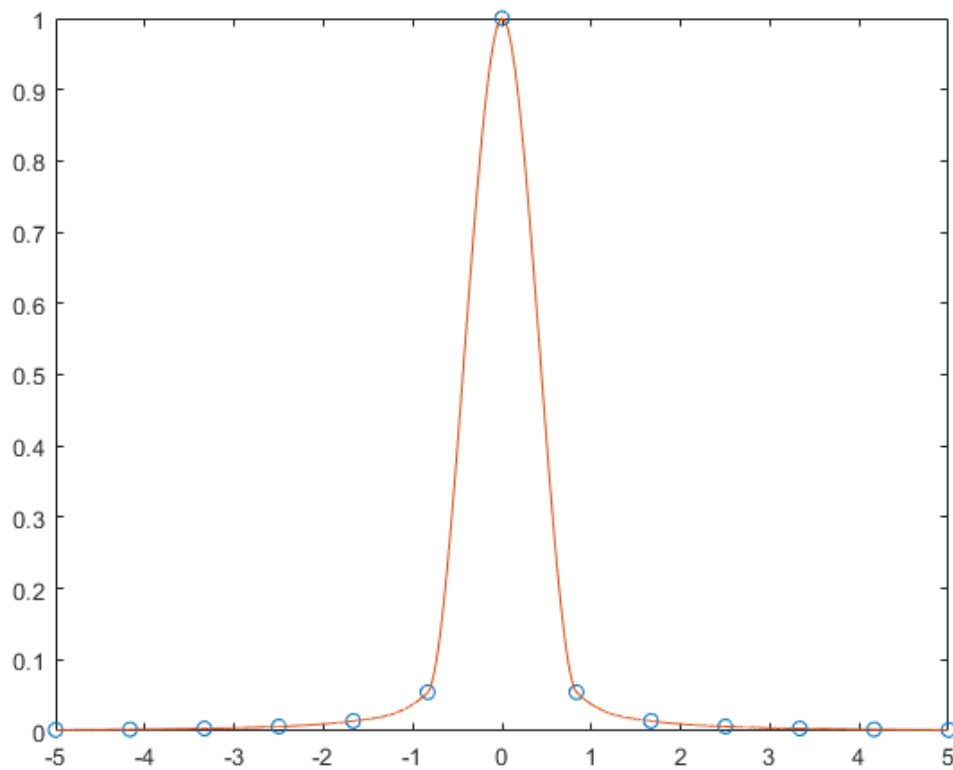
```
>> x = linspace(-5,5,13);
```

```
>> xx = linspace(-5,5,10000);
```

```
>> px = cubicHermite(x',f(x)',fd(x)',xx');
```

```
>> plot(x,f(x),'o',xx, px);
```

Figure 2: Plot of cubicHermite interpolation for the Runge function with 13 sample points



**Text 8.8:** Computer libraries often use tables of function values together with piecewise linear interpolation to evaluate elementary functions such as  $\sin x$ , because table lookup and interpolation can be faster than, say, using a Taylor series expansion.

1. In MATLAB create a  $x$  of 1000 uniformly spaced values between 0 and  $\pi$ . Then create a vector  $y$  with the values of the sine function at each of these points.

**Console:**

```
>> x = linspace(0, pi, 1000);
>> y = sin(x);
```

2. Next create a vector  $r$  of 100 randomly distributed values between 0 and  $\pi$ . (This can be done in MATLAB by typing  $r = \text{pirand}(100, 1);$ .) Estimate  $\sin(r)$  as follows:

For each value  $r(j)$ , find the two consecutive  $x$  entries,  $x(i)$  and  $x(i + 1)$  that satisfy  $x(i) \leq r(j) \leq x(i + 1)$ . Having identified the sub-interval that contains  $r(j)$ , use linear interpolation to estimate  $\sin(r(j))$ . Compare your results with those returned by MATLAB when you type  $\sin(r)$ . Find the maximum absolute error and the maximum relative error in your results.

**Console:**

```
r = pi* rand(100,1);
>> X = HW8_8(x,r); %Scans through r and pulls the sample intervals

>> X = unique(X); % HW8_8 function produces duplicates
>> X = sort(X); % interp1 requires a sorted list of sample points
>> Y = sin(X);

>> vq = interp1(X,Y,x'); %finding linear interpolation over linspace

>> estimate = interp1(X,Y,r); %Finding estimated values of sin(r(j))

%Plot of our linear interpolation + estimates of sin(r(j))
%+ sample points x

>> plot(X,Y,'o',r,estimate,'x',x',vq,':.'');

% Error calculation/ finding max errors of our interpolation

>> error = abs(estimate - sin(r));
>> max(error)

ans =

    1.211551538315980e-06

>> error_relative = abs((estimate - sin(r))./ sin(r));

>> max(error_relative)

ans =

    1.235656166677914e-06
```

**Function HW88:**



```
function [I] = HW8_8(x,r)
%This function takes in a linspace , x and a vector r ,
%and returns a vector of values in x that surround r, ie
%x(i)<r(j)<x(i+1)
```

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n = length(x);
m = length(r);
I = [];
for i = 1:m
    for j = 1:n
        if (x(j)>= r(i))
            I = [I ; x(j-1);x(j)];
            break
        end
    end
end
end

end
```

Figure 3: Plot of linear interpolation with  $x$  sample points

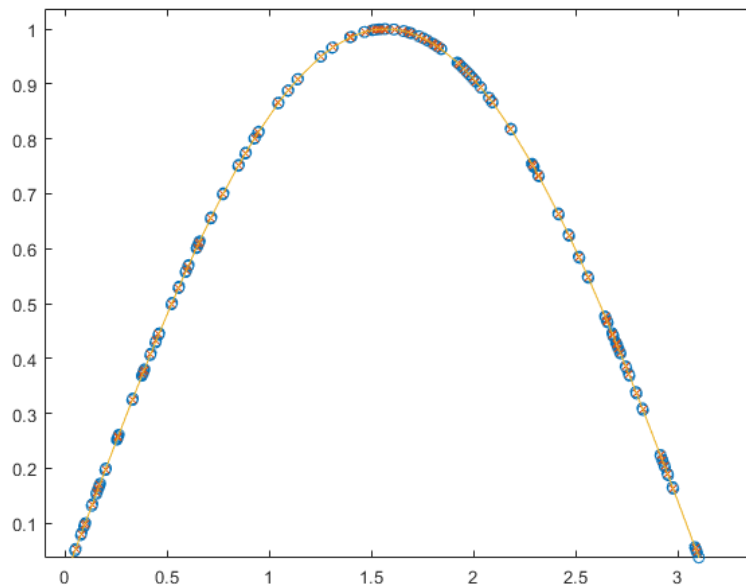
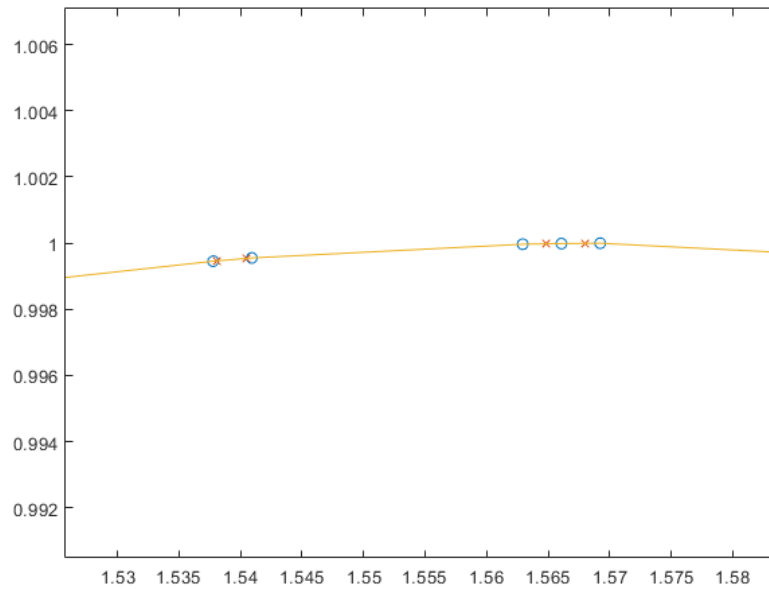


Figure 4: Linear interpolation zoomed in, O are sample points,  $x$  are  $\sin(r(j))$  approximation



**Supplemental 2:** At the bottom of page 198 is an inequality that describes the error from the piecewise-linear interpolant  $\ell(x)$  for  $f(x)$  on  $[a, b]$ . Suppose we have equally spaced points  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$  with spacing  $h = x_i - x_{i-1}$ . Then:

$$|f(x) - \ell(x)| \leq \frac{Mh^2}{8}$$

for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . In this inequality we are assuming  $f''(x)$  exists and is bounded by the number  $M$ , so that  $|f''(x)| \leq M$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Use this inequality to find  $n$  so that  $|f(x) - \ell(x)| \leq 10^{-6}$  for  $x \in [0, 2]$  if  $f(x) = \cos(3x)$ .

**Solution:**

Note that with evenly spaced points the value for  $h = \frac{b-a}{n}$ . Therefore we seek to solve the inequality,

$$\frac{M(\frac{2}{n})^2}{8} \leq 10^{-6}.$$

Note that the second derivative of  $f(x) = \cos(3x)$ , is  $f''(x) = -9\cos(3x)$ . Since  $|\cos(3x)| \leq$

1 we know that  $M = 9$ . Solving the inequality for  $n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{9(\frac{2}{n})^2}{8} &\leq 10^{-6}, \\ \frac{36}{8n^2} &\leq 10^{-6}, \\ \sqrt{\frac{36 * 10^6}{8}} &\leq n, \\ 2122 &\leq n.\end{aligned}$$