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## Problem 1

(a) We have 
$$f(x) = 1/x$$
,  $x_0 = 1$ ,  $x_1 = 2$ ,  $x_2 = 3$ , and  $f(x_0) = 1$ ,  $f(x_1) = 1/2$ ,  $f(x_2) = 1/3$ .

### The Lagrange Method

$$P(x) = f(x_0) \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_2)}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)} + f(x_1) \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_2)}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)} + f(x_2) \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_1)}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)}$$

$$= 1 \cdot \frac{(x - 2)(x - 3)}{(1 - 2)(1 - 3)} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{(x - 1)(x - 3)}{(2 - 1)(2 - 3)} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{(x - 1)(x - 2)}{(3 - 1)(3 - 2)}$$

$$= \frac{x^2}{6} - x + \frac{11}{6}$$

#### The Divided Difference Method

Zeroth Divided Difference:  $f[x_0] = 1, f[x_1] = 1/2, f[x_2] = 1/3$ . First Divided Difference:

$$f[x_0, x_1] = \frac{f[x_1] - f[x_0]}{x_1 - x_0} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} - 1}{2 - 1} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$f[x_1, x_2] = \frac{f[x_2] - f[x_1]}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2}}{3 - 2} = -\frac{1}{6}$$

Second Divided Difference:

$$f[x_0, x_1, x_2] = \frac{f[x_1, x_2] - f[x_0, x_1]}{x_2 - x_0} = \frac{-\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2}}{3 - 1} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(x) = f[x_0] + f[x_0, x_1](x - x_0) + f[x_0, x_1, x_2](x - x_0)(x - x_1)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2}(x - 1) + \frac{1}{6}(x - 1)(x - 2)$$

$$= \frac{x^2}{6} - x + \frac{11}{6}$$

(b) Natural cubic spline passing through (-1,1), (0,1), (1,2). Thus, we have  $x_0 = -1$ ,  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $x_2 = 1$  and two subintervals [-1,0] and [0,1].

By Cubic Splines' formula (a), we have

$$S_0(x) = a_0 + b_0(x+1) + c_0(x+1)^2 + d_0(x+1)^3 \text{ on } [-1,0]$$
  
 $S_1(x) = a_1 + b_1x + c_1x^2 + d_1x^3 \text{ on } [0,1]$ 

By Cubic Splines' formula (b) and (c), we have

$$S_0(x_0) = S_0(-1) = 1, \ S_0(x_1) = S_0(0) = 1$$

$$S_1(x_1) = S_1(0) = 1, \ S_1(x_2) = S_1(1) = 2$$

$$a_0 = 1, \ a_1 = 1$$

$$a_0 + b_0 + c_0 + d_0 = 1$$

$$a_1 + b_1 + c_1 + d_1 = 2$$

By Cubic Splines' formula (d), we have

$$S_0'(0) = S_1'(0): b_0 + 2c_0 + 3d_0 = b_1$$

By Cubic Splines' formula (e), we have

$$S_0'(0) = S_1''(0) : 2c_0 + 6d_0 = 2c_1$$

By Cubic Splines' formula (f), we have

$$S_0''(-1) = 0$$
:  $2c_0 = 0$ 

$$S_1''(1) = 0: 2c_1 + 6d_1 = 0$$

Solving all the equations, we get  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $b_0 = \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $b_1 = \frac{3}{2}$ ,  $c_0 = 0$ ,  $c_1 = \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $d_0 = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $d_1 = -\frac{1}{4}$ . Thus we have:

$$S(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + \frac{3}{4}(x+1) + \frac{1}{4}(x+1)^3, & \text{if } x \in [-1, 0] \\ 1 + \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{3}{4}x^2 - \frac{1}{4}x^3, & \text{if } x \in [0, 1] \end{cases}$$

## Problem 2

 $L_{n,j}(x_i)$  is defined by

$$L_{n,j}(x_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \neq j, \\ 1, & \text{if } i = j. \end{cases}$$

Hence when  $i \neq j$ 

$$H_{n,j}(x_i) = 0 \text{ and } \hat{H}_{n,j}(x_i) = 0$$

for each i, we have

$$H_{n,i}(x_i) = [1 - 2(x_i - x_i)L'_{n,i}(x_i)] \cdot 1 = 1 \text{ and } \hat{H}_{n,i}(x_i) = (x_i - x_i) \cdot 1^2 = 0$$

As a consequence, we have

$$H_{2n+1}(x_i) = \sum_{\substack{j=0\\j\neq i}}^{n} f(x_j) \cdot 0 + f(x_i) \cdot 1 + \sum_{j=0}^{n} f'(x_j) \cdot 0 = f(x_i)$$

Hence  $H_{2n+1}$  agrees with f at  $x_0, x_1, ..., x_n$ . Since  $L_{n,j}(x)$  is a factor of  $H'_{n,j}(x)$ , so  $H'_{n,j}(x) = 0$  when  $i \neq j$ . In addition, when i = j we have  $L_{n,j}(x_i) = 1$ , so we have

$$H'_{n,i}(x_i) = -2L'_{n,i}(x_i) + \left[1 - 2(x_i - x_i)L'_{n,i}(x_i)L'_{n,i}(x_i) - 2L'_{n,i}(x_i) + 2L'_{n,i}(x_i)\right] = 0$$

Hence,  $H'_{n,i}(x_i) = 0$  for all i and j. Finally, we have

$$\hat{H'}_{n,j}(x_i) = L_{n,j}^2(x_i) + (x_i - x_j)2L_{n,j}(x_i)L'_{n,j}(x_i) = L_{n,j}(x_i)[L_{n,j}(x_i) + 2(x_i - x_j)L'_{n,j}(x_i)]$$

So  $\hat{H}'_{n,j}(x_i) = 0$  if  $i \neq j$  and  $\hat{H}'_{n,i}(x_i) = 1$ , then we have

$$H'_{2n+1}(x_i) = \sum_{j=0}^{n} f(x_j) \cdot 0 + \sum_{\substack{j=0\\j\neq i}}^{n} f'(x_j) \cdot 0 + f'(x_i) \cdot 1 = f'(x_i)$$

Thus,  $H_{2n+1}$  agrees with f and  $H'_{2n+1}$  agrees with f' at  $x_0, x_1, ..., x_n$ .

To prove the uniqueness of the polynomial of degree 2n+1, we assume that there is another polynomial  $\widetilde{H}_{2n+1}$  of degree 2n+1 satisfying the constraints. Since  $H_{2n+1}(x_i) = \widetilde{H}_{2n+1}(x_i) = f(x_i)$  for  $i=0,1,...,n,H_{2n+1}-\widetilde{H}_{2n+1}$  has at least n+1 zeros. By Rolle's Theorem,  $H'_{2n+1}-\widetilde{H}'_{2n+1}$  has n zeros that lie within the intervals  $(x_{i-1},x_i)$  for i=0,1,...,n-1.

Since  $H'_{2n+1}(x_i) = \widetilde{H'}_{2n+1}(x_i) = f'(x_i)$ ,  $H'_{2n+1} - \widetilde{H'}_{2n+1}$  has n+1 additional zeros, for a total of at least 2n+1 zeros. However,  $H'_{2n+1} - \widetilde{H'}_{2n+1}$  is a polynomial of degree 2n+1, and the only way that a polynomial of degree 2n+1 to have 2n+1 zeros is if it is identically zero. Therefore,  $H_{2n+1} = \widetilde{H}_{2n+1}$  and  $H'_{2n+1} = \widetilde{H'}_{2n+1}$ . The Hermite polynomial is unique.

# Problem 3

(a) The Lagrange Interpolation Polynomial P(x) for  $x = x_0 - h, x_0, x_0 + h$ .

$$L_{2,0}(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0'-x_1)(x_0'-x_2)} = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_0-h)}{(x_0-h-x_0)(x_0-h-x_0-h)} = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_0-h)}{2h^2}$$

$$(x-x_0')(x-x_2) = \frac{(x-x_0+h)(x-x_0-h)}{(x_0-x_0-h)(x_0-x_0-h)} = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_0-h)}{2h^2}$$

$$L_{2,1}(x) = \frac{(x - x_0')(x - x_2)}{(x_1 - x_0')(x_1 - x_2)} = \frac{(x - x_0 + h)(x - x_0 - h)}{(x_0 - x_0 + h)(x_0 - x_0 - h)} = \frac{(x - x_0 - h)(x - x_0 + h)}{-h^2}$$

$$L_{2,2}(x) = \frac{(x - x_0')(x - x_1)}{(x_2 - x_0')(x_2 - x_1)} = \frac{(x - x_0 + h)(x - x_0)}{(x_0 + h - x_0 + h)(x_0 + h - x_0)} = \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_0 + h)}{2h^2}$$

$$P(x) = f(x_0 - h) \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_0 - h)}{2h^2} + f(x_0) \frac{(x - x_0 - h)(x - x_0 + h)}{-h^2} + f(x_0 + h) \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_0 + h)}{2h^2}$$

(b) The error term

$$E(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi(x))}{(n+1)!}(x - x_0')(x - x_1)(x - x_2)$$

$$= \frac{f^3(\xi(x))}{3!}(x - x_0 + h)(x - x_0)(x - x_0 - h)$$

$$= \frac{f^3(\xi(x))}{6}(x - x_0 + h)(x - x_0)(x - x_0 - h)$$

(c) 
$$f(x) = P(x) + E(x)$$
, hence  $f'(x) = P'(x) + E'(x)$   

$$f'(x_0) = P'(x_0) + E'(x_0) = \frac{1}{2h}(f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)) + \frac{f^3(\xi(x))}{6}(-h^2)$$

- (d) Suppose the degree of f is less than or equal to 2, then  $\frac{f^3(\xi(x))}{6}(-h^2) = 0$  for all x. Thus we have f'(x) = P'(x) + E'(x) = P'(x).
- (e) Since we have  $|E'(x_0)| < \frac{|f^3(\xi(x))|}{6} |x_0 x_0 + h| |x_0 x_0 h| < \max(x_0 h, x_0 + h) \frac{|f^3(\xi(x))|}{6} h^2$ , we can conclude that the error bound is  $\max(x_0 h, x_0 + h) \frac{|f^3(\xi(x))|}{6} h^2$ .

## Problem 4

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x_a = [0 \ 1 \ 2]; y_a = [2 \ 5 \ 9];
a = 2;
yInt_2 = Lagrange(x_a, y_a, a);
disp(vInt_2)
function yi = Lagrange(x, y, a)
n = length(x) - 1;
L = ones(1, n+1);
for i = 1:(n+1)
     for j = 1:(n+1)
         if (i = j)
              L(:, j) = L(:, j) \cdot *(a' - x(i)) / (x(j) - x(i));
         end
     end
end
yi=y*L';
end
\%output P(a)=9
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