

NUMERICAL ANALYSIS : ASSIGNMENT 4

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Exercise 1.

Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = e^{-x}$. Consider $n + 1$ sample point $\{x_0, \dots, x_n\}$ in $[0, 1]$, defined by

$$x_k = kh$$
$$h = \frac{1}{n}$$

where $k \in \{0, \dots, n\}$.

Consider the piecewise linear interpolation $l(x)$ based on this data.

- (1) Bound $|e(x)| = |f(x) - l(x)|$ for $x \in [0, 1]$.
- (2) How many samples do we need in order to guarantee an interpolation error bounded by 10^{-8} ?

Solution 1.

(1)

$$\begin{aligned} |e(x)| &\leq \frac{h^2}{8} \max_{t \in [0, 1]} |f''(x)| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{8n^2} \left| (e^{-x})'' \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{8n^2} |e^{-x}| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{8n^2} \end{aligned}$$

(2)

$$\begin{aligned} |e(x)| &\leq \frac{1}{8n^2} \\ \therefore 10^{-8} &\leq \frac{1}{8n^2} \\ \therefore n^2 &\geq \frac{10^8}{8} \\ \therefore n &\geq \frac{10^4}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ \therefore n &\geq 3536 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we need 3536 samples to guarantee an interpolation error bounded by 10^{-8} .

Exercise 2.

Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = \cos(x)$. Consider $n + 1$ sample point $\{x_0, \dots, x_n\}$ in $[0, 1]$, defined by

$$x_k = kh$$

$$h = \frac{1}{n}$$

where $k \in \{0, \dots, n\}$, where n is even. Consider the piecewise quadratic interpolation $l(x)$ based on this data. Namely, we approximate $f(x)$ at each $x \in [x_{2k}, x_{2k+2}]$ by the quadratic interpolating polynomial based on the samples $\{x_{2k}, x_{2k+1}, x_{2k+2}\}$.

- (1) Bound $|e(x)| = |f(x) - l(x)|$ for $x \in [0, \pi]$.
- (2) How many samples do we need in order to guarantee an interpolation error bounded by 9×10^{-5} ?

Solution 2.

(1)

$$\begin{aligned} |e(x)| &\leq \frac{\sqrt{8}}{27} \frac{\pi^3}{4n^3} \frac{1}{3!} \max_{t \in [0, \pi]} |f'''(x)| \\ &\leq \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi^3}{486} \max_{t \in [0, \pi]} |(\cos(x))'''| \\ &\leq \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi^3}{486} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3.

Let f be infinitely differentiable in $[a, b]$. Assume that there exists $M > 0$ such that

$$\max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f^{(k)}(x)| < M^k$$

for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Show that the error in the interpolating polynomial satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |e_n(x)| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |f(x) - p_n(x)| \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |e_n(x)| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |f(x) - p_n(x)| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} \right| \left| \prod_{i=0}^n (x - x_i) \right| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} (b-a)^{n+1} \\ \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |e(x)| &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Exercise 4.

Let $f(x) = x^{\frac{99}{97}}$ in $[-h, h]$. Bound the linear interpolation error based on the samples $\{-h, h\}$, and show that the error is of order $O\left(h^{\frac{99}{97}}\right)$.

Solution 4.

$$\begin{aligned}
 |e(x)| &\leq \left| \frac{f''(c)}{2!} \right| |(x+h)(x-h)| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{99}{97} \cdot \frac{2}{97} \cdot c^{-\frac{95}{97}} \right| |x^2 - h^2| \\
 &\leq \left| \frac{99}{(97)^2} c^{-\frac{95}{97}} \right| h^2 \\
 &\leq \left| \frac{99}{(97)^2} c^{-\frac{95}{97}} \right| h^{\frac{99}{97}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $e(x)$ is of order $O\left(h^{\frac{99}{97}}\right)$.