Numerical Analysis : Recitations

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1 Instructor Information

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2 Errors

Definition 1 (Error). The absolute error in representation is defined as

$$e_x = x - \tilde{x}$$

The relative error in representation is defined as

$$\delta = \frac{x - \tilde{x}}{x}$$

Recitation 1 – Exercise 1.

The dimensions of a field are measured. The length is measured to be $\tilde{x} = 800$ m, with an absolute error bounded by 16. The width is measured to be $\tilde{y} = 30$ m, with an absolute error e_y , such that $|e_y| \leq 6$.

- 1. Find the approximate bounds for $|\delta_x|$ and $|\delta_y|$.
- 2. Find the bounds on the absolute error in the calculated area of the field.

Recitation 1 – Solution 1.

1.

$$|\delta_x| = \frac{|e_x|}{|x|}$$

$$\leq \frac{16}{|x|}$$

$$\approx \frac{16}{800}$$

$$= 0.02$$

$$\therefore |\delta_x| \leq 0.02$$

$$|\delta_y| = \frac{|e_y|}{|y|}$$

$$\leq \frac{6}{|y|}$$

$$\approx \frac{6}{300}$$

$$= 0.02$$

$$\therefore |\delta_y| \leq 0.02$$

2. The measured area of the field is

$$\widetilde{A} = \widetilde{x}\widetilde{y}$$

$$= 800 \cdot 300$$

$$= 240000$$

The maximum area of the field is

$$A_{\text{max}} = (\tilde{x} + e_{x_{\text{max}}})(\tilde{y} + e_{y_{\text{max}}})$$
$$= (800 + 16)(300 + 6)$$
$$= 249696$$

The maximum area of the field is

$$A_{\min} = (\tilde{x} + e_{x\min})(\tilde{y} + e_{y_{\min}})$$

= $(800 - 16)(300 - 6)$
= 230496

Therefore,

$$|e_{xy}| \le (A_{\text{max}} - A_{\text{min}})$$

$$\le 9696$$

3.

$$|\delta_{xy}| = \frac{|e_{xy}|}{|xy|}$$

$$\leq \frac{9696}{|xy|}$$

$$\leq \frac{9696}{230496}$$

$$\approx 0.042$$

2.1 Propagation of Error

Recitation 1 – Exercise 2.

Let \tilde{x} , \tilde{y} be approximations of x, y.

- 1. Find a formula for the absolute error in x + y in terms of e_x and e_y .
- 2. Find a formula for δ_{x+y} , δ_{x-y} in terms of δ_x , δ_y , x, y.
- 3. Let $\delta = \max{\{\delta_x, \delta_y\}}$. Assuming x, y > 0, show

$$|\delta_{x-y}| \le \frac{x+y}{|x-y|}\delta$$

Recitation 1 – Solution 2.

1.

$$e_{x+y} = (x+y) - (\tilde{x} + \tilde{y})$$
$$= (x - \tilde{x}) + (y - \tilde{y})$$
$$= e_x + e_y$$

2.

$$\delta_{x+y} = \frac{e_{x+y}}{x+y}$$

$$= \frac{e_x + e_y}{x+y}$$

$$= \frac{x\delta_x + y\delta_y}{x+y}$$

Similarly,

$$\delta_{x-y} = \frac{e_{x-y}}{x-y}$$

$$= \frac{e_x - e_y}{x-y}$$

$$= \frac{x\delta_x - y\delta_y}{x-y}$$

3.

$$|\delta_{x-y}| = \left| \frac{x\delta_x - y\delta_y}{x - y} \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{|x||\delta_x| + |y||\delta_y|}{|x - y|}$$

$$\leq \frac{x\delta + y\delta}{|x - y|}$$

$$= \frac{x + y}{|x - y|}\delta$$

Recitation 1 – Exercise 3.

Find a formula for δ_{xy} , in terms of x, y, δ_{x} , δ_{y} .

Recitation 1 – Solution 3.

$$\delta_a = \frac{a - \tilde{a}}{a}$$
$$\therefore \tilde{a} = a(1 - \delta_a)$$

Therefore,

$$\widetilde{x}\widetilde{y} = (x(1 - \delta_x)) \left(y(1 - \delta_y) \right)$$
$$= xy(1 - \delta_x - \delta_y + \delta_x \delta_y)$$

Also,

$$\widetilde{x}\widetilde{y} = xy(1 - \delta_{xy})$$

Therefore,

$$\delta_{xy} = \delta_x + \delta_y - \delta_x \delta_y$$

3 Interpolation by Polynomials

Theorem 1 (Existence and Uniqueness Theorem). There exists a unique polynomial $p_n(x)$ which approximates f(x) between the sample points, i.e.

$$|e_n(x)| = |f(x) - p_n(x)|$$

Recitation 2 – Exercise 1.

Find the interpolation polynomial for the data

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
x_i & f(x_i) \\
1 & 3 \\
2 & 2 \\
4 & 1
\end{array}$$

Recitation 2 – Solution 1.

Let

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2$$

be the required interpolation polynomial. Therefore,

$$p(1) = 3$$

$$\therefore 3 = a_0 + a_1 \cdot 1 + a_2 \cdot 1^2$$

$$p(2) = 2$$

$$\therefore 2 = a_0 + a_1 \cdot 2 + a_2 \cdot 2^2$$

$$p(4) = 1$$

$$\therefore 1 = a_0 + a_1 \cdot 4 + a_2 \cdot 4^2$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1^2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2^2 \\ 1 & 4 & 4^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, solving,

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{13}{3} \\ -\frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p(x) = \frac{13}{3} - \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{1}{6}x^2$$

Definition 2. Let the sample points be x_0, \ldots, x_{n-1} .

Lagrange polynomials are n polynomials of degree n-1, each of which is 0 at all sample points, except one, at which it is 1.

$$l_i(x) = \frac{(x - x_0) \dots (x - x_{i-1})(x - x_{i+1}) \dots (x - x_{n-1})}{(x_i - x_0) \dots (x_i - x_{i-1})(x_i - x_{i+1}) \dots (x_i - x_{n-1})}$$

Recitation 2 – Exercise 2.

Find the interpolation polynomial for the data

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
x_i & f(x_i) \\
1 & 3 \\
2 & 2 \\
4 & 1
\end{array}$$

using Lagrange polynomials.

Recitation 2 – Solution 2.

Let

$$x_0 = 1$$
$$x_1 = 2$$
$$x_3 = 4$$

$$l_0(x) = \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_2)}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)}$$

$$= \frac{(x - 2)(x - 4)}{(1 - 2)(1 - 4)}$$

$$l_1(x) = \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_2)}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)}$$

$$= \frac{(x - 1)(x - 4)}{(2 - 1)(2 - 4)}$$

$$l_2(x) = \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_1)}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)}$$

$$= \frac{(x - 1)(x - 2)}{(4 - 1)(4 - 2)}$$

Therefore,

$$p(x) = f(x_0)l_0(x) + f(x_1)l_1(x) + f(x_2)l_2(x)$$

= $3l_0(x) + 2l_1(x) + l_2(x)$

Recitation 3 – Exercise 1.

Given

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
x_i & f(x_i) \\
0 & 0 \\
\frac{\pi}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\
\frac{\pi}{2} & 1
\end{array}$$

Find the interpolating polynomial in Newton's form.

Recitation 3 – Solution 1.

The interpolating polynomial is

$$p_2(x) = A_0 + A_1(x - x_0) + A_2(x - x_0)(x - x_1)$$

where

$$A_k = f[x_0, \dots, x_k]$$

$$f[0] = f(0)$$

$$= 0$$

$$f\left[\frac{\pi}{4}\right] = f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$f\left[\frac{\pi}{2}\right] = f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$= 1$$

Therefore,

$$f\left[0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right] = \frac{f\left[\frac{\pi}{4}\right] - f[0]}{\frac{\pi}{4} - 0}$$
$$= \frac{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - 0}{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$
$$f\left[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] = \frac{f\left[\frac{\pi}{2}\right] - f\left[\frac{\pi}{4}\right]}{\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}}$$

Therefore,

$$f\left[0, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] = \frac{f\left[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] - f\left[0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]}{\frac{\pi}{2} - 0}$$
$$= \frac{8(1 - \sqrt{2})}{\pi^2}$$

Therefore,

$$A_0 = 0$$

$$A_1 = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi}$$

$$A_2 = \frac{8(1 - \sqrt{2})}{\pi^2}$$

Therefore,

$$p_2(x) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi}x + \frac{8(1-\sqrt{2})}{\pi^2}(x)\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

Recitation 3 – Exercise 2.

 $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ was approximated using Newton's method, at sample points 0, $\frac{\pi}{4}$, $\frac{\pi}{2}$, to be

$$p_2\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} + \frac{8(1-\sqrt{2})}{36}$$
$$= 0.8507$$

Find the bounds on the error in this approximation.

Recitation 3 – Solution 2.

$$|e_n(x)| = |f(x) - p_n(x)|$$

 $\leq \left| \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} \prod_{j=0}^{n} (x - x_j) \right|$

where $c \in [\min\{x_0, \dots, x_n, x\}, \max\{x_0, \dots, x_n, x\}].$ Therefore,

$$|e_{2}(x)| \leq \left| \frac{\sin^{(3)}(c)}{3!} \prod_{j=0}^{3} (x - x_{j}) \right|$$

$$\therefore \left| e_{2}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \right| \leq \left| \frac{\sin^{(3)}(c)}{3!} \prod_{j=0}^{3} \left(\frac{\pi}{3} - x_{j}\right) \right|$$

$$\leq \left| \frac{\sin^{(3)}(c)}{3!} \left(\frac{\pi}{3} - 0\right) \left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right|$$

$$\leq \left| \frac{-\cos(c)}{6} \frac{\pi^{3}}{(3)(12)(6)} \right|$$

$$\leq \left| \frac{-\cos(c)\pi^{3}}{1296} \right|$$

Therefore, as $|\cos(c)|$ is bounded by 0 and 1,

$$\left| e_2 \left(\frac{\pi}{3} \right) \right| \le \left| \frac{\pi^3}{1296} \right| < 0.0242$$

Recitation 4 – Exercise 1.

Find Hermite's interpolating polynomial for the sample points 1, 1, e, for the function $f(x) = \ln(x)$.

Recitation 4 – Solution 1.

$$f[x_0, \dots, x_k] = \begin{cases} \frac{f[x_1, \dots, x_k] - f[x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}]}{x_k - x_0} & ; & x_k \neq x_0 \\ \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} & ; & x_k = x_0 \end{cases}$$

$$f[1] = 0$$

$$f[1] = 0$$

$$f[e] = 1$$

Therefore,

$$f[1,1] = \frac{f'(1)}{1!}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} \Big|_{x=1}$$

$$= 1$$

$$f[1,e] = \frac{1-0}{e-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{e-1}$$

Therefore,

$$f[1, 1, e] = \frac{\frac{1}{e-1} - 1}{e - 1}$$
$$= \frac{2 - e}{(e - 1)^2}$$

$$p_2(x) = f[1] + f[e](x-1) + \frac{2-e}{(e-1)^2}(x-1)(x-1)$$
$$= 0 + 1(x-1) + \frac{2-e}{(e-1)^2}(x-1)^2$$