

Quiz Date: Friday, 15 February, 2019

**Textbook Reading:** Section 3.1 (Lagrange interpolation), lecture notes on *Modified Lagrange interpolant*, 3.3 (Newton basis polynomials), 3.5 (cubic splines).

Reminder: solutions will not be posted, but the TAs are expecting you to bring your questions to the tutorials. You may also bring questions to the Wednesday afternoon office hours.

## 0) Basic Ideas

Be very familiar with the following:

- performance characteristics of MLI (acc, eff, rob),
- flop count scalings & operational advantages of MLI,
- Newton basis polynomials & its triangular linear solve,
- cubic spline equations & endpoint choices,
- performance characteristics for cubic splines,
- MLI versus splines.

## 1) Modified Lagrange & Newton's Interpolations

Textbook problem from Section 3.1:

- #5 (a) Last week, you did this problem using the MLI. You will need to reuse some of that calculation this week, as you will interpolate for the derivative  $f'(8.4)$ . The best way to do this is to start from the derivative of the log of  $L_{MLI}(x)$ :

$$\frac{d}{dx} \log\{L_{MLI}(x)\} = \frac{d}{dx} \log(L(x)) + \frac{d}{dx} \log\left(\sum f_k \frac{w_k}{x - x_k}\right)$$

and evaluate from the chain rule form of the above. Note that many of the terms/factors are reused values from the evaluation of  $f(8.4)$ . Indicate what new values need to be computed in getting  $f'(8.4)$ , and explain why it is an  $O(N)$  flop count operation.

- #5 (a) For the same data, construct the lower triangular linear system that results from a Newton basis that takes  $\{x_k\}$  in the order  $\{8.1, 8.2, 8.6, 8.7\}$ . Note that if one takes the order  $\{8.7, 8.6, 8.2, 8.1\}$  one gets a different matrix (although the final interpolant will be the same).

## 2) Cubic Spline

Textbook problems from Section 3.5:

- #3 (c) Use the equation (3.21) for the  $\{c_k\}$ -coefficients to get the  $4 \times 4$  linear system that determines the spline with natural end conditions. Use Matlab to obtain the values for the  $c_k$ , and then choose, from the lecture notes or textbook, the equations that determine the  $b_k$  and  $d_k$ . Interpolate the value of  $f(-0.1)$ .
- #11 Start by writing the complete set of equations for the  $N = 1$  spline. Using these equations, find the missing coefficients. (Expect this type of question on the exams.)

## 3) Not-a-knot

From the lecture notes:

For the case of not-a-knot, list the four equations that involve the coefficients from the  $S_0$  spline. By eliminating  $d_k$ -coefficients, derive  $c_0 = 2c_1 - c_2$  which gives the extra end condition for not-a-knot. What is then the corresponding condition for  $c_N$ ? (You have just verified diagonal-dominance for the not-a-knot!) Finally, confirm that these end conditions hold for the numbers shown in the Friday lecture demo.