

Lab Problem 2.5, Physics 430

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[ > restart;
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Parabolic extrapolation; here is the parabola

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[ > f:=a+b*x+c*x^2;
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$$f := a + b x + c x^2$$

Here are the conditions that the function be right at x_0 , x_0+h , and x_0+2h

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[ > eq1:=f1=subs(x=x0,f);
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$$eq1 := f1 = a + b x_0 + c x_0^2$$

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[ > eq2:=f2=subs(x=x0+h,f);
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$$eq2 := f2 = a + b (x_0 + h) + c (x_0 + h)^2$$

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[ > eq3:=f3=subs(x=x0+2*h,f);
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$$eq3 := f3 = a + b (x_0 + 2 h) + c (x_0 + 2 h)^2$$

Given these three conditions, find a,b,c

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[ > solve({eq1,eq2,eq3},{a,b,c});
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$$\left\{ c = \frac{1}{2} \frac{f_3 + f_1 - 2 f_2}{h^2}, b = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{2 x_0 f_3 + 2 x_0 f_1 - 4 x_0 f_2 + h f_3 + 3 f_1 h - 4 f_2 h}{h^2}, \right.$$

$$\left. a = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2 f_1 h^2 + x_0^2 f_3 + x_0^2 f_1 - 2 x_0^2 f_2 + x_0 h f_3 + 3 x_0 f_1 h - 4 x_0 f_2 h}{h^2} \right\}$$

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[ > assign(%);
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[ > f;
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$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{2 f_1 h^2 + x_0^2 f_3 + x_0^2 f_1 - 2 x_0^2 f_2 + x_0 h f_3 + 3 x_0 f_1 h - 4 x_0 f_2 h}{h^2}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \frac{(2 x_0 f_3 + 2 x_0 f_1 - 4 x_0 f_2 + h f_3 + 3 f_1 h - 4 f_2 h) x}{h^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(f_3 + f_1 - 2 f_2) x^2}{h^2}$$

Now extrapolate back to x_0-h and see what the function value is there (approximately)

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[ > fbelow:=subs(x=x0-h,f);
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$$f_{below} := \frac{1}{2} \frac{2 f_1 h^2 + x_0^2 f_3 + x_0^2 f_1 - 2 x_0^2 f_2 + x_0 h f_3 + 3 x_0 f_1 h - 4 x_0 f_2 h}{h^2}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \frac{(2 x_0 f_3 + 2 x_0 f_1 - 4 x_0 f_2 + h f_3 + 3 f_1 h - 4 f_2 h) (x_0 - h)}{h^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(f_3 + f_1 - 2 f_2) (x_0 - h)^2}{h^2}$$

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[ > simplify(fbelow);
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$$3 f_1 + f_3 - 3 f_2$$

which is the 3,-3,1 rule. It also works forward to x_0+3h

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[ > fforward:=subs(x=x0+3*h,f);
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$$fforward := \frac{1}{2} \frac{2 f_1 h^2 + x_0^2 f_3 + x_0^2 f_1 - 2 x_0^2 f_2 + x_0 h f_3 + 3 x_0 f_1 h - 4 x_0 f_2 h}{h^2}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \frac{(2 x_0 f_3 + 2 x_0 f_1 - 4 x_0 f_2 + h f_3 + 3 f_1 h - 4 f_2 h) (x_0 + 3 h)}{h^2}$$

$$+ \frac{\frac{1}{2} (f_3 + f_1 - 2 f_2) (x_0 + 3 h)^2}{h^2}$$

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[ > simplify(fforward);
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$$-3 f_2 + f_1 + 3 f_3$$

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