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MATH 561 Numerical Analysis I
Homework 3

1. (a) Use the central quotient approximation $f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h)-f(x-h)}{2h}$ to obtain an approximation of $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} u(x, y)$, for a function u of two variables.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} u(x, y) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} u(x, y) \right) \\
 &\approx \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{u(x, y+h) - u(x, y-h)}{2h} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2h} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(x, y+h) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(x, y-h) \right) \\
 &\approx \frac{1}{2h} \left(\frac{u(x+h, y+h) - u(x-h, y+h)}{2h} - \frac{u(x+h, y-h) - u(x-h, y-h)}{2h} \right) \\
 &= \frac{u(x+h, y+h) - u(x-h, y+h) - u(x+h, y-h) + u(x-h, y-h)}{4h^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) The fourth order Taylor expansion of $u(v, w)$ approximated at (x, y) is

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(v, w) &= u(x, y) + (v-x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u(x, y)) + (w-y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (u(x, y)) + \frac{(v-x)^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (u(x, y)) \\
 &\quad + (v-x)(w-y) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (u(x, y)) + \frac{(w-y)^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} (u(x, y)) + \frac{(v-x)^3}{3!} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3} (u(x, y)) \\
 &\quad + \frac{(v-x)^2(w-y)}{2!} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^2 \partial y} (u(x, y)) + \frac{(v-x)(w-y)^2}{2!} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x \partial y^2} (u(x, y)) \\
 &\quad + \frac{(w-y)^3}{3!} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial y^3} (u(x, y)) + \frac{(v-x)^4}{4!} \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} (u(x, y)) + \frac{(v-x)^3(w-y)}{3!} \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^3 \partial y} (u(x, y)) \\
 &\quad + \frac{(v-x)^2(w-y)^2}{2!2!} \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} (u(x, y)) + \frac{(v-x)(w-y)^3}{3!} \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x \partial y^3} (u(x, y)) \\
 &\quad + \frac{(w-y)^4}{4!} \frac{\partial^4}{\partial y^4} (u(x, y))
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking the fourth order Taylor expansion of the terms found in part (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{u(x+h, y+h) - u(x-h, y+h) - u(x+h, y-h) + u(x-h, y-h)}{4h^2} \\
 &\approx \frac{1}{4h^2} (u(x, y) + h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u(x, y)) + h \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (u(x, y)) + \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (u(x, y))
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{h^4}{2!2!} \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} (u(x, y)) + \frac{h^4}{3!} \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x \partial y^3} (u(x, y)) \\
& + \frac{h^4}{4!} \frac{\partial^4}{\partial y^4} (u(x, y)) \\
& = \frac{1}{4h^2} \left(\frac{2h^4}{3} \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^3 \partial y} (u(x, y)) + 4h^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (u(x, y)) + \frac{2h^4}{3} \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x \partial y^3} (u(x, y)) \right) \\
& = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (u(x, y)) + \frac{h^2}{6} \left(\frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^3 \partial y} (u(x, y)) + \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x \partial y^3} (u(x, y)) \right) \\
& = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (u(x, y)) + O(h^2)
\end{aligned}$$

2. Let s be a function defined by

$$s(x) = \begin{cases} (x+1)^3 & -1 \leq x \leq 0 \\ (1-x)^3 & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

- (a) With Δ denoting the subdivision of $[-1, 1]$ into $[-1, 0]$ and $[0, 1]$, to what class $S_m^k(\Delta)$ does the spline s belong to?

Since each piece of s is degree 3, the degree of s is $m = 3$. Let $s_1(x) = (x+1)^3$ and let $s_2(x) = (1-x)^3$. Then s is continuous because $s_1(0) = (0+1)^3 = 1 = (1-0)^3 = s_2(0)$. Also $s'_1(0) = 3(0+1)^2 = 3$ and $s'_2(0) = -3(1-0)^2 = -3$, therefore the first derivative of s is not continuous. So s belongs to smoothness class $k = 0$.

- (b) Estimate the error of the composite trapezoidal rule applied to $\int_{-1}^1 s(x) dx$, when $[-1, 1]$ is divided into n subintervals of equal length $h = 2/n$ and n is even.
- (c) What is the error of the composite Simpson's rule applied to $\int_{-1}^1 s(x) dx$, with the same subdivision of $[-1, 1]$ as in (b)?

Simpson's rule has a degree of exactness equal to 3. Simpson's rule is applied to every two intervals, since n is even Simpson's rule can be applied to s over the subdivision Δ .

Since n is even either $n = 4m$ or $n = 4m + 2$ for some positive integer m . If $n = 4m$ for some positive integer m , that is n is a multiple of 4, then $\int_{-1}^1 s(x) dx$ can be approximated by applying Simpson's rule to $\int_{-1}^0 s(x) dx$ and $\int_0^1 s(x) dx$ separately and summing. This can be done because there $n/2 = 2m$ intervals on $[-1, 0]$ and $[0, 1]$. Each of these integrals can be evaluated exactly because Simpson's rule has degree of exactness equal to 3. Therefore the total error is 0.

If $n = 4m + 2$ for some positive integer m , then $\int_{-1}^1 s(x) dx$ can be approximated by applying Simpson's rule to $\int_{-1}^{-h} s(x) dx$, $\int_{-h}^h s(x) dx$, and $\int_h^1 s(x) dx$ separately

and summing. In this situation each interval $[-1, 0]$ and $[0, 1]$ has an odd number of subintervals, so Simpson's rule must be applied across the interval $[-h, h]$. Simpson's rule evaluates $\int_{-1}^{-h} s(x) dx$ and $\int_h^1 s(x) dx$ exactly because $s(x)$ is a degree 3 polynomial on these intervals. Therefore the error from Simpson's rule comes when approximating the integral $\int_{-h}^h s(x) dx$. The error can be found as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 E &= \int_{-h}^h s(x) dx - \frac{h}{3}(s(-h) + 4s(0) + s(h)) \\
 &= \int_{-h}^0 (x+1)^3 dx + \int_0^h (1-x)^3 dx - \frac{h}{3}((1-h)^3 + 4 + (1-h)^3) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4}(x+1)^4 \Big|_{x=-h}^0 + -\frac{1}{4}(1-x)^4 \Big|_{x=0}^h - \frac{h}{3}(2(1-h)^3 + 4) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4}(1 - (1-h)^4) - \frac{1}{4}((1-h)^4 - 1) - \frac{h}{3}(2(1-h)^3 + 4) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}(1-h)^4 - \frac{4h}{3} - \frac{2h}{3}(1-h)^3 \\
 &= (1-h)^3 \left(-\frac{1}{2}(1-h) - \frac{2h}{3} \right) - \frac{4h}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \\
 &= (1-h)^3 \left(-\frac{h}{6} - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \frac{4h}{3} + \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

This is also the total error.

- (d) What is the error resulting from applying the 2-point Gauss-Legendre rule to $\int_{-1}^0 s(x) dx$ and $\int_0^1 s(x) dx$ separately and summing?

The 2-point Gauss-Legendre rule has degree of exactness equal to 3. So on each of these intervals the $s(x)$ is a degree 3 polynomial, therefore the error on each of these intervals will be zero. So the total error is zero.

3. (a) Determine by Hermite interpolation the quadratic polynomial p interpolating f at $x = 0$ and $x = 1$ and f' at $x = 0$. Also express the errors in terms of an appropriate derivative.

x	f(x)		
0	f(0)		
0	f'(0)		
1	f(1)	f(1) - f(0)	f(1) - f(0) - f'(0)

(b)

(c)

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