

### Assignment 3

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1. The interpolation using  $N=3$  points gives a Lorentzian curve and is the better estimator.

Hence, the quality of data matters more than the number of data points.

2. With increased  $N$ , the ~~error~~ relative error comes to a minima.  
Hence larger intervals in the range give better estimates.

4. i) 3 point ~~error~~ formula:

$$f'_3 = \frac{f_n - f_{-n}}{2h} - \frac{h^2 f'''}{6} + O(h^3)$$

Hence error is of the order  $O(h^2)$   
and approximation error is  $\frac{h^2 f'''}{6}$

Machine precision:  $\left| \frac{f_n - f_{-n}}{2h} \right| \leq \frac{e_m}{2h}$

Total error:  $e_{\text{Total}} \leq \frac{e_m}{2h} + \frac{h^2 f'''}{6}$

Minimizing,

$$\frac{d e_{\text{Total}}}{dh} = -\frac{e_m}{2h^2} + \frac{h f'''}{3} = 0$$

$$f'''(x) \Big|_{x=\sqrt{2}} = \frac{10}{27}$$

$$\therefore h = \left( \frac{81 \text{ em}}{20} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$\text{Single precision: } |e_m| \leq 10^{-7}$$

$$\Rightarrow h \approx 0.007$$

$$\text{double prec: } |e_m| \leq 10^{-15}$$

$$\Rightarrow h \approx 1.6 \times 10^{-5}$$

2 point formula:

$$f'_2 = \frac{f_n - f_0}{h} + O(h)$$

$$\text{Approx. error: } \frac{h f''}{2}$$

$$\text{Total error} = \frac{e_m}{n} + \frac{h f''}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow h \approx \left( \frac{9}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ em} \right)^{1/2} \text{ for } f'' \Big|_{x=\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{9}$$

$$\therefore \text{for single prec, } h \approx 0.0008$$

$$\text{double prec; } h \approx 8 \times 10^{-7}$$