

Higher Order Interpolation Formulas

3rd order cell based extrapolation

Backward Extrapolation

Approximating several function values around f_i we have

$$p_i = f_i + (h_{ci} - h_{ni})f_i' + \frac{(h_{ci} - h_{ni})^2}{2}f_i'' + O(\Delta h^3)$$

$$p_{i+1} = f_i + (h_{ci+1} - h_{ni})f_i' + \frac{(h_{ci+1} - h_{ni})^2}{2}f_i'' + O(\Delta h^3)$$

$$f_{i+1} = f_i + (h_{ni+1} - h_{ni})f_i' + \frac{(h_{ni+1} - h_{ni})^2}{2}f_i'' + O(\Delta h^3)$$

We may rewrite this as

$$p_i = f_i + \alpha_1 f_i' + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} f_i''$$

$$p_{i+1} = f_i + \alpha_2 f_i' + \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} f_i''$$

$$f_{i+1} = f_i + \alpha_3 f_i' + \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} f_i''$$

Or

$$-f_i = -p_i + \alpha_1 f_i' + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} f_i''$$

$$p_{i+1} - f_i = \alpha_2 f_i' + \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} f_i''$$

$$f_{i+1} - f_i = \alpha_3 f_i' + \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} f_i''$$

In matrix form we may write

$$Ax = b$$

Where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \\ 0 & \alpha_2 & \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \\ 0 & \alpha_3 & \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} -p_i \\ f_i' \\ f_i'' \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} -f_i \\ p_{i+1} - f_i \\ f_{i+1} - f_i \end{bmatrix}$$

The only solution we seek is for p_i which, by Cramer's rule is

$$p_i = -\frac{\begin{vmatrix} -f_i & \alpha_1 & \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \\ p_{i+1} - f_i & \alpha_2 & \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \\ f_{i+1} - f_i & \alpha_3 & \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} \end{vmatrix}}{\det(A)} = -\frac{\begin{vmatrix} -f_i & \alpha_1 & \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \\ p_{i+1} - f_i & \alpha_2 & \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \\ f_{i+1} - f_i & \alpha_3 & \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \\ 0 & \alpha_2 & \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \\ 0 & \alpha_3 & \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} \end{vmatrix}}$$

Let's tackle these separately

$$\det(A) = \left(\alpha_2 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \alpha_3 \right) - \alpha_1(0) + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2}(0)$$

The numerator is

$$\begin{aligned} & -\begin{vmatrix} -f_i & \alpha_1 & \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \\ p_{i+1} - f_i & \alpha_2 & \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \\ f_{i+1} - f_i & \alpha_3 & \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -\left\{ -f_i \left(\alpha_2 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \alpha_3 \right) - \alpha_1 \left([p_{i+1} - f_i] \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} [f_{i+1} - f_i] \right) + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} ([p_{i+1} - f_i] \alpha_3 - \alpha_2 [f_{i+1} - f_i]) \right\} \\ &= f_i \left(\alpha_2 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \alpha_3 \right) + \alpha_1 \left([p_{i+1} - f_i] \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} [f_{i+1} - f_i] \right) - \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} ([p_{i+1} - f_i] \alpha_3 - \alpha_2 [f_{i+1} - f_i]) \end{aligned}$$

Factoring terms we have

$$= f_i \left(\alpha_2 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \alpha_3 + \alpha_1 \left(-\frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} + \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \right) - \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} (-\alpha_3 + \alpha_2) \right) + p_{i+1} \left(\alpha_1 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \alpha_3 \right) + f_{i+1} \left(\alpha_1 \left(-\frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \right) + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \alpha_2 \right)$$

Therefore, p_i is

$$p_i = \frac{f_i \left(\alpha_2 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \alpha_3 + \alpha_1 \left(-\frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} + \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \right) - \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} (-\alpha_3 + \alpha_2) \right) + p_{i+1} \left(\alpha_1 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \alpha_3 \right) + f_{i+1} \left(\alpha_1 \left(-\frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \right) + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \alpha_2 \right)}{\left(\alpha_2 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \alpha_3 \right)}$$

Or

$$p_i = f_i \frac{\left(\alpha_2 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \alpha_3 + \alpha_1 \left(-\frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} + \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \right) - \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} (-\alpha_3 + \alpha_2) \right)}{\left(\alpha_2 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \alpha_3 \right)} + p_{i+1} \frac{\left(\alpha_1 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \alpha_3 \right)}{\left(\alpha_2 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \alpha_3 \right)} + f_{i+1} \frac{\left(\alpha_1 \left(-\frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \right) + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \alpha_2 \right)}{\left(\alpha_2 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \alpha_3 \right)}$$

Factoring out the 1/2 we have

$$p_i = f_i \frac{(\alpha_2 \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3 + \alpha_1(-\alpha_3^2 + \alpha_2^2) - \alpha_1^2(-\alpha_3 + \alpha_2))}{(\alpha_2 \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3)} + p_{i+1} \frac{(\alpha_1 \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_1^2 \alpha_3)}{(\alpha_2 \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3)} + f_{i+1} \frac{(\alpha_1(-\alpha_2^2) + \alpha_1^2 \alpha_2)}{(\alpha_2 \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3)}$$

Factoring some more

$$p_i = f_i \frac{(\alpha_2 \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3 - \alpha_3^2 \alpha_1 + \alpha_2^2 \alpha_1 + \alpha_3 \alpha_1^2 - \alpha_2 \alpha_1^2)}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)} + p_{i+1} \frac{\alpha_1 \alpha_3 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_1)}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)} + f_{i+1} \frac{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)}$$

Slightly simplifying we have

Result

$$p_i = f_i \frac{\alpha_2 \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3 - \alpha_3^2 \alpha_1 + \alpha_2^2 \alpha_1 + \alpha_3 \alpha_1^2 - \alpha_2 \alpha_1^2}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)} + p_{i+1} \frac{\alpha_1 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_1)}{\alpha_2 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)} + f_{i+1} \frac{\alpha_1 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_3 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)}$$

Or

$$p_i = f_i \frac{\left(\alpha_3 - \alpha_2 - \frac{\alpha_3 \alpha_1}{\alpha_2} + \frac{\alpha_2 \alpha_1}{\alpha_3} + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{\alpha_2} - \frac{\alpha_1^2}{\alpha_3} \right)}{(\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)} + p_{i+1} \frac{\alpha_1 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_1)}{\alpha_2 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)} + f_{i+1} \frac{\alpha_1 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_3 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)}$$

Forward Extrapolation

This is very similar to the backward extrapolation, the only difference here is that we are now looking for a different function location and we approximate closer to the end point. Approximating several function values around f_i we have

$$p_{i+1} = f_{i+1} + (h_{ci+1} - h_{ni+1})f'_{i+1} + \frac{(h_{ci+1} - h_{ni+1})^2}{2}f''_{i+1} + O(\Delta h^3)$$

$$p_i = f_{i+1} + (h_{ci} - h_{n+1i})f'_{i+1} + \frac{(h_{ci} - h_{n+1i})^2}{2}f''_{i+1} + O(\Delta h^3)$$

$$f_i = f_{i+1} + (h_{ni} - h_{ni+1})f'_{i+1} + \frac{(h_{ni} - h_{ni+1})^2}{2}f''_{i+1} + O(\Delta h^3)$$

We may rewrite this as

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$$p_i = f_{i+1} + \alpha_2 f'_{i+1} + \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} f''_{i+1}$$

$$f_i = f_{i+1} + \alpha_3 f'_{i+1} + \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} f''_{i+1}$$

Or

$$-f_{i+1} = -p_{i+1} + \alpha_1 f'_{i+1} + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} f''_{i+1}$$

$$p_i - f_{i+1} = \alpha_2 f'_{i+1} + \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} f''_{i+1}$$

$$f_i - f_{i+1} = \alpha_3 f'_{i+1} + \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} f''_{i+1}$$

In matrix form we may write

$$Ax = b$$

Where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \\ 0 & \alpha_2 & \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \\ 0 & \alpha_3 & \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} -p_{i+1} \\ f'_{i+1} \\ f''_{i+1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} -f_{i+1} \\ p_i - f_{i+1} \\ f_i - f_{i+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

The only solution we seek is for p_{i+1} which, by Cramer's rule is

$$p_{i+1} = - \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -f_{i+1} & \alpha_1 & \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \\ p_i - f_{i+1} & \alpha_2 & \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \\ f_i - f_{i+1} & \alpha_3 & \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} \end{vmatrix}}{\det(A)} = - \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -f_{i+1} & \alpha_1 & \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \\ p_i - f_{i+1} & \alpha_2 & \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \\ f_i - f_{i+1} & \alpha_3 & \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \\ 0 & \alpha_2 & \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \\ 0 & \alpha_3 & \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} \end{vmatrix}},$$

Let's tackle these separately. The A matrix is the same, so we have

$$\det(A) = \left(\alpha_2 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \alpha_3 \right) - \alpha_1(0) + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2}(0)$$

The numerator is

$$\begin{aligned} & - \begin{vmatrix} -f_{i+1} & \alpha_1 & \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \\ p_i - f_{i+1} & \alpha_2 & \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \\ f_i - f_{i+1} & \alpha_3 & \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= - \left\{ (-f_{i+1}) \left(\alpha_2 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \alpha_3 \right) - (\alpha_1) \left((p_i - f_{i+1}) \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} (f_i - f_{i+1}) \right) + \left(\frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \right) ((p_i - f_{i+1}) \alpha_3 - \alpha_2 (f_i - f_{i+1})) \right\} \\ &= f_{i+1} \left(\alpha_2 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \alpha_3 \right) + \alpha_1 \left((p_i - f_{i+1}) \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} (f_i - f_{i+1}) \right) + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} (\alpha_2 (f_i - f_{i+1}) - (p_i - f_{i+1}) \alpha_3) \end{aligned}$$

Factoring terms we have

$$= f_{i+1} \left(\alpha_2 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \alpha_3 - \alpha_1 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} + \alpha_1 \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \alpha_2 + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \alpha_3 \right) + p_i \left(\alpha_1 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \alpha_3 \right) + f_i \left(-\alpha_1 \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \alpha_2 \right)$$

Therefore, p_{i+1} is

$$p_{i+1} = \frac{f_{i+1} \left(\alpha_2 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \alpha_3 - \alpha_1 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} + \alpha_1 \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \alpha_2 + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \alpha_3 \right) + p_i \left(\alpha_1 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \alpha_3 \right) + f_i \left(-\alpha_1 \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \alpha_2 \right)}{\alpha_2 \frac{\alpha_3^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \alpha_3}$$

Dividing by 2 we have

$$p_{i+1} = \frac{f_{i+1}(\alpha_2 \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3 - \alpha_1 \alpha_3^2 + \alpha_1 \alpha_2^2 - \alpha_1^2 \alpha_2 + \alpha_1^2 \alpha_3) + p_i(\alpha_1 \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_1^2 \alpha_3) + f_i(-\alpha_1 \alpha_2^2 + \alpha_1^2 \alpha_2)}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3}$$

Splitting, and slightly rearranging this, we have

$$p_{i+1} = f_{i+1} \frac{\alpha_2 \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3 - \alpha_1 \alpha_3^2 + \alpha_1 \alpha_2^2 - \alpha_1^2 \alpha_2 + \alpha_1^2 \alpha_3}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3} + p_i \frac{\alpha_1 \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_1^2 \alpha_3}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3} + f_i \frac{\alpha_1^2 \alpha_2 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2^2}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3}$$

Factoring more

$$p_{i+1} = f_{i+1} \frac{\alpha_2 \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3 - \alpha_1 \alpha_3^2 + \alpha_1 \alpha_2^2 - \alpha_1^2 \alpha_2 + \alpha_1^2 \alpha_3}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)} + p_i \frac{\alpha_1 \alpha_3 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_1)}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)} + f_i \frac{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)}$$

Simplifying

Result

$$p_{i+1} = f_{i+1} \frac{\alpha_2 \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_2^2 \alpha_3 - \alpha_1 \alpha_3^2 + \alpha_1 \alpha_2^2 - \alpha_1^2 \alpha_2 + \alpha_1^2 \alpha_3}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)} + p_i \frac{\alpha_1 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_1)}{\alpha_2 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)} + f_i \frac{\alpha_1 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_3 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)}$$

Or

$$p_{i+1} = f_{i+1} \frac{\alpha_3 - \alpha_2 - \frac{\alpha_1 \alpha_3}{\alpha_2} + \frac{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}{\alpha_3} - \frac{\alpha_1^2}{\alpha_3} + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{\alpha_2}}{(\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)} + p_i \frac{\alpha_1 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_1)}{\alpha_2 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)} + f_i \frac{\alpha_1 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_3 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)}$$