

# Homework 6

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## Problem 1 Solution

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### Part (a): $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + 2xy$ at $(3, 4)$

#### 1. Exact Partial Derivatives:

- $f_x(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x^2 + y^2 + 2xy)$
- $f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x^2 + y^2 + 2xy)$
- Exact  $f_x(x, y) = 2 * x + 2 * y$ ,  $f_x(3, 4) = 14$ .
- Exact  $f_y(x, y) = 2 * x + 2 * y$ ,  $f_y(3, 4) = 14$

#### 2. Approximations using Formula (2):

- For  $f_x(3, 4)$ :
  - $f(x, y) = (x + y)^2$ . At  $(3, 4)$ ,  $f_x(3, 4) \approx \frac{f(3+h, 4) - f(3-h, 4)}{2h} = \frac{(7+h)^2 - (7-h)^2}{2h}$
  - $h = 0.1$ :  $f_x(3, 4) \approx 13.999999999999986$
  - $h = 0.01$ :  $f_x(3, 4) \approx 13.999999999999702$
  - $h = 0.0001$ :  $f_x(3, 4) \approx 13.99999999995794$
- For  $f_y(3, 4)$ :
  - At  $(3, 4)$ ,  $f_y(3, 4) \approx \frac{f(3, 4+h) - f(3, 4-h)}{2h} = \frac{(7+h)^2 - (7-h)^2}{2h}$
  - $h = 0.1$ :  $f_y(3, 4) \approx 13.999999999999986$
  - $h = 0.01$ :  $f_y(3, 4) \approx 13.999999999999702$
  - $h = 0.0001$ :  $f_y(3, 4) \approx 14.000000000002899$

#### 3. Comparison:

For  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + 2xy$  at  $(3, 4)$ :

- The exact values are  $f_x(3, 4) = f_y(3, 4) = 14$
- For  $f_x(3, 4)$ :
  - $h = 0.1$ : error  $\approx 1.4\text{e-}14$
  - $h = 0.01$ : error  $\approx 2.98\text{e-}13$
  - $h = 0.0001$ : error  $\approx 4.206\text{e-}12$
- For  $f_y(3, 4)$ :
  - $h = 0.1$ : error  $\approx 1.4\text{e-}14$
  - $h = 0.01$ : error  $\approx 2.98\text{e-}13$
  - $h = 0.0001$ : error  $\approx 2.899\text{e-}12$

## Part (b): $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 y^2}{x+y}$ at $(2, 3)$

### 1. Exact Partial Derivatives:

- $f_x(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x^2 y^2}{x+y} \right)$
- $f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{x^2 y^2}{x+y} \right)$
- Exact  $f_x(x, y) = -x^2 * y^2 / (x + y)^2 + 2 * x * y^2 / (x + y)$ ,  $f_x(2, 3) = 5.76$ .
- Exact  $f_y(x, y) = -x^2 * y^2 / (x + y)^2 + 2 * x * y^2 / (x + y)$ ,  $f_y(2, 3) = 3.36$

### 2. Approximations using Formula (2):

- For  $f_x(2, 3)$ :
  - $f_x(2, 3) \approx \frac{f(2+h, 3) - f(2-h, 3)}{2h}$
  - $h = 0.1$ :  $f_x(2, 3) \approx 5.7587034813925575$
  - $h = 0.01$ :  $f_x(2, 3) \approx 5.759987039948067$
  - $h = 0.0001$ :  $f_x(2, 3) \approx 5.75999870400101$
- For  $f_y(2, 3)$ :
  - $f_y(2, 3) \approx \frac{f(2, 3+h) - f(2, 3-h)}{2h}$
  - $h = 0.1$ :  $f_y(2, 3) \approx 3.3597438975590332$
  - $h = 0.01$ :  $f_y(2, 3) \approx 3.3599974399896926$
  - $h = 0.0001$ :  $f_y(2, 3) \approx 3.359999974400285$

### 3. Comparison:

For  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 y^2}{x+y}$  at  $(2, 3)$ :

- The exact values are  $f_x(2, 3) = 5.76$  and  $f_y(2, 3) = 3.36$
- For  $f_x(2, 3)$ :
  - $h = 0.1$ : error  $\approx 1.296e-3$
  - $h = 0.01$ : error  $\approx 1.296e-5$
  - $h = 0.0001$ : error  $\approx 1.296e-7$
- For  $f_y(2, 3)$ :
  - $h = 0.1$ : error  $\approx 2.56e-4$
  - $h = 0.01$ : error  $\approx 2.56e-6$
  - $h = 0.0001$ : error  $\approx 2.56e-8$

Observations:

1. For the first function (simple polynomial), the numerical method achieves very high accuracy with errors in the range of  $10^{-12}$  to  $10^{-14}$ .
2. For the second function (rational function), the errors are relatively larger, ranging from  $10^{-3}$  to  $10^{-8}$ .
3. In both cases, accuracy generally improves as  $h$  decreases, but for the first function, there is a slight loss of precision when  $h$  becomes too small, likely due to rounding errors.

4. The second function shows significant improvement in accuracy as  $h$  decreases, indicating that choosing smaller step sizes is beneficial for such complex functions.

## Problem 2

Let  $\epsilon = 5 \cdot 10^{-4}$  be the round-off error in  $y_k$ .

Given  $|f^{(3)}(c)| \leq M_3 = 1.5$  and  $|f^{(5)}(c)| \leq M_5 = 1.5$ .

The best step size  $h$  minimizes total error  $E(h) \approx E_t(h) + E_r(h)$ .

**(a) Formula:**  $f'(x_0) \approx \frac{y_1 - y_{-1}}{2h}$

1. **Truncation Error ( $E_t$ ):**

$$E_t(h) \approx \frac{h^2}{6} M_3 = \frac{1.5}{6} h^2 = 0.25h^2.$$

2. **Round-off Error ( $E_r$ ):**

The error in  $y_1 - y_{-1}$  is bounded by  $2\epsilon$ .

$$E_r(h) \approx \frac{2\epsilon}{2h} = \frac{\epsilon}{h} = \frac{5 \cdot 10^{-4}}{h}.$$

3. **Total Error & Minimization:**

$$E(h) = 0.25h^2 + \frac{5 \cdot 10^{-4}}{h}.$$

$$\frac{dE}{dh} = 0.5h - \frac{5 \cdot 10^{-4}}{h^2} = 0.$$

$$0.5h^3 = 5 \cdot 10^{-4} \Rightarrow h^3 = 10^{-3}.$$

$$h = (10^{-3})^{1/3} = 0.1.$$

**Best step size for (a):**  $h = 0.1$ .

**(b) Formula:**  $f'(x_0) \approx \frac{-y_2 + 8y_1 - 8y_{-1} + y_{-2}}{12h}$

1. **Truncation Error ( $E_t$ ):**

$$E_t(h) \approx \frac{h^4}{30} M_5 = \frac{1.5}{30} h^4 = 0.05h^4.$$

2. **Round-off Error ( $E_r$ ):**

The error in the numerator  $(-y_2 + 8y_1 - 8y_{-1} + y_{-2})$  is bounded by  $(1 + 8 + 8 + 1)\epsilon = 18\epsilon$ .

$$E_r(h) \approx \frac{18\epsilon}{12h} = \frac{3\epsilon}{2h} = \frac{3 \cdot (5 \cdot 10^{-4})}{2h} = \frac{7.5 \cdot 10^{-4}}{h}.$$

3. **Total Error & Minimization:**

$$E(h) = 0.05h^4 + \frac{7.5 \cdot 10^{-4}}{h}.$$

$$\frac{dE}{dh} = 0.2h^3 - \frac{7.5 \cdot 10^{-4}}{h^2} = 0.$$

$$0.2h^5 = 7.5 \cdot 10^{-4} \Rightarrow h^5 = \frac{7.5 \cdot 10^{-4}}{0.2} = 37.5 \cdot 10^{-4} = 3.75 \cdot 10^{-3}.$$

$$h = (3.75 \cdot 10^{-3})^{1/5}.$$

**Best step size for (b):**  $h = (0.00375)^{1/5} \approx 0.3268$ .

## Problem 3

Let  $f(x) = \cos(x)$  and  $x_0 = 1.2$ . The approximation formula is  $f'(x_0) \approx \frac{-y_2 + 8y_1 - 8y_{-1} + y_{-2}}{12h}$ .

The inherent round-off error for  $y_k = f(x_0 + kh)$  is  $|e_k| \leq 5 \cdot 10^{-6}$ .

**Part (a)**

1. **Case 1:**  $h = 0.1$

- $y_2 = f(1.4) = 0.16997$
- $y_1 = f(1.3) = 0.26750$
- $y_{-1} = f(1.1) = 0.45360$

- $y_{-2} = f(1.0) = 0.54030$
- $f'(1.2) \approx \frac{-0.16997+8(0.26750)-8(0.45360)+0.54030}{12(0.1)}$
- $f'(1.2) \approx \frac{-0.16997+2.14000-3.62880+0.54030}{1.2} = \frac{-1.11847}{1.2} \approx -0.932058$

**2. Case 2:  $h = 0.001$**

- $y_2 = f(1.202) = 0.36049$
- $y_1 = f(1.201) = 0.36143$
- $y_{-1} = f(1.199) = 0.36329$
- $y_{-2} = f(1.198) = 0.36422$
- $f'(1.2) \approx \frac{-0.36049+8(0.36143)-8(0.36329)+0.36422}{12(0.001)}$
- $f'(1.2) \approx \frac{-0.36049+2.89144-2.90632+0.36422}{0.012} = \frac{-0.01115}{0.012} \approx -0.929167$

**Part (b)**

The total error bound is  $B(h) \approx |E_{round}(f, h)|_{max} + |E_{trunc}(f, h)|_{max}$ .

**1.  $|E_{round}(f, h)|_{max}$ :**

The formula for the round-off error contribution is  $E_{round}(f, h) = \frac{-e_2+8e_1-8e_{-1}+e_{-2}}{12h}$ .  
 $|E_{round}(f, h)|_{max} \leq \frac{|e_2|+8|e_1|+8|e_{-1}|+|e_{-2}|}{12h} \leq \frac{(1+8+8+1) \cdot 5 \cdot 10^{-6}}{12h} = \frac{18 \cdot 5 \cdot 10^{-6}}{12h} = \frac{7.5 \cdot 10^{-6}}{h}$ .

**2.  $|E_{trunc}(f, h)|_{max}$ :**

The formula for the truncation error is  $E_{trunc}(f, h) = \frac{h^4 f^{(5)}(c)}{30}$ .  
 $f(x) = \cos(x)$ , so  $f^{(5)}(x) = -\sin(x)$ . Thus,  $|f^{(5)}(c)| = |-\sin(c)| \leq 1$ .  
 $|E_{trunc}(f, h)|_{max} \leq \frac{h^4 \cdot 1}{30} = \frac{h^4}{30}$ .

**3. Total Error Bound Calculation:**

◦ **For  $h = 0.1$ :**

- $|E_{round}(f, 0.1)|_{max} \leq \frac{7.5 \cdot 10^{-6}}{0.1} = 7.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$
- $|E_{trunc}(f, 0.1)|_{max} \leq \frac{(0.1)^4}{30} = \frac{10^{-4}}{30} \approx 0.03333 \cdot 10^{-4} = 3.333 \cdot 10^{-6}$
- Total Error Bound  
 $B(0.1) \leq 7.5 \cdot 10^{-5} + 3.333 \cdot 10^{-6} = 75 \cdot 10^{-6} + 3.333 \cdot 10^{-6} = 78.333 \cdot 10^{-6} \approx 7.83 \cdot 10^{-5}$

◦ **For  $h = 0.001$ :**

- $|E_{round}(f, 0.001)|_{max} \leq \frac{7.5 \cdot 10^{-6}}{0.001} = 7.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$
- $|E_{trunc}(f, 0.001)|_{max} \leq \frac{(0.001)^4}{30} = \frac{10^{-12}}{30} \approx 3.333 \cdot 10^{-14}$
- Total Error Bound  $B(0.001) \leq 7.5 \cdot 10^{-3} + 3.333 \cdot 10^{-14} \approx 7.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$

Thus:

- For  $h = 0.1$ :  $f'(1.2) \approx -0.932058$ ; Total Error Bound  $\approx 7.83 \cdot 10^{-5}$ .
- For  $h = 0.001$ :  $f'(1.2) \approx -0.929167$ ; Total Error Bound  $\approx 7.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ .

## Problem 4

**True Value:**

For  $f(x) = \ln(x)$ :

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\text{So, } f''(5) = -\frac{1}{5^2} = -\frac{1}{25} = -0.04.$$

**Given data values from the table for  $x_0 = 5$ :**

$$f(4.90) = 1.5892$$

$$f(4.95) = 1.5994$$

$$f(5.00) = 1.6094 \text{ (this is } f_0 \text{ or } f(x_0))$$

$$f(5.05) = 1.6194$$

$$f(5.10) = 1.6292$$

**(a) Using formula (3) with  $h = 0.05$ :**

$$\text{Formula (3): } f''(x_0) \approx \frac{f(x_0+h) - 2f(x_0) + f(x_0-h)}{h^2}$$

Here,  $x_0 = 5$  and  $h = 0.05$ .

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(5.05) = 1.6194$$

$$f(x_0) = f(5.00) = 1.6094$$

$$f(x_0 - h) = f(4.95) = 1.5994$$

$$h^2 = (0.05)^2 = 0.0025$$

$$f''(5) \approx \frac{1.6194 - 2(1.6094) + 1.5994}{0.0025} = \frac{1.6194 - 3.2188 + 1.5994}{0.0025} = \frac{0.0000}{0.0025} = 0.0000$$

**(b) Using formula (3) with  $h = 0.1$ :**

Here,  $x_0 = 5$  and  $h = 0.1$ .

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(5.10) = 1.6292$$

$$f(x_0) = f(5.00) = 1.6094$$

$$f(x_0 - h) = f(4.90) = 1.5892$$

$$h^2 = (0.1)^2 = 0.01$$

$$f''(5) \approx \frac{1.6292 - 2(1.6094) + 1.5892}{0.01} = \frac{1.6292 - 3.2188 + 1.5892}{0.01} = \frac{-0.0004}{0.01} = -0.0400$$

**(c) Using formula (4) with  $h = 0.05$ :**

$$\text{Formula (4): } f''(x_0) \approx \frac{-f(x_0+2h) + 16f(x_0+h) - 30f(x_0) + 16f(x_0-h) - f(x_0-2h)}{12h^2}$$

Here,  $x_0 = 5$  and  $h = 0.05$ .

$$f(x_0 + 2h) = f(5.10) = 1.6292$$

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(5.05) = 1.6194$$

$$f(x_0) = f(5.00) = 1.6094$$

$$f(x_0 - h) = f(4.95) = 1.5994$$

$$f(x_0 - 2h) = f(4.90) = 1.5892$$

$$12h^2 = 12(0.05)^2 = 12(0.0025) = 0.03$$

Numerator:

$$-1.6292 + 16(1.6194) - 30(1.6094) + 16(1.5994) - 1.5892$$

$$= -1.6292 + 25.9104 - 48.2820 + 25.5904 - 1.5892$$

$$= (25.9104 + 25.5904) - (1.6292 + 48.2820 + 1.5892)$$

$$= 51.5008 - 51.5004 = 0.0004$$

$$f''(5) \approx \frac{0.0004}{0.03} = \frac{4}{300} = \frac{1}{75} \approx 0.0133$$

**(d) Comparison**

True value  $f''(5) = -0.04$ .

Comparing the approximations:

(a) Approximation = 0.0000. Absolute error =  $|0.0000 - (-0.04)| = 0.0400$ .

(b) Approximation = -0.0400. Absolute error =  $|-0.0400 - (-0.04)| = 0.0000$ .

(c) Approximation  $\approx 0.0133$ . Absolute error =  $|0.013333... - (-0.04)| = |0.053333...| \approx 0.0533$ .

The approximation from **(b) is the most accurate**, as its absolute error is the smallest (in this case, 0 due to the rounding of the provided table values).

## Problem 5

**(a) Central-difference formula for  $f''(x) + f'(x)$  of order  $O(h^2)$ :**

Let  $f'_c(x) = \frac{f(x+h)-f(x-h)}{2h}$  (which is  $O(h^2)$ ) and  $f''_c(x) = \frac{f(x+h)-2f(x)+f(x-h)}{h^2}$  (which is  $O(h^2)$ ).

Then,  $f''(x) + f'(x) \approx f''_c(x) + f'_c(x) = \frac{f(x+h)-2f(x)+f(x-h)}{h^2} + \frac{f(x+h)-f(x-h)}{2h}$ .

This simplifies to:

$$f''(x) + f'(x) \approx \frac{2(f(x+h)-2f(x)+f(x-h))+h(f(x+h)-f(x-h))}{2h^2}$$

$$f''(x) + f'(x) \approx \frac{(2+h)f(x+h)-4f(x)+(2-h)f(x-h)}{2h^2}.$$

The order of this combined formula is  $O(h^2)$ .

**(b) Backward-difference formula for  $f''(x) + f'(x)$  of order  $O(h^2)$ :**

Let  $f'_b(x) = \frac{3f(x)-4f(x-h)+f(x-2h)}{2h}$  (which is  $O(h^2)$ ) and  $f''_b(x) = \frac{2f(x)-5f(x-h)+4f(x-2h)-f(x-3h)}{h^2}$  (which is  $O(h^2)$ ).

Then,  $f''(x) + f'(x) \approx f''_b(x) + f'_b(x) = \frac{2f(x)-5f(x-h)+4f(x-2h)-f(x-3h)}{h^2} + \frac{3f(x)-4f(x-h)+f(x-2h)}{2h}$ .

This simplifies to:

$$f''(x) + f'(x) \approx \frac{2(2f(x)-5f(x-h)+4f(x-2h)-f(x-3h))+h(3f(x)-4f(x-h)+f(x-2h))}{2h^2}$$

$$f''(x) + f'(x) \approx \frac{(4+3h)f(x)-(10+4h)f(x-h)+(8+h)f(x-2h)-2f(x-3h)}{2h^2}.$$

The order of this combined formula is  $O(h^2)$ .

**(c) What would happen if a formula for  $f'(x)$  of order  $O(h^4)$  were added to a formula for  $f''(x)$  of order  $O(h^2)$ ?**

If a formula for  $f'(x)$  with error  $E_1 = C_1h^4 + \dots$  (order  $O(h^4)$ ) is added to a formula for  $f''(x)$  with error  $E_2 = C_2h^2 + \dots$  (order  $O(h^2)$ ), the total error is  $E_{total} = E_1 + E_2 = C_2h^2 + C_1h^4 + \dots$ .

The dominant term in the error for small  $h$  is  $C_2h^2$ .

Therefore, the resulting formula would have an order of accuracy of  $O(h^2)$ .

## Problem 6

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• (base) → Homework6 git:(main) ✖ python Problem6.py

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f(x)	x	approx f'(x)	analytic f'(x)	rel. err.	h_used
sin(cos(1/x))	0.707107	1.95156	1.95156	3.14e-11	1e-06
x^x^x	0.0001	1.01521	-8.20278	1.12	1e-09

## Problem 7

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• (base) → Homework6 git:(main) ✖ python Problem7.py
0.999999999999994271 0.0001

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