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1a)

$$\begin{split} &(x_i,y_i) \in \{(0,0),(\frac{1}{2},1),(1,0)\} \\ &L_0 = \frac{(x-\frac{1}{2})(x-1)}{(0-\frac{1}{2})(0-1)} = 2(x-\frac{1}{2})(x-1) \\ &L_1 = \frac{(x-0)(x-1)}{(\frac{1}{2}-0)(\frac{1}{2}-1)} = -4x(x-1) \\ &L_2 = \frac{(x-0)(x-\frac{1}{2})}{(1-0)(1-\frac{1}{2})} = 2x(x-\frac{1}{2}) \\ &P_2(x) = 0 \cdot L_0 + 1 \cdot L_1 + 0 \cdot L_2 = L_1 \\ &P_2(\frac{1}{4}) = -4(\frac{1}{4})(\frac{1}{4}-1) = \boxed{\frac{3}{4}} \end{split}$$

1b)

$$P_2'(x) = -8x + 4$$

$$P_2'(\frac{1}{4}) = 2$$

2)

We have g''(0) = 0 = g''(4), h = 1 and $b_i = \frac{y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}}{h^2}$ for $i \neq \{0, 4\}$

Thus,
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{6} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{6} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} g''(x_0) \\ g''(x_1) \\ g''(x_2) \\ g''(x_3) \\ g''(x_4) \end{bmatrix}$$
 and using the aforementioned formula for the applicable b_i 's, we obtain:

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\1\\-12\\9\\0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we can solve the system of equations for x:

[0. 7.71428571 -24.85714286 19.71428571 0.]

Thus, we have g''(0) = 0, g''(1) = 7.714, g''(2) = -24.857, g''(3) = 19.714 and g''(4) = 0.

3b)

We have $i=2,\ i+1=3,\ y_i=7,\ y_{i+1}=-1,\ g''(x_i)=-24.857,\ {\rm and}\ g''(x_{i+1})=19.714.$ So using Moin eq. 1.6, we have: $g_2(2.4)=\frac{-24.857}{6}\cdot[(.6)^3-.6]+\frac{19.714}{6}[(.4)^3-.4]+3.8=\boxed{4.287}$

3c)

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import numpy as np
from scipy.interpolate import CubicSpline

x = np.array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4])
y = np.array([0, 3, 7, -1, 0])

cs = CubicSpline(x, y, bc_type="natural")
print(cs(2.4))
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4.286857142857143

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import numpy as np
from scipy.interpolate import CubicSpline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
def lagrange(x, f, xx):
    yy = 0
    for i in range(len(x)):
        Li = 1
        for j in range(len(x)):
            if i != j:
               Lj *= (xx - x[j]) / (x[i] - x[j])
        yy += Lj * f[i]
    return yy
x = np.array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4])
y = np.array([0, 3, 7, -1, 0])
xx = np.linspace(0, 4, 100)
lg_interp = lagrange(x, y, xx)
cs1 = CubicSpline(x, y, bc_type="not-a-knot")
nak_interp = cs1(xx)
cs2 = CubicSpline(x, y, bc_type="natural")
nat_interp = cs2(xx)
cs3 = CubicSpline(x, y, bc_type=((1, 1), (1, 0)))
clamp_interp = cs3(xx)
plt.plot(xx, lg_interp, label="Lagrange")
plt.plot(xx, nak_interp, label="Not-a-Knot")
plt.plot(xx, nat_interp, label="Natural")
plt.plot(xx, clamp_interp, label="Clamped")
plt.scatter(x, y, label="Data", marker="x", zorder=10, color="black")
plt.legend()
plt.xlabel("x")
plt.ylabel("y")
plt.title("Lagrange vs. Cubic Splines Interpolation")
plt.show()
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Lagrange vs. Cubic Splines Interpolation

