

### Assignment 3

1. (10 points) Using Taylor's theorem and the points  $(x_i - 2h)$ ,  $(x_i - h)$ , and  $x_i$  derive the  $O(h^2)$  backward difference formula for  $f''(x_i)$ . This means find  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and an expression for the truncation error  $E$  such that

$$f''(x_i) = af(x_i - 2h) + bf(x_i - h) + cf(x_i) + E.$$

Backwards difference for  $O(h^2)$ : combine the point and the next two points backwards:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x_i) &= \frac{3f(x_i) - 4f(x_i - h) + f(x_i - 2h)}{2h} + \frac{1}{3}h^2 f'''(\mu) \\ af(x_i) + bf(x_i - h) + cf(x_i - 2h) &= f''(x_i) \\ = af(x_i) + b \left[ f(x_i) - hf'(x_i) + \frac{h^2 f''(x_i)}{2} - \frac{h^3 f'''(x_i)}{6} \right] + c \left[ f(x_i) - 2hf'(x_i) + 2h^2 f''(x_i) - \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{4}{3}h^3 f'''(x_i) \right] = f''(x_i) = (a + b + c)f(x_i) + f'(x_i)[-bh - 2hc] + f''(x_i) \left[ \frac{bh^2}{2} + 2h^2 c \right] + \\ f'''(x_i) \left[ -\frac{bh^3}{6} - \frac{c4h^3}{3} \right] &= f''(x_i) \\ = (a + b + c)f(x_i) + f'(x_i)[-bh - 2hc] + f''(x_i) \left[ \frac{bh^2}{2} + 2h^2 c \right] + f'''(x_i) \left[ -\frac{bh^3}{6} - \frac{c4h^3}{3} \right] + \\ f''''(x_i) \left[ \frac{bh^4}{24} + \frac{c2}{3}h^4 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$a + b + c = 0$$

$$-bh = 2hc \rightarrow b = -2c$$

$$bh^2/2 + 2h^2c = 1$$

$$-\frac{2ch^2}{2} + 2ch^2 = 1 = 1ch^2; c = \frac{1}{h^2}, b = -\frac{2}{h^2}, a = \frac{1}{h^2}$$

$$\text{first error: } -\frac{2}{h^2} * \frac{h^4}{24} + \frac{1}{h^2} * h^4 * \frac{2}{3} = -\frac{h^2}{12} + \frac{2h^2}{3} = \frac{7}{12}h^2$$

$$\text{second error: } -\frac{2}{h^2} * \frac{h^4}{24} + \frac{1}{h^2} h^4 * \frac{2}{3} = -\frac{h^2}{12} + \frac{2h^2}{3} = \frac{7}{12}h^2$$

$$f''(x_i) = \frac{1}{h^2}f(x_i - 2h) - \frac{2}{h^2}f(x_i - h) + \frac{1}{h^2}f(x_i) - hf'''(\mu) + \frac{7}{12}h^2 f''''(\mu)$$

2. (15 points) Consider the following four equally-spaced points on the interval  $[x_0, x_3]$ :

$$x_j = x_0 + jh \quad j = 0, 1, 2, 3 \quad h = (x_3 - x_0)/3.$$

Using the formula for the interpolating polynomial  $P_3(x)$  you used in Question 1b of Homework 2, integrate  $P_3(x)$  to derive the following Newton-Cotes formula, often referred to as **Simpson's three-eighths rule**:

$$I(f(x)) \approx I_3(f(x)) = \frac{3h}{8} \left[ f(x_0) + 3f(x_0 + h) + 3f(x_0 + 2h) + f(x_0 + 3h) \right]$$

Note that you can substitute  $h$  in for the  $xs$  in  $P_3$  because we are explicitly stating that the points are equally spaced.

For this problem, don't worry about an error term.

$$2) \quad P_3(x) = f(x_0) \cdot \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)(x-x_3)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)(x_0-x_3)} + f(x_1) \cdot \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)(x-x_3)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)(x_1-x_3)} + f(x_2) \cdot \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_3)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)(x_2-x_3)} + f(x_3) \cdot \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_3-x_0)(x_3-x_1)(x_3-x_2)}$$

$$P_3(x) = f(x_0) \cdot \frac{(x_1-x_0)(x_2-x_0)(x_3-x_0)}{(x_0-x_0-h)(x_0-x_0-2h)(x_0-x_0-3h)} + f(x_1) \cdot \frac{(x_2-x_0)(x_3-x_0)(x_0-x_0)}{(x_0+h-x_0)(x_0+h-x_0-2h)(x_0+h-x_0-3h)} + f(x_2) \cdot \frac{(x_3-x_0)(x_0-x_0)(x_0-x_0)}{(x_0+2h-x_0)(x_0+2h-x_0-h)(x_0+2h-x_0-3h)} + f(x_3) \cdot \frac{(x_0-x_0)(x_0-x_0)(x_0-x_0)}{(x_0+3h-x_0)(x_0+3h-x_0-h)(x_0+3h-x_0-2h)}$$

$$P_3(x) = \frac{f(x_0)}{-6h^3} [(-x_0)(-x_0-h)(-x_0-2h)] + \frac{f(x_0+h)}{2h^3} [(h-x_0)(-x_0-h)(-x_0-2h)] + \frac{f(x_0+2h)}{2h^3} [(h-x_0)(-x_0-h)(-x_0-2h)] + \frac{f(x_0+3h)}{6h^3} [(h-x_0)(-x_0-h)(-x_0-2h)]$$

$$P_3(x) = \frac{-f(x_0)}{6h^3} (x-x_0-h)(x-x_0-2h)(x-x_0-3h) + \frac{f(x_0+h)}{2h^3} (x-x_0)(x-x_0-2h)(x-x_0-3h) - \frac{f(x_0+2h)}{2h^3} (x-x_0)(x-x_0-h)(x-x_0-3h) + \frac{f(x_0+3h)}{6h^3} (x-x_0)(x-x_0-h)(x-x_0-2h)$$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_0+3h} P_3(x) dx = \frac{-f(x_0)}{6h^3} \int_{x_0}^{x_0+3h} (-6h^3x^3 + 11h^2x^2 - 11h^2x_0x - 6hx^2 + 12hx \cdot x_0 - 6hx_0^2 + x^3 - 3x^2x_0 + 3xx_0^2 - x_0^3) dx$$

$$= \frac{-f(x_0)}{6h^3} \left[ -6h^3 \frac{x^4}{4} + 11h^2 \frac{x^3}{3} - 11h^2 x_0 \frac{x^2}{2} - 6h \frac{x^3}{3} + 12h x_0 \frac{x^2}{2} - 6h x_0^2 \frac{x}{1} + \frac{x^4}{4} - 3x_0 \frac{x^3}{3} + 3x_0^2 \frac{x^2}{2} - x_0^3 x \right]_{x_0}^{x_0+3h}$$

$$= \frac{-f(x_0)}{6h^3} \left[ 0 - \frac{9}{4}h^4 + 0 + 0 + 0 \right] = \frac{f(x_0)}{6h^3} \left( \frac{9}{4}h^4 \right) = \frac{f(x_0)}{8} 3h$$



2<sup>nd</sup> integral:  $\frac{f(x_0+h)}{2h^3} (x-x_0)(x-x_0-2h)(x-x_0-3h)$

$u = x - x_0$ :  $\frac{f(x_0+h)}{2h^3} \int_0^{3h} (u)(u-2h)(u-3h) du = \frac{f(x_0+h)}{2h^3} \int_0^{3h} (u^3 - 5hu^2 + 6h^2u) du$

$= \frac{f(x_0+h)}{2h^3} \left[ \frac{1}{4}u^4 - \frac{5}{3}hu^3 + 3h^2u^2 \right]_0^{3h}$

$= \frac{f(x_0+h)}{2h^3} \left[ \frac{1}{4}(3h)^4 - \frac{5}{3}h(3h)^3 + 3h^2(3h)^2 \right]$

$= \frac{f(x_0+h)}{2h^3} \left[ \frac{81}{4}h^4 - 45h^4 + 27h^4 \right]$

$= \frac{f(x_0+h)}{2h^3} \left[ \frac{9}{4}h^4 \right] = \frac{f(x_0+h)}{8} \cdot 9h$

3<sup>rd</sup> integral:  $-\frac{f(x_0+2h)}{2h^3} (x-x_0)(x-x_0-h)(x-x_0-2h)$ ;  $u = x - x_0$ :

$-\frac{f(x_0+2h)}{2h^3} \int_0^{3h} (u)(u-h)(u-2h) du = -\frac{f(x_0+2h)}{2h^3} \int_0^{3h} (u^3 - 3hu^2 + 2h^2u) du$

$= -\frac{f(x_0+2h)}{2h^3} \left[ \frac{1}{4}u^4 - \frac{3}{2}hu^3 + h^2u^2 \right]_0^{3h}$

$= -\frac{f(x_0+2h)}{2h^3} \left[ \frac{81}{4}h^4 - 3h^4 + \frac{27}{2}h^4 \right] = -\frac{f(x_0+2h)}{2h^3} \left[ -\frac{9}{4}h^4 \right] = \frac{f(x_0+2h)}{8} \cdot 9h$

4<sup>th</sup> integral:  $\frac{f(x_0+3h)}{6h^3} (x-x_0)(x-x_0-h)(x-x_0-2h)$ ;  $u = x - x_0$ :

$\frac{f(x_0+3h)}{6h^3} \int_0^{3h} (u)(u-h)(u-2h) du = \frac{f(x_0+3h)}{6h^3} \int_0^{3h} (u^3 - 3hu^2 + 2h^2u) du$

$= \frac{f(x_0+3h)}{6h^3} \left[ \frac{1}{4}u^4 - \frac{3}{2}hu^3 + h^2u^2 \right]_0^{3h}$

$= \frac{f(x_0+3h)}{6h^3} \left[ \frac{81}{4}h^4 - 27h^4 + 9h^4 \right] = \frac{f(x_0+3h)}{6h^3} \left[ \frac{9}{4}h^4 \right] = \frac{f(x_0+3h)}{8} \cdot 3h$

Total:  $\frac{f(x_0)}{8} \cdot 3h + \frac{f(x_0+h)}{8} \cdot 9h + \frac{f(x_0+2h)}{8} \cdot 9h + \frac{f(x_0+3h)}{8} \cdot 3h \approx I_3(f(x))$

which can be rewritten as:  $I_3(f(x)) \approx \frac{3h}{8} (f(x_0) + 3f(x_0+h) + 3f(x_0+2h) + f(x_0+3h))$

3. (20 points) Using a general interpolant  $I_3(f(x))$  (that is, there is no need for equally spaced points as this is not a fundamental part of the derivation):

(a) (5 points) Compute an *expression* for the error term,  $E_3(x) = I(f(x)) - I_3(f(x))$ . Recall, this requires constructing  $R_3(x)$  (what we called *err(x)* in the last homework; this can stay in integral form).

(b) (7 points) Given

$$f(x) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right) + \frac{x^2}{4},$$

use information about the function to bound the expression for  $E_3(x)$  (you may use the result you got in Homework 2 to help you).

You may use a mathematical package for help with the integration.

(c) (2 points) Use the values  $x_0 = 0, x_1 = 2, x_2 = 3$ , and  $x_3 = 4$  to get a bounded value for  $E_3(x)$  over this interval.

(d) (2 points) What is the maximum value of  $R_3$  at  $x = 1$ ? What about  $E_3$ ?

(e) (4 points) What is the maximum value of  $R_3$  at  $x = 5$ ?

How does that compare to  $x = 1$  and what insight can you draw from that?

Can you make any comments about  $E_3$  in this case?

a) Error term:  $E_3(x) = I(f(x)) - I_3(f(x))$

$$R_3(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} \prod_{i=0}^n (x - x_i),$$

$$\text{hence: } R_3(x) = \frac{f^{iv}(\xi)}{4!} (x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3)$$

The error expression is:

$$E_3(x) = I(f(x)) - I_3(f(x)) = \int_{x_0}^{x_3} \frac{f^{iv}(c)}{4!} (x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3)$$

$$\text{b) } f(x) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right) + \frac{x^2}{4}, \quad f'(x) = \frac{\pi}{2}\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right) + \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$f''(x) = -\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right) + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f'''(x) = -\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^3 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right)$$

$$f^{iv}(x) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right)$$

$$R_3(x) = \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\xi\right)}{24} (x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3). E_3 = \int_{x_0}^{x_3} R_3(x)$$

\*The maximum value of  $f^{iv}$  is @  $\xi = 1 \rightarrow \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1$

$$\therefore E_3 = \frac{\pi^4}{16} * \frac{1}{24} \int_{x_0}^{x_3} (x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3) dx < -the \text{ max bound}$$

c)  $x_0 = 0, x_1 = 2, x_2 = 3, x_3 = 4$

$$\begin{aligned} E_3(x) &= \int_0^4 \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}c\right)}{24} (x)(x-2)(x-3)(x-4) dx \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}c\right)}{24} \int_0^4 x(x-2)(x^2-7x+12) dx \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}c\right)}{24} \int_0^4 (x^4-9x^3+26x^2-24x) dx \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}c\right)}{24} \left[ \frac{1}{5}x^5 - \frac{9}{4}x^4 + \frac{26}{3}x^3 - 12x^2 \right]_0^4 \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}c\right)}{24} (-8.5333) \end{aligned}$$

when  $c = 1$ :  $-\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{24}\right) (8.5333)$

and when  $c = 3$ :  $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{24}\right) (8.5333)$

d)  $x = 1$ :  $R_3 = \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\xi\right)}{24} (1)(1-2)(1-3)(1-4) = \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\xi\right)}{24} (-6) = -\frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\xi\right)}{4}$   
from 0 to 4, the maximum value is at  $\xi = 1$  where  $R_3 = -1.522$

For  $E_3 = \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\xi\right)}{24} \int_0^4 (-1)(-2)(-3) dx = \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\xi\right)}{24} (-6x)|_0^4$

The maximum value is at  $\xi = 1$ :  $E_3 = \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 = 6.088$

e)  $x = 5$ :

$$R_3 = \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\xi\right)}{24} (5)(3)(2)(1) = \frac{30}{24} * \frac{\pi^4}{16} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\xi\right)$$

From 0 to 4, the max value is @  $\xi = 1$ :  $R_3 = \frac{30}{24} * \frac{\pi^4}{16} = 7.61$

For the error term,  $\frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\xi\right)}{24} \int_0^4 30 dx = 30.44 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \rightarrow \text{maximum is } E_3 = 30.44$

The maximum value of  $R_3$  @  $x = 5$  is five times greater than @  $x = 1$ . The reason why the error is much larger at  $x = 5$  is because  $x = 5$  is far away compared to  $x = 1$ . You are given more points near  $x = 1$ . Also, 5 is out of the range of 0 to 4, therefore  $E_3$  has a large error.

4. (20 points) Consider the following integral

$$I = \int_2^4 \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} dx.$$

- (a) (6 points) Compute the integral exactly by hand.
- (b) (8 points) Write a code that performs Composite Simpson's 3/8 rule to compute the integral. I advise something like  
`I = CompSimp38(a,b,n)`  
where `a` and `b` are the endpoints and `n` is the number of points to use in the integration (which must be divisible by 3!).
- (c) (6 points) Experimentally determine the rate of convergence as a function of `h`.

$$a) I = \int_2^4 \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} dx = \int_2^4 x(x^2-1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx = (x^2-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Big|_2^4 = (16-1)^{1/2} - (4-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 15^{\frac{1}{2}} - 3^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$3.873 - 1.732 = 2.141$$

b)

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Composite_simpson_rule.py
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

x = []

def fun(x):
    '''
    This step is to define the function we are integrating
    '''
    return x / np.sqrt(x ** 2 - 1)

def x_axis_tool(n, a=2, b=4):
    '''
    This step creates an axis that will be used to perform Simpson's
    Rule
    '''
    x = np.linspace(a, b, (6 * n) + 2)
    return x

def CompSimp38(n, a = 2, b = 4):
    '''
    This is the Composite Simpson's 3/8th rule for the function defined
    above.
    n has to be a whole number in order for the function to run
    accurately.
    '''
    x = x_axis_tool(n, a, b)
    y = []
    for i in x:
        y.append(fun(i))
    results = []
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results.append(y[0])
i = 1
while i < len(x) - 1:
    if i % 3 == 0:
        results.append(2 * y[i])
    else:
        results.append(3 * y[i])
    i += 1
i += 1
results.append(y[len(x)-1])
h = (b-a)/(6*n)
return (3/8)*h*sum(results)

i = 450
while i < 500:
    print('For n = {}'.format(6*i))
    print(CompSimp38(i))
    i+=5

print(CompSimp38(500))

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Returns:  
For n = 2994  
2.14147513446

c)

If we use the method where  $p \approx \frac{\log\left(\frac{e_{new}}{e_{old}}\right)}{\log\left(\frac{h_{new}}{h_{old}}\right)}$  where p is used to find the rate of convergence of a discretization method:

Compsite\_simpson\_rule.py

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def convergence(value1, value2, h1, h2):
    exact = 2.141
    e1 = np.abs(value1 - exact)
    e2 = np.abs(value2 - exact)
    return (np.log(e2/e1))/(np.log(h2/h1))

value1 = CompSimp38(1)
value2 = CompSimp38(2)

print(convergence(value1[0],value2[0], value1[1], value2[1]))

value1 = CompSimp38(2)
value2 = CompSimp38(4)

print(convergence(value1[0],value2[0], value1[1], value2[1]))

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1.00024898395  
1.00051539016

Both of these returned values round to one. Hence the rate of convergence is 1.