

# Homework 5

1. (a) Three-point midpoint formula yields an error no greater than  $\frac{h^2}{6}|f^{(3)}(\xi)|$ , and five-point endpoint formula yields an error no greater than  $\frac{h^4}{5}|f^{(5)}(\xi)|$ . With an assumption that  $f^{(3)}$  and  $f^{(5)}$  are of the same scale, the five-point endpoint formula is better than the three-point midpoint formula in general. Using the five-point midpoint formula if it is possible and the five-point endpoint formula otherwise, we have ( $h = 0.2$ )
- $f'(-3.0) \approx \frac{1}{12h}[-25f(-3.0) + 48f(-2.8) - 36f(-2.6) + 16f(-2.4) - 3f(-2.2)] = -19.08087$ , (endpoint)
  - $f'(-2.8) \approx \frac{1}{12h}[-25f(-2.8) + 48f(-2.6) - 36f(-2.4) + 16f(-2.2) - 3f(-2.0)] = -15.44088$ , (endpoint)
  - $f'(-2.6) \approx \frac{1}{12h}[f(-3.0) - 8f(-2.8) + 8f(-2.4) - f(2.2)] = -12.46303$ , (midpoint)
  - $f'(-2.4) \approx \frac{1}{12h}[f(-2.8) - 8f(-2.6) + 8f(-2.2) - f(2.0)] = -10.02259$ , (midpoint)
  - $f'(-2.2) \approx \frac{1}{-12h}[-25f(-2.2) + 48f(-2.4) - 36f(-2.6) + 16f(-2.8) - 3f(-3.0)] = -8.020973$ , (endpoint, reversed)
  - $f'(-2.0) \approx \frac{1}{-12h}[-25f(-2.0) + 48f(-2.2) - 36f(-2.4) + 16f(-2.6) - 3f(-2.8)] = -6.385728$ , (endpoint, reversed)
- (b)

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$ (approx)	$f'(x)$ (true)	$f'_{approx}(x) - f'_{true}(x)$
-3.0	16.08554	-19.08087	-19.08554	0.00467
-2.8	12.64465	-15.44088	-15.44465	0.00377
-2.6	9.863738	-12.46303	-12.46374	0.00071
-2.4	7.623176	-10.02259	-10.02318	0.00059
-2.2	5.825013	-8.020973	-8.025013	0.004040
-2.0	4.389056	-6.385728	-6.389056	0.003328

For those obtained by the midpoint formula, the error bound is ( $h = 1/5, f^{(5)}(x) = -e^{-x}$ )

$$|\text{absolute error}| \leq \frac{h^4}{30} \max_{x \in [-3, -2]} |f^{(5)}(x)| = e^3 / (30 \cdot 5^4) \approx 0.0010712286.$$

For those obtained by the endpoint formula, the error bound is ( $h = 1/5, f^{(5)}(x) = -e^{-x}$ )

$$|\text{absolute error}| \leq \frac{h^4}{5} \max_{x \in [-3, -2]} |f^{(5)}(x)| = e^3/5^5 \approx 0.0064273718.$$

Both bounds are admissible, seeing the actual data.

**2.**

$$\begin{array}{l} - \left| \begin{array}{l} M = \\ [M = \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} N(h) + K_1 h^2 + K_2 h^4 + K_3 h^6 + \dots \\ N(\frac{h}{3}) + K_1 (\frac{h}{3})^2 + K_2 (\frac{h}{3})^4 + K_3 (\frac{h}{3})^6 + \dots \end{array} \times 3^2 \\ = \left| \begin{array}{l} (3^2 - 1)M = [3^2 N(\frac{h}{3}) - N(h)] \\ \phantom{(3^2 - 1)M = [3^2 N(\frac{h}{3}) - N(h)]} + K_2 (\frac{1}{3^2} - 1)h^4 + K_3 (\frac{1}{3^4} - 1)h^6 + \dots \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

Now define  $\tilde{N}(h) = (3^2 - 1)^{-1}[3^2 N(\frac{h}{3}) - N(h)]$  and

$$\tilde{K}_j = \frac{1}{3^2 - 1}(3^{-2(j-1)} - 1)K_j.$$

In a similar fashion, we have

$$\begin{array}{l} - \left| \begin{array}{l} M = \\ [M = \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} \tilde{N}(h) + \tilde{K}_2 h^4 + \tilde{K}_3 h^6 + \dots \\ \tilde{N}(\frac{h}{3}) + \tilde{K}_2 (\frac{h}{3})^4 + \tilde{K}_3 (\frac{h}{3})^6 + \dots \end{array} \times 3^4 \\ = \left| \begin{array}{l} (3^4 - 1)M = [3^4 \tilde{N}(\frac{h}{3}) - \tilde{N}(h)] \\ \phantom{(3^4 - 1)M = [3^4 \tilde{N}(\frac{h}{3}) - \tilde{N}(h)]} + K_3 (\frac{1}{3^2} - 1)h^6 + \dots \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\tilde{N}}(h) &:= \frac{1}{3^4 - 1} \left( 3^4 \tilde{N} \left( \frac{h}{3} \right) - \tilde{N}(h) \right) \\ &= \frac{3^6}{(3^4 - 1)(3^2 - 1)} N \left( \frac{h}{9} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{3^4 + 3^2}{(3^4 - 1)(3^2 - 1)} N \left( \frac{h}{3} \right) + \frac{1}{(3^4 - 1)(3^2 - 1)} N(h) \\ &= \frac{1}{640} \left[ 729 N \left( \frac{h}{9} \right) - 90 N \left( \frac{h}{3} \right) + N(h) \right] \end{aligned}$$

is an  $O(h^6)$  approximation to  $M$ .

3. (a)

$h$	$N(h)$
0.01	2.718304481241747
0.02	2.718372444800622
0.04	2.718644377221238

An  $O(h^j)$  approximation of  $e$  can be obtained by the following recurrence formula:  $N_1(h) = N(h) = e + O(h)$ ,

$$N_j(h) = N_{j-1}(h/2) + \frac{N_{j-1}(h/2) - N_{j-1}(h)}{2^{j-1} - 1},$$

and it gives

$$\begin{aligned} N_2(h) &= 2N(h/2) - N(h) = 2 \left( \frac{4+h}{4-h} \right)^{2/h} - \left( \frac{2+h}{2-h} \right)^{1/h}, \\ N_3(h) &= N_2(h/2) + \frac{N_2(h/2) - N_2(h)}{3} = \frac{4}{3}N_2(h/2) - \frac{1}{3}N_2(h) \\ &= \frac{8}{3}N(h/4) - 2N(h/2) + \frac{1}{3}N(h) = e + O(h^3). \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating at  $h = 0.4$ , we have  $N_3(0.4) = 2.718281852783827$ .

- (b) Since  $e - N(h) = K_1h + K_2h^2 + \dots$  is an even function, every coefficient of an odd degree term should be vanished. Therefore,  $K_j = 0$  for every odd  $j$ . Then an  $O(h^{2j})$  approximation  $\tilde{N}_j$  to  $e$  can be made as follows:  $\tilde{N}_1(h) = N(h) = e + O(h^2)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} - & \left| \begin{array}{l} e = \tilde{N}_{j-1}(h) + \tilde{K}_{2(j-1)}h^{2(j-1)} + \tilde{K}_{2j}h^{2j} + \dots \\ [e = \tilde{N}_{j-1}(\frac{h}{2}) + \tilde{K}_{2(j-1)}(\frac{h}{2})^{2(j-1)} + \tilde{K}_{2j}(\frac{h}{2})^{2j} + \dots] \times 2^{2(j-1)}, \end{array} \right. \\ + & \\ = & \left| \frac{(2^{2(j-1)} - 1)M = [2^{2(j-1)}\tilde{N}_{j-1}(\frac{h}{2}) - \tilde{N}_{j-1}(h)] + \tilde{K}_{2j}(\frac{1}{2^2} - 1)h^{2j} + \dots}{(2^{2(j-1)} - 1)M} \right|, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$\tilde{N}_j(h) = \tilde{N}_{j-1}(h/2) + \frac{\tilde{N}_{j-1}(h/2) - \tilde{N}_{j-1}(h)}{2^{2(j-1)} - 1} = e + O(h^{2j}).$$

We need to find  $\tilde{N}_3$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{N}_2(h) &= N(h/2) + \frac{N(h/2) - N(h)}{3} = \frac{4}{3}N(h/2) - \frac{1}{3}N(h), \\ \tilde{N}_3(h) &= \tilde{N}_2(h/2) + \frac{\tilde{N}_2(h/2) - \tilde{N}_2(h)}{15} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{45} \left[ 64N\left(\frac{h}{4}\right) - 20N\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) + N(h) \right].$$

Evaluating at  $h = 0.4$ , we have  $\tilde{N}_3(0.4) = 2.718281828459570$ .

**4.** With  $f(x) = x^k$  ( $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 dx &= 2 = a + b + c, \\ \int_{-1}^1 x^k dx &= \frac{1}{k+1} (1 - (-1)^{k+1}) = a \cdot (-1)^k + c + dk(-1)^{k-1} + ek. \quad (k > 0) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2/3 \\ 0 \\ 2/5 \end{pmatrix},$$

which yields  $(a, b, c, d, e) = \frac{1}{15}(7, 16, 7, 1, -1)$ .