

## 1. Solution:

According to the function of the natural cubic splines,

$$p_i(x) = a_i + b_i(x - x_i) + c_i(x - x_i)^2 + d_i(x - x_i)^3, i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

It's easy to return a natural spline that interpolates the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ .

Here is the code in Julia.

```
julia> function solveC(h,r)
    alpha = [4.0]
    gamma = zeros(0)
    n = length(r)
    for i=1:n-1
        append!(gamma,1.0/alpha[i])
        append!(alpha,4.0-gamma[i])
    end
    d = zeros(n)
    d[1] = r[1]
    for i=2:n
        d[i] = r[i]-gamma[i-1]*d[i-1]
    end
    c = zeros(n)
    c[n] = d[n]/alpha[n]
    for i=1:n-1
        c[n-i] = (d[n-i]-c[n-i+1])/alpha[n-i]
    end
    return c/h
end
```

```
function spline(f,x0,xN,N)
    h = (xN-x0)/N
    a = zeros(N)
    x = zeros(N)
    a0=f(x0)
    for i=1:N
        x[i] = x0+i*h
        a[i] = f(x[i])
    end
    r = zeros(N)
    r[1] = 3.0/h*(a0-2.0*a[1]+a[2])
    for i=2:N-1
        r[i] = 3.0/h*(a[i-1]-2.0*a[i]+a[i+1])
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end
c = solveC(h,r)
d = zeros(N)
d[1] = c[1]/(3.0*h)
for i=2:N
    d[i] = (c[i]-c[i-1])/(3.0*h)
end
b = zeros(N)
b[1] = (a[1]-a0)/h+(2.0/3.0)*c[1]*h
for i=2:N
    b[i] = (a[i]-a[i-1])/h+(2.0*c[i]+c[i-1])*(h/3.0)
end
return [a,b,c,d]
end

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function f(x)
    return 1/(1+x*x)
end

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x0=-5
xN=5
N=10
h=(xN-x0)/N

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T = spline(f,x0,xN,N)

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A=zeros(0)
B=zeros(0)
C=zeros(0)
D=zeros(0)

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for i=1:N
    append!(A,T[1][i])
    append!(B,T[2][i])
    append!(C,T[3][i])
    append!(D,T[4][i])
end

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```

function p(i,x)
    return A[i] + B[i]*(x-x0-i*h) + C[i]*(x-x0-i*h)*(x-x0-i*h) +
D[i]*(x-x0-i*h)*(x-x0-i*h)*(x-x0-i*h)
end

```

2. Solution:

We can use the “PyPlot” to plot the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$  and its natural spline  $p(x)$  which are shown in Figure 1. It interpolates the  $f(x)$  well.

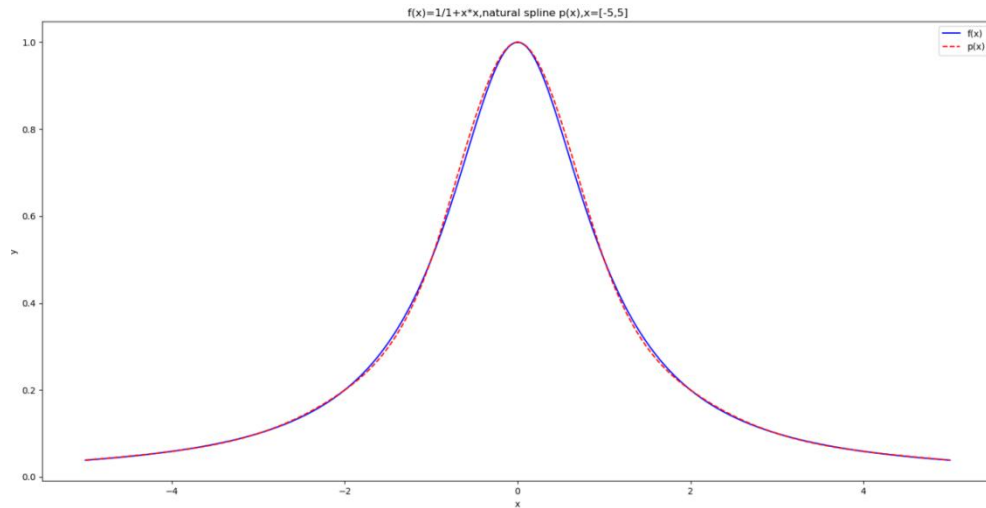


Figure 1

Here is the code in Julia.

julia> using PyPlot

```
for i=1:N
    xmin=x0+(i-1)*h
    xmax=xmin+1*h
    x=(xmin:0.01:xmax)
    y1=zeros(0)
    y2=zeros(0)
    for j=1:length(x)
        append!(y1,f(x[j]))
        append!(y2,p(i,x[j]))
    end
    plot(x,y1,"b")
    plot(x,y2,"r--")
end
```

3. Solution:

For  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $f'(x) = 2x$ ,  $f''(x) = 2$ , so we can calculate that  $\int_0^1 [f''(x)]^2 dx = \int_0^1 4 dx = 4$ .

For  $p_i(x) = a_i + b_i(x - x_i) + c_i(x - x_i)^2 + d_i(x - x_i)^3$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ;

So,  $p_i'(x) = b_i + 2c_i(x - x_i) + 3d_i(x - x_i)^2$ ,  $p_i''(x) = 2c_i + 6d_i(x - x_i)$ .

Thus,  $\int_0^1 [p''(x)]^2 dx = \int_0^1 [2c_i + 6d_i(x - x_i)]^2 dx = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{4}{9d_i} [c_i^3 - (c_i + 3d_i * h)^3] h = \frac{xN - x0}{N} = \frac{1-0}{10} = 0.1$ .

Then we can use the Julia to compute this value and the result is:

$$\int_0^1 [p''(x)]^2 dx = 3.782389311135162$$

Comparing the values of the  $\int_0^1 [f''(x)]^2 dx = 4$  and  $\int_0^1 [p''(x)]^2 dx = 3.782389311135162$ , we

can conclude that  $\int_0^1 [f''(x)]^2 dx$  is bigger than  $\int_0^1 [p''(x)]^2 dx$ .

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    d = zeros(n)
    d[1] = r[1]
    for i=2:n
        d[i] = r[i]-gamma[i-1]*d[i-1]
    end
    c = zeros(n)
    c[n] = d[n]/alpha[n]
    for i=1:n-1
        c[n-i] = (d[n-i]-c[n-i+1])/alpha[n-i]
    end
    return c/h;
end

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    a = zeros(N)
    x = zeros(N)
    a0=f(x0)
    for i=1:N
        x[i] = x0+i*h
        a[i] = f(x[i])
    end
    r = zeros(N)
    r[1] = 3.0/h*(a0-2.0*a[1]+a[2])
    for i=2:N-1
        r[i] = 3.0/h*(a[i-1]-2.0*a[i]+a[i+1])
    end
end
```

```

c = solveC(h,r)
d = zeros(N)
d[1] = c[1]/(3.0*h)
for i=2:N
    d[i] = (c[i]-c[i-1])/(3.0*h)
end
b = zeros(N)
b[1] = (a[1]-a0)/h+(2.0/3.0)*c[1]*h
for i=2:N
    b[i] = (a[i]-a[i-1])/h+(2.0*c[i]+c[i-1])*(h/3.0)
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return [a,b,c,d]
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function f(x)
    return x*x
end

```

```

x0=0
xN=1
N=10
h=(xN-x0)/N

```

```

T = spline(f,x0,xN,N)

```

```

C=zeros(0)
D=zeros(0)
for i=1:N
    append!(C,T[3][i])
    append!(D,T[4][i])
end

```

```

function g(i)
    return (4.0/(9*D[i]))*((C[i]^3-(C[i]-3*D[i]*h)^3)
end

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```

y=zeros(0);
for i=1:N
    append!(y,g(i))
end

```

Get the results:

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julia> Base.sum(y)
3.782389311135162

```