

9. Given the following set of data

$$\{f_0 = f(-1) = 1, f_1 = f'(-1) = 1, f_2 = f'(1) = 2, f_3 = f(2) = 1\},$$

prove that the Hermite-Birkoff interpolating polynomial  $H_3$  does not exist for them.

[Solution : letting  $H_3(x) = a_3x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0$ , one must check that the matrix of the linear system  $H_3(x_i) = f_i$  for  $i = 0, \dots, 3$  is singular.]

$$\text{Let } H_3(x) = a_3x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0 \text{ s.t.}$$

$$H_3(-1) = 1, H_3'(-1) = 1, H_3'(1) = 2 \text{ and } H_3(2) = 1.$$

$$\text{Then we have } -a_3 + a_2 - a_1 + a_0 = 1,$$

$$3a_3 - 2a_2 + a_1 + 0 = 1,$$

$$3a_3 + 2a_2 + a_1 + 0 = 2 \text{ and}$$

$$8a_3 + 4a_2 + 2a_1 + a_0 = 1.$$

$$\text{Thus } \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_3 \\ a_2 \\ a_1 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Since } (8, 4, 2, 1) \in \text{span}((-1, 1, -1, 1), (3, -2, 1, 0), (3, 2, 1, 0)).$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ doesn't have inverse.}$$

Thus we don't have the solution of  $(a_3, a_2, a_1, a_0)$ .

Therefore  $H_3$  does not exist.

12. Let  $f(x) = \cos(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$ ; then, consider the following rational approximation

$$r(x) = \frac{a_0 + a_2x^2 + a_4x^4}{1 + b_2x^2}, \quad (8.75)$$

called the *Padé approximation*. Determine the coefficients of  $r$  in such a way that

$$f(x) - r(x) = \gamma_8x^8 + \gamma_{10}x^{10} + \dots$$

[Solution:  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_2 = -7/15$ ,  $a_4 = 1/40$ ,  $b_2 = 1/30$ .]

$$f(x) - r(x) = r_8 x^8 + r_{10} x^{10} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) - \frac{a_0 + a_2x^2 + a_4x^4}{1 + b_2x^2} = r_8 x^8 + r_{10} x^{10} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) (1 + b_2x^2) - a_0 - a_2x^2 - a_4x^4 = (r_8 x^8 + r_{10} x^{10} + \dots) (1 + b_2x^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots\right) (1 + b_2x^2) - (a_0 + a_2x^2 + a_4x^4) = (r_8 x^8 + r_{10} x^{10} + \dots) (1 + b_2x^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 - a_0 = 0 \\ b_2 - \frac{1}{2} - a_2 = 0 \\ \frac{1}{4!} - \frac{b_2}{2} - a_4 = 0 \\ -\frac{1}{6!} + \frac{b_2}{4!} = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_0 = 1 \\ a_2 = -\frac{7}{15} \\ a_4 = \frac{1}{40} \\ b_2 = \frac{1}{30} \end{cases}$$