

ISLR | Chapter 7 Exercises

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Conceptual

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- **A.** The cubic piecewise polynomial:

$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \beta_3 x^3 + \beta_4 (x - \xi)_+^3 \quad \text{where} \quad (x - \xi)_+^3 = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq \xi \\ (x - \xi)^3, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

...can be broken up and rewritten to be:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} f_1(x) = a_1 + b_1 x + c_1 x^2 + d_1 x^3, & x \leq \xi \\ f_2(x) = a_2 + b_2 x + c_2 x^2 + d_2 x^3, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

In $f_1(x)$, since $(x - \xi)_+^3 = 0$ (because $x \leq \xi$), the fifth term (of $f(x)$) zeroes out and the coefficients can be expressed as $a_1 = \beta_0$, $b_1 = \beta_1$, $c_1 = \beta_2$ and $d_1 = \beta_3$.

- **B.** Expanding the fifth term in $f(x)$ allows for the various powers of x to be grouped together and then recondensed. a_2 , b_2 , c_2 and d_2 are expressed in terms of the coefficients below.

$$f_2(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \beta_3 x^3 + \beta_4 (x - \xi)^3 \quad (1)$$

$$= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \beta_3 x^3 + \beta_4 (x - \xi)(x - \xi)(x - \xi) \quad (2)$$

$$= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \beta_3 x^3 + \beta_4 (x^2 - 2x\xi + \xi^2)(x - \xi) \quad (3)$$

$$= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \beta_3 x^3 + \beta_4 (x^3 - x^2\xi - 2x^2\xi + 2x\xi^2 + \xi^2 x - \xi^3) \quad (4)$$

$$= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \beta_3 x^3 + \beta_4 (x^3 - 3x^2\xi + 3x\xi^2 - \xi^3) \quad (5)$$

$$= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \beta_3 x^3 + \beta_4 x^3 - \beta_4 3x^2\xi + \beta_4 3x\xi^2 - \beta_4 \xi^3 \quad (6)$$

$$= (\beta_0 - \beta_4 \xi^3) + (\beta_1 x + \beta_4 3x\xi^2) + (\beta_2 x^2 - \beta_4 3x^2\xi) + (\beta_3 x^3 + \beta_4 x^3) \quad (7)$$

$$= (\beta_0 - \beta_4 \xi^3) + (\beta_1 + 3\beta_4 \xi^2)x + (\beta_2 - 3\beta_4 \xi)x^2 + (\beta_3 + \beta_4)x^3 \quad (8)$$

$$f_2(x) = a_2 + b_2 x + c_2 x^2 + d_2 x^3 \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{cases} a_2 = \beta_0 - \beta_4 \xi^3 \\ b_2 = \beta_1 + 3\beta_4 \xi^2 \\ c_2 = \beta_2 - 3\beta_4 \xi \\ d_2 = \beta_3 + \beta_4 \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

- **C.** Showing that $f(x)$ is continuous at ξ is illustrated by showing that $f(\xi)_1 = f(\xi)_2$.

$$f_1(\xi) = a_1 + b_1(\xi) + c_1(\xi)^2 + d_1(\xi)^3 \quad (10)$$

$$= \beta_0 + \beta_1(\xi) + \beta_2(\xi)^2 + \beta_3(\xi)^3 \quad (11)$$

$$(12)$$

$$f_2(\xi) = a_2 + b_2(\xi) + c_2(\xi)^2 + d_2(\xi)^3 \quad (13)$$

$$= (\beta_0 - \beta_4\xi^3) + (\beta_1 + 3\beta_4\xi^2)(\xi) + (\beta_2 - 3\beta_4\xi)(\xi)^2 + (\beta_3 + \beta_4)(\xi)^3 \quad (14)$$

$$= (\beta_0 - \beta_4\xi^3) + (\beta_1\xi + 3\beta_4\xi^3) + (\beta_2\xi^2 - 3\beta_4\xi^3) + (\beta_3\xi^3 + \beta_4\xi^3) \quad (15)$$

$$= \beta_0 - \beta_4\xi^3 + \beta_1\xi + 3\beta_4\xi^3 + \beta_2\xi^2 - 3\beta_4\xi^3 + \beta_3\xi^3 + \beta_4\xi^3 \quad (16)$$

$$= \beta_0 + \beta_1\xi + \beta_2\xi^2 + \beta_3\xi^3 + 3\beta_4\xi^3 - 3\beta_4\xi^3 + \beta_4\xi^3 - \beta_4\xi^3 \quad (17)$$

$$= \beta_0 + \beta_1\xi + \beta_2\xi^2 + \beta_3\xi^3 + (3\beta_4\xi^3 - 3\beta_4\xi^3) + (\beta_4\xi^3 - \beta_4\xi^3) \quad (18)$$

$$f_2(\xi) = \beta_0 + \beta_1\xi + \beta_2\xi^2 + \beta_3\xi^3 \quad (19)$$

$$f_2(\xi) = \beta_0 + \beta_1\xi + \beta_2\xi^2 + \beta_3\xi^3 = f_1(\xi)$$

- **D.** In order to show that $f'_1(\xi) = f'_2(\xi)$, we must first find $f'(x)$ with respect to x and then simplify both $f'_1(\xi)$ and $f'_2(\xi)$.

$$f(x) = a_1 + b_1x + c_1x^2 + d_1x^3 \quad (20)$$

$$f'(x) = b_1 + 2c_1x + 3d_1x^2 \quad (21)$$

Therefore, substituting the necessary coefficients in for b_1 , c_1 and d_1 for both $f'_1(\xi)$ and $f'_2(\xi)$ becomes:

$$f'(x) = b_1 + 2c_1x + 3d_1x^2 \quad \text{then} \quad \begin{cases} f'_1(\xi) = \beta_1 + 2\beta_2\xi + 3\beta_3\xi^2 \\ f'_2(\xi) = (\beta_1 + 3\beta_4\xi^2) + 2(\beta_2 - 3\beta_4\xi)\xi + 3(\beta_3 + \beta_4)\xi^2 \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

$$f'_2(\xi) = (\beta_1 + 3\beta_4\xi^2) + 2(\beta_2 - 3\beta_4\xi)\xi + 3(\beta_3 + \beta_4)\xi^2 \quad (23)$$

$$= \beta_1 + 3\beta_4\xi^2 + 2\beta_2\xi - 6\beta_4\xi^2 + 3\beta_3\xi^2 + 3\beta_4\xi^2 \quad (24)$$

$$= \beta_1 + 2\beta_2\xi + 3\beta_3\xi^2 + (3\beta_4\xi^2 + 3\beta_4\xi^2 - 6\beta_4\xi^2) \quad (25)$$

$$= \beta_1 + 2\beta_2\xi + 3\beta_3\xi^2 + (6\beta_4\xi^2 - 6\beta_4\xi^2) \quad (26)$$

$$f'_2(\xi) = \beta_1 + 2\beta_2\xi + 3\beta_3\xi^2 \quad (27)$$

We now see that the derivative $f'(x)$ is continuous at knot ξ , which is to say $f'_1(\xi) = f'_2(\xi)$:

$$f'_2(\xi) = \beta_1 + 2\beta_2\xi + 3\beta_3\xi^2 = f'_1(\xi)$$