

## HW4

### Problem1

Construct the Lagrange interpolating polynomials for the following functions, and find a bound for the absolute error on the interval  $[x_0, x_n]$ .

- a.  $f(x) = e^{2x} \cos 3x$ ,  $x_0 = 0, x_1 = 0.3, x_2 = 0.6, n = 2$   
b.  $f(x) = \sin(\ln x)$ ,  $x_0 = 2.0, x_1 = 2.4, x_2 = 2.6, n = 2$

*solution*

**a.**

The second degree Lagrange interpolating polynomial is given as

$$P_2(x) = L_0(x)f(x_0) + L_1(x)f(x_1) + L_2(x)f(x_2)$$

when  $n = 2$  as

$$L_0(x) = \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_2)}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)}$$

$$L_1(x) = \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_2)}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)}$$

$$L_2(x) = \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_1)}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)}$$

The nodes are  $x_0 = 0, x_1 = 0.3, x_2 = 0.6$ . Substitute into the expressions for  $L_k$  above to obtain

$$L_0(x) = \frac{(x - 0.3)(x - 0.6)}{(0 - 0.3)(0 - 0.6)} = \frac{(x - 0.3)(x - 0.6)}{0.18} = \frac{50}{9}x^2 - 5x + 1$$

$$L_1(x) = \frac{(x - 0)(x - 0.6)}{(0.3 - 0)(0.3 - 0.6)} = \frac{x(x - 0.6)}{0.09} = -\frac{100}{9}x^2 + \frac{20}{3}x$$

$$L_2(x) = \frac{(x - 0)(x - 0.3)}{(0.6 - 0)(0.6 - 0.3)} = \frac{x(x - 0.3)}{0.18} = \frac{50}{9}x^2 - \frac{5}{3}x$$

We also need to evaluate  $f(x_k)$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2$  as follows

$$f(x_0) = f(0) = e^{2 \cdot 0} \cos(3 \times 0) = 1$$

$$f(x_1) = f(0.3) = e^{2 \cdot 0.3} \cos(3 \times 0.3) = 1.13264721$$

$$f(x_2) = f(0.6) = e^{2 \cdot 0.6} \cos(3 \times 0.6) = -0.75433752$$

Now determine  $P_2(x)$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
P_2(x) &= L_0(x)f(x_0) + L_1(x)f(x_1) + L_2(x)f(x_2) \\
&= \left(\frac{50}{9}x^2 - 5x + 1\right)f(0) + \left(-\frac{100}{9}x^2 + \frac{20}{3}x\right)f(0.3) + \left(\frac{50}{9}x^2 - \frac{5}{3}x\right)f(0.6) \\
&= -11.220177x^2 + 3.808211x + 1
\end{aligned}$$

According to Theorem 3.3, the absolute is

$$|f(x) - P_n(x)| = \left| \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi(x))}{(n+1)!} \prod_{k=0}^n (x - x_k) \right|$$

where  $\xi(x) \in [0, 0.6]$ . when  $n=2$ , the absolute error is

$$|f(x) - P_2(x)| = \left| \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi(x))}{(3)!} \prod_{k=0}^2 (x - x_k) \right| = \left| \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi(x))}{6} (x - 0)(x - 0.3)(x - 0.6) \right|$$

The product  $x(x - 0.3)(x - 0.6)$  is a third degree polynomial with extreme points  $x_1 = 0.1268$  and  $x_2 = 0.4732$  which we find as follows.

$$p(x) = x(x - 0.3)(x - 0.6) = x^3 - 0.9x^2 + 0.18x$$

$$p'(x) = 3x^2 - 1.8x + 0.18$$

$$p'(x) = 0 \implies x_{1,2} = \frac{1.8 \pm \sqrt{1.8^2 - 4 \times 3 \times 0.18}}{2 \times 3}$$

Therefore, the extreme values of the product on  $[0, 0.6]$  are  $p(0.1268) = 0.01039$  and  $p(0.4732) = -0.01039$  hence the maximum absolute value of the product on that interval is 0.01039.

The error  $|f(x) - P_2(x)|$  also depends on the third derivative of  $f$ . Let's find that derivative

$$f(x) = e^{2x} \cos 3x$$

$$f'(x) = 2e^{2x} \cos 3x - e^{2x} \cdot \sin 3x \cdot 3 = e^{2x}(2 \cos 3x - 3 \sin 3x)$$

$$f''(x) = 2e^{2x}(2 \cos 3x - 3 \sin 3x) + e^{2x}(-6 \sin 3x - 9 \cos 3x) = e^{2x}(-5 \cos 3x - 12 \sin 3x)$$

$$f'''(x) = 2e^{2x}(-5 \cos 3x - 12 \sin 3x) + e^{2x}(15 \sin 3x - 36 \cos 3x) = e^{2x}(-46 \cos 3x - 9 \sin 3x)$$

The plot below reveals that the maximum absolute value of the third derivative on  $[0, 0.6]$  is for  $f'''(0.2604) = -65.6522$ . Substitute the information we found into the error bound formula as shown below.

$$|f(x) - P_2(x)| = \left| \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi(x))}{(3)!} \prod_{k=0}^2 (x - x_k) \right| = \left| \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi(x))}{6} (x - 0)(x - 0.3)(x - 0.6) \right| \leq \frac{65.6522}{6} \times 0.01039$$

**b.**

$$P_2(x) = L_0(x)f(x_0) + L_1(x)f(x_1) + L_2(x)f(x_2)$$

when  $n = 2$  as

$$L_0(x) = \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_2)}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)}$$

$$L_1(x) = \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_2)}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)}$$

$$L_2(x) = \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_1)}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)}$$

The nodes are  $x_0 = 2, x_1 = 2.4, x_2 = 2.6$ . Substitute into the expressions for  $L_k$  above to obtain

$$L_0(x) = \frac{(x - 2.4)(x - 2.6)}{(2 - 2.4)(2 - 2.6)} = \frac{(x - 2.4)(x - 2.6)}{0.24} = \frac{25}{6}x^2 - \frac{125}{6}x + 26$$

$$L_1(x) = \frac{(x - 2)(x - 2.6)}{(2.4 - 2)(2.4 - 2.6)} = -\frac{(x - 2)(x - 2.6)}{0.08} = -12.5x^2 + 57.5x - 65$$

$$L_2(x) = \frac{(x - 2)(x - 2.4)}{(2.6 - 2)(2.6 - 2.4)} = \frac{(x - 2)(x - 2.4)}{0.12} = \frac{25}{3}x^2 - \frac{110}{3}x + 40$$

We also need to evaluate  $f(x_k)$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2$  as follows

$$f(x_0) = f(2) = \sin(\ln 2) = 0.63896127$$

$$f(x_1) = f(2.4) = \sin(\ln 2.4) = 0.76784388$$

$$f(x_2) = f(2.6) = \sin(\ln 2.6) = 0.81660905$$

Now determine  $P_2(x)$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} P_2(x) &= L_0(x)f(x_0) + L_1(x)f(x_1) + L_2(x)f(x_2) \\ &= \left(\frac{25}{6}x^2 - \frac{125}{6}x + 26\right) \cdot f(2) + (-12.5x^2 + 57.5x - 65) \cdot f(2.4) + \left(\frac{25}{3}x^2 - \frac{110}{3}x + 40\right) \cdot f(2.6) \\ &= -0.130634x^2 + 0.896998x - 0.632497 \end{aligned}$$

According to Theorem 3.3, the absolute is

$$|f(x) - P_n(x)| = \left| \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi(x))}{(n+1)!} \prod_{k=0}^n (x - x_k) \right|$$

where  $\xi(x) \in [2, 2.6]$ . when  $n=2$ , the absolute error is

$$|f(x) - P_2(x)| = \left| \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi(x))}{(3)!} \prod_{k=0}^2 (x - x_k) \right| = \left| \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi(x))}{6} (x - 2)(x - 2.4)(x - 2.6) \right|$$

The product  $(x - 2)(x - 2.4)(x - 2.6)$  is a third degree polynomial with extreme points  $x_1 = 2.5097$  and

$x_2 = 2.1569$  which we find as follows.

$$p(x) = (x - 2)(x - 2.4)(x - 2.6) = x^3 - 7x^2 + 16.24x - 12.48$$

$$p'(x) = 3x^2 - 14x + 16.24$$

$$p'(x) = 0 \implies x_{1,2} = \frac{14 \pm \sqrt{14^2 - 4 \times 3 \times 16.24}}{2 \times 3}$$

Therefore, the extreme values of the product on  $[2, 2.6]$  are  $p(2.5097) = -0.005$  and  $p(2.1569) = 0.0169$  hence the maximum absolute value of the product on that interval is 0.0169.

The error  $|f(x) - P_2(x)|$  also depends on the third derivative of  $f$ . Let's find that derivative.

$$f(x) = \sin(\ln x)$$

$$f'(x) = \cos(\ln x) \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{-\sin(\ln x) \frac{1}{x} x - \cos(\ln x)}{x^2} = \frac{-\cos(\ln x) - \sin(\ln x)}{x^2}$$

$$f'''(x) = \frac{(\sin(\ln x) \frac{1}{x} - \cos(\ln x) \frac{1}{x})x^2 - (-\cos(\ln x) - \sin(\ln x))2x}{x^4} = \frac{3\sin(\ln x) + \cos(\ln x)}{x^3}$$

The plot below reveals that the maximum absolute value of the third derivative on  $[2, 2.6]$  is for  $f'''(2) = 0.335765$ . Substitute the information we found into the error bound formula as shown below.

$$|f(x) - P_2(x)| = \left| \frac{f^{(3)}(\zeta(x))}{6} (x - 2)(x - 2.4)(x - 2.6) \right| \leq \frac{0.335765}{6} \times 0.0169 = 9.46 \times 10^{-4}$$

## Problem2

Let  $P_3(x)$  be the interpolating polynomial for the data  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(0.5, y)$ ,  $(1, 3)$ , and  $(2, 2)$ . The coefficient of  $x^3$  in  $P_3(x)$  is 6. Find  $y$ .

*Solution*

$$P_3(x) = L_0(x)f(x_0) + L_1(x)f(x_1) + L_2(x)f(x_2) + L_3(x)f(x_3)$$

when  $n = 3$  as

$$L_0(x) = \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3)}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)(x_0 - x_3)}$$

$$L_1(x) = \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_2)(x - x_3)}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)(x_1 - x_3)}$$

$$L_2(x) = \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_3)}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)(x_2 - x_3)}$$

$$L_3(x) = \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2)}{(x_3 - x_0)(x_3 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2)}$$

The nodes are  $x_0 = 0, x_1 = 0.5, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 2$ . Substitute into the expressions for  $L_k$  above to obtain

$$L_0(x) = \frac{(x - 0.5)(x - 1)(x - 2)}{(0 - 0.5)(0 - 1)(0 - 2)} = \frac{x^3 - \frac{7}{2}x^2 + \frac{7}{2}x - 1}{-1} = -x^3 + \frac{7}{2}x^2 - \frac{7}{2}x + 1$$

$$L_1(x) = \frac{(x - 0)(x - 1)(x - 2)}{(0.5 - 0)(0.5 - 1)(0.5 - 2)} = \frac{8}{3}x^3 - 8x^2 + \frac{16}{3}x$$

$$L_2(x) = \frac{(x - 0)(x - 0.5)(x - 2)}{(1 - 0)(1 - 0.5)(1 - 2)} = -2x^3 + 5x^2 - 2x$$

$$L_3(x) = \frac{(x - 0)(x - 0.5)(x - 1)}{(2 - 0)(2 - 0.5)(2 - 1)} = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} P_3(x) &= L_0(x)f(x_0) + L_1(x)f(x_1) + L_2(x)f(x_2) + L_3(x)f(x_3) \\ &= L_1(x) \cdot y + L_2(x) \cdot 3 + L_3(x) \cdot 2 \\ &= \left(\frac{8y - 16}{3}\right)x^3 + (-8y + 14)x^2 + \left(\frac{16y - 17}{3}\right)x \end{aligned}$$

The coefficient of  $x^3$  to be equal to 6,

$$\frac{8y - 16}{3} = 6 \implies y = 4.25$$

Then, the polynomial becomes

$$P_3(x) = 6x^3 - 20x^2 + 17x$$

So

$$P_3(0) = 0, P_3(0.5) = 4.25, P_3(1) = 3, P_3(2) = 2$$

### Problem3

Neville's method is used to approximate  $f(0.4)$ , giving the following table.

$x_0 = 0$	$P_0 = 1$			
$x_1 = 0.25$	$P_1 = 2$	$P_{01} = 2.6$		
$x_2 = 0.5$	$P_2$	$P_{1,2}$	$P_{0,1,2}$	
$x_3 = 0.75$	$P_3 = 8$	$P_{2,3} = 2.4$	$P_{1,2,3} = 2.96$	$P_{0,1,2,3} = 3.016$

Determine  $P_2 = f(0.5)$ .

### solution

According to the Neville's method,

$$P_{0,1,\dots,k}(x) = \frac{(x - x_j)P_{0,1,\dots,j-1,j+1,\dots,k}(x) - (x - x_i)P_{0,1,\dots,i-1,i+1,\dots,k}(x)}{(x_i - x_j)}$$

We have nodes:

$$f(x_0) = f(0) = P_0 = 1$$

$$f(x_1) = f(0.5) = P_1 = 2$$

$$f(x_2) = f(0.5) = P_2$$

$$f(x_3) = f(0.75) = P_3 = 8$$

$P_{2,3}$  can be constructed from  $P_2$  and  $P_3$  as:

$$P_{2,3} = \frac{(x - x_2)P_3 - (x - x_3)P_2}{x_3 - x_2}$$

Hence, substitute the data we have:

$$P_2 = 4$$

Suppose  $x_j = j$ , for  $j = 0, 1, 2, 3$  and it is known that

$$P_{0,1}(x) = 2x + 1, \quad P_{0,2}(x) = x + 1, \quad \text{and} \quad P_{1,2,3}(2.5) = 3.$$

Find  $P_{0,1,2,3}(2.5)$ .

### solution

According to the Neville's method,

$$P_{0,1,\dots,k}(x) = \frac{(x - x_j)P_{0,1,\dots,j-1,j+1,\dots,k}(x) - (x - x_i)P_{0,1,\dots,i-1,i+1,\dots,k}(x)}{(x_i - x_j)}$$

So we have:

$$P_{0,1,2,3}(x) = \frac{(x - x_0)P_{1,2,3}(x) - (x - x_3)P_{0,1,2}(x)}{x_3 - x_0}$$

As we see from the equation, we need to know the value of the polynomial  $P_{0,1,2}$

So,

$$P_{0,1,2}(x) = \frac{(x - x_0)P_{1,2}(x) - (x - x_2)P_{0,1}(x)}{x_2 - x_0}$$

So,

$$P_{0,1,2,3}(x) = \frac{(x - x_0)P_{1,2,3}(x)}{x_3 - x_0} - \frac{x - x_3}{x_3 - x_0} \left[ \frac{(x - x_0)P_{1,2}(x) - (x - x_2)P_{0,1}(x)}{x_2 - x_0} \right]$$

$$= \frac{(x - x_0)P_{1,2,3}(x)}{x_3 - x_0} - \frac{x - x_3}{x_3 - x_0} \left[ \frac{(x - x_0)(x + 1) - (x - x_2)(2x + 1)}{x_2 - x_0} \right]$$

Then,

$$P_{0,1,2,3}(2.5) = 2.9792$$

## Problem4

For a function  $f$ , the forward-divided differences are given by

$x_0 = 0.0$	$f[x_0]$		
		$f[x_0, x_1]$	
$x_1 = 0.4$	$f[x_1]$		$f[x_0, x_1, x_2] = \frac{50}{7}$
		$f[x_1, x_2] = 10$	
$x_2 = 0.7$	$f[x_2] = 6$		

Determine the missing entries in the table.

The  $k$ -th divided difference relative to  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k$  is defined as:

$$f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k] = \frac{f[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k] - f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}]}{x_k - x_0} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

if  $k = 0, 1, 2$  we have the following divided differences:

- Zero'th divided differences:

$$f[x_k] = f(x_k) \quad (2)$$

- First divided difference:

$$f[x_0, x_1] = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} \quad (3)$$

$$f[x_1, x_2] = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} \quad (4)$$

- Second divided difference:

$$f[x_0, x_1, x_2] = \frac{f[x_1, x_2] - f[x_0, x_1]}{x_2 - x_0} \quad (5)$$

From equation (4),

$$\frac{6 - f(x_1)}{0.7 - 0.4} = 10 \implies f(x_1) = 3$$

From equation (5),

$$\frac{10 - f[x_0, x_1]}{0.7 - 0.0} = \frac{50}{7} \implies f[x_0, x_1] = 5$$

From equation (3),

$$\frac{6 - f(x_0)}{0.4 - 0.0} = 5 \implies f(x_0) = 4$$

## Problem5

Determine the natural cubic spline  $S$  that interpolates the data  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f(1) = 1$ , and  $f(2) = 2$ .

Determine the clamped cubic spline  $s$  that interpolates the data  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f(1) = 1$ ,  $f(2) = 2$  and satisfies  $s'(0) = s'(2) = 1$ .

*solution*

**a**

if  $f$  is a function of the variable  $x$  defined on the closed interval  $[a, b]$ , and we have a set of nodes  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$  in  $[a, b]$ , then a natural cubic spline interpolant  $S(x)$  is a third order polynomial that satisfy the following conditions:

- $S_j(x)$ , defined on the subinterval  $[x_j, x_{j+1}]$  for each  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ , have the general form:

$$S_j(x) = a_j + b_j(x - x_j) + c_j(x - x_j)^2 + d_j(x - x_j)^3$$

- For each  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$  we have:

$$S_j(x_j) = f(x_j)$$

$$S_j(x_{j+1}) = f(x_{j+1})$$

- For each  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-2$  we have:

$$S_{j+1}(x_{j+1}) = S_j(x_{j+1})$$

- For each  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-2$  we have:

$$S'_{j+1}(x_{j+1}) = S'_j(x_{j+1})$$

$$S''_{j+1}(x_{j+1}) = S''_j(x_{j+1})$$

- Natural conditions:

$$c_0 = S''(x_0) = 0$$

$$c_n = S''(x_n) = 0$$



To find  $S(x)$ , we define  $h_j = x_{j+1} - x_j$  and compute the coefficient  $c_j$  by solving the matrix equation  $Ax = b$ , where the matrix  $A$  is defined as:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ h_0 & 2(h_0 + h_1) & h_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_1 & 2(h_1 + h_2)h_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & h_{n-2} & 2(h_{n-2} - h_{n-1}) & h_{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix  $b$  is given by:

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{3}{h_1}(a_2 - a_1) - \frac{3}{h_0}(a_1 - a_0) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{3}{h_{n-1}}(a_n - a_{n-1}) - \frac{3}{h_{n-2}}(a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Finally, the coefficients  $a_j, b_j, d_j$  are given:

$$a_j = f(x_j), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

$$b_j = \frac{a_{j+1} - a_j}{h_j} - \frac{h_j(c_{j+1} + 2c_j)}{3}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$$

$$a_j = \frac{c_{j+1} - c_j}{3h_j}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$$

we have:

$$h_0 = x_1 - x_0 = 1, h_1 = x_2 - x_1 = 1$$

So substitute the data into the equations:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{3}{h_1}(a_2 - a_1) - \frac{3}{h_0}(a_1 - a_0) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

From  $Ax = b$ :

$$c_0 = 0$$

$$c_0 + 4c_1 + c_2 = \frac{3}{h_1}(a_2 - a_1) - \frac{3}{h_0}(a_1 - a_0)$$

$$c_2 = 0$$

To find  $c_1$ , we need to find  $a_j$ :

$$a_0 = f(0) = 0, a_1 = f(1) = 1, a_2 = f(2) = 2 \implies c_1 = 0$$

Then :

$$b_0 = 1, b_1 = 1, d_0 = 0, d_1 = 0$$

Finally,

$$S_0(x) = x, S_1(x) = x$$

**b**

The same as **a**  
we have:

$$h_0 = x_1 - x_0 = 1, h_1 = x_2 - x_1 = 1$$

So substitute the data into the equations:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{h_0}(a_1 - a_0) - 3f'(0) \\ \frac{3}{h_1}(a_2 - a_1) - \frac{3}{h_0}(a_1 - a_0) \\ 3f'(2) - \frac{3}{h_1}(a_2 - a_1) \end{bmatrix}$$

From  $Ax = b$ :

$$2c_0 + c_1 = \frac{3}{h_0}(a_1 - a_0) - 3f'(0)$$

$$c_0 + 4c_1 + c_2 = \frac{3}{h_1}(a_2 - a_1) - \frac{3}{h_0}(a_1 - a_0)$$

$$c_1 + 2c_2 = 3f'(2) - \frac{3}{h_1}(a_2 - a_1)$$

To find  $c_1$ , we need to find  $a_j$ :

$$a_0 = f(0) = 0, a_1 = f(1) = 1, a_2 = f(2) = 2 \implies c_0 = c_1 = c_2 = 0$$

Then :

$$b_0 = 1, b_1 = 1, d_0 = 0, d_1 = 0$$

Finally,

$$S_0(x) = x, S_1(x) = x$$

## Problem6

Use the most accurate three-point formula to determine each missing entry in the following tables.

a.

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
1.1	9.025013	
1.2	11.02318	
1.3	13.46374	
1.4	16.44465	

b.

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
8.1	16.94410	
8.3	17.56492	
8.5	18.19056	
8.7	18.82091	

Three-point endpoint formula allows us to compute  $f'(x_0)$ , where  $x_0$  is an endpoint of the interval  $[x_0, x_2]$  as:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{2h} [-3f(x_0) + 4f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 + 2h)] + E(f), \text{ --- (1)}$$

where  $x_1 = x_0 + h, x_2 = x_0 + 2h$ , and:

$$h = \frac{x_2 - x_0}{2} = x_1 - x_0 = x_2 - x_1.$$

In the above expression,  $E(f) = O(h^2)$  is the error in the approximation.

If  $x_0$  is the right-endpoint of the interval  $[x_0 - 2h, x_0]$ , to find  $f'(x_0)$  we use Eq.(1)(1) with  $-h$  instead of  $h$ .

Also recall that, if  $x_0$  is the midpoint of the interval  $[x_0 - h, x_0 + h]$ , we can approximate  $f'(x_0)$  by the three-point midpoint formula:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{2h} [f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)] - E_M(f), E_M(f) = O(h^2) \text{ --- (2)}$$

To use Eq.(1), we note the fact that

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= 1.2 \text{ and } x_2 = 1.3, \text{ so:} \\h &= x_1 - x_0 = x_2 - x_1 = 0.1.\end{aligned}$$

Hence, Eq.(1) gives for  $f'(x_0) = f'(1.1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}f'(1.1) &= \frac{1}{2(0.1)}[-3f(1.1) + 4f(1.2) - f(1.3)] \\&= \frac{1}{0.2}[-3(9.025013) + 4(11.02318) - 13.46374] \\&= \frac{1}{0.2}(-27.075039 + 44.09272 - 13.46374) \\&= \frac{3.553941}{0.2} \\&= 17.769705.\end{aligned}$$

Now consider the computation of  $f'(1, 2)$ . We see that we have two options for the calculation. The first is to consider the interval from  $x_0 = 1.2$  to  $x_2 = 1.4$ , so that  $x_0 = 1.2$  is the left-endpoint of this interval, and apply the three-point endpoint formula of Eq.(1), with  $h = 0.1$ .

The other option is to consider the interval from  $x_0 - h = x_0 - 0.1 = 1.1$  to  $x_0 + h = 1.3$  so that  $x_0 = 1.2$  is the midpoint of this interval, and then use the three-point midpoint formula given in Eq.(2).

As is discussed in the text, the second method is more accurate, because uses values of  $f$  on both sides of  $x_0$ . So, in what follows we will use this method.

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}f(1.2) &= \frac{1}{2(0.1)}[f(1.3) - f(1.1)] \\&= \frac{1}{0.2}(13.46374 - 9.025013) \\&= \frac{4.438727}{0.2} \\&= 22.193635.\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, to compute  $f'(1.3)$  we use the three-point midpoint formula because we have the values of  $f$  at  $x_0 - h = 1.2$  and  $x_0 + h = 1.4$ .

$$\begin{aligned}f'(1.3) &= \frac{1}{2(0.1)}[f(1.4) - f(1.2)] \\&= \frac{1}{0.2}(16.44465 - 11.02318) \\&= \frac{5.42147}{0.2} \\&= 27.107350.\end{aligned}$$

Finally, to compute  $f'(1.4)$ , we cannot use the three-point midpoint formula because this point is the right endpoint of the interval  $[1.2, 1.4]$ . So, we must use the three-point endpoint formula, with  $x_0 = 1.4$ ,  $h = -h$ , and  $h = 0.1$  (so  $x_0 - h = 1.3$ , and  $x_0 - 2h = 1.2$ ).

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(1.4) &= \frac{1}{2(-h)}[-3f(x_0) + 4f(x_0 - h) - f(x_0 - 2h)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2(-0.1)}[-3f(1.4) + 4f(1.3) - f(1.2)] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{0.2}[-3(16.44465) + 4(13.46374) - 11.02318] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{0.2}(-49.33395 + 53.85496 - 11.02318) \\
 &= \frac{6.50217}{0.2} \\
 &= 32.510850.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
1.1	9.025013	17.769705
1.2	11.02318	22.193635
1.3	13.46374	27.107350
1.4	16.44465	32.510850

**(b)**

To approximate  $f'(x)$  at  $x = 8.1$ . Use Three-Point Endpoint Formula,

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

By taking  $x_0 = 8.1$  and  $h = 0.2$ , substitute the values

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(8.1) &= \frac{1}{2(0.2)} \left[ -3f(8.1) + 4f(8.1 + 0.2) - f(8.1 + 2(0.2)) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{0.4} \left[ -3f(8.1) + 4f(8.3) - f(8.5) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{0.4} \left[ -3(16.94410) + 4(17.56492) - 18.19056 \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{0.4} [1.23682] = 3.092050
 \end{aligned}$$

To approximate  $f'(x)$  at  $x = 8.3$  use Three-Point Midpoint Formula

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{2h} \left[ f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h) \right]$$

By taking  $x_0 = 8.3$  and  $h = 0.2$ , substitute the values

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(8.3) &= \frac{1}{2(0.2)} [f(8.3 + 0.2) - f(8.3 - 0.2)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{0.4} [f(8.5) - f(8.1)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{0.4} [18.19056 - 16.94410] \\
 &= \frac{1}{0.4} [1.24646] = 3.116150
 \end{aligned}$$

To approximate  $f'(x)$  at  $x = 8.5$  use Three-Point Midpoint Formula

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{2h} [f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)]$$

By taking  $x_0 = 8.5$  and  $h = 0.2$ , substitute the values

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(8.5) &= \frac{1}{2(0.2)} [f(8.5 + 0.2) - f(8.5 - 0.2)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{0.4} [f(8.7) - f(8.3)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{0.4} [18.82091 - 17.56492] \\
 &= \frac{1}{0.4} [1.25599] = 3.139975
 \end{aligned}$$

To approximate  $f'(x)$  at  $x = 8.7$  use Three-Point Endpoint Formula

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{2h} [-3f(x_0) + 4f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 + 2h)]$$

By taking  $x_0 = 8.7$  and  $h = -0.2$ , substitute the values

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(8.7) &= \frac{1}{2(-0.2)} [-3f(8.7) + 4f(8.7 + (-0.2)) - f(8.7 + 2(-0.2))] \\
 &= \frac{1}{-0.4} [-3f(8.7) + 4f(8.5) - f(8.7 - 0.4)] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{0.4} [-3f(8.7) + 4f(8.5) - f(8.3)] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{0.4} [-3(18.82091) + 4(18.19056) - 17.56492] \\
 &= 3.163525
 \end{aligned}$$

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
8.1	16.94410	3.092050

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
8.3	17.56492	3.116150
8.5	18.19056	3.139975
8.7	18.82091	3.163525

## Problem7

Suppose that  $N(h)$  is an approximation to  $M$  for every  $h > 0$  and that

$$M = N(h) + K_1 h^2 + K_2 h^4 + K_3 h^6 + \dots,$$

for some constants  $K_1, K_2, K_3, \dots$ . Use the values  $N(h)$ ,  $N(\frac{h}{3})$ , and  $N(\frac{h}{9})$  to produce an  $O(h^6)$  approximation to  $M$ .

*solution*

We have

$$M = N(h) + K_1 h^2 + K_2 h^4 + K_3 h^6 + \dots$$

$$M = N(h/3) + K_1 \frac{h^2}{9} + K_2 \frac{h^4}{81} + K_3 \frac{h^6}{729} + \dots$$

$$M = N(h/9) + K_1 \frac{h^2}{81} + K_2 \frac{h^4}{6561} + K_3 \frac{h^6}{531441} + \dots$$

Multiply the first equation by  $A$ , the second by  $B$ , and the third by  $C$ . Adding and canceling the  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  terms yields the equations

$$A + \frac{B}{9} + \frac{C}{81} = 0$$

$$A + \frac{B}{81} + \frac{C}{6561} = 0$$

Subtracting gives  $\frac{8B}{81} + \frac{80C}{6561} = 0$ . Multiply by 6561, and we have  $648B + 80C = 0$ , or  $81B + 10C = 0$ . Set  $C = -81$ ,  $B = 10$ , and  $A = -\frac{1}{9}$ . Therefore,

$$\left(-\frac{1}{9} + 10 - 81\right)M = -\frac{N(h)}{9} + 10N(h/3) - 81N(h/9) + O(h^6),$$

or

$$M = \frac{1}{640}(729N(h/9) - 90N(h/3) + N(h)) + O(h^6).$$

## Problem8

Consider the following data:

i	x <sub>i</sub>	y <sub>i</sub>
1	0	6
2	2	8
3	4	14
4	5	20

1. Compute the linear least squares polynomial approximation for this data.
2. Compute the error E of the above approximation.

$$\begin{aligned}a_0 &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^4 x_i^2 \sum_{i=1}^4 y_i - \sum_{i=1}^4 x_i y_i \sum_{i=1}^4 x_i}{4(\sum_{i=1}^4 x_i^2) - (\sum_{i=1}^4 x_i)^2} \\&= \frac{45 * 48 - 172 * 11}{4 * 45 - 11^2} = 4.5423728813559325 \\a_1 &= \frac{4 \sum_{i=1}^4 x_i y_i - \sum_{i=1}^4 x_i \sum_{i=1}^4 y_i}{4(\sum_{i=1}^4 x_i^2) - (\sum_{i=1}^4 x_i)^2} \\&= \frac{4 * 172 - 11 * 48}{4 * 45 - 11^2} = 2.711864406779661\end{aligned}$$

So

$$y = 2.711864406779661x + 4.5423728813559325$$

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^m [y_i - (a_1 x_i + a_0)]^2 = 11.525423728813566$$