

Math 3890, Machine Problem 1: Due 2/2/2021

- 1) Write a function `v = horner(c,t)` based on Horner's algorithm that will evaluate a polynomial of the form $p(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} c_i x^{i-1}$ at all points in a column vector $t = (t_1, \dots, t_N)^T$.
- 2) Write a script that
 - a) reads in an integer n
 - b) sets up interpolation points $a = x_1 < \dots < x_{n+1} = b$
 - c) finds the coefficient vector \mathbf{c} of a polynomial of degree n that solves the interpolation problem $p(x_i) = f(x_i)$ $i = 1, \dots, n+1$ for a given anonymous function \mathbf{f} . Print these coefficients.
 - d) uses Horner to evaluate this polynomial on equally-spaced points $a = t_1 < \dots < t_N = b$ in the interval $[a, b]$.
 - e) uses these values to plot both the interpolating polynomial p and the function f on the SAME graph
 - f) computes the error $\max_{1 \leq i \leq N} |f(t_i) - p(t_i)|$.
- 3) Run your script with $f(x) = 1/(1+x^2)$ on the interval $[a, b] := [-5, 5]$ with $N = 201$ and $n = 5$.
- 4) Repeat for $n = 9$ and $n = 17$ and turn in your listings together with the three figures annotated with the associated max errors.