

CSCD37: Assignment #1

1. Recall the full-Newton algorithm for solving the nonlinear system $F(x) = 0; F, x \in \mathcal{R}^n$:

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Generate an initial approximation  $\hat{x}_0$ 
for  $k = 0, 1 \dots$  until convergence
  compute  $-F(\hat{x}_k)$ 
  compute  $\frac{\partial F(\hat{x}_k)}{\partial x}$ 
  solve  $\frac{\partial F(\hat{x}_k)}{\partial x} \Delta_k = -F(\hat{x}_k)$ 
  update  $\hat{x}_{k+1} = \hat{x}_k + \Delta_k$ 
end for
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- (a) This algorithm is computationally expensive. Give a detailed analysis of the cost using standard big-oh notation. You may use results from CSCC37; e.e., the cost (measuring flops) of the LU-factorization of an $n \times n$ matrix is $(1/3)n^3 + \mathcal{O}(n^2)$.
- (b) We briefly discussed in lecture the “quasi-Newton algorithm” for solving nonlinear systems. Modify the algorithm above to take advantage of the optimizations we discussed. You do not need to implement the modifications . . . pseudo-code will suffice. Be careful to discuss both flop optimizations and convergence issues (“X-test” and “F-test” tolerance, maximum number of iterations, condition of Jacobian, how long to hold Jacobian fixed, etc.).

2. In lecture we derived the divided-difference (Newton) form of the interpolating polynomial for the simple interpolation problem. This question will investigate how the Newton polynomial can be used for osculatory interpolation.

(a) Prove that

$$\lim_{\substack{x_{i+j} \rightarrow x_i \\ 1 \leq j \leq k}} y[x_{i+k}, x_{i+k-1}, \dots, x_i] = \frac{y^{(k)}(x_i)}{k!}$$

Provided $y \in \mathcal{C}^k$.

Proof. This will be proven using induction on the elements of the divided difference, i.e. for an indexed set of elements $\{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$ it will be on k . For the case $k = 0$,

$$\lim_{\substack{x_{i+j} \rightarrow x_i \\ 1 \leq j \leq k}} y[x_{i+j}] = \lim_{\substack{x_{i+j} \rightarrow x_i \\ 1 \leq j \leq k}} y(x_{i+j}) \stackrel{\text{cont}}{=} y(x_i) = \frac{y^{(0)}(x_i)}{1!}$$

For the inductive case, assume it holds for $n < k$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\substack{x_{i+j} \rightarrow x_i \\ 1 \leq j \leq k}} y[x_{i+k}, x_{i+k-1}, \dots, x_i] &= \lim_{\substack{x_{i+j} \rightarrow x_i \\ 1 \leq j \leq k}} \frac{y[x_{i+k}, x_{i+k-1}, \dots, x_{i+1}] - y[x_{i+k-1}, x_{i+k-1}, \dots, x_i]}{x_{i+k} - x_i} \\ &= \lim_{\substack{x_{i+j} \rightarrow x_i \\ 1 \leq j \leq k}} \frac{y^{(k-1)}(x_{i+1})}{(x_{i+k} - x_i)(k-1)!} - \frac{y^{(k-1)}(x_i)}{(x_{i+k} - x_i)(k-1)!} \\ &= \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \lim_{\substack{x_{i+j} \rightarrow x_i \\ 1 \leq j \leq k}} \frac{y^{(k-1)}(x_{i+1}) - y^{(k-1)}(x_i)}{x_{i+k} - x_i} \end{aligned}$$

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- (b) The result in (a) tells us that divided differences can be replaced with derivatives as data points coincide. Using this result, construct a divided difference table to find the coefficients of the Newton polynomial of degree 6 or less that satisfies the following interpolation conditions:

$$\begin{array}{llll} p(-1) = 4 & p(0) = 7 & p(1) = 28 & p(2) = 247 \\ & p'(0) = 6 & p'(1) = 56 & \\ & & p''(1) = 140 & \end{array}$$

- (c) Use the Method of Undetermined Coefficients (i.e., as discussed in lecture, construct and solve an appropriate Vandermonde system) to find the coefficients of the monomial-basis polynomial of degree 6 or less that satisfies the interpolation conditions specified in (b).

You may use *MatLab* for this question if you wish. Verify that you have obtained the same polynomial as in (b).

3. Consider the function $y \in \mathcal{C}^{n+1}$ and the polynomial $p \in \mathcal{P}_n$ which satisfies

$$p^{(j)}(x_i) = y^{(j)}(x_i); \quad j = 0, \dots, j_i; \quad i = 0, \dots, k; \quad \sum_{i=0}^k (j_i + 1) = n + 1;$$

with all of the x_i distinct. The error in this polynomial interpolant is given by

$$E(x) = y(x) - p(x) = \frac{y^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (x - x_0)^{j_0+1} (x - x_1)^{j_1+1} \dots (x - x_k)^{j_k+1} \quad (1)$$

where $\xi \in \text{span}\{x_0, \dots, x_k, x\} = [\min\{x_0, \dots, x_k, x\}, \max\{x_0, \dots, x_k, x\}]$ provided $y \in \mathcal{C}^{n+1}$ on $\text{span}\{x_0, \dots, x_k, x\}$.

This is a fundamental formula in Numerical Approximation. The following is an outline of a possible derivation of (1). In this question you will expand this outline by proving certain key statements.

If $x = x_i$, $i = 0, \dots, k$, then $y(x) - p(x) = 0$ since p interpolates y at these $k+1$ points. Also, $E(x_i) = 0$ in (1) since $(x_i - x_i)^{j_i+1} = 0$. Therefore, (1) holds when $x = x_i$.

Now assume $x \neq x_i$ for any $i = 0, \dots, k$ and consider x fixed. Let $F(t) = y(t) - p(t) - CW(t)$ where $C = [y(x) - p(x)]/W(x)$ is a constant and

$$W(t) = (t - x_0)^{j_0+1} (t - x_1)^{j_1+1} \dots (t - x_k)^{j_k+1} \quad (2)$$

is a polynomial of degree $n+1$. Clearly $F(x) = 0$, and also

$$F^{(j)}(x_i) = 0; \quad j = 0, \dots, j_i; \quad i = 0, \dots, k. \quad (3)$$

Therefore, counting multiplicities, $F(t)$ has at least $n+2$ zeros in $\text{span}\{x_0, \dots, x_k, x\}$, which implies $F^{(n+1)}(t)$ has at least 1 zero in $\text{span}\{x_0, \dots, x_k, x\}$, or, in other words,

$$F^{(n+1)}(\xi) = 0, \quad \xi \in \text{span}\{x_0, \dots, x_k, x\}. \quad (4)$$

But

$$F^{(n+1)}(t) = \frac{d^{n+1}}{dt^{n+1}} [y(t) - p(t) - CW(t)] = y^{(n+1)}(t) - (n+1)!C. \quad (5)$$

Therefore,

$$F^{(n+1)}(\xi) = 0 \implies y^{(n+1)}(\xi) - (n+1)!C = 0 \implies C = \frac{y^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!}.$$

But

$$C = \frac{y(x) - p(x)}{W(x)} \implies y(x) - p(x) = \frac{y^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} W(x).$$

Now for the statements you must prove:

- (a) Prove that $W(t)$ in (2) is a polynomial of degree $n+1$.
- (b) Prove (3)
- (c) Explain how (4) follows from $F(t)$ having at least $n+2$ zeros in $\text{span}\{x_0, \dots, x_k, x\}$.
- (d) Prove (5).

4. In lecture we proved that the roots of the Chebyshev polynomial

$$T_k(x) = \cos(k \cos^{-1}(x)), k = 0, 1, \dots \quad (6)$$

are the optimal interpolation points on $[-1, 1]$.

(a) Prove that (6) is a polynomial of degree k for all $k \geq 0$.

Proof. For the case of $k = 0, 1$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(k \arccos(x))|_{k=0} &= \cos(0) = 1 \\ \cos(k \arccos(x))|_{k=1} &= \cos(\arccos(x)) = x \end{aligned}$$

So these cases hold. Using induction, assume that $T_n(x)$ is a polynomial for $n < k$, then there are two inductive cases:

First $k = 2t$ is even

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(k \arccos(x)) &= \cos(2(t \arccos(x))) \\ &= 2(\cos(t \arccos(x)))^2 - 1 \text{ [Double angle identity]} \\ &= 2(T_t(x))^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

This is again a polynomial since T_t is one by IH, so this case holds.

Second $k = 2t + 1$ is odd

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(k \arccos(x)) &= \cos(2(t \arccos(x)) + \arccos(x)) \\ &\stackrel{\text{angle sum}}{=} \cos(2t \arccos(x))(\cos(\arccos(x))) - \sin(2t \arccos(x))(\sin(\arccos(x))) \\ &= xT_{2t}(x) - \sin(2t \arccos(x))(\sin(\arccos(x))) \\ &\stackrel{\text{double angle}}{=} xT_{2t}(x) - 2\cos(t \arccos(x))\sin(t \arccos(x))(\sin(\arccos(x))) \\ &= xT_{2t}(x) - 2T_t(x)\sin(t \arccos(x))(\sin(\arccos(x))) \\ &\stackrel{\text{angle prod}}{=} xT_{2t}(x) - T_t(x)(\cos((t-1)\arccos(x)) - \cos((t+1)\arccos(x))) \\ &= xT_{2t}(x) - T_t(x)(T_{t-1} - T_{t+1}) \end{aligned}$$

Which is again a polynomial all the lower degrees of T are polynomials by IH, so both cases hold. \square

(b) Derive the leading coefficient of (6) (i.e., the coefficient of x^k).

The coefficient is 2^{k-1} for $k \geq 1$ and 1 for $k = 0$.

Proof. Again, using induction, the case of 1 and 0 are trivial, as $T_0(x) = 1$ and $T_1(x) = x$. For the inductive case, consider again even and odd, and assume that it holds for $n < k$.

For $k = 2t$ even, the leading coefficient $\mathcal{LC}(T_k)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{LC}(T_k) &= 2\mathcal{LC}(T_t)^2 \text{ From the recurrence in (a)} \\ &= 2(2^{t-1})^2 = 2(2^{2t-2}) = 2^{k-1} \text{ By IH} \end{aligned}$$

For $k = 2t + 1$ odd,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{LC}(T_k) &= \mathcal{LC}(T_{k-1}) + \mathcal{LC}(T_t)\mathcal{LC}(T_{t+1}) \text{ From the other recurrence in (a)} \\ &= 2^{k-2} + (2^{t-1})(2^t) \text{ From IH} \\ &= 2^{k-2} + 2^{2t-1} \\ &= 2^{k-2} + 2^{k-2} = 2^{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

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(c) Derive the roots of (6) (i.e., the so-called Chebyshev points).

The roots for a polynomial of degree k are $x_i = \cos\left(\frac{(2i+1)\pi}{2k}\right)$ where $i = 0, \dots, k-1$.

Proof. Given the definition for T_k , plugging in x_i gives

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(k \arccos(x_i)) &= \cos(k \arccos(\cos\left(\frac{(2i+1)\pi}{2k}\right))) \\ &= \cos\left(k \frac{(2i+1)\pi}{2k}\right) \\ &= \cos\left(\frac{(2i+1)\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= 0 \quad \text{When } i \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

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(d) Complete the proof showing why the Chebyshev points are optimal.

5. Consider the definite integral $I(f) = \int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx$.

- (a) Construct the interpolatory quadrature rule for this integral based on nodes $-1, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1$.
- (b) What is the precision of the quadrature rule derived in (a)? **Justify your answer.**
- (c) Find as good an error bound as you can for your quadrature rule, assuming f is as smooth as required for your analysis.