

Tutorial I Report

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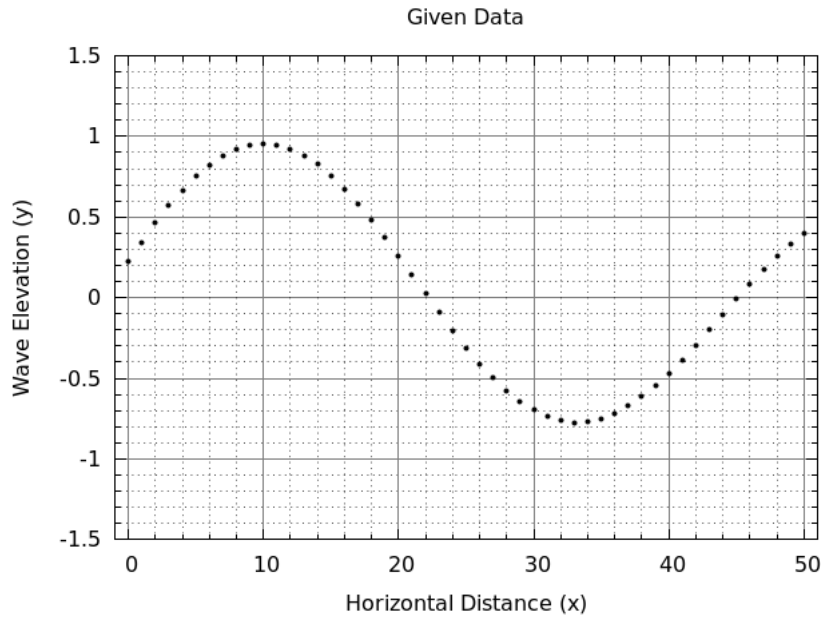
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Question

Free surface levels of a wave is given in the attached file with respect to horizontal distance. Obtain:

1. Water surface plot using, Lagrange's polynomial and Cubic spline.
2. How do you numerically estimate the free surface slope at any x? Compare the values using above methods at x=26.5m.

Given Data



Lagrange's Polynomial Interpolation

The Lagrange's polynomial method provides an interpolation solution for the given N points $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_N, y_N)$ through a polynomial of degree $N - 1$ which is given by:

$$P(x) = \frac{(x - x_2)(x - x_3) \dots (x - x_N)}{(x_1 - x_2)(x_1 - x_3) \dots (x_1 - x_N)} y_1 + \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_3) \dots (x - x_N)}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_2 - x_3) \dots (x_2 - x_N)} y_2 + \dots$$
$$\dots + \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_{N-1})}{(x_N - x_1)(x_N - x_2) \dots (x_N - x_{N-1})} y_N$$

Slope at a given point in the given range can be obtained by differentiating this expression.

$$P'(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{Numer(i)}{Denom(i)} y_i$$

Where

$$Denom(i) = \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N (x_i - x_j)$$

And

$$Numer(i) = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \left(\prod_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq i \\ k \neq j}}^N (x - x_k) \right)$$

The solution will be continuous at all points but may not be differentiable at all points. For obtaining a solution with continuous first and second derivative we use the Cubic Interpolation method.

Cubic Spline Interpolation

This method provides us with a solution for interpolation which has continuous first and second derivative. The solution between any intervals x_k and x_{k+1} is given by

$$y(x) = Ay_k + By_{k+1} + Cy_k'' + Dy_{k+1}''$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{x_2 - x}{x_2 - x_1} \\ B &= 1 - A \\ C &= \frac{(A^3 - A)(x_{k+1} - x_k)^2}{6} \\ D &= \frac{(B^3 - B)(x_{k+1} - x_k)^2}{6} \end{aligned}$$

The values of y_i'' are obtained by equating the first derivative at each point. The first derivative at any point is given by:

$$y'(x) = \frac{y_{k+1} - y_k}{x_{k+1} - x_k} - \frac{(3A^2 - 1)(x_{k+1} - x_k)y_k''}{6} + \frac{(3B^2 - 1)(x_{k+1} - x_k)y_{k+1}''}{6}$$

This gives us $N - 2$ equations of form:

$$\frac{(x_k - x_{k-1})y''_{k-1}}{6} + \frac{(x_{k+1} - x_{k-1})y''_k}{3} + \frac{(x_{k+1} - x_k)y''_{k+1}}{6} = \frac{y_{k+1} - y_k}{x_{k+1} - x_k} - \frac{y_k - y_{k-1}}{x_k - x_{k-1}}$$

Hence if we know the values of y''_1 and y''_N , we can determine the value for all y''_k ; $k = 2 \dots (N - 1)$ thus forming a 2 parameter problem. We can also observe that the second term in each equation is having higher magnitude than the first and second terms. Hence we can solve this set of equations using the method of solving a Tri-diagonal Matrix using Forward Sweep and Backward Substitution.

We set the values $y''_1 = y''_N = 0$, which will give us the natural spline result.

Code

The following code executes the theory mentioned above for both Lagrange's Interpolation method and Cubic Spline (Tridiagonal) Method.

It provides the value of wave elevation at an interval of 0.1 units. The final results are plotted on a graph for each case.

Also the values of second derivative are calculated for $x=26.5$ and have been mentioned in the output.

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1
2 #define use_stdout 1
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include <fstream>
5 #include < curses.h>
6 #include <string>
7 #include <stdlib.h>
8 #include <math.h>
9 #include <time.h>
10
11 using namespace std;
12
13 int input_data(double[][2], int);
14 int lagrangian_method(double[][2], int, double[][2], const int
    ,const float);
15 int tridiagonal_method(double[][2], int, double[][2], const
    int,const float);

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16 void plotting(string , string);
17
18 int main()
19 {
20     system("clear");
21
22     //To write screen output to a file
23     if(!use_stdout)
24         freopen("Screen Output.txt","w+",stdout);
25
26     const int num_ele=51;
27     const float step=0.1;
28     const int size=50/step+1;
29     double data[num_ele][2];
30     double result[size][2];
31
32     printf("Start!\n");
33
34     //Inputting data from the given file.
35     int err=input_data(data,num_ele);
36     if(!err)
37     {
38         printf("Data Input Successful\n");
39
40         //Function to provide result for Lagrangian Method
41         err=lagrangian_method(data,num_ele,result,size,step);
42         if(!err)
43         {
44             printf("Lagrangian Method Implementation Successful\n");
45             //Function to plot the result of Lagrangian Method
46             plotting("Lagrangian_Output","Lagrangian Interpolation
                Result");
47             printf("Lagrangian Output Plotted\n");
48         }
49
50         //Refeshing the result matrix
51         for(int i=0;i<size;i++)
52         {
53             result[i][0]=0;
54             result[i][1]=0;
55         }
56
57         //Fuction to provide the result for Tridiagonal Method
58         err=tridiagonal_method(data,num_ele,result,size,step);
59         if(!err)
60         {
61             printf("Tridiagonal Method Implementation Successful\n");
62             //Function to plot the result of Tridiagonal Method
63             plotting("Tridiagonal_Output","Tridiagonal Interpolation

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        Result");
64     printf("Tridiagonal Output Plotted\n");
65 }
66 }
67
68 printf("End!\n");
69
70 if (!use_stdout)
71     fclose(stdout);
72
73 return 0;
74 }
75
76 int input_data(double data[][2], int num_ele)
77 {
78     fstream infile("data.dat", ios::in);
79     if (infile.is_open())
80     {
81         infile.seekg(0);
82         char a[50];
83         char b[50];
84         int i=0;
85         while (!infile.eof())
86         {
87             infile.getline(a, 30, '\t');
88             infile.getline(b, 30, '\n');
89             data[i][0] = atoi(a);
90             data[i][1] = atof(b);
91             //printf("%d\t%f\t%f\n", i, data[i][1], data[i][2]);
92
93             i++;
94             if (i == num_ele)
95                 break;
96         }
97         infile.close();
98         return 0;
99     }
100     else
101     {
102         printf("Unable to open the file!\n");
103         return 1;
104     }
105 }
106 }
107
108 int lagrangian_method(double data[][2], int num_ele, double
    result[][2], const int size, const float step)
109 {
110     double denom[num_ele];

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111
112 //Calculating Denominator Terms First
113 for (int i=0;i<num_ele;i++)
114     denom[i]=1;
115
116 for (int i=0;i<num_ele;i++)
117 {
118     for (int j=0;j<i;j++)
119         denom[i]=denom[i]*(data[i][0]-data[j][0]);
120     for (int j=i+1;j<num_ele;j++)
121         denom[i]=denom[i]*(data[i][0]-data[j][0]);
122 }
123
124 FILE* ofile1=fopen("Denom.temp","w");
125 for (int i=0;i<num_ele;i++)
126     fprintf(ofile1,"%f\n",denom[i]);
127 fclose(ofile1);
128
129 //Calculating results
130 for (int k=0;k<size;k++)
131 {
132     double y=0;
133     double x=data[num_ele-1][0]*k/(size-1);
134     for (int i=0;i<num_ele;i++)
135     {
136         double numer=1;
137         for (int j=0;j<i;j++)
138             numer=numer*(x-data[j][0]);
139         for (int j=i+1;j<num_ele;j++)
140             numer=numer*(x-data[j][0]);
141
142         y=y+(numer*data[i][1]/denom[i]);
143     }
144     result[k][0]=x;
145     result[k][1]=y;
146 }
147
148 FILE* ofile2=fopen("Lagrangian-Output.temp","w");
149 for (int i=0;i<size;i++)
150     fprintf(ofile2,"%f\t%.10f\n",result[i][0],result[i][1]);
151 fclose(ofile2);
152
153 //Calculating Slope
154 double x=26.5;
155 double yp=0;
156 for (int i=0;i<num_ele;i++)
157 {
158     double numer=0;
159     for (int j=0;j<num_ele;j++)

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160     {
161         double num_term=1;
162         if (j!=i)
163             for (int k=0;k<num_ele;k++)
164                 if ((k!=i) && (k!=j))
165                     num_term*=x-data[k][0];
166         numer+=num_term;
167     }
168     yp+=data[i][1]*numer/denom[i];
169 }
170 printf("As per Lagrangian Method:\nSlope at x=26.5 is %.10f\n",
        ,yp);
171 return 0;
172
173 }
174
175 int tridiagonal_method(double data[][2], int num_ele, double
        result[][2], const int size, const float step)
176 {
177     double coef[num_ele][4], ypp[num_ele];
178
179     //Calculating the coefficient matrix for Ax=B
180     for (int i=1;i<num_ele-1;i++)
181     {
182         coef[i][0]=(data[i][0]-data[i-1][0])/6;
183         coef[i][1]=(data[i+1][0]-data[i-1][0])/3;
184         coef[i][2]=(data[i+1][0]-data[i][0])/6;
185         coef[i][3]=((data[i+1][1]-data[i][1])/(data[i+1][0]-data[i
            ][0]))-((data[i][1]-data[i-1][1])/(data[i][0]-data[i
            -1][0]));
186     }
187     coef[1][0]=coef[num_ele-2][2]=0;
188
189     //Updating the coefficients using Forward Sweep
190     coef[1][2]=coef[1][2]/coef[1][1];
191     coef[1][3]=coef[1][3]/coef[1][1];
192     for (int i=2;i<num_ele-2;i++)
193     {
194         coef[i][2]=(coef[i][2])/(coef[i][1]-(coef[i][0]*coef[i
            -1][2]));
195         coef[i][3]=(coef[i][3]-(coef[i][0]*coef[i-1][3]))/(coef[i
            ][1]-(coef[i][0]*coef[i-1][2]));
196     }
197     int i=num_ele-2;
198     coef[i][3]=(coef[i][3]-(coef[i][0]*coef[i-1][3]))/(coef[i
            ][1]-(coef[i][0]*coef[i-1][2]));
199
200     //Calculating ypp by Backward Substitution
201     ypp[0]=ypp[num_ele-1]=0;

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202 ypp[num_ele-2]=coef[num_ele-2][3];
203 for(int i=num_ele-3;i>0;i--)
204     ypp[i]=coef[i][3]-(coef[i][2]*ypp[i+1]);
205
206 //Calculating Results
207 int srch_st=0,index=0;
208 for(int k=0;k<size;k++)
209 {
210     //Search the interval in which the current x lies
211     double x=data[num_ele-1][0]*k/(size-1);
212     for(i=srch_st;i<num_ele;i++)
213         if(data[i][0]>x)
214             break;
215     index=i-1;
216     if(index>srch_st)
217         srch_st=index;
218
219     //Calculating coefficient terms
220     double a=(x-data[index+1][0])/(data[index][0]-data[index
221         +1][0]);
222     double b=1-a;
223     double c=(pow(a,3.00)-a)*(pow((data[index+1][0]-data[index
224         ][0]),2))/6;
225     double d=(pow(b,3.00)-b)*(pow((data[index+1][0]-data[index
226         ][0]),2))/6;
227
228     //Calculating results
229     double y=(a*data[index][1])+(b*data[index+1][1])+(c*ypp[
230         index])+(d*ypp[index+1]);
231     result[k][0]=x;
232     result[k][1]=y;
233 }
234
235 FILE* ofile3=fopen("ypp.temp","w");
236 for(int i=0;i<num_ele;i++)
237     fprintf(ofile3,"%f\n",ypp[i]);
238 fclose(ofile3);
239
240 ofile3=fopen("Tridiagonal_Output.temp","w");
241 for(int i=0;i<size;i++)
242     fprintf(ofile3,"%f\t%.10f\n",result[i][0],result[i][1]);
243 fclose(ofile3);
244
245 //Calculating Slope at x=26.5
246 double x=26.5;
247 for(i=0;i<num_ele;i++)
248     if(data[i][0]>x)
249         break;
250 index=i-1;

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247 double a=(x-data[index+1][0])/(data[index][0]-data[index
    +1][0]);
248 double b=1-a;
249 double c=(pow(a,3.00)-a)*(pow((data[index+1][0]-data[index
    ][0]),2))/6;
250 double d=(pow(b,3.00)-b)*(pow((data[index+1][0]-data[index
    ][0]),2))/6;
251 double yp=(data[index+1][1]-data[index][1])/(data[index+1][0]-
    data[index][0]);
252 yp-=(3*pow(a,2)-1)*(data[index+1][0]-data[index][0])*ypp[index
    ]/6;
253 yp+=(3*pow(b,2)-1)*(data[index+1][0]-data[index][0])*ypp[index
    +1]/6;
254 printf("As per Tridiagonal Method:\nSlope at x=26.5 is %.10f\n
    ",yp);
255
256 return 0;
257 }
258
259 void plotting(string file_name, string title)
260 {
261     //This function plots the results using gnuplot
262     FILE * gnuplot = popen ("gnuplot -persistent", "w");
263     fprintf(gnuplot, "set terminal pngcairo\n");
264     fprintf(gnuplot, "set title '%s'\n",title.c_str());
265     fprintf(gnuplot, "set xlabel 'Horizontal Distance (x)'\n");
266     fprintf(gnuplot, "set ylabel 'Wave Elevation (y)'\n");
267     fprintf(gnuplot, "set key off\n");
268     fprintf(gnuplot, "set xrange [-1:51]\nset yrange [-1.5:1.5]\n"
    );
269     fprintf(gnuplot, "set mytics 5\nset mxtics 5\n");
270     fprintf(gnuplot, "set grid ytics xtics mytics mxtics ls 9, ls
    0\n");
271     fprintf(gnuplot, "set output '%s.png'\n",file_name.c_str());
272     fprintf(gnuplot, "plot '%s.temp' w linespoints ls -1 pt 7 ps
    0.5\n",file_name.c_str());
273 }

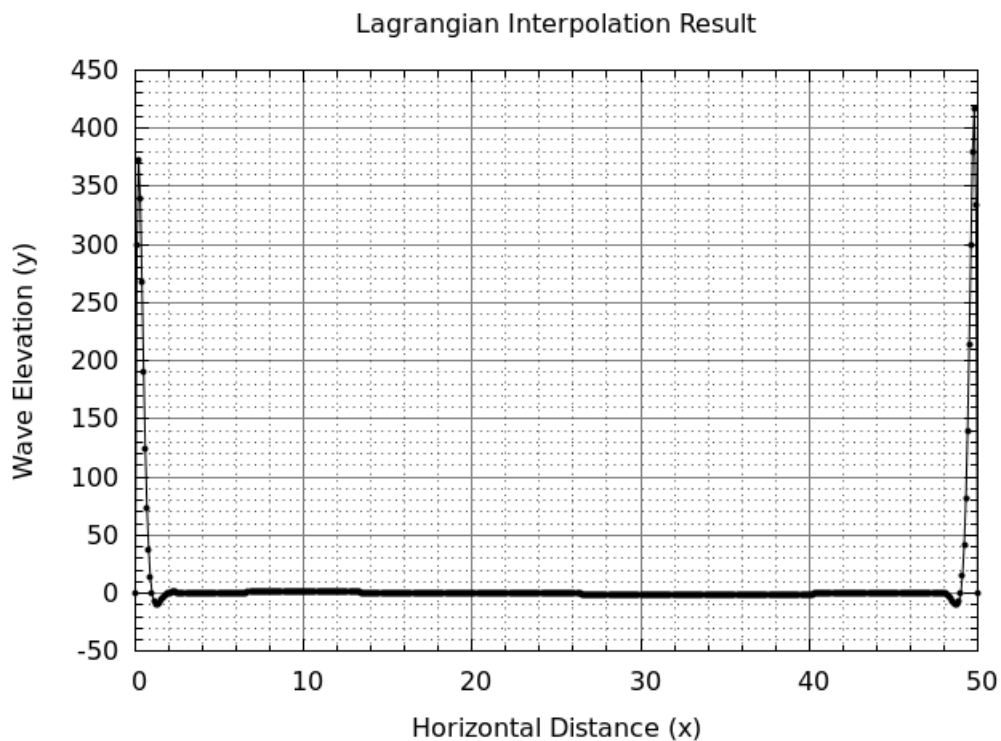
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Output

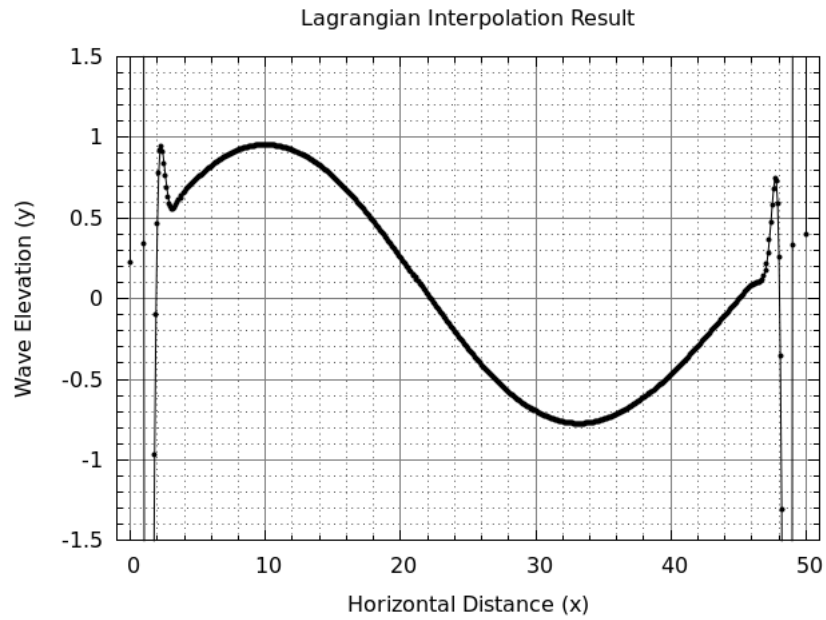
Screen Output

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Start!  
Data Input Successful  
As per Lagrangian Method:  
Slope at x=26.5 is -0.0898740734  
Lagrangian Method Implementation Successful  
Lagrangian Output Plotted  
As per Tridiagonal Method:  
Slope at x=26.5 is -0.0898741372  
Tridiagonal Method Implementation Successful  
Tridiagonal Output Plotted  
End!
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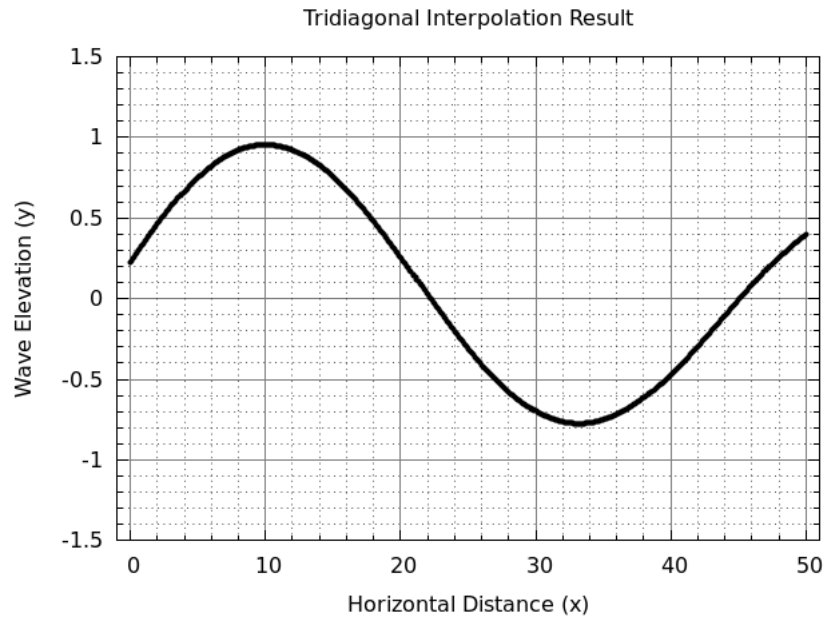
Lagrange's Interpolation Output



On zooming in by limiting the y range between (-1.5 and 1.5) we get



Cubic Spline Output



Observations

Screen Output

The screen output shows the values of first derivative calculated at $x=26.5$ using the two different methods.

As per Lagrangian Method:

Slope at $x=26.5$ is -0.0898740734

As per Cubic Spline Method:

Slope at $x=26.5$ is -0.0898741372

It is observed that the values obtained by both the methods are very close showing that in this region of the range both the methods provide a similar interpolation result.

Lagrange's Interpolation Output

It can be observed that the result oscillates wildly about the given data-points near the two corners and then stabilises to a reasonable output away from the corners.

This divergence of the output from the true function is called Runge's Phenomenon and occurs because the function is a very high degree polynomial (50 in this case) and can get worse with increasing number of points.

Cubic Spline Output

The output of cubic spline method has a smooth curvature with no oscillation about the data points.

This has been ensured by making the first and second derivative of the objective function continuous thus giving a very smooth output even near the corner points.

Conclusion

It can be concluded that both Lagrange's Method and Cubic Spline method of interpolation can provide a desirable interpolation result but both have their pros and cons.

The Lagrange's method is easier to implement but one has to be careful with its use given the number of data-points. As the result is obtained using

a high degree polynomial, large number of data-points will give a high degree polynomial which can cause the result to oscillate about the data-points atleast near the corners.

Cubic spline interpolation method provides a reasonably accurate solution in most case, with increasing accuracy as the number of points are increased; but it is a relatively tougher method to implement and will require use of computational tools for large number of data-points.