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 HW2

1. Show that repeated application of  $P(x) = (x - \alpha)Q(x) + R$  will eventually produce the Taylor series expansion of the polynomial function  $f(x)$ . That is, show that

$$R_k = \frac{P^{(k)}(\alpha)}{k!} = \frac{f^{(k)}(\alpha)}{k!}. \text{ What is the center of this expansion?}$$

Recall that  $P(x) = R_0 + Q_0(x)(x - \alpha)$

If we let  $x = \alpha \Rightarrow P(\alpha) = R_0$

Therefore,  $P(x) = P(\alpha) + Q_0(x)(x - \alpha)$

Thus

$$P(x) = P(\alpha) + (Q_1(x)(x - \alpha) + R_1)(x - \alpha)$$

$$P(x) = P(\alpha) + R_1(x - \alpha) + Q_1(x)(x - \alpha)^2$$

Now consider

$$P'(x) = R_1 + \frac{d}{dx}[Q_1(x)(x - \alpha)^2]$$

$$P'(\alpha) = R_1 + 0$$

Now we have

$$P(x) = P(\alpha) + P'(\alpha)(x - \alpha) + Q_1(x)(x - \alpha)^2$$

$$P(x) = P(\alpha) + P'(\alpha)(x - \alpha) + (Q_2(x)(x - \alpha) + R_2)(x - \alpha)^2$$

$$P(x) = P(\alpha) + P'(\alpha)(x - \alpha) + R_2(x - \alpha)^2 + Q_2(x)(x - \alpha)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow P'(x) = P'(\alpha) + 2R_2(x - \alpha) + \frac{d}{dx}[Q_2(x)(x - \alpha)^3]$$

$$P''(x) = 2R_2 + \frac{d^2}{dx^2}[Q_2(x)(x - \alpha)^3]$$

$$P''(\alpha) = 2R_2 \Rightarrow R_2 = \frac{P''(\alpha)}{2}$$

As a result, we have

$$P(x) = P(\alpha) + P'(\alpha)(x - \alpha) + \frac{P''(\alpha)}{2}(x - \alpha)^2 + Q_2(x)(x - \alpha)^3$$

Continuing with this pattern, we find that  $P(x)$  expands like a Taylor polynomial centered at  $\alpha$ , suggesting that

$$\frac{P^{(k)}(\alpha)}{k!} = \frac{f^{(k)}(\alpha)}{k!}$$

2. Use appropriate Lagrange interpolating polynomials of degrees one, two, and three to approximate  $f(8.4)$  if  $f(8.1)=16.94410, f(8.3)=17.56492, f(8.6)=18.50515$ , and  $f(8.7)=18.82091$ .

*Degree 1:*

Points used:  $f(8.3)$  and  $f(8.6)$

Reason: The closest known values that surround  $f(8.4)$

Result:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha=8.4) &\approx \frac{\alpha-x_1}{x_0-x_1}f(x_0)+\frac{\alpha-x_0}{x_1-x_0}f(x_1) \\ &\approx \frac{8.4-8.6}{8.3-8.6}f(8.3)+\frac{8.4-8.3}{8.6-8.3}f(8.6) \\ &\approx 11.7099+6.16838 \\ &\approx 17.87833 \end{aligned}$$

*Degree 2:*

*Note: there are two equally valid ways to do this*

*Method 1:*

Points used:  $f(8.1), f(8.3), f(8.6)$

Reason:  $f(8.3)$  and  $f(8.6)$  surround  $f(8.4)$  and  $f(8.1)$  is very close on the left.

Result:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha=8.4) &\approx \frac{(\alpha-x_1)(\alpha-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)}f(x_0)+\frac{(\alpha-x_0)(\alpha-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)}f(x_1)+\frac{(\alpha-x_0)(\alpha-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)}f(x_2) \\ &\approx \frac{(8.4-8.3)(8.4-8.6)}{(8.1-8.3)(8.1-8.6)}f(8.1)+\frac{(8.4-8.1)(8.4-8.6)}{(8.3-8.1)(8.3-8.6)}f(8.3)+\frac{(8.4-8.1)(8.4-8.3)}{(8.6-8.1)(8.6-8.3)}f(8.6) \\ &\approx -3.38882+17.5649+3.70103 \\ &\approx 17.87713 \end{aligned}$$

*Method 2:*

Points used:  $f(8.3), f(8.6), f(8.7)$

Reason:  $f(8.3)$  and  $f(8.6)$  surround  $f(8.4)$  and  $f(8.7)$  is very close on the right.

Result:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha=8.4) &\approx \frac{(\alpha-x_1)(\alpha-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)}f(x_0)+\frac{(\alpha-x_0)(\alpha-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)}f(x_1)+\frac{(\alpha-x_0)(\alpha-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)}f(x_2) \\ &\approx \frac{(8.4-8.6)(8.4-8.7)}{(8.3-8.6)(8.1-8.7)}f(8.3)+\frac{(8.4-8.3)(8.4-8.7)}{(8.6-8.3)(8.6-8.7)}f(8.6)+\frac{(8.4-8.3)(8.4-8.6)}{(8.7-8.3)(8.7-8.6)}f(8.7) \\ &\approx -8.78246+18.5052-9.41046 \\ &\approx 17.877155 \end{aligned}$$

*Degree 3:*

Points used:  $f(8.1), f(8.3), f(8.6), f(8.7)$

Reason: All available points

Result:

$$\begin{aligned}
f(\alpha=8.4) &\approx \frac{(\alpha-x_1)(\alpha-x_2)(\alpha-x_3)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)(x_0-x_3)}f(x_0)+\frac{(\alpha-x_0)(\alpha-x_2)(\alpha-x_3)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)(x_1-x_3)}f(x_1)+ \\
&\frac{(\alpha-x_0)(\alpha-x_1)(\alpha-x_3)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)(x_2-x_3)}f(x_2)+\frac{(\alpha-x_0)(\alpha-x_1)(\alpha-x_2)}{(x_3-x_0)(x_3-x_1)(x_3-x_2)}f(x_3) \\
&\approx -1.69441+13.1737+11.1031-4.70523 \\
&\approx 17.877143
\end{aligned}$$

3. Use Neville's method for the previous problem.  
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*Degree 1:*

Points used:  $f(8.3), f(8.6)$

Reason: The two points are the closest to  $x=8.4$  and are on each side of it.

Result:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha=8.4) &\approx Q_{0,0}(8.4) = f(8.3)=17.56492 \\ &\approx Q_{1,0}(8.4) = f(8.6)=18.50515 \\ &\approx Q_{1,1}(8.4) = \frac{(\alpha-x_0)Q_{1,0}-(\alpha-x_1)Q_{0,0}}{x_1-x_0} \\ &= 17.8783 \end{aligned}$$

*Degree 2:*

*Method 1:*

Points used:  $f(8.1), f(8.3), f(8.6)$

Reason:  $f(8.3)$  and  $f(8.6)$  surround  $f(8.4)$  and  $f(8.1)$  is very close on the left.

Result:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha=8.4) &\approx Q_{0,0}(8.4) = f(8.1)=16.94410 && \text{degree 0} \\ &\approx Q_{1,0}(8.4) = f(8.3)=17.56492 && \text{degree 0} \\ &\approx Q_{2,0}(8.4) = f(8.6)=18.50515 && \text{degree 0} \\ &\approx Q_{1,1}(8.4) = \frac{(\alpha-x_0)Q_{1,0}(\alpha)}{x_1-x_0} + \frac{(\alpha-x_1)Q_{0,0}(8.4)}{x_0-x_1} && \text{degree 1} \\ &= 17.8753 \\ &\approx Q_{2,1}(8.4) = \frac{(\alpha-x_1)Q_{2,0}(\alpha)}{x_2-x_1} + \frac{(\alpha-x_2)Q_{1,0}(\alpha)}{x_1-x_2} && \text{degree 1} \\ &= 17.8783 \\ &\approx Q_{2,2}(8.4) = \frac{(\alpha-x_0)Q_{2,1}(\alpha)}{x_2-x_0} + \frac{(\alpha-x_2)Q_{1,1}(\alpha)}{x_0-x_2} && \text{degree 2} \\ &= 17.8763 \end{aligned}$$

*Method 2:*

Points used:  $f(8.3), f(8.6), f(8.7)$

Reason:  $f(8.3)$  and  $f(8.6)$  surround  $f(8.4)$  and  $f(8.7)$  is very close on the right.

Result:

$$\begin{aligned}
f(\alpha=8.4) &\approx Q_{0,0}(8.4) = f(8.3)=17.56492 && \text{degree 0} \\
&\approx Q_{1,0}(8.4) = f(8.6)=18.50515 && \text{degree 0} \\
&\approx Q_{2,0}(8.4) = f(8.7)=18.82091 && \text{degree 0} \\
&\approx Q_{1,1}(8.4) = \frac{(\alpha-x_0)Q_{1,0}(\alpha)}{x_1-x_0} + \frac{(\alpha-x_1)Q_{0,0}(8.4)}{x_0-x_1} && \text{degree 1} \\
&= 17.8783 \\
&\approx Q_{2,1}(8.4) = \frac{(\alpha-x_1)Q_{2,0}(\alpha)}{x_2-x_1} + \frac{(\alpha-x_2)Q_{1,0}(\alpha)}{x_1-x_2} && \text{degree 1} \\
&= 17.8736 \\
&\approx Q_{2,2}(8.4) = \frac{(\alpha-x_0)Q_{2,1}(\alpha)}{x_2-x_0} + \frac{(\alpha-x_2)Q_{1,1}(\alpha)}{x_0-x_2} && \text{degree 2} \\
&= 17.8877
\end{aligned}$$

*Degree 3:*

Points used:  $f(8.1), f(8.3), f(8.6), f(8.7)$

Reason: All available points

Result:

$$\begin{aligned}
f(\alpha=8.4) &\approx Q_{0,0}(8.4) = f(8.1)=16.94410 && \text{degree 0} \\
&\approx Q_{1,0}(8.4) = f(8.3)=17.56492 && \text{degree 0} \\
&\approx Q_{2,0}(8.4) = f(8.6)=18.50515 && \text{degree 0} \\
&\approx Q_{3,0}(8.4) = f(8.7)=18.82091 && \text{degree 0} \\
&\approx Q_{1,1}(8.4) = \frac{(\alpha-x_0)Q_{1,0}(\alpha)}{x_1-x_0} + \frac{(\alpha-x_1)Q_{0,0}(8.4)}{x_0-x_1} && \text{degree 1} \\
&= 17.8753 \\
&\approx Q_{2,1}(8.4) = \frac{(\alpha-x_1)Q_{2,0}(\alpha)}{x_2-x_1} + \frac{(\alpha-x_2)Q_{1,0}(\alpha)}{x_1-x_2} && \text{degree 1} \\
&= 17.8783 \\
&\approx Q_{3,1}(8.4) = \frac{(\alpha-x_2)Q_{3,0}(\alpha)}{x_3-x_2} + \frac{(\alpha-x_3)Q_{2,0}(\alpha)}{x_2-x_3} && \text{degree 1} \\
&= 17.8736 \\
&\approx Q_{2,2}(8.4) = \frac{(\alpha-x_0)Q_{2,1}(\alpha)}{x_2-x_0} + \frac{(\alpha-x_2)Q_{1,1}(\alpha)}{x_0-x_2} && \text{degree 2} \\
&= 17.8763 \\
&\approx Q_{3,2}(8.4) = \frac{(\alpha-x_1)Q_{3,1}(\alpha)}{x_3-x_1} + \frac{(\alpha-x_3)Q_{1,1}(\alpha)}{x_1-x_3} && \text{degree 2} \\
&= 17.8877 \\
&\approx Q_{3,3}(8.4) = \frac{(\alpha-x_0)Q_{3,2}(\alpha)}{x_3-x_0} + \frac{(\alpha-x_3)Q_{1,1}(\alpha)}{x_0-x_3} && \text{degree 3} \\
&= 17.8535
\end{aligned}$$

4. Use Newton's interpolating polynomials of degrees one, two, and three to approximate  $f(8.4)$  if  $f(8.1)=16.94410, f(8.3)=17.56492, f(8.6)=18.50515$ , and  $f(8.7)=18.82091$ .

*Degree 1:*

Points used:  $f(8.3), f(8.6)$

Reason: The two points are the closest to  $x=8.4$  and are on each side of it.

Result:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Note that: } f[x_0](8.4) &= f(8.3)=17.56492 \\
 f[x_1](8.4) &= f(8.6)=18.50515 \\
 f[x_0x_1](8.4) &= \frac{f[x_1]-f[x_0]}{x_1-x_0} \\
 &= \frac{3.1341}{0.3} \\
 \text{thus } f(8.4) &\approx f[x_0]+f[x_0x_1](x-x_0) \\
 &= 17.8783
 \end{aligned}$$

*Degree 2:*

*Method 1:*

Points used:  $f(8.1), f(8.3), f(8.6)$

Reason:  $f(8.3)$  and  $f(8.6)$  surround  $f(8.4)$  and  $f(8.1)$  is very close on the left.

Result:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Note that: } f[x_0](8.4) &= f(8.1)=16.94410 \\
 f[x_1](8.4) &= f(8.3)=17.56492 \\
 f[x_2](8.4) &= f(8.6)=18.50515 \\
 f[x_0x_1](8.4) &= \frac{f[x_1]-f[x_0]}{x_1-x_0} \\
 f[x_1x_2](8.4) &= \frac{f[x_2]-f[x_1]}{x_2-x_1} \\
 &= \frac{3.1041}{0.3} \\
 f[x_0x_1x_2](8.4) &= \frac{f[x_1x_2]-f[x_0x_1]}{x_2-x_0} \\
 &= \frac{0.06}{0.5} \\
 \text{thus } f(8.4) &\approx f[x_0]+f[x_0x_1](x-x_0)+f[x_0x_1x_2](x-x_0)(x-x_1) \\
 &= 17.8771
 \end{aligned}$$

Method 2:

Points used:  $f(8.3), f(8.6), f(8.7)$

Reason:  $f(8.3)$  and  $f(8.6)$  surround  $f(8.4)$  and  $f(8.7)$  is very close on the right.

Result:

Note that:  $f[x_0](8.4) = f(8.3) = 17.56492$

$$f[x_1](8.4) = f(8.6) = 18.50515$$

$$f[x_2](8.4) = f(8.7) = 18.82091$$

$$f[x_0 x_1](8.4) = \frac{f[x_1] - f[x_0]}{x_1 - x_0}$$

$$= 3.1341$$

$$f[x_0 x_1 x_2](8.4) = \frac{f[x_2] - f[x_0]}{x_1 - x_0}$$

$$= 3.1576$$

$$f[x_0 x_1 x_2](8.4) = \frac{f[x_1 x_2] - f[x_0 x_1]}{x_2 - x_0}$$

$$= 0.05875$$

thus  $f(8.4) \approx f[x_0] + f[x_0 x_1](x - x_0) + f[x_0 x_1 x_2](x - x_0)(x - x_1)$

$$= 17.8772$$

Degree 3:

Points used:  $f(8.1), f(8.3), f(8.6), f(8.7)$

Reason: All available points

Result:

Note that:

$$\begin{aligned} f[x_0](8.4) &= f(8.1) = 16.94410 \\ f[x_1](8.4) &= f(8.3) = 17.56492 \\ f[x_2](8.4) &= f(8.6) = 18.50515 \\ f[x_3](8.4) &= f(8.6) = 18.82091 \end{aligned}$$

$$f[x_0 x_1](8.4) = \frac{f[x_1] - f[x_0]}{x_1 - x_0}$$

$$= 3.1041$$

$$f[x_1 x_2](8.4) = \frac{f[x_2] - f[x_1]}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$= 3.1341$$

$$f[x_2 x_3](8.4) = \frac{f[x_3] - f[x_2]}{x_3 - x_2}$$

$$= 3.1576$$

$$f[x_0 x_1 x_2](8.4) = \frac{f[x_1 x_2] - f[x_0 x_1]}{x_2 - x_0}$$

$$= 0.06$$

$$f[x_1 x_2 x_3](8.4) = \frac{f[x_2 x_3] - f[x_1 x_2]}{x_3 - x_1}$$

$$= 0.05875$$

$$f[x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3](8.4) = \frac{f[x_1 x_2 x_3] - f[x_0 x_1 x_2]}{x_3 - x_0}$$

$$= -0.00208333$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned} f(8.4) &\approx f[x_0] + f[x_0 x_1](x - x_0) + f[x_0 x_1 x_2](x - x_0)(x - x_1) + \\ &\quad f[x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3](x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \\ &= 17.8771 \end{aligned}$$



5. Use cubic splines to approximate the function  $f(x) = x^4$  on the interval  $-3 \leq x \leq 3$ . Use the values of the function  $f(x)$  at  $x = -3, -1, 1, 3$ . Match the slope of the spline to the slope of the function at the locations  $x = -3$  and  $x = 3$ .

Note that for this problem, I used the algorithm provided in the book to find all of the coefficients. The problem statement isn't clear about what is expected, so here are my coefficient results:

$$\text{For } x \in [-3, -1]: S_0(x) = 81 - 26(x+3) - 16.7066(x+3)^2 + 4.85331(x+3)^3$$

$$\text{For } x \in [-1, 1]: S_1(x) = 1 - 34.5868(x+1) + 12.4132(x+1)^2 + 2.44008(x+1)^3$$

$$\text{For } x \in [1, 3]: S_2(x) = 1 + 44.3471(x-1) + 27.0537(x-1)^2 - 14.6136(x-1)^3$$

### Relevant Code:

```
vector<vector<double>> Interpolation::clampedCubicSpline(vector<Data_Point> data, double fp0,
double fpn) {
    int num_points = data.size();
    double a_n[num_points];
    double h_n[num_points];
    double alpha_n[num_points];

    for (int i = 0; i < num_points; i++) {
        a_n[i] = data[i].getY();
    }

    for (int i = 0; i < num_points; i++) {
        h_n[i] = data[i+1].getX() - data[i].getX();
    }

    alpha_n[0] = 3*(a_n[1] - a_n[0])/ h_n[0] - 3 - fp0;
    alpha_n[num_points-1] = 3*fpn - 3*(a_n[num_points-1] - a_n[num_points - 2])/
h_n[num_points - 2];

    for (int i = 1; i < num_points; i++) {
        alpha_n[i] = (3 / h_n[i])*(a_n[i + 1] - a_n[i]) - (3 / h_n[i-1])*(a_n[i] - a_n[i - 1]);
    }

    double l_n[num_points + 1];
    double mu_n[num_points + 1];
    double z_n[num_points + 1];
    double c_n[num_points + 1];
    double b_n[num_points];
    double d_n[num_points];

    l_n[0] = 2*h_n[0];
    mu_n[0] = 0.5;
    z_n[0] = alpha_n[0] / l_n[0];
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for (int i = 1; i < num_points; i++) {
    l_n[i] = 2*(data[i+1].getX() - data[i - 1].getX()) - h_n[i - 1]*mu_n[i-1];
    mu_n[i] = h_n[i] / l_n[i];
    z_n[i] = (alpha_n[i] - h_n[i-1]*z_n[i-1]) / l_n[i];
}

l_n[num_points] = h_n[num_points-1] * (2 - mu_n[num_points - 1]);
z_n[num_points] = (alpha_n[num_points] - h_n[num_points - 1] * z_n[num_points - 1]);
c_n[num_points] = z_n[num_points];

for (int j = num_points - 1; j >= 0; j--) {
    c_n[j] = z_n[j] - mu_n[j]*c_n[j+1];
    b_n[j] = (a_n[j+1] - a_n[j])/h_n[j] - h_n[j] * (c_n[j+1] + 2*c_n[j]) / 3;
    d_n[j] = (c_n[j+1] - c_n[j]) / (3*h_n[j]);
}

vector<double> a_list;
vector<double> b_list;
vector<double> c_list;
vector<double> d_list;

for (int i = 0; i < num_points; i++) {
    a_list.push_back(a_n[i]);
    b_list.push_back(b_n[i]);
    c_list.push_back(c_n[i]);
    d_list.push_back(d_n[i]);

    cout << "a" << i << " = " << a_n[i] << endl;
    cout << "b" << i << " = " << b_n[i] << endl;
    cout << "c" << i << " = " << c_n[i] << endl;
    cout << "d" << i << " = " << d_n[i] << endl;
}

vector<vector<double>> coefficients;
coefficients.push_back(a_list);
coefficients.push_back(b_list);
coefficients.push_back(c_list);
coefficients.push_back(d_list);

return coefficients;
}

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6. Use cubic splines to approximate the function  $f(x)=x^4$  on the interval  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$  by using the values of the function  $f(x)$  at  $x=-1, 0, 1$ . Match the slope of the spline to the forward and backward approximations of  $f'(x)$ ,

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f_1 - f_0}{h} \quad \text{and} \quad f'(x) \approx \frac{f_2 - f_1}{h}$$

at locations  $x=-1$  and  $x=1$ . Let  $P_0$  be valid on  $-1 \leq x \leq 0$  and let  $P_1$  be valid on  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .

Note that, similar to problem 5, the question is not particularly clear about what the expected response should be. As a result, I will again provide the equations outputted by my program:

$$\text{For } x \in [-1, 0]: S_0(x) = 1 - 3.75(x+1)^2 + 2.75(x+1)^3$$

$$\text{For } x \in [0, 1]: S_1(x) = 0 + 0.75x + 4.5x^2 - 4.25x^3$$

7. Use cubic splines to approximate the function  $f(x) = x^4$  on the interval  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$  by using the values of the function  $f(x)$  at  $x = -1, 0, 1$ . Use “free boundary conditions” at locations  $x = -1$  and  $x = 1$ . Let  $P_0$  be valid on  $-1 \leq x \leq 0$  and let  $P_1$  be valid on  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .

Using the natural cubic splines algorithm provided in the book, I built the equations to approximate the given function to be:

$$\text{For } x \in [-1, 0]: S_0(x) = 1 - (x+1) = -x$$

$$\text{For } x \in [0, 1]: S_1(x) = -x + 2x^3$$