

Homework 2 Solutions

Problems

1. Problem 1:
Hello

2. Problem 2:

Since, we want 6 digit accuracy for the $\cos(x)$ function, we say that our maximum error should be 10^{-6} . The error is expressed by the following formula:

$$\mathbb{E} \leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \max_x f^{n+1}(x) \prod_{i=0}^n (x - x_i), \text{ for } x \in [0, \pi] \quad (1)$$

where n is the degree of polynomial used to interpolate the given function.

- (a) Linear Interpolation: For linear interpolation, $n = 1$. Hence, using (1):

$$10^{-6} \leq \frac{1}{2!} \max_x \left| \frac{d^3 \cos(x)}{dx^3} \right| \max_x \left| \prod_{i=0}^1 (x - x_i) \right| \quad (2)$$

$$\max_x \left| \frac{d^3 \cos(x)}{dx^3} \right| = \max_x |\sin(x)| = 1, \text{ for } x \in [0, \pi]$$

To get the max of product, we differentiate it with respect to x as follows:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\prod_{i=0}^1 (x - x_i) \right) = 0,$$

$$\implies 2x - (x_0 + x_1) = 0$$

$$\implies x = \frac{(x_0 + x_1)}{2}$$

Substituting x in (2):

$$10^{-6} \leq \frac{1}{2!} \max \left| \frac{x_0 - x_1}{2} \frac{x_1 - x_0}{2} \right|$$

Let $h = x_1 - x_0$ be the table spacing,

$$10^{-6} \leq \frac{1}{2!} \left| \frac{-h^2}{4} \right|$$

$$\implies h \geq \sqrt{8 \times 10^{-6}} = 0.0028$$

Hence, the required table spacing is $h = 0.0028$.

- (b) Quadratic Interpolation: For quadratic interpolation, $n = 2$. Hence, using (1):

$$10^{-6} \leq \frac{1}{3!} \max_x \left| \frac{d^4 \cos(x)}{dx^4} \right| \max_x \left| \prod_{i=0}^2 (x - x_i) \right| \quad (3)$$

$$\max_x \left| \frac{d^4 \cos(x)}{dx^4} \right| = \max_x |\cos(x)| = 1, \text{ for } x \in [0, \pi]$$

To get the max of product, we differentiate it with respect to x as follows:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\prod_{i=0}^2 (x - x_i) \right) = 0,$$

$$\implies x = \frac{(x_0 + x_1 + x_2)}{3}$$

Substituting x in (2):

$$10^{-6} \leq \frac{1}{2!} \max \left| \frac{(x_1 - x_0) + (x_2 - x_0)}{3} \frac{(x_0 - x_1) + (x_2 - x_1)}{3} \frac{(x_0 - x_2) + (x_1 - x_2)}{3} \right|$$

Let $h = x_1 - x_0 = x_2 - x_1$ be the table spacing,

$$10^{-6} \leq \frac{1}{3!} \left| \frac{2h^3}{3} \right|$$

$$\implies h \geq \sqrt[3]{9 \times 10^{-6}} = 0.0208$$

Hence, the required table spacing is $h = 0.0208$.

(c) To get the number of entries:

i. For Linear Interpolation:

$$N = \frac{\pi - 0}{h} = \frac{\pi}{0.0028} \approx 1111$$

ii. For Quadratic Interpolation:

$$N = \frac{\pi - 0}{h} = \frac{\pi}{0.0208} \approx 151$$