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You must do the first problem. You must pick **only** two of the remaining problems. Each problem is 15 points; there are 45 points total.

**1. Quadrature** Consider a quadrature of the form

$$\int_{-h}^h f(x)dx \approx h(af(-h) + bf(0) + cf(h)) + dh^2 f'(0).$$

(a) Find coefficients so that the quadrature integrates all cubic polynomials exactly.

**Solution:** In order to integrate all cubic polynomials exactly we need to integrate all monomials up to  $x^3$  exactly. This leads to the following linear system:

$$h \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -h & 0 & h & h \\ h^2 & 0 & h^2 & 0 \\ -h^3 & 0 & h^3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2h \\ 0 \\ \frac{2h^3}{3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The second and fourth equations together imply that  $d = 0$ , which allows us to reduce the system to

$$h \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -h & 0 & h \\ h^2 & 0 & h^2 \\ -h^3 & 0 & h^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2h \\ 0 \\ \frac{2h^3}{3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The second and fourth rows are now linearly dependent so we can instead consider (also cancelling factors of  $h$  in each row)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Row reducing yields  $a = 1/3, b = 4/3, c = 1/3$ . This method is just Simpson's rule.

(b) The above quadrature is equivalent to using Hermite interpolation with the available data, and the quadrature error is therefore

$$\int_{-h}^h f(x)dx - h(af(-h) + bf(0) + cf(h)) - dh^2 f'(0) = \int_{-h}^h \frac{(x^2 - h^2)x^2}{4!} f^{(4)}(\xi(x))dx.$$

Use this to find an asymptotic formula for the error in the limit  $h \rightarrow 0$ .

**Solution:** The function  $(x^2 - h^2)x^2$  is negative semi-definite on the interval of integration, so we can use the integral mean value theorem to write

$$\int_{-h}^h \frac{(x^2 - h^2)x^2}{4!} f^{(4)}(\xi(x))dx = f^{(4)}(\eta) \int_{-h}^h \frac{(x^2 - h^2)x^2}{4!} f^{(4)}(\xi(x))dx = -\frac{h^5}{90} f^{(4)}(\eta)$$

for some unknown  $\eta$  in  $(-h, h)$ . In the limit  $h \rightarrow 0$  we just have

$$\text{error} \sim -\frac{h^5}{90} f^{(4)}(0).$$

- (c) Consider a composite quadrature for integrals on  $[a, b]$  based on repeated use of the above formula. Use the asymptotic error estimate derived above to form a ‘corrected’ composite quadrature similar to the corrected Trapezoid Rule, assuming you know the values of  $f^{(3)}(a)$  and  $f^{(3)}(b)$ .

**Solution:** The error in the composite rule is

$$\text{Error} = -\frac{h^4}{180} \left[ 2h \sum_i f^{(4)}(\eta_i) \right]$$

The formula in square brackets is a Riemann sum (actually a midpoint rule) applied to  $\int_a^b f^{(4)}(x) dx$ . In the limit  $h \rightarrow 0$  we have

$$\text{Error} \sim -\frac{h^4}{180} [f^{(3)}(b) - f^{(3)}(a)].$$

We form a ‘corrected’ composite rule by adding this back in:

$$\text{Corrected Rule} = \text{Composite Simpson's Rule} - \frac{h^4}{180} [f^{(3)}(b) - f^{(3)}(a)].$$

**2. Linear Systems** Suppose that the LU factorization of  $\mathbf{A}$  can be computed without pivoting. Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{A}} & \mathbf{d} \\ \mathbf{c}^T & \alpha \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

and assume that  $\hat{\mathbf{A}} = \hat{\mathbf{L}}\hat{\mathbf{U}}$ , the LU-factorization of  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$ , has already been computed. Explain how to use this to compute the LU factorization of  $\mathbf{A}$ . (Note that this can be used to recursively compute an LU factorization by computing LU factorizations of the upper-left  $k \times k$  blocks with increasing  $k$ .)

**Solution:** The LU factorization of  $\mathbf{A}$  has the form

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{A}} & \mathbf{d} \\ \mathbf{c}^T & \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{L}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{l}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{U}} & \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{0}^T & u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{L}}\hat{\mathbf{U}} & \hat{\mathbf{L}}\mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{l}^T\hat{\mathbf{U}} & \mathbf{l}^T\mathbf{u} + u \end{bmatrix}$$

Matching blocks yields the following systems:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{L}}\mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{d} \Rightarrow \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{L}^{-1}\mathbf{d} \\ \hat{\mathbf{U}}^T\mathbf{l} &= \mathbf{c} \Rightarrow \mathbf{l} = \mathbf{U}^{-T}\mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{l}^T\mathbf{u} + u &= \alpha, \Rightarrow u = \alpha - \mathbf{l}^T\mathbf{u} \end{aligned}$$

To compute the missing components of the LU factorization of  $\mathbf{A}$ , first compute  $\mathbf{l}$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  by solving the appropriate lower-triangular systems, then find  $u = \alpha - \mathbf{l}^T\mathbf{u}$ .

**3. Rootfinding/Nonlinear Equations** Consider the fixed-point iteration  $x_{k+1} = 2^{x_k-1}$ . (Recall  $2^x = e^{x \ln(2)}$ .)

- (a) What are the fixed points?

**Solution:** The fixed points of  $2x = 2^x$  are  $x = 1, 2$ .

- (b) Which fixed points are stable, i.e. locally convergent?

**Solution:**  $g(x) = 2^{x-1}$ ,  $g'(x) = \ln(2)2^{x-1}$ . Plugging in the fixed points  $g'(1) = \ln(2)$  and  $g'(2) = 2 \ln(2)$ . The first is stable since  $|\ln(2)| < 1$  while the second is unstable since  $|2 \ln(2)| > 1$ .

- (c) For each fixed point, what is the order of convergence (i.e. linear, quadratic, etc)?

**Solution:** Convergence is linear for  $x = 1$  since  $g' \neq 0$ . There is no convergence at  $x = 2$ .

- (d) Formulate Newton's method for  $f(x) = x - 2^{x-1}$ . What is the order of convergence for each root?

**Solution:** Newton's method is

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}.$$

Here  $f'(x) = 1 - \ln(2)2^{x-1}$ , so

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{x_k - 2^{x_k-1}}{1 - \ln(2)2^{x_k-1}} = \frac{2^{x_k-1}(1 - x_k \ln(2))}{1 - \ln(2)2^{x_k-1}}.$$

The function is smooth and both the roots are simple ( $f'(1) \neq 0$  and  $f'(2) \neq 0$ ) so Newton's method will converge quadratically for both roots.

#### 4. Interpolation

- (a) Let  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  be  $n$  distinct points, and suppose that  $p_{n-1}(x)$  interpolates  $f(x)$  at  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  while  $q_{n-1}(x)$  interpolates  $f(x)$  at  $x_2, \dots, x_n$  ( $p$  and  $q$  are polynomials of degree  $\leq n-1$ ). Show that

$$p_n(x) = \frac{(x - x_1)q_{n-1}(x) - (x - x_n)p_{n-1}(x)}{x_n - x_1}$$

is a polynomial of degree  $\leq n$  that interpolates  $f(x)$  at  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

**Solution:** First note that  $p_n$  is a sum of polynomials of degree at most  $n$ , so it is a polynomial of degree at most  $n$ . Second note:

$$p_n(x_1) = \frac{-(x_1 - x_n)p_{n-1}(x_1)}{x_n - x_1} = f(x_1)$$

$$p_n(x_n) = \frac{(x_n - x_1)q_{n-1}(x_n)}{x_n - x_1} = f(x_n)$$

$$p_n(x_j) = \frac{(x_j - x_1)q_{n-1}(x_j) - (x_j - x_n)p_{n-1}(x_j)}{x_n - x_1} = \frac{(x_j - x_1) - (x_j - x_n)}{x_n - x_1} f(x_j) = f(x_j)$$

- (b) The above fact can be used to develop a recursive algorithm for finding an interpolating polynomial. Consider the following table

$$\begin{array}{l|l} x_1 & f_1 \\ x_2 & f_2 \\ x_3 & f_3 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} P_{1,2}(x) \\ P_{2,3}(x) \\ P_{1,2,3}(x) \end{array} \right.$$

where  $P_{1,2}(x)$  interpolates  $f(x)$  at points  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ ,  $P_{2,3}(x)$  interpolates at  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ , and  $P_{1,2,3}(x)$  interpolates at all the points. Assume that the nodes are  $-1, 0, 1$  and values are  $f(-1) = -1$ ,  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f(1) = 1$ , and give explicit expressions for all 3  $P$  polynomials in the table above using the recursion from (a).

**Solution:** Putting values into the table:

$$\begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & -1 & \\ 0 & 0 & x \\ 1 & 1 & x \end{array} \quad \frac{(x+1)x - (x-1)x}{2} = x$$

- (c) The above table can also be used to compute *values* of the interpolating polynomial. Add another point  $x_4 = 2$  with value  $f_4 = f(2) = 8$ . Without computing the new interpolating polynomial, use the table to compute the *value* of the interpolating polynomial at  $x = 1/2$ .

**Solution:** We will need to plug in for  $x = 1/2$  in the third column, so we need to figure out the polynomial in the third column, fourth row:

$$\begin{array}{cc|ccc} -1 & -1 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & x & & \\ 1 & 1 & x & P_{1,2,3}(x) & \\ 2 & 8 & -6 + 7x & P_{2,3,4}(x) & P_{1,2,3,4}(x) \end{array}$$

Next we plug in  $x = 1/2$ :

$$\begin{array}{cc|ccc} -1 & -1 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & & \\ 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & P_{1,2,3}(\frac{1}{2}) & \\ 2 & 8 & -\frac{5}{2} & P_{2,3,4}(\frac{1}{2}) & P_{1,2,3,4}(\frac{1}{2}) \end{array}$$

Now compute

$$P_{1,2,3}(1/2) = \frac{(1/2 + 1)(1/2) - (1/2 - 1)(1/2)}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

and similarly for

$$P_{2,3,4}(1/2) = \frac{(1/2 - 0)(-5/2) - (1/2 - 2)(1/2)}{2} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

Finally

$$P_{1,2,3,4}(1/2) = \frac{(1/2 + 1)(-1/4) - (1/2 - 2)(1/2)}{3} = \frac{1}{8}$$

## 5. Approximation

- (a) Find the coefficients  $a_j$  and  $b_j$  to minimize

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left( \cos((n+1)x) - \left[ a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cos(jx) + b_j \sin(jx) \right] \right)^2 dx.$$

**Solution:** The coefficients are

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos((n+1)x) dx = 0, \quad a_j = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos((n+1)x) \cos(jx) dx = 0$$

$$b_j = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos((n+1)x) \sin(jx) dx = 0$$

- (b) Let  $p(x)$  be the trig polynomial of degree at most  $n$  that minimizes  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(x) - p(x))^2 dx$  for some periodic, continuously-differentiable  $f$ . Show that  $q(x) = p'(x)$  is the trig polynomial of degree at most  $n$  that minimizes  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f'(x) - q(x))^2 dx$ .

**Solution:** Denote the optimal approximations to  $f$  and  $f'$  by

$$p(x) = a_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \cos(jx) + b_j \sin(jx)$$

$$q(x) = c_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \cos(jx) + d_j \sin(jx).$$

The coefficients are, by definition

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f'(x) dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} (f(\pi) - f(-\pi)) = 0.$$

$$c_j = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f'(x) \cos(jx) dx = \frac{j}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(jx) dx = j b_j$$

$$d_j = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f'(x) \sin(jx) dx = -\frac{j}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(jx) dx = -j a_j$$

It is now trivial to note that  $p'(x)$  is exactly equal to  $q(x)$ .

- (c) Let  $p(x)$  be the polynomial of degree at most  $n \geq 1$  that minimizes  $\int_{-1}^1 (f(x) - p(x))^2 dx$  for some continuously-differentiable  $f$ . Show by example that the polynomial  $q(x)$  of degree at most  $n - 1$  that minimizes  $\int_{-1}^1 (f'(x) - q(x))^2 dx$  is not necessarily  $p'(x)$ .

**Solution:** Let  $n = 1$  and  $f(x) = x^2$ . The optimal linear  $n = 1$  least-squares approximation to  $f(x)$  is

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{3}.$$

The optimal constant  $n = 0$  approximation is just

$$q(x) = p(x) = \frac{1}{3} \neq p'(x) = 0.$$