

Supplemental questions for midterm

1.
 - (a) Can the bisection method be used to find the zero of the polynomial $y = (x - 2)^2$?
 - (b) Set up Newton's method to determine the point x and the number m for which the line $y = mx$ intersects the curve $y = \cos(x)$ tangentially: that is $y = mx$ is tangent to $y = \cos(x)$ at the point of intersection x .
2. We have the following information about a function $f(x)$.
 - $f(1) = 2$
 - The first order divided difference $f[x_1, x_2] = 2$ for **all values** $x_1 \neq x_2$.

What can you say about this function?

3. Given a function $f(x)$, set up the Newton's method iteration in order to find fixed points of $f(x)$, which satisfy $x = f(x)$.
4. The function $f(x)$ is tabulated below.

x	0	1	2
$f(x)$	2	4	3

- (a) Make a table of divided differences and write down the Newton interpolating polynomial $P_2(x)$ for $f(x)$.
 - (b) Suppose it is known that $|f'''(x)| < 2$. Estimate the error $|P_2(0.5) - f(x)|$.
 - (c) Use Trapezoid rule to estimate $\int_0^2 f(x)dx$. Estimate the maximum error given that $|f'''(x)| < 2$.
Remark: if T_n is the Trapezoid rule with n subintervals, then $|T_n - \int_a^b f(x)dx| \leq \max |f''(x)| \frac{h^2(b-a)}{12}$.
5. Someone has given you a subroutine for approximating the solution of an initial value problem. You don't know the order of the method, so you run the code on a problem with a known solution for two values of h and get the following errors:

h	$ error $
0.01	1.2×10^{-5}
0.005	1.51×10^{-6}

You conclude the order of the method is $O(h^p)$ where p is what integer?

6.
 - (a) Construct the polynomial of degree 2, $P(x)$, which interpolates the data $\{(0, 1), (0.5, 1.649), (1, 2.718)\}$.
 - (b) Given that the data comes from the function $y = e^x$, bound the truncation error $|P(0.25) - e^{0.25}|$.
 - (c) What points should we choose for interpolation if we wish to minimize the error bound for $0 < x < 1$?
7.
 - (a) Find the Lagrange polynomial interpolating $y(x_0)$, $y(x_0 + \frac{h}{3})$ and $y(x_0 + h)$. Include the error term.
 - (b) Use the above Polynomial to find an approximation to $y'(x_0)$ using the values at $x = x_0, x_0 + \frac{h}{3}, x_0 + h$. Also estimate the error term.

8. You have a numerical method $N(h)$ which has $O(h)$ error. Applying $N(h)$ for three different values of h you get the following behaviour:

h	0.2	0.1	0.05
$N(h)$	1.6	1.4	1.3

Use Richardson extrapolation to get the best possible estimate you can for $N(0)$.

9. Given that $f(x)$ is sufficiently smooth, find the bound for the error $E = \left| \int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx - M \right|$ where $M = f(1) + f(-1)$.
- 10.
- (a) It is known that $g(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+1} - 2x + \exp(\sin(x)) - \cos(\exp(x))$. Find a constant M such that $|g(x)| < M$ on the interval $[-1, 2]$.
- (b) Let T_n be the Trapezoid rule approximation to $I = \int_{-1}^2 f(x) dx$. Suppose that $f''(x) = g(x)$ where g is as in part (a). How large should you choose n to guarantee that $\left| \int_{-1}^2 f(x) - T_n \right| \leq 10^{-3}$? Remark: it is known that $\left| \int_a^b f(x) - T_n \right| \leq \frac{M}{24}(b-a)h^2$ where M is a constant such that $|f''(x)| \leq M$ for all $x \in [a, b]$.
11. Use two point Gaussian quadrature to approximate,

$$\int_0^1 \cos(x^2) dx$$

You may use the table below. You do not need to simplify your answer.

Points	Weighting Factors	Function Arguments
2	c1 = 1.000000000 c2 = 1.000000000	x1 = -0.577350269 x2 = 0.577350269
3	c1 = 0.555555556 c2 = 0.888888889 c3 = 0.555555556	x1 = -0.774596669 x2 = 0.000000000 x3 = 0.774596669
4	c1 = 0.347854845 c2 = 0.652145155 c3 = 0.652145155 c4 = 0.347854845	x1 = -0.861136312 x2 = -0.339981044 x3 = 0.339981044 x4 = 0.861136312