

Homework Assignment 1. (Due 7 October 2004)

Programming Problem.

1. (10 pts) Do Problem 1 in Section 1.9, page 104 of the text. Use Matlab, if necessary, to plot the curves. (10 pts)

Paper-Pencil Problems

2. Verify the validity of Eq. (1.2-2a) on page 29
3. Prove the inequality (1.2-7) on page 35
4. Do Problem 3 on page 104.
5. Let $\Pi_N([a,b])$ is the set of all polynomials of degree N or less than N. Show that $\Pi_N([a,b])$ is a vector space of dimension N
6. (5 pts) Given, for N=2

x_i	0	1	3
f_i	1	3	2

Find P(2) where $P \in \Pi_2$ and $P(x_i) = f_i$, for $i = 0, 1, 2$.

7. Let $L_i(x)$ be the Lagrange polynomials defined on page 29.
Let $c_i := L_i(0)$
Show that

$$\sum_{i=0}^N c_i x_i^j = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } j = 0 \\ 0, & \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, N \\ (-1)^N x_0 \dots x_N, & \text{for } j = (N + 1) \end{cases}$$

8. Estimate the error in the approximation of $f(x) = \sin x$ with $x_i = \frac{\pi i}{10}, i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$.

N=5.

9. (a) Interpolate the function $\ln(x)$ by a quadratic polynomial at $x = 10, 11, 12$.
(b) Estimate the error committed at $x = 11.1$
10. (a) (10+5 pts) The Bessel function of order zero

$$J_0(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(x \sin t) dt$$

is to be tabulated at equidistant arguments $x_i = x_0 + ih, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. How small must the increment h be chosen so that the interpolation error remains below 10^{-6} , if linear interpolation is used?

(b) What is the behavior of the maximal interpolation error

$$\max_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |P_N(x) - J_0(x)|$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$, if $P_N(x)$ interpolates $J_0(x)$ at $x = x_i^N := i/N, i = 0, 1, \dots, N$? Hint: It suffices to show that $|J_0^k(x)| \leq 1$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots$