

**MATH 330 – Quiz No. 4**  
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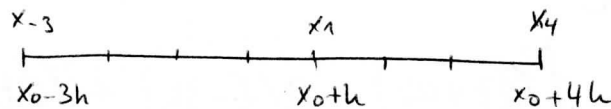
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**Question**

- a) Derive an approximation for  $f''(x_0)$  using the nodes  $x_{-3} = x_0 - 3h$ ,  $x_1 = x_0 + h$ ,  $x_4 = x_0 + 4h$ .  
 You may use the Lagrange or the Newton Polynomial.
- b) Derive the truncation error  $E_{trunc}(f, h)$  for part a).
- c) Find the optimal step-size  $h_{opt}$  using parts a) and b).

Solution

a) Nodes



$$P(x) = a_0 + a_1(x - x_{-3}) + a_2(x - x_{-3})(x - x_1)$$

$$P'(x) = a_1 + a_2[(x - x_{-3}) + (x - x_1)]$$

$$P''(x) = a_2[1 + 1] = 2a_2 = 2 \left( \frac{\frac{f(x_4) - f(x_1)}{x_4 - x_1} - \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_{-3})}{x_1 - x_{-3}}}{x_4 - x_{-3}} \right)$$

$$P''(x) = 2 \frac{1}{7h} \left( \frac{f_4 - f_1}{3h} - \frac{f_1 - f_{-3}}{4h} \right) = \frac{2}{7h} \left( \frac{4f_4 - 7f_1 + 3f_{-3}}{12h} \right)$$

$$P''(x) = \frac{4f_4 - 7f_1 + 3f_{-3}}{42h^2} \Rightarrow \boxed{f''(x_0) \approx \frac{3f_{-3} - 7f_1 + 4f_4}{42h^2}}$$

$$b) E_2(x) = (x-x_3)(x-x_1)(x-x_4) \frac{f^{(3)}(c)}{3!}$$

$$\text{Let } t = x - x_1$$

$$E_2(t+x_1) = (t+x_1-x_3)(t)(t+x_1-x_4) \frac{f^{(3)}(c)}{6}$$

$$= t(t+4h)(t-3h) \frac{f^{(3)}(c)}{6}$$

$$= (t^2 + 4ht)(t-3h) \frac{f^{(3)}(c)}{6}$$

$$E_2'(t+x_1) = \left[ (2t+4h)(t-3h) + (t^2+4ht) \right] \frac{f^{(3)}(c)}{6}$$

$$E_2''(t+x_1) = \left[ (2t+4h) + 2(t-3h) + (2t+4h) \right] \frac{f^{(3)}(c)}{6}$$

$$E_2''(x_0) = E_2''(x_1-h) = \left[ (-2h+4h) + 2(-h-3h) + (-2h+4h) \right] \frac{f^{(3)}(c)}{6}$$

$$= (2h - 8h + 2h) \frac{f^{(3)}(c)}{6} = -\frac{4h f^{(3)}(c)}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow E(f, h) = -\frac{2h f^{(3)}(c)}{3}$$

$$c) B(h) = \frac{14E}{42h^2} + \frac{2hM}{3} = \frac{E}{3h^2} + \frac{2hM}{3}$$

$$B'(h) = -\frac{2E}{3h^3} + \frac{2M}{3} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2E}{3h^3} = \frac{2M}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow h^3 = \frac{6E}{6M}$$

$$\Rightarrow h_{\text{opt}} = \left( \frac{E}{M} \right)^{1/3}$$