IMPRS - BBL

Numerical methods

Lecture 2

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Topics:

- Day 1: Linear algebraic equations
- Day 2: Inter- and Extrapolation
- Day 3: Integration
- Day 4: Random numbers and distribution functions
- Day 5: Root finding, Minimization and Maximization
- Day 6: Differentiation













Numerical Recipes (Press et al. 1992)







Example: Find polynomial of 2nd order to interpolate 3 points

Level m=1







Bulirsch-Stoer algorithm

Recurrence relation:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{i(i+1)\dots(i+m)} &= R_{(i+1)\dots(i+m)} \\ &+ \frac{R_{(i+1)\dots(i+m)} - R_{i\dots(i+m-1)}}{\left(\frac{x-x_i}{x-x_{i+m}}\right) \left(1 - \frac{R_{(i+1)\dots(i+m)} - R_{i\dots(i+m-1)}}{R_{(i+1)\dots(i+m)} - R_{(i+1)\dots(i+m-1)}}\right) - 1 \end{aligned}$$

Error estimate in step i:

$$C_{m,i} \equiv R_{i\dots(i+m)} - R_{i\dots(i+m-1)}$$
$$D_{m,i} \equiv R_{i\dots(i+m)} - R_{(i+1)\dots(i+m)}$$

Reccurence:

$$D_{m+1,i} = \frac{C_{m,i+1}(C_{m,i+1} - D_{m,i})}{\left(\frac{x-x_i}{x-x_{i+m+1}}\right) D_{m,i} - C_{m,i+1}}$$
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Splines Used in ship construction



Source: Wikipedia

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Has "natural" curvature (in this shape the tension energy / total curvature is minimal)

No abrupt changes in curvature

- \rightarrow 1st derivative smooth
- → 2nd derivative continous
 (no "jumps")

Used in railway and rollercoaster construction (avoids sudden change in acceleration).

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Excercise

Given the following 3 data points

X _i	1.23	3.45	5.67
f(x)	0.91	1.52	-0.73

write a program which can interpolate / extrapolate these three values at an arbitrary value x specified by the user.

Use Neville's algorithm to calculate an estimate of the functionvalues f(2) (interpolation; res.: 1.45), and f(7) (extrapolation; result: -3.45). Make sure that your program returns the values $f(x_i)$ when you pass $f(x_i)$. Estimate the error you are making.

Questions:

- Which degree does the interpolating polynomial need to have?
- Is it a good idea to calculate, e.g., f(30)?