

Definition 3.10 Given a function f defined on $[a, b]$ and a set of nodes $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$, a **cubic spline interpolant** S for f is a function that satisfies the following conditions:

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CHAPTER 3 • Interpolation and Polynomial Approximation

- an m -condition function at its source takes the m interpolation nodes. The m in the fact that shape a finite mesh by using interpolation nodes.
- (a) $S(x)$ is a cubic polynomial, denoted $S_j(x)$, on the subinterval (x_j, x_{j+1}) for each $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$.
 (b) $S_j(x_j) = f(x_j)$ and $S_j(x_{j+1}) = f(x_{j+1})$ for each $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$.
 (c) $S'_j(x_j) = S'_j(x_{j+1})$ for each $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-2$. (Implied by (b).)
 (d) $S'_j(x_{j+1}) = S'_j(x_{j+2})$ for each $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-2$.
 (e) $S''_j(x_j) = S''_j(x_{j+1})$ for each $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-2$.
 (f) One of the following sets of boundary conditions is satisfied:
 (i) $S'(x_0) = S'(x_n) = 0$ (natural or free boundary);
 (ii) $S'(x_0) = f'(x_0)$ and $S'(x_n) = f'(x_n)$ (clamped boundary).

3.5 Problems

Problem 1. Determine the natural cubic spline S that interpolates the data $f(0) = 0, f(1) = 1, f(2) = 2$.

Problem 2. Determine the clamped cubic spline S that interpolates the data $f(0) = 0, f(1) = 1, f(2) = 2$ and satisfies $S'(0) = S'(2) = 0$.

Problem 3. Suppose $\{x_i, f(x_i)\}_{i=0}^n$ lie on a straight line. What can be said about the natural and clamped cubic splines for the function f ?

1) need to find \checkmark polynomial $P_1(x)$ on $(0, 1]$
 $P_2(x)$ on $[1, 2]$

$P_1(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$

$P_2(x) = b_0 + b_1(x-1) + b_2(x-1)^2 + b_3(x-1)^3$

$P_1(0) = 0 \Rightarrow a_0 = 0$
 $P_1(1) = 1 \Rightarrow a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 1$
 $P_1'(1) = P_2'(1) \Rightarrow a_1 + 2a_2 + 3a_3 = b_1$
 $P_1''(1) = P_2''(1) \Rightarrow 2a_2 + 6a_3 = 2b_2$
 $P_1(2) = 2 \Rightarrow 8a_1 + 4a_2 + 8a_3 = 2$
 $P_1'(2) = 0 \Rightarrow 2a_1 + 4a_2 + 6a_3 = 0$
 $P_1''(2) = 0 \Rightarrow 2a_2 + 6a_3 = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

2) $P_1'(0) = 1 \Rightarrow a_1 = 1$
 $P_2'(2) = 1 \Rightarrow b_1 + 2b_2 + 3b_3 = 1$

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3.6 Problems

Problem 4. Let $(x_0, y_0) = (0, 0)$ and $(x_1, y_1) = (5, 2)$ be the endpoints of a curve. Use the given guidepoints to construct parametric cubic Hermite approximations $(x(t), y(t))$ to the curve and graph the approximations (a) $(1, 1)$ and $(6, 1)$.

polynomial $x(t) = (t, 1)$ satisfies $x(0) = (0, 0), x(1) = (1, 1), x(6) = (6, 1)$ and $x'(1) = (1, 1)$.
 The unique cubic polynomial satisfying these conditions is $x(t) = (2t^3 - 3t^2 + 3t, t^3 - 2t^2 + 3t)$.
 In a similar manner, the unique parametric cubic satisfying $x(0) = (0, 0), x(1) = (1, 1), x(6) = (6, 1)$ and $x'(1) = (1, 1)$ is $x(t) = (2t^3 - 3t^2 + 3t + 6t^4 - 8t^3 + 3t^2, t^3 - 2t^2 + 3t + 6t^4 - 8t^3 + 3t^2)$.

$(x(t), y(t)) \quad t \in [0, 1]$
 want cubic $x(t)$ w/ S.A.
 $x(0) = 0, x(1) = 5, x'(0) = 1, x'(1) = -1$
 $(1, 1) = (x_0 + \alpha_1, y_0 + \beta_1) = (0 + \alpha_1, 0 + \beta_1)$
 $\alpha_1 = 1, \beta_1 = 1$
 $(6, 1) = (x_1 - \alpha_1, y_1 - \beta_1) = (5 - \alpha_1, 2 - \beta_1)$
 $\alpha_1 = -1, \beta_1 = 1$

$x(t) = t + 14t^2 - 10t^3$
 $y(t) = t + 3t^2 - 2t^3$

4.1 Problems

Problem 5. Use the forward-difference formulas and backward-difference formulas to determine each missing entry in the following table:

x	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
2.3	1.794	
0	-.5646	
1.7	.6442	

Problem 6. For the previous problem, $f(x) = \sin(x)$. Determine the actual error and find error bounds using the error formulas.

$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} - \frac{h}{2} f''(\xi)$ (4.1)

For small values of h , the difference quotient $[f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)]/h$ can be used to approximate $f'(x_0)$ with an error bounded by $M|h|/2$, where M is a bound on $|f''(x)|$ for x between x_0 and $x_0 + h$. This formula is known as the **forward-difference formula** if $h > 0$ (see Figure 4.1) and the **backward-difference formula** if $h < 0$.

Bound $|f'(x_0) - D_{\text{for}} f(x_0)| = \frac{h}{2} |f''(\xi)|$
 $= \frac{h}{2} |\sin(\xi)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{20} = .05$
 $h = .1$