

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  $s'(0) = s'(2) = 1$

**Problem 3.** Suppose  $\{x_i, f(x_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  lie on a straight line. What can be said about the natural and clamped cubic splines for the function  $f$ ?

1) find polynomials  $p_1(x)$  on  $(0,1]$  of degree  $\leq 3$   
 &  $p_2(x)$  on  $(1,2]$

s.t.  $p_1(0) = 0$   
 $p_1(1) = 1$   
 $p_2(1) = 1$   
 $p_2(2) = 2$

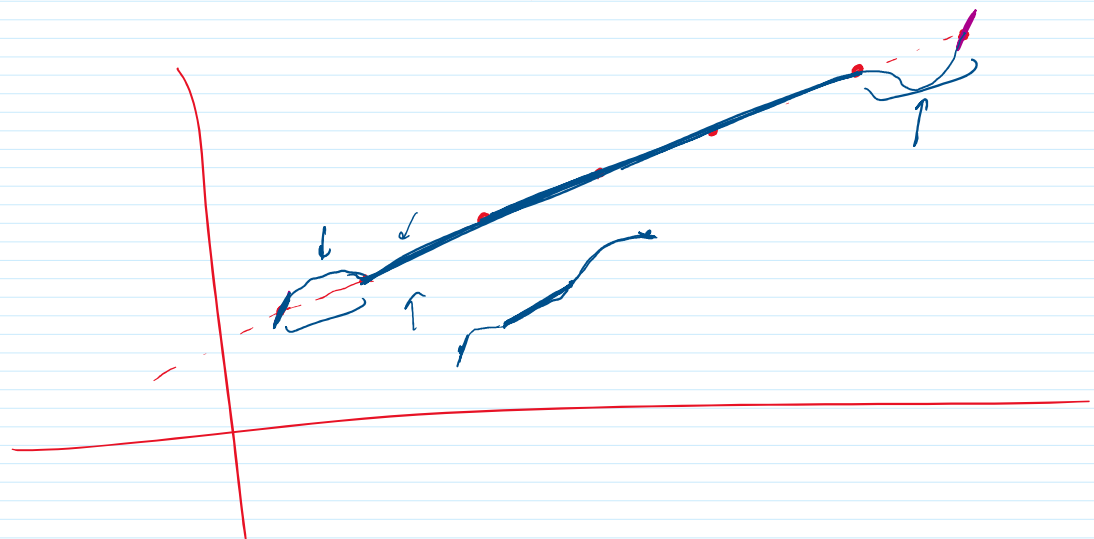
$p_1'(1) = p_2'(1)$   
 $p_1''(1) = p_2''(1)$   
 $p_1'(0) = 0$   
 $p_2''(2) = 0$

$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 1$   
 $1 + b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = 2$   
 $2a_2 = 0$   
 $2b_2 + 12b_3 = 0$   
 $a_1 + 2a_2 + 3a_3 = b_1$   
 $2a_2 + 6a_3 = 2b_2$

$p_1(x) = 0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$   
 $p_2(x) = 1 + b_1(x-1) + b_2(x-1)^2 + b_3(x-1)^3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 12 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$Ax = b$

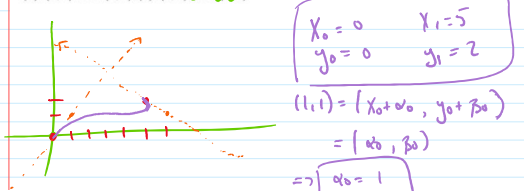


**Theorem 3.11** If  $f$  is defined at  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$ , then  $f$  has a unique natural spline interpolant  $S$  on the nodes  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$ ; that is, a spline interpolant that satisfies the natural boundary conditions  $S''(a) = 0$  and  $S''(b) = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.12** If  $f$  is defined at  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$  and differentiable at  $a$  and  $b$ , then  $f$  has a unique clamped spline interpolant  $S$  on the nodes  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$ ; that is, a spline interpolant that satisfies the clamped boundary conditions  $S'(a) = f'(a)$  and  $S'(b) = f'(b)$ .

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**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  $(6, 1)$



In Figure 3.17, the nodes occur at  $(x_0, y_0)$  and  $(x_1, y_1)$ ; the guidepoint for  $(x_0, y_0)$  is  $(x_0 + \alpha_0, y_0 + \beta_0)$ , and the guidepoint for  $(x_1, y_1)$  is  $(x_1 + \alpha_1, y_1 + \beta_1)$ . The cubic Hermite polynomial  $x(t)$  on  $[0, 1]$  satisfies

$x(0) = x_0, x(1) = x_1, x'(0) = \alpha_0, \text{ and } x'(1) = \alpha_1.$

The unique cubic polynomial satisfying these conditions is

$x(t) = (2(x_1 - x_0) + (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1)t^2 + 3(x_1 - x_0) - \alpha_1 + 2\alpha_0)t^3 + \alpha_0 t^2 + \alpha_1 t.$  (3.23)

In a similar manner, the unique cubic polynomial satisfying

$y(0) = y_0, y(1) = y_1, y'(0) = \beta_0, \text{ and } y'(1) = \beta_1$

is

$y(t) = (2(y_1 - y_0) + (\beta_0 + \beta_1)t^2 + 3(y_1 - y_0) - \beta_1 + 2\beta_0)t^3 + \beta_0 t^2 + \beta_1 t.$  (3.24)

$$(1,1) = (x_0 + \alpha_0, y_0 + \beta_0)$$

$$= (\alpha_0, \beta_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_0 = 1$$

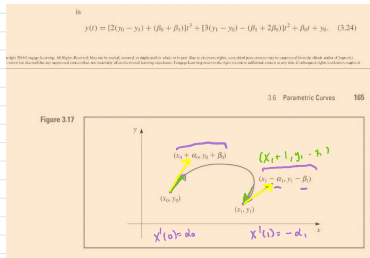
$$\beta_0 = 1$$

$$(6,1) = (x_1 - \alpha_1, y_1 - \beta_1)$$

$$= (5 - \alpha_1, 2 - \beta_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = -1$$

$$\beta_1 = 1$$



Find cubic polynomials  $x(t)$   $y(t)$

s.t.  $x(0) = 0, x(1) = 5, x'(0) = 1, x'(1) = -1$

s.t.  $y(0) = 0, y(1) = 2, y'(0) = 1, y'(1) = 1$

$$x(t) = (2(-5) + 0)t^3 + (3 \cdot 5 - 1)t^2 + t + 0$$

$$= -10t^3 + 14t^2 + t$$

$$y(t) = -7t^3 + 3t^2 + t$$

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

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
.5	.4794	
.6	.5646	
.7	.6442	

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

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

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  $h < 0$ .

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

$$= \frac{h}{2} |\sin(\xi)| \leq \frac{h}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{0.1}{2} = \frac{1}{10 \cdot 2} = \frac{1}{20} = .05$$

$$\frac{1}{20} = \left(\frac{1}{10}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{10 \cdot 2}$$

Actual error  $\approx .05$