Math128A: Numerical Analysis Sample
Midterm II

This is a closed book, closed notes exam. You need to justify every one of your answers. Completely correct answers given without justification will receive little credit. Do as much as you can. Partial solutions will get partial credit. Look over the whole exam to find problems that you can do quickly. You need not simplify your answers unless you are specifically asked to do so.

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2. Boole’s Rule for numerical integration on the interval \([a, b]\) is given by

\[
I_4(x) = \frac{2h}{45} \left( 7f(a) + 32f(a + h) + 12f(a + 2h) + 32f(a + 3h) + 7f(b) \right).
\]

(a) Show that the degree of precision of this formula is 5.

(b) Develop the Composite Boole’s Rule for integration on \([a, b]\).
3. Construct the natural cubic spline that approximates

\[ f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x} \]

at the nodes \(-1, 0, 1\).
4. Suppose that 

\[ L = \lim_{h \to 0} f(h) \quad \text{and} \quad L - f(h) = c_6 h^6 + c_9 h^9 + \cdots. \]

Find a combination of \( f(h) \) and \( f(h/2) \) that is a much better estimate of \( L \).
5. Given $h = 0.1$, $f(0) = 0$, $f(0.1) = 0.01$ and $f(0.2) = 0.04$, find a second order approximation to $f'(0)$. 