Introduction to Numerical Mathematics.

Mathias Sawall

Institut für Mathematik, Universität Rostock

WS 2025/2026

Structure of the module

Lectures:

- Tue 11.00-13.00, room 11, Albert-Einstein-Str. 2,
- Thu 9.00-11.00, room 17, Albert-Einstein-Str. 2,
- volume of 56 hours lecture and 28h tutorial,
- slides on the web page https://www.numerik.mathematik.uni-rostock.de/sawall/

Tutorials:

- by Jiss Mariam Babu,
- Mon 13.00 15.00, room 111, Albert-Einstein-Str. 2.

Contact:

- mathias.sawall@uni-rostock.de,
- room 431, Ulmenstraße 69, Haus 3.

Structure of the module

Exam:

- final examination of 120 min,
- allowed are 7 leaves DIN-A4, hand written on both sides, simple pocket calculator
- simple pocket calculator: no graphic, no programming, no matrix- and vector calculus, no solution of linear systems of equations, no numerical differentiation, no numerical integration.

Exercises:

- available on the web page,
- e. g. print them and think about them at home for your own,
- the tasks are discussed in the tutorials.

Web:

- https://www.numerik.mathematik.uni-rostock.de/sawall/
- Tutorials, slides and more.

Table of contents

- 1. Machine computing
- 2. Nonlinear equations & optimization
- 3. Interpolation
- 4. Numerical integration
- 5. Ordinary differential equations
- 6. Systems of linear equations
- 7. Least squares problems
- 8. Numerical approximation of eigenvalues
- 9. Literature

1. Machine computing

- 2. Nonlinear equations & optimization
- 3. Interpolation
- 4. Numerical integration
- 5. Ordinary differential equations
- 6. Systems of linear equations
- 7. Least squares problems
- 8. Numerical approximation of eigenvalues
- 9 Literature

- 1. Machine computing
 - 1.1 Machine numbers
 - 1.2 Machine arithmitics and rounding errors
 - 1.3 Error analysis

Machine numbers

Machine numbers:

- Storage/representation of numbers on a computer,
- computer do not work with real numbers (for example $\sqrt{2}$), but with a finite subset: floating point numbers,
- for example 1/3 cannot be represented without an error in the binary system.

Normalized floating point:

- representation of a number $d \neq 0$ on a digital computer using base p,
- normalized floating point for a mantissa of length l reads

$$d = \pm 0 \cdot \underbrace{d_1 d_2 d_3 \dots d_l}_{\text{mantissa}} \cdot p^e, \qquad 0 \le d_i < p, \ d_1 \ne 0$$

with exponent $e \in \mathbb{Z}$, $-m \le e \le M$.

Machine numbers

Definition 1.1

The set of <u>machine numbers</u> $\mathbb{F}(p,l,m)$ contains all numbers in normalized floating point representation for the base p, a mantissa of length l and an exponent of length m.

Remarks:

- 1. The set $\mathbb{F}(p, l, m)$ is an finite subset of \mathbb{Q} .
- 2. Machine numbers are not equidistant. The distance between machine numbers are related to their values. There is a "gap" around 0.
- 3. For p=2 the first digit in normalized floating point representation is always 1. Often this leading 1 is omitted ("hidden bit") in the number representation on a computer. For x=0, a special representation is needed.

Machine numbers

Standardization of normalized floating point numbers:

- IEEE arithmetic (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, 1985),
- dual system p = 2 using 32bit (single) or 64bit (double)



- representable numbers (depending on the length of the exponent)

32bit:
$$1.2 \cdot 10^{-38} \le |x| \le 3.4 \cdot 10^{38}$$
, **64bit**: $2.2 \cdot 10^{-308} \le |x| \le 1.8 \cdot 10^{308}$,

rounding erors (depending on the length of the mantissa)

32bit:
$$2^{-23} \approx 1.19 \cdot 10^{-7}$$
, 64bit: $2^{-52} \approx 2.22 \cdot 10^{-16}$,

- further errors appear if the numbers are converted from decimal (classical numbers) to binary system (storage).

- 1. Machine computing
 - 1.1 Machine numbers
 - 1.2 Machine arithmitics and rounding errors
 - 1.3 Error analysis

Rounding errors

Converting a number to IEEE:

- as a rule, a given $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is not a member of the set $\mathbb{F}(p, l, m)$,
- rounding operater (to convert an $x \notin \mathbb{F}$)

$$\mathrm{rd}: \ \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{F}(p,l,m) \qquad \text{with the property} \qquad |x-\mathrm{rd}(x)| = \min_{f \in \mathbb{F}(p,l,m)} |x-f|,$$

- for

$$x = \pm p^b \sum_{k=-\infty}^{-1} \alpha_k p^k, \qquad \alpha_1 \neq 0$$

is

$$rd(x) = \begin{cases} \pm (\sum_{k=-l}^{-1} \alpha_k p^k) p^b & \text{if } \alpha_{-l-1} < p/2 \\ \pm (\sum_{k=-l}^{-1} \alpha_k p^k + p^{-l}) p^b & \text{if } \alpha_{-l-1} \ge p/2 \end{cases},$$

Rounding errors

- if |x| is smaller than the smallest number in the system, then rd(x) = 0,
- if |x| is larger than the largest number in the system, then $rd(x) = \pm Inf$,
- for the absolute and relative rounding errors in the binary system holds

$$|x - \operatorname{rd}(x)| \le \frac{p^{-l}}{2} p^e, \qquad \frac{|x - \operatorname{rd}(x)|}{|x|} \le \frac{p}{2} p^{-l}.$$

Rounding errors:

- occur while reading a number into a computer, converting a number from one number system to another, computing +, -, *, /,
- different numerical results for math. equivalent expressions in pseudoarithmetic,
- select suitable algorithms to reduce the lack of precision.

Machine epsilon

Definition 1.2

We name the number

$$eps = \frac{p}{2}p^{-l} \qquad (or macheps)$$

Machine epsilon or roundoff unit. For IEEE arithmetic with 64 bit holds

eps =
$$\frac{2}{2}2^{-52} \approx 2.22 \cdot 10^{-16}$$
.

Remark:

- the machine epsilon is the number with the smallest absolute value that can still be added to 1 so without getting 1,
- for all x with $|x| < \text{eps holds } 1 \oplus x = 1$.

Computation of the machine epsilon:

```
1  x = 1;
2  eps = 1;
3  while x+eps>1
4   eps = eps/2;
5  end
6  2*eps
```

- 1. Machine computing
 - 1.1 Machine numbers
 - 1.2 Machine arithmitics and rounding errors
 - 1.3 Error analysis

Error analysis

Errors during a calculation:

- each calculation step includes a (small) generated error and a propagated error

$$\delta_{\mathbf{y}} = \underbrace{\varepsilon_f \cdot f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})}_{\text{generated error}} + \underbrace{f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) - f(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{propagated error}},$$

- e. g. the relative error for $(x + \Delta x) \pm (y + \Delta y) = x \pm y + (\Delta x \pm \Delta y)$ is

$$\frac{\Delta x \pm \Delta y}{x \pm y} = \frac{x}{x \pm y} \frac{\Delta x}{x} \pm \frac{y}{y \pm y} \frac{\Delta y}{y},$$

- the relative error for $x \pm y$ increases if $|x \pm y| \approx 0$ (catastrophic cancellation),
- try to design algorithms avoiding catastrophic cancellation,
- backward and forward error analysis.

Condition numbers

Definition 1.3 (Condition numbers)

The <u>absolute condition number</u> of the problem of calculating y = f(x) is the multiplying factor of the absolute initial error

$$\operatorname{acond}(f) := f'(\tilde{x}).$$

The <u>relative condition number</u> of the problem to calculate y = f(x) is the multiplying factor of the relative initial error

$$\operatorname{cond}(f) := \frac{\tilde{x} \cdot f'(\tilde{x})}{f(\tilde{x})}.$$

Approximation of the relative error of a function value y

$$\varepsilon_{y} := \frac{\delta_{y}}{f(\tilde{x})} \approx \varepsilon_{f} + \underbrace{\frac{\delta_{x}}{\tilde{x}}}_{\varepsilon_{\tilde{x}} \approx \varepsilon_{x}} \underbrace{\frac{\tilde{x}f'(\tilde{x})}{f(\tilde{x})}}_{\operatorname{cond}(x)} = \varepsilon_{f} + \varepsilon_{x} \cdot \operatorname{cond}(f).$$

- 1. Machine computing
- 2. Nonlinear equations & optimization
- Interpolation
- 4. Numerical integration
- 5. Ordinary differential equations
- 6. Systems of linear equations
- 7. Least squares problems
- 8. Numerical approximation of eigenvalues
- 9 Literature

Nonlinear equations

Problem:

- given function

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$$

- determine the zeros of f(x), this means x^* with $f(x^*) = 0$, whereas

$$f(x) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Possible solutions:

- there exists no solution, for example $x^2 + 1$,
- there exists a finite number of solutions, for example $x^2 1$,
- there exists an infinite number of solutions, for example $x^2 \sin(\frac{1}{x})$.

- 2. Nonlinear equations & optimization
 - 2.1 Banach fixed-point theorem
 - 2.2 Newton's method
 - 2.3 Newton's method for systems
 - 2.4 Variants of Newton's method
 - 2.5 Nonlinear least-squares
 - 2.6 Optimization

Fixed-point iteration

Definition 2.1

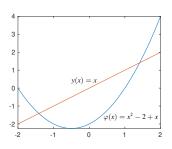
Let $\varphi: I \to I$ with $I \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a function mapping the set I into itself. An $x^* \in I$ is called a <u>fixpoint</u> of φ if

$$\varphi(x^*) = x^*.(*)$$

Furthermore, (*) is called a fixpoint form.

Geometric meaning:

- fixed points are the intersections of $\varphi(x)$ with the straight line y = x.



Banach fixed-point theorem

Definition 2.2

A mapping $\varphi: I \to I$ with $I \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is called <u>contraction</u> if there exists a constant $L \in [0,1)$ such that for all $x, y \in I$

$$\|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)\| \le L\|x - y\|.(*)$$

Remarks:

- if L < 1, then images of two points are always closer to each other than the originals (contraction),
- for differentiable $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ with $I \subset \mathbb{R}$, the map f is a contraction, if

$$\max_{x \in I} |f'(x)| \le L < 1.$$

- in general, i. e. without the restriction L < 1, one calls (*) a <u>Lipschitz constant</u> and L a Lipschitz constant.

Banach fixed-point theorem

Theorem 2.3 (Banach fixed-point theorem)

Let I be a closed subset of \mathbb{R}^n and $\varphi: I \to I$ be a self-mapping, i.e., it holds that $\varphi(I) \subset I$. Furthermore, let φ on I be a contraction.

Then φ has exactly one fixed-point $x^* \in I$ and the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0,1,2,...}$ generated by the fixed-point iteration

$$x_{n+1}=\varphi(x_n)$$

converges for each starting iteration $x_0 \in I$ to this fixed-point.

Therefore, the following must be checked:

- Is I complete?
- Does $\varphi(I) \subset I$ apply?
- Holds $\|\varphi(x) \varphi(y)\| \le L\|x y\|$ for all $x, y \in I$ as well as L < 1?

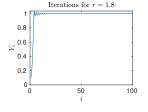
Fixed-point problem by logistic map

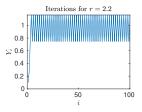
Example:

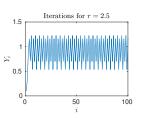
- consider the iteration $Y_{n+1} = \varphi(Y_n)$ with $Y_0 = 0.1$ and

$$\varphi(y) = (1+r)y - ry^2,$$

- fixed points and alternating points after a short start-up phase of at least 10 steps







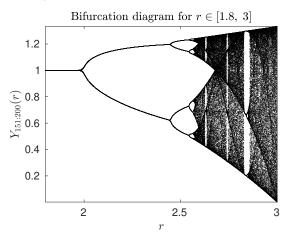
Analysis of the fixed points:

- fixed-point form $y_{i+1} = \varphi(y_i) = (1+r)y ry^2$,
- fixed-points are $y_1 = 0$, $y_2 = 1$, the first value y_1 is not of interest,
- for y_2 holds $\varphi'(y_2) = 1 r$, thus y_2 is stable only for r < 2.

Fixed-point problem by logistic map

Bifurcation diagram (Feigenbaum constants):

- using the iterations $\varphi(y) = (1+r)y ry^2$,
- plot the iterations Y_i for $r \ge 150$,
- several alternating situations.



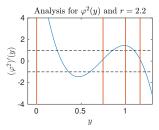
Fixed-point problem by logistic map

Alternations between two values:

- fixed-points for

$$\varphi^{2}(y) = y \cdot (1 + (1 - y)r) \cdot (1 + (y^{2} - y)r^{2} + (1 - y)r)$$
$$y_{1} = 0, \ y_{2} = 1, \ y_{3,4} = \frac{0.5r + 1 \pm 0.5\sqrt{r^{2} - 4}}{r}$$

- stability analysis by $(\varphi^2)'(y)$, e. g. for r=2.2 only y_3 and y_4 are stable fixed points.



Fixed-points of period 4:

- thus $y = \varphi^4(y)$, e. g. for r = 2.5 there are four stable points

$$v_3 = 0.6$$
, $v_4 = 0.7012$, $v_6 = 1.1576$, $v_7 = 1.2$.

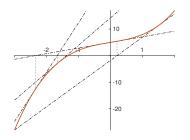
2. Nonlinear equations & optimization

- 2.1 Banach fixed-point theorem
- 2.2 Newton's method
- 2.3 Newton's method for systems
- 2.4 Variants of Newton's method
- 2.5 Nonlinear least-squares
- 2.6 Optimization

Newton's method

Idea:

- put a tangent to $f(x_i)$,
- the zero of the tangent as a new iterate x_{i+1} .



Iteration of Newton's method:

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}.$$

Newton's method

Definition 2.4

Let $(x_i)_{i=0,1,2,...}$ be a sequence with $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$, which converges to $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and let $x_i \neq x^*$ for all i. Further let $\|\cdot\|$ be a vector norm for \mathbb{R}^n .

The sequence is called convergent to x^* with at least the <u>convergence order p</u> if there is a c>0 with

$$||x_{i+1} - x^*|| \le c||x_i - x^*||^p$$

for all sufficiently large $i \in \mathbb{N}$.

Theorem 2.5

Let x^* be a simple zero of f and further let $U \subset \mathbb{R}$ be an open neighbourhood around x^* as well as f be two times continuous differentiable on U. In a neighbourhood of x^* holds

$$x_{k+1} - x^* = \frac{1}{2} \frac{f''(\xi)}{f'(x_k)} (x_k - x^*)^2, \quad \text{ for an } \xi \in U.$$

2. Nonlinear equations & optimization

- 2.1 Banach fixed-point theorem
- 2.2 Newton's method
- 2.3 Newton's method for systems
- 2.4 Variants of Newton's method
- 2.5 Nonlinear least-squares
- 2.6 Optimization

Newton's method for systems

Newton's iteration:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \Delta = x_k - (J_f(x_k))^{-1} f(x_k), \qquad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Jacobian matrix of partial derivatives of first order of f:

$$J_f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Stopping criterion:

$$\|f(x_k)\|_2 \le \varepsilon_f$$
 and/or $\|\Delta\|_2 < \varepsilon_x$
with $\varepsilon_f, \varepsilon_x > 0$, e.g. $\varepsilon_f = 10^{-6}$ and $\varepsilon_x = 10^{-4}$.

Newton's method for systems

Example (fractal):

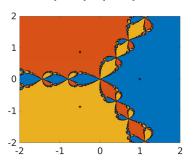
- 2×2 system of equations

$$f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^3 - 3x_1x_2^2 - 1\\ 3x_1^2x_2 - x_2^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- three solutions

$$(1,0), \qquad (-1/2, \sqrt{3}/2), \qquad (-1/2, -\sqrt{3}/2),$$

- iteration converges to one of the solutions, depending on the starting vector,
- application for starting vectors in $[-2,2] \times [-2,2]$.



Newton's method for systems

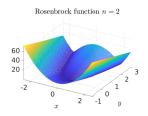
Example:

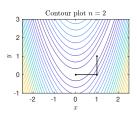
- consider the problem of Rosenbrock (with the solution $x^* = (1, 1)^T$)

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2, \quad f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - x_1 \\ 10(x_2 - x_1^2) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad J_f = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -20x_1 & 10 \end{pmatrix},$$

- applying Newton's method to $x_1 = (0,0)^T$ we get

$$x^{(1)} = x^{(0)} - J_f(x^{(0)})^{-1} f(x^{(0)}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$x^{(2)} = x^{(1)} - J_f(x^{(1)})^{-1} f(x^{(1)}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0.1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$





2. Nonlinear equations & optimization

- 2.1 Banach fixed-point theorem
- 2.2 Newton's method
- 2.3 Newton's method for systems
- 2.4 Variants of Newton's method
- 2.5 Nonlinear least-squares
- 2.6 Optimization

Damped Newton's method

Damped Newton's method:

- do not take the full step, but only a part,
- for $0 < \lambda \le 1$ and n = 1 this means

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \lambda \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)},$$

- the same for systems

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \lambda \big(J_f(x_k)\big)^{-1} f(x_k),$$

- e. g. divide λ by 2 until

$$||f(x_k - \lambda(J_f(x_k))^{-1}f(x_k))|| \le (1 - \frac{\lambda}{2})||f(x_k)||.$$

Simplified Newton's method

Simplified Newton's method:

- update the computation/approximation of $J_f(x_k)$ not in each step,
- work with the computed $J_f(x_k)$ for a number of m_{fix} iterations,
- use LU-decomposition.

Advantage:

- less computations of $J_f(x_k)$ (high effort).

Disadvantage:

- linear convergence only.

2. Nonlinear equations & optimization

- 2.1 Banach fixed-point theorem
- 2.2 Newton's method
- 2.3 Newton's method for systems
- 2.4 Variants of Newton's method
- 2.5 Nonlinear least-squares
- 2.6 Optimization

Nonlinear least-squares problems

Nonlinear least-squares problem:

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (f_i(x))^2 \to \min, \qquad f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m, \ m \ge n.$$

Necessary condition for a local minimum:

$$\nabla F(x) = \left(J_f^T f\right)(x) = 0. \tag{1}$$

Gauss-Newton step:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - (J_f^T(x_k)J_f(x_k))^{-1} (J_f^T(x_k)f(x_k)).$$

Nonlinear least-squares problems

Levenberg-Marquardt procedure:

- additional regularization of the solution,
- iteration reads

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \alpha \left(J_f^T(x_k) J_f(x_k) + M \right)^{-1} \left(J_f^T(x_k) f(x_k) \right),$$

- regularization by $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ e.g. $M = \beta I$,
- for $\beta=0$ and $\alpha=1$ we get Gauss-Newton's method,
- otherwise the additional term acts regulating e.g. to avoid too large steps.

Outline

2. Nonlinear equations & optimization

- 2.1 Banach fixed-point theorem
- 2.2 Newton's method
- 2.3 Newton's method for systems
- 2.4 Variants of Newton's method
- 2.5 Nonlinear least-squares
- 2.6 Optimization

Gradient descent

Problem:

- find the minimum of $f: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$,
- unconstrained if $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^n$ otherwise constrained.

Gradient/steepest descent:

- for a differentiable f(x) the gradient $\nabla f(x_k)$ is the direction of steepest ascent,
- use $v_k = -\nabla f(x_k)$ to get the steepest descent,
- the function $s \mapsto f(x_k + s\nu_k)$ is monotonously decreasing for $s \in [0, \tilde{s})$ for some positive \tilde{s} ,
- start with s = 1 and divide s by 2 until

$$f(x_k + sv_k) < f(x_k),$$

- use $x_{k+1} = x_k + sv_k$.

Curve-fitting problem:

- measured values for c(t) are

approach

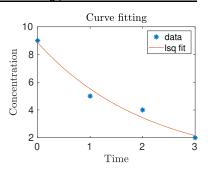
$$g(t) = g(t;x) = x_1 \exp(x_2 t),$$

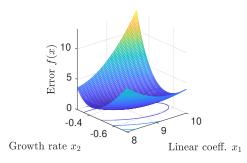
- compute the parameters x_1 and x_2 by minimizing the error

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} ||g(t, x) - c||_2^2,$$

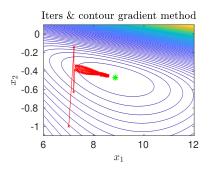
- the optimum is at $x^*(8.8551, -0.4722)^T$.

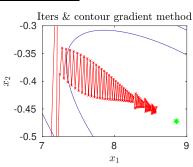
Curve fitting problem and cost function:





A number of 100 steps of steepest descent for $x_0 = (7, -1)^T$:

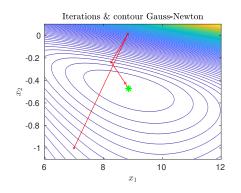




Gauss-Newton's:

- proper method of curve fitting,
- starting vector $x_0 = (7, -1)^T$,
- after 6 iterations we get an approximation with

$$||x_6 - x^*||_2 = 3.6 \cdot 10^{-4}$$



Outline

- Machine computing
- 2. Nonlinear equations & optimization

3. Interpolation

- 4. Numerical integration
- 5. Ordinary differential equations
- 6. Systems of linear equations
- Least squares problems
- 8. Numerical approximation of eigenvalues
- 9 Literature

Polynomial interpolation

Given:

$$(x_i,f_i), \quad i=0,\ldots,n.$$

<u>To compute:</u> Polynomial p(x) of degree smaller than or equal to n with

$$p(x_i) = f_i, \quad i = 0, \ldots, n.$$

Interpolation condition: The nodes x_0, \ldots, x_n have to be pairwise different.

Theorem 3.1

For pairwise different grid points the interpolation polynomial is unique.

Polynomial interpolation

A simple approach to compute the polynomial:

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \ldots + a_nx^n$$
.

System of linear equations (Vandermonde's matrix):

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & \dots & x_0^n \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (2)

with

$$\det(V_{n+1}) = \prod_{0 \le i < j \le n} (x_i - x_j).$$

<u>But</u>: The problem is ill-conditioned. Use other approaches.

Outline

3. Interpolation

- 3.1 Lagrange interpolation
- 3.2 Newton interpolation
- 3.3 Error or the interpolation
- 3.4 Hermite Interpolation
- 3.5 Splines
- 3.6 Numerical differentiation

Lagrange interpolation

Definition 3.2

According to x_0, \ldots, x_n the <u>Lagrange basis functions</u> are

$$l_i(x) = \prod_{j=0, j\neq i}^n \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j}.$$

Obviously holds

$$l_i(x_\ell) = \prod_{j=0, j \neq i}^n \frac{x_\ell - x_j}{x_i - x_j} = \left\{ egin{array}{ll} 1 & ext{for } \ell = i \\ 0 & ext{otherwise.} \end{array}
ight.$$

Lagrange interpolation

Definition 3.3

The construction

$$p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} f_i l_i(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} f_i \prod_{j=0, j \neq i}^{n} \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j}$$

is called Lagrange polynomial.

Outline

3. Interpolation

- 3.1 Lagrange interpolation
- 3.2 Newton interpolation
- 3.3 Error or the interpolation
- 3.4 Hermite Interpolation
- 3.5 Splines
- 3.6 Numerical differentiation

Newton interpolation (1)

- successive structure, start with one interpolation point, then 2, 3, etc.
- degree of the polynomial increases by one per step,
- initialisation $p_0(x) = y_0$
- first iteration step

$$p_1(x) = p_0(x) + c_1(x - x_0),$$
 with $c_1 = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0}.$

Newton interpolation (2)

- further iteration from $p_{m-1}(x)$ to $p_m(x)$ by

$$p_m(x) = p_{m-1}(x) + c_m \prod_{i=0}^{m-1} (x - x_i),$$

- to have $p_m(x_m) = y_m$ next to $p_m(x_j) = y_j$ for $j = 0, \dots, m-1$ use

$$c_m = \frac{y_m - p_{m-1}(x_m)}{\prod_{i=0}^{m-1} (x_m - x_i)}.$$

Definition 3.4

 $Using f[x_0] = y_0$ the <u>divided difference</u> are

$$f[x_m,\ldots,x_0]:=c_m=rac{y_m-p_{m-1}(x_m)}{\prod_{i=0}^{m-1}(x_m-x_i)}, \qquad m=1,2,\ldots,n.$$

The representation of $p_m(x)$ in Newton's form is

$$p_m(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m f[x_i, \dots, x_0] \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} (x - x_j).$$

Theorem 3.5

Let x_0, \ldots, x_m be pairwise different and $f[x_0] = y_0, \ldots, f[x_m] = y_m$. We can apply the recursion

$$f[x_m,\ldots,x_0] = \frac{f[x_m,\ldots,x_1] - f[x_{m-1},\ldots,x_0]}{x_m - x_0}.$$

Computation of coefficients using Newton's scheme:

- initialisation $f[x_i] = y_i$ for i = 0, ..., n,
- triangle scheme

the interpolation polynomial reads

$$p(x) = f[x_0] + f[x_1, x_0](x - x_0) + f[x_2, x_1, x_0](x - x_0)(x - x_1) + \dots$$

Example:

interpolation of

$$(-1,5)$$
, $(0,4)$, $(1,-3)$, $(2,3)$,

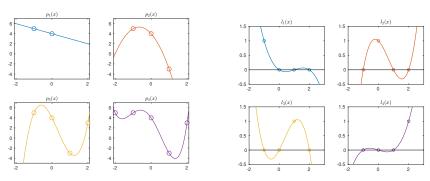
- polynomial of degree ≤ 3 ,
- Newton's scheme by divided differences

- interpolating polynomial is

$$p(x) = 5 - 1(x+1) - 3(x+1)x + \frac{19}{6}(x+1)x(x-1)$$
$$= 4 - \frac{43}{6}x - 3x^2 + \frac{19}{6}x^3.$$

Newton and Lagrange interpolation

The single Newton steps (left) as well as the single Lagrange basis functions (right)



Both approaches result in the same polynomial

$$p(x) = 5 - 1(x+1) - 3(x+1)x + \frac{19}{6}(x+1)x(x-1)$$

$$= 5\frac{x(x-1)(x-2)}{-6} + 4\frac{(x+1)(x-1)(x-2)}{2} + (-3)\frac{(x+1)x(x-2)}{-2} + 3\frac{(x+1)x(x-1)}{6}$$

$$= 4 - \frac{43}{6}x - 3x^2 + \frac{19}{6}x^3.$$

Extension:

- consider that we add (-2,5) as additional point to the previous example,
- the extended scheme is

- the new polynomial is

$$\tilde{p}(x) = 5 - 1(x+1) - 3(x+1)x + \frac{19}{6}(x+1)x(x-1) + (x+1)x(x-1)(x-2).$$

Outline

3. Interpolation

- 3.1 Lagrange interpolation
- 3.2 Newton interpolation
- 3.3 Error or the interpolation
- 3.4 Hermite Interpolation
- 3.5 Splines
- 3.6 Numerical differentiation

Error or the interpolation

How about $\max_{x \in [a,b]} |f(x) - p(x)|$ for a function f(x)?

Theorem 3.6

Let f(x) be (n+1) times continously differentiable on the interval [a,b]. Further let $a \le x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n \le b$ and p(x) be the interpolating polynomial for $(x_i, f(x_i))$, $i = 0 \dots, n$. Then it holds

$$|f(\tilde{x}) - p(\tilde{x})| \le \frac{|w(\tilde{x})|}{(n+1)!} \max_{\xi \in [a,b]} |f^{(n+1)}(\xi)|$$

for

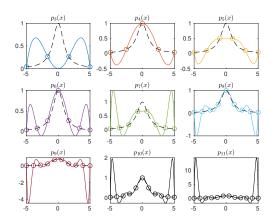
$$w(x) = \prod_{j=0}^{n} (x - x_j).$$

58 / 242

Limits of polynomial interpolation

Runge, 1901:

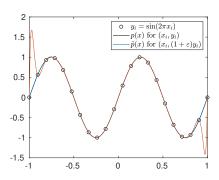
- interpol. of $(1+x^2)^{-1}$, polynomials of *n*th degree, equidistant nodes in [-5,5],
- very bad approximations for large *n*, oscillations at the boundary.



Limits of polynomial interpolation

Sesitivity for noise:

- interpolation of $f(x) = \sin(2\pi x)$ using 22 equidistant knots on [-1, 1],
- comparison of p(x) for noisy and noise free data $\tilde{y}_i = (1 + \varepsilon)f(x_i)$ with $\varepsilon = 10^{-4}$,
- large differences for the polynomial and high oscillations at the boundaries.



Outline

3. Interpolation

- 3.1 Lagrange interpolation
- 3.2 Newton interpolation
- 3.3 Error or the interpolation
- 3.4 Hermite Interpolation
- 3.5 Splines
- 3.6 Numerical differentiation

Modified problem:

- interpolation also for values of derivates of f(x),
- nodes $x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_m$ and values $f_i^{(j)} = f^{(j)}(x_i)$ for $j = 0, \dots, n_i 1$,
- compute an interpolation polynomial p(x) with

$$\deg(p(x)) \le n, \quad n+1 = \sum_{i=0}^m n_i$$

such that

$$p^{(j)}(x_i) = f_i^{(j)}, \qquad j = 0, \dots, n_i - 1, \ i = 0, \dots, m.$$
 (3)

- the interpolating polynomial is unique as n+1 degrees of freedom equals the number of conditions.

Scheme for a block to one node:

Interpolating polynomial

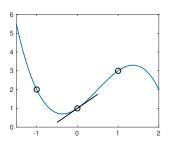
$$p(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!}(x - x_0) + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!}(x - x_0)^n$$

Example:

- interpolation of (-1,2), (0,1), (1,3) with the additional condition p'(0)=1.5,
- Newton's scheme

interpolation polynomial

$$p(x) = 2 - (x+1) + 2.5(x+1)x - 1(x+1)x^{2}.$$



Example:

- interpolation polynomial for f(x) = 1/x using $x_0 = 1$, $x_1 = 2$,
- conditions

$$f(x_0) = 1, f'(x_0) = -1, f''(x_0) = 2, f'''(x_0) = -6$$

 $f(x_1) = 0.5, f'(x_1) = -0.25$

- Newton's scheme

interpolation polynomial

$$p(x) = 1 - (x - 1) + (x - 1)^{2} - (x - 1)^{3} + \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)^{4} - \frac{1}{4}(x - 1)^{4}(x - 2).$$

Outline

3. Interpolation

- 3.1 Lagrange interpolation
- 3.2 Newton interpolation
- 3.3 Error or the interpolation
- 3.4 Hermite Interpolation
- 3.5 Splines
- 3.6 Numerical differentiation

Splines:

- many interpolating points,
- local interpolations for a few neighboring points instead of a global polynomial,
- piecewise composed polynomial using smoothness requirements at transitions.

Definition 3.7

The <u>cubic splines</u> are defined as follows: For the pairs (x_i, y_i) , i = 0, ..., n, compute a spline S that interpolates these points such that

$$S_{|[x_i, x_{i+1}]}(x) := p_i(x)$$
 is a polynomial of degree 3

and to make sure that the function is twice continously differentiable at the transition points. This means S has to fulfill the four conditions

$$p_i(x_i) = y_i, \quad p_i(x_{i+1}) = y_{i+1}, \quad p'_i(x_i) = p'_{i+1}(x_i), \quad p''_i(x_i) = p''_{i+1}(x_i).$$

For the first and the last polynomial there are no boundary conditions. The selection

$$S''(a) = S''(b) = 0$$

results in the natural splines.

Computation of the splines:

- a linear system of equations (moment equations) to calculate the cubic splines,
- quite technical, see the following theorem.

Theorem 3.8

If the twice continuously differentiable cubic spline S satisfies the interpolation condition

$$S(x_j) = f_j, \quad j = 0, \ldots, n,$$

then on $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$ its form reads

$$S(x) = f_j \frac{x_{j+1} - x}{x_{j+1} - x_j} + f_{j+1} \frac{x - x_j}{x_{j+1} - x_j}$$

$$- \frac{1}{6} S''(x_j) \frac{(x_{j+1} - x)(x - x_j)}{x_{j+1} - x_j} ((x_{j+1} - x) + (x_{j+1} - x_j))$$

$$- \frac{1}{6} S''(x_{j+1}) \frac{(x_{j+1} - x)(x - x_j)}{x_{j+1} - x_j} ((x - x_j) + (x_{j+1} - x_j)).$$

Theorem 3.9

Under the conditions of Thm. 3.8 it holds for the moments $S''(x_j)$ for j = 1, ..., n-1 that

$$\begin{split} &\frac{x_{j+1} - x_j}{x_{j+1} - x_{j-1}} S''(x_{j+1}) + 2S''(x_j) + \frac{x_j - x_{j-1}}{x_{j+1} - x_{j-1}} S''(x_{j-1}) \\ &= \frac{6}{x_{j+1} - x_{j-1}} \left(\frac{f_{j+1} - f_j}{x_{j+1} - x_j} - \frac{f_j - f_{j-1}}{x_j - x_{j-1}} \right) \\ &= 6f[x_{j-1}, x_j, x_{j+1}]. \end{split}$$

Theorem 3.10

Together with the two conditions, e.g. $S''(x_0) = S''(x_n) = 0$ for the natural splines, the system of linear equations has a unique solutions. The matrix of the system has a condition not larger then 3.

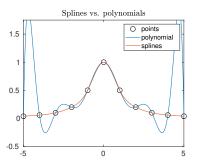
Example:

- consider once again the example of Runge

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + x^2},$$

- cubic splines for equidistant nodes and [-5, 5] using MatLab,
- much better results than for polynomials, maximal error

$$\max_{x \in [-5,5]} |S(x) - f(x)| \approx 0.022.$$



Splines in MatLab:

```
f = @(x) 1./(1+x.^2);

X = -5:5;

Y = f(X);

xx = linspace(-5,5,401);

yy = spline(X,Y,xx);

plot(X,Y,'o',xx,yy)

max(abs(yy-f(xx)))
```

Outline

3. Interpolation

- 3.1 Lagrange interpolation
- 3.2 Newton interpolation
- 3.3 Error or the interpolation
- 3.4 Hermite Interpolation
- 3.5 Splines
- 3.6 Numerical differentiation

Definition 3.11 (Finite differences)

The approximations

$$D^{+}f(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h},$$

$$D^{-}f(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h},$$

$$D^{0}f(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}$$

for f'(x) are called <u>forward difference</u>, <u>backward difference</u> and <u>central difference</u>.

Theorem 3.12 (Approximation orders)

For the finite differences holds

$$f'(x) - D^{+}f(x) = \mathcal{O}(h), \qquad \text{(order 1)}$$

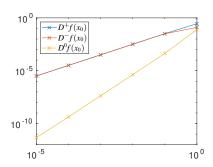
$$f'(x) - D^{-}f(x) = \mathcal{O}(h), \qquad \text{(order 1)}$$

$$f'(x) - D^0 f(x) = \mathcal{O}(h^2), \qquad (order 2).$$

Example:

- approximation of $f'(x_0)$ for $f(x) = \arctan(x)$ and $x_0 = 0.5$
- approximations errors for different \boldsymbol{h}

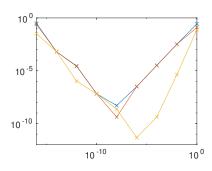
h	$ D^+f(x_0)-f'(x_0) $	$ D^-f(x_0)-f'(x_0) $	$ D^0f(x_0) - f'(x_0) $
0.1	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$4.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$
0.01	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4.3 \cdot 10^{-6}$
10^{-5}	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$4.8 \cdot 10^{-12}$.



Example:

- approximation of $f'(x_0)$ for $f(x) = \arctan(x)$ and $x_0 = 0.5$
- but we cannot reduce h arbitrarily, as

h	$ D^+f(x_0)-f'(x_0) $	$ D^-f(x_0)-f'(x_0) $	$ D^0f(x_0)-f'(x_0) $
10^{-12}	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$2.9 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-6}$
10^{-14}	$6.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$6.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$6.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$.



Definition 3.13 (Finite differences)

The approximation

$$D^{2}f(x) = \frac{f(x-h) - 2f(x) + f(x+h)}{h^{2}}$$

for f''(x) is called central difference of second order.

The error of the second order central difference is in $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$, so D^2f is an approximation second order, thus

$$f''(x) = D^2 f(x) + \mathcal{O}(h^2).$$

Partial derivatives of higher order in 2D:

- mixed partial derivatives for $h_x = h_y = h$

$$u_{xy} \approx \frac{u(x+h,y+h) - u(x+h,y-h) - u(x-h,y+h) + u(x-h,y-h)}{4h^2},$$

- central difference of second order for $h_x = h$

$$u_{xx} \approx \frac{u(x+h,y) - 2u(x,y) + u(x-h,y)}{h^2}$$

- for the Laplace operator or Laplacian for $h_x = h_y = h$ we get

$$\Delta u = u_{xx} + u_{yy}$$

$$\approx \frac{u(x+h,y) + u(x-h,y) + u(x,y+h) + u(x,y-h) - 4u(x,y)}{h^2}.$$

Outline

- 1. Machine computing
- 2. Nonlinear equations & optimization
- Interpolation
- 4. Numerical integration
- 5. Ordinary differential equations
- 6. Systems of linear equations
- Least squares problems
- 8. Numerical approximation of eigenvalues
- 9. Literature

Literature



Atkinson, K.: Elementary Numerical Analysis, John Wiley & Sons, 1993.



Burden, R., Faries, J. D.: Numerical Analysis, Brooks Cole Publishing Company, 1997.



Friedmann, M., Kandel, A.: Fundamentals of Computer Numerical Analysis, CRC Press, 1993.



Golub, G. H., Ortega, J. M.: Scientific Computing and Differential Equations: An Introduction to Numerical Methods, Academic Press, 1992.



Kharab, A., Guenther, R. B.: An Introduction to Numerical Methods: A Matlab Approach, Chapman & Hall / CRC, 2002.



Quarteroni, A., Sacco, R., Saleri, F.: Numerical Mathematics, Springer, 2007.



Stoer, J., Bulirsch, R.: Introduction to Numerical Analysis, Springer, 2002.



Süli, E., Mayers, D.: An Introduction to Numerical Analysis, Cambridge University Press, 2003.