

Step 4 (boundary conditions)

S_0	S_i	S_{n-1}
x_0	$\dots x_i$	x_{n-1}
x_1	x_{i+1}	x_n

$S_0''(x_0) = 0 \Rightarrow a_0 = 0$

$S_{n-1}''(x_n) = 0 \Rightarrow a_n = 0$

(This will general natural spline)

$S_i''(x_i) = a_i$

$S_i''(x_{i+1}) = a_{i+1}$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & & & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & & & & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-2} \\ a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{6}{h^2} \begin{pmatrix} f_0 - 2f_1 + f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_{n-2} - 2f_{n-1} + f_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Coefficient matrix is symmetric, tridiagonal, strictly diagonally dominant, positive definite

\Rightarrow The above system (*) has a solution

Recall $A = (a_{ij})$ is strictly diagonally dominant if

$$|a_{ii}| > \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n |a_{ij}|, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

Thm Strictly diagonally dominant matrix is invertible.

In practice, coefficients a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1} are computed using Gaussian elimination of a tridiagonal matrix.

$$S'_0(x_0) = f'(x_0)$$

$$S'_{n-1}(x_n) = f'(x_n)$$

Note Clamped BCs:

Coefficients a_0 and a_1 are not zero anymore.

$$S'_0(x) = -\frac{a_0}{2h}(x_1 - x)^2 + \frac{a_1}{2h}(x - x_0)^2 - \left(\frac{f_0}{h} - \frac{a_0 h}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{f_1}{h} - \frac{a_1 h}{6}\right)$$

$$S_0'(x_0) = -\frac{a_0}{2}h - \left(\frac{f_0}{h} - \frac{a_0 h}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{f_1}{h} - \frac{a_1 h}{6}\right) = f_0' \quad (**_1)$$

gives an extra equation for a_0 and a_1 .

Similarly, condition $S_{n-1}'(x_n) = f_n'$ gives another

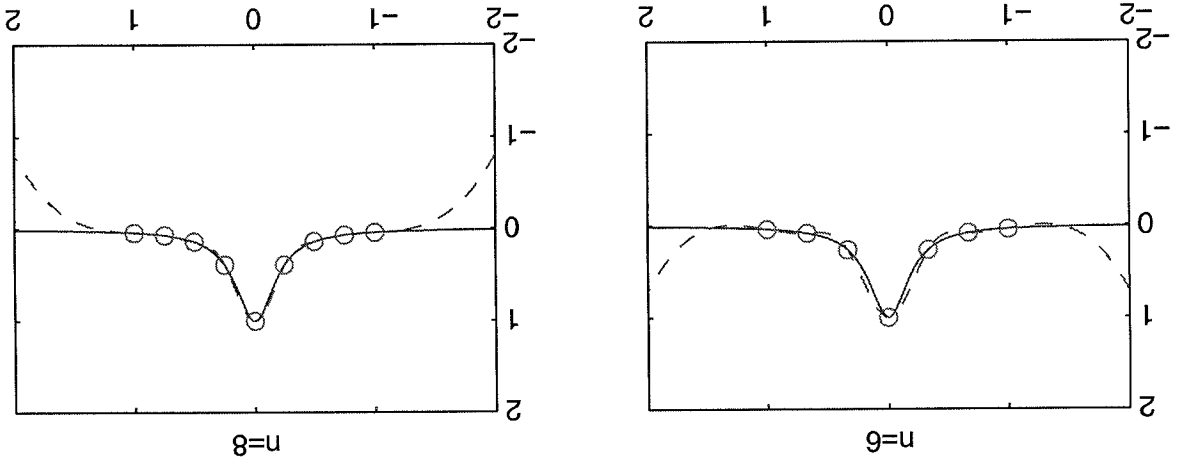
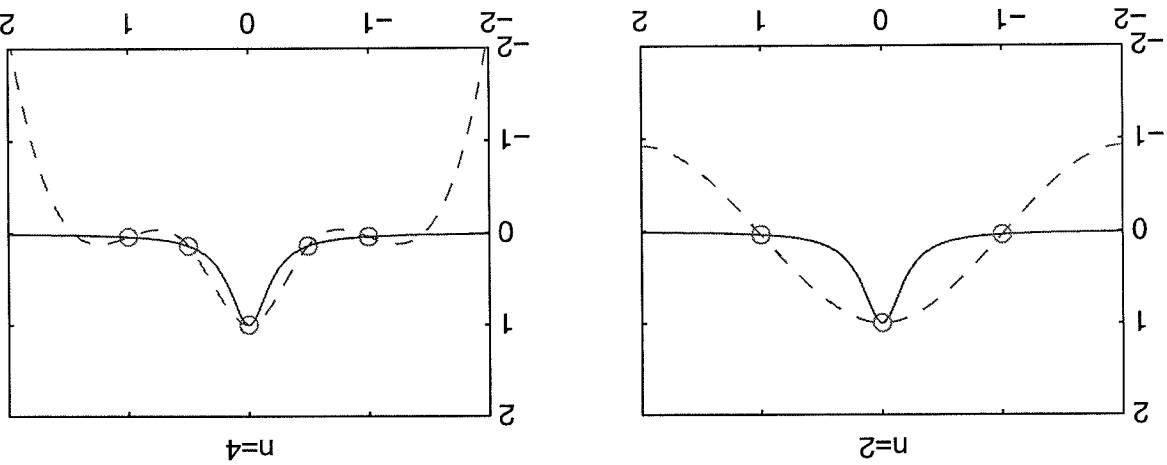
eqⁿ for a_{n-1} and a_n . ← (**_2)

Equations (**_1), (**_2) together w/ (*) from the previous lecture will form a system of $n+1$ unknowns

a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n .

ex : natural cubic spline interpolation

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+25x^2}, \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1, \quad x_i = -1 + ih, \quad h = \frac{2}{n}, \quad i = 0 : n$$



note

$$1. \|f(x) - s(x)\| \leq \frac{5}{384} \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f^{(4)}(x)| h^4 : \text{4th order accurate, } \overline{pf} : \text{omit}$$

2. The natural cubic spline interpolant has inflection points at the endpoints of the interval, due to the boundary conditions $s''(x_0) = s''(x_n) = 0$. In fact, there are additional inflection points in the interior of the interval, which are problematic in some applications.

Thm

Let $f(x)$ be defined on $[a, b]$, $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_{n-1} < x_n = b$
 and let $S(x)$ be a cubic spline interpolant of f with
 natural or clamped boundary conditions.

$$1. |f(x) - S(x)| \leq \frac{5}{384} \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f^{(4)}(x)| \cdot h^4$$

where $h = \max_i |x_{i+1} - x_i|$.

$$2. \int_a^b [S''(x)]^2 dx \leq \int_a^b [f''(x)]^2 dx$$

The first condition says that spline interpolation is 4^{th}
 order accurate.

Recall $|f''(x)| \approx |f''(x)|$

$$K(x) = \frac{|f''(x)|}{(1 + [f'(x)]^2)^{3/2}}$$

curvature

$\int_a^b [f''(x)]^2 dx$ is a crude measure of the total

a curvature over $[a, b]$.

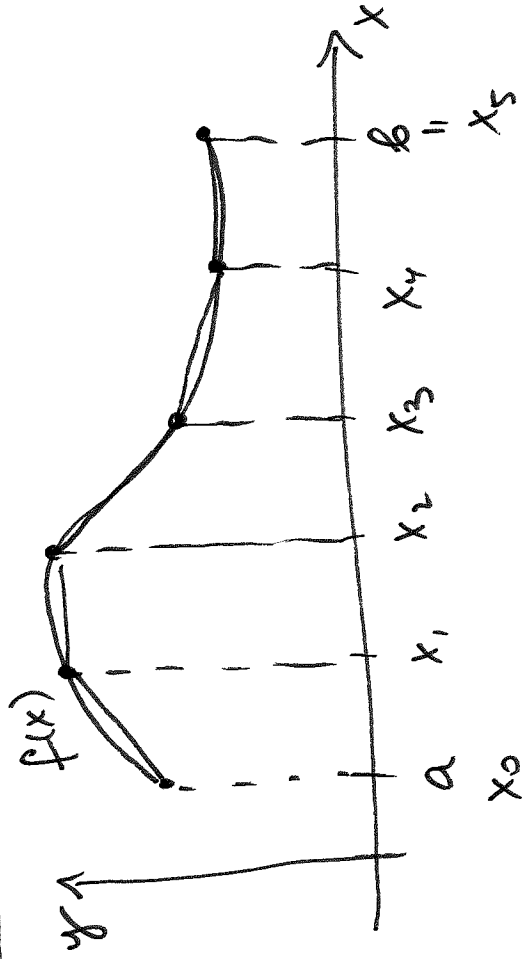
The second result can be interpreted as optimality property or minimal curvature property. It means if one considers any other interpolant, it will oscillate at least as much as a spline (natural spline: $S''(x_0) = S''(x_n) = 0$ or clamped spline: $S'(x_0) = f'(x_0)$, $S'(x_n) = f'(x_n)$).

Numerical Integration

Newton-Cotes formulas

Basic idea $\int_a^b f(x) dx \sim \sum_{i=0}^n c_i f(x_i)$

For now, assume $x_i = a + ih$, $h = \frac{b-a}{n}$

Trapezoid Rule

$$T(h) = h \frac{f(x_0) + f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)}{2}$$

$$T(h) = h \left(\frac{1}{2} f(x_0) + f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_{n-1}) + \frac{1}{2} f(x_n) \right)$$

Trapezoid Rule

$$\underline{\underline{Ex}} \int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx = 0.746824 \dots$$

h	$T(h)$	error	error / h^2
1	0.683970	0.062884	0.062884
0.5	0.731370	0.015454	0.061816
0.25	0.742984	0.003840	0.06144
0.125	0.745866	0.000958	0.061312

This implies that Trapezoid Rule is 2nd order accurate.

We want to prove

this analytically.

Local error analysis (Trapezoid Rule)