

# Lösning till övning 2 (2011-11-10)

## 1 Interpolation

- **Linear interpolation**

Pressure (MPa)	Temperature (°C)
6.0	275
7.0	285

Take the ansatz  $f(x) = ax + b$  and we get

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 275 \\ 285 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving this equation we get  $a = 10$ ,  $b = 215$  and  $f(6.3) = 278$ .

- **Polynomial of degree at most n**

The linear system which has to be solved to determine the coefficients of the polynomial is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 9 & -27 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 1 & 5 & 25 & 125 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Newton form**

The Newton form of the interpolating polynomial is

$$P(x) = a_0 + a_1(x + 1) + a_2(x + 1)(x)$$

The coefficients are calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} P(-1) &= a_0 = 5 \\ P(0) &= 5 + a_1 = 1 \rightarrow a_1 = -4 \\ P(1) &= 5 - 4 \cdot (2) + a_2 \cdot 2 = 3 \rightarrow a_2 = 3 \\ P(x) &= 5 - 4(x + 1) + 3(x + 1)x \end{aligned}$$

To find the extremum we derive P and set it to 0

$$\begin{aligned} P'(x) &= -4 + 3x + 3(x + 1) \\ P'(x) &= 0 \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

The extremum is  $P(\frac{1}{6}) = \frac{11}{12}$ .

- **Error in piecewise linear interpolation** (Bradie p.392 exercise 5.15.11, similar to ex. 5.15)  
To determine the largest error we use the following theorem (Bradie p.390)

**Theorem**

Let  $f$  be continuous, with two continuous derivatives, on the interval  $[a, b]$  and let  $s$  be the piecewise linear interpolant of  $f$  relative to the partition

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_{n-1} < x_n = b$$

Then

$$\max_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x) - s(x)| \leq \frac{1}{8} h^2 \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f''(x)|$$

where  $h = \max_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i)$ .

In our case  $h = 0.01$  and  $f = \tan(x)$ . Deriving the tangent functions twice gives

$$\tan''(x) = 2 \cdot \tan(x)(1 + \tan(x)^2)$$

The max is achieved in  $x = \pi/4$ ,  $\max_{x \in [0, \pi/4]} |\tan''(x)| = 4$ . Using all these information we can determine the upper bound of the error to be  $5.0 \cdot 10^{-5}$ .

## 2 Least square method (minstakvadratmetoden)

The coefficients  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are found by calculating  $A^T A x = A^T b$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We get  $c_1 = \frac{47}{6}$  and  $c_2 = \frac{-9}{6}$ .