



TOPIC : 2.6.INTERPOLATION WITH EQUAL INTERVALS - CUBIC SPLINES

INTERPOLATING WITH A CUBIC SPLINE:

We know that
$$M_{i-1} + 4M_i + M_{i+1} = \frac{6}{h^3} [y_{i-1} - 2y_i + y_{i+1}], \text{ for } i=1, 2, 3, \dots, n.$$

Here $M_0=0$ and $M_n=0$

There are 'n' equal intervals $[x_i - x_{i-1} = h]$

For the intervals the 'n' cubic spline equations are

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{6h} [(x_i - x)^3 M_{i-1} + (x - x_{i-1})^3 M_i] + \frac{1}{h} [x_i - x] [y_{i-1} - \frac{h^2}{6} M_{i-1}] + \frac{1}{h} [x - x_{i-1}] [y_i - \frac{h^2}{6} M_i], \text{ for } i=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Problems:

1. From the following table

x:	1	2	5
y:	-8	-1	18

Using Cubic Spline. Compute $y(1.5)$ and $y(4)$



Solution:
 Here $h=1$ [equally spaces]
 And $[n = \text{no. of intervals}]$

We know that,
 $M_{i-1} + 4M_i + M_{i+1} = \frac{6}{h^3} [y_{i-1} - 2y_i + y_{i+1}]$

Given, $M_0 = 0$, $M_n = 0$
 $y_0 = -8$, $y_1 = \dots$, $y_6 = 18$
 Here $i=1, 2, \dots, n-1$

Let $i=1$
 Cubic spline for the interval $1 \leq x \leq 2$.

$$M_0 + 4M_1 + M_2 = \frac{6}{1^3} [y_0 - 2y_1 + y_2]$$

$$0 + 4M_1 + 0 = 6[-8 - 2(0) + 18]$$

$$4M_1 = 6[-8 + 0 + 18]$$

$$4M_1 = 6[10]$$

$$M_1 = \frac{72}{4}$$

$$M_1 = 18$$

Cubic spline in $x_{j-1} < x < x_j$ is given by

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{6h} [(x_j - x)^3 M_{j-1} + (x - x_{j-1})^3 M_j] + \frac{1}{h} [(x_j - x) y_{j-1} + (x - x_{j-1}) (y_j - \frac{h^2}{6} M_j)]$$

put $x=1$

$$= \frac{1}{6h^2} [(x_1 - x)^3 M_0 + (x - x_0)^3 M_2] + \frac{1}{h} [(x_1 - x) y_0 + (x - x_0) (y_2 - \frac{h^2}{6} M_2)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} [[x^3 - 3x^2 x_0 + 3x x_0^2 - x_0^3] M_0] + (x_1 - x) (y_0) + (x - x_0) [y_2 - \frac{1}{6} M_2]$$



$$= \frac{1}{6} [x^3 - 3x(x-1)^2 + 3x(x-1)(x-2) + (x-2)^2(x-3)](10) + (x-2)(x-3)(-8)$$

$$+ (x-3) \left[(1) - \frac{1}{2}(10) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} [(x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1)(10) + [6x - 18] + [(x-3)(-4)]]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} [10x^3 - 30x^2 + 30x - 10 + 6x - 18 - 4x + 12]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{6} [10x^3 - 30x^2 + 6x - 34] - 4x + 4$$

$$y(x) = 3x^3 - 9x^2 + 18x - 15$$

This is the cubic spline on the interval $1 \leq x \leq 2$.

$$y(1.5) = 3(1.5)^3 - 9(1.5)^2 + 18(1.5) - 15$$

$$= 10.125 - 20.25 + 27 - 15$$

$$y(1.5) = -3.125$$

$$y'(x) = 9x^2 - 18x + 18$$

$$y'(1) = 9 - 18 + 18$$

$$y'(1) = 9$$

2. Find the cubic spline approximation for the function $y=f(x)$ from the following data given $y_0'' = y_5'' = 0$ and find $y(0.5)$

x:	-1	0	1	2
y:	-1	1	3	35

Solution:

$$h=1 \text{ [equally spaced]}$$

$$n=5 \text{ [n=no. of intervals]}$$

Here $M_0=0$, $M_5=0$, $y_0=-1$, $y_1=1$, $y_2=3$, $y_3=35$

We know that

$$M_{i-1} + 4M_i + M_{i+1} = \frac{6}{h^3} \left[\frac{y_{i-1}}{2} - 2y_i + \frac{y_{i+1}}{2} \right]$$

where $i=1, 2, \dots, n-1$



part 1: $x=1$

$$M_0 + 4M_1 + M_2 = \frac{6}{7} [y_0 - 2y_1 + y_2]$$

$$0 + 4M_1 + M_2 = 6 [1 - 2(1) + 3]$$

$$4M_1 + M_2 = 6 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

part 2: $x=2$

$$M_1 + 4M_2 + M_3 = \frac{6}{7} [y_1 - 2y_2 + y_3]$$

$$M_1 + 4M_2 + M_3 = 6 [1 - 2(3) + 25]$$

$$M_1 + 4M_2 + M_3 = 6 [1 - 6 + 25]$$

$$M_1 + 4M_2 + M_3 = 138 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Solve (1) and (2), we get

$$(1) \Rightarrow 4M_1 + M_2 = 6$$

$$-4M_1 + 13M_2 = 132$$

$$-12M_2 = -126$$

$$M_2 = 48$$

Substitute M_2 value in equation (1)

$$4M_1 + 48 = 6$$

$$4M_1 = -42$$

$$M_1 = -10.5$$

The cubic spline $x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i$ is given by

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{6h_i} [(x_i - x)^3 M_{i-1} + (x - x_{i-1})^3 M_i] + \frac{1}{h_i} (x_i - x) [y_{i-1} - \frac{h_i^2}{6} M_{i-1}] + \frac{1}{h_i} [x - x_{i-1}] [y_i - \frac{h_i^2}{6} M_i]$$

For $i=1, x_0 \leq x \leq x_1$
 $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

Cubic spline in the interval $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

$$M_0 = 0, M_1 = -10.5, M_2 = 48, M_3 = 0$$

$$x_0 = -1, x_1 = 0, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 2$$

$$y_0 = -1, y_1 = 1, y_2 = 3, y_3 = 25$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{6x_1} \left[(x_1 - x)^3 M_0 + (x - x_0)^3 M_1 \right] + \frac{1}{6} (x_1 - x_0) \left(y_0 - \frac{1}{6} M_0 \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{6} (x - x_0) \left(y_1 - \frac{1}{6} M_1 \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{6} \left[0 + (x+1)^3 (-10) \right] + \frac{1}{6} \left[0 - 2 \right] \left[(-1) - \frac{1}{6} (0) \right] + \\
&\quad (x+1) \left[(1) - \frac{1}{6} (10) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{6} \left[(x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1)(-10) \right] + (-2) + \left[(x+1) \left(1 - \frac{10}{6} \right) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{6} \left[-10x^3 - 30x^2 - 30x - 10 - 2 + 2x + 2 + 3x + 3 \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{6} \left[-10x^3 - 30x^2 - 28x - 9 \right] \\
y_1(x) &= -\frac{5}{3}x^3 - 5x^2 - \frac{14}{3}x - \frac{3}{2} \\
\text{put } x &= 0 \\
\text{Cubic spline in the interval } 0 \leq x \leq 1.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
y_2(x) &= \frac{1}{6x_2} \left[(x_2 - x)^3 M_1 + (x - x_1)^3 M_2 \right] + \frac{1}{6} (x_2 - x_1) \left(y_1 - \frac{1}{6} M_1 \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{6} (x - x_1) \left(y_2 - \frac{1}{6} M_2 \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{6} \left[(1-x)^3 (2) + (x-0)^3 (48) \right] + \frac{1}{6} (1-x) \left[1 - \frac{1}{6} (-12) \right] \\
&\quad + (x-0) \left(3 - \frac{48}{6} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{6} \left[1 - 3x + 3x^2 - 2^3(-12) + 48x^3 \right] + (1-x)(1+2) \\
&\quad + x(3-8) \\
&= \left[-24 - 6x - 6x^2 + 2x^3 + 8x^3 \right] + \left[-3 - 3x + 3 \right] - 5x \\
&= 2x^3 - 6x^2 - 6x + 2 - 3x - 5x + 3 \\
y_2(x) &= 10x^3 - 6x^2 - 2x + 1 \\
\text{put } x &= 1 \\
y_3(x) &= \left[(x_3 - x)^3 M_2 + (x - x_2)^3 M_3 \right] + \frac{1}{6} \left[(x_3 - x_2) \left(y_2 - \frac{1}{6} M_2 \right) \right.
\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} & + \frac{1}{6} \left[(x-x_2)(y_2 - \frac{1}{6}M_2) \right] \\ & = \frac{1}{6} \left[(2-x)^3(48) + (x-1)^3(0) \right] + (2-x) \left(3 - \frac{1}{6}(48) \right) \\ & \quad + (x-1) \left(35 - \frac{1}{6}(0) \right) \\ & = \frac{1}{6} \left[(8 - 2x^3 - 3(4)x + 3(2)x^2) 48 \right] + (2-x)(-5)(2) \\ y_3(x) &= 64 - 8x^3 - 96x + 48x^2 - 10 - 15x + 35x - 35 \\ y_3(x) &= -8x^3 - 96x + 48x^2 - 15x + 35x + 64 - 10 - 35 \\ y_3(x) &= -8x^3 + 48x^2 - 56x + 19 \end{aligned}$$
$$\therefore y(x) = \begin{cases} -2x^3 - 6x^2 - 2x + 1 & , -1 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 10x^3 - 6x^2 - 2x + 1 & , 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ -8x^3 + 48x^2 - 56x + 19 & , 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$
$$\begin{aligned} y(0.5) &\Rightarrow y_2(x) = 10x^3 - 6x^2 - 2x + 1, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ &= 10(0.5)^3 - 6(0.5)^2 - 2(0.5) + 1 \\ &= -0.25 \end{aligned}$$