Numerical Simulation of Dynamic Systems: Hw7 - Problem

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[H6.1a] Interpolation of Measurement Data

Given a set of measurement data of surface air temperature:

t [hours]	u °C
0	6
6	16
12	28
18	21
24	18
36	34
48	18
60	25
66	15
72	4

where t denotes the time measured in hours, and u denotes the surface air temperature at that time measured in degrees Centigrade.

We shall need intermediate values, and therefore, we require an *interpolation routine*.

[H6.1a] Interpolation of Measurement Data II

Matlab offers a cubic spline routine for this purpose.

Cubic splines place cubic polynomials in each segment, i.e., in the range of values between two neighboring measurement data points, such that:

1. the values of the interpolation polynomial are correct at the two measurement data points, and

2. the first derivatives at these measurement data points coincide with the first derivatives of the interpolation polynomials of the neighboring segment.

Make use of the spline routine to obtain interpolated data points at all multiples of six hours, such that the new "measurement" data are equidistantly spaced over the range of values $t \in \{0\}, \{6\}, \dots, \{72\}$ *hours*.

[H6.1a] Interpolation of Measurement Data III

We now wish to compare two different interpolation routines:

1. cubic spline interpolation
2. 3rd-order Nordsieck interpolation

To this end, we need to develop a Matlab function nordsieck_intpol that has the same parameters as the spline function.

We start out with the formula:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_k \\ h \cdot \dot{x}_k \\ \frac{h^2}{2} \cdot \ddot{x}_k \\ \frac{h^3}{6} \cdot x_k^{(iii)} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 11 & -18 & 9 & -2 \\ 6 & -15 & 12 & -3 \\ 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_k \\ x_{k-1} \\ x_{k-2} \\ x_{k-3} \end{pmatrix} \tag{1}$$

and move the grid by the minimal amount necessary to make one of the grid points coincide with the desired interpolation point.

## [H6.1a] Interpolation of Measurement Data IV

Calculate the interpolated temperature twice for every full hour, once using spline interpolation and once using Nordsieck interpolation.

Plot the two curves on top of each other.

What do you conclude?

[H6.1b] Heat Diffusion in the Soil

Agricultural engineers are interested in knowing the temperature distribution in the soil as a function of the surface air temperature. As shown below, we assume that we have a soil layer of 50 cm. Underneath the soil, there is a layer that acts as an ideal heat insulator.
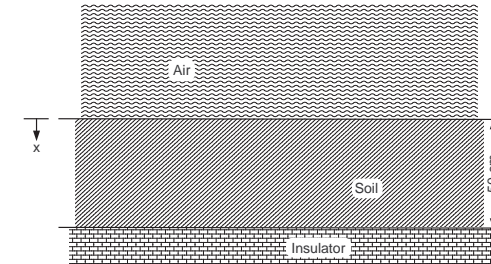
[H6.1b] Heat Diffusion in the Soil II

The heat flow problem can be written as:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\lambda}{\rho \cdot c} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

where $\lambda = 0.004$ cal cm^{-1} sec^{-1} K^{-1} is the specific thermal conductance of soil, $\rho = 1.335$ g cm^{-3} is the density of soil, and $c = 0.2$ cal g^{-1} K^{-1} is the specific thermal capacitance of soil.

The surface air temperature has been recorded as a function of time:

t [hours]	u °C
0	6
6	16
12	28
18	21
24	18
36	34
48	18
60	25
66	15
72	4

[H6.1b] Heat Diffusion in the Soil III

We want to assume that the surface soil temperature is identical with the surface air temperature at all times. We want to furthermore assume that the initial soil temperature is equal to the initial surface temperature everywhere.

Specify the model using hours as units of time, and centimeters as units of space. Discretize the problem using third-order accurate finite differences everywhere.

Simulate the resulting linear ODE system using MATLAB's built-in stiff system solver (ode15s).

Plot on one graph the soil temperature at the surface and at the insulator as functions of time.

Generate also a three-dimensional plot showing the temperature distribution in the soil as a function of time and space.