

Approximation of Derivatives by FFT

1. Let $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a differentiable function with period 2. Approximate f on the interval $[-1, 1]$ as $f \approx A$ where

$$A(x) = \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2} y_j e^{i\pi j x} \quad \text{and} \quad y_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\ell=-N/2+1}^{N/2} f\left(\frac{2\ell}{N}\right) e^{-2\pi i \ell j / N}.$$

Differentiate A to obtain approximations for f' , f'' and f''' .

Differentiating yields

$$A'(x) = i\pi \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2} j y_j e^{i\pi j x},$$

$$A''(x) = -\pi^2 \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2} j^2 y_j e^{i\pi j x}$$

and

$$A'''(x) = -i\pi^3 \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2} j^3 y_j e^{i\pi j x}.$$

2. Modify the approximation in part 1 by setting $y_{N/2} = 0$ to obtain \tilde{A} . Explain why \tilde{A} is guaranteed to be real for all values of x .

For notational convenience denote

$$B'(x) = \tilde{A}'(x), \quad B''(x) = \tilde{A}''(x) \quad \text{and} \quad B'''(x) = \tilde{A}'''(x).$$

Since $y_{N/2} = 0$ the resulting functions are simply the sums that end at $N/2 - 1$. Thus

$$B(x) = \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2-1} y_j e^{i\pi j x},$$

$$B'(x) = i\pi \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2-1} j y_j e^{i\pi j x},$$

$$B''(x) = -\pi^2 \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2-1} j^2 y_j e^{i\pi j x}$$

and

$$B'''(x) = -i\pi^3 \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2-1} j^3 y_j e^{i\pi j x}.$$

Real means that

$$B'(x) = \overline{B'(x)}, \quad B''(x) = \overline{B''(x)} \quad \text{and} \quad B'''(x) = \overline{B'''(x)}$$

where the overlining indicates complex conjugation. Since f is real, then by definition

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{y_j} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\ell=-N/2+1}^{N/2} \overline{f\left(\frac{2\ell}{N}\right) e^{-2\pi i \ell j/N}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\ell=-N/2+1}^{N/2} f\left(\frac{2\ell}{N}\right) e^{2\pi i \ell j/N} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\ell=-N/2+1}^{N/2} f\left(\frac{2\ell}{N}\right) e^{-2\pi i \ell (-j)/N} = y_{-j}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, setting $k = -j$ in the sum yields

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{B'(x)} &= \overline{i\pi} \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2-1} j \overline{y_j} e^{i\pi j x} = -i\pi \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2-1} j y_{-j} e^{-i\pi j x} \\ &= i\pi \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2-1} (-j) y_{-j} e^{i\pi(-j)x} = i\pi \sum_{k=-N/2+1}^{N/2-1} k y_k e^{i\pi k x} = B'(x) \end{aligned}$$

so $B'(x)$ is real for any value of x . Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{B''(x)} &= -\pi^2 \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2-1} j^2 \overline{y_j} e^{i\pi j x} = -\pi^2 \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2-1} j^2 y_{-j} e^{-i\pi j x} \\ &= -\pi^2 \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2-1} (-j)^2 y_{-j} e^{i\pi(-j)x} = -\pi^2 \sum_{k=-N/2+1}^{N/2-1} k^2 y_k e^{i\pi k x} = B''(x) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{B'''(x)} &= \overline{-i\pi^3} \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2-1} j^3 \overline{y_j} e^{i\pi j x} = i\pi^3 \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2-1} j^3 y_{-j} e^{-i\pi j x} \\ &= -i\pi^3 \sum_{j=-N/2+1}^{N/2-1} (-j)^3 y_{-j} e^{i\pi(-j)x} = -\pi^3 \sum_{k=-N/2+1}^{N/2-1} k^3 y_k e^{i\pi k x} = B'''(x) \end{aligned}$$

show that $B''(x)$ and $B'''(x)$ are real valued.

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3. Let $f(x) = \exp(\sin \pi x)$. Compute f' , f'' and f''' exactly.

The Maple script

```
1 restart;
2 with(codegen):
3 f:=x->exp(sin(Pi*x));
4 df:=unapply(simplify(diff(f(x),x)),x);
5 ddf:=unapply(simplify(diff(df(x),x)),x);
6 dddf:=unapply(simplify(diff(ddf(x),x)),x);
7 C(f,optimized,filename="f.i");
8 C(df,optimized,filename="f.i");
9 C(ddf,optimized,filename="f.i");
10 C(dddf,optimized,filename="f.i");
```

produces the output

```
|\~/| Maple 9.5 (IBM INTEL LINUX)
_|\|| |/_ Copyright (c) Maplesoft, a division of Waterloo Maple Inc. 2004
 \ MAPLE / All rights reserved. Maple is a trademark of
 <----> Waterloo Maple Inc.
 | Type ? for help.
> restart;
> with(codegen):
Warning, the protected name MathML has been redefined and unprotected
> f:=x->exp(sin(Pi*x));
      f := x -> exp(sin(Pi x))

> df:=unapply(simplify(diff(f(x),x)),x);
      df := x -> cos(Pi x) Pi exp(sin(Pi x))

> ddf:=unapply(simplify(diff(df(x),x)),x);
      ddf := x -> -Pi exp(sin(Pi x)) (sin(Pi x) - cos(Pi x) )

> dddf:=unapply(simplify(diff(ddf(x),x)),x);
      dddf := x -> -Pi exp(sin(Pi x)) cos(Pi x) (3 sin(Pi x) - cos(Pi x) + 1)

> C(f,optimized,filename="f.i");
> C(df,optimized,filename="f.i");
> C(ddf,optimized,filename="f.i");
> C(dddf,optimized,filename="f.i");
> quit
bytes used=2782620, alloc=2358864, time=0.06
```

which shows that

$$f'(x) = \pi(\cos \pi x) \exp(\sin \pi x)$$
$$f''(x) = \pi^2(\cos^2 \pi x - \sin \pi x) \exp(\sin \pi x)$$

and

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$$f'''(x) = \pi^3(\cos \pi x)(\cos^2 \pi x - 3 \sin \pi x - 1) \exp(\sin \pi x)$$

Automatically generated C code for the above derivatives is

```
1 /* The options were      : operatorarrow */
2 #include <math.h>
3 double f(x)
4 double x;
5 {
6     double t2;
7     {
8         t2 = sin(0.3141592653589793E1*x);
9         return(exp(t2));
10    }
11 }
12
13 /* The options were      : operatorarrow */
14 #include <math.h>
15 double df(x)
16 double x;
17 {
18     double t1;
19     double t2;
20     double t4;
21     double t5;
22     {
23         t1 = 0.3141592653589793E1*x;
24         t2 = cos(t1);
25         t4 = sin(t1);
26         t5 = exp(t4);
27         return(t2*0.3141592653589793E1*t5);
28     }
29 }
30
31 /* The options were      : operatorarrow */
32 #include <math.h>
33 double ddf(x)
34 double x;
35 {
36     double t1;
37     double t2;
38     double t3;
39     double t4;
40     double t6;
41     double t7;
```

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```

42  {
43      t1 = 0.3141592653589793E1*0.3141592653589793E1;
44      t2 = 0.3141592653589793E1*x;
45      t3 = sin(t2);
46      t4 = exp(t3);
47      t6 = cos(t2);
48      t7 = t6*t6;
49      return(-t1*t4*(t3-t7));
50  }
51 }
52
53 /* The options were      : operatorarrow */
54 #include <math.h>
55 double dddf(x)
56 double x;
57 {
58     double t1;
59     double t3;
60     double t4;
61     double t5;
62     double t7;
63     double t9;
64     {
65         t1 = 0.3141592653589793E1*0.3141592653589793E1;
66         t3 = 0.3141592653589793E1*x;
67         t4 = sin(t3);
68         t5 = exp(t4);
69         t7 = cos(t3);
70         t9 = t7*t7;
71         return(-t1*0.3141592653589793E1*t5*t7*(3.0*t4-t9+1.0));
72     }
73 }
74

```

4. Define

$$\begin{aligned}
 A'_\ell &= A'\left(\frac{2\ell}{N}\right), & A''_\ell &= A''\left(\frac{2\ell}{N}\right), & A'''_\ell &= A'''\left(\frac{2\ell}{N}\right), \\
 \tilde{A}'_\ell &= \tilde{A}'\left(\frac{2\ell}{N}\right), & \tilde{A}''_\ell &= \tilde{A}''\left(\frac{2\ell}{N}\right), & \tilde{A}'''_\ell &= \tilde{A}'''\left(\frac{2\ell}{N}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Write a program that uses the the FFT and inverse FFT to compute these approximations for $N = 4, 8, 16$. Display your results in a table form. Are the imaginary parts of A'_ℓ , A''_ℓ and A'''_ℓ zero? How about the imaginary parts of \tilde{A}'_ℓ , \tilde{A}''_ℓ and \tilde{A}'''_ℓ ? Which are better approximations? What role does rounding error play?

The program

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```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <math.h>
4 #include <complex.h>
5
6 #include "fft.h"
7
8 extern double f(double x);
9 extern double df(double x);
10 extern double ddf(double x);
11 extern double dddf(double x);
12
13 #include "f.i"
14
15 int main(){
16     for(int N=4;N<=16;N=N*2){
17         complex F[N],Y[N];
18         for(int l=-N/2+1;l<=N/2;l++){
19             int n; if(l<0) n=l+N; else n=l;
20             F[n]=f(2.0*l/N);
21         }
22         fft(N,F,Y);
23         complex dA[N],ddA[N],dddA[N];
24         complex dB[N],ddB[N],dddB[N]; // B = tilde A
25         complex T[N];
26
27         for(int j=-N/2+1;j<=N/2;j++){
28             int n; if(j<0) n=j+N; else n=j;
29             T[n]=I*M_PI*j*Y[n];
30         }
31         fift(N,T,dA);
32         T[N/2]=0;
33         fift(N,T,dB);
34
35         for(int j=-N/2+1;j<=N/2;j++){
36             int n; if(j<0) n=j+N; else n=j;
37             T[n]=-M_PI*M_PI*j*j*Y[n];
38         }
39         fift(N,T,ddA);
40         T[N/2]=0;
41         fift(N,T,ddB);
42
43         for(int j=-N/2+1;j<=N/2;j++){
44             int n; if(j<0) n=j+N; else n=j;
```

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45     T[n]=-I*M_PI*M_PI*M_PI*j*j*j*Y[n];
46 }
47 fift(N,T,dddA);
48 T[N/2]=0;
49 fift(N,T,dddB);
50
51 printf("%s#Values of dA, ddA and dddA for N=%d\n",
52     N>4?"\n":"",N);
53 printf("#%2s  %11s %11s  %11s %11s  %11s %11s\n",
54     "l","real(dA)","imag(dA)","real(ddA)","imag(ddA)",
55     "real(dddA)","imag(dddA)");
56 for(int l=-N/2+1;l<=N/2;l++){
57     int n; if(l<0) n=l+N; else n=l;
58     printf("%3d  %11.4e %11.4e  %11.4e %11.4e  %11.4e %11.4e\n",
59         l,dA[n],ddA[n],dddA[n]);
60 }
61
62 printf("\n#Values of dB, ddB and dddB for N=%d\n",N);
63 printf("#%2s  %11s %11s  %11s %11s  %11s %11s\n",
64     "l","real(dB)","imag(dB)","real(ddB)","imag(ddB)",
65     "real(dddB)","imag(dddB)");
66 for(int l=-N/2+1;l<=N/2;l++){
67     int n; if(l<0) n=l+N; else n=l;
68     printf("%3d  %11.4e %11.4e  %11.4e %11.4e  %11.4e %11.4e\n",
69         l,dB[n],ddB[n],dddB[n]);
70 }
71
72 }
73 return 0;
74 }

```

where `fft.c` is given by

```

1 #include <complex.h>
2 #include <stdio.h>
3 #include <stdlib.h>
4 #include <math.h>
5
6 #include "fft.h"
7
8 void dft(int N,complex x[N],complex y[N]){
9     for(int j=0;j<N;j++){
10        y[j]=0.0;
11        for(int l=0;l<N;l++){
12            y[j]+=cexp(-2.0*M_PI*I/N*l*j)*x[l];

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```

13     }
14     y[j]/=N;
15 }
16 }
17 void difft(int N,complex y[N],complex x[N]){
18     for(int j=0;j<N;j++){
19         x[j]=0.0;
20         for(int l=0;l<N;l++){
21             x[j]+=cexp(2.0*M_PI*I/N*l*j)*y[l];
22         }
23     }
24 }
25 void fftwork(int N,int s,complex *x,complex *y){
26     if(N==1){
27         y[0]=x[0];
28         return;
29     }
30     if(N%2){
31         printf("Error N was not divisible by 2!\n");
32         exit(1);
33     }
34     int K=N/2;
35     fftwork(K,2*s,x,y);
36     fftwork(K,2*s,x+s,y+K);
37     for(int j=0;j<K;j++){
38         complex ye=y[j],yo=y[j+K];
39         complex omega=cexp(-2*M_PI*I/N*j);
40         y[j]=ye+omega*yo; y[j+K]=ye-omega*yo;
41     }
42 }
43 void fft(int N,complex x[N],complex y[N]){
44     fftwork(N,1,x,y);
45     for(int j=0;j<N;j++) y[j]/=N;
46 }
47 void fiftwork(int N,int s,complex *x,complex *y){
48     if(N==1){
49         y[0]=x[0];
50         return;
51     }
52     if(N%2){
53         printf("Error N was not divisible by 2!\n");
54         exit(1);
55     }
56     int K=N/2;

```

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```
57     fiftwork(K,2*s,x,y);
58     fiftwork(K,2*s,x+s,y+K);
59     for(int j=0;j<K;j++){
60         complex ye=y[j],yo=y[j+K];
61         complex omega=cexp(2*M_PI*I/N*j);
62         y[j]=ye+omega*yo; y[j+K]=ye-omega*yo;
63     }
64 }
65 void fift(int N,complex x[N],complex y[N]){
66     fiftwork(N,1,x,y);
67 }
```

and `fft.h` is

```
1 #ifndef _FFT_H
2 #define _FFT_H
3
4 #include <complex.h>
5
6 extern void dft(int N,complex x[N],complex y[N]);
7 extern void dift(int N,complex y[N],complex x[N]);
8 extern void fft(int N,complex x[N],complex y[N]);
9 extern void fift(int N,complex x[N],complex y[N]);
10
11 #endif
```

produces the output

```
#Values of dA, ddA and dddA for N=4
# 1   real(dA)   imag(dA)   real(ddA)   imag(ddA)   real(dddA)   imag(dddA)
-1  -3.4879e-16  1.7061e+00  8.7879e-01  9.8608e-32  3.4424e-15  -6.7356e+01
 0   3.6920e+00 -1.7061e+00  1.0720e+01  0.0000e+00 -3.6439e+01  6.7356e+01
 1   3.4879e-16  1.7061e+00 -2.2319e+01 -9.8608e-32 -3.4424e-15  -6.7356e+01
 2  -3.6920e+00 -1.7061e+00  1.0720e+01  0.0000e+00  3.6439e+01  6.7356e+01
```

```
#Values of dB, ddB and dddB for N=4
# 1   real(dB)   imag(dB)   real(ddB)   imag(ddB)   real(dddB)   imag(dddB)
-1  -3.4879e-16  2.1356e-32  1.1599e+01  9.8608e-32  3.4424e-15  -2.1078e-31
 0   3.6920e+00  2.2606e-16  1.0957e-15  0.0000e+00 -3.6439e+01  -2.2311e-15
 1   3.4879e-16 -2.1356e-32 -1.1599e+01 -9.8608e-32 -3.4424e-15  2.1078e-31
 2  -3.6920e+00 -2.2606e-16 -1.0957e-15  0.0000e+00  3.6439e+01  2.2311e-15
```

```
#Values of dA, ddA and dddA for N=8
# 1   real(dA)   imag(dA)   real(ddA)   imag(ddA)   real(dddA)   imag(dddA)
-3  -1.1039e+00 -6.8791e-02  5.9339e+00 -4.4409e-16 -1.6006e+01  1.0863e+01
-2   0.0000e+00  6.8791e-02  3.5579e+00  4.3232e-16 -3.1554e-30  -1.0863e+01
-1   1.1039e+00 -6.8791e-02  5.9339e+00  2.6837e-31  1.6006e+01  1.0863e+01
 0   3.1280e+00  6.8791e-02  9.8555e+00  0.0000e+00  2.5249e+00  -1.0863e+01
 1   4.5162e+00 -6.8791e-02 -4.2050e+00  4.4409e-16 -1.1871e+02  1.0863e+01
 2   1.3951e-15  6.8791e-02 -2.6727e+01 -4.3232e-16 -5.5078e-14  -1.0863e+01
 3  -4.5162e+00 -6.8791e-02 -4.2050e+00  2.6837e-31  1.1871e+02  1.0863e+01
```

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4 -3.1280e+00 6.8791e-02 9.8555e+00 0.0000e+00 -2.5249e+00 -1.0863e+01

#Values of dB, ddB and dddB for N=8

#	1	real(dB)	imag(dB)	real(ddB)	imag(ddB)	real(dddB)	imag(dddB)
-3	-1.1039e+00	1.1758e-16	5.0695e+00	-4.4409e-16	-1.6006e+01	4.1242e-15	
-2	0.0000e+00	4.2713e-32	4.4224e+00	4.3232e-16	-3.1554e-30	-1.6862e-30	
-1	1.1039e+00	-1.1758e-16	5.0695e+00	2.6837e-31	1.6006e+01	-7.6769e-15	
0	3.1280e+00	1.2272e-16	1.0720e+01	0.0000e+00	2.5249e+00	4.9082e-15	
1	4.5162e+00	-3.2651e-16	-5.0695e+00	4.4409e-16	-1.1871e+02	4.1242e-15	
2	1.3951e-15	-4.2713e-32	-2.5862e+01	-4.3232e-16	-5.5078e-14	1.6862e-30	
3	-4.5162e+00	3.2651e-16	-5.0695e+00	2.6837e-31	1.1871e+02	-5.7149e-16	
4	-3.1280e+00	-1.2272e-16	1.0720e+01	0.0000e+00	-2.5249e+00	-4.9082e-15	

#Values of dA, ddA and dddA for N=16

#	1	real(dA)	imag(dA)	real(ddA)	imag(ddA)	real(dddA)	imag(dddA)
-7	-1.9796e+00	-5.0068e-06	8.3215e+00	8.4377e-15	-1.9568e+01	3.1625e-03	
-6	-1.0953e+00	5.0068e-06	5.8743e+00	-9.7700e-15	-1.7527e+01	-3.1625e-03	
-5	-4.7726e-01	-5.0068e-06	4.1935e+00	7.5495e-15	-9.0347e+00	3.1625e-03	
-4	-1.0028e-15	5.0068e-06	3.6308e+00	-5.4679e-15	2.2935e-13	-3.1625e-03	
-3	4.7726e-01	-5.0068e-06	4.1935e+00	3.9968e-15	9.0347e+00	3.1625e-03	
-2	1.0953e+00	5.0068e-06	5.8743e+00	-7.9936e-15	1.7527e+01	-3.1625e-03	
-1	1.9796e+00	-5.0068e-06	8.3215e+00	9.8810e-15	1.9568e+01	3.1625e-03	
0	3.1416e+00	5.0068e-06	9.8696e+00	-5.2712e-15	3.6572e-04	-3.1625e-03	
1	4.2556e+00	-5.0068e-06	6.8139e+00	-2.2204e-15	-5.4371e+01	3.1625e-03	
2	4.5053e+00	5.0068e-06	-4.1456e+00	9.7700e-15	-1.1656e+02	-3.1625e-03	
3	3.0285e+00	-5.0068e-06	-1.9329e+01	-1.3767e-14	-1.0836e+02	3.1625e-03	
4	-3.9239e-16	5.0068e-06	-2.6828e+01	1.4234e-14	4.8667e-13	-3.1625e-03	
5	-3.0285e+00	-5.0068e-06	-1.9329e+01	-1.0214e-14	1.0836e+02	3.1625e-03	
6	-4.5053e+00	5.0068e-06	-4.1456e+00	7.9936e-15	1.1656e+02	-3.1625e-03	
7	-4.2556e+00	-5.0068e-06	6.8139e+00	-3.6637e-15	5.4371e+01	3.1625e-03	
8	-3.1416e+00	5.0068e-06	9.8696e+00	-3.4948e-15	-3.6572e-04	-3.1625e-03	

#Values of dB, ddB and dddB for N=16

#	1	real(dB)	imag(dB)	real(ddB)	imag(ddB)	real(dddB)	imag(dddB)
-7	-1.9796e+00	4.4830e-16	8.3214e+00	8.4377e-15	-1.9568e+01	-1.8541e-13	
-6	-1.0953e+00	-1.9970e-16	5.8744e+00	-9.7700e-15	-1.7527e+01	8.1801e-14	
-5	-4.7726e-01	-1.1523e-16	4.1934e+00	7.5495e-15	-9.0347e+00	-9.9930e-15	
-4	-1.0028e-15	2.2204e-16	3.6309e+00	-5.4679e-15	2.2935e-13	-2.1316e-14	
-3	4.7726e-01	2.2626e-16	4.1934e+00	3.9968e-15	9.0347e+00	2.0651e-14	
-2	1.0953e+00	-2.4439e-16	5.8744e+00	-7.9936e-15	1.7527e+01	-5.6932e-14	
-1	1.9796e+00	-6.7035e-16	8.3214e+00	9.8810e-15	1.9568e+01	1.6498e-13	
0	3.1416e+00	8.6390e-16	9.8697e+00	-5.2712e-15	3.6572e-04	-2.7484e-13	
1	4.2556e+00	-8.8397e-16	6.8138e+00	-2.2204e-15	-5.4371e+01	3.1197e-13	
2	4.5053e+00	6.8848e-16	-4.1455e+00	9.7700e-15	-1.1656e+02	-2.6636e-13	
3	3.0285e+00	-3.3728e-16	-1.9329e+01	-1.3767e-14	-1.0836e+02	1.3922e-13	
4	-3.9239e-16	-2.2204e-16	-2.6828e+01	1.4234e-14	4.8667e-13	2.1316e-14	
5	-3.0285e+00	2.2626e-16	-1.9329e+01	-1.0214e-14	1.0836e+02	-1.4988e-13	
6	-4.5053e+00	-2.4439e-16	-4.1455e+00	7.9936e-15	1.1656e+02	2.4150e-13	
7	-4.2556e+00	1.1060e-15	6.8138e+00	-3.6637e-15	5.4371e+01	-2.9155e-13	
8	-3.1416e+00	-8.6390e-16	9.8697e+00	-3.4948e-15	-3.6572e-04	2.7484e-13	

The imaginary parts of A'_ℓ and A'''_ℓ are comparatively large while the imaginary parts of A''_ℓ , B'_ℓ , B''_ℓ and B'''_ℓ are all essential zero to within the limits of rounding error. In particular, since double precision floating point arithmetic has about 15 significant digits,

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then any number less than 1^{-14} is numerically zero in comparison to a number of unit magnitude. It is interesting that A'_ℓ is also real valued. Since

$$y_{N/2} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\ell=-N/2+1}^{N/2} f\left(\frac{2\ell}{N}\right) e^{-\pi i \ell} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\ell=-N/2+1}^{N/2} f\left(\frac{2\ell}{N}\right) (-1)^\ell$$

is a sum of real terms, then $y_{N/2}$ is real. Consequently, the term for $j = N/2$ in the sum definition of $A''(x)$ given by

$$A''_\ell - B''_\ell = -\pi^2 (N/2)^2 y_{N/2} e^{i\pi(N/2)(2\ell/N)} = -\pi^2 (N/2)^2 y_{N/2} (-1)^\ell$$

is also real. Since B''_ℓ has already been shown to be real it follows that A''_ℓ is also real. Note however, that we have only shown $A''(x)$ is real when $x = 2\ell/N$. For other values of x it is still the case that $A''(x)$ may be complex.

5. Compute the errors

$$E_k = \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{\ell=-N/2+1}^{N/2} \left| A_\ell^{(k)} - f^{(k)}\left(\frac{2\ell}{N}\right) \right|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

and

$$\tilde{E}_k = \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{\ell=-N/2+1}^{N/2} \left| \tilde{A}_\ell^{(k)} - f^{(k)}\left(\frac{2\ell}{N}\right) \right|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

for $k = 1, 2, 3$ and $N = 4, 8, \dots, 65536$. Comment on the quality of the approximations.

The program

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <math.h>
4 #include <complex.h>
5 #include <sys/resource.h>
6
7 #include "fft.h"
8
9 extern double f(double x);
10 extern double df(double x);
11 extern double ddf(double x);
12 extern double dddf(double x);
13
14 #include "f.i"
15
16 double rmsdist(int N, complex x[N], complex y[N]){
```

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```

17     double r=0.0;
18     for(int n=0;n<N;n++){
19         complex t=x[n]-y[n];
20         r=r+t*conj(t);
21     }
22     return sqrt(r/N);
23 }
24
25 int main(){
26     {
27         struct rlimit rlim={RLIM_INFINITY,
28                             RLIM_INFINITY };
29         setrlimit(RLIMIT_STACK,&rlim);
30     }
31     for(int N=4;N<=65536;N=N*2){
32         complex F[N],dF[N],ddF[N],dddF[N],Y[N];
33         for(int l=-N/2+1;l<=N/2;l++){
34             int n; if(l<0) n=l+N; else n=l;
35             F[n]=f(2.0*l/N);
36             dF[n]=df(2.0*l/N);
37             ddF[n]=ddf(2.0*l/N);
38             dddF[n]=ddd(2.0*l/N);
39         }
40         fft(N,F,Y);
41         complex dA[N],ddA[N],dddA[N];
42         complex dB[N],ddB[N],dddB[N]; // B = tilde A
43         complex T[N];
44
45         for(int j=-N/2+1;j<=N/2;j++){
46             int n; if(j<0) n=j+N; else n=j;
47             T[n]=I*M_PI*j*Y[n];
48         }
49         fifft(N,T,dA);
50         T[N/2]=0;
51         fifft(N,T,dB);
52
53         for(int j=-N/2+1;j<=N/2;j++){
54             int n; if(j<0) n=j+N; else n=j;
55             T[n]=-M_PI*M_PI*j*j*Y[n];
56         }
57         fifft(N,T,ddA);
58         T[N/2]=0;
59         fifft(N,T,ddB);
60

```

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```

61     for(int j=-N/2+1;j<=N/2;j++){
62         int n; if(j<0) n=j+N; else n=j;
63         T[n]=-I*M_PI*M_PI*M_PI*j*j*j*Y[n];
64     }
65     fift(N,T,dddA);
66     T[N/2]=0;
67     fift(N,T,dddB);
68
69     if(N==4)
70         printf("#%4s %11s %11s %11s %11s %11s %11s\n",
71             "N", "E1", "tilde-E1", "E2", "tilde-E2", "E3", "tilde-E3");
72     printf("%5d %11.4e %11.4e %11.4e %11.4e %11.4e %11.4e\n",
73         N,rmsdist(N,dA,dF),rmsdist(N,dB,dF),
74         rmsdist(N,ddA,ddF),rmsdist(N,ddB,ddF),
75         rmsdist(N,dddA,dddF),rmsdist(N,dddB,dddF));
76
77 }
78 return 0;
79 }

```

produces the output

#	N	E1	tilde-E1	E2	tilde-E2	E3	tilde-E3
	4	1.7500e+00	3.8920e-01	2.7091e+00	1.1071e+01	7.2116e+01	2.5766e+01
	8	6.9469e-02	9.6818e-03	6.1460e-02	8.6664e-01	1.1015e+01	1.8229e+00
	16	5.0221e-06	3.9277e-07	2.4771e-06	1.2586e-04	3.1732e-03	2.5982e-04
	32	9.7383e-15	7.9807e-15	4.0878e-13	2.9389e-13	1.9035e-11	1.2787e-11
	64	1.9699e-14	1.6232e-14	1.6501e-12	1.2103e-12	1.5136e-10	1.0092e-10
	128	3.4891e-14	3.4891e-14	5.6461e-12	5.6461e-12	9.9190e-10	9.9190e-10
	256	6.5037e-14	6.5037e-14	1.9939e-11	1.9939e-11	6.7432e-09	6.7432e-09
	512	1.1979e-13	1.1979e-13	7.4613e-11	7.4613e-11	5.2421e-08	5.2421e-08
	1024	3.4041e-13	3.4041e-13	4.6722e-10	4.6722e-10	6.8584e-07	6.8584e-07
	2048	5.6296e-13	5.6296e-13	1.3485e-09	1.3485e-09	3.6094e-06	3.6094e-06
	4096	1.2525e-12	1.2525e-12	6.4740e-09	6.4740e-09	3.6486e-05	3.6486e-05
	8192	2.4351e-12	2.4351e-12	2.4203e-08	2.4203e-08	2.6545e-04	2.6545e-04
	16384	4.6974e-12	4.6974e-12	9.1677e-08	9.1677e-08	1.9636e-03	1.9636e-03
	32768	1.0509e-11	1.0509e-11	4.4714e-07	4.4714e-07	2.0721e-02	2.0721e-02
	65536	2.5330e-11	2.5330e-11	2.2232e-06	2.2232e-06	2.1131e-01	2.1131e-01

We comment that B'_ℓ is more accurate than A'_ℓ and B'''_ℓ is more accurate than A'''_ℓ . On the other hand, A''_ℓ appears more accurate than B''_ℓ especially for small values of N , such as, for example $N = 16$. When N is large the error in the approximations given by A and the error from B are essentially the same; however, it should be noted that the quality of the approximations decrease when N gets very large. This is especially noticeable for the third derivative for which the quality of approximation is best when $N = 32$ and remarkably inaccurate when $N = 65536$.

Just as the derivative approximations formed by finite differences decrease in quality when h is too small, the reason that the error increases when N is large is likely due to rounding error in the floating point arithmetic. For example, the amplitude of highest

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Fourier mode is multiplied by j^3 for $j = N/2 - 1$ when approximating f''' . Since $j^3 \approx 3.5 \times 10^{13}$ for $N = 65536$ and the double precision arithmetic is accurate to at most 10^{-15} , this simple estimate implies the resulting error in the highest mode of the derivative approximation could be as much as 3.5×10^{-2} . While it is possible filtering of the higher modes could improve the higher order derivative approximations when N is large, we do not explore this line of inquiry here.

- Repeat parts 3 through 5 above for the function $f(x) = \exp(x^2)$. Compare the size of the errors and rate of convergence as $N \rightarrow \infty$ in this case to the previous one. Explain any differences or similarities.

Modify the Maple script as

```
1 restart;
2 with(codegen):
3 f:=x->exp(x^2);
4 df:=unapply(simplify(diff(f(x),x)),x);
5 ddf:=unapply(simplify(diff(df(x),x)),x);
6 dddf:=unapply(simplify(diff(ddf(x),x)),x);
7 C(f,optimized,filename="f6.i");
8 C(df,optimized,filename="f6.i");
9 C(ddf,optimized,filename="f6.i");
10 C(dddf,optimized,filename="f6.i");
```

to produce a new file `f6.i` that can be included in the previous two programs in place of `f.i`. The output of the script is

```
|\~/|      Maple 9.5 (IBM INTEL LINUX)
._|\/|    |/|_ . Copyright (c) Maplesoft, a division of Waterloo Maple Inc. 2004
 \ MAPLE / All rights reserved. Maple is a trademark of
 <-----> Waterloo Maple Inc.
      |      Type ? for help.
> restart;
> with(codegen):
Warning, the protected name MathML has been redefined and unprotected
> f:=x->exp(x^2);
                2
          f := x -> exp(x )
> df:=unapply(simplify(diff(f(x),x)),x);
                2
          df := x -> 2 x exp(x )
> ddf:=unapply(simplify(diff(df(x),x)),x);
                2          2
          ddf := x -> 2 exp(x ) (1 + 2 x )
> dddf:=unapply(simplify(diff(ddf(x),x)),x);
                2          2
          dddf := x -> 4 x exp(x ) (3 + 2 x )
```

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```

> C(f,optimized,filename="f6.i");
> C(df,optimized,filename="f6.i");
> C(ddf,optimized,filename="f6.i");
> C(dddf,optimized,filename="f6.i");
> quit
bytes used=2010624, alloc=1703624, time=0.05

```

which indicates the exact first, second and third derivatives of $\exp(x^2)$ for the modified part 3. Now, the program for the modified part 4 produces

```

#Values of dA, ddA and dddA for N=4
# 1    real(dA)    imag(dA)    real(ddA)    imag(ddA)    real(dddA)    imag(dddA)
-1 -2.6991e+00 -1.8068e+00  1.1352e+01  0.0000e+00  2.6639e+01  7.1329e+01
 0  0.0000e+00  1.8068e+00 -2.8729e+00  0.0000e+00  0.0000e+00 -7.1329e+01
 1  2.6991e+00 -1.8068e+00  1.1352e+01  0.0000e+00 -2.6639e+01  7.1329e+01
 2  0.0000e+00  1.8068e+00 -1.9832e+01 -0.0000e+00  0.0000e+00 -7.1329e+01

```

```

#Values of dB, ddB and dddB for N=4
# 1    real(dB)    imag(dB)    real(ddB)    imag(ddB)    real(dddB)    imag(dddB)
-1 -2.6991e+00  1.6526e-16 -0.0000e+00 -0.0000e+00  2.6639e+01 -1.6311e-15
 0  0.0000e+00  0.0000e+00  8.4794e+00  0.0000e+00  0.0000e+00  0.0000e+00
 1  2.6991e+00 -1.6526e-16  0.0000e+00  0.0000e+00 -2.6639e+01  1.6311e-15
 2  0.0000e+00  0.0000e+00 -8.4794e+00  0.0000e+00  0.0000e+00  0.0000e+00

```

```

#Values of dA, ddA and dddA for N=8
# 1    real(dA)    imag(dA)    real(ddA)    imag(ddA)    real(dddA)    imag(dddA)
-3 -4.5391e+00 -1.0167e+00  1.9720e+01 -3.1086e-15  1.9586e+02  1.6055e+02
-2 -3.6901e-01  1.0167e+00 -1.4236e+00  0.0000e+00 -1.3434e+02 -1.6055e+02
-1 -9.2555e-01 -1.0167e+00  5.8315e+00  3.1086e-15  5.3205e+01  1.6055e+02
 0  0.0000e+00  1.0167e+00 -1.0086e+00 -2.1915e-15  0.0000e+00 -1.6055e+02
 1  9.2555e-01 -1.0167e+00  5.8315e+00  3.1086e-15 -5.3205e+01  1.6055e+02
 2  3.6901e-01  1.0167e+00 -1.4236e+00  0.0000e+00  1.3434e+02 -1.6055e+02
 3  4.5391e+00 -1.0167e+00  1.9720e+01 -3.1086e-15 -1.9586e+02  1.6055e+02
 4  0.0000e+00  1.0167e+00 -4.7248e+01  2.1915e-15  0.0000e+00 -1.6055e+02

```

```

#Values of dB, ddB and dddB for N=8
# 1    real(dB)    imag(dB)    real(ddB)    imag(ddB)    real(dddB)    imag(dddB)
-3 -4.5391e+00  3.3267e-16  6.9444e+00 -3.1086e-15  1.9586e+02 -3.2789e-14
-2 -3.6901e-01 -3.2619e-16  1.1352e+01  0.0000e+00 -1.3434e+02  3.2322e-14
-1 -9.2555e-01  3.3346e-16 -6.9444e+00  3.1086e-15  5.3205e+01 -2.4054e-14
 0  0.0000e+00  0.0000e+00  1.1767e+01 -2.1915e-15  0.0000e+00  0.0000e+00
 1  9.2555e-01 -1.1141e-16 -6.9444e+00  3.1086e-15 -5.3205e+01  2.4054e-14
 2  3.6901e-01  3.2619e-16  1.1352e+01  0.0000e+00  1.3434e+02 -3.2322e-14
 3  4.5391e+00 -5.5472e-16  6.9444e+00 -3.1086e-15 -1.9586e+02  3.2789e-14
 4  0.0000e+00  0.0000e+00 -3.4472e+01  2.1915e-15  0.0000e+00  0.0000e+00

```

```

#Values of dA, ddA and dddA for N=16
# 1    real(dA)    imag(dA)    real(ddA)    imag(ddA)    real(dddA)    imag(dddA)
-7 -5.8129e+00 -5.2695e-01  3.3905e+01 -6.2172e-15  9.2916e+02  3.3285e+02
-6 -1.4782e+00  5.2695e-01 -1.4418e+00 -1.1102e-15 -6.7033e+02 -3.3285e+02
-5 -2.5959e+00 -5.2695e-01  1.0037e+01  3.4417e-15  4.2946e+02  3.3285e+02
-4 -7.7469e-01  5.2695e-01  7.5036e-01  1.3612e-15 -3.1740e+02 -3.3285e+02
-3 -1.2066e+00 -5.2695e-01  5.2505e+00 -1.7764e-15  2.0444e+02  3.3285e+02

```

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-2	-3.1846e-01	5.2695e-01	5.0630e-01	-1.3878e-15	-1.3489e+02	-3.3285e+02
-1	-3.5683e-01	-5.2695e-01	3.7821e+00	1.4211e-14	6.1953e+01	3.3285e+02
0	-5.4498e-16	5.2695e-01	3.7389e-01	-1.0273e-14	1.8481e-13	-3.3285e+02
1	3.5683e-01	-5.2695e-01	3.7821e+00	8.8818e-16	-6.1953e+01	3.3285e+02
2	3.1846e-01	5.2695e-01	5.0630e-01	1.1102e-15	1.3489e+02	-3.3285e+02
3	1.2066e+00	-5.2695e-01	5.2505e+00	1.8874e-15	-2.0444e+02	3.3285e+02
4	7.7469e-01	5.2695e-01	7.5036e-01	-5.7442e-15	3.1740e+02	-3.3285e+02
5	2.5959e+00	-5.2695e-01	1.0037e+01	7.1054e-15	-4.2946e+02	3.3285e+02
6	1.4782e+00	5.2695e-01	-1.4418e+00	1.3878e-15	6.7033e+02	-3.3285e+02
7	5.8129e+00	-5.2695e-01	3.3905e+01	-1.9540e-14	-9.2916e+02	3.3285e+02
8	5.4498e-16	5.2695e-01	-1.0595e+02	1.4656e-14	-1.8481e-13	-3.3285e+02

#Values of dB, ddB and dddB for N=16

#	1	real(dB)	imag(dB)	real(ddB)	imag(ddB)	real(dddB)	imag(dddB)
-7	-5.8129e+00	8.3941e-16	2.0662e+01	-6.2172e-15	9.2916e+02	-2.0878e-13	
-6	-1.4782e+00	-3.0542e-16	1.1802e+01	-1.1102e-15	-6.7033e+02	2.3512e-13	
-5	-2.5959e+00	6.0388e-16	-3.2070e+00	3.4417e-15	4.2946e+02	-1.8912e-13	
-4	-7.7469e-01	-6.1561e-17	1.3994e+01	1.3612e-15	-3.1740e+02	8.1182e-14	
-3	-1.2066e+00	-2.7082e-16	-7.9931e+00	-1.7764e-15	2.0444e+02	-1.2352e-13	
-2	-3.1846e-01	-6.3827e-16	1.3750e+01	-1.3878e-15	-1.3489e+02	1.6279e-13	
-1	-3.5683e-01	6.0388e-16	-9.4616e+00	1.4211e-14	6.1953e+01	-1.3228e-13	
0	-5.4498e-16	4.4409e-16	1.3618e+01	-1.0273e-14	1.8481e-13	-8.5265e-14	
1	3.5683e-01	-4.8771e-17	-9.4616e+00	8.8818e-16	-6.1953e+01	1.8591e-14	
2	3.1846e-01	2.7647e-17	1.3750e+01	1.1102e-15	1.3489e+02	-1.0594e-13	
3	1.2066e+00	-2.8430e-16	-7.9931e+00	1.8874e-15	-2.0444e+02	3.8252e-14	
4	7.7469e-01	6.1561e-17	1.3994e+01	-5.7442e-15	3.1740e+02	-8.1182e-14	
5	2.5959e+00	-2.7082e-16	-3.2070e+00	7.1054e-15	-4.2946e+02	2.7439e-13	
6	1.4782e+00	9.1604e-16	1.1802e+01	1.3878e-15	6.7033e+02	-2.9196e-13	
7	5.8129e+00	-1.1725e-15	2.0662e+01	-1.9540e-14	-9.2916e+02	3.2247e-13	
8	5.4498e-16	-4.4409e-16	-9.2709e+01	1.4656e-14	-1.8481e-13	8.5265e-14	

Note that the first line of each table is noticeably different as N ranges over the values 4, 8 and 16. The line in the middle of the table at $\ell = 0$ gives the correct value of $f'(0) = 0$ for each of the values of N , but the value of

$$f''(0) = 2(1 + 2 \cdot 0^2) \exp(0^2) = 2$$

is wrong for all values of N .

The output from the program for the modified part 5 is

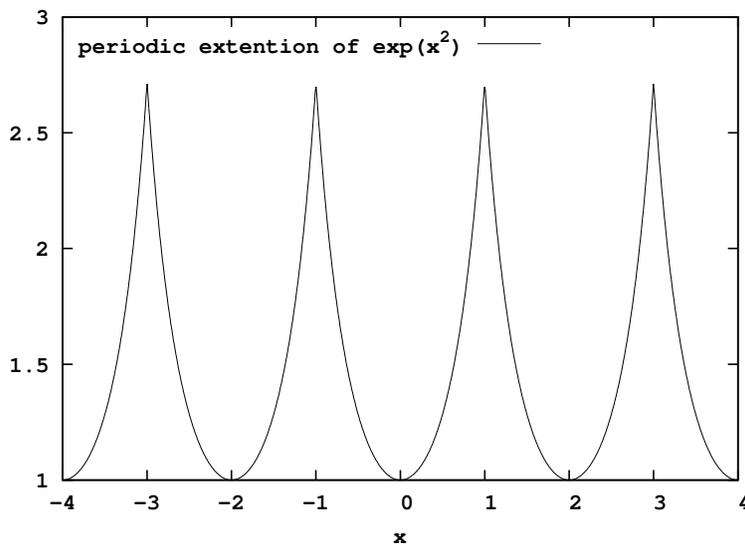
#	N	E1	tilde-E1	E2	tilde-E2	E3	tilde-E3
	4	3.4139e+00	2.8966e+00	1.8990e+01	1.3097e+01	8.0382e+01	3.7061e+01
	8	2.4259e+00	2.2026e+00	2.3528e+01	1.9241e+01	2.0666e+02	1.3012e+02
	16	1.7149e+00	1.6320e+00	3.1876e+01	2.8899e+01	5.6939e+02	4.6196e+02
	32	1.2123e+00	1.1828e+00	4.4555e+01	4.2485e+01	1.5986e+03	1.4504e+03
	64	8.5716e-01	8.4673e-01	6.2822e+01	6.1373e+01	4.5128e+03	4.3069e+03
	128	6.0609e-01	6.0241e-01	8.8777e+01	8.7758e+01	1.2758e+04	1.2470e+04
	256	4.2857e-01	4.2727e-01	1.2553e+02	1.2481e+02	3.6080e+04	3.5675e+04
	512	3.0304e-01	3.0258e-01	1.7751e+02	1.7700e+02	1.0205e+05	1.0148e+05
	1024	2.1428e-01	2.1412e-01	2.5104e+02	2.5068e+02	2.8863e+05	2.8782e+05
	2048	1.5152e-01	1.5146e-01	3.5502e+02	3.5477e+02	8.1637e+05	8.1523e+05
	4096	1.0714e-01	1.0712e-01	5.0207e+02	5.0189e+02	2.3090e+06	2.3074e+06

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8192	7.5761e-02	7.5754e-02	7.1004e+02	7.0991e+02	6.5310e+06	6.5287e+06
16384	5.3571e-02	5.3569e-02	1.0041e+03	1.0041e+03	1.8472e+07	1.8469e+07
32768	3.7881e-02	3.7880e-02	1.4201e+03	1.4200e+03	5.2248e+07	5.2243e+07
65536	2.6786e-02	2.6785e-02	2.0083e+03	2.0082e+03	1.4778e+08	1.4777e+08

Note that the approximations of the second and third derivatives are completely wrong while the first derivative is barely good to two decimal points.

Although the function $\exp(x^2)$ appears quite similar to the previous one, remember that the theory of approximation by Fourier series assumes the function is both periodic and smooth. While $\exp(x^2)$ does not appear periodic, our code is written in such a way that it periodically extends the function defined on the interval $[-1, 1]$ to the entire real line. In this case, the periodically extended function has a graph which looks like



At this point the problem can be seen: the periodically extended function (though originally smooth) now has a cusp-like corner at each even integer value of x . The resulting function is continuous; however, a lack of smoothness explains why the derivative approximations are inaccurate.