

Read BF Chapter 4.1, 4.2, 4.3

## Exercises

**Chapter 4.1** # 5a, 7a

**Chapter 4.2** # 11

**Chapter 4.3** # 1df, 3df, 5df, 7df

## MATLAB/Octave

1. Recall the Lambert W function, defined by  $W(x)e^{W(x)} = x$  and implemented in Matlab as `lambertw`. In this problem, you'll calculate the derivative of  $W$ .
  - (a) Compute  $W'$  for  $x = [0:.01:5]$  by first computing  $W(x)$  and then using forward divided difference. Time this using Matlab's `tic` and `toc`. How long did it take?
  - (b) Compute  $W'$  by implicit differentiation of  $We^W = x$ . Now compute  $W'(x)$  for the same  $x = [0:.01:5]$  using your exact formula for  $W$ . How long did this take?
  - (c) Plot the error between the exact formula of part (b) and the numeric differentiation of part (a) as a function of  $x$ . Where is the error largest? What was the maximum error?
2. Let  $f(x) = x^{1.5}$ .
  - (a) Numerically compute the second derivative of  $f$  on the interval  $[0,4]$  by taking the first derivative twice. You can use forward or backward differences as you wish. Compare these values with the correct values (given by symbolically differentiating  $f$ ). Make a plot of the error between the approximated and exact values.
  - (b) Repeat part (a) but use the second derivative midpoint formula to compute the second derivative
3. Use Matlab to draw the spline  $S$  with nodes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and values 3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 9, 2, 6. Now plot the derivative, second derivative, and third derivative of  $S$ . Describe what you see, and explain.