

MATH-501: Homework # 1

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Problem # 1**1a**

$\sin x = p_0 + p_1 x$ Consider $\| \sin(x) - p_1 x - p_0 \|_2 = \int_{-1}^1 (\sin(x) - p_1 x - p_0)^2 dx$
In order to find, p_1, p_0 we consider partial derivatives

$$\frac{d}{dp_1} \int_{-1}^1 (\sin(x) - p_1 x - p_0)^2 dx = 0 \quad (1)$$

and

$$\frac{d}{dp_0} \int_{-1}^1 (\sin(x) - p_1 x - p_0)^2 dx = 0 \quad (2)$$

Using Liebnitz's formula in 1: $\int_{-1}^1 2(-x)(\sin(x) - p_1 x - p_0)dx = 0 \implies \int_{-1}^1 x.\sin(x) - p_1 x^2 - p_0 x dx = 0 \implies -x.\cos(x) \Big|_{-1}^1 + \int_{-1}^1 \cos(x)dx - \frac{2p_1}{3} = 0$ Thus, $p_1 = 3(\sin(1) - \cos(1))$

Similarly using Leibnitz's rule on 2: $\int_{-1}^1 2(-1)(\sin(x) - p_1 x - p_0)dx = 0 \implies p_0 = 0$ (The first two terms are odd terms and hence integrate to 0)

p_0 is also justified since $\sin(x=0) = 0$ Hence $\sin(x) = 3(\sin(1) - \cos(1))x$

1b

Taylor approximation(degree 3) around $t = 0$: $p_2(t) = \sin(0) + \frac{\cos(0)}{1!}(x-0)^1 + \frac{-\sin(0)(x-0)^2}{2!} + \frac{-\cos(0)(x-0)^3}{3!} + R_4$
 $p_2(t) = t - \frac{t^3}{3!} + R_4(t)$ where R_4 is $o(t^4)$ remainder term.

1c

Given $f(t)$ at $t = -1, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 1$ we fit a degree3 polynomial for $\sin(x)$ using Legendre Polynomials.
 $\sin(-1) = -\sin(1)$ and $\sin(-\frac{1}{3}) = -\sin(\frac{1}{3})$

$$\text{Now, } l_0(x) = \frac{(x+\frac{1}{3})(x-\frac{1}{3})(x-1)}{(\frac{-2}{3})(\frac{-4}{3})(-2)} = \frac{-9}{16}(x+\frac{1}{3})(x-\frac{1}{3})(x-1)$$

$$l_1(x) = \frac{(x+1)(x-\frac{1}{3})(x-1)}{(\frac{2}{3})(\frac{-2}{3})(\frac{-4}{3})} = \frac{27}{16}(x+1)(x-\frac{1}{3})(x-1)$$

$$l_2(x) = \frac{(x+1)(x+\frac{1}{3})(x-1)}{(\frac{4}{3})(\frac{2}{3})(\frac{-2}{3})} = \frac{-27}{16}(x+1)(x+\frac{1}{3})(x-1)$$

$$l_3(x) = \frac{(x+1)(x+\frac{1}{3})(x-\frac{1}{3})}{(2)(\frac{4}{3})(\frac{2}{3})} = \frac{9}{16}(x+1)(x+\frac{1}{3})(x-\frac{1}{3})$$

$$\sin(x) = \sum_{i=0}^3 t_i x l_i(x)$$

$$\text{Thus } \sin(x) = (-\sin(1))l_0(x) + (-\sin(\frac{1}{3}))l_1(x) + \sin(\frac{1}{3})l_2(x) + \sin(1)l_3(x)$$

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Given: $u_1 = 1, u_2 = x, u_3 = x^2$ $w_i(x) = \frac{v_i}{\|v_i\|}$ where v_i is given by: $v_1 = u_1 = 1$

$$v_2 = u_2 - \frac{\langle u_2, v_1 \rangle v_1}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} \quad v_3 = u_3 - \frac{\langle u_3, v_1 \rangle v_1}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} - \frac{\langle u_3, v_2 \rangle v_2}{\langle v_2, v_2 \rangle}$$

$$v_2 = x - \frac{\int_0^1 x dx}{\int_0^1 1^2 dx} = x - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$v_3 = x^2 - \left(\int_0^1 x^2 dx + \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{\int_0^1 x^2 (x - \frac{1}{2}) dx}{\int_0^1 (x - \frac{1}{2})^2 dx} \right) = x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}$$

Similarly, $w_1 = 1$

$$w_2 = \frac{x - \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{12}}}$$

$$w_3 = \frac{x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{180}}}$$

$$Pf = \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle f, w_i \rangle w_i = \left(\int_0^1 \sqrt{x} dx \right) 1 + \left(\int_0^1 \sqrt{x} \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) dx \right) \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\int_0^1 \sqrt{x} \left(x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}\right) dx \right) \left(x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}\right)$$

$$Pf = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{5} \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{-4}{7} \left(x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}\right)$$

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By Weierstrass' approximation theorem for $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a polynomial $p(x)$ such that $\|p - f\|_\infty = \max |f(x) - p(x)| < \epsilon$ while $a \leq x \leq b$

$$|E_n(f)| = |E_n(f) - E_n(p)|$$

$$= \left| \int_0^1 f(x) dx - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i) \right|$$

$$= \left| \int_0^1 f(x) dx - \int_0^1 p(x) dx + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i p(x_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i) \right|$$

$$= \left| \int_0^1 (f(x) - p(x)) dx + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i (p(x_i) - f(x_i)) \right|$$

Thus,

$$|E_n(f)| = \left| \int_0^1 (f(x) - p(x)) dx + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i (p(x_i) - f(x_i)) \right|$$

Applying triangular inequality,

$$|E_n(f)| \leq \int_0^1 |f(x) - p(x)| dx + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i |p(x_i) - f(x_i)| \approx \|p - f\|_\infty + \|p - f\|_\infty \leq \epsilon$$

Thus,

$$\|p - f\|_\infty \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \text{ and hence there exists a } N > 0 \text{ such that } |E_n(f)| < \epsilon \text{ when } n > N$$