

Theory

Discrete

Continuous.

Inner products:

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 \text{i)} (u+v, w) = (u, w) + (v, w) & (u, v) = \sum_{i=1}^N u_i v_i, & (u, v) = \int_a^b u(x)v(x) dx, \\
 \text{ii)} (\alpha v, w) = \alpha (v, w) & & \\
 \text{iii)} (v, w) = (w, v) & u, v \in \mathbb{R}^N & u, v \in [a, b] \\
 \text{iv)} (u, u) \geq 0 \text{ \& } (u, u) = 0 & & \\
 & \text{iff } u = 0 & 
 \end{array}$$

Norm:

$$\|u\| = \sqrt{(u, u)}$$

$$\|u\| = \sqrt{\int_a^b u^2(x) dx}$$

Distance:

$$d = \|u - v\| = \sqrt{(u - v, u - v)}$$

$$d = \sqrt{\int_a^b [u(x) - v(x)]^2 dx}$$

Notes:

- vectors  $u, v$  are orthogonal if  $(u, v) = 0$
- vectors  $u, v$  are orthonormal if  $(u, v) = 0 \text{ \& } \|u\| = 1, \|v\| = 1$
- when dealing with continuous functions,  $u, v$  can be orthogonal under a given norm  $[a_1, b_1]$  but not orthogonal under another  $[a_2, b_2]$

→ This gives us another method to approximate functions

- as before (least sq.) we want to minimize distance (error)
- use  $d^2$ , as allows us to use calculus.

ie. approximate  $f$  by  $L_0, L_1$ ;  $y = a_0 L_0 + a_1 L_1$

minimize  $d^2(y, f) = (y - f, y - f) = \int_a^b (a_0 L_0 + a_1 L_1 - f)^2 dx$

$$\frac{\partial d^2(y, f)}{\partial a_0} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial d^2(y, f)}{\partial a_1} = 0$$

⇒ separate equations, use matrices to solve simultaneous equations to get  $a_0, a_1$ .



Example Use the first 3 Legendre Polynomials to approximate  $\sin(x)$  on  $[0, \pi/2]$ .

Legendre Polynomials:  $L_0 = 1$   
 $L_1 = 2x - 1$   
 $L_2 = 6x^2 - 6x + 1$

$$y = a_0 L_0 + a_1 L_1 + a_2 L_2$$

$$f = \sin(x)$$

distance;  $d^2(y, f) = \int_0^{\pi/2} (a_0 L_0 + a_1 L_1 + a_2 L_2 - f)^2 dx$

$$d^2(y, f) = \int_0^{\pi/2} [a_0 + a_1(2x-1) + a_2(6x^2-6x+1) - \sin(x)]^2 dx$$

$$\frac{\partial d^2(y, f)}{\partial a_0} = 0 = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} [a_0 + a_1(2x-1) + a_2(6x^2-6x+1) - \sin(x)] dx$$

$$\frac{\partial d^2(y, f)}{\partial a_1} = 0 = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} (2x-1) [a_0 + a_1(2x-1) + a_2(6x^2-6x+1) - \sin(x)] dx$$

$$\frac{\partial d^2(y, f)}{\partial a_2} = 0 = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} (6x^2-6x+1) [a_0 + a_1(2x-1) + a_2(6x^2-6x+1) - \sin(x)] dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \int_0^{\pi/2} 1 dx & \int_0^{\pi/2} (2x-1) dx & \int_0^{\pi/2} (6x^2-6x+1) dx \\ \int_0^{\pi/2} (2x-1) dx & \int_0^{\pi/2} (2x-1)^2 dx & \int_0^{\pi/2} (2x-1)(6x^2-6x+1) dx \\ \int_0^{\pi/2} (6x^2-6x+1) dx & \int_0^{\pi/2} (2x-1)(6x^2-6x+1) dx & \int_0^{\pi/2} (6x^2-6x+1)^2 dx \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(x) dx \\ \int_0^{\pi/2} (2x-1)\sin(x) dx \\ \int_0^{\pi/2} (6x^2-6x+1)\sin(x) dx \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  evaluate integrals  
 $\Rightarrow$  solve for  $a_0, a_1, a_2$   
 $\Rightarrow$  sub back in to:  
 $y = a_0 L_0 + a_1 L_1 + a_2 L_2$