

TUTORIAL WEEK 12 - 2nd Review

Polynomial interpolation & approximation

Given a function $f(x)$ if ① $f^{(n)}$ is continuous on $[a, b]$ and
 ② $f^{(n+1)}$ exists on (a, b)

Then we can approximate our $f(x)$ using a Taylor polynomial of order n :

$$f(x) = T_n(x) \quad \text{where} \quad T_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(c)}{k!} (x-c)^k$$

If $(c = 0)$: Maclaurin polynomial:

$$M_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k$$

Taylor polynomials are easy to evaluate and are very accurate around the point c .

However, they behave horribly for form c (see matlab script from past weeks tutorial.)

Today we reviewed also how to use sparse and pinp in matlab. Review when it's to use one or the other.

Least squares

Suppose I have an overdetermined system (more equations than unknowns)

$Ax = b \rightarrow$ an exact solution for this system does not exist.

How I find a solution in the least square sense? I use the normal equation:

$$\underbrace{A^T A}_{\downarrow} x^* = A^T b$$

if A is not square, $A^T A$ is square \rightarrow well posed system

Solve for $x^* \Rightarrow x^* = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$ x^* is the best solution in the least square sense.

In matlab we use \ operator to solve an overdetermined system. (see best-1 and best-2 scripts)

- Application using least squares: approximate a set of points $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ with a polynomial of degree ℓ

$$T_\ell(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_\ell x^\ell$$

For every couple of points:

$$T_\ell(x_k) = a_0 + a_1 x_k + a_2 x_k^2 + \dots + a_\ell x_k^\ell = y_k \quad \forall k$$

So my system is:

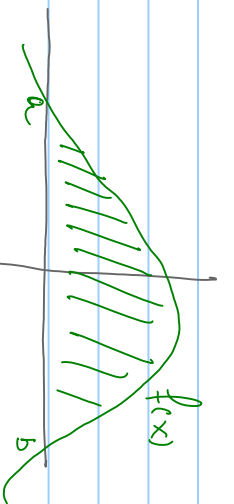
underdetermined system \Leftarrow

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & x_1^3 & \dots & x_1^\ell \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2^\ell \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^\ell \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_\ell \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

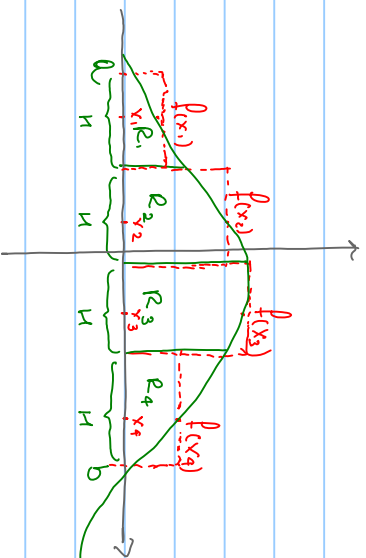
$n > \ell$

Numerical integration

③ Composite midpoints formula



$$I^m \approx \int_a^b f(x) dx$$



① divide $[a, b]$ in subintervals of width h

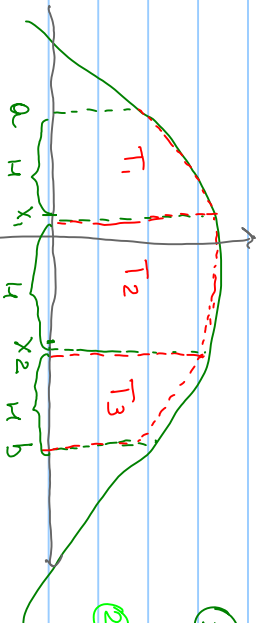
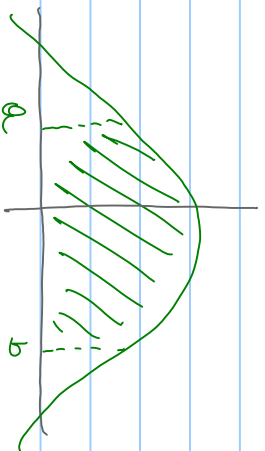
② the area of each R_k is $h \cdot b$ where b is the value of f at the midpoint of each subinterval.

③ the $R_k = h \cdot f(x_k)$

$$④ I^m = h \left(\sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k) \right)$$

② Composite Trapezoid rule

$$I^{\text{CT}} \approx \int_a^b f(x) dx$$



① divide $[a, b]$ in subintervals of width h

② the area of each T_n is $h(b+B)/2$ where b and B are the values of f at the extremes of each subinterval.

③ So $T_1 = h \frac{(f(a) + f(x_1))}{2}$, $T_2 = h \cdot \frac{(f(x_1) + f(x_2))}{2}$, $T_3 = h \frac{(f(x_2) + f(b))}{2}$

④ In general: $I^{\text{CT}} \approx h \left(\frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} + \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \right)$

Numerical differentiation

Goal: approximate the derivative of a function

$$\text{By def. } \rightarrow f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

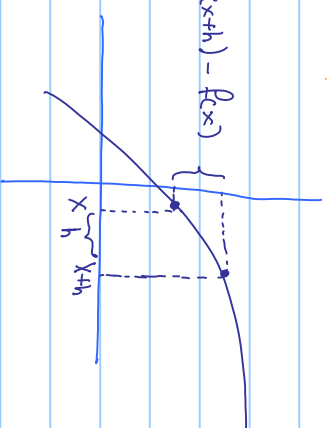
Ignoring higher order terms, using Taylor's polynomials:

$$f(x+h) \sim f(x) + f'(x)h + \dots$$
$$f(x) \sim f(x)$$

Putting together and solving for $f'(x)$: $f(x+h) - f(x) \sim f'(x)h - f(x) + \dots$

$$f'(x) \sim \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

forward finite diff. scheme



Backward finite diff scheme

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h}$$

Ignoring higher order terms using Taylor's polynomials:

$$f(x-h) \sim f(x) - f'(x)h + \dots$$
$$f(x) \sim f(x)$$

Putting together and solving for $f'(x)$: $f(x) - f(x-h) \sim \cancel{f(x)} - \cancel{f(x)} + f'(x)h$

$$f'(x) \sim \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h}$$

