

Function approximation with Chebyshev polynomials and in 2 dimensions

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Short recap

We want to find an approximation to $u(x)$ using

$$u(x) \approx u_N(x) = \sum_{k=0}^N \hat{u}_k \psi_k(x)$$

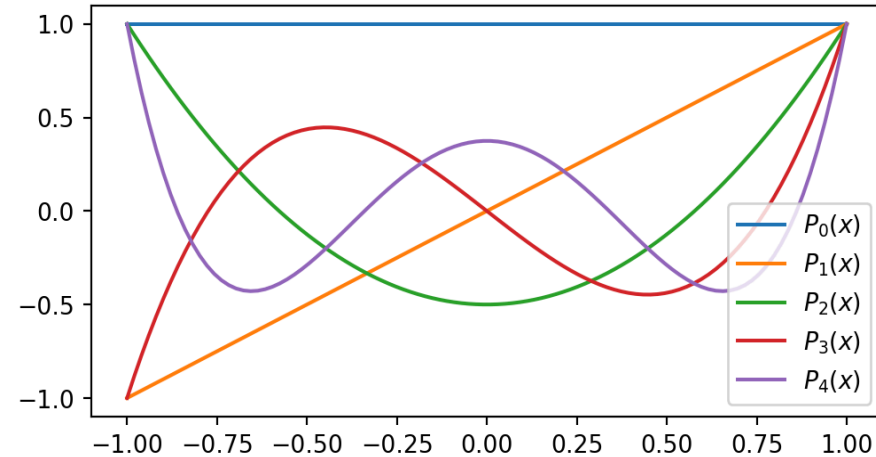
- Least squares method
- Galerkin method
- Collocation method (Lagrange interpolation)
- ψ_j is a basis function
- $\{\psi_j\}_{j=0}^N$ is a basis
- $V_N = \text{span}\{\psi_j\}_{j=0}^N$ is a function space

The variational methods make use of integrals over the domain. The $L^2(\Omega)$ inner product and norms are (in 1D, where $\Omega = [a, b]$)

$$(f, g)_{L^2(\Omega)} = \int_{\Omega} f(x)g(x) dx \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = \sqrt{(f, f)_{L^2(\Omega)}}$$

Legendre polynomials form a good basis for \mathbb{P}_N

$$\begin{aligned}P_0(x) &= 1, \\P_1(x) &= x, \\P_2(x) &= \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1), \\&\vdots \\(j+1)P_{j+1}(x) &= (2j+1)xP_j(x) - jP_{j-1}(x).\end{aligned}$$



The Galerkin method to approximate $u(x) \approx u_N(x)$ with Legendre polynomials:

Find $u_N \in V_N (= \text{span}\{P_j\}_{j=0}^N = \mathbb{P}_N)$ such that

$$(u - u_N, v)_{L^2(\Omega)} = 0, \quad \forall v \in V_N$$

- Insert for $v = P_i$ and $u_N = \sum_{j=0}^N \hat{u}_j P_j$ and solve to get $\hat{u}_i = \frac{(u, P_i)}{\|P_i\|^2}, i = 0, 1, \dots, N$
- Requires mapping if $\Omega \neq [-1, 1]$
- The Galerkin method is also be referred to as a **projection** of $u(x)$ onto V_N

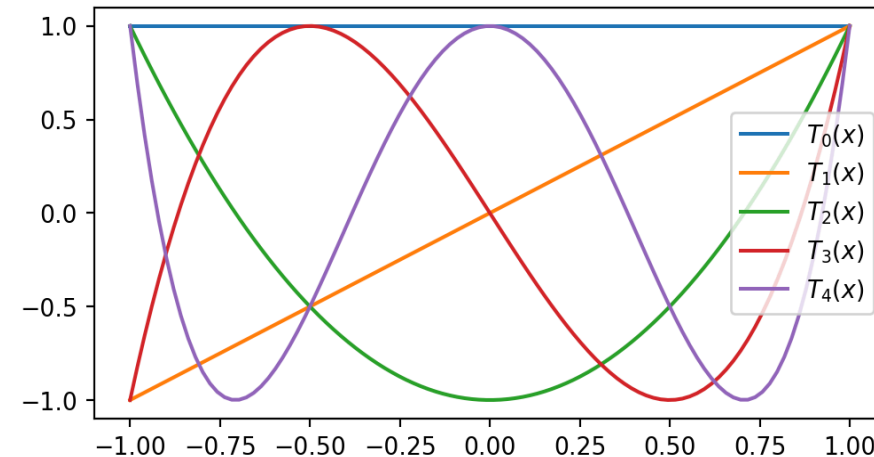
Chebyshev polynomials

The Chebyshev polynomials are an often preferred alternative to Legendre:

$$T_k(x) = \cos(k \cos^{-1}(x)), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots \quad x \in [-1, 1]$$

As recursion:

$$\begin{aligned} T_0(x) &= 1, \\ T_1(x) &= x, \\ T_2(x) &= 2x^2 - 1, \\ &\vdots \\ T_{j+1}(x) &= 2xT_j(x) - T_{j-1}(x). \end{aligned}$$



For $T_N(x)$ all extrema points (max and mins) and all roots are, respectively

$$x_j = \cos\left(\frac{j\pi}{N}\right), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, N$$
$$x_j = \cos\left(\frac{(2j+1)\pi}{2N}\right), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

Chebyshev polynomials as a basis

The Chebyshev polynomials $\{T_j\}_{j=0}^N$ also form a basis for \mathbb{P}_N . However, the Chebyshev polynomials are not orthogonal in the $L^2(-1, 1)$ space!

$$(T_i, T_j)_{L^2(\Omega)} \neq \|T_i\|^2 \delta_{ij}$$

The Chebyshev polynomials are, on the other hand, orthogonal in a special **weighted** inner product space.

We define the weighted $L^2_\omega(\Omega)$ inner product as

$$(f, g)_{L^2_\omega(\Omega)} = \int_{\Omega} f(x)g(x)\omega(x)d\Omega,$$

which is more commonly written as $(f, g)_\omega$. The weight function $\omega(x)$ is positive (almost everywhere) and a weighted norm is

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

Function approximations with Chebyshev polynomials

The Chebyshev polynomials are orthogonal if $\omega(x) = (1 - x^2)^{-1/2}$ and $x \in [-1, 1]$.

We get

$$(T_i, T_j)_\omega = \|T_i\|_\omega^2 \delta_{ij}$$

where $\|T_i\|_\omega^2 = \frac{c_i \pi}{2}$ and $c_i = 1$ for $i > 0$ and $c_0 = 2$.

The Galerkin method for approximating a smooth function $u(x)$ is now:

Find $u_N \in \mathbb{P}_N$ such that

$$(u - u_N, v)_\omega = 0, \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{P}_N$$

We get the linear algebra problem by inserting for $v = T_i$ and $u_N = \sum_{j=0}^N \hat{u}_j T_j$

$$\sum_{j=0}^N (T_j, T_i)_\omega \hat{u}_j = (u, T_i)_\omega \rightarrow \hat{u}_i = \frac{(u, T_i)_\omega}{\|T_i\|_\omega^2}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

The least squares method

The least squares method is also similar, using $E_\omega = \|e\|_\omega^2$:

Find $u_N \in \mathbb{P}_N$ such that

$$\frac{\partial E_\omega}{\partial \hat{u}_j} = 0, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

We get the linear algebra problem using

$$\frac{\partial E_\omega}{\partial \hat{u}_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{u}_j} \int_{-1}^1 e^2 \omega dx = \int_{-1}^1 2e \frac{\partial e}{\partial \hat{u}_j} \omega dx$$

Insert for $e(x) = u(x) - u_N(x) = u(x) - \sum_{k=0}^N \hat{u}_k T_k$ and you get exactly the same linear equations as for the Galerkin method.

Mapping to reference domain

With a physical domain $x \in [a, b]$ and a reference $X \in [-1, 1]$, we now have the basis function

$$\psi_i(x) = T_i(X(x)), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

and the inner product to compute is

$$(u(x) - u_N(x), \psi_i(x))_\omega = \int_a^b (u(x) - u_N(x)) \psi_i(x) \omega(x) dx = 0, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

As for Legendre we use a change of variables $x \rightarrow X$, but there is also a weight function that requires mapping

$$\omega(x) = \tilde{\omega}(X) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - X^2}}$$

The mapped problem becomes

for all $i = 0, 1, \dots, N$:

$$\sum_{j=0}^N \overbrace{\int_{-1}^1 T_j(X) T_i(X) \tilde{\omega}(X) \cancel{\frac{dx}{dX}} dX}^{\|T_i\| \delta_{ij}} \hat{u}_j = \overbrace{\int_{-1}^1 u(x(X)) T_i(X) \tilde{\omega}(X) \cancel{\frac{dx}{dX}} dX}^{(u(x(X)), T_i)_\omega}$$

and finally (using $\|T_i\|^2 = \frac{c_i \pi}{2}$)

$$\hat{u}_i = \frac{2}{c_i \pi} (u(x(X)), T_i)_{L_\omega^2(-1,1)}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

The procedure is exactly like for Legendre polynomials, but with a weighted inner product using $L_\omega^2(-1, 1)$ instead of $L^2(-1, 1)$.

The weighted inner product requires some extra attention

$$(f, T_i)_\omega = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(x(X))T_i(X)}{\sqrt{1-X^2}} dX$$

Since $T_i(X) = \cos(i \cos^{-1}(X))$ a change of variables $X = \cos \theta$ leads to $T_i(\cos \theta) = \cos(i\theta)$. Using the change of variables for the integral:

$$(f, T_i)_\omega = \int_{\pi}^0 \frac{f(x(\cos \theta))T_i(\cos \theta)}{\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta}} \frac{d \cos \theta}{d\theta} d\theta.$$

Insert for $1 - \cos^2 \theta = \sin^2 \theta$ and swap both the direction of the integration and the sign:

$$(f, T_i)_\omega = \int_0^{\pi} f(x(\cos \theta))T_i(\cos \theta) d\theta.$$

Weighted inner product continued

$$(f, T_i)_\omega = \int_0^\pi f(x(\cos \theta)) T_i(\cos \theta) d\theta.$$

Using $T_i(\cos \theta) = \cos(i\theta)$ we get the much simpler integral

$$(f, T_i)_\omega = \int_0^\pi f(x(\cos \theta)) \cos(i\theta) d\theta.$$

Using this integral, we get the Chebyshev coefficients

$$\hat{u}_i = \frac{2}{c_i \pi} \int_0^\pi u(x(\cos \theta)) \cos(i\theta) d\theta, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

Lets try this with an example.

Implementation of the weighted inner product

```
1 x = sp.Symbol('x', real=True)
2 k = sp.Symbol('k', integer=True, positive=True)
3
4 Tk = lambda k, x: sp.cos(k * sp.acos(x))
5 cj = lambda j: 2 if j == 0 else 1
6
7 def innerw(u, v, domain, ref_domain=(-1, 1)):
8     A, B = ref_domain
9     a, b = domain
10    # map u(x(X)) to use reference coordinate X.
11    # Note that small x here in the end will be ref coord.
12    us = u.subs(x, a + (b-a)*(x-A)/(B-A))
13    # Change variables x=cos(theta)
14    us = sp.simplify(us.subs(x, sp.cos(x)), inverse=True) # X=cos(theta)
15    vs = sp.simplify(v.subs(x, sp.cos(x)), inverse=True) # X=cos(theta)
16    return sp.integrate(us*vs, (x, 0, sp.pi))
```

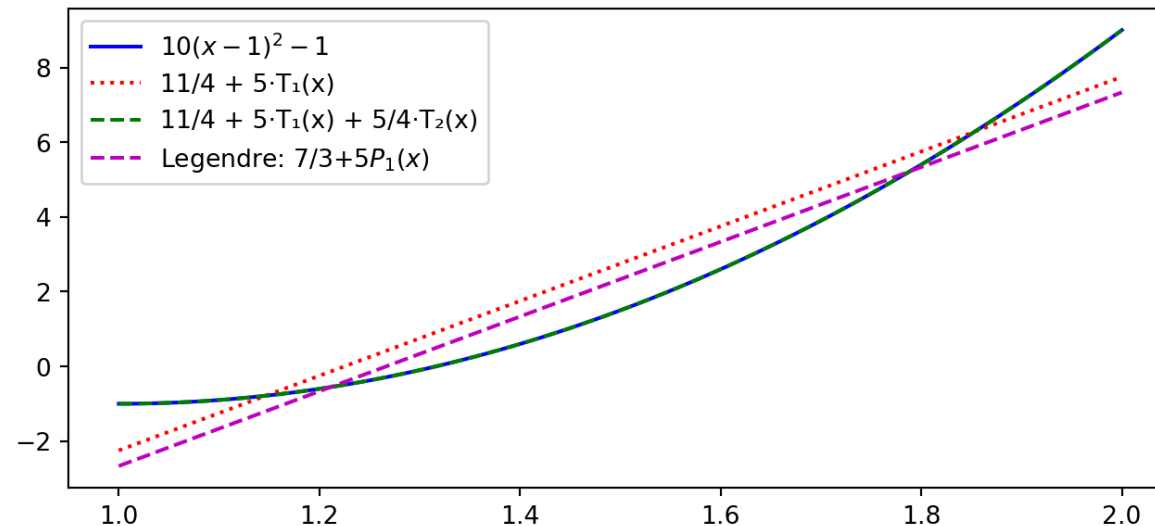


Note

We use the Sympy function `simplify` with `inverse=True`, which is required for Sympy to use that $\cos^{-1}(\cos x) = x$, which is not necessarily true.

Try with $u(x) = 10(x - 1)^2 - 1, x \in [1, 2]$

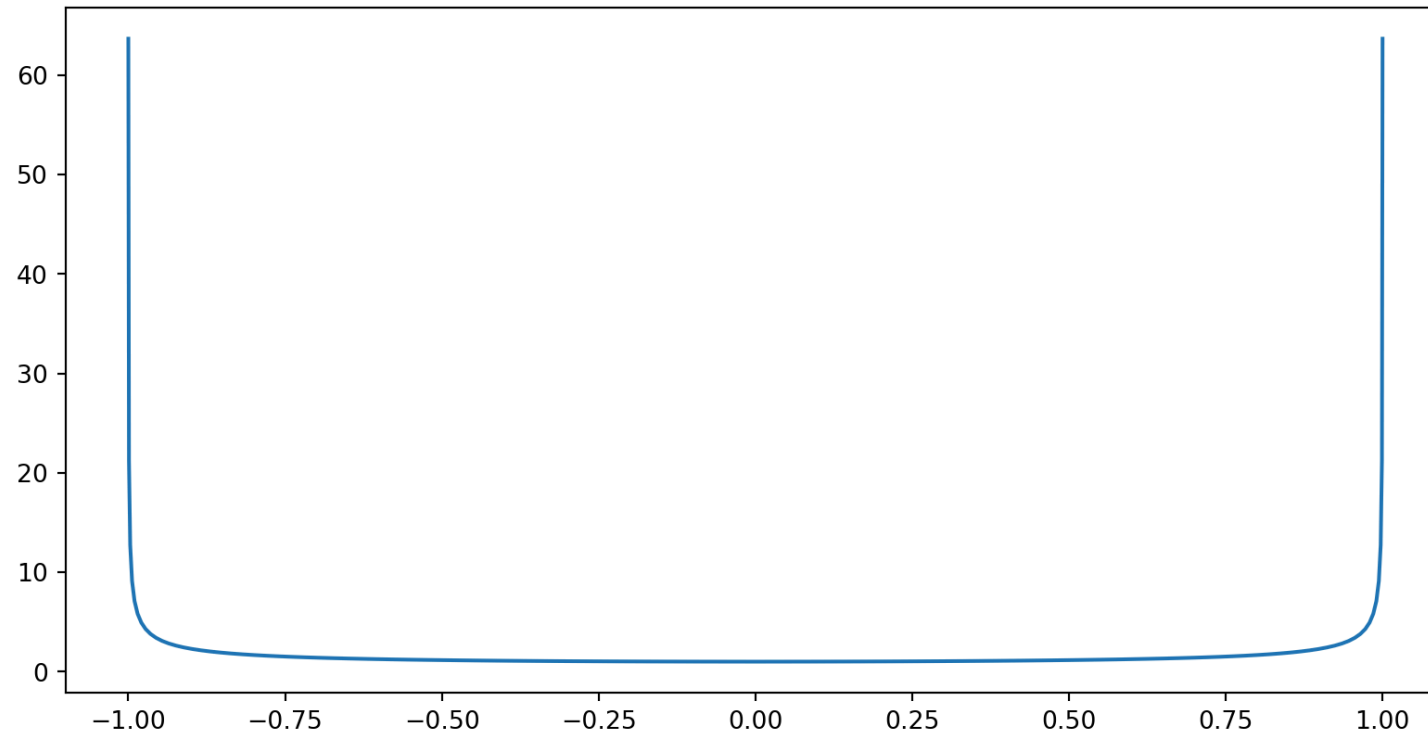
```
1 from numpy.polynomial import Chebyshev
2 u = 10*(x-1)**2-1
3 uhat = lambda u, j: 2 / (cj(j) * sp.pi) * innerw(u, Tk(j, x), (1, 2))
4 plt.figure(figsize=(8, 3.5))
5 xj = np.linspace(1, 2, 100)
6 uhj = [uhat(u, j) for j in range(6)]
7 C2, C3 = Chebyshev(uhj[:2], domain=(1, 2)), Chebyshev(uhj[:3], domain=(1, 2))
8 plt.plot(xj, sp.lambdify(x, u)(xj), 'b')
9 plt.plot(xj, C2(xj), 'r:'); plt.plot(xj, C3(xj), 'g--')
10 plt.plot(xj, 7/3+5*(-1+2*(xj-1)), 'm--')
11 plt.legend(['$10(x-1)^2-1$', f'{C2}', f'{C3}', 'Legendre: 7/3+5$P_1(x)$']);
```



Different from Legendre for the linear profile. But not by much. Why is it different?

The weight function favours the edges

$$\omega(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$



So the weighted Chebyshev approach has smaller errors towards the edges.

Try more difficult function with numerical integration

$$u(x) = e^{\cos x}, \quad x \in [-1, 1]$$

Use numerical integration and change of variables

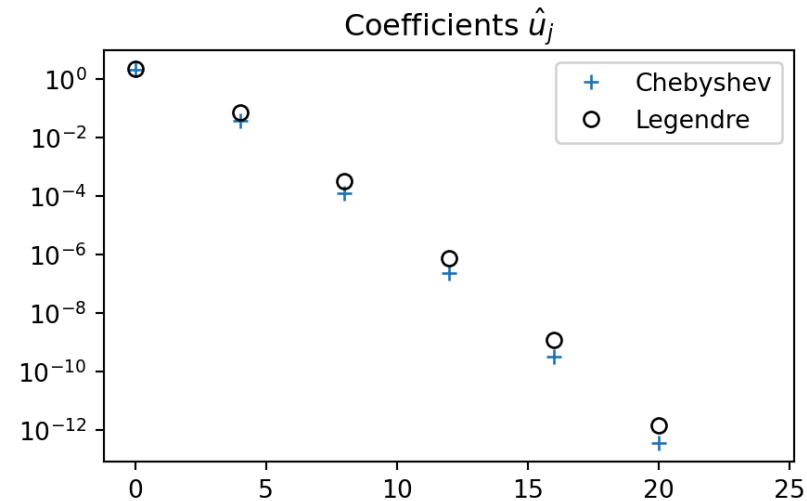
```
1 from scipy.integrate import quad
2 def innerwn(u, v, domain, ref_domain=(-1, 1)):
3     A, B = ref_domain
4     a, b = domain
5     us = u.subs(x, a + (b-a)*(x-A)/(B-A)) # u(x(X))
6     us = sp.simplify(us.subs(x, sp.cos(x)), inverse=True) # X=cos(theta)
7     vs = sp.simplify(v.subs(x, sp.cos(x)), inverse=True) # X=cos(theta)
8     return quad(sp.lambdify(x, us*vs), 0, np.pi)[0]
9 u = sp.exp(sp.cos(x))
10 #uhat = lambda u, j: 2 / (cj(j) * sp.pi) * innerw(u, Tk(j, x), (-1, 1)) # slow
11 uhatn = lambda u, j: 2 / (cj(j) * np.pi) * innerwn(u, Tk(j, x), (-1, 1))
```

Remember, we are computing for $i = 0, 1, \dots, N$

$$\hat{u}_i = \frac{2}{c_i \pi} \int_{-1}^1 u(x(X)) T_i(X) \tilde{\omega}(X) dX = \frac{2}{c_i \pi} \int_0^\pi u(x(\cos \theta)) \cos(i\theta) d\theta$$

Compare with Legendre

```
1 # Compute Chebyshev coefficients:
2 N = 25
3 uc = [uhatn(u, n) for n in range(N)]
4
5 # Compute Legendre coefficients:
6 from numpy.polynomial import Legendre
7 def innern(u, v):
8     uj = lambda xj: sp.lambdify(x, u)(xj)*v(xj)
9     return quad(uj, -1, 1)[0]
10 uhatj = lambda u, j: (2*j+1) * innern(u, Legendre.
11 ul = [uhatj(u, n) for n in range(N)]
12
13 plt.figure(figsize=(5, 3))
14 plt.semilogy(np.arange(0, N, 2), uc[::2], '+',
15              np.arange(0, N, 2), ul[::2], 'ko', fi
16 plt.title('Coefficients  $\hat{u}_j$ ')
17 plt.legend(['Chebyshev', 'Legendre']);
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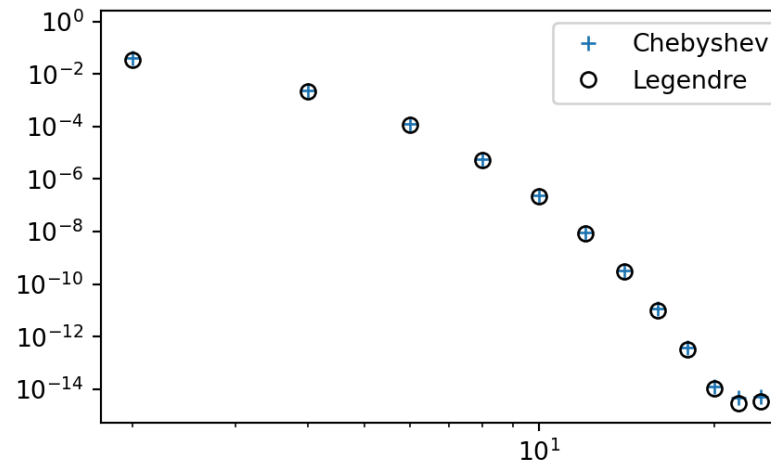
Very similar convergence. Chebyshev coefficients are slightly smaller than Legendre. How about the L^2 error?

$$L^2 \text{ error} - \|e\| = \sqrt{\int_{-1}^1 e^2 dx} \text{ (not weighted)}$$

```

1 def L2_error(uh, ue, space=Legendre):
2     xj = np.linspace(-1, 1, 1000)
3     uej = sp.lambdify(x, ue)(xj)
4     err = []
5     for n in range(0, len(uh), 2):
6         uj = space(uh[(n+1)])(xj).astype(float)
7         err.append(np.sqrt(np.trapz((uj-uej)**2, dx=xj[1]-xj[0])))
8     return err
9
10 errc = L2_error(uc, u, Chebyshev)
11 errl = L2_error(ul, u, Legendre)
12
13 plt.figure(figsize=(5, 3))
14 plt.loglog(np.arange(0, N, 2), errc, '+',
15            np.arange(0, N, 2), errl, 'ko', fillstyle='none')
16 plt.legend(['Chebyshev', 'Legendre']);

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Function approximations in 2D

We can approximate a two-dimensional function $u(x, y)$ using a two-dimensional function space W_N

In 2D we will try to find $u_N(x, y) \in W_N$, which implies:

$$u(x, y) \approx u_N(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^N \hat{u}_i \Psi_i(x, y),$$

- $\Psi_i(x, y)$ is a two-dimensional basis function
- $\{\Psi_i\}_{i=0}^N$ is a basis
- $W_N = \text{span}\{\Psi_i\}_{i=0}^N$ is a 2D function space.

It is more common to use one basis function for each direction

There are not all that many two-dimensional basis functions and a more common approach is to use one basis function for the x -direction and another for the y -direction

$$u_N(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^{N_x} \sum_{j=0}^{N_y} \hat{u}_{ij} \psi_i(x) \varphi_j(y).$$



Note

The unknowns $\{\hat{u}_{ij}\}_{i,j=0}^{N_x, N_y}$ are now in the form of a matrix. The total number of unknowns: $N + 1 = (N_x + 1) \cdot (N_y + 1)$.

The most straightforward approach is to use the same basis functions for both directions. For example, with a Chebyshev basis

$$u_N(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^{N_x} \sum_{j=0}^{N_y} \hat{u}_{ij} T_i(x) T_j(y).$$

Two-dimensional function spaces

We can define two one-dimensional function spaces for the two directions as

$$V_{N_x} = \text{span}\{\psi_i\}_{i=0}^{N_x} \quad \text{and} \quad V_{N_y} = \text{span}\{\varphi_i\}_{i=0}^{N_y}$$

with a 2D domain Ω created as Cartesian products of two 1D domains:

$$I_x = [a, b] \quad \text{and} \quad I_y = [c, d] \rightarrow \Omega = I_x \times I_y$$

A two-dimensional function space can then be created as

$$W_N = V_{N_x} \otimes V_{N_y}, \quad (x, y) \in \Omega.$$

W_N is the **tensor product** of V_{N_x} and V_{N_y}

Similarly,

$$\Psi_{ij}(x, y) = \psi_i(x)\varphi_j(y)$$

Ψ_{ij} is the tensor product (or outer product) of ψ_i and φ_j .

The tensor product is a Cartesian product with multiplication

Consider the Cartesian product of the two sequences $(1, 2, 3)$ and $(4, 5)$ and compare with the tensor product

Cartesian product:

$$(1, 2, 3) \times (4, 5) = \begin{bmatrix} (1, 4) \\ (1, 5) \\ (2, 4) \\ (2, 5) \\ (3, 4) \\ (3, 5) \end{bmatrix}$$

Tensor product:

$$(1, 2, 3) \otimes (4, 5) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 4 \\ 1 \cdot 5 \\ 2 \cdot 4 \\ 2 \cdot 5 \\ 3 \cdot 4 \\ 3 \cdot 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 8 \\ 10 \\ 12 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

Tensor product of functions

Cartesian product:

$$(\psi_0, \psi_1) \times (\varphi_0, \varphi_1) = \begin{bmatrix} (\psi_0, \varphi_0) \\ (\psi_0, \varphi_1) \\ (\psi_1, \varphi_0) \\ (\psi_1, \varphi_1) \end{bmatrix}$$

Tensor product:

$$(\psi_0, \psi_1) \otimes (\varphi_0, \varphi_1) = \begin{bmatrix} \psi_0 \cdot \varphi_0 \\ \psi_0 \cdot \varphi_1 \\ \psi_1 \cdot \varphi_0 \\ \psi_1 \cdot \varphi_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This tensor product is the basis for W_N :

$$\{\psi_0\psi_0, \psi_0\psi_1, \psi_1\psi_0, \psi_1\psi_1\}$$

which can also be arranged in matrix notation $\{\psi_i\varphi_j\}_{i,j=0}^{1,1}$ (i is row, j is column)

$$(\psi_0, \psi_1) \otimes (\varphi_0, \varphi_1) = \begin{bmatrix} \psi_0 \\ \psi_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_0 & \varphi_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \psi_0 \cdot \varphi_0, \psi_0 \cdot \varphi_1 \\ \psi_1 \cdot \varphi_0, \psi_1 \cdot \varphi_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example of tensor product basis

Use the space of all linear functions in both x and y directions

$$V_{N_x} = \text{span}\{1, x\} \quad \text{and} \quad V_{N_y} = \text{span}\{1, y\}$$

Cartesian product

$$(1, x) \times (1, y) = \begin{bmatrix} (1, 1) \\ (1, y) \\ (x, 1) \\ (x, y) \end{bmatrix}$$

Tensor product

$$(1, x) \otimes (1, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ y \\ x \\ xy \end{bmatrix}$$

Numpy naturally arranges the outer product into matrix form:

```
1 y = sp.Symbol('y')
2 Vx = np.array([1, x])
3 Vy = np.array([1, y])
4 W = np.outer(Vx, Vy)
5 print(W)
```

```
[[1 y]
 [x x*y]]
```


We have a function space and a basis, now it's time to approximate $u(x, y)$

The variational methods require the $L^2(\Omega)$ inner product

$$\begin{aligned}(f, g)_{L^2(\Omega)} &= \int_{\Omega} fg \, d\Omega, \\ &= \int_{I_x} \int_{I_y} f(x, y)g(x, y) \, dx \, dy.\end{aligned}$$



Note

The first line is identical to the definition used for the 1D case and is valid for any domain Ω , not just Cartesian product domains. The only difference for 2D is that f and g now are functions of both x and y and the the integral over the domain is a double integral.

Galerkin for 2D approximations

We want to approximate

$$u(x, y) \approx u_N(x, y)$$

The Galerkin method is then: find $u_N \in W_N$ such that

$$(u - u_N, v) = 0, \quad \forall v \in W_N \quad (1)$$

In order to solve the problem we just choose basis functions and solve (1). For example, use Legendre polynomials in both x and y -directions.

$$V_{N_x} = \text{span}\{P_i\}_{i=0}^{N_x}, \quad \text{and} \quad V_{N_y} = \text{span}\{P_j\}_{j=0}^{N_y}$$

$$W_N = V_{N_x} \otimes V_{N_y} = \text{span}\{P_i P_j\}_{i,j=0}^{N_x, N_y}$$

We now compute $(u - u_N, v)$ using

$$v = P_m(x)P_n(y) \quad \text{and} \quad u_N = \sum_{i=0}^{N_x} \sum_{j=0}^{N_y} \hat{u}_{ij} P_i(x) P_j(y)$$

It becomes a bit messy, with 4 different indices:

$$\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 \left(u - \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{j=0}^N \hat{u}_{ij} P_i(x) P_j(y) \right) P_m(x) P_n(y) dx dy$$

Note that the unknown coefficients \hat{u}_{ij} are independent of space and we can simplify the double integrals by separating them into one integral for x and one for y . For example

$$\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 P_i(x) P_j(y) P_m(x) P_n(y) dx dy = \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 P_i(x) P_m(x) dx}_{a_{mi}} \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 P_j(y) P_n(y) dy}_{a_{nj}}$$

Breaking down $(u - u_N, v)$

$$\text{With } v = P_m(x)P_n(y) \quad \text{and} \quad u_N = \sum_{i=0}^{N_x} \sum_{j=0}^{N_y} \hat{u}_{ij} P_i(x) P_j(y)$$

$$(u - u_N, v) = 0 \rightarrow \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 \left(u - \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{j=0}^N \hat{u}_{ij} P_i(x) P_j(y) \right) P_m(x) P_n(y) dx dy = 0$$

$$(u, v) = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 u(x, y) P_m(x) P_n(y) dx dy = u_{mn}$$

$$(u_N, v) := \sum_{i=0}^{N_x} \sum_{j=0}^{N_y} a_{mi} a_{nj} \hat{u}_{ij}$$

$$(u - u_N, v) = 0 \longrightarrow \boxed{\sum_{i=0}^{N_x} \sum_{j=0}^{N_y} a_{mi} a_{nj} \hat{u}_{ij} = u_{mn}}, \quad (m, n) = (0, \dots, N_x) \times (0, \dots, N_y)$$

Solve the linear algebra problem

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N_x} \sum_{j=0}^{N_y} a_{mi} a_{nj} \hat{u}_{ij} = u_{mn}, \quad (m, n) \in (0, \dots, N_x) \times (0, \dots, N_y)$$
$$\longrightarrow A\hat{U}A = U$$

Can solve for U with the vec-trick ($\text{vec}(A\hat{U}A^T) = (A \otimes A)\text{vec}(\hat{U})$)

$$(A \otimes A)\text{vec}(\hat{U}) = \text{vec}(U)$$
$$\text{vec}(\hat{U}) = (A \otimes A)^{-1}\text{vec}(U)$$

However, since A here is a diagonal matrix and we only have one matrix ($A\hat{U}A$) it is actually much easier to just avoid the vectorization and solve directly

$$\hat{U} = A^{-1}UA^{-1}.$$

Example:

$$u(x, y) = \exp(-(x^2 + 2(y - 0.5)^2)), (x, y) \in [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$$

Find $u_N \in W_N = V_{N_x} \otimes V_{N_y}$ using Legendre polynomials for both directions. With Galerkin: find $u_N \in W_N$ such that

$$(u - u_N, v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in W_N$$

1. Find the matrix $U = \{u_{ij}\}_{i,j=0}^{N_x, N_y}$, $u_{ij} = (u, P_i P_j)$
2. Find the matrix $A = \{a_{ij}\}_{i,j=0}^{N_x, N_y}$, $a_{ij} = \|P_i\|^2 \delta_{ij}$
3. Compute $\hat{U} = A^{-1} U A^{-1}$

```
1 import scipy.sparse as sparse
2 from scipy.integrate import dblquad
3 ue = sp.exp(-(x**2+2*(y-sp.S.Half)**2))
4 uh = lambda i, j: dblquad(sp.lambdify((x, y), ue*sp.legendre(i, x)*sp.legendre(j, y)), -1, 1, -1, 1, epsabs=
5 N = 8
6 uij = np.zeros((N+1, N+1))
7 for i in range(N+1):
8     for j in range(N+1):
9         uij[i, j] = uh(i, j)
10 A_inv = sparse.diags([(2*np.arange(N+1)+1)/2], [0], (N+1, N+1))
11 uhat_ij = A_inv @ uij @ A_inv
```

Evaluate the 2D solution

We have found $\{\hat{u}_{ij}\}_{i,j=0}^{N_x, N_y}$, so now we can evaluate

$$u_N(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^{N_x} \sum_{j=0}^{N_y} \hat{u}_{ij} P_i(x) P_j(y)$$

for any x, y , preferably within the domain $[-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$.

How to do this?

A simple double for-loop will do, or on matrix-vector form to avoid the for-loop. Use $\mathbf{P}_x = (P_0(x), \dots, P_{N_x}(x))$ and $\mathbf{P}_y = (P_0(y), \dots, P_{N_y}(y))$

$$\mathbf{P}_x \hat{U} \mathbf{P}_y^T = [P_0(x) \quad \dots \quad P_{N_x}(x)] \begin{bmatrix} u_{0,0} & \cdots & u_{0,N_y} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_{N_x,0} & \cdots & u_{N_x,N_y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_0(y) \\ \vdots \\ P_{N_y}(y) \end{bmatrix}$$

Evaluate for a computational mesh

It is very common to compute the solution on a 2D computational Cartesian grid

$\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{N_x})$ and $\mathbf{y} = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{N_y})$:

$$\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y} = \{(x, y) | x \in \mathbf{x} \text{ and } y \in \mathbf{y}\}$$

$$u_N(x_i, y_j) = \sum_{m=0}^N \sum_{n=0}^N \hat{u}_{mn} P_m(x_i) P_n(y_j).$$

Four nested for-loops, or a triple matrix product

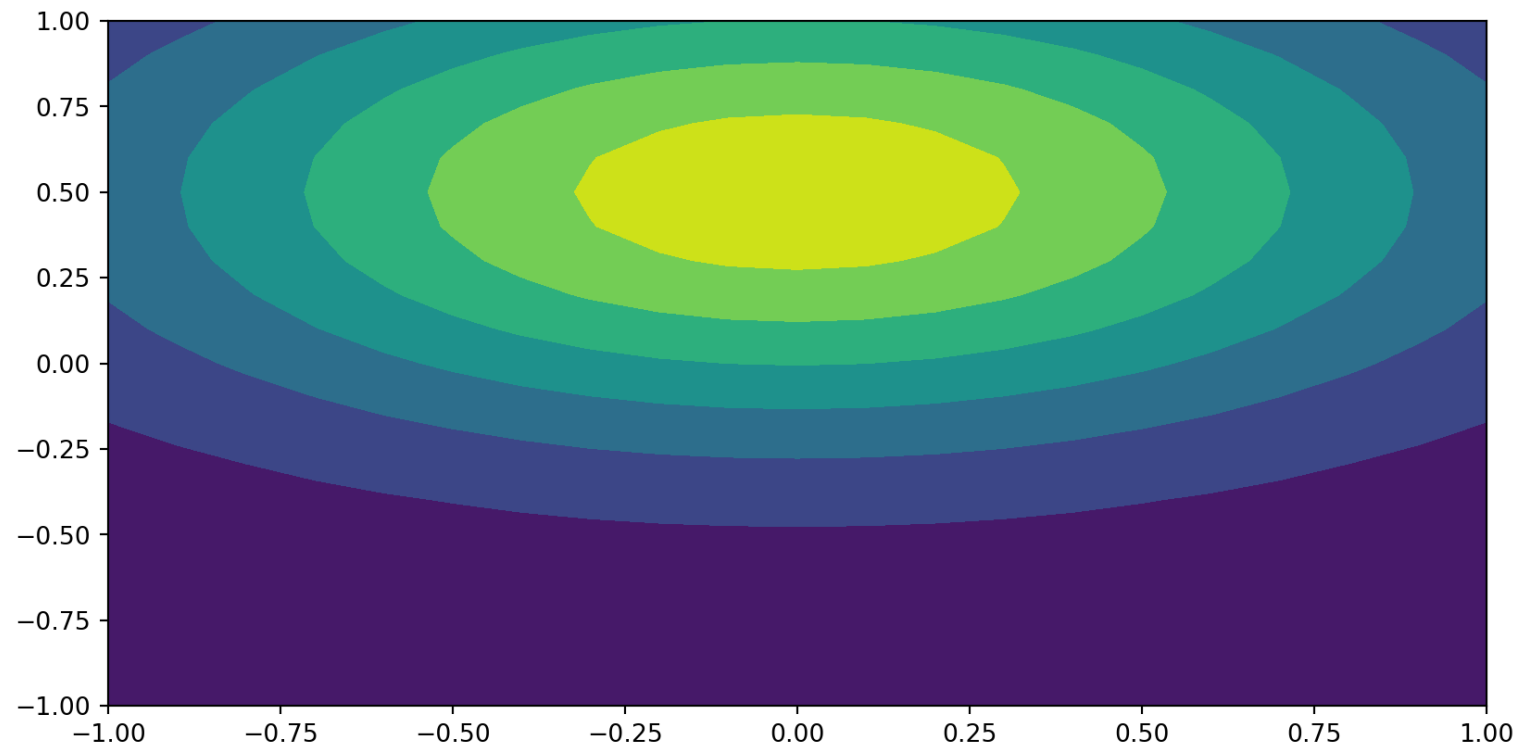
$$\begin{bmatrix} P_0(x_0) & \dots & P_{N_x}(x_0) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ P_0(x_{N_x}) & \dots & P_{N_x}(x_{N_x}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u}_{0,0} & \dots & \hat{u}_{0,N_y} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \hat{u}_{N_x,0} & \dots & \hat{u}_{N_x,N_y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_0(y_0) & \dots & P_0(y_{N_y}) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ P_{N_y}(y_0) & \dots & P_{N_y}(y_{N_y}) \end{bmatrix}$$

If $\mathbf{P}_x = \{P_j(x_i)\}_{i,j=0}^{N_x, N_x}$ and $\mathbf{P}_y = \{P_j(y_i)\}_{i,j=0}^{N_y, N_y}$ this is simply:

$$\mathbf{P}_x \hat{\mathbf{U}} \mathbf{P}_y^T$$

Implement evaluate in 2D

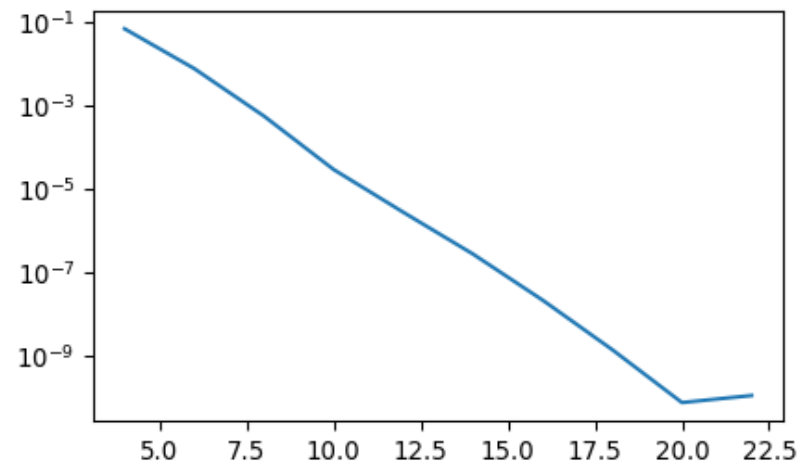
```
1 def eval2D(xi, yi, uhat):
2     Vx = np.polynomial.legendre.legvander(xi, uhat.shape[0]-1)
3     Vy = np.polynomial.legendre.legvander(yi, uhat.shape[1]-1)
4     return Vx @ uhat @ Vy.T
5
6 N = 20
7 xi = np.linspace(-1, 1, N+1)
8 U = eval2D(xi, xi, uhat_ij)
9 xij, yij = np.meshgrid(xi, xi, indexing='ij', sparse=False)
10 plt.contourf(xij, yij, U)
```



Check accuracy by computing the ℓ^2 error norm

$$\|u - u_N\|_{\ell^2} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{N_x N_y} \sum_{i=0}^{N_x} \sum_{j=0}^{N_y} (u(x_i, y_j) - u_N(x_i, y_j))^2}$$

```
1 def l2error(uh_ij):
2     N = uh_ij.shape[0]-1
3     xi = np.linspace(-1, 1, N+1)
4     U = eval2D(xi, xi, uh_ij)
5     xij, yij = np.meshgrid(xi, xi, indexing='ij',
6     ueij = sp.lambdify((x, y), ue)(xij, yij)
7     return np.linalg.norm(U-ueij)*(2/N)
8
9 def solve(N):
10     uij = np.zeros((N+1, N+1))
11     for i in range(N+1):
12         for j in range(N+1):
13             uij[i, j] = uh(i, j)
14     A_inv = sparse.diags([(2*np.arange(N+1)+1)/2],
15     return A_inv @ uij @ A_inv
16
17 error = []
18 for n in range(4, 24, 2):
19     error.append(l2error(solve(n)))
20 plt.figure(figsize=(5, 3))
21 plt.semilogy(np.arange(4, 24, 2), error);
```



Some helpful tools: Chebfun and Shenfun

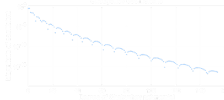
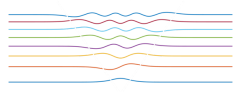
Chebfun — numerical computing with functions

Chebfun is an open-source package for computing with functions to about 15-digit accuracy. Most Chebfun commands are overloads of familiar MATLAB commands — for example `sum(f)` computes an integral, `roots(f)` finds zeros, and `u = L\f` solves a differential equation.

[DOWNLOAD \(download\)](#) [BROWSE SOURCE](#)
(//github.com/chebfun/chebfun)

```
% Create a chebfun on the interval [-3, 3]
x = chebfun('x', [-3, 3]);
% Define a potential function
V = abs(x);

% Create a chebfun f
x = chebfun('x');
f = exp(-1/(x+1));
% Plot absolute values of Chebyshev coefficients of f
plotcoeffs
```



Demo - Working with Fun

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Summary. This is a demonstration of how the Python module `shenfun` computes spectral functions in one and several dimensions.

Construction

A global spectral function $u(x)$ can be represented on the real line as

$$u(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{u}_k \psi_k(x), \quad x \in \Omega$$

where the domain Ω has to be defined such that $b > a$. The arrangement for the series, often referred to as the degrees of freedom, is the function and $\psi_k(x)$ is the k 'th basis function. We can use any number of basis functions. Also part of the function space is then a function space. To create a function space T of polynomials of the first kind on the default domain `v: latest` do

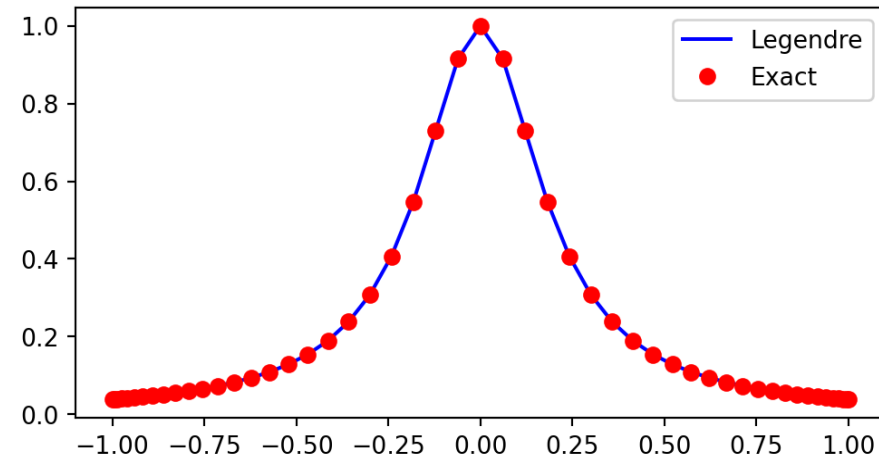
```
from shenfun import *
N = 8
```

Try Shenfun

Approximate with Legendre polynomials through Shenfun and the Galerkin method

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{1 + 25x^2} \quad x \in [-1, 1] \rightarrow \hat{u}_j = \frac{2j+1}{2} (u, P_j)$$

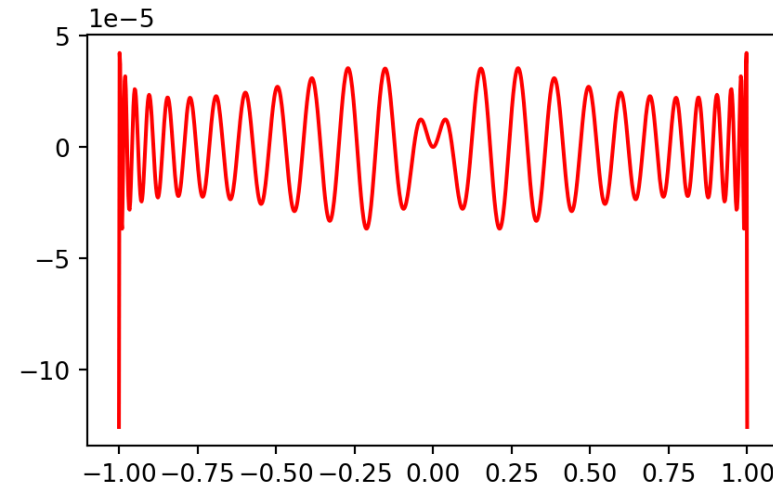
```
1 import shenfun as sf
2 N = 50
3 ue = 1./(1+25*x**2)
4 V = sf.FunctionSpace(N+1, 'Legendre', domain=(-1,
5 v = sf.TestFunction(V)
6 uh = (2*np.arange(N+1)+1)/2*sf.inner(ue, v)
7 plt.figure(figsize=(6, 3))
8 plt.plot(V.mesh(), uh.backward(), 'b', V.mesh(), s
9 plt.legend(['Legendre', 'Exact'])
```



Note the implementation. Choose `FunctionSpace` and compute Legendre coefficients using the `inner` product, with $v = P_j$ as a `TestFunction` for the function space `V`.

Plot the pointwise error

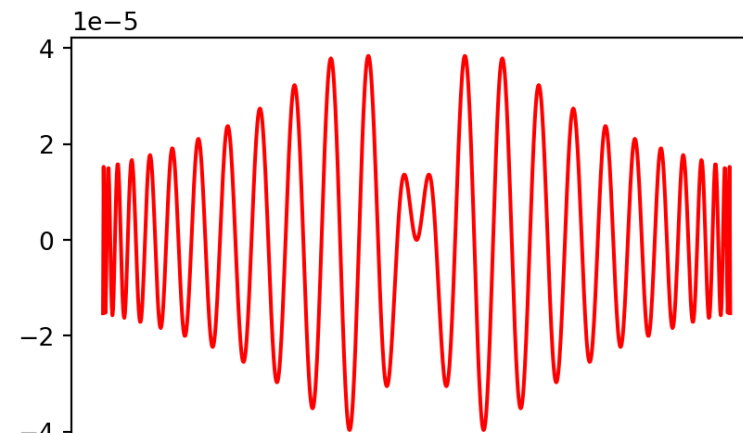
```
1 xj = np.linspace(-1, 1, 1000)
2 plt.figure(figsize=(5, 3))
3 plt.plot(xj, uh(xj)-sp.lambdify(x, ue)(xj), 'r')
4 plt.ticklabel_format(axis='y', style='sci',
5                       scilimits=(-5, -5))
6 plt.gca().set_yticks([-1e-4, -5e-5, 0, 5e-5]);
```



Note the oscillation in the error that is typical of a spectral method.

Who thinks that Chebyshev can do better?

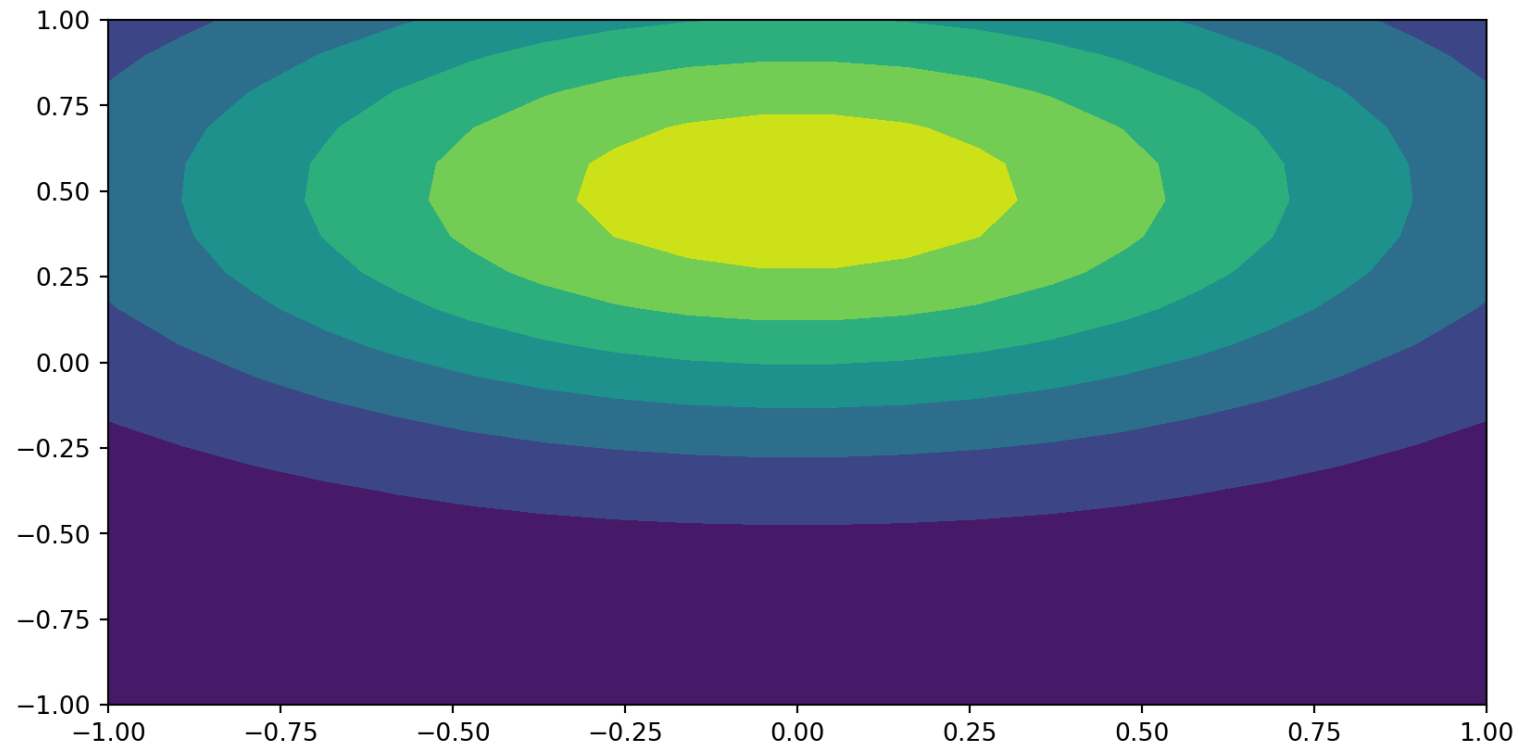
```
1 V = sf.FunctionSpace(N+1, 'Chebyshev',
2                       domain=(-1, 1))
3 uhc = sf.project(ue, V)
4 plt.figure(figsize=(5, 3))
5 plt.plot(xj, uhc(xj)-sp.lambdify(x, ue)(xj), 'r');
```



Shenfun in 2D using tensor products

Approximate $u(x, y) = \exp(-(x^2 + 2(y - 0.5)^2))$, $(x, y) \in [-1, 1]^2$:

```
1 ue = sp.exp(-(x**2+2*(y-sp.S.Half)**2))
2 T = sf.FunctionSpace(20, 'Chebyshev')
3 W = sf.TensorProductSpace(sf.comm, (T, T))
4 uN = sf.project(ue, W) # projection is Galerkin approximation
5 xi, yj = W.local_mesh(True, kind='uniform')
6 plt.contourf(xi, yj, uN.backward(mesh='uniform'))
```



Fast Chebyshev transforms

One of the reasons why Chebyshev polynomials are so popular is the fact that you can transform fast between spectral and physical space

$$u_N(x_i) = \sum_{j=0}^N \hat{u}_j T_j(x_i), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

Here

$$\text{Physical points} \quad \mathbf{u} = (u_N(x_i))_{i=0}^N$$

$$\text{Spectral points} \quad \hat{\mathbf{u}} = (\hat{u}_i)_{i=0}^N$$

Slow implementation: Using $\mathbf{T} = (T_j(x_i))_{i,j=0}^{N,N}$ we get

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{T} \hat{\mathbf{u}}$$

which is computed in $(2N + 1)(N + 1)$ floating point operations, which scales as $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$.

Slow Chebyshev transforms implementation

```
1 N = 10
2 T = np.polynomial.chebyshev.chebvander(np.cos(np.arange(N)*np.pi/(N-1)), N)
3 uhat = np.random.random(N+1)
4 u = T @ uhat
5 print(u)
```

```
[ 4.36800018 -0.00593321  1.37779832 -0.53597051  1.61093375  1.23534919
  1.51810735  0.40889198  0.78576296  0.62724195]
```

Slow because you use $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$ floating point operations and memory demanding because you need a matrix $\mathbf{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{(N+1) \times (N+1)}$.

Lets describe a faster way to compute $\mathbf{u} = (u_N(x_i))_{i=0}^N$ from $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = (\hat{u}_i)_{i=0}^N$

Fast cosine transform

Let

$$x_i = \cos(i\pi/N), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

such that for $i = 0, 1, \dots, N$:

$$u_N(x_i) = \sum_{j=0}^N \hat{u}_j T_j(x_i)$$

$$u_N(x_i) = \sum_{j=0}^N \hat{u}_j \cos(ji\pi/N)$$

$$u_N(x_i) = \hat{u}_0 + (-1)^i \hat{u}_N + \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \hat{u}_j \cos(ji\pi/N)$$

The discrete cosine transform

The discrete cosine transform of type 1 is defined to transform the real numbers $\mathbf{y} = (y_i)_{i=0}^N$ into $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_i)_{i=0}^N$ such that

$$Y_i = y_0 + (-1)^i y_N + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} y_j \cos(ij\pi/N), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

This operation can be evaluated in $\mathcal{O}(N \log_2 N)$ floating point operations, using the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT). Vectorized:

$$\mathbf{Y} = DCT^1(\mathbf{y})$$

The DCT is found in [scipy](#) and we will now use it to compute a fast Chebyshev transform.

Fast Chebyshev transform

We have the DCT^1 for any \mathbf{Y} and \mathbf{y}

$$Y_i = y_0 + (-1)^i y_N + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} y_j \cos(ij\pi/N), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

We want to compute the following using the fast DCT^1

$$u_N(x_i) = \hat{u}_0 + (-1)^i \hat{u}_N + \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \hat{u}_j \cos(ji\pi/N), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N \quad (1)$$

Rearrange (1) by multiplying by 2:

$$2u_N(x_i) - \hat{u}_0 - (-1)^i \hat{u}_N = \overbrace{\hat{u}_0 + (-1)^i \hat{u}_N + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \hat{u}_j \cos(ij\pi/N)}^{DCT^1(\hat{\mathbf{u}})_i}$$

$$u_N(x_i) = \frac{DCT^1(\hat{\mathbf{u}})_i + \hat{u}_0 + (-1)^i \hat{u}_N}{2}$$

Fast implementation

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{DCT^1(\hat{\mathbf{u}}) + \hat{u}_0 + I_m \hat{u}_N}{2}$$

where

$$I_m = ((-1)^i)_{i=0}^N$$

Timing of regular transform:

```
1 %timeit -q -o -n 10 uj = T @ uhat
```

```
<TimeitResult : 186 µs ± 95.6 µs per loop (mean ± std.
dev. of 7 runs, 10 loops each)>
```

```
1 import scipy
2
3 def evaluate_cheb_1(uhat):
4     N = len(uhat)
5     uj = scipy.fft.dct(uhat, type=1)
6     uj += uhat[0]
7     uj[::2] += uhat[-1]
8     uj[1::2] -= uhat[-1]
9     uj *= 0.5
10    return uj
11
12 N = 1000
13 xi = np.cos(np.arange(N+1)*np.pi/N)
14 T = np.polynomial.chebyshev.chebvander(xi, N)
15 uhat = np.ones(N+1)
16 uj = T @ uhat
17 uj_fast = evaluate_cheb_1(uhat)
18 assert np.allclose(uj, uj_fast)
```

Timing of fast transform:

```
1 %timeit -q -o -n 10 uj_fast = evaluate_cheb_1(uhat)
```

```
<TimeitResult : 31.7 µs ± 36.7 µs per loop (mean ±
std. dev. of 7 runs, 10 loops each)>
```