# Fall 2017 Math 395 Written Homework 7 Key 100 total. -5 for no stapling

7.1 Let f(x) = 3/2 - x/2,  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ . Both functions belong to C[1,2]. Find

(a) 
$$||f - g||_2$$

(b) 
$$||f - g||_{\infty}$$
 (use derivative to find max)

## Solution

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{(a) } \|f-g\|_2^2 = \int_1^2 (\frac{3}{2} - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{x})^2 dx = \int_1^2 \frac{9}{4} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{3x}{2} - \frac{3}{x} + 1 dx = \frac{13}{4} + \frac{x^3}{12} \Big|_1^2 - \frac{1}{x} \Big|_1^2 - \frac{3x^2}{4} \Big|_1^2 - 3 \ln x \Big|_1^2 \\ &= \frac{13}{4} + \frac{8-1}{12} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{4} (4-1) - 3 \ln 2 = 25/12 - 3 \ln 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$||f - g|| = \sqrt{13/6 - 3\ln 2} \approx 0.295$$

(b) 
$$h(x) = f(x) - g(x) = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{x}$$
.

h(1) = 0, h(2) = 0. Since  $\frac{1}{x}$  is convex on  $(0, \infty)$ , the line f is above g, so |h(x)| = h(x)

$$h'(x) = -\frac{1}{2} + x^{-2} = 0 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{2}$$
 (x =  $-\sqrt{2}$  is discarded)

$$||f - g||_{\infty} = \max_{x \in [1,2]} |h(x)| = \max_{x \in [1,2]} h(x) = h(\sqrt{2}) = 3/2 - \sqrt{2} \approx 0.086$$

7.2 Find the polynomial interpolant of (1,7/4), (2,3/2), (3.5,0), and (5,3/4) by

- (a) Vandermonde method (feel free to use python)
- (b) Lagrange method (handwritten, don't simplify)

# Solution

(a) Solve 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 7/4 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 & 3/2 \\ 1 & 3.5 & 3.5^2 & 3.5^3 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 25 & 125 & 3/4 \end{bmatrix}$$
, we get that the coefficients are  $(0, 3.15, -1.6, 0.2)$ 

$$p(x) = 3.15x - 1.6x^2 + 0.2x^3.$$

(b) 
$$\varphi_0(x) = \frac{(x-2)(x-3.5)(x-5)}{(1-2)(1-3.5)(1-5)}, \varphi_1(x) = \frac{(x-1)(x-3.5)(x-5)}{(2-1)(2-3.5)(2-5)}, \varphi_3(x) = \frac{(x-1)(x-2)(x-3.5)}{(5-1)(5-2)(5-3.5)}$$
  
 $p(x) = \frac{7}{4}\varphi_0(x) + \frac{3}{2}\varphi_1(x) + \frac{3}{4}\varphi_3(x)$ 

- 7.3 Use python to compute the condition number of the following two Vandermonde matrices, and comment on the results briefly.
  - (a) generated by 0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8.
  - (b) generated by 0, 0.2, 0.22, 0.6, 0.8.

#### Solution

(a) 
$$V_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0.2 & 0.2^2 & 0.2^3 & 0.2^4 \\ 1 & 0.4 & 0.4^2 & 0.4^3 & 0.4^4 \\ 1 & 0.6 & 0.6^2 & 0.6^3 & 0.6^4 \\ 1 & 0.8 & 0.8^2 & 0.8^3 & 0.8^4 \end{bmatrix}$$
.  $\kappa(V_1) = 1140.27$ 

You can use numpy.linalg.cond directly, you can also use numpy.linalg.svd to find all the singular values of  $V_1$  and get the ratio of biggest over smallest.

(b) 
$$V_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0.2 & 0.2^2 & 0.2^3 & 0.2^4 \\ 1 & 0.22 & 0.22^2 & 0.22^3 & 0.22^4 \\ 1 & 0.6 & 0.6^2 & 0.6^3 & 0.6^4 \\ 1 & 0.8 & 0.8^2 & 0.8^3 & 0.8^4 \end{bmatrix}$$
.  $\kappa(V_2) = 7531.24$ 

Vandermonde matrices are very ill-conditioned in general. It is the most ill conditioned when there two x values are close, like 0.2 and 0.22. Ill-condition means matrix is close to being singular. In  $V_2$ , second row and third row are almost the same row because 0.2 and 0.22 are close. Having the same row means matrix is singular (condition number infinity); Having almost the same row means condition number is very big.

- 7.4 Given  $P_1 = (-1, 0), P_2 = (0, -1), P_3 = (1, 1), P_4 = (2, 1)$ . Find the polynomial interpolant going through
  - (a)  $P_2, P_3, P_4$
  - (b)  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4$

(Think about which method you should use given the connection of part (a) and part (b))

### Solution

(a) 
$$x_0 = 0, x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2$$

Solve 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -1 \\ 1 & 1 - 0 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 1 & 2 - 0 & (2 - 0)(2 - 1) & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
, solution is  $(a_0, a_1, a_2) = (-1, 2, -1)$ 

$$p(x) = -1 + 2(x - 0) - (x - 0)(x - 1) = -1 + 2x - x(x - 1)$$

(b) 
$$x_0 = 0, x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2, x_3 = -1$$

Solve 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1-0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2-0 & (2-0)(2-1) & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1-0 & (-1-0)(-1-1) & (-1-0)(-1-1)(-1-2) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $(a_0, a_1, a_2) = (-1, 2, -1)$  as computed in (a)

$$a_0 - a_1 + 2a_2 - 6a_3 = 0 \Rightarrow a_3 = 5/6$$

$$q(x) = -1 + 2(x - 0) - (x - 0)(x - 1) = -1 + 2x - x(x - 1) + \frac{5}{6}x(x - 1)(x - 2)$$

- 7.5 (a) The Chebyshev nodes defined is only for interval [-1,1]. What do you do if the interval is [-2,2], or [a,b] in general?
  - (b) Write down the Chebyshev nodes for the interval [-1,3]. n = 6.

#### Solution

(a) If  $x_i$  are the chebyshev nodes for [a, b], then  $\frac{2x_i}{b-a}$  are the chebyshev nodes for  $[\frac{2a}{b-a}, \frac{2b}{b-a}]$ . This interval has length 2. If we just shift it by the center  $\frac{a+b}{b-a}$ , we will get [-1,1]. So  $\frac{2x_i}{b-a} - \frac{a+b}{b-a}$  are the chebyshev nodes for [-1,1].

$$\frac{2x_i}{b-a} - \frac{a+b}{b-a} = \cos\frac{\pi i}{n} \Longrightarrow x_i = \frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{b-a}{2}\cos\frac{\pi i}{n}$$

(b) 
$$x_i = 1 + 2\cos\frac{\pi i}{6}, i = 0, 1, \dots, 6$$

7.6 \* Solve 
$$\min_{\{x_0, x_1\} \subset [-1, 1]} \max_{x \in [-1, 1]} |x - x_0| |x - x_1|$$
.

7.7 Determine an interpolant of (0,1), (1,0), (2,0) P such that

$$P(x) = \begin{cases} P_2(x)(\text{degree 2}), & 0 \le x \le 1\\ P_1(x)(\text{degree 1}), & 1 \le x \le 2 \end{cases}$$

and P is differentiable on [0,2].

### Solution

 $P_1(x)$  is a line going through (1,0), (2,0), so  $P_1(x)=0$ , then  $P_1'(x)=0$ 

 $P'_2(1) = 0$ , we can let  $P'_2(x) = 2a(x-1)$ , so  $P_2(x) = ax^2 - 2ax + b$ .  $P_2$  goes through (0,1) and (1,0) implies 1 = b, 0 = a - 2a + b.

$$P_2(x) = x^2 - 2x + 1$$

7.8 If  $s(x) = -x^2 + x$  when  $0 \le x \le 1$  and  $s(x) = P_3(x)$  on  $1 \le x \le 2$ . Find all possible cubic  $P_3$  that makes s(x) twice differentiable on [0,1].

**Solution** Let 
$$f(x) = -x^2 + x$$
,  $f(1) = 0$ ,  $f'(1) = -1$ ,  $f''(1) = -2$ 

Let 
$$P_3''(x) = 2a(x-1) - 2$$
 to satisfy  $P_3''(1) = -2$ 

$$P_3'(x) = ax^2 - 2ax - 2x + b$$
.  $P_3'(1) = -1 \Rightarrow a - 2a - 2 + b = -1 \Rightarrow b = a + 1$ 

$$P_3'(x) = ax^2 - 2ax - 2x + a + 1$$

$$P_3(x) = a\frac{x^3}{3} - ax^2 - x^2 + (a+1)x + c.$$
  $P_3(1) = 0 \Rightarrow c = -a/3$ 

$$P_3(x) = a\frac{x^3}{3} - ax^2 - x^2 + (a+1)x - \frac{a}{3}$$

7.9 Finish Example 7.8 by computing the rest  $q_2, q_3, q_4$ . Plot this cubic spline.

#### Solution

$$D_2 = y_1 - z_1/6 = -\frac{5}{8}, C_2 = y_2 - y_1 + (z_1 - z_2)/6 = \frac{25}{8}, \text{ so}$$

$$q_2(x) = -\frac{z_1}{6}(x - x_2)^3 + \frac{1}{6}z_2(x - x_1)^3 + C_2(x - x_1) + D_2 = \frac{5}{8}(x - 2)^3 - \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)^3 + \frac{25}{8}(x - 1) - \frac{5}{8}$$

$$D_3 = y_2 - z_2/6 = \frac{3}{2}, C_3 = y_3 - y_2 + (z_2 - z_3)/6 = \frac{1}{8}$$
, so

$$q_3(x) = -\frac{z_2}{6}(x - x_3)^3 + \frac{1}{6}z_3(x - x_2)^3 + C_3(x - x_2) + D_3 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 3)^3 - \frac{5}{8}(x - 2)^3 + \frac{1}{8}(x - 2) + \frac{3}{2}.$$

$$D_4 = y_3 - z_3/6 = \frac{21}{8}, C_4 = y_4 - y_3 + (z_3 - z_4)/6 = \frac{-29}{8}$$
, so

$$q_4(x) = -\frac{z_3}{6}(x - x_4)^3 + C_4(x - x_3) + D_4 = -\frac{5}{8}(x - 4)^3 - \frac{29}{8}(x - 3) + \frac{21}{8}.$$