

Homework 2. Due Wednesday, Sept. 11.

1. **(5 pts)** Suppose you need to evaluate the derivative of a function $f(x)$ by forward difference, i.e.,

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}. \quad (1)$$

The function is not available analytically but can be evaluated at any point x with a relative error ϵ such that $|\epsilon| \leq 10^{-14}$. Suppose the function and its second derivative are of the order of 1. Give a rough estimate of the optimal value for h that minimizes the error in $f'(x)$.

2. **(6 pts)** Consider the polynomial space $\mathcal{P}_n(x)$, $x \in [-1, 1]$. Let T_k , $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$, be the Chebyshev basis in it. The Chebyshev polynomials are defined via

$$T_k = \cos(k \arccos x).$$

- (a) Use the trigonometric formula

$$\cos(a) + \cos(b) = 2 \cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{a-b}{2}\right)$$

to derive the three-term recurrence relationship for the Chebyshev polynomials

$$T_0(x) = 1, \quad T_1(x) = x, \quad T_{k+1}(x) = 2xT_k(x) - T_{k-1}(x), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \quad (2)$$

- (b) Consider the differentiation map

$$\frac{d}{dx} : \mathcal{P}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{n-1}.$$

Write the matrix of the differentiation map with respect to the Chebyshev bases in \mathcal{P}_n and \mathcal{P}_{n-1} for $n = 7$. *Hint: you might find helpful properties of Chebyshev polynomials presented in Section 3.3.1 of [Gil, Segure, Temme, "Numerical Methods For Special Functions"](#).*

3. **(6 pts)** Let $A = (a_{ij})$ be an $m \times n$ matrix.

- (a) Prove that the l_1 -norm of A is

$$\|A\|_1 = \max_j \sum_i |a_{ij}|,$$

i.e., the maximal column sum of absolute values. Find the maximizing vector.

- (b) Prove that the max-norm or l_∞ -norm of A

$$\|A\|_{\max} = \max_i \sum_j |a_{ij}|,$$

i.e., the maximal row sum of absolute values. Find the maximizing vector.