

Scientific Computing HW 2

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1. We obtain $\hat{f}(x)$ by computing $f(x)$ with relative error ϵ ,

$$\epsilon = \frac{\hat{f}(x) - f(x)}{f(x)} \implies \hat{f}(x) = f(x) + \epsilon f(x)$$

Write a first order Taylor expansion of $f(x+h)$ with remainder,

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + f'(x)h + \frac{1}{2}f''(\xi)h^2, \quad x < \xi < x+h$$

This gives

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} - f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}f''(\xi)h$$

Using the above, along with $f, f' \in O(1)$, we can estimate the forward difference error as

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\hat{f}(x+h) - \hat{f}(x)}{h} - f'(x) \right| &= \left| \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} - f'(x) + \epsilon \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}|f''(\xi)|h + \frac{\epsilon}{h}|f(x+h) - f(x)| \\ &\sim \frac{1}{2}h + \frac{2\epsilon}{h} =: g(h) \end{aligned}$$

Now we find h^* that minimizes $g(h)$.

$$g'(h) = 0 \implies \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2\epsilon}{h^2} = 0 \implies \frac{2\epsilon}{h^2} = \frac{1}{2} \implies h^2 = 4\epsilon \implies h^* = 2\sqrt{\epsilon}$$

2. (a) The first two Chebyshev polynomials are

$$T_0(x) = \cos(0 \cdot \arccos x) = 1, \quad T_1(x) = \cos(1 \cdot \arccos x) = x$$

The rest of the recurrence is given by

$$\begin{aligned} T_{k+1}(x) + T_{k-1}(x) &= \cos((k+1)\arccos x) + \cos((k-1)\arccos x) \\ &= 2 \cos \frac{(k+1)\arccos x + (k-1)\arccos x}{2} \cos \frac{(k+1)\arccos x - (k-1)\arccos x}{2} \\ &= 2xT_k(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e., } T_{k+1}(x) = 2xT_k(x) - T_{k-1}(x).$$

- (b) Label the bases $\mathcal{B} = \{T_0, \dots, T_n\}$ of \mathcal{P}_n and $\mathcal{C} = \{T_0, \dots, T_{n-1}\}$ of \mathcal{P}_{n-1} . For convenience, given $f \in \mathcal{P}_{n-1}$ and $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we write $f \doteq v$ to mean that v is the coordinate vector of f wrt \mathcal{C} .

$$T'_0 = 0 \doteq (0, \dots, 0)^T, \quad T'_1 = 1 = 1T_0 \doteq (1, 0, \dots, 0)^T$$

From the recurrence in the last part,

$$T_2(x) = 2xT_1(x) - T_0(x) = 2x^2 - 1 \implies T'_2 = 4T_1 \doteq (0, 4, 0, \dots, 0)^T$$

For the rest of the calculations, we cite Eq. (3.25) from Chapter 3 in “Numerical Methods for Special Functions”,

$$T_k = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{T'_{k+1}}{k+1} - \frac{T'_{k-1}}{k-1} \right), \quad k \geq 2$$

This gives us a recurrence for computing derivatives,

$$T'_{k+1} = 2(k+1)T_k + \frac{k+1}{k-1}T'_{k-1}, \quad k \geq 2$$

Resuming calculations,

$$T'_3 = 6T_2 + 3T'_1 = 6T_2 + 3T_0 \doteq (3, 0, 6, 0, 0, 0, 0)^T$$

$$T'_4 = 8T_3 + 2T'_2 = 8T_3 + 8T_1 \doteq (0, 8, 0, 8, 0, 0, 0)^T$$

$$T'_5 = 10T_4 + \frac{5}{3}T'_3 = 10T_4 + 10T_2 + 5T_0 \doteq (5, 0, 10, 0, 10, 0, 0)^T$$

$$T'_6 = 12T_5 + \frac{3}{2}T'_4 = 12T_5 + 12T_3 + 12T_1 \doteq (0, 12, 0, 12, 0, 12, 0)^T$$

$$T'_7 = 14T_6 + \frac{7}{5}T'_5 = 14T_6 + 14T_4 + 14T_2 + 7T_0 \doteq (7, 0, 14, 0, 14, 0, 14)^T$$

Thus the matrix of the derivative map $\frac{d}{dx} : \mathcal{P}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{n-1}$ wrt the bases \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} is

$$\left[\frac{d}{dx} \right]_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 10 & 0 & 14 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 10 & 0 & 14 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. The p -norm of A is

$$\|A\|_p := \max_{\|x\|_p=1} \|Ax\|_p$$

- (a) Let A_1, \dots, A_n denote the columns of A , so that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m |a_{ij}| = \|A_j\|_1$$

For all x ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|Ax\|_1 &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i A_i \right\|_1 \\
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \|A_i\|_1 \\
&\leq \underbrace{\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \|A_j\|_1}_{=:M} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \\
&= M \|x\|_1
\end{aligned}$$

This implies $\|Ax\|_1 \leq M$ for $\|x\|_1 = 1$, thus $\|A\|_1 \leq M$.

Pick j_0 that maximizes $\|A_j\|_1$ (as a function of j). Then the j_0 'th standard basis vector e_{j_0} is the maximizing vector since $\|e_{j_0}\|_1 = 1$ and

$$\|A\|_1 \geq \|Ae_{j_0}\|_1 = \|A_{j_0}\|_1 = M$$

Moreover, this inequality establishes $\|A\|_1 = M$.

(b) Let us write $\|A\|_\infty$ instead of $\|A\|_{\max}$. For all x ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|Ax\|_\infty &= \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} |(Ax)_i| \\
&\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}| |x_j| \\
&\leq \underbrace{\max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|}_{=:M} \cdot \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |x_j| \\
&= M \|x\|_\infty
\end{aligned}$$

This implies $\|Ax\|_\infty \leq M$ for $\|x\|_\infty = 1$, thus $\|A\|_\infty \leq M$.

Pick i_0 that maximizes $\sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|$ (as a function of i). Then the vector x with components $x_j := \text{sign}(a_{i_0 j})$ is the maximizing vector since $\|x\|_\infty = 1$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
\|A\|_\infty &\geq \|Ax\|_\infty \\
&= \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} |(Ax)_i| \\
&= \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \left| \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \right| \\
&\geq \left| \sum_{j=1}^n a_{i_0 j} x_j \right| \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{i_0 j}| & x_j = \text{sign}(a_{i_0 j}) \\
&= M
\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, this inequality establishes $\|A\|_\infty = M$.