### AE 370: HW3

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#### Problem 1

1. Let  $u \in \mathcal{V}$  be written as  $u = f_a + \beta_r$  for some  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $r \in \mathcal{V}$ . Since  $||f - f_a|| \le ||f - u||$ , the inequality becomes  $||f - f_a|| \le ||f - (f_a + \beta_r)||$ . Replacing norms with the inner product:

$$(f - f_a, f - f_a) \le (f - (f_a + \beta_r), f - (f_a + \beta_r))$$
 (1)

$$= ((f - f_a) - \beta_r, (f - f_a) - \beta_r)$$
 (2)

$$= (f - f_a, f - f_a) - 2\bar{\beta}(f - f_a, r) + \beta^2(r, r)$$
(3)

Subtracting  $(f - f_a, f - f_a)$  from both sides:

$$-2\bar{\beta}(f - f_a, r) + \beta^2(r, r) \ge 0 \tag{4}$$

Since the second term always satisfies the inequality, for the inequality to hold for any u,  $(f - f_a, r) = 0$ .

#### Problem 2

1. Evaluating  $(\hat{\phi}_i, \hat{\phi}_i)$  for i = 1, ..., n + 1:

$$(\phi_i, \phi_i) = \left(\frac{\hat{\phi}_i}{\sqrt{(\hat{\phi}_i, \hat{\phi}_i)}}, \frac{\hat{\phi}_i}{\sqrt{(\hat{\phi}_i, \hat{\phi}_i)}}\right)$$
(5)

$$=\frac{1}{(\hat{\phi}_i,\hat{\phi}_i)}(\hat{\phi}_i,\hat{\phi}_i) \tag{6}$$

$$=1 \tag{7}$$

2. To show  $\phi_1 \perp \phi_2$ , we must prove  $(\phi_1, \phi_2) = 0$ . First, we will demonstrate that proving  $(\phi_1, \phi_2) = 0$  is equivalent to proving  $(\hat{\phi_1}, \hat{\phi_2}) = 0$ :

$$(\phi_1, \phi_2) = \left(\frac{\hat{\phi}_1}{\sqrt{(\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_1)}}, \frac{\hat{\phi}_2}{\sqrt{(\hat{\phi}_2, \hat{\phi}_2)}}\right) = \alpha \beta(\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_2) \tag{8}$$

where

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_1)}}, \beta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\hat{\phi}_2, \hat{\phi}_2)}} \tag{9}$$

Next, we will prove  $(\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_2) = 0$ :

$$(\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_2) = \left(\frac{1}{(1,1)}, x - \frac{(x,1)}{(1,1)}\right) \tag{10}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{(1,1)}, x\right) - \left(\frac{1}{(1,1)}, \frac{(x,1)}{(1,1)}\right) \tag{11}$$

$$=\frac{1}{(1,1)}(1,x)-\frac{(x,1)}{(1,1)}\tag{12}$$

$$=\frac{1}{(1,1)}(1,x)-\frac{1}{(1,1)}(1,x) \tag{13}$$

$$=0 (14)$$

#### 3. Let

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_1)}}, \ \beta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\hat{\phi}_2, \hat{\phi}_2)}}, \ \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\hat{\phi}_3, \hat{\phi}_3)}}$$
(15)

(a) Proof for  $\phi_3 \perp \phi_1$ :

$$(\phi_3, \phi_1) = \alpha \gamma(\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_3) \tag{16}$$

$$= (\hat{\phi}_1, x\phi_2) - (\hat{\phi}_1, \phi_2)(x\phi_2, \phi_2) - (\hat{\phi}_1, \phi_1)(x\phi_2, \phi_1)$$
 (17)

$$= (\hat{\phi}_1, x\phi_2) - \beta(\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_2)(x\phi_2, \phi_2) - \alpha^2(\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_1)(\hat{\phi}_1, x\phi_2)$$
 (18)

Since 
$$\alpha^2 = \frac{1}{(\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_1)}, (\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_2) = 0$$
:

$$(\phi_3, \phi_1) = (\hat{\phi}_1, x\phi_2) - \beta(\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_2)(x\phi_2, \phi_2) - \alpha^2(\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_1)(\hat{\phi}_1, x\phi_2)$$
(19)

$$= (\hat{\phi}_1, x\phi_2) - \frac{1}{(\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_1)} (\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_1) (\hat{\phi}_1, x\phi_2)$$
 (20)

$$= (\hat{\phi}_1, x\phi_2) - (\hat{\phi}_1, x\phi_2) \tag{21}$$

$$=0 (22)$$

(b) Proof for  $\phi_3 \perp \phi_2$ :

$$(\phi_3, \phi_2) = (\hat{\phi}_2, x\phi_2) - (\hat{\phi}_2, \phi_2)(x\phi_2, \phi_2) - (\hat{\phi}_2, \phi_1)(x\phi_2, \phi_1)$$
(23)

$$= (\hat{\phi}_2, x\phi_2) - \beta^2(\hat{\phi}_2, \hat{\phi}_2)(x\phi_2, \hat{\phi}_2) - \alpha(\hat{\phi}_2, \hat{\phi}_1)(\hat{\phi}_2, x\phi_2)$$
 (24)

Since 
$$\beta^2 = \frac{1}{(\hat{\phi}_2, \hat{\phi}_2)}, (\hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\phi}_2) = 0$$
:

$$(\phi_3, \phi_2) = (\hat{\phi}_2, x\phi_2) - \beta^2(\hat{\phi}_2, \hat{\phi}_2)(x\phi_2, \hat{\phi}_2) - \alpha(\hat{\phi}_2, \hat{\phi}_1)(\hat{\phi}_2, x\phi_2)$$
(25)

$$= (\hat{\phi}_2, x\phi_2) - \frac{1}{(\hat{\phi}_2, \hat{\phi}_2)} (\hat{\phi}_2, \hat{\phi}_2) (x\phi_2, \hat{\phi}_2)$$
 (26)

$$= (\hat{\phi}_2, x\phi_2) - (\hat{\phi}_2, x\phi_2) \tag{27}$$

$$=0 (28)$$

#### **Problem 3**

1. Given the function f(x) and basis  $\{\phi_1, ..., \phi_{n+1}\} \in \mathbb{V}$ , we seek  $f_a(x)$  such that  $||f_a - f||^2$  is minimized for  $f_a \in \mathbb{V}$ . Thus  $f_a(x)$  must satisfy  $(f - f_a, r) = 0 \ \forall r \in \mathbb{V}$ .

Therefore:

$$(f - \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} c_i \phi_i, r) = 0$$
 (29)

However, since  $\phi \in \mathbb{V}$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{V}$ , we can rewrite the above equation as:

$$(f - \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} c_i \phi_i, \phi_j) = 0, \ j = 1, ..., n+1$$
(30)

Ergo,

$$(f - \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} c_i \phi_i, \phi_j) = (f, \phi_j) - (\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} c_i \phi_i, \phi_j)$$
(31)

$$= (f, \phi_j) - \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} c_i(\phi_i, \phi_j) = 0$$
 (32)

Finally, we establish the linear equation:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} c_i(\phi_i, \phi_j) = (f, \phi_j)$$
 (33)

Which results in the linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} (\phi_1, \phi_1) & \cdots & (\phi_{n+1}, \phi_1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (\phi_1, \phi_{n+1}) & \cdots & (\phi_{n+1}, \phi_{n+1}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (f, \phi_1) \\ \vdots \\ (f, \phi_{n+1}) \end{bmatrix}$$
(34)

2. From the Gram-Schmidt process, we know that:

$$(\phi_j, \phi_k) = \begin{cases} 1 & j = k \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$
 (35)

Hence only elements on the diagonal of G are equal to 1 while the rest is 0. Thus, G = I.

- 3. Figures and code are attached in Appendices A and B, respectively.
- 4. The solution does not suffer the same issues as global polynomial interpolants do on uniformly space points. This is because function approximation does not constrain  $f_a$  to match the value of interpolation points exactly but instead minimizes the global error. This inherently mitigates the issue of rapidly oscillating functions with global polynomial interpolation.

# Appendix A: Figures

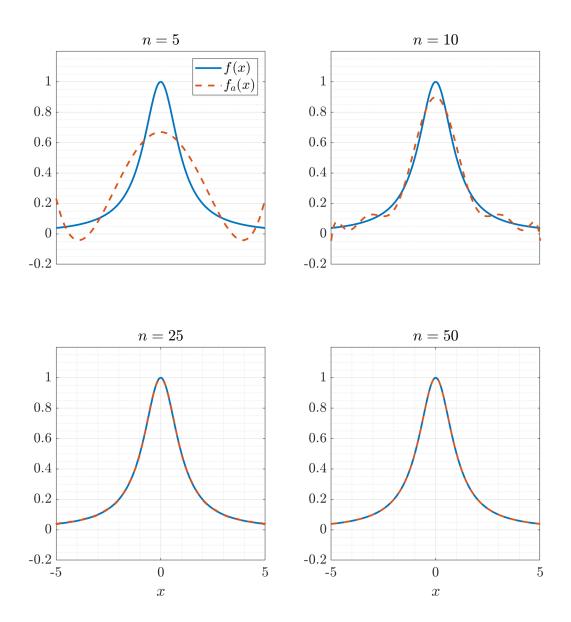


Figure 1: Function Approximation for Problem 3.c

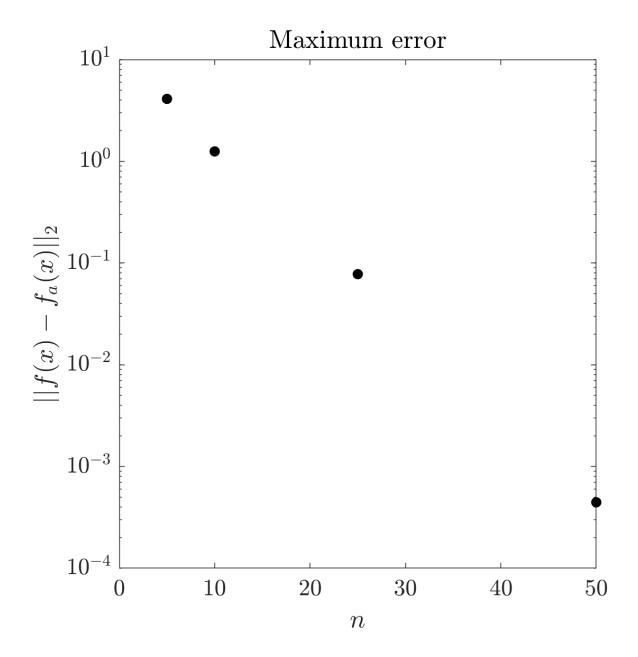


Figure 2: 2-Norm Error for Problem 3.c

## Appendix B: Code

```
%% AE 370 HW3
2
   % Linyi Hou (linyih2)
4 close all hidden
5
   clear;clc
6
   nvect = [5,10,25,50];
   % nvect = 3;
9
10
   fcn = @(x) 1./(1+x.^2);
11
12
   err = zeros(length(nvect),1);
13
14
   for j = 1 : length(nvect)
15
16
       n = nvect(j);
17
18
       xx = linspace(-5, 5, 1000)';
19
       grid_ones = ones(size(xx));
20
21
       b = zeros(n+1,1);
22
23
       % DEFINITIONS
24
       % phi — orthogonal basis used to define G
25
            - R.H.S. of the linear system Gc = b
26
27
       %Build first two rows of b and first two terms of polynomial
28
       %approximant fa
29
       %(slightly different for k = 1 \& 2...)
30
       phi_1h = grid_ones ./ trapz(xx,grid_ones.*grid_ones);
31
       phi_1 = phi_1h ./ sqrt(trapz(xx,phi_1h.^2));
32
       b(1) = trapz(xx, fcn(xx).*phi_1);
33
       fa = b(1) .* phi_1;
34
35
       phi_2h = xx - trapz(xx,xx.*grid_ones)/trapz(xx,grid_ones.*grid_ones);
36
       phi_2 = phi_2h ./ sqrt(trapz(xx,phi_2h.^2));
37
       b(2) = trapz(xx,fcn(xx).*phi_2);
38
       fa = fa + b(2) .* phi_2;
```

```
39
40
        %remaining n−1 rows
41
        phi_km2 = phi_1;
42
        phi_km1 = phi_2;
43
        for jj = 3 : n+1
44
45
            phi_kh = xx .* phi_km1 - ...
46
                   trapz(xx,xx.*phi_km1.*phi_km1)./trapz(xx,phi_km1.^2).*
                       phi_km1 - \dots
47
                   trapz(xx,xx.*phi_km1.*phi_km2)./trapz(xx,phi_km2.^2).*
                       phi_km2;
48
49
            phi_k = phi_kh ./ sqrt(trapz(xx,phi_kh.^2));
50
51
            b(jj) = trapz(xx,fcn(xx).*phi_k);
52
53
            fa = fa + b(jj) .* phi_k;
54
55
            phi_km2 = phi_km1;
56
            phi_km1 = phi_k;
57
        end
58
59
        %Compute error
60
        err(j) = norm(fcn(xx) - fa);
61
62
        figure(1)
63
        subplot(2,2,j)
64
        plot(xx, fcn(xx), '-', 'linewidth', 2), hold on
65
        plot( xx, fa, '--', 'linewidth', 2 )
66
        ylim([-0.2 1.2])
67
68
        %make plot pretty
69
        title( ['$n = ', num2str( n ),'$'] ,'interpreter', 'latex',...
70
            'fontsize', 16)
71
        if j == 1
72
            h = legend( '$f(x)$', '$f_a(x)$');
73
        end
74
75
        if j \le 2
76
            set( gca, 'XTick', [] )
```

```
77
        else
 78
             xlabel( '$x$', 'interpreter', 'latex', 'fontsize', 16)
 79
 80
        end
 81
         set(h, 'location', 'NorthEast', 'Interpreter', 'Latex', 'fontsize',
            16 )
 82
         set(gca, 'TickLabelInterpreter', 'latex', 'fontsize', 16 )
 83
 84
         set(gcf, 'PaperPositionMode', 'manual')
 85
         set(gcf, 'Color', [1 1 1])
         set(gca, 'Color', [1 1 1])
 86
 87
         set(gcf, 'PaperUnits', 'centimeters')
 88
         set(gcf, 'PaperSize', [25 25])
 89
         set(gcf, 'Units', 'centimeters' )
         set(gcf, 'Position', [0 0 25 25])
 90
 91
         set(gcf, 'PaperPosition', [0 0 25 25])
 92
 93
        grid(gca,'minor')
 94
        grid on
 95
 96
    end
97
98
    figure(1)
    print( '-dpng', 'vary_n', '-r200' )
100
101
    %plot error
102
    figure(100)
103
    semilogy( nvect, err, 'k.', 'markersize', 24, 'linewidth', 2 )
104
105 \%make plot pretty
106 | title( 'Maximum error' , 'interpreter', 'latex', 'fontsize', 16)
    xlabel( '$n$', 'interpreter', 'latex', 'fontsize', 16)
107
    ylabel( |f(x) - f_a(x)|_2, 'interpreter', 'latex', 'fontsize', 16)
108
109
110 | set(gca, 'TickLabelInterpreter', 'latex', 'fontsize', 16 )
111
112 | set(gcf, 'PaperPositionMode', 'manual')
113 | set(gcf, 'Color', [1 1 1])
114 | set(gca, 'Color', [1 1 1])
115 | set(gcf, 'PaperUnits', 'centimeters')
```

```
116    set(gcf, 'PaperSize', [15 15])
117    set(gcf, 'Units', 'centimeters' )
118    set(gcf, 'Position', [0 0 15 15])
119    set(gcf, 'PaperPosition', [0 0 15 15])
120
121    svnm = 'error';
122    print( '-dpng', svnm, '-r200' )
```