

Written assignment 1

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Question 1

(a)

$\|x - y\|^2 = \int_0^T [x(t) - c]^2 dt = \int_0^T x^2(t) dt - 2c \int_0^T x(t) dt + c^2 T$. To minimize the distance between x and y ,

$$c = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(t) dt.$$

(b)

Let $e(t) = 1/\sqrt{T}$ if $t \in [0, T)$ otherwise $e(t) = 0$. Then $\forall f \in V$, we have $f = f(0)e(t)$, which means that $V = \text{span}(e)$. And $\int_0^T (1/\sqrt{T})^2 dt = 1 \implies \langle e, e \rangle = 1$.

Then

$$y(t) = \left[\int_0^T x(t)e(t) dt \right] e(t) = \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \int_0^T x(t) dt \right] e(t).$$

Thus $y(t) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(t) dt$ if $t \in [0, T)$ otherwise $e(t) = 0$.

(c)

Obviously the result in (a) coincides with that in (b). I prefer the second method because we do not need to optimize any objective function.

Question 2

(a)

Proposition 1. $\forall f \in V$,

$$f(t) = f(-1)\varphi_{-1}(t) + f(0)\varphi_0(t) + f(1)\varphi_1(t).$$

Proof. $\forall t \in [0, 1]$, $f(t) = [f(1) - f(0)]t + f(0) = f(0)\varphi_0(t) + f(1)\varphi_1(t)$.

And $\forall t \in [-1, 0]$, $f(t) = [f(0) - f(-1)]t + f(0) = f(-1)\varphi_{-1}(t) + f(0)\varphi_0(t)$. □

Thus $f = f(-1)\varphi_{-1} + f(0)\varphi_0 + f(1)\varphi_1$.

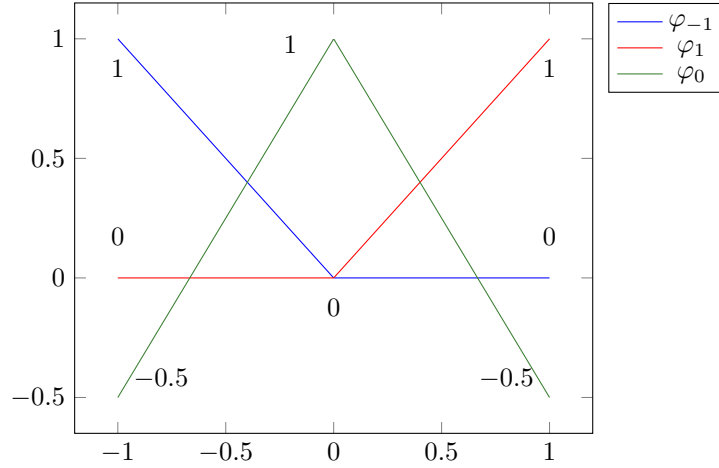
(b)

Obviously, φ_1 and φ_{-1} are orthogonal.

(c)

$\int_{-1}^1 \varphi_{-1}(t)\varphi_0(t) dt = \int_{-1}^1 \varphi_1(t)\varphi_0(t) dt = \frac{1}{6}$ and $\int_{-1}^1 \varphi_{-1}^2(t) dt = \int_{-1}^1 \varphi_1^2(t) dt = \frac{1}{3}$. Then

$$\hat{\varphi}_0 = \varphi_0 - \frac{1}{2}\varphi_{-1} - \frac{1}{2}\varphi_1 = \begin{cases} 1.5t + 1, & \text{if } t \in [-1, 0] \\ 1 - 1.5t, & \text{if } t \in (0, 1] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$



(d)

What we want to solve is:

$$f_0 = \arg \min_f \int_{-1}^1 [g(t) - f(t)]^2 dt = \arg \min_f \left[\int_{-1}^1 f^2(t) dt - 2 \int_{-1}^1 g(t)f(t) dt \right].$$

Assume that $f = a\varphi_{-1} + b\hat{\varphi}_0 + c\varphi_1$.

Then $\int_{-1}^1 f^2(t) dt = \frac{1}{3}a^2 + \frac{1}{2}b^2 + \frac{1}{3}c^2$ and $\int_{-1}^1 g(t)f(t) dt = \frac{1}{2}a + \frac{7}{12}b + \frac{2}{9}c$.

By the fact that

$$\arg \min_{[a,b,c]} \left(\frac{1}{3}a^2 + \frac{1}{2}b^2 + \frac{1}{3}c^2 - a - \frac{7}{6}b - \frac{4}{9}c \right) = \left[\frac{3}{2}, \frac{7}{6}, \frac{2}{3} \right],$$

$$f = \frac{3}{2}\varphi_{-1} + \frac{7}{6}\hat{\varphi}_0 + \frac{2}{3}\varphi_1.$$

