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Mini Project -2

MTH 308A – Principles of Numerical Analysis

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DESIGNING OF AN APPROXIMATE FUNCTION BY INTERPOLATION.

We have been given $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ($a < b$) and a positive integer n . We have to choose a discrete computational grid $X_{grid} = \{x_j\}_{j=1}^n$ with $x_j \in [a, b]$, $j \in \mathbb{N}$, j is bounded by ' n ' ofcourse. Also $x_i \neq x_j$ for $i \neq j$.

For the interpolation, I am using Chebyshev Interpolation of a function *esp.* Chebyshev – Lobatto Grid.

Our goal is to compute a Chebyshev series, on the interval $x \in [a, b]$.

Step 1: Creation of interpolation points:

$$x_k = \frac{b-a}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi k}{N}\right) + \left(\frac{b+a}{2}\right), \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$$

Step 2: Computation of the grid point values of $f(x)$, the function to be approximated:

$$f_k = f(x_k), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

The above two steps are incorporated in the code as

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[xGrid, fGrid] = discreteData(nGrid, a, b, f);
```

Step 3: This step is for the computation of the interpolation matrix. We define $p_j = 2$ if $j = 0$ or $j = N$ and $p_j = 1, j \in [1, N - 1]$. The elements of the interpolation matrix are defined as

$$I_{jk} = \frac{2}{p_j p_k N} \cos\left(\frac{j\pi k}{N}\right)$$

Step 4: Now we compute the coefficients through a vector – matrix multiplication:

$$a_j = \sum_{k=0}^N I_{jk} f_k, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$$

Step 5: Finally, we define the output of Chebyshev approximation

$$f \approx \sum_{j=0}^N a_j \cos\left(j \arccos \frac{2x - (b + a)}{b - a}\right)$$

The steps 3, 4 and 5 are scripted in the function

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approx = approxFunction(xEval, xGrid, fGrid);
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The main.m file is returning the maxError/maxExact that is nothing but the max norm of f divided by the max norm of the error.

So, Finally my approximated function is based on the discrete data (X_{grid}, F_{grid}) .

Example input values:

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a = 1;  
b = 100;  
f = @(x) ((x-a).*(x-b)).^11;  
nGrid = 100;  
nEval = 60;
```

Example outputs:

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Elapsed time is 0.003142 seconds.  
maxError/maxExact = 7.1688e-15
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Elapsed time is 0.003332 seconds.  
maxError/maxExact = 1.0014e-14
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Elapsed time is 0.008379 seconds.  
maxError/maxExact = 4.8195e-15
```

Reference:

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