

Assignment 7

These problems are taken from sections 8.1 and 8.2, or similar to them.

Exercise 1. Find the polynomial $p(x) = ax + b$ closest to the points $(-1, 0)$, $(0, 1)$ and $(1, 1)$, in the least squares sense.

$$a = \frac{3(-1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1) - (-1 + 0 + 1)(0 + 1 + 1)}{3(-1^2 + 0^2 + 1^2) - (-1 + 0 + 1)^2} = \frac{3(0 + 0 + 1) - (0)(2)}{3(1 + 0 + 1) - (0)^2}$$

$$= \frac{3(1)}{3(2)} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$b = \frac{(0)(1) - (2)(2)}{(0)^2 - (3)(2)} = \frac{4}{6} = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\boxed{p(x) = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{2}{3}}$$

Exercise 2. Find the polynomial $p(x) = ax + b$ of least squares approximation to the function $f(x) = \cos(x)$, with respect to the weight function $w(x) = 1$, on the interval $[0, 1]$. (You may use a calculator or computer to approximate integrals.)

$$\mathcal{E}(a, b) = \int_0^1 (\cos(x) - ax - b)^2 dx = \int_0^1 (\cos(x) - ax - b)^2 dx$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial a} = \int_0^1 -2x(\cos(x) - ax - b) dx = \frac{2a}{3} + b + 2 - 2\sin(1) - 2\cos(1) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial b} = \int_0^1 -2(\cos(x) - ax - b) dx = a + 2b - 2\sin(1) = 0$$

$$\frac{a}{2} + b - \sin(1) \Rightarrow \left(\frac{2a}{3} - \frac{a}{2}\right) + (b - b) + (\sin(1) - 2\sin(1)) - 2\cos(1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{4a}{6} - \frac{3a}{6}\right) + 0 - \sin(1) - 2\cos(1) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{6} = \sin(1) + 2\cos(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a = 11.53245}$$

$$b = \sin(1) - \frac{6\sin(1) + 12\cos(1)}{2}$$

$$= \sin(1) - 3\sin(1) + 6\cos(1) = 6\cos(1) - 2\sin(1) \Rightarrow \boxed{b = 1.55887}$$

$$\boxed{p(x) = 11.53245x + 1.55887}$$

Exercise 3. Use the Gram-Schmidt process to construct the orthogonal polynomials $\phi_0(x)$, $\phi_1(x)$, and $\phi_2(x)$, with respect to the weight function $w(x) = 1$, on the interval $[0, 1]$. (You may use a calculator or computer to approximate integrals.)

Exercise 3. Use the Gram-Schmidt process to construct the orthogonal polynomials $\phi_0(x)$, $\phi_1(x)$, and $\phi_2(x)$, with respect to the weight function $w(x) = 1$, on the interval $[0, 1]$. (You may use a calculator or computer to approximate integrals.)

$$\boxed{\phi_0(x) = 1} ; \phi_1(x) = x - B_1 ; B_1 = \frac{\int_0^1 x(1) dx}{\int_0^1 (1) dx} = \frac{\frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^1}{x \Big|_0^1} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} - 0}{1 - 0} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\boxed{\phi_1 = x - \frac{1}{2}} ; \phi_2(x) = (x - B_2)\phi_1(x) - C_2\phi_0(x)$$

$$B_2 = \frac{\int_0^1 x(x - \frac{1}{2})^2(1) dx}{\int_0^1 (x - \frac{1}{2})^2(1) dx} = \frac{\int_0^1 x^3 - x^2 + \frac{x}{4} dx}{\int_0^1 x^2 - x + \frac{1}{4} dx} = \frac{\frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{8} \Big|_0^1}{\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x}{4} \Big|_0^1}$$

$$= \frac{(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{8}) - 0}{(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}) - 0} = \frac{\frac{6}{24} - \frac{8}{24} + \frac{3}{24}}{\frac{4}{12} - \frac{6}{12} + \frac{3}{12}} = \frac{\frac{1}{24}}{\frac{1}{12}} = \frac{1}{24} \times \frac{24}{2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} = B_2}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{\int_0^1 x(x - \frac{1}{2})(1)(1) dx}{\int_0^1 (1)^2(1) dx} = \frac{\int_0^1 x^2 - \frac{x}{2} dx}{\int_0^1 dx} = \frac{\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^2}{4} \Big|_0^1}{x \Big|_0^1}$$

$$= \frac{(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}) - 0}{1 - 0} = \frac{4}{12} - \frac{3}{12} = \boxed{\frac{1}{12} = C_2}$$

$$\boxed{\phi_2(x) = (x - \frac{1}{2})(x - \frac{1}{2}) - \frac{1}{12}(1) = (x - \frac{1}{2})^2 - \frac{1}{12}}$$

Exercise 4. By using the results of Exercise 3, find the quadratic least squares approximation to the function $f(x) = \cos(x)$, with respect to the weight function $w(x) = 1$, on the interval $[0, 1]$. (You may use a calculator or computer to approximate integrals.)

$$p(x) = a_0\phi_0(x) + a_1\phi_1(x) + a_2\phi_2(x)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{\int_0^1 \cos(x)(1)(1) dx}{\int_0^1 (1)^2(1) dx} = \frac{\int_0^1 \cos(x) dx}{\int_0^1 dx} = \frac{\sin(x) \Big|_0^1}{x \Big|_0^1} = \frac{0.84147}{1} = \boxed{0.84147 = a_0}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{\int_0^1 \cos(x)(x - \frac{1}{2})(1) dx}{\int_0^1 (x - \frac{1}{2})^2(1) dx} = \frac{\int_0^1 x \cos(x) - \frac{1}{2} \cos(x) dx}{\int_0^1 x^2 - x + \frac{1}{4} dx} = \frac{-0.03896}{0.083333} = \boxed{-0.4675 = a_1}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{\int_0^1 \cos(x)((x - \frac{1}{2})^2 - \frac{1}{12})(1) dx}{\int_0^1 ((x - \frac{1}{2})^2 - \frac{1}{12})^2(1) dx} = \frac{-0.0024}{0.0055556} = \boxed{-0.431997 = a_2}$$

$$\int_0^1 \left(\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{12} \right)^2 (1) dx = 0.0055556$$

$$p(x) = 0.84147 - 0.4675 \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) - 0.431997 \left(\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{12} \right)$$

Exercise 5. Use the Gram-Schmidt process to construct the orthogonal polynomials $\phi_0(x)$, $\phi_1(x)$, and $\phi_2(x)$, with respect to the weight function $w(x) = e^{-x}$, on the interval $(0, \infty)$. (You may use a calculator or computer to approximate integrals.)

$$\boxed{\phi_0(x) = 1} \quad ; \quad \phi_1(x) = x - B_1 \quad ; \quad B_1 = \frac{\int_0^\infty x e^{-x} dx}{\int_0^\infty e^{-x} dx} = \frac{1}{1} = \boxed{1 = B_1}$$

$$\boxed{\phi_1(x) = x - 1} \quad ; \quad \phi_2(x) = (x - B_2)\phi_1(x) - C_2\phi_0(x)$$

$$B_2 = \frac{\int_0^\infty x(x-1)^2 e^{-x} dx}{\int_0^\infty (x-1)^2 e^{-x} dx} = \frac{3}{1} = \boxed{3 = B_2}$$

$$\boxed{\phi_2(x) = (x-3)(x-1) - 1}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{\int_0^\infty x(x-1)(1) e^{-x} dx}{\int_0^\infty (1)^2 e^{-x} dx} = \frac{1}{1} = \boxed{1 = C_2}$$

Exercise 6. By using the results of Exercise 5, find the quadratic least squares approximation to the function $f(x) = e^{-x}$ on the interval $(0, \infty)$, with respect to the weight function $w(x) = e^{-x}$. (You may use a calculator or computer to approximate integrals.)

$$p(x) = a_0\phi_0(x) + a_1\phi_1(x) + a_2\phi_2(x)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{\int_0^\infty e^{-x}(1) e^{-x} dx}{\int_0^\infty (1)^2 e^{-x} dx} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} = a_0}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{\int_0^\infty e^{-x}((x-3)(x-1)-1) e^{-x} dx}{\int_0^\infty ((x-3)(x-1)-1)^2 e^{-x} dx} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{4} = \boxed{\frac{1}{16} = a_2}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{\int_0^\infty e^{-x}(x-1) e^{-x} dx}{\int_0^\infty (x-1)^2 e^{-x} dx} = \frac{-\frac{1}{4}}{1} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{4} = a_1}$$

$$\boxed{p(x) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}(x-1) + \frac{1}{16}((x-3)(x-1)-1)}$$