

Numerical Methods (ENUME 2018) – Project Assignment B: Approximation of function

1. Make the graphs of the function $f(x) = -\sin(\pi x)e^{-x}$; on each graph mark the following points:

$$\{y_n = f(x_n) | n = 1, 2, \dots, N\}, \text{ where } x_n = -1 + 2 \frac{n-1}{N-1} \text{ for } N = 5, 10, 15$$

2. Design a MATLAB procedure for approximation of the function $f(x)$ on the basis of the data $\{(x_n, y_n) | n = 1, \dots, N\}$, using the method of least squares (LS) and the base functions:

$$P_k(x) \text{ for } k = 1, 2, \dots, K: P_0(x) = 1, P_1(x) = x, P_k(x) = \frac{2k-1}{k} x P_{k-1}(x) - \frac{k-1}{k} P_{k-2}(x) \text{ for } k > 1$$

(Legendre polynomials).

For solving the system of normal equations, use the method of Cholesky-Banachiewicz and the operator "\" implemented in MATLAB (for comparison). Check the correctness of the procedure for several pairs of the values of the parameters N and K .

3. Apply the developed procedure for a systematic study of the dependence of approximation accuracy on the parameters N and K ; use the following indicators for this purpose:

$$\delta_2(K, N) = \frac{\|\hat{f}(x; K, N) - f(x)\|_2}{\|f(x)\|_2} \quad \text{and} \quad \delta_\infty(K, N) = \frac{\|\hat{f}(x; K, N) - f(x)\|_\infty}{\|f(x)\|_\infty}$$

where $\hat{f}(x; K, N)$ is the approximating function obtained for a given pair of the values of N and K . Make the graphs of the dependence of $\delta_2(K, N)$ and $\delta_\infty(K, N)$ on N for several values of K and the graphs of the dependence of $\delta_2(K, N)$ and $\delta_\infty(K, N)$ on K for several values of N .

4. Repeat the above-described study for the data corrupted with pseudorandom additive errors $\{\Delta \tilde{y}_n | n = 1, \dots, N\}$ following the normal distribution with the zero mean and variance σ_y^2 :

$$\{(x_n, \tilde{y}_n) | n = 1, \dots, N\}, \text{ where } \tilde{y}_n = y_n + \Delta \tilde{y}_n$$

Use the MATLAB function **randn** for generation of the errors. Assess the influence of errors on the accuracy of approximation by analysing the graphs of the dependence of $\delta_2(K, N)$ and $\delta_\infty(K, N)$ on σ_y^2 .