

16-811 HW3

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***** Q1 *****

a)

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(0)}(x) &= \frac{1}{3} + e^x - e^x, & f^{(0)}(0) &= \frac{1}{3} \\ f^{(1)}(x) &= e^x + e^x, & f^{(1)}(0) &= 2 \\ f^{(2)}(x) &= e^x - e^x, & f^{(2)}(0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

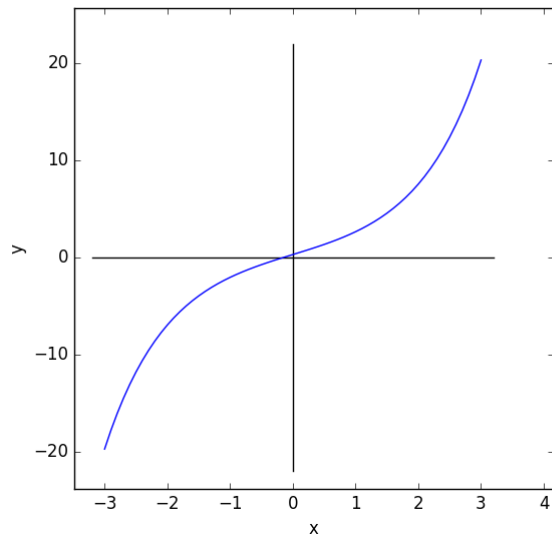
By **Mathematical Induction**, it's easy to prove that:

$$f^{(2k-1)}(0) = 2, \quad f^{(2k)}(0) = 0 \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}^+)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(i)}(0)}{i!} x^i \\ &= f^{(0)}(0) + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(2i-1)}(0)}{(2i-1)!} x^{2i-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(2i)}(0)}{(2i)!} x^{2i} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{(2i-1)}}{(2i-1)!} \end{aligned}$$

b) .



c) Denote:

$$p(x) = a + bx + cx^2$$

$$err(x) = f(x) - p(x)$$

$$err(x_0) = -err(x_1) = err(x_2) = -err(x_3) = \|f(x) - p(x)\|_{\infty}$$

Since $f^{(n+1)}(x)$ doesn't change sign on $[-3, 3]$, we have $x_0 = -3$ and $x_3 = 3$.

From the Taylor expansion in Q1(a), we learnt that the coefficient of x^2 is zero (x^2 is in the null space of $f(x)$), thus c is actually zero. Solve equation for a , b , x_1 and x_2 :

$$err(3) = -err(-3) \quad (1)$$

$$err'(x_1) = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$err'(x_2) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$err(3) = err(x_1) \quad (4)$$

$$err(3) = -err(x_2) \quad (5)$$

Solve equation (1), we have

$$a = \frac{1}{2}$$

Solve equation (2)(3), with the constraints $x_1 < x_2$ we have

$$x_1 = \ln\left(\frac{b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4}}{2}\right), \quad x_2 = \ln\left(\frac{b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4}}{2}\right) \quad (6)$$

"Surprisingly", yet intuitively make sense especially if we shift $f(x)$ back down by $\frac{1}{3}$ to make $f(x)$ an odd function, but anyway, x_1 and x_2 are symmetric! Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - x_2 &= \ln\left(\frac{b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4}}{2} \frac{b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4}}{2}\right) \\ &= \ln\left(\frac{b^2 - (b^2 - 4)}{4}\right) \\ &= \ln(1) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore x_1 = -x_2$$

This observation further makes (4)(5) equivalent, because $err(x)$ is an odd function:

$$\begin{aligned} err(x) &= \frac{1}{3} + 2\sinh(x) - a - bx \quad (a = 1 \text{ from equation(1)}) \\ &= 2\sinh(x) - bx \quad (\sinh(x) \text{ and } bx \text{ are both odd}) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can any one of (4) or (5) with (6) (here I solved it numerically in my code `q1.py`: `q1c()` with Muller Root Finder I implemented for HW2):

$$b = 5.38724$$

Thus, the best uniform quadratic approximation is:

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{3} + 5.38724x$$

The errors are:

$$L_\infty = \text{err}(3) = 3.87403$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_2 &= \sqrt{\int_{-3}^3 \text{err}(x)^2 dx} \\ &= \sqrt{\int_{-3}^3 (e^x - e^{-x} - bx)^2 dx} \\ &= \sqrt{\int_{-3}^3 [(e^{2x} + e^{-2x} - 2) - 2(e^x bx - e^{-x} bx) + b^2 x^2] dx} \\ &= \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x}}{2} - 2x - 2[e^x (bx - b) + e^{-x} (bx + b)] + \frac{b^2 x^3}{3} \right\} \Big|_{-3}^3} \\ &= 6.62513 \text{ (Verified numerically in } q1.py : q1c()) \end{aligned}$$

d) Based on

$$p_{-1}(x) = 0$$

$$p_0(x) = 1$$

$$p_{i+1}x = xp_i - \frac{\langle xp_i, p_i \rangle}{\langle p_i, p_i \rangle} p_i - \frac{\langle p_i, p_i \rangle}{\langle p_{i-1}, p_{i-1} \rangle} p_{i-1}$$

, we calculate:

$$\langle p_0, p_0 \rangle = \int_{-3}^3 (1 * 1) dx = 6$$

$$\langle xp_0, p_0 \rangle = \int_{-3}^3 (x * 1) dx = 0$$

$$p_1 = x - 0 - 0 = x$$

$$\langle p_1, p_1 \rangle = \int_{-3}^3 (x * x) dx = 18$$

$$\langle xp_1, p_1 \rangle = \int_{-3}^3 (x * x * x) dx = 0$$

$$p_2 = x * x - 0 * x - \frac{18}{6} * 1 = x^2 - 3$$

Further we calculate:

$$\langle f, p_0 \rangle = \int_{-3}^3 \frac{1}{3} + 2 \sinh(x) dx = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, p_1 \rangle &= \int_{-3}^3 \frac{x}{3} + 2x \sinh(x) dx \\ &= [(x-1)e^x + (x+1)e^{-x}] \Big|_{-3}^3 \\ &= 80.74044 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, p_2 \rangle &= \int_{-3}^3 \left[\frac{1}{3} + 2 \sinh(x) \right] [x^2 - 3] dx \\ &= \int_{-3}^3 \left[\frac{x^2}{3} - 1 \right] dx \\ &= \left[\frac{x^3}{9} - x \right] \Big|_{-3}^3 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= \sum_{i=0}^2 \frac{\langle f, p_i \rangle}{\langle p_i, p_i \rangle} p_i(x) \\ &= \frac{2}{6} * 1 + \frac{80.74044}{18} * x + 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{3} + 4.48558 * x \end{aligned}$$

The errors are:

$$\text{err}'(\hat{x}) = e^{\hat{x}} + e^{-\hat{x}} - b = 0 \quad (b = 4.48558)$$

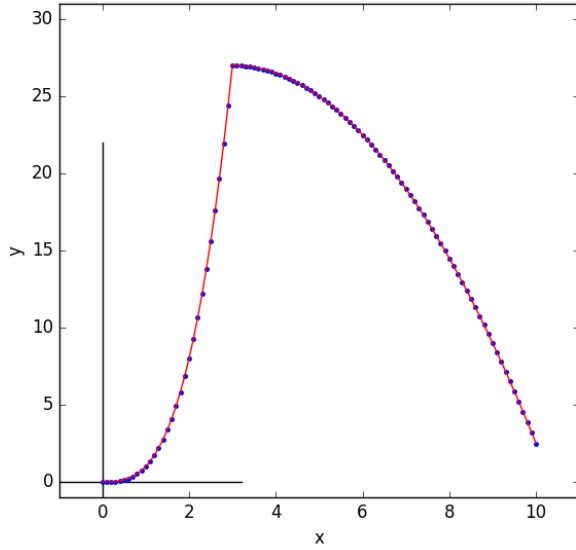
$$\therefore \hat{x} = \ln\left(\frac{b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4}}{2}\right) = \pm 1.44699$$

$$\text{err}(\hat{x}) = 2.47556$$

$$L_\infty = \max[\text{err}(\hat{x}), \text{err}(3), \text{err}(-3)] = 6.57901$$

$$L_2 = 5.40912 \quad (\text{Same derivation and verification with Q1c.})$$

***** Q2 *****



$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 & x \leq 3 \\ 22.5 + 3x - 0.5x^2 & x > 3 \end{cases}$$

The function basis I picked are $[1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4, x^5]$:

$$p(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + c_3x^3 + c_4x^4 + c_5x^5$$

Data are group into two ($x \leq 3$ and $x > 3$). For each group, matrix A has $A_{ij} = (x_i)^j$ and vector b has $b_i = f(x_i)$, and linear equation $Ac = b$ is solved using SVD.

Code is in *q2.py*.

***** Q3 *****

a)

$$T_1(\cos \theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore T_1(x) = x$$

$$T_2(\cos \theta) = \cos 2\theta = 2\cos^2 \theta - 1$$

$$\therefore T_2(x) = 2x^2 - 1$$

Thus,

$$T_3(x) = 2xT_2(x) - T_1(x) = 4x^3 - 3x$$

$$T_4(x) = 2xT_3(x) - T_2(x) = 8x^4 - 8x^2 + 1$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} T_3(x) * T_4(x) &= (4x^3 - 3x)(8x^4 - 8x^2 + 1) \\ &= 32x^7 - 56x^5 + 28x^3 - 3x \end{aligned}$$

It is an odd function. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ is even, thus the function being integrated is odd. Integrating an odd function over $[-1, 1]$ results in zero. Thus $T_3(x)$ and $T_4(x)$ are orthogonal.

c)

$$x = \cos \theta$$

Thus,

$$x \in [-1, 1] \rightarrow \theta \in [(2k-1)\pi, 2k\pi], \quad k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_n(x)\|^2 &= \langle T_n(x), T_n(x) \rangle \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{T_n(x)^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{T_n(\cos \theta)^2}{\sqrt{1-\cos^2 \theta}} d \cos \theta \\ &= \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \frac{T_n(\cos \theta)^2}{-\sin \theta} (-\sin \theta) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} (2 \cos n\theta^2 - 1 + 1) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \cos 2n\theta + 1 d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\sin 2n\theta}{2n} + \theta \right) \right]_{\pi}^{2\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [(0 + 2\pi) - (0 + \pi)] \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \|T_n(x)\| &= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

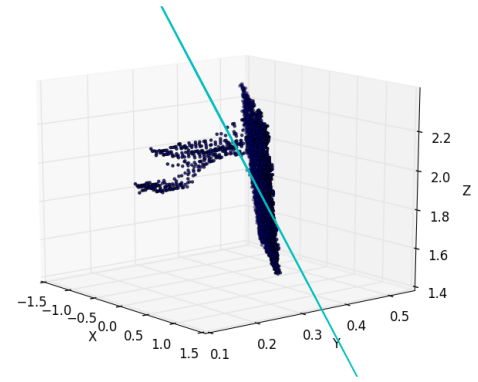
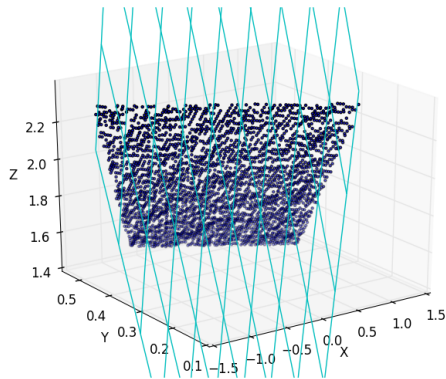
The length of $T_n(x)$ is a constant, thus all $T_n(x)$ have the same length.

d)

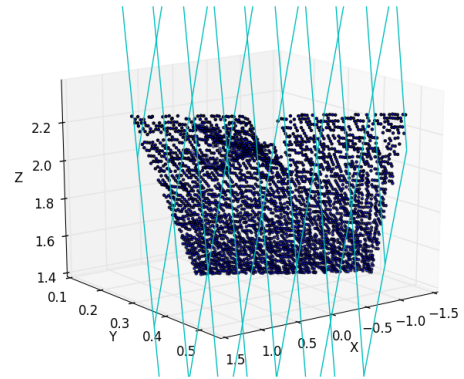
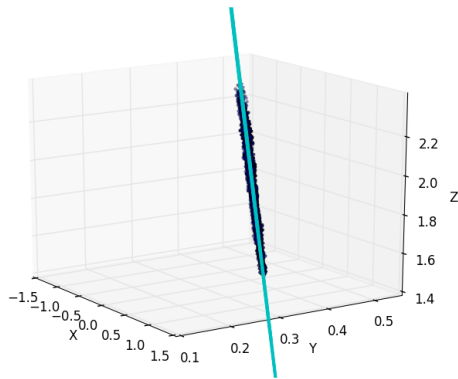
$$\begin{aligned} \langle T_i(x), T_j(x) \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{T_i(x)T_j(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{T_i(\cos \theta)T_j(\cos \theta)}{\sqrt{1-\cos^2 \theta}} d \cos \theta \\ &= \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \frac{\cos i\theta \cos j\theta}{-\sin \theta} (-\sin \theta) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \cos [(i+j)\theta] + \cos [(i-j)\theta] d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\sin [(i+j)\theta]}{(i+j)} + \frac{\sin [(i-j)\theta]}{(i-j)} \right) \right]_{\pi}^{2\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [(0+0) - (0+0)] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

***** Q4 *****

a) .

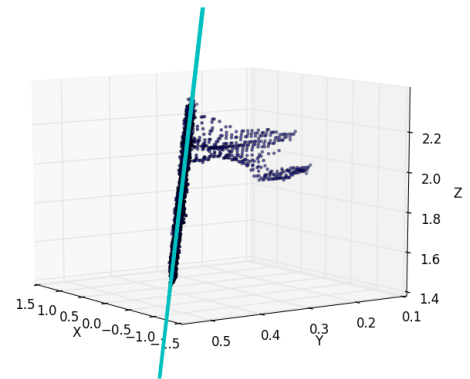
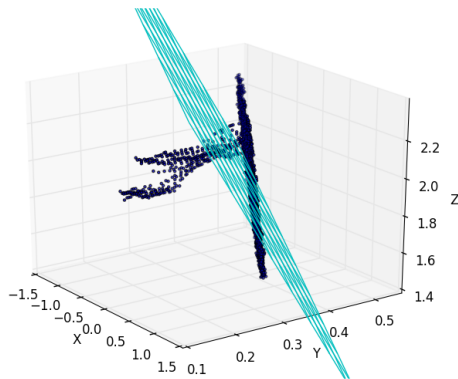


It doesn't look like the plane fitted the table surface, because least square approximation is affected by outliers.
c) .



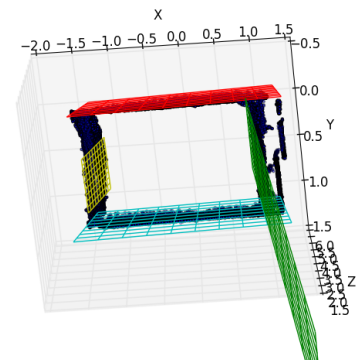
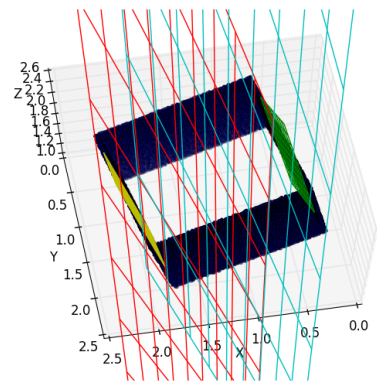
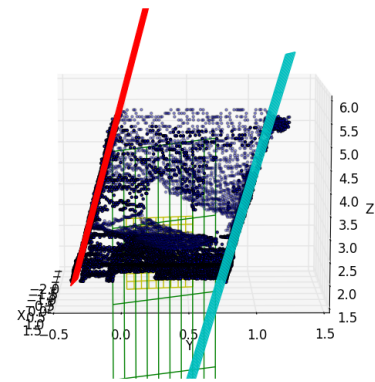
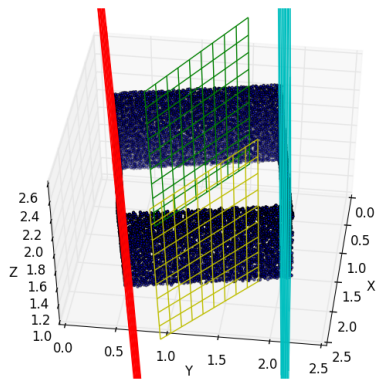
The average distance is: 0.00274

b) .



I applied RANSAC to reject outliers and fit a plane to the rest of the good data.

d) .



The planes of four walls are in color cyan, red, yellow, green. I used solution from Q4c, to find one plane at a time, and then remove the points on this plane from data set, and look for the next plane, until I have all four planes.

e) .

The planes of four walls are in color cyan, red, yellow, green.

I took the concept of "average distance" from Q4a, and my smoothness scoring system for a particular plane works like: (1) from dataset, find all points on this plane (close enough to this plane judged by a constant distance threshold), (2) calculate the average distance of these points to this plane, call it "smoothness score". The smaller the score is, the smoother the plane is.

plane0(cyan) score: 0.048

plane1(red) score: 0.052

plane2(yellow) score: 0.098

plane3(green) score: 0.119

The most smooth plane is plane0(cyan).

