

Homework 6 – Trigonometric Polynomials and Derivative Approximation

1. Define the function space

$$L^2(0, 2\pi) = \{f : (0, 2\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : \|f\|_{L^2(0, 2\pi)} < \infty\},$$

where

$$\|f\|_{L^2(0, 2\pi)} = \sqrt{\langle f, f \rangle} \quad \text{and} \quad \langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \overline{g(x)} \, dx.$$

Note: in this function space the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality holds, i.e.

$$\langle f, g \rangle \leq \|f\|_{L^2(0, 2\pi)} \|g\|_{L^2(0, 2\pi)}.$$

Let $\phi_k(x) = e^{ikx}$.

(a) Prove that $\langle \phi_k, \phi_j \rangle = 0$ for all $k \neq j$.

Let $S_N = \text{Span}\{\phi_k : |k| \leq N\}$, and define the two function f and f_N such that

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}_k \phi_k(x) \quad \text{and} \\ f_N(x) = \sum_{k=-N}^N \hat{f}_k \phi_k(x).$$

(b) Prove that

$$\|f - f_N\|_{L^2(0, 2\pi)} = \min_{g \in S_N} \|f - g\|_{L^2(0, 2\pi)}.$$

In both parts (a) and (b), show and explain all main steps.

Hints: (a) follows from the definitions of ϕ_k and $\langle f, g \rangle$, along with some basic calculus; (b) then follows a similar argument as we used in section 10.1 for orthogonal polynomial spaces.

2. In class we derived an $\mathcal{O}(h^6)$ -accurate compact finite difference formula for approximating the first derivative, $u_i \approx f'(x_i)$:

$$\frac{1}{3}u_{i-1} + u_i + \frac{1}{3}u_{i+1} = \frac{7}{9h}(f_{i+1} - f_{i-1}) + \frac{1}{36h}(f_{i+2} - f_{i-2}), \quad i = 2, \dots, n-2.$$

Following that approach, derive similar formulas for approximating the second derivative, $u_i \approx f''(x_i)$, based on the values

$$h^2 [\alpha_{-1}u_{i-1} + u_i + \alpha_1u_{i+1}] = \beta_{-1}f_{i-1} + \beta_0f_i + \beta_1f_{i+1}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Show your steps in this derivation. What is the order of accuracy for this approximation?

Under the assumption that f and its derivatives are periodic on the approximation interval, i.e. $u_0 = u_n$ and $f_0 = f_n$, write the full linear system that encodes your compact finite difference formula, both in the interior and those equations that utilize periodicity.

Matlab: create a function of the form

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function [ddf,x] = compact_fd(f, a, b, n)
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that implements your approach above. The inputs to this function are: **f** is the function handle or name to be differentiated, **a** and **b** define the approximation interval $[a, b]$, and **n** is the number of unique nodes to use (since $x_0 = x_n$). The outputs **ddf** and **x** are arrays of length **n**, with **ddf(i)** containing the derivative approximation at **x(i)**, for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Write a script named **hw6.m** that uses this function to approximate the second derivative of the function $f(x) = e^{\cos(x)}$ over the interval $[0, 4\pi]$, using $n_j = 5 * 2^j$ for $j = 0, \dots, 8$. For each n output the maximum error in the approximation over the interval, $\|f'' - f''_{\text{approx}}\|_{\infty}$, and for $j > 0$, compute the convergence rate of your approximations.