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# Problem 1

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**a:**

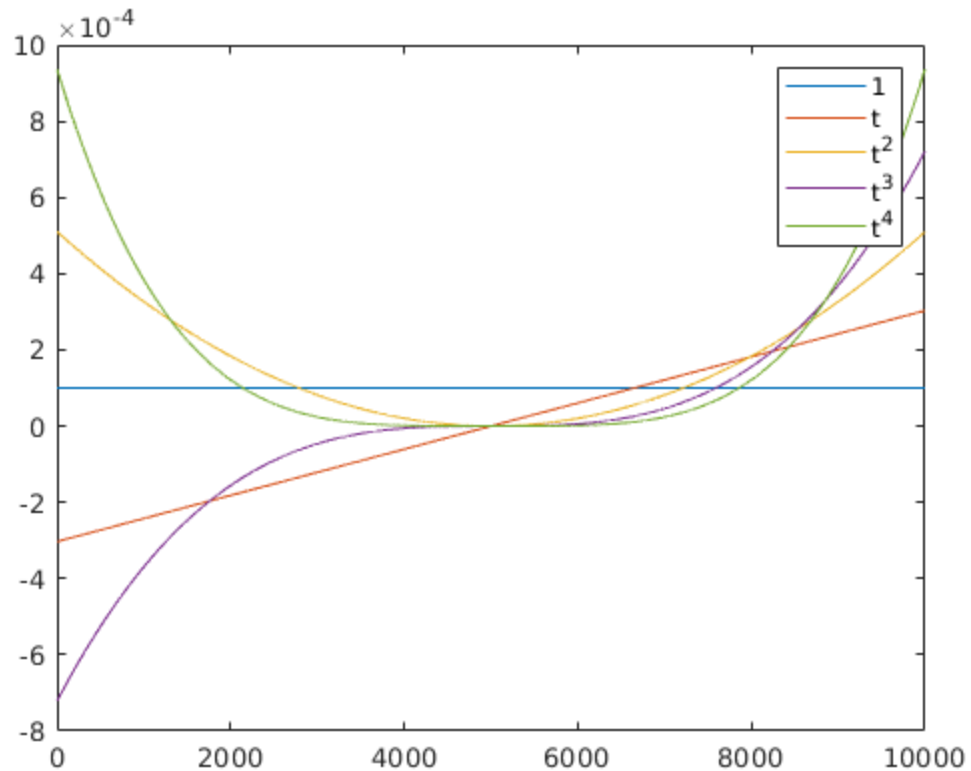
Write a script that numerically generates the first 5 Legendre polynomials by Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization of the set of vectors  $\{1, t, t^2, t^3, t^4\}$  over the interval  $[-1, 1]$ . Plot each of these polynomials.

```
num = 10000;
t = linspace(-0.99, .99, num);
p = zeros(num, 5);
for kk = 1:5
    p(:, kk) = t.^(kk-1);
end

e = zeros(num, 5);
q = zeros(num, 5);

for i = 1:5
    e(:, i) = p(:, i);
    for j = 1:i-1
        e(:, i) = e(:, i) - dot(p(:, i), q(:, j))*q(:, j);
    end
    q(:, i) = e(:, i)/dot(e(:, i), e(:, i));
end

figure(1), clf;
plot(q);
legend('1', 't', 't^2', 't^3', 't^4')
```



**b.**

Perform a linear least-squares approximation of the function  $f(t)=e^{-t}$  using the Legendre polynomials derived in part 1. Plot  $f(t)$  and your approximation (or expansion) of  $f(t)$ . Find the norm of the error vector. That is, find the norm of the difference between  $f(t)$  and your approximation of  $f(t)$ .

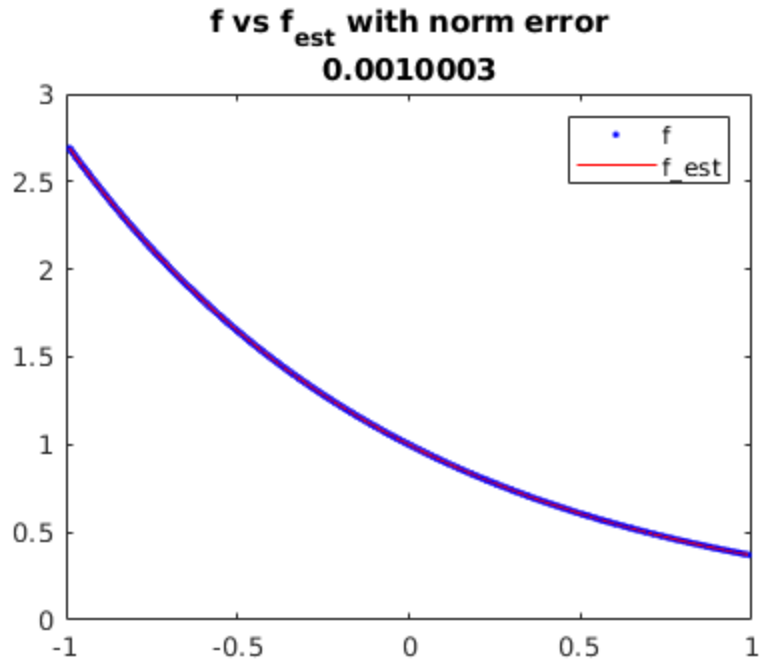
```
f = exp(-t)';

% Perform linear least squares
x = q\f;

f_est = (q*x);

norm_err = sum((f-f_est).^2);

figure(2);
plot(t,f,'b.',t,f_est,'r');
legend('f','f_{est}');
title(['f vs f_{est} with norm error',num2str(norm_err)])
```



**C.**

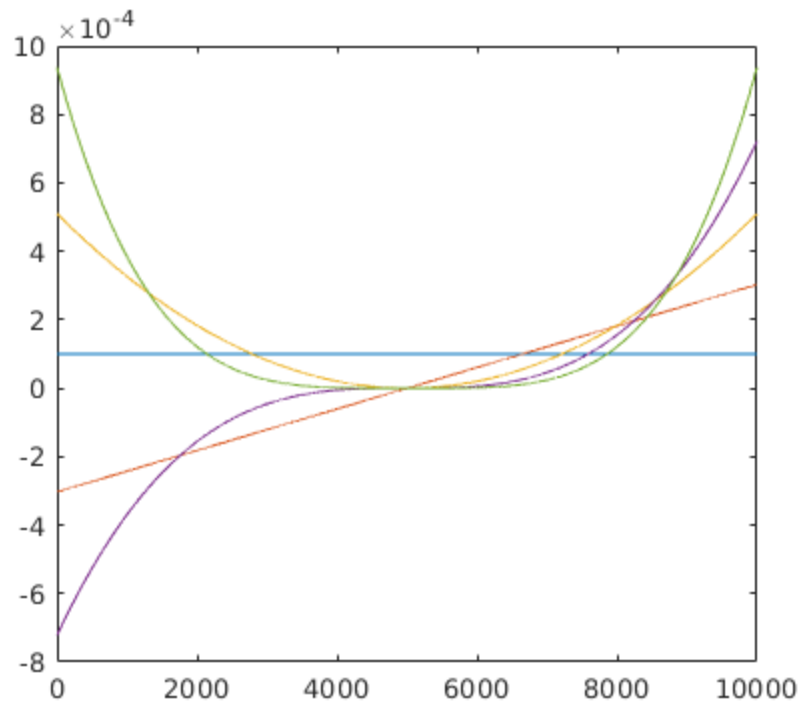
Modify your results from (a) to generate the first 5 Chebyshev polynomials. Refer to example 2.15.1 on p.120 of the book, and note that generation of the Chebyshev polynomials will be identical to the Legendre polynomials but with the use of a weighted inner product.

```
w = 1./sqrt(1-t.^2)';

e_c = zeros(num,5);
q_c = zeros(num,5);

for i = 1:5
    e_c(:,i) = p(:,i);
    for j = 1:i-1
        e_c(:,i) = e_c(:,i) - dot(w.*p(:,i),q_c(:,j))*q_c(:,j);
    end
    q_c(:,i) = e_c(:,i)/dot(e_c(:,i),e_c(:,i));
end

figure(3),clf;
plot(q_c);
```



**d.**

Repeat part (b) using the Chebyshev polynomials instead of the Legendre polynomials.

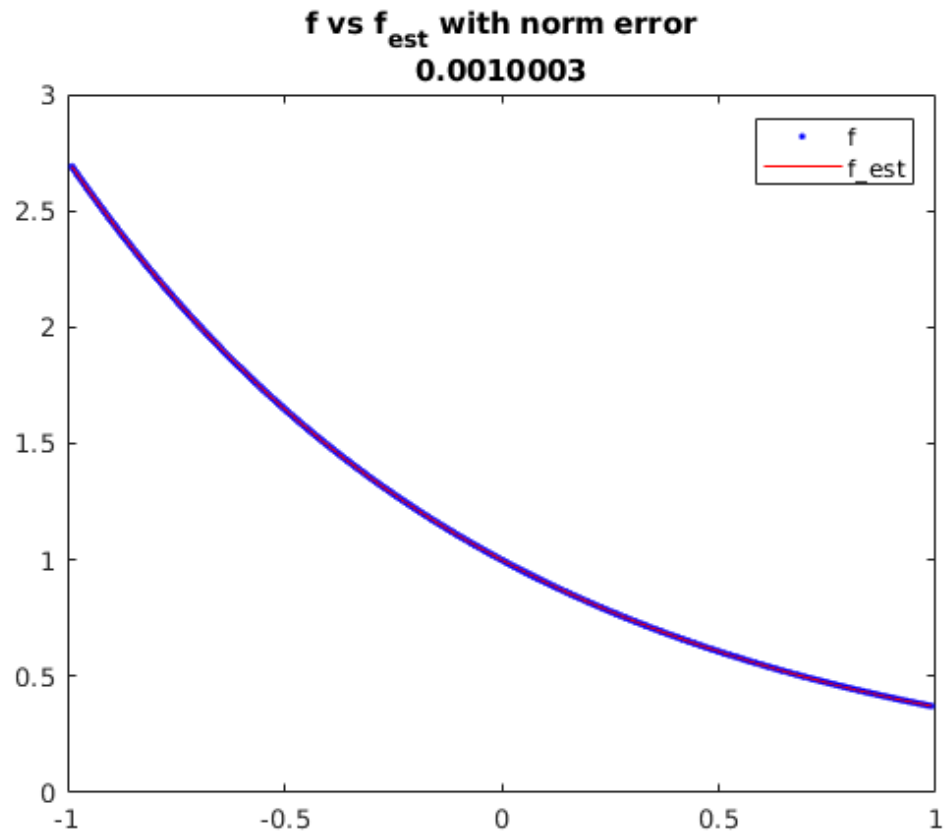
```
f_c = exp(-t)';

% Perform linear least squares
x_c = q_c \ f_c;

f_c_est = (q_c * x_c);

norm_err_c = sum((f_c - f_c_est).^2);

figure(4);
plot(t, f_c, 'b.', t, f_c_est, 'r');
legend('f', 'f_{est}');
title(['f vs f_{est} with norm error', num2str(norm_err_c)])
```



## e. Discuss results

Since both span the same space, they can approximate it equally as well.

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