

Approximation of Functions

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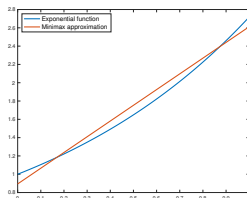
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- ▶ $\|f^{(n)}(x)\|_\infty$ increases fast w.r.t n
- ▶ Equispaced points error:
$$\|(x - x_0) \dots (x - x_n)\|_\infty \leq n! \left(\frac{b-a}{n}\right)^{n+1}$$
- ▶ Polynomial is very powerful!
- ▶ **Question:** What is and how to find the best polynomial?

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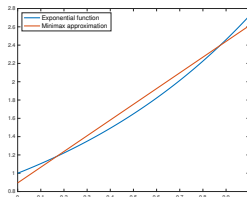
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- ▶ $\arg \max_x |f(x) - p_n(x)| = 0, 1, \log(b)$, $\|f - g\|_\infty = \rho$
 - ▶ $e_1(0) = 1 - a = \rho$
 - ▶ $e_1(\log(b)) = a + b \log(b) - b = \rho = 1 - a \Rightarrow a = \frac{e - (e-1) \log(e-1)}{2}$
 - ▶ $e_1(1) = e - a - b = \rho = 1 - a \Rightarrow b = e - 1$
- ▶ **THM:** p_n minimizes $\|f - p_n\|_\infty$ iff $\exists x_0 < \dots < x_{n+1}$ s.t. $f(x_i) - p_n(x_i) = \sigma(-1)^i \|f - p_n\|_\infty$, where σ is 1 or -1.

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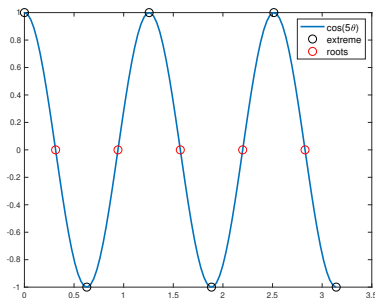
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- ▶ \Leftarrow
 - ▶ Suppose q_n is a monic polynomial with $\|q_{n+1}\|_\infty < \|w_{n+1}^*\|_\infty$
 - ▶ WLOG, assume $\sigma = 1$
 - ▶ $q_{n+1}(\tilde{x}_i) \begin{cases} < w_{n+1}^*(\tilde{x}_i), & \text{if } i \text{ even,} \\ > w_{n+1}^*(\tilde{x}_i), & \text{if } i \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$
 - ▶ $w_{n+1}^*(x) - q_{n+1}(x)$ flips sign at least $n+1$ times
 - ▶ $w_{n+1}^*(x) - q_{n+1}(x)$ is a degree n polynomial (dominant term cancels)
 - ▶ IVT $\Rightarrow n+1$ roots, contradiction
- ▶ **Question:** What function has such property?

Cosine function

- $\cos((n+1)\theta)$ for $\theta \in [0, \pi]$



- Extreme points: $\theta_k = \frac{k\pi}{n+1}$, $0 \leq k \leq n+1$, $|\cos(\theta_k)| = 1$
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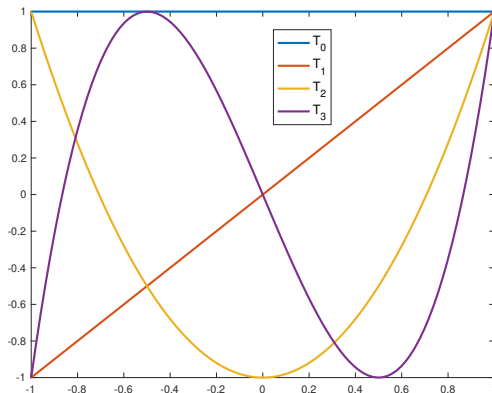
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 - ▶ $T_{n\pm 1}(x) = \cos((n \pm 1)\theta) = \cos(n\theta)\cos(\theta) \mp \sin(n\theta)\sin(\theta)$
 - ▶ $T_{n+1}(x) + T_{n-1}(x) = 2\cos(n\theta)\cos(\theta) = 2T_n(x)x$
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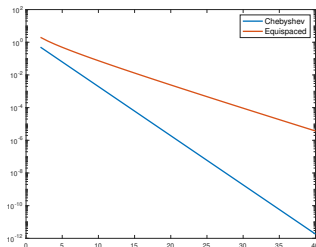
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 - ▶ Extreme values: ± 1
 - ▶ $T_0(x) = 1, T_1(x) = x$
 - ▶ Recurrence relationship: $T_{n+1}(x) = 2xT_n(x) - T_{n-1}(x)$
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- ▶ $f(x) \approx p_n(x) = c_0 + c_1x + \dots + c_nx^n$
- ▶ Roots: $\theta_k = \frac{(2k+1)\pi}{2n+2}$, $x_k = \cos(\theta_k)$, $0 \leq k \leq n$
- ▶ Same way with different points: $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{f}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_0 & \dots & x_0^n \\ 1 & x_1 & \dots & x_1^n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & \dots & x_n^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f(x_0) \\ f(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_n) \end{bmatrix}.$$

- ▶ Differentiation: same, $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$
- ▶ Integration: same, $\mathbf{S} = \tilde{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$

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- ▶ $c_0 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 e^x \, dx$
- ▶ $c_1 = \frac{3}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x e^x \, dx$

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- ▶ $\frac{\partial r}{\partial c_k} = 0$
- ▶ $\int_a^b w(x) \left[f(x) - \sum_{j=0}^n c_j x^j \right] (-2)x^k dx = 0$
- ▶ $\sum_{j=0}^n c_j \int_a^b w(x) x^{k+j} dx = \int_a^b w(x) f(x) x^k dx$
- ▶ **Question:** How to solve this?

Solve the general least squares problem

- Form the linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} \int_a^b w(x) dx & \int_a^b w(x)x dx & \dots & \int_a^b w(x)x^n dx \\ \int_a^b w(x)x dx & \int_a^b w(x)x^2 dx & \dots & \int_a^b w(x)x^{n+1} dx \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \int_a^b w(x)x^n dx & \int_a^b w(x)x^{n+1} dx & \dots & \int_a^b w(x)x^{2n} dx \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \int_a^b w(x)f(x) dx \\ \int_a^b w(x)f(x)x dx \\ \vdots \\ \int_a^b w(x)f(x)x^n dx \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Setting up the linear system requires a lot of integrals
- **Question:** Is there an alternative convenient way?

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Inner product

- ▶ Problem: Basis $\{x^n\}$ are very linearly dependent
- ▶ **Def: Inner product** of f and g :

$$(f, g) = \int_a^b w(x) f(x) g(x) dx.$$

- ▶ Properties:

- ▶ $(\alpha f, g) = (f, \alpha g) = \alpha(f, g), \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$
- ▶ $(f_1 + f_2, g) = (f_1, g) + (f_2, g)$ and $(f, g_1 + g_2) = (f, g_1) + (f, g_2)$
- ▶ $(f, g) = (g, f)$
- ▶ $(f, f) \geq 0$ and $(f, f) = 0$ iff $f(x) = 0$

- ▶ **Def: Two norm:** $\|f\|_2 = \sqrt{\int_a^b w(x) [f(x)]^2 dx} = \sqrt{(f, f)}$
- ▶ **Lemma (Cauchy-Schwartz):** $|(f, g)| \leq \|f\|_2 \|g\|_2$
- ▶ Many properties in the textbook

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- ▶ **Gram-Schmidt process:**

$$\phi_0 = \frac{1}{\|1\|_2},$$

$$\phi_1 = \frac{x - (\phi_0, x)\phi_0}{\|x - (\phi_0, x)\phi_0\|_2},$$

$$\phi_2 = \frac{x^2 - (\phi_0, x^2)\phi_0 - (\phi_1, x^2)\phi_1}{\|x^2 - (\phi_0, x^2)\phi_0 - (\phi_1, x^2)\phi_1\|_2},$$

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- ▶ $(x, \phi_0)\phi_0 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x \, dx = 0$
- ▶ $\|x - (x, \phi_0)\phi_0\|_2^2 = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 \, dx = \frac{2}{3}$
- ▶ $\phi_1 = \frac{x - (x, \phi_0)\phi_0}{\|x - (x, \phi_0)\phi_0\|_2} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}x$
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- ▶ $\|x^2 - (x^2, \phi_0)\phi_0 - (x^2, \phi_1)\phi_1\|_2^2 = \int_{-1}^1 (x^2 - \frac{1}{3})^2 \, dx = \frac{8}{45}$
- ▶ $\phi_2 = \frac{x^2 - (x^2, \phi_0)\phi_0 - (x^2, \phi_1)\phi_1}{\|x^2 - (x^2, \phi_0)\phi_0 - (x^2, \phi_1)\phi_1\|_2} = \frac{x^2 - \frac{1}{3}}{\sqrt{\frac{8}{45}}} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{8}}(3x^2 - 1)$

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- ▶ Gram-Schmidt: $\{1, x, \dots, x^n\} \Rightarrow \{\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_n\}$
- ▶ $\mathbf{x}^T(x) = [1 \quad \dots \quad x^n]$, $\mathbf{q}^T(x) = [\phi_0(x) \quad \dots \quad \phi_n(x)]$
- ▶ $\mathbf{x}^T(x) = [1 \quad \dots \quad x^n] = \mathbf{q}^T(x)\mathbf{R}$
- ▶ $x^k = c_0\phi_0 + \dots + c_n\phi_n \Rightarrow c_i = (x^k, \phi_i)$
- ▶ $(x^k, \phi_i) = 0$ for $i > k$
- ▶ $\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} (1, \phi_0) & (x, \phi_0) & \dots & (x^n, \phi_0) \\ 0 & (x, \phi_1) & \dots & (x^n, \phi_1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & (x^n, \phi_n) \end{bmatrix}$

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- ▶ Change of variable: $x = \cos(\theta)$, $dx = -\sin(\theta) d\theta$
- ▶ $(T_m, T_n) = \int_{\pi}^0 \frac{\cos(m\theta) \cos(n\theta)}{\sqrt{1-\cos^2(\theta)}} (-\sin(\theta)) d\theta = \int_0^{\pi} \cos(m\theta) \cos(n\theta) d\theta$
- ▶ Recall: $2 \cos(\theta) \cos(\eta) = \cos(\theta - \eta) + \cos(\theta + \eta)$
- ▶ $(T_m, T_n) = \begin{cases} 0, & n \neq m, \\ \pi, & m = n = 0, \\ \frac{\pi}{2}, & n = m > 0. \end{cases}$

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Chebyshev coefficients

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- ▶ **Chebyshev nodes:** $x_k = \cos\left(\frac{2k+1}{2n+2}\pi\right), 0 \leq k \leq n$
- ▶ **Discrete orthogonality:** $\sum_{k=0}^n T_i(x_k)T_j(x_k) = K_i\delta_{i,j}$
- ▶ $K_0 = n+1$ and $K_i = \frac{n+1}{2}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$

Least squares

- ▶ Consider orthogonal polynomials $T_j(x)$
- ▶ $p_n(x) = a_0T_0(x) + \cdots + a_nT_n(x)$
- ▶ $r = \|f - p_n\|_2^2 = \int_{-1}^1 w(x) \left[f(x) - \sum_{j=0}^n a_j T_j(x) \right]^2 dx$
- ▶ $\min_{p_n} r \Rightarrow \frac{\partial r}{\partial a_k} = 0$
- ▶ $\frac{\partial r}{\partial a_k} = 0 \Rightarrow \int_{-1}^1 w(x) (f(x) - \sum_{j=0}^n a_j T_j(x)) T_k(x) dx = 0 \Rightarrow$
 $\sum_{j=0}^n a_j \int_{-1}^1 w(x) T_j(x) T_k(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 w(x) f(x) T_k(x) dx$
- ▶ Inner product notation: $\sum_{j=0}^n a_j (T_j, T_k) = (f, T_k)$
- ▶ Orthogonality: $(T_j, T_k) = 0$ for $j \neq k$
- ▶ $a_k = \frac{(f, T_k)}{\|T_k\|_2^2}$
- ▶ $p_n^*(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{(f, T_j)}{\|T_j\|_2^2} T_j(x)$

Discrete cosine transform

▶ $p_n(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j T_j(x)$

▶ $x_k = \cos\left(\frac{2k+1}{2n+2}\pi\right)$

▶ $a_k = \frac{2}{n+1} \sum_{j=0}^n f(x_j) T_k(x_j)$

▶ $\theta_j = \frac{2j+1}{2N+2}\pi$

▶ **Discrete cosine transform:**

$a_k = \frac{2}{n+1} \sum_{j=0}^n f(\cos(\theta_j)) \cos(n\theta_j)$

▶ **Question:** Matrix form

▶
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{n+1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \cos(\theta_0) & \cos(\theta_1) & \dots & \cos(\theta_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \cos(n\theta_0) & \cos(n\theta_1) & \dots & \cos(n\theta_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

Connection with polynomial interpolation approach

- ▶ $f(x) \approx p_n(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j T_j(x)$
- ▶ **Chebyshev nodes:** $x_k = \cos\left(\frac{2k+1}{2n+2}\pi\right) = \cos(\theta_k)$, $0 \leq k \leq n$
- ▶ $f(x_k) = p_n(x_k)$, $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{f}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \cos(\theta_0) & \dots & \cos(n\theta_0) \\ \frac{1}{2} & \cos(\theta_1) & \dots & \cos(n\theta_1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{2} & \cos(\theta_n) & \dots & \cos(n\theta_n) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f(\cos(\theta_0)) \\ f(\cos(\theta_1)) \\ \vdots \\ f(\cos(\theta_n)) \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ Orthogonality:

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{n+1}{4} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{n+1}{2} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \frac{n+1}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Differentiation and integration

- ▶ $f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_n a_n T_n(x)$
- ▶ $f'(x) = \frac{b_0}{2} + \sum_n b_n T_n(x)$
- ▶ $\int_{-1}^x f(t) dt = \frac{c_0}{2} + \sum_n c_n T_n(x)$
- ▶ Analytical computation:

- ▶ Differentiation:

$$b_k = 2 \sum_{\substack{j=k+1 \\ j+k \text{ odd}}} j \cdot a_j$$

- ▶ Integration:

$$c_k = \frac{1}{2k}(a_{k-1} - a_{k+1}), \quad k \geq 1,$$
$$c_0 = 2(c_1 - c_2 + c_3 - \dots)$$

- ▶ Matrix version:
 - ▶ \mathbf{A} as the discrete cosine matrix
 - ▶ Differentiation matrix: $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{A}$
 - ▶ Integration matrix: $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}$

Minimax problem

Least-squares Approximation

Orthogonal polynomials

Revisit Chebyshev polynomial

Comparison with Machine Learning Models

Comparison

- ▶ Theoretical supports: both have universal approximation property
- ▶ Advantages:
 - ▶ Chebyshev is a near minimax approximation and nice analytical properties
 - ▶ ML empirically work well for high-dimensional problem
- ▶ Disadvantages:
 - ▶ Polynomial interpolations face with curse of dimensionality
 - ▶ Polynomial not good with complex geometries
 - ▶ ML models convergence slow