

Instruction

Students use Matlab or Python to solve the following problems and write a report.

The report must have 3 parts:

- i) The theory and algorithm;
- ii) The Matlab or Python commands;
- iii) The results and conclusion.

Project 1

Problem 1. Given the data:

x_i	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.6
y_i	0.050446	0.098426	0.33277	0.72660	1.0972	1.5697	1.8487	2.5015

- a. Construct the least squares polynomial of degree 1 and compute the error.
- b. Construct the least squares polynomial of degree 2 and compute the error.
- c. Construct the least squares polynomial of degree 3 and compute the error.
- d. Construct the least squares approximation of the form be^{ax} , and compute the error.
- e. Construct the least squares approximation of the form bx^a , and compute the error.

Problem 2. Let R be the rectangle $[0; 2] \times [1; 4]$.

- (a) Let $f(x; y) = x \cos(x^2 + y)$. Calculate the integral $\iint_R f(x, y) dA$.
- (b) Study the Simpson formula. Develop a function to estimate the integral in R using composite trapezoidal formula.
- (c) Let n and m be the number of sub-interval in x and y components, respectively. Estimate the integral with $[n, m] = [40, 60]$ and $[n, m] = [80, 120]$ and estimate the errors.

Problem 3. Heat is conducted along a metal rod positioned between two fixed temperature walls. Aside from conduction, heat is transferred between the rod and the surrounding air by convection. Based on a heat balance, the distribution of temperature along the rod is described by the following second-order differential equation

$$0 = \frac{d^2T}{dx^2} + h(T_\infty - T)$$

where T = temperature (K), h = a bulk heat transfer coefficient reflecting the relative importance of convection to conduction m^{-2} , x = distance along the rod (m), and T_∞ = temperature of the surrounding fluid (K).

- (a) Convert this differential equation to a equivalent system of simultaneous algebraic equations using a centered difference approximation for the second derivative.
- (b) Develop a function to solve these equations from $x = 0$ to L and return the resulting distances and temperatures, in which, the algebraic equations must be solved by tridiagonal matrix.
- (c) Develop a script that invokes this function and then plots the results.
- (d) Test your script for the following parameters: $h = 0.0425 \text{ m}^{-2}$, $L = 12 \text{ m}$, $T_\infty = 220 \text{ K}$, $T(0) = 320 \text{ K}$, $T(L) = 450 \text{ K}$, and $\Delta x = 0.5 \text{ m}$.

Project 2

Problem 1. Given the data:

x_i	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.7	5.1	5.5	5.9	6.3	6.8
y_i	102.56	113.18	130.11	142.05	167.53	195.14	224.87	256.73	299.50

- a. Construct the least squares polynomial of degree 1 and compute the error.
- b. Construct the least squares polynomial of degree 2 and compute the error.
- c. Construct the least squares polynomial of degree 3 and compute the error.
- d. Construct the least squares approximation of the form be^{ax} , and compute the error.

- e. Construct the least squares approximation of the form bx^a , and compute the error.

Problem 2. Let R be the rectangle $[0; 2] \times [1; 4]$.

- (a) Let $f(x; y) = x \cos(x^2 + y)$. Calculate the integral $\iint_R f(x, y) dA$.
- (b) Study the Simpson formula. Develop a function to estimate the integral in R using Simpson formula.
- (c) Let n and m be the number of sub-interval in x and y components, respectively. Estimate the integral with $[n, m] = [40, 60]$ and $[n, m] = [80, 120]$ and estimate the errors.

Problem 3. The following differential equation results from a steady-state mass balance for a chemical in a one dimensional canal,

$$0 = D \frac{d^2 c}{dx^2} - U \frac{dc}{dx} - kc$$

where x = distance along the canal (m), c = concentration, t = time, x = distance, D = diffusion coefficient, U = fluid velocity, and k = a first - order decay rate.

- a. Convert this differential equation to an equivalent system of simultaneous algebraic equations using centered difference approximations for the derivatives.
- b. Develop a function to solve these equations from $x = 0$ to L and return the resulting distances and concentrations.
- c. Develop a script that invokes this function and then plots the results.
- d. Test your script for the following parameters: $L = 10$ m, $\nabla x = 0.5$ m, $D = 2$ m^2/d , $U = 1$ m/d, $k = 0.2/d$, $c(0) = 80$ mg/L, and $c(10) = 20$ mg/L.