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Numerical Methods (ENUME 2019) – Project
Assignment B: Approximation of functions

1. Make a graph of the function:

$$f(x) = -\cos(\pi x) e^{-x-\frac{1}{3}} \text{ for } x \in [-1,1]$$

and indicate a sequence of its values which will be next used for approximation:

$$\{y_n = f(x_n) \mid n = 1, 2, ..., N\}, \text{ where } x_n = -1 + 2\frac{n-1}{N-1}$$

Repeat this exercise for $N = 10$, 20 and 30.

2. Develop a program for the least-squares approximation of the function $f(x)$ on the basis of the data $\{(x_n, y_n) \mid n = 1, ..., N\}$, using the operator of pseudoinversion "\" implemented in MATLAB. Use the functions:

$$G_k(x) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-25(x-x'_k)^2} \quad \text{where } x'_k = -1 + 2\frac{k-1}{K-1} \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, ..., K$$

as a basis of linearly independent functions. Check the correctness of the program for several pairs of the values of N and K. Add the results of approximation to the corresponding graphs made according to the instruction provided in Section 1.

3. Carry out a systematic investigation of the dependence of the accuracy of approximation on the values of N and K. Use the following accuracy indicators for this purpose:

$$\delta_2(K, N) = \frac{\left\| \hat{f}(x; K, N) - f(x) \right\|_2}{\left\| f(x) \right\|_2} \quad \text{(the root-mean-square error)}$$

$$\delta_\infty(K, N) = \frac{\left\| \hat{f}(x; K, N) - f(x) \right\|_\infty}{\left\| f(x) \right\|_\infty} \quad \text{(the maximum error)}$$

where $\hat{f}(x; K, N)$ is an approximating function obtained for N and K. Make the three-dimensional graphs of the functions $\delta_2(K, N)$ and $\delta_\infty(K, N)$ for $N \in \{5, ..., 50\}$ and $K < N$.

4. Carry out a systematic investigation of the dependence of the indicators $\delta_2(K, N)$ and $\delta_\infty(K, N)$ on the standard deviation $\sigma_y \in [10^{-5}, 10^{-1}]$ of random errors the data used for approximation are corrupted with. For this purpose:
   - Generate the error-corrupted data according to the formula:
     $$\tilde{y}_n = y_n + \Delta\tilde{y}_n \text{ for } n = 1, ..., N$$
     where $\{\Delta\tilde{y}_n\}$ are pseudorandom numbers following the zero-mean normal distribution with the variance σ_y^2, obtained by means of the MATLAB operator **randn**.
   - For each value of the standard deviation σ_y, determine the values $\breve{N}$ and $\breve{K}$ minimising $\delta_2(K, N)$ and compute $\delta_{2,MIN}(\sigma_y) \equiv \delta_2(\breve{K}, \breve{N})$.
   - Approximate the sequence of pairs $\langle \sigma_y, \delta_{2,MIN}(\sigma_y) \rangle$, determined for several dozen values of σ_y, by means of the MATLAB operator **polyfit**; present the result of approximation using the logarithmic scale on both axes.