Notebook

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NBBinder test on a collection of notebooks about some thermodynamic properperties of water

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1 Low-Dimensional Fittings

We use the classical least-square method to fit low degree polynomials to the data.

See e.g. Golub and Van Loan (1996) and Trefethen and Bau III (1997) for details on the least-square method.

1.1 Importing the libraries

```
[1]: import csv
     import numpy as np
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

1.2 Loading the data

This time we use the `csv` library to read the data from file and use `numpy` to work with the data.

1.2.1 Loading with csv

We first load the data into a python list with `csv`.

```
[2]: file = open('water.csv',"r")
     water_csv = list(csv.reader(file, delimiter=","))
     water_csv
```

```
[2]: [['temp', 'density', 'viscosity'],
      ['Temperature (C)', 'Density (g/cm^3)', 'Viscosity (cm^2/s)'],
      ['0', '0.9999', '0.01787'],
```

```
    ['5', '1', '1.514'],
    ['10', '0.9997', '1.304'],
    ['15', '0.9991', '1.138'],
    ['20', '0.9982', '1.004'],
    ['25', '0.9971', '0.894'],
    ['30', '0.9957', '0.802'],
    ['35', '0.9941', '0.725'],
    ['40', '0.9923', '0.659'],
    ['50', '0.9881', '0.554'],
    ['60', '0.9832', '0.475'],
    ['70', '0.9778', '0.414'],
    ['80', '0.9718', '0.366'],
    ['90', '0.9653', '0.327'],
    ['100', '0.9584', '0.295']]
```

1.2.2 Header and datapoints

We separate the header from the datapoints and have the datapoints put into a `numpy` array as follows.

```
[3]: header = dict([(water_csv[0][i],water_csv[1][i]) for i in range(3)])
     print(header)
```

```
{'temp': 'Temperature (C)', 'density': 'Density (g/cm^3)', 'viscosity':
'Viscosity (cm^2/s)'}
```

```
[4]: datapoints = np.array(water_csv[2:]).astype("float")
     print(datapoints)
```

```
[[0.000e+00 9.999e-01 1.787e-02]
 [5.000e+00 1.000e+00 1.514e+00]
 [1.000e+01 9.997e-01 1.304e+00]
 [1.500e+01 9.991e-01 1.138e+00]
 [2.000e+01 9.982e-01 1.004e+00]
 [2.500e+01 9.971e-01 8.940e-01]
 [3.000e+01 9.957e-01 8.020e-01]
 [3.500e+01 9.941e-01 7.250e-01]
 [4.000e+01 9.923e-01 6.590e-01]
 [5.000e+01 9.881e-01 5.540e-01]
 [6.000e+01 9.832e-01 4.750e-01]
 [7.000e+01 9.778e-01 4.140e-01]
 [8.000e+01 9.718e-01 3.660e-01]
 [9.000e+01 9.653e-01 3.270e-01]
 [1.000e+02 9.584e-01 2.950e-01]]
```

1.3 Linear approximation

Given a set of temperature and density data in the form (T_j, ρ_j), we look for a linear relation $\rho^{(1)}(T) = c + mT$ which is the "best fit" for the data.

One way to approach this problem is to interpret the best fit as minimizing the sum of squares of the residuals. The **residual** for each j measurement is

$$r_j = \rho_j - \rho^{(1)}(T_j),$$

and the **sum of squares of the residuals** is

$$\min_{c,m\in\mathbb{R}} \sum_j (\rho_j - \rho^{(1)}(T))^2.$$

1.3.1 Matrix form

This can be written in matrix form as

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}\in\mathbb{R}^2} \|A\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{f}\|_2^2,$$

where $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the Euclidian norm of a vector and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} T_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & 1 \\ T_n & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} m \\ c \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \mathbf{f} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 \\ \vdots \\ \rho_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

The matrix A is a simple **Vandermonde** type matrix obtained from the temperature data, $\mathbf{u}$ is the unknown vector with the desired coefficients for the approximation, and $\mathbf{f}$ is the vector with the density measurements.

1.3.2 The Vandermonde matrix

We use the `numpy` function `numpy.vstack()` to build the Vandermonde matrix A.

```
[5]: T = datapoints[:,0]
     A1 = np.vstack([T,np.ones(len(T))]).T
     print(A1)
```

```
[[  0.    1.]
 [  5.    1.]
 [ 10.    1.]
 [ 15.    1.]
 [ 20.    1.]
 [ 25.    1.]
```

```
[ 30.    1.]
[ 35.    1.]
[ 40.    1.]
[ 50.    1.]
[ 60.    1.]
[ 70.    1.]
[ 80.    1.]
[ 90.    1.]
[100.    1.]]
```

1.3.3   The density measurements

The density data is the second column of the data array.

```
[6]: f = datapoints[:,1]
     print(f)
```

```
[0.9999 1.     0.9997 0.9991 0.9982 0.9971 0.9957 0.9941 0.9923 0.9881
 0.9832 0.9778 0.9718 0.9653 0.9584]
```

1.3.4   Solution of the least-square problem for the linear approximation

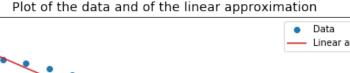We use the `numpy` function numpy.linagl.lstsq() to solve the least-square problem.

```
[7]: m, d = np.linalg.lstsq(A1, f, rcond=None)[0]
     print(m,d)
```
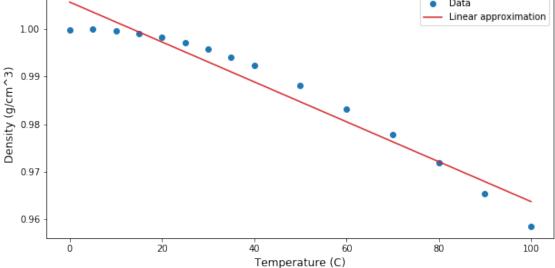
```
-0.00041965346534652876 1.0056721122112207
```

1.3.5   Visualizing the result

Now we plot the linear approximation along with the data to visualize the quality of the approximation

```
[8]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
     plt.plot(T, f, 'o', label='Data', color='tab:blue')
     plt.plot(T, m*T + d, 'b', label='Linear approximation', color='tab:red')
     plt.title('Plot of the data and of the linear approximation', fontsize=14)
     plt.xlabel(header['temp'], fontsize=12)
     plt.ylabel(header['density'], fontsize=12)
     plt.legend()
     plt.show()
```

Plot of the data and of the linear approximation

1.4 Second-degree approximation

One can see from the plot above that the first-degree approximation doesn't seem to be a very good approximation. We look, now, for a second-degree approximation.

1.4.1 The least-square problem

For the second-degree approximation, we look for a second-degree polynomial $\rho^{(2)}(T) = aT^2 + bT + c$ that best approximates the data in the sense of minimizing the sum of the square of the residuals

$$r_j = \rho_j - \rho^{(2)}(T_j)$$

1.4.2 Matrix form

This can be written in matrix form as

$$\min_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^2} \|A\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{f}\|_2^2,$$

where $\mathbf{f}$ is as before but the Vandermonde matrix and the vector of unknowns take the form

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} T_1^2 & T_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & & 1 \\ T_n^2 & T_n & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}.$$

1.4.3   Vandermonde matrix
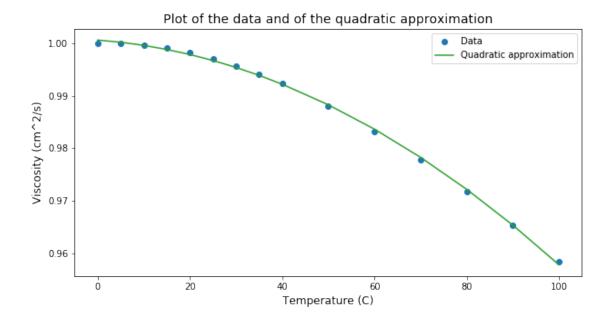
In this case, the Vandermonde matrix is

```
[9]: A2 = np.vstack([T**2, T,np.ones(len(T))]).T
     print(A2)
```

```
[[0.000e+00 0.000e+00 1.000e+00]
 [2.500e+01 5.000e+00 1.000e+00]
 [1.000e+02 1.000e+01 1.000e+00]
 [2.250e+02 1.500e+01 1.000e+00]
 [4.000e+02 2.000e+01 1.000e+00]
 [6.250e+02 2.500e+01 1.000e+00]
 [9.000e+02 3.000e+01 1.000e+00]
 [1.225e+03 3.500e+01 1.000e+00]
 [1.600e+03 4.000e+01 1.000e+00]
 [2.500e+03 5.000e+01 1.000e+00]
 [3.600e+03 6.000e+01 1.000e+00]
 [4.900e+03 7.000e+01 1.000e+00]
 [6.400e+03 8.000e+01 1.000e+00]
 [8.100e+03 9.000e+01 1.000e+00]
 [1.000e+04 1.000e+02 1.000e+00]]
```

1.4.4   Solution

```
[10]: a, b, c = np.linalg.lstsq(A2, f, rcond=None)[0]
      print(a,b,c)
```

```
-3.6295100056677867e-06 -6.496768558464583e-05 1.0005991832098982
```

1.4.5   Visualizing the result

```
[11]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
      plt.plot(T, f, 'o', label='Data', color='tab:blue')
      plt.plot(T, a*T**2 + b*T + c, 'r', label='Quadratic approximation', color='tab:
       →green')
      plt.title('Plot of the data and of the quadratic approximation', fontsize=14)
      plt.xlabel(header['temp'], fontsize=12)
      plt.ylabel(header['viscosity'], fontsize=12)
      plt.legend()
      plt.show()
```
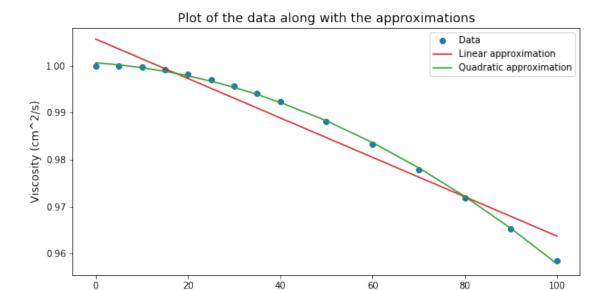
Plot of the data and of the quadratic approximation

This seems much better

1.5 Comparing the two approximations

1.5.1 Visual comparison

Visually, the second-degree approximation is way better.

```python
[12]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
plt.plot(T, f, 'o', label='Data', color='tab:blue')
plt.plot(T, m*T + d, 'b', label='Linear approximation', color='tab:red')
plt.plot(T, a*T**2 + b*T + c, 'r', label='Quadratic approximation', color='tab:
 ↪green')
plt.title('Plot of the data along with the approximations', fontsize=14)
plt.xlabel(header['temp'], fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel(header['viscosity'], fontsize=12)
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

Plot of the data along with the approximations

1.5.2 Comparing the quadratic error

The **quadratic error** is the sum of the square of the residual errors for each measurement, i.e.

$$\Delta = \sum_j r_j^2 = \|A\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{f}\|_2^2,$$

for the best approximation obtained. But this error is not normalized by the number of measurements. This is achieved with the **mean quadratic error**:

$$E = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j r_j^2.$$

```
[13]: N = len(f)
      print(f'Number of measurements: {N}\n')
      print(f'Quadratic error for the linear approximation: {np.linalg.lstsq(A1, f,
      ↪rcond=None)[1][0]:.2e}')
      print(f'Quadratic error for the quadratic approximation: {np.linalg.lstsq(A2,
      ↪f, rcond=None)[1][0]:.2e}\n')
      print(f'Mean quadratic error for the linear approximation: {np.linalg.lstsq(A1,
      ↪f, rcond=None)[1][0]/N:.2e}')
      print(f'Mean quadratic error for the quadratic approximation: {np.linalg.
      ↪lstsq(A2, f, rcond=None)[1][0]/N:.2e}')
```

```
Number of measurements: 15

Quadratic error for the linear approximation: 1.38e-04
Quadratic error for the quadratic approximation: 1.99e-06

Mean quadratic error for the linear approximation: 9.22e-06
Mean quadratic error for the quadratic approximation: 1.33e-07
```

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