

# Rational and Trigonometric Approximation Class 27

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**Recall:** Last time, we wrapped up the topic of L2 continuous approximation, especially that focused on using orthogonal families of polynomials to do L2 and weighted L2 polynomial approximation. Given a weight  $w(x)$  and an interval  $[a,b]$ , that defines a family of orthogonal polynomials  $\{Q_0(x), Q_1(x), \dots, Q_k(x), \dots\}$  where  $Q_k$  is of degree  $k$  and  $Q_k$  is orthogonal to all polynomials of degree  $< k$ . The coefficients of the approximation are then given by

$$a_k = \langle f, Q_k \rangle_w / \langle Q_k, Q_k \rangle_w$$

Last time, we discussed a key property of these families of orthogonal polynomials: the **3-term recursion formula**. We showed a general formula of the form

$$Q_{k+1}(x) = (x - b_k) Q_k(x) - g_k Q_{k-1}(x)$$

Where  $b_k$  and  $g_k$  are defined in terms of inner products of  $Q_k$  and  $Q_{k-1}$ . We then covered two important families: the Legendre polynomials (corresponding to  $[-1,1]$  with  $w(x)=1$ ) and the Chebyshev polynomials (corresponding to  $[-1,1]$  and  $w(x) = 1/\sqrt{1-x^2}$ ). Finally, we mentioned some interesting properties of Chebyshev polynomials (near-minimax approximation, zeroes being the Chebyshev points, proving that Chebyshev points solve the Runge phenomenon).

Today, we will introduce two kinds of function approximation with things other than polynomials: **rational and trigonometric approximation**.

POLYNOMIAL APPROX ✓  
L2 - Legendre, Chebyshev  
MINIMAX: EQUIOSCILLATION

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## ① Rational Functions

$$f(x) \approx \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} \rightarrow \begin{cases} P(x) \in \mathcal{P}_m & \rightarrow m+1 \\ Q(x) \in \mathcal{P}_n & \rightarrow n+1 \end{cases}$$

$|P(x) Q(x)| \approx P(x)$

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- Padé approx
  - Continued fractions
  - Minimax (Rational Remez)
  - AAA - (Trefethen et al)

Instead of  $f(x) \rightarrow$  Taylor poly  $T_{n+m}$

Idea is

$$\overline{P}_{n+m}(x) \cdot q(x) = p(x) \quad \underline{\text{match coeffs}}$$

Example:  $f(x) = e^{-x}$ ,  $m=3$ ,  $n=2$

$$r(x) = \frac{a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3}{1 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2}$$

$$\overline{P}_5(x) = 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \frac{x^5}{120}$$

$$\overline{P}_5(x) \cdot (1 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3$$

$$[ a_0 = 1$$

$$a_1 = b_1 - 1$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{2} - b_1 + b_2$$

$$a_3 = -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{b_1}{2} - b_2$$

Evaluate.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 = a_4 = \frac{1}{24} - \frac{b_1}{6} + \frac{b_2}{2} \\ 0 = a_5 = -\frac{1}{120} + \frac{b_1}{24} - \frac{b_2}{6} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{Solve for } b_1, b_2$$

TRIGONOMETRIC APPROX:

$f$  defined  $[-\pi, \pi]$ , periodic, smooth.

$$f \approx a_0 + \sum_{k=0}^m a_k \cos(kx) + b_k \sin(kx)$$

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$k=0$

$$\left\{ 1, \cos(kx), \sin(kx) \right\}_{k=0}^m \rightarrow 2m+1$$

model - "trigonometric polynomial"

$\mathcal{T}_m \deg \leq m$ .

$$\|f\|_2^2 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)^2 dx, \quad \langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)g(x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \cos(mx), \cos(nx) \rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(mx) \cos(nx) dx \\ &= \begin{cases} 0; & m \neq n \\ 2\pi; & m = n = 0 \\ \pi; & m = n > 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \sin(mx), \sin(nx) \rangle = \begin{cases} 0; & m \neq n \\ \pi; & m = n > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx, \quad a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos kx dx$$

$$b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin kx dx$$

Decay of coeffs  $\sim$  smoothness  $f$ .

$\sim -^{(k-1)}$

$\sim^{(k)}$

$f \in C^{(k-1)}$  and  $f^{(k)}$  is cont. except at a discrete set of jumps.

then

$$|a_n|, |b_n| \leq \frac{C}{n^k}$$

- $f(x) = |x| \quad b_k = 0$

$$a_0 = \pi/2 \quad a_k = \frac{2}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{k^2} ((-1)^k - 1) \right)$$

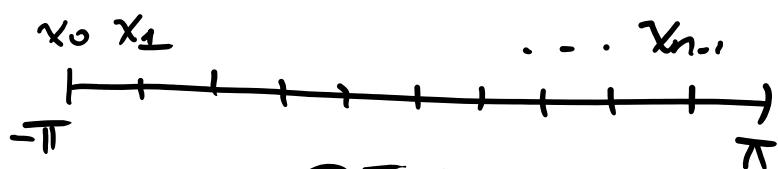
- $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & ; x \geq 0 \\ -1 & ; x < 0 \end{cases}$



$$b_k = \frac{2}{\pi} \left( \frac{1 - (-1)^k}{k} \right) \quad \text{Gibbs-phenom.}$$

### EXTRA

→ f sample it at n equispaced nodes in  $[-\pi, \pi]$



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Instead of

$\sim ikx$

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Instead of  
 $\cos(kx)$   
 $\sin(kx)$



$$e^{ikx}$$

$$= \underline{\cos(kx) + i\sin(kx)}$$