

# Project 1, TMA4320: Examining local mass-density distributions by gravity surveying

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## 1 Introduction

This document aims to answer the questions posed in project 1 from the course TMA4320, spring 2018. The goal of the project is to approximate the density-distribution in an one-dimensional region based on a given set of measurements of the gravitational force in the region.

## 2 Answers to questions

### Question 1

We are given the anti-derivative of the kernel of the Fredholm equation, and  $F(x)$  can analytically be determined (equation 2 in the worksheet). The fundamental theorem of calculus implies that

$$F(x) = \int_{a_0}^{b_0} K(x, y) dy = \left[ \frac{y - x}{d(d^2 + (x - y)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right]_{b_0}^{a_0}, \quad (1)$$

where  $[a_0, b_0] = [\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}]$  is the interval where  $\rho(x)$  evaluates to 1; otherwise zero. This can be evaluated as a function in python like shown below. Here also follows an example of plotting with the matplotlib.pyplot library.

```

1  import numpy as np; import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2  a0=1/3; b0=2/3; acc=400
3
4  def F(x,a,b,d):
5      return (b-x)/(d*(d**2+(x-b)**2)**(1/2)) - (a-x)/(d*(d**2+(x-a)**2)
6          *(1/2))
7
8  # Plotting (example)
9  xvalues = np.linspace(a,b,acc); yvalues = np.zeros(acc)
10 for i in range(acc):
11     yvalues[i] = F(xvalues[i], a0, b0, d)
12 plt.semilogy(xvalues, yvalues, label=r'$d$', lw=3)
13 plt.legend(loc="best"); plt.xlabel(r"$x$"); plt.ylabel(r"$F(x)$")
14 plt.grid()
15 plt.show()

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This yields the plot shown in figure 1.

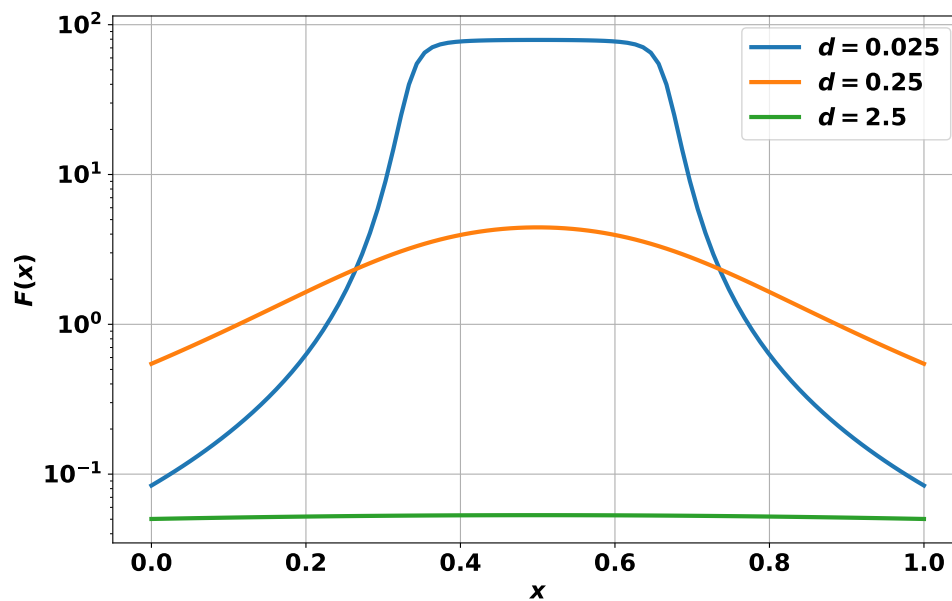


Figure 1: Question 1. Plot of the analytic solutions for  $F$  given different values of  $d$ .

## Question 2

Inserting the appropriate functions into the theoretical approximations given, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(x) &= \int K(x, y) \rho(y) dy \approx \int K(x, y) \sum_{j=0}^{Ns-1} \hat{\rho}_j L_j(y) dy = \sum_{j=0}^{Ns-1} \int K(x, y) \hat{\rho}_j L_j(y) dy \\
 &\Rightarrow F(x) \approx \sum_{j=0}^{Ns-1} \sum_{k=0}^{Nq-1} w_k K(x, x_k^q) \hat{\rho}_j L_j(x_k^q),
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

where

$$L_j(x) = \frac{\prod_{m \neq j} (x - x_m^s)}{\prod_{m \neq j} (x_j^s - x_m^s)}$$

is the  $j$ -th Lagrange interpolation basis polynomial.

To construct the system of linear equations from equation 2 satisfying

$$A \vec{\hat{\rho}} = \vec{F}, \tag{3}$$

where

$$\vec{F} = \begin{bmatrix} F(x_0^c) \\ F(x_1^c) \\ \vdots \\ F(x_{Ns-1}^c) \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{\hat{\rho}} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\rho}_0 \\ \hat{\rho}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\rho}_{Ns-1} \end{bmatrix},$$

the element at row  $i$  and column  $j$  in matrix  $A$  from equation 3 has to satisfy

$$A_{ij} = \sum_{k=0}^{Nq-1} w_k K(x_i^c, x_k^q) L_j(x_k^q) = \sum_{k=0}^{Nq-1} w_k K(x_i^c, x_k^q) \frac{\prod_{m \neq j} (x_k^q - x_m^s)}{\prod_{m \neq j} (x_j^s - x_m^s)}, \tag{4}$$

to give the correct expression for  $F(x)$  (cf. (2)) in a given collocation point.

## Question 3

We implement the appropriate function for solving the left hand side of the equation (3) according to the guidelines given in the worksheet. The components of  $\vec{F}$  are calculated from the test function  $\rho(x) = e^{\gamma x} \sin(\omega x)$ . To verify that the implementation is correct,

we evaluate the error between  $\vec{F}$  and  $A\vec{\rho}$ . In the test, we let the number of collocation points and source points ( $N_c$  and  $N_s$  respectively) be fixed at 40. The number of quadrature points  $N_q$ , given by applying the midpoint Newton-Côtes quadrature, varied.

The result in figure 2 show that for sufficiently large values of  $N_q$ , the implementation of  $A\vec{\rho}$  yields the desired values of  $F(x_i^c)$ .

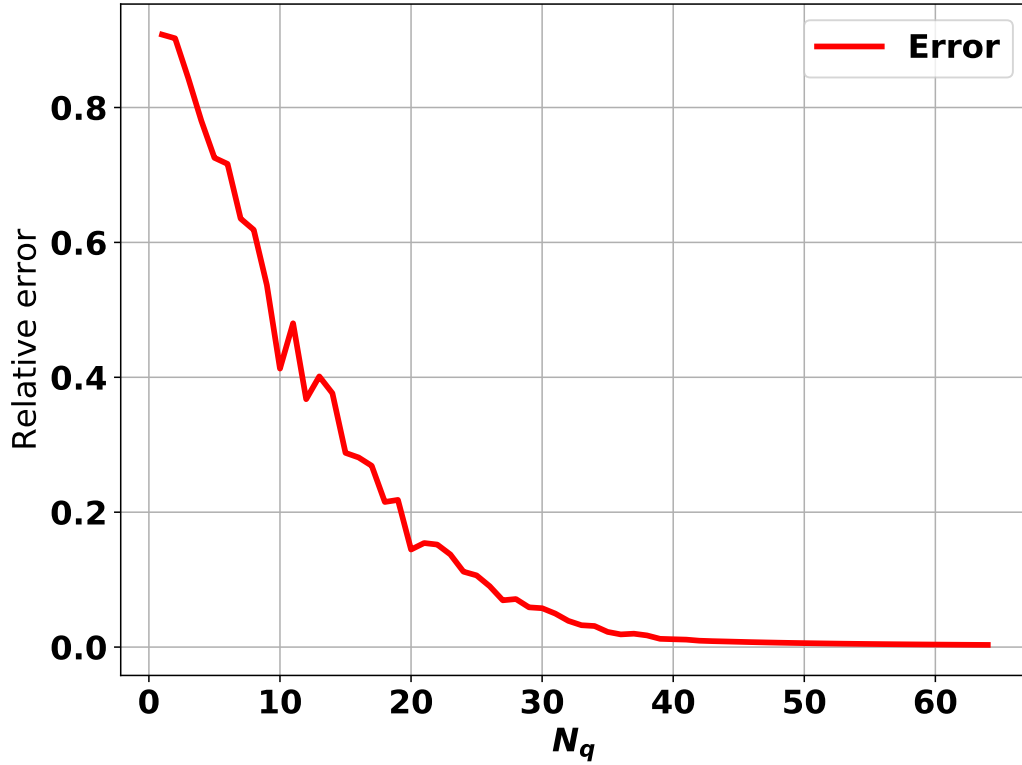


Figure 2: Question 3. Plot of the relative error  $\max_{0 \leq i \leq N_c-1} \frac{|F(x_i^c) - (A\vec{\rho})_i|}{|(A\vec{\rho})_i|}$  using Newton-Côtes midpoint quadrature.

To successfully implement the error function  $\max_{0 \leq i \leq N_c-1} |F(x_i^c) - (A\vec{\rho})_i|$ ,  $x_q$  and  $\{w_i\}$  had to be re-calculated for every value of  $N_q$ . Thus, also  $A$  had to be recalculated for each  $N_q$ . Similarly to question 1, each value of  $N_q$  maps the corresponding value of  $F(x_i^c)$  to an element in an array, and the array is plotted. In accordance with (4), the implementation of the left-hand side of the Fredholm equation set in python is:

```
1 def fredholm_lhs(xc, xs, xq, w, K, Nq, d):
```

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2     Nc = xc.shape[0]; Ns = xs.shape[0]
3     A = np.zeros((Nc, Ns)); a = 0
4     for i in range(Nc):
5         for j in range(Ns):
6             a = 0
7             for k in range(Nq):
8                 a += w[k] * K(xc[i], xq[k], d) * lagrangePolyJ(j, xq[k
9             ], xs)
10            A[(i, j)] = a
11    return A

```

## Question 4

By repeating the method from question 3 but replacing the Newton-Côtes midpoint quadrature with a Legendre-Gauss quadrature, we acquire an equivalent plot of the error. The Legendre-Gauss quadrature algorithm used by the pythonmodule *Numpy* returns a quadrature-partitioning of the interval  $[-1,1]$ . To correct this, we construct a transformation to map the interval  $[-1,1]$  to  $[0,1]$  after the quadrature-execution:

```

1     a = 0; b = 1
2     xq, w = np.polynomial.legendre.leggauss(nq[i]) ##Numpy's algorithm
3     xq = xq * (b-a)/2 + (a+b)/2 ## Mapping the points from [-1,1] to [0,1]
4     w = w * (b-a)/2 ## Reducing the weights to fit the new interval

```

Using this definition of  $w$  and  $X_q$  in the implementation of question 3, we get the error plot given in fig 3.

By comparing figure 2 and figure 3, the convergence-pattern is nearly indistinguishable from one another.

## Question 5

We are now interested in solving (2) for  $\vec{\rho}$  given some  $\vec{F}$ . This is achieved by the `linalg.solve` function in the numpy library:

```

1     A = plib.fredholm_lhs(xc, xs, xq, w, K, Nq, d)
2     b = plib.fredholm_rhs(xc, F)
3     rhoHat = np.linalg.solve(A,b)

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We find the relative error in a similar manner as before, still using the Legendre-Gauss quadrature. This time, we vary the amount of collocation points  $N_c$ . We let  $N_s = N_c$ ,

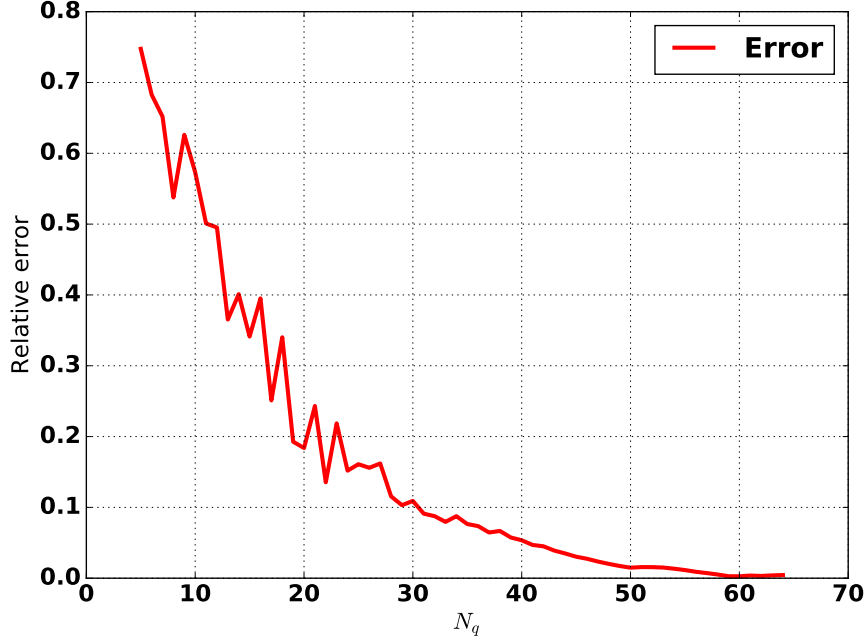


Figure 3: Question 4. Plot of the relative error  $\max_{0 \leq i \leq N_c-1} \frac{|F(x_i^c) - (A\vec{\rho})_i|}{|(A\vec{\rho})_i|}$  using Legendre-Gauss quadrature.

and choose  $N_q$  to be sufficiently high; in our case  $N_q = N_c^2$ . Then, we plotted the relative error of  $\vec{\rho}$  for different values of  $d$ , as shown in fig 4

## Question 6

Using python's standard random library, we generated random errors on the  $\vec{b}$  from the right-hand side of (2). The implementation is:

The value of  $\delta$  was given as  $10^{-3}$ , i.e. a 0.1% perturbation. We plotted the values of  $\vec{b}$  and the perturbed  $\vec{b}$  when varying  $x$  (i.e. in the collocation points). We also plotted the random error's effect on the solution of (2). These are shown in fig 5.

```

1 def getRandomPerturbation(b, delta):
2     Nc = len(b)
3     bTilda = np.zeros(Nc)
4     for i in range(Nc):
5         randNum = random.uniform(delta, delta)
6         bTilda[i] = b[i] + randNum
7     return bTilda

```

As we can see from the figure, the random error is negligible compared to the error caused by our computations. The "wild" behaviour of the plot for  $d_3$ , is somewhat

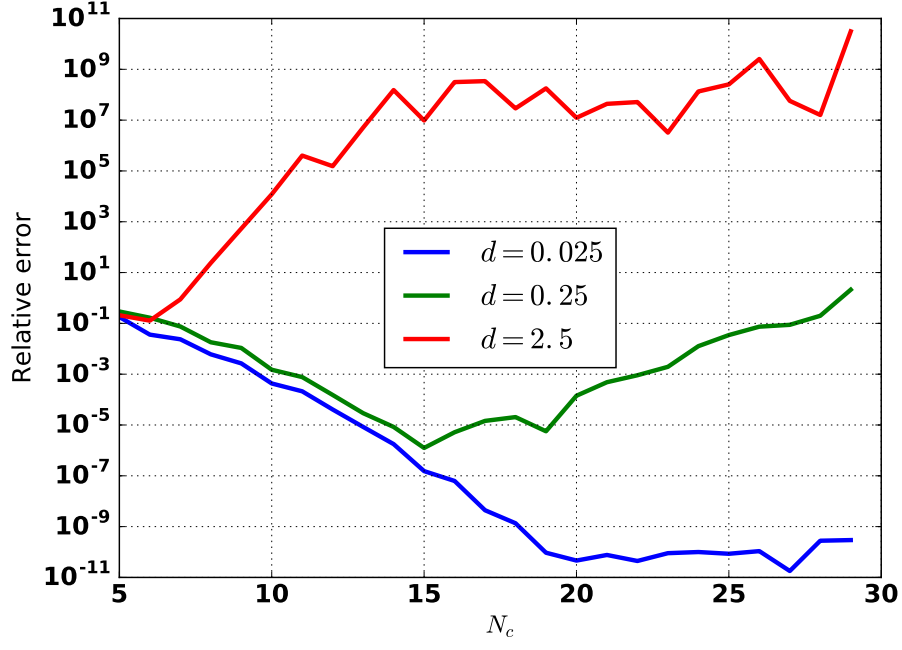


Figure 4: Question 5. Plot of the relative error  $\max_{0 \leq j \leq N_s-1} \frac{|\tilde{\rho}_j - \rho(x_j^s)|}{|\tilde{\rho}|}$  for different values of  $d$ .

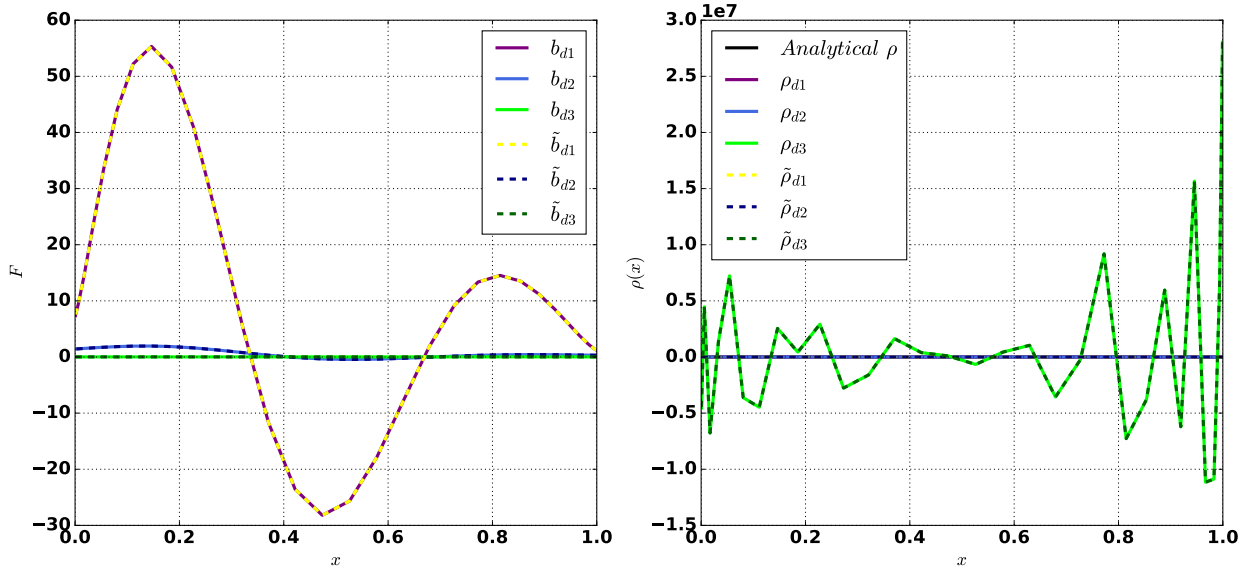


Figure 5: Question 6. Left: Plot of  $\vec{b}$  and  $\tilde{\vec{b}}$  for different values for  $d$ . Right: Plot of  $\vec{\rho}$  and  $\tilde{\vec{\rho}}$  for different values for  $d$ .

expected if you consider the large error for  $\vec{\rho}$  shown in fig 4. The error is not really escalated by random errors.

## Question 7

We wish to minimize the computational error of  $\rho$  as seen in fig 5. We used the Tikhonov regularization technique as described. The compromise between accuracy and efficiency is given by minimizing

$$\frac{1}{2} \|A\vec{\rho} - \vec{b}\|^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\vec{\rho}\|^2 \quad (5)$$

for some parameter  $\lambda$ . Minimizing this, gives the possibility to minimize the error in  $\rho$ . The plot of the error for different  $\lambda$  is shown in fig 6. The system of equations resulting from the Tikhonov regularization was solved by a program like this:

```

1  def getDiffQ7(N, lambdaList, ind, A, vecBTilde, rhovec):
2      Ns = Nc = N
3      rhoHatTilde = np.zeros(Nc)
4      rhoHatTilde = plib.tikhonovSystem(A, vecBTilde, lambdaList[ind])
5      return np.linalg.norm((rhovec - rhoHatTilde), np.Inf) / np.linalg.
      norm(rhovec, np.Inf)

```

This gives that we should choose  $\lambda$  to be approximately  $10^{-4}$  for  $d = 0.25$  and  $10^{-8}$  for  $d = 2.5$ .

## Question 8

We now import the sample measurement. This includes an interval  $[a, b]$ , the depth  $d$  and a set of measurement points (respectively, the collocation points and the corresponding vertical force measurements).

The file **q8\_1** gave  $d = 0.25$ , so we started looking for well-suited  $\lambda$  around there. By experimenting with the parameter  $\lambda$  regarding error-minimization, we chose  $\lambda = 5 \cdot 10^{-4}$ . The resulting plot of  $\rho$  is plotted in figure 7.

The file **q8\_2** gave  $d = 1.0$ , so we started looking for a suitable  $\lambda$  in the interval  $[10^{-6}, 10^{-3}]$  as recommended by figure 6. Despite the recommended values of  $\lambda$  from figure 6, the final value chosen was  $\lambda = 2$ , and the resulting plot is shown in fig 8.

The file **q8\_3** gave  $d = 0.25$ . With respect to figure 6, and similar experimentation, the final value selected was  $\lambda = 10^{-3}$ , and the resulting plot is shown in fig 9.



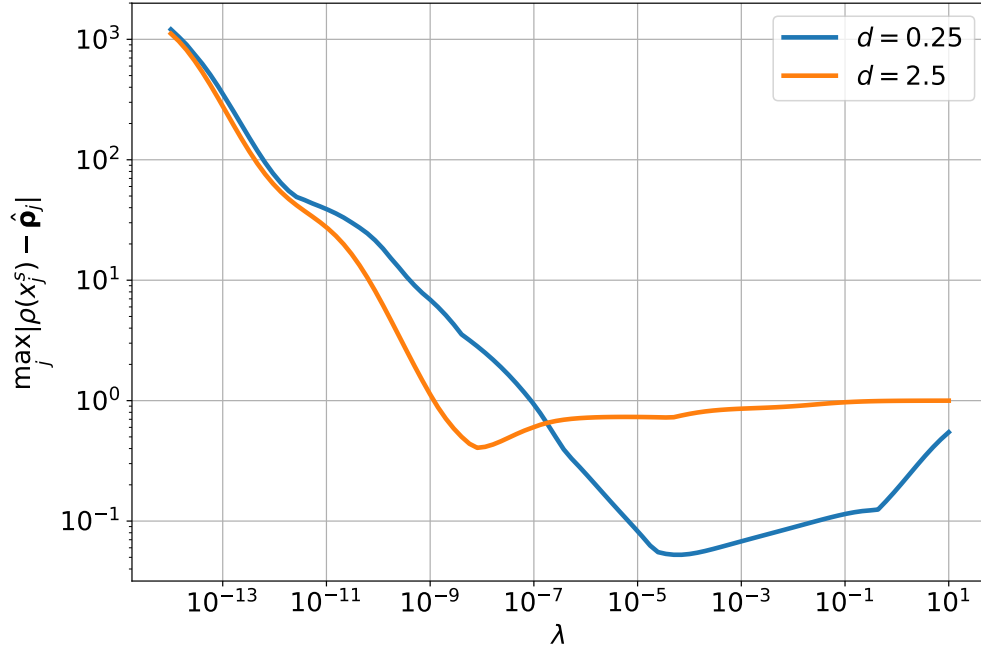


Figure 6: Question 7. Plot of the error in  $\rho$  for different values of the regularization parameter  $\lambda$ .

The polynomials used in this section were interpolated using Newton's divided differences method on source points defined by Chebyshev interpolation (see [Sau11] chapter 3, section 3 for details about this interpolation method). The system of equations were constructed with Thikonov regularization, and solved using numerical linear algebra from the Numpy-library in Python.

Figure 7,8 and 9 with corresponding files **q8\_1**, **q8\_2** and **q8\_3** respectively, reveals shapes of  $\rho$  that is in agreement with the expectations motivated in question 8 from the worksheet.

### 3 Conclusion

The main goal of this project was to reconstruct a mass-density distribution using interpolation and integral-quadratures, given a set of gravitational force measurements over an one-dimensional space. By answering the questions from the worksheet; mainly keeping track of the numerical errors throughout the computations, we reconstructed

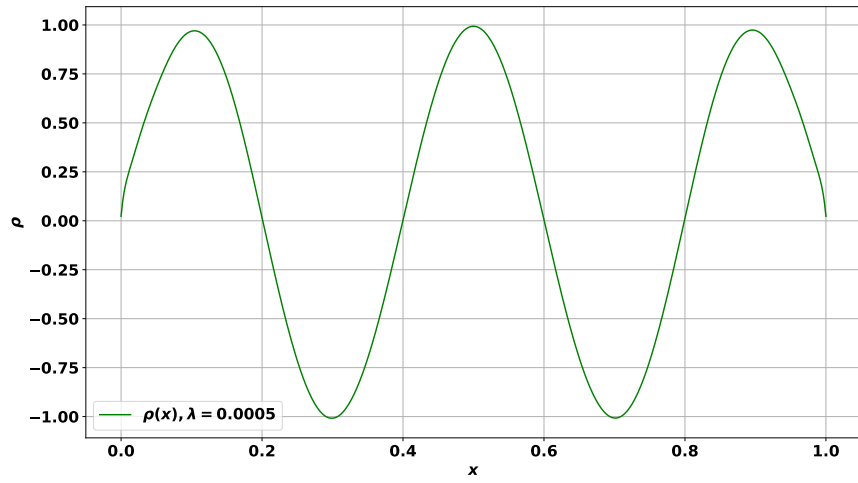


Figure 7: Reconstruction of  $\rho$  using Tikhonov regularization and Newton's divided differences, with  $\lambda = 5 \cdot 10^{-4}$ . The plot reveals a harmonic behaviour of  $\rho$ .

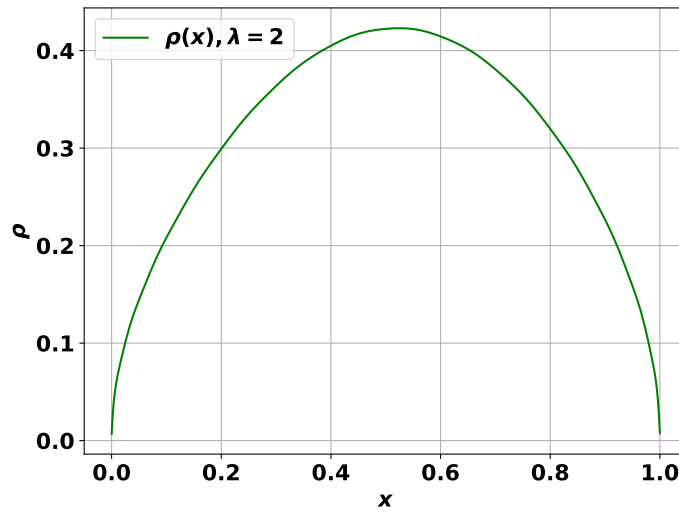


Figure 8: Reconstruction of  $\rho$  using Tikhonov regularization and Newton's divided differences, with  $\lambda = 2$ . The plot reveals a parabolic/square shape of  $\rho$ .

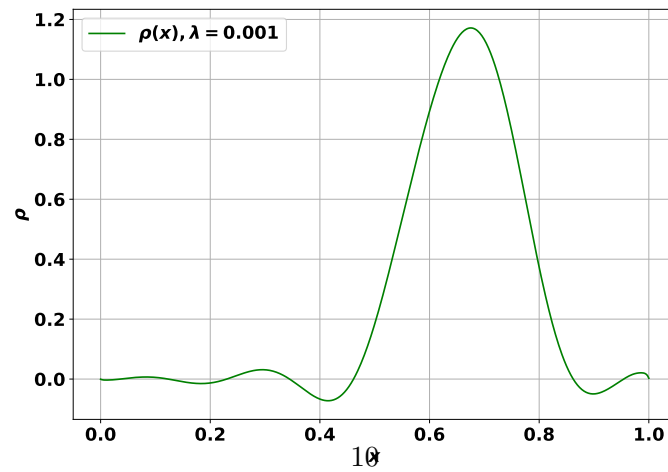


Figure 9: Reconstruction of  $\rho$  using Tikhonov regularization and Newton's divided differences, with  $\lambda = 10^{-3}$ . The plot reveals a Gaussian shape of  $\rho$ .

the mass-density in three different areas with sufficiently good accuracy to recognize a harmonic, a parabolic/square and a Gaussian- distributed mass-density.

## References

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