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SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING
Exercise 11, 1.12.2008

N.B. The files mentioned in the exercises (if any) are available on the course homepage.

1. The Gram–Schmidt method also applies to orthogonalize a system of functions. Use this method to orthogonalize the system $\{1, x, x^2, x^4\}$. of the space C($[-1,1]$) with the inner product $(f,g) = \int_{-1}^{1} f(x)g(x)\,dx$.

2. Part (b) of this problem deals with the so called Gibbs phenomenon.

(a) Show that for each fixed x the number $S_n(x) = \frac{nx}{1+n^2x^2}$ approaches zero when n grows to ∞, and find the extremum values of $S_n(x)$ with respect to x. Graph the function $S_n(x)$ when n=2:2:10.

(b) Show that the Fourier series of $f(x) = (\pi - x)/2$ on $(0, 2\pi)$ is $\lim_{n\to\infty} S_n(x)$, where $S_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k}\sin(kx)$. Graph S_n for n=10:2:20 and find graphically the global maximum $x_0 \in (0, 2\pi)$ of $S_n(x)$ and estimate graphically the number $|S_n(x_0) - f(x_0)|/|f(x_0)|$.

Recall the Fourier series of a continuous function $f : [0, 2\pi] \to \mathbf{R}$

$$\frac{1}{2}a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}(a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)),$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi}\int_0^{2\pi} f(x)\cos(nx)dx,\ n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$$

and

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi}\int_0^{2\pi} f(x)\sin(nx)dx,\ n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots$$

3. Find the nth partial sum of the Fourier series of $f(x) = x^2$ on $(0 < x < 2\pi)$ and graph it for n=4:2:10.

4. Consider again the problem of fitting a "line with a break point"to a data set, as in d101. Now, instead of choosing the break point (s,t) with a mouse click as we did in d101, use the method of the program parfit to find the best break point $(s,t) = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$. The object function will be, with

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the notation of the solution to d101, s1+s2. Apply this optimized version of d101 to the data of d101. Recall that the object function value obtained in d101, after the fitting was 2.62. Do you get a better value this time?

5. An astronomer has the following observations about a comet approaching the Earth.

Taulukko 1: Comet coordinates

x	1.02	0.95	0.87	0.77	0.67	0.56	0.44	0.30	0.16	0.01
y	0.39	0.32	0.27	0.22	0.18	0.15	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.15

Determine the equation of the comet on the basis of this data using a quadratic function

$$ay^2 + bxy + cx + dy + e = x^2.$$

Hint: The problem yields the overdetermined system

$$ay_i^2 + bx_iy_i + cx_i + dy_i + e = x_i^2 \,, i = 1, ..., 10,$$

which we will solve with the LSQ method for the coefficient vector $sol = (a, b, c, d, e)^T$. We rewrite this as $M * sol = w$ and its solution is obtained with $sol = M\backslash w$ (or, alternatively, $sol = pinv(M) * w$).

6. Write a program `numdf`, which computes the numerical derivative of a function at the points in a given vector, using the function `numder`. The program call should be of the form

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numdf('myf(x)',z, 1e-4)
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where `z = 0:0.05:1;`, and `myf` is a function. Plot the error of the numerical derivation using the command `pic('cos(x)- numdf(''sin(x)'', x, 1e-4)')`. Hint: The file hlp116.m contains numder and pic.