

I. Demonstration - Intro to Optimal Points

a) consider the function

$$f(x) = (x-1)(x-.5)(x)(x+.5)(x+1) \quad \text{of } x \in [-1, 1]$$

or $f(x) = x^5 - 1.25x^3 + .25x$

(i.e. a fifth order polynomial on $[-1, 1]$
w/ roots $(1, .5, 0, -.5, -1)$)

b) If I pick any 6 random points along $f(x)$
I can come up w/ 5th order polynomial
is an exact fit

$$\boxed{\text{ChIntro}(6, 5, 0, [-1, 1])}$$

c) If I am limited to 5 points, I generate
a 4th order interpolating poly that "does its best"
to fit the function

$$\boxed{\text{ChIntro}(5, 4, 0, [-1, 1])}$$

1000 RANDOM EXPERIMENT

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{\text{ChIntro}(1, 4, 0, [-1, 1])}$$

d) Note the error measure

$$\boxed{\|e\|_\infty = \|f(x) - P_n(x)\|_\infty = \max(\text{abs}(f(x) - P_n(x)))}$$

e) It "turns out" the n optimal points
on interval $[-1, 1]$ are given by

$$x_j = \cos\left(\frac{2j-1}{2n}\pi\right)$$

$$\boxed{\text{ChIntro}(2, 4, 0, [-1, 1])}$$

i.e. for $n=5 \Rightarrow \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{10}\right), \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{10}\right), \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{10}\right), \cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{10}\right), \cos\left(\frac{9\pi}{10}\right)$

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What am I minimizing?

$$f(x) - p_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} (x-x_0)(x-x_1) \dots (x-x_n)$$

↑ error for interpolating poly nomial

① f is given & n is fixed

② the only thing I can effect are the values (x_0, \dots, x_n) in the expression

$$w(x) = (x-x_0)(x-x_1) \dots (x-x_n)$$

A) Some Definitions for function norms

$$\|f\|_{\infty} = \max_{x \in [a,b]} |f(x)|$$

where f continuous on $[a,b]$

$$\|f\|_2 = \left(\int_a^b [f(x)]^2 dx \right)^{1/2}$$

where f continuous on $[a,b]$

B) wish to find $\{x_0, \dots, x_n\}$ that minimizes

$$\|f(x) - p_n(x)\|_{\infty}$$

(use Chebyshev Polys)

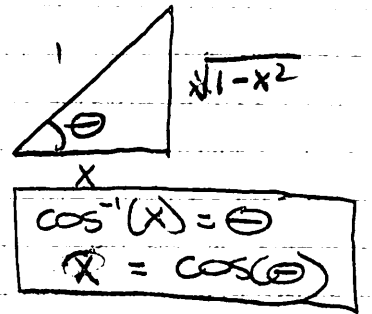
$$\rightarrow \|f(x) - p_n(x)\|_2$$

III Chebyshev Polynomial

A. The optimal pts selected were roots of a 5th order "Chebyshev Polynomial"

B) Definition: For Each non-neg integer n , the Chebyshev Poly T_n on $[-1, 1]$ is

$$T_n(x) = \cos(n \cos^{-1}(x))$$



$$\Rightarrow T_n(x) = \cos(n\theta)$$

C) How is this a Polynomial?

$$\textcircled{1} T_{n+1}(x) = \cos((n+1)\theta) = \cos(n\theta + \theta) = \cos(n\theta)\cos(\theta) - \sin(n\theta)\sin(\theta)$$

$$\textcircled{2} T_{n-1}(x) = \cos(n\theta - \theta) = \cos(n\theta)\cos(\theta) + \sin(n\theta)\sin(\theta)$$

$$\textcircled{3} T_{n+1}(x) + T_{n-1}(x) = 2\cos(n\theta)\cos(\theta) = 2T_n(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{n+1}(x) = 2xT_n(x) - T_{n-1}(x)$$

↑ recurrence relation

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d) $T_0(x) = \cos(0 * \cos^{-1}(x)) = \cos(0) = \boxed{1}$

initial expressions $T_1(x) = \cos(1 * \cos^{-1}(x)) = \cos(\cos^{-1}(x)) = \boxed{x}$

$T_2(x) = 2xT_1 + T_0 = 2x^2 - 1$

"recurrence relation" $T_3(x) = 2xT_2(x) - T_1(x) = 2x(2x^2 - 1) - x = \boxed{4x^3 - 3x}$

$T_3(x) = 8x^3 - 6x^2 + 1$ (let class get)

e) In General:

① $T_n(x)$ is an n^{th} -degree poly.

② For $n \geq 1$, leading coeff of T_n is 2^{n-1}

③ $T_n(x) = \begin{cases} \text{even} & \text{if } n = \text{even} \\ \text{odd} & \text{if } n = \text{odd} \end{cases}$

IV Theorems

A. Chebyshev Polynomial of Degree n has roots at

$$x_j = \cos\left(\frac{2j-1}{2n}\pi\right), \quad j=1, \dots, n$$

Proof: $T_n(x_j) = \cos\left(n \cos^{-1}\left(\cos\left(\frac{2j-1}{2n}\pi\right)\right)\right)$

$$= \cos\left(n \left(\frac{2j-1}{2n}\pi\right)\right) = \cos\left(\frac{2j-1}{2}\pi\right) = 0$$

QED

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B) Chebyshev Poly $T_n(x)$ will have min/max at $x_j = \cos\left(\frac{j\pi}{n}\right)$

Proof: $T_n = \cos\left(n \cos^{-1}\left(\cos\left(\frac{j\pi}{n}\right)\right)\right)$

$= \cos\left(n \left(\frac{j\pi}{n}\right)\right) = \cos(j\pi) = (-1)^j$ note

$\Rightarrow T_n' = -j \sin(j\pi) = 0$ since $j=1, 2, \dots, n$

QED

i.e. min/max are ± 1

IV) AS ASIDE - so far everything has been on Interval $[-1, +1]$, with optimal points at $x_j = \cos\left(\frac{2j-1}{2n}\pi\right)$

A) IF I is a general interval $[a, b]$

① center of interval = $\frac{a+b}{2}$

② "radius" of interval = $\frac{|a-b|}{2}$

$x_j = c + r \cos\left(\frac{2j-1}{2n}\pi\right)$

Example: Find optimal T_5 points for $I = [-1, 3]$

$c=1, r=2 \Rightarrow x_j = 1 + 2 \cos\left(\frac{2j-1}{2n}\pi\right)$

$x_1 = \dots \quad x_2 = \dots$

Example for $f(x) = xe^{-x}$
Ch. Intro (3, 67)

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PT Proving that Chebyshev Polynomials Minimize $|f(x) - p_n(x)|_{\infty}$

A) Definition MONIC POLYNOMIALS - ALL POLYNOMIALS
WHOSE LEADING COEFFICIENT IS ONE.

Let ① $(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)$ is monic

② $T_n(x)$ is not since leading term
for $n > 1$ is 2^{n-1} , however I can
create a monic set Chebyshev polynomials

$$\tilde{T}_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} T_n(x) \quad \text{for } n > 1$$

note! $T_n(x)$ & $\tilde{T}_n(x)$ have
the same roots

B) Theorem: The monic polynomial $\tilde{T}_n(x)$ for $n > 1$

$$\text{satisfies } \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \leq \max_{x \in [-1, 1]} |\tilde{T}_n(x)| \leq \max_{x \in [-1, 1]} |p_n(x)|$$

where $p_n \in \tilde{\Pi}_n$ (the set of all monic polynomials
 $(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)$)

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① Suppose $\max_{x \in [-1,1]} |p_n(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} = \max_{x \in [-1,1]} |T_n(x)|$

② let $q(z_j) = \tilde{T}_n(z_j) - p_n(z_j)$ where z_j represents to extrema of \tilde{T}_n , i.e. where $\tilde{T}_n = \pm \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$

$\Rightarrow q(z_j) = 2^{1-n}(-1)^j - p_n(z_j)$

③ Since $\tilde{T}_n(z_j)$ & $p_n(z_j)$ are monic, i.e. (leading term is 1) of degree n , then $q(z_j)$ has degree of at most $n-1$

④ since $|p_n(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$ then

$$q(z_j) < \begin{cases} < 0 & n \text{ odd} \\ \geq 0 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

⑤ therefore $q(z_j)$ has at least one root between j & $j+1$ for $j=0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n$

⑥ I.E. $q(z_j)$ has n roots but has order of at most $n-1$. Therefore by Fund Theorem of Alg $q(z_j) = 0$

⑦ $\therefore p_n = \tilde{T}_n$ (i.e. $|p_n|$ can not be $< |\tilde{T}_n(x)|$)

⑧ Thus the roots of the Chebyshev polynomials minimizes $|f(x) - p_n(x)|_\infty$ QED