

Last time: instead of solving a square matrix system for polynomial interpolation, what if we used  $m > n+1$  points so that  $p(x_j) = f(x_j) \quad j=1, \dots, m$

Suppose  $p(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n c_j \ell_j(x)$  &  $V_{ij} = \ell_j(x_i)$

$\Rightarrow$  the interpolation system  $\begin{bmatrix} V \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y \end{bmatrix}$  (\*)  
 is **over-determined**

We can solve (\*) using least squares:  $\min_c \|Vc - y\|_2^2$   
 $\Rightarrow c$  solves the normal equations  $V^T V c = V^T y$

As  $m \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\frac{1}{m} V^T V c = \frac{1}{m} V^T y$  looks like  
 it converges to a system involving integrals.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{m} (V^T V)_{ij} &\rightarrow \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m \ell_i(x_k) \ell_j(x_k) \rightarrow \int_{a_n}^b \ell_i(x) \ell_j(x) \\ \frac{1}{m} (V^T y)_i &\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \int_{a_n}^b f(x) \ell_i(x) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{theory} \\ \text{for this} \\ \text{system?} \end{array}$$

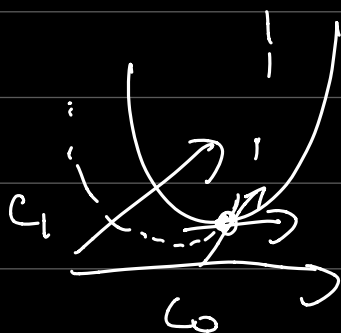
$\Rightarrow$  Minimizing polynomial with respect to the continuous  $L^2$ -norm

Ex: Given  $f(x)$ , find the linear polynomial  $p(x)$  which minimizes

$$\frac{1}{2} \| p(x) - f(x) \|_{L^2([a,b])}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b (p-f)^2$$

$p_1(x) = c_0 + c_1 x$ , so we just need to determine  $c_0 + c_1$ .

$$J(c_0, c_1) = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b (c_0 + c_1 x - f(x))^2$$



Find  $c_0, c_1$  st.

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial c_0} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial J}{\partial c_1} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{\partial J}{\partial c_0} = \int_a^b (c_0 + c_1 x - f(x)) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{\partial J}{\partial c_1} = \int_a^b (c_0 + c_1 x - f(x)) x = 0$$

$$\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} \quad c_0 \int_a^b 1 + c_1 \int_a^b x = \int_a^b f(x)$$

$$c_0 \int_a^b x + c_1 \int_a^b x^2 = \int_a^b f(x) x$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \int_a^b 1 & \int_a^b x \\ \int_a^b x & \int_a^b x^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \int_a^b f(x) \\ \int_a^b f(x) x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p(x) = \sum_{j=1}^2 c_j \varphi_j(x) \quad \begin{array}{l} \varphi_1(x) = 1 \\ \varphi_2(x) = x \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \int_a^b \varphi_0(x) \varphi_0(x) & \int_a^b \varphi_0(x) \varphi_1(x) \\ \int_a^b \varphi_1(x) \varphi_0(x) & \int_a^b \varphi_1(x) \varphi_1(x) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \int_a^b f \varphi_0 \\ \int_a^b f \varphi_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex: 
$$p(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n c_j \varphi_j(x)$$

$$\min_c \|f - p\|_{L^2([a,b])}^2 = \min_{c_0, \dots, c_n} \|f - p\|_{L^2([a,b])}^2$$

$J(c_0, \dots, c_n)$

find st.  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial c_i} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial c_i} \int_a^b \left( f(x) - \sum_{j=0}^n c_j \varphi_j(x) \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b \left( f(x) - \sum_{j=0}^n c_j \varphi_j(x) \right) \varphi_i(x) = 0$$

for  $i = 0, \dots, n$ .

$$\Rightarrow G = \begin{bmatrix} \int_a^b \varphi_0 \varphi_0 & \int_a^b \varphi_0 \varphi_1 & \dots & \int_a^b \varphi_0 \varphi_n \\ \int_a^b \varphi_1 \varphi_0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \int_a^b \varphi_n \varphi_0 & \dots & \dots & \int_a^b \varphi_n \varphi_n \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{ijth entry is } \int_a^b \varphi_i \varphi_j$$

$$Gc = b \quad \text{w/} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} \int_a^b f(x) \varphi_0(x) \\ \vdots \\ \int_a^b f(x) \varphi_n(x) \end{bmatrix}, \quad b_i = \int_a^b f(x) \varphi_i(x)$$

$\Rightarrow$   $L^2$  norm minimization is just one of a huge class of **continuous** least squares approximations

$L^2$  norm = one instance of an **inner product** norm.

Def: An inner product (IP) is a map from  $V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  st.

- ① Bilinearity: Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then, if  $f, g, h \in V$ 

$$(\alpha f + \beta g, h) = \alpha(f, h) + \beta(g, h)$$
- ② Symmetry:  $(f, g) = (g, f)$
- ③ Positivity:  $(f, f) \geq 0$  &  $(f, f) = 0$   
if  $f = 0$

Ex:  $L^2$  inner product:  $(f, g) = \int_a^b f(x)g(x)$

$$(f, f) = \int_a^b f^2 \geq 0$$

= inner product over (Lebesgue) integrable functions on  $[a, b] \rightarrow L^2([a, b])$

Define  $\|f\|_{L^2([a, b])} = \sqrt{(f, f)}$

Def: Inner prod. norm  $\|f\| = \sqrt{(f,f)}$

Recall:  $\|\cdot\|: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a norm if

- ①  $\|f\| \geq 0$  &  $\|f\| = 0$  iff  $f = 0$
- ②  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\|\alpha f\| = |\alpha| \|f\|$
- ③  $\|f+g\| \leq \|f\| + \|g\|$

All IP's satisfy the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$\Rightarrow (f,g) \leq \|f\| \|g\| \quad (CS)$$

Pf: Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $0 \leq \|f - \alpha g\|^2 = (f - \alpha g, f - \alpha g)$   
 $= \|f\|^2 - 2\alpha (f,g) + \alpha^2 \|g\|^2$

Specify  $\alpha = \frac{(f,g)}{\|g\|^2}$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq \|f\|^2 - 2 \frac{(f,g)^2}{\|g\|^2} + \frac{(f,g)^2}{\|g\|^2}$$

$$0 \leq \|f\|^2 - \frac{(f,g)^2}{\|g\|^2}$$

$$(f,g)^2 \leq (\|f\| \|g\|)^2 \Rightarrow (f,g) \leq \|f\| \|g\|$$

Triangle ineq: use CS

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \|f+g\|^2 &< \|f\|^2 + 2(f,g) + \|g\|^2 \\ &\leq \|f\|^2 + 2\|f\| \|g\| + \|g\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|f+g\| \leq \|f\| + \|g\|$$



