

Continuous least squares

$$\min_p \|f - p\|^2 \quad (*)$$

→ focus of L^2 inner product

$$(f, g) = \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx$$

→ if $p(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n c_j x^j$ & we want to solve

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \int_0^1 x^i x^j \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \int_0^1 x^i f(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

G = Hilbert matrix

⇒ Monomials are a bad choice for contin. least squares! Find a basis where the contin. least squares problem is easy to solve (easy to invert G)

Polynom. interp: Lagrange polynomials
 $V^{-1} = I^{-1} = I$

Contin. least squares: $G_{ij} = \int_a^b \varphi_i(x) \varphi_j(x) dx$
 $= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$

⇒ orthogonal polynomials
(orthonormal)

(hierarchical) orthog. polynomials. Find $\{\varphi_i\}_{i=0}^n$
st. $(\varphi_i, \varphi_j) = 0$ and $\varphi_k =$ exactly of degree k .

\Rightarrow depends on def. (f, g)
(ex: $L^2([a, b])$, L^2_w , Sobolev)
usually assume $[-1, 1]$

Ex: $(f, g) = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x) \quad (L^2 \text{ IP})$

Legendre polynomial on $[-1, 1]$

$$\varphi_0(x) = 1$$

$$\varphi_1(x) = x$$

$$\varphi_2(x) = 3x^2 - 1$$

$$(n+1)\varphi_{n+1}(x) = (2n+1)x\varphi_n(x) - n\varphi_{n-1}(x)$$

$$(n=1) \quad \underbrace{2}_{\text{normalization}} \varphi_2(x) = 3x^2 - 1$$

normalization,

Ex: $(f, g) = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x)w(x)$

$$w(x) = (1+x)^\alpha(1-x)^\beta$$

$\Rightarrow (\alpha, \beta)$ Jacobi polynomials

Ex: $(f, g) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(x)g(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \Rightarrow$ Chebyshev

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

Building a general orthogonal basis.

↳ Gram-Schmidt

Thm: for hier. orthog. polynomials φ_n
then $(p, \varphi_n) = 0 \quad \forall p \in P^{n-1}$

Pf: $p(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} c_j \varphi_j(x)$. $(p, \varphi_n) = \left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} c_j \varphi_j, \varphi_n \right)$
 $= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} c_j (\varphi_j, \varphi_n) = 0$

GS: given any hier. basis $\{p_0, \dots, p_n\}$

$$\varphi_0(x) = p_0(x)$$

$$\varphi_1(x) = p_1(x) - \frac{(p_1, \varphi_0)}{(\varphi_0, \varphi_0)} \varphi_0(x)$$

Check: $(\varphi_0, \varphi_1) = (p_0, p_1 - \frac{(p_1, \varphi_0)}{(\varphi_0, \varphi_0)} \varphi_0)$
 $= (p_0, p_1) - \frac{(p_0, \varphi_0)}{(\varphi_0, \varphi_0)} \frac{(p_1, \varphi_0)}{(\varphi_0, \varphi_0)} (\varphi_0, \varphi_0) = 0$

$$\varphi_2(x) = p_2(x) - \frac{(p_2, \varphi_1)}{(\varphi_1, \varphi_1)} \varphi_1(x) - \frac{(p_2, \varphi_0)}{(\varphi_0, \varphi_0)} \varphi_0(x)$$

$$\varphi_n(x) = p_n(x) - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{(p_n, \varphi_j)}{(\varphi_j, \varphi_j)} \varphi_j(x)$$

Note: GS applied to monomials w/ L^2 IP
 \rightarrow Legendre polynomials.

Thm: any hier. orthog. poly. admits a 3 term recurrence

$$\varphi_k(x) = P_k(x) - \frac{(P_k, \varphi_{k-1})}{(\varphi_{k-1}, \varphi_{k-1})} \varphi_{k-1}(x) - \frac{(P_k, \varphi_{k-2})}{(\varphi_{k-2}, \varphi_{k-2})} \varphi_{k-2}(x)$$

$$P_k(x) = x \varphi_{k-1}(x) \in P^k$$

Pf: Given hier. orth. $\{\varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_{n-1}\} \rightarrow$ define new hier. basis $\{\varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_{n-1}, x \varphi_{n-1}\}$ for weighted L^2 IP

$$\varphi_n(x) = x \varphi_{n-1}(x) - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{(x \varphi_{n-1}, \varphi_j)}{(\varphi_j, \varphi_j)} \varphi_j(x)$$

$$(x \varphi_{n-1}, \varphi_j) = \int_a^b w(x) x \varphi_{n-1}(x) \varphi_j(x) dx = (\varphi_{n-1}, x \varphi_j)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{n-1} \in P^{n-1} \\ x \varphi_j \in P^{j+1} \end{aligned} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} (\varphi_{n-1}, x \varphi_j) &= 0 \\ &\text{if } j+1 < n-1 \\ &\text{if } j < n-2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\varphi_n(x) = x \varphi_{n-1}(x) - \frac{(x \varphi_{n-1}, \varphi_{n-1})}{(\varphi_{n-1}, \varphi_{n-1})} \varphi_{n-1}(x) - \frac{(x \varphi_{n-1}, \varphi_{n-2})}{(\varphi_{n-2}, \varphi_{n-2})} \varphi_{n-2}(x)$$

L^2 IP on $[-1, 1] \rightarrow \{\ell_i\}_{i=0}^n$ are Legendre polynomials

$$\Rightarrow \min_p \|f - p\|_{L^2([-1, 1])}^2 \Rightarrow Gc = b$$

$$G_{ij} = \int_{-1}^1 \ell_j \ell_i = \begin{cases} 1 & i=j \\ 0 & \text{o/w} \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{Gram matrix}} G = I$$

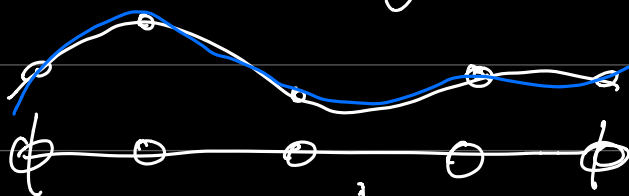
$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) \ell_0(x) \\ \vdots \\ \int_{-1}^1 f(x) \ell_n(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

In practice

\Rightarrow compute integrals **numerical quadrature**.

$$\int_a^b f(x) \approx \sum_{i=0}^n w_i f(x_i)$$

Quadrature: building L^2 least squares
integrating non-explicit formulas
discretizing PDEs, statistical moments,



$$p(x) \approx f(x)$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) \approx \int_a^b p(x) = \int_a^b \sum_{i=0}^n f(x_i) \ell_i(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n f(x_i) \underbrace{\int_a^b \ell_i(x)}_{w_i}$$