

Please provide complete and well-written solutions to the following exercises.

Due October 27, 1159PM PST, to be uploaded as a single PDF document to blackboard (under the Assignments tab).

## Homework 8

**Exercise 1.** Let  $f(x) := e^{2x}$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Let  $p_n$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  that interpolates  $f$  on  $[-1, 1]$  at the  $n + 1$  roots of the Chebyshev polynomial  $T_{n+1}$  on  $[-1, 1]$ . Find the smallest  $n$  such that

$$|f(x) - p_n(x)| < 10^{-6}, \quad \forall x \in [-1, 1]$$

**Exercise 2.** Let  $h > 0$ . Let  $f: [-h, h] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be continuous. Let  $p_2$  be the (unique) polynomial of degree at most 2 such that

$$p_2(h) = f(h), \quad p_2(-h) = f(-h), \quad p_2(0) = f(0).$$

Show that

$$\int_{-h}^h p_2(t) dt = \frac{h}{3} (f(h) + f(-h) + 4f(0)).$$

**Exercise 3** (Adaptive Quadrature). The NCM package function `quadtx` is a simplified version of Matlab's built-in integration function `quad`. (To view the code of `quadtx` use the command `edit quadtx`. Similarly, `edit quad` should show you the source code for the function `quad`.) For example, the command `quadtx(@(x)(cos(x))^2,0,4*pi)` approximates  $\int_0^{4\pi} (\cos(x))^2 dx$ . More generally, the program `quadtx` starts by evaluating the given function  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  with two different Simpson's rule evaluations (one using three points, and another using five points, each equally spaced on the interval). (In the code, these two evaluations are denoted `Q1` and `Q2`.)

If these two different Simpson's rule evaluations are closer than  $10^{-6}$  (the default value of `tol`), then the program believes it has succeeded in estimating  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ . So, the program outputs a combination of these two Simpson's rule evaluations, which happens to be a sixth order Newton-Cotes formula (in the code this is `Q2 + (Q2 - Q1)/15`).

If these two different Simpson's rule evaluations are not closer than  $10^{-6}$ , then `quadtx` repeats the above Simpson's rule procedure on a smaller subinterval, and then iterates. This is done via a recursive call to the function `quadtxstep`. Note the recursive nature of this program, since the function `quadtxstep` calls itself. Also, note that `varargin` is used often in `quadtx`. This command allows a variable number of arguments to be input to a function.

The recursive use of Simpson's rule can be visualized with the `quadgui` command, after clicking "auto." Function evaluations are depicted as blue dots, and the total number of function evaluations is displayed at the top of the plot.

- Run the programs `quadtx(@(x)x.^3,0,1)` and `quadgui(@(x)x.^3,0,1)`. How many function evaluations are used to estimate  $\int_0^1 x^3 dx$ ? What is the absolute error of the estimation?
- Run the programs `quadgui(@(x)x.^5,0,1)` and `quadgui(@(x)x.^5,0,1,10^(-8))`. (Also use `quadtx` with the same arguments.) In each case, how many function evaluations are used to estimate  $\int_0^1 x^5 dx$ ? What is the absolute error of the estimation?
- Run the program `quadtx(@(x)(cos(x)).^2,0,4*pi)`. How many function evaluations are used to estimate  $\int_0^{4\pi} (\cos(x))^2 dx$ ? What is the absolute error of the estimation? Explain what happened. Does `quad(@(x)(cos(x)).^2,0,4*pi)` produce the same output? Explain why or why not.
- Describe a nonnegative function  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that the Matlab built-in command `quad` has the same error as in the previous part of this problem. That is, find  $f$  such that the command `quad(@(x) f(x),0,1)` outputs 1 and has absolute error at least  $10^{-4}$ .

#### Exercise 4.

- Using the textbook program `quadtx`, try to integrate the function  $\frac{1}{3x-1}$  from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 1$ . Do you get an error? If so, explain why the error happened.
- Find a function  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \infty$  and with  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$  finite. Can the programs `quadtx` and `quad` evaluate your integral with good relative accuracy?
- Find an interval  $[a, b]$  and a function  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  that exceeds the maximum function evaluation count (i.e. produces the maximum function count warning) both for `quadtx` and `quad` when trying to estimate  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ .

**Exercise 5.** Recall that we defined  $U_0, U_1, \dots$  to be the Chebyshev polynomials of the second kind, where  $U_n(x) := \frac{\sin((n+1)\cos^{-1}x)}{\sin \cos^{-1}x}$  for any  $x \in (-1, 1)$ .

- Show that  $U_0, U_1, \dots$  satisfy the recursion

$$U_{n+1}(x) = 2xU_n(x) - U_{n-1}(x), \quad \forall n \geq 1, \quad \forall x \in (-1, 1),$$

where  $U_0(x) = 1$  and  $U_1(x) = 2x$ .

- Show that

$$\frac{d}{dx}T_n(x) = nU_{n-1}(x), \quad \forall n \geq 1, \quad \forall x \in (-1, 1),$$

where  $T_0, T_1, \dots$  are the Chebyshev polynomials (of the first kind).

**Exercise 6.** It is known that

$$\pi = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{2}{1+x^2} dx.$$

(You can compute this integral using  $(d/dx) \tan^{-1}(x) = 1/(1+x^2)$ .)

- In Matlab, program your own trapezoid rule to estimate the integral  $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{2}{1+x^2} dx$ . Plot the relative error of the integral estimate versus the number  $n$  of points used in the trapezoid rule. Do you see any evidence of numerical errors? (You might need to take  $n$  to be quite large, e.g. around 30,000.)

- Use `quadtx` to estimate  $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{2}{1+x^2} dx$ . Make a table recording the integral estimates for various tolerance values, including the estimated integral value `Q`, the function evaluate count `fcount`, and the relative error. (For example, consider tolerances of the form  $10^{-k}$  where  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 12\}$ .) The first two rows of the table might look like this:

tol	Q	fcount	Relative Error
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1e-001	3.14211764705882	9	1.671e-004
1e-002	3.14211764705882	9	1.671e-004

Does the relative error decrease as the tolerance decreases?

**Exercise 7** (Optional). Read some more about [Shamir's Secret Sharing](#), as we discussed in class.