

MATH 416 Take-Home Exam 2
Due 11:59pm Thursday, 21 May 2020

Be sure to show all work and to make your reasoning clear.

1. [20] Consider the function $f(x) = 1/\sqrt{1+x^2}$ over \mathbb{R} .
 - a. [8] Compute the polynomial of degree at most 7 that interpolates the values $f(x)$ at the uniform nodes $\{-7, -5, -3, -1, 1, 3, 5, 7\}$.
 - b. [8] Compute the polynomial of degree at most 7 that interpolates the values $f(x)$ at the Chebyshev nodes $\{8r : T_8(r) = 0\}$.
 - c. [4] Plot $f(x)$ and these two interpolants over the interval $[-8, 8]$. Which interpolant gives a better approximation to $f(x)$ over $[-8, 8]$? Why?
2. [20] Let $\phi(t) = \text{hat}(t)$, where the “hat” function is defined over \mathbb{R} by

$$\text{hat}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - |t| & \text{for } t \in (-1, 1), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This function satisfies the *interpolation condition*,

$$\phi(0) = 1, \quad \phi(k) = 0 \quad \text{for every } k \in \mathbb{Z} - \{0\}.$$

Define $\phi_k : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $\phi_k(t) = \phi(t - k)$. Let $\{c_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ be any real sequence over \mathbb{Z} . For every $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $m \leq n$ define $u_{mn} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$u_{mn}(t) = \sum_{k=m}^n c_k \phi_k(t).$$

The set $\{u_{mn} : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, m \leq n\}$ has the *Cauchy property* with respect to a norm $\|\cdot\|$ if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $N_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for every $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $m \leq n$ we have

$$n \leq -N_\epsilon \quad \text{or} \quad N_\epsilon \leq m \quad \implies \quad \|u_{mn}\| < \epsilon.$$

Consider the $L^4(\mathbb{R})$ norm defined by

$$\|v\|_{L^4(\mathbb{R})} = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} |v(t)|^4 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}.$$

- a. [4] Evaluate

$$\|u_{mn}\|_{L^4(\mathbb{R})}^4 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |u_{mn}(t)|^4 dt.$$

- b. [8] Show that

$$\frac{1}{5} \sum_{k=m}^n |c_k|^4 \leq \|u_{mn}\|_{L^4(\mathbb{R})}^4 \leq \sum_{k=m}^n |c_k|^4.$$

- c. [8] Prove that $\{u_{mn} : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, m \leq n\}$ has the Cauchy property with respect to the $L^4(\mathbb{R})$ norm if and only if

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_k|^4 < \infty.$$

3. [20] The Haar wavelet function $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is

$$\psi(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } t \in [0, \frac{1}{2}), \\ -1 & \text{for } t \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It has a primitive $\Psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$\Psi(t) = \begin{cases} \min\{t, 1-t\} & \text{for } t \in (0, 1), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For each $j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ define $\psi_{jk} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\Psi_{jk} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\psi_{jk}(t) = 2^{\frac{j}{2}} \psi(2^j t - k), \quad \Psi_{jk}(t) = 2^{-\frac{j}{2}} \Psi(2^j t - k).$$

Let $S \subset L^2([0, 1])$ be given by

$$S = \{\psi_{jk} : j \in \{0, 1, \dots\}, k \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^j - 1\}\}.$$

Problem 1 of Homework 10 showed that S is an orthonormal set in $L^2([0, 1])$ that is orthogonal to every constant function. For every $J \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ let $\mathcal{P}_J : L^2([0, 1]) \rightarrow L^2([0, 1])$ be the orthogonal projection given by

$$\mathcal{P}_J u(t) = \langle 1, u \rangle + \sum_{j=0}^{J-1} \sum_{k=0}^{2^j-1} \langle \psi_{jk}, u \rangle \psi_{jk}(t) \quad \text{for every } u \in L^2([0, 1]).$$

Let $b \in (0, 1)$ and set $v(t) = \chi_{[0, b)}(t)$ where

$$\chi_{[0, b)}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t \in [0, b), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

a. [8] Show for every $J \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ that

$$\mathcal{P}_J v(t) = b + \sum_{j=0}^{J-1} \min\{2^j b - \lfloor 2^j b \rfloor, \lceil 2^j b \rceil - 2^j b\} \psi(2^j t - \lfloor 2^j b \rfloor),$$

where $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$ and $\lceil \cdot \rceil$ denote the “floor” and “ceiling” functions, which are defined for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\lfloor x \rfloor = \max\{k \in \mathbb{Z} : k \leq x\}, \quad \lceil x \rceil = \min\{k \in \mathbb{Z} : x \leq k\}.$$

b. [8] Use induction on J to prove for every $J \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ that

$$\mathcal{P}_J v(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } t \in [0, \underline{b}_J), \\ 2^J b - \lfloor 2^J b \rfloor & \text{for } t \in [\underline{b}_J, \bar{b}_J), \\ 0 & \text{for } t \in [\bar{b}_J, 1), \end{cases}$$

where $\underline{b}_J = \lfloor 2^J b \rfloor / 2^J$ and $\bar{b}_J = \lceil 2^J b \rceil / 2^J$.

c. [4] Show for every $J \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ that

$$\|\mathcal{P}_J v - v\|_{L^2([0, 1])}^2 = \frac{(\lceil 2^J b \rceil - 2^J b)(2^J b - \lfloor 2^J b \rfloor)}{2^J} \leq \frac{1}{2^{J+2}}.$$

4. [20] The Haar scaling function $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and wavelet function $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are

$$\phi(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } t \in [0, 1), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \psi(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } t \in [0, \frac{1}{2}), \\ -1 & \text{for } t \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

They satisfy the two-scale relations

$$\phi(t) = \phi(2t) + \phi(2t - 1), \quad \psi(t) = \phi(2t) - \phi(2t - 1).$$

For every $j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ define $\phi_{jk} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\psi_{jk} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\phi_{jk}(t) = 2^{\frac{j}{2}} \phi(2^j t - k), \quad \psi_{jk}(t) = 2^{\frac{j}{2}} \psi(2^j t - k).$$

For every $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ define the subspaces V_j and W_j by

$$V_j = \overline{\text{span}}\{\phi_{jk} : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \quad W_j = \overline{\text{span}}\{\psi_{jk} : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

a. [8] Show for every $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ that V_j and W_j are orthogonal subspaces.

b. [8] Show for every $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ that

$$V_{j+1} = V_j + W_j = \{v + w : v \in V_j, w \in W_j\}.$$

c. [4] Show for every $j \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ that

$$V_{j+1} = V_0 + W_0 + \cdots + W_j.$$

5. [20] Let $\mathcal{F} : L^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R})$ denote the Fourier transform given by

$$\mathcal{F}u(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-i2\pi\xi t} u(t) dt \quad \text{for every } u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}).$$

Let $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the function given by

$$\psi(t) = 2 \operatorname{sinc}(2t) - \operatorname{sinc}(t).$$

For every $j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ define $\psi_{jk} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $\psi_{jk}(t) = 2^{\frac{j}{2}} \psi(2^j t - k)$.

a. [4] Compute $\mathcal{F}\psi(\xi)$. You can use the fact that

$$\mathcal{F}\operatorname{sinc}(\xi) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } |\xi| < \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{for } |\xi| = \frac{1}{2}, \\ 0 & \text{for } |\xi| > \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$$

b. [4] Compute

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{|\mathcal{F}\psi(\xi)|^2}{\xi} d\xi.$$

c. [4] For every $j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ compute $\mathcal{F}\psi_{jk}(\xi)$.

d. [8] Show that $\{\psi_{jk} : j, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is an orthonormal set in $L^2(\mathbb{R})$.