

Math 222 HW5 Due Wednesday, Dec. 2 before class (strict deadline!)

Note: In problems 1 and 2, do not use any functions we developed for interpolation, polynomial evaluation, or least squares; you should be able to do it the command window (or via a script file) using only built-in MATLAB commands.

1. Interpolate the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$  on the interval  $[0, 1]$  at the points  $0, 0.2, 0.4, \dots, 1$ . On the same figure plot  $f(x)$ ,  $p(x)$  (the interpolant), and the datapoints. On a separate figure, plot  $f(x) - p(x)$

2. Find a least-squares polynomial fit of the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$  on the interval  $[0, 1]$ , obtained by sampling the function at the values  $x = 0, .01, .02, \dots, .99, 1$ . Use the same degree polynomial as was used in problem 1. On the same figure, plot  $f(x)$  and  $p(x)$  (the least squares fit). On a separate figure, plot  $f(x) - p(x)$ . Which polynomial, the interpolant from problem 1 or the least squares approximation from problem 2, seems to give the better approximation?

3. Adapt the function `cubeinterp.m` as follows: Recall that we are given  $(x, y)$  data from a function and then, given a value  $t$ , we approximate  $f(t)$  with a value  $s$  obtained by interpolating the data  $(x, y)$  at the four datapoints nearest  $t$ . What I'd like you to do is: First, check whether  $t$  is represented among the datapoints  $x$ , and if it is,  $s$  should be the corresponding  $y$ .

Also: if there is only one datapoint to the left of  $t$ , i.e.  $x(1) < t < x(2)$ , then you use the points  $x(1:4)$  to interpolate and if there is only one datapoint to the right of  $t$ , i.e.  $x(n-1) < t < x(n)$  then you use the points  $x((n-3):n)$  to interpolate.

Test your function out on an example, e.g.  $f(x) = \sin x$  on  $[0, \pi]$  where  $x = 0 : \pi/20 : \pi$ .

4. Plot the surface  $z = f(x, y) = x^2 + 3xy + y^2$  for  $-2 \leq x \leq 2$ ,  $-2 \leq y \leq 2$ .

5. Plot the surface  $z = r^2 e^{-r}$  for  $0 \leq r \leq 2$ .