

# 14. LINEAR AND NONLINEAR APPROXIMATION

## 14.1 General Linear Approximation

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%%% Example 14.1: Approximate values (x(i),y(i)), pro i=1,2,...,N
%%% by a function f(x)=a(1)*x^3+a(2)*x
% Definition of given values
x=[0 0.2 0.5 0.7 0.8 1 1.2 1.6 1.9 2]';
y=[0 0.2 0.6 1.0 1.3 2 2.9 5.7 8.8 10]';
% Definition of the matrix of normal equations and its solution
A=[x.^3 x]; a=A\y
% Plot of given and approximation values
xx=0:0.05:2; f=a(1)*xx.^3+a(2)*xx; plot(xx,y,'or',xx,f); grid on
xlabel('x'); ylabel('y'); title('APPROXIMATION');
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## 14.2 Nonlinear Approximation and Gradient Method

**Problem statement:** Approximation of given values  $\{x(i), y(i)\}_{i=1}^N$  by a function  $f(\mathbf{a}, x)$  of parameters  $\mathbf{a} = \{a(j)\}_{j=1}^M$

*Solution:* 1. Statement of the mean square error evaluation:

$$S(\mathbf{a}) = \sum_{i=1}^N (f(\mathbf{a}, x(i)) - y(i))^2 \quad (2)$$

2. Coefficients estimation: coefficients  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\alpha$  and loop including
3. Gradient evaluation  $DA1 = \partial(S)/\partial(a(1))$ ;  $DA2 = \partial(S)/\partial(a(2))$ ; ...
4. Update of coefficients:  $a(1) = a(1) - \alpha * DA1$ ;  $a(2) = a(2) - \alpha * DA2$ ; ...

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%%% Example 13.2: Approximate values (x(i),y(i)), pro i=1,2,...,N
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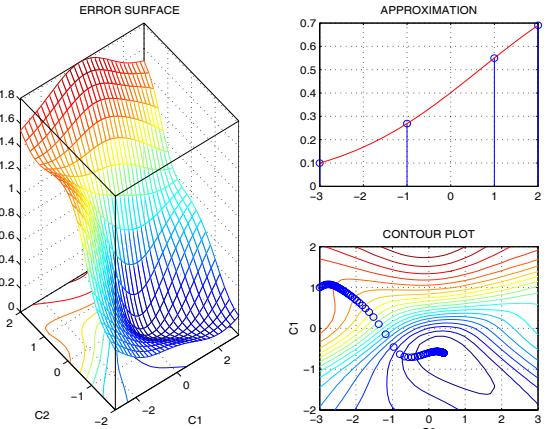
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%%% by a function f(x)=f(x)=1/(exp(c1*x+c2)+1)
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% Definition of given values and error surface plot
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x=[-3 -1 1 2]'; y=1./(exp(-0.6*x+0.4)+1);
C1=-2:0.2:2; C2=-3:0.2:3;
for i=1:length(C1); for j=1:length(C2)
    S(i,j)=sum((y-fa([C1(i),C2(j)],x)).^2); end; end
% Solution by gradient method
c10(1)=1; c20(1)=-3; alpha=0.8; M=250; plot(c20,c10,'o');
for k=1:M
    dc1=sum((y-fa([c10(k),c20(k)],x)).*...
        exp(c10(k)*x+c20(k))./(exp(c10(k)*x+c20(k))+1).^2 .*x);
    dc2=sum((y-fa([c10(k),c20(k)],x)).*...
        (exp(c10(k)*x+c20(k)))./(exp(c10(k)*x+c20(k))+1).^2);
    if(abs(dc1)+abs(dc2)<0.000001), break; end;
    c10(k+1)=c10(k)-alpha*dc1; c20(k+1)=c20(k)-alpha*dc2;
end
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% Plot of given and approximation values
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subplot(1,2,1); meshc(C2,C1,S); axis tight
subplot(2,2,4); contour(C2,C1,S,50);
hold on; plot(c20,c10,'o'); hold off
subplot(2,2,2); stem(x,y); hold on;
xx=min(x):0.1:max(x); plot(xx,fa([c10(end), c20(end)],xx),'r'); hold off;
grid on;
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function f=fa(c,x)
f=1./(exp(c(1)*x+c(2))+1);
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## EXAMPLES 14

### 14.1 Approximate given sequence

$$\begin{aligned} x &= [0.3 \ 0.4 \ 0.6 \ 0.9 \ 1.5 \ 2]' \\ y &= [0.4 \ 0.6 \ 1.0 \ 1.7 \ 3.8 \ 6]' \end{aligned}$$

by a function  $f(x) = x + a(2) * x^2$  and plot results

# 15. STATISTICAL DATA ANALYSIS

## 15.1 Basic statistical characteristics

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%%% Example 14.1: For the set of given values (x(i),y(i)), i=1,2,...,N evaluate  
%%%      their mean value, standard deviation, and correlation coefficient
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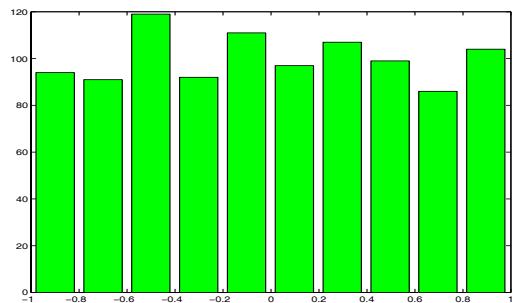
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% Definition of given values  
x=[0 0.2 0.5 0.7 0.8 1 1.2 1.6 1.9 2]';  
y=x+0.1*rands(10,1);  
% Evaluation  
[mean(x) mean(y)]  
[std(x) std(y)]  
corrcoef(x,y)
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%%% Example 15.2: Evaluate and plot the histogram of distribution of  
%%% random values rands(1000,1)
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[h,x]=hist(rands(1000,1));  
bar(x,h,'g')
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COMMANDS

MEAN  
STD  
CORRCOEF  
RANDS  
HIST  
BAR



## EXAMPLES 15

15.1 Evaluate basic statistical characteristics of all columns of matrix  $R = rands(100, 5)$

15.2 Analyse distribution of random values generated by function  $R = randn(N, 1)$  for a chosen number  $N$  of its values