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Subject: Fredholm integral equation

Posted by [Gompie](#) on Tue, 01 Jul 2014 17:52:35 GMT

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Dear All,

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-GlanPlon

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Subject: Re: Fredholm integral equation

Posted by [Bill Nel](#) on Tue, 01 Jul 2014 19:46:59 GMT

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On Tuesday, July 1, 2014 1:52:35 PM UTC-4, Gompie wrote:

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If you're willing to discretize your integral equation, there are built-in routines for solving matrix equations, e.g.,

$\text{knownVector} = \text{knownMatrix} \times \text{unknownVector}$

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Subject: Re: Fredholm integral equation

Posted by [Gompie](#) on Wed, 02 Jul 2014 02:52:50 GMT

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Hi

Thanks for the suggestion. I am using Trapezoidal rule to discretize the integral. My x intervals are uneven. I can use any other one too. How to resolve it into two arrays.

GlanPlon

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Subject: Re: Fredholm integral equation  
Posted by [Gompie](#) on Wed, 02 Jul 2014 18:54:07 GMT  
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Thanks once again for the suggestion. I guess the following thing should work.

Trapezoidal rule can be written as

$0.5 * [(x_2 - x_1)f(x_1) + (x_3 - x_1)f(x_2) + (x_4 - x_2)f(x_3) + \dots]$ .

Here  $f(x) = \text{knownfunction} * \text{unknownfunction}$ .

The above expression is a ## multiplication of two vectors hence is representable as a expression you mentioned in your message (i.e knownVector = knownMatrix ## unknownVector)  
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Subject: Re: Fredholm integral equation  
Posted by [Bill Nel](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2014 16:18:03 GMT  
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I may be misunderstanding your problem, but what I meant was that if you have

$$h(x) = \text{Integral\_dy} \{ f(x,y) g(y) \}$$

this can be approximated as

$$h(i \text{ dx}) = (1/dy) \text{ Sum\_over\_j} \{ f(i \text{ dx}, j \text{ dy}) g(j \text{ dy}) \}$$

where  $i = 0, 1, \dots$

$j = 0, 1, \dots$

and  $dx, dy$  are your (equal) grid spacing. This is just a matrix equation

$$h[i] = (1/dy) \ f[i, j] \ g[j]$$

with  $h$  and  $f$  known,  $g$  unknown.

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Subject: Re: Fredholm integral equation

Posted by [Gompie](#) on Mon, 07 Jul 2014 03:52:15 GMT

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Hi

Your idea is correct just that my grid spacing is not equal. So I am using the Trapezoidal rule to integrate.

Gompie.

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