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- ▶  $T_k y = Q_k^T b$  is tridiagonal linear system,  $O(k)$  operations to solve
- ▶ three-term recurrence reduces cost to  $O(k)$   $A$ -multiplications
- ▶ **minimises  $A$ -norm of error**  $x_k = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in Q_k} \|x - x_*\|_A$  ( $Ax_* = b$ ):

$$(x - x_*)^T A(x - x_*) = (Q_k y - x_*)^T A(Q_k y - x_*)$$

$$= y^T (\underbrace{Q_k^T A Q_k}_{> 0}) y - 2b^T Q_k y + b^T x_*$$

GMRES:  $\min_{x \in Q_k} \|Ax - b\|_2$

convex

minimiser is  $y = (Q_k^T A Q_k)^{-1} Q_k^T b$ , so  $Q_k^T(AQ_k y - b) = 0$

- ▶ Note  $\|x\|_A = \sqrt{x^T A x}$  defines a norm (exercise)
- ▶ More generally, for inner-product norm  $\|z\|_M = \sqrt{\langle z, z \rangle_M}$ ,  $\min_{x \in Q_k} \|x_* - x\|_M$  attained when  $\langle q_i, x_* - x \rangle_M = 0$ ,  $\forall q_i$  (cf. Part A NA)  $Q = [q_1 \dots q_k]$

$$\langle x, y \rangle_A = x^T A y$$

## CG algorithm for $Ax = b$ , $A \succ 0$

Set  $x_0 = 0$ ,  $r_0 = -b$ ,  $p_0 = r_0$  and do for  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$\alpha_k = \langle r_k, r_k \rangle / \langle p_k, Ap_k \rangle$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k \quad \leftarrow \text{soln at } k\text{th step}$$

$$r_{k+1} = r_k - \alpha_k \underline{Ap_k}$$

$$\beta_k = \langle r_{k+1}, r_{k+1} \rangle / \langle r_k, r_k \rangle$$

$$p_{k+1} = r_{k+1} + \beta_k p_k$$

where  $r_k = Ax_k - b$  (residual) and  $p_k$  (search direction).

One can show among others (exercise/sheet)

▶  $\mathcal{K}_k(A, b) = \text{span}(r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{k-1}) = \text{span}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$  (also equal to  $\text{span}(p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{k-1})$ )  $\forall k$

▶  $r_j^T r_k = 0$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1$

Thus  $x_k$  is  $k$ th CG solution, satisfying orthogonality  $Q_k^T (Ax_k - b) = 0$

## CG convergence

Let  $e_k := x_* - x_k$ . We have  $e_0 = x_*$  ( $x_0 = 0$ ), and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|e_k\|_A}{\|e_0\|_A} &= \min_{x \in \mathcal{K}_k(A,b)} \|x_k - x_*\|_A / \|x_*\|_A \\ &= \min_{p_{k-1} \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}} \|p_{k-1}(A)b - A^{-1}b\|_A / \|e_0\|_A \\ &= \min_{p_{k-1} \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}} \|(p_{k-1}(A)A - I)e_0\|_A / \|e_0\|_A \\ &= \min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k, p(0)=1} \|p(A)e_0\|_A / \|e_0\|_A \\ &= \min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k, p(0)=1} \left\| V \begin{bmatrix} p(\lambda_1) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & p(\lambda_n) \end{bmatrix} V^T e_0 \right\|_A / \|e_0\|_A \end{aligned}$$

$A = V \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} V^T$

Now (blue)<sup>2</sup> =  $\sum_i \lambda_i p(\lambda_i)^2 (V^T e_0)_i^2 \leq \max_j p(\lambda_j)^2 \sum_i \lambda_i (V^T e_0)_i^2 = \max_j p(\lambda_j)^2 \|e_0\|_A^2$

## CG convergence cont'd

We've shown

$$\frac{\|e_k\|_A}{\|e_0\|_A} \leq \min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k, p(0)=1} \max_j |p(\lambda_j)| \leq \min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k, p(0)=1} \max_{x \in [\lambda_{\min}(A), \lambda_{\max}(A)]} |p(x)|$$

Now

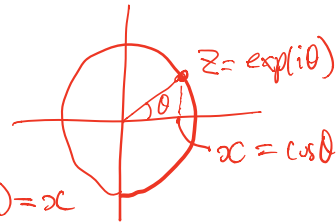
$$\min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k, p(0)=1} \max_{x \in [\lambda_{\min}(A), \lambda_{\max}(A)]} |p(x)| \leq 2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{\kappa_2(A)} - 1}{\sqrt{\kappa_2(A)} + 1} \right)^k$$

- ▶ note  $\kappa_2(A) = \frac{\sigma_{\max}(A)}{\sigma_{\min}(A)} = \frac{\lambda_{\max}(A)}{\lambda_{\min}(A)} (=: \frac{b}{a})$
- ▶ above bound obtained by **Chebyshev polynomials** on  $[\lambda_{\min}(A), \lambda_{\max}(A)]$

# Chebyshev polynomials

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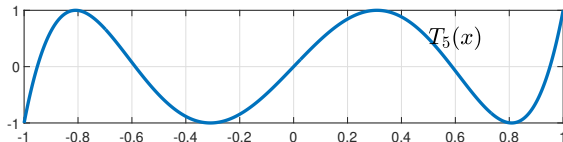
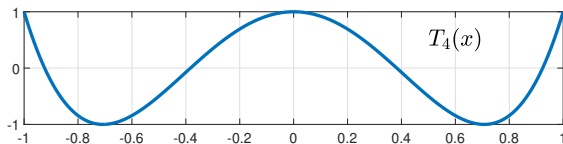
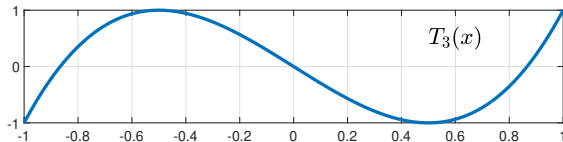
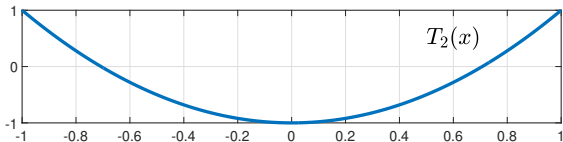
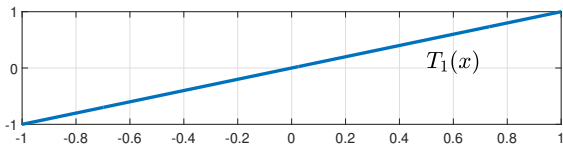
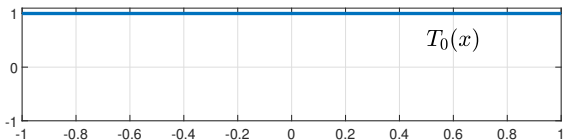
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 $= \operatorname{Re}(z^k)$



$T_0(x) = 1$     $T_1(x) = \frac{1}{2}(z + z^{-1}) = x$

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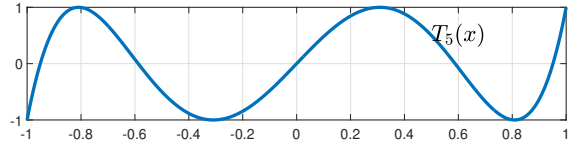
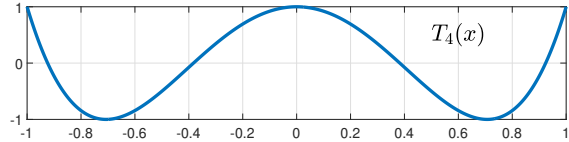
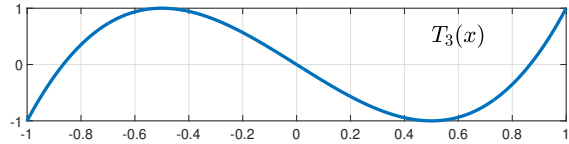
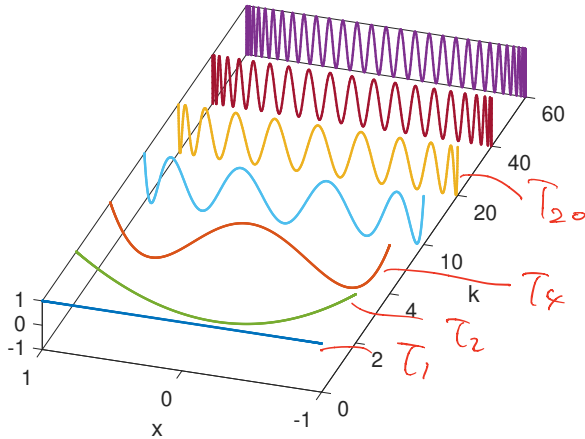


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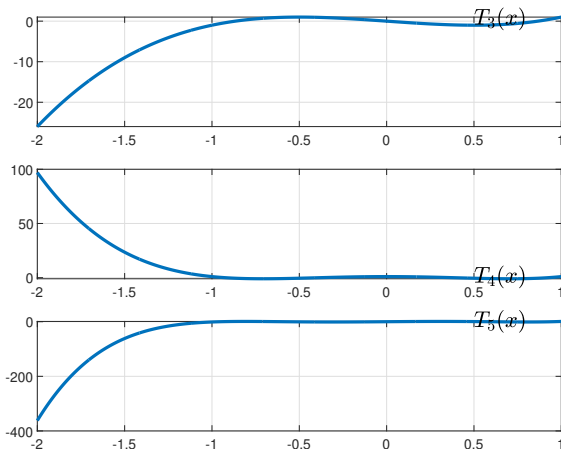
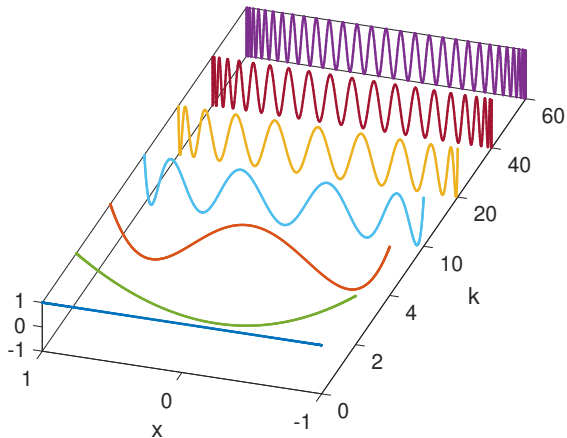


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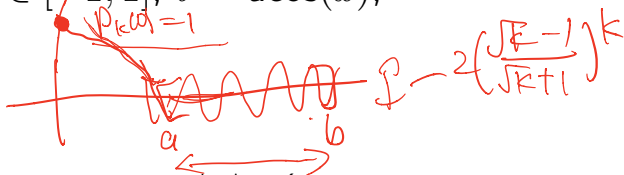




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- ▶ Inside  $[-1, 1]$ ,  $|T_k(x)| \leq 1$
- ▶ Outside  $[-1, 1]$ ,  $|T_k(x)| \gg 1$  grows rapidly with  $|x|$ ,  $k$  (fastest growth among  $\mathcal{P}_k$ )

Shift+scale s.t.  $p(x) = c_k T_k\left(\frac{2x-b-a}{b-a}\right)$  where  $c_k = 1/T_k\left(\frac{-(b+a)}{b-a}\right)$  so  $p(0) = 1$ . Then

- ▶  $|p(x)| \leq 1/|T_k\left(\frac{b+a}{b-a}\right)|$  on  $x \in [a, b]$   $\frac{2x-b-a}{b-a} \in [a, b]$  for  $x \in [a, b]$ .
- ▶  $T_k(z) = \frac{1}{2}(z^k + z^{-k})$  with  $\frac{1}{2}(z + z^{-1}) = \frac{b+a}{b-a} \Rightarrow z = \frac{\sqrt{b/a+1} + 1}{\sqrt{b/a-1} + 1} = \frac{\sqrt{\kappa_2(A)+1}}{\sqrt{\kappa_2(A)-1}}$ , so

$$|p(x)| \leq 1/T_k\left(\frac{b+a}{b-a}\right) \leq 2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{\kappa} + 1}{\sqrt{\kappa} - 1} \right)^k$$

exponentially  
convergent!

For much more about  $T_k$ , see C6.3 Approximation of Functions

# MINRES: symmetric (indefinite) version of GMRES

Recall GMRES

$\lambda_i(A) < 0$  allowed.

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Algorithm: Given  $AQ_k = Q_{k+1}\tilde{H}_k$  and writing  $x = Q_k y$ , rewrite as

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- ▶ Minimised when  $\|\tilde{T}_k y - \tilde{Q}_k^T b\| \rightarrow \min$ ; Hessenberg least-squares problem
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**MINRES** (minimum-residual method) for  $A = A^T$  (but not necessarily  $A \succ 0$ )

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- ▶ Solve via QR ( $k$  Givens rotations)+**tridiagonal** solve,  $O(k)$  in addition to **Lanczos**

## MINRES convergence

As in GMRES,

$$\begin{aligned}\min_{x \in \mathcal{K}_k(A,b)} \|Ax - b\|_2 &= \min_{p_{k-1} \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}} \|Ap_{k-1}(A)b - b\|_2 = \min_{\tilde{p} \in \mathcal{P}_k, \tilde{p}(0)=0} \|(\tilde{p}(A) - I)b\|_2 \\ &= \min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k, p(0)=1} \|p(A)b\|_2\end{aligned}$$

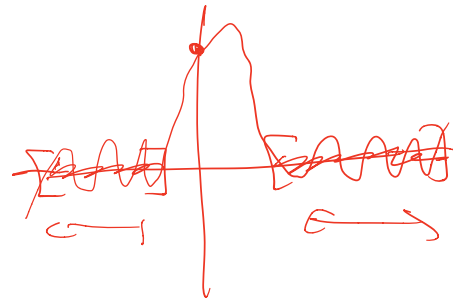
Since  $A = A^T$ ,  $A$  is diagonalisable  $A = Q\Lambda Q^T$  with  $Q$  orthogonal, so

$$\begin{aligned}\|p(A)\|_2 &= \|Qp(\Lambda)Q^T\|_2 \leq \|Q\|_2 \|Q^T\|_2 \|p(\Lambda)\|_2 \\ &= \max_{z \in \lambda(A)} |p(z)|\end{aligned}$$

Interpretation: (again) find polynomial s.t.  $p(0) = 1$  and  $|p(\lambda_i)|$  small

# MINRES convergence cont'd

$$\frac{\|Ax - b\|_2}{\|b\|_2} \leq \min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k, p(0)=1} \max |p(\lambda_i)|$$

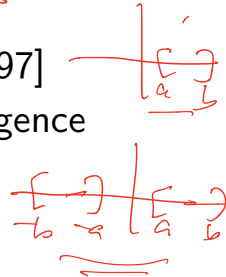


One can prove (nonexaminable)

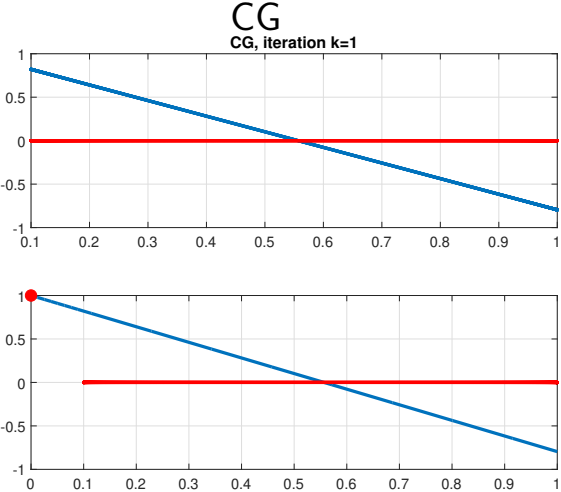
$$\min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k, p(0)=1} \max |p(\lambda_i)| \leq 2 \left( \frac{\kappa_2(A) - 1}{\kappa_2(A) + 1} \right)^{k/2}$$

*much slower than CG w/ same  $\kappa_2(A)$*

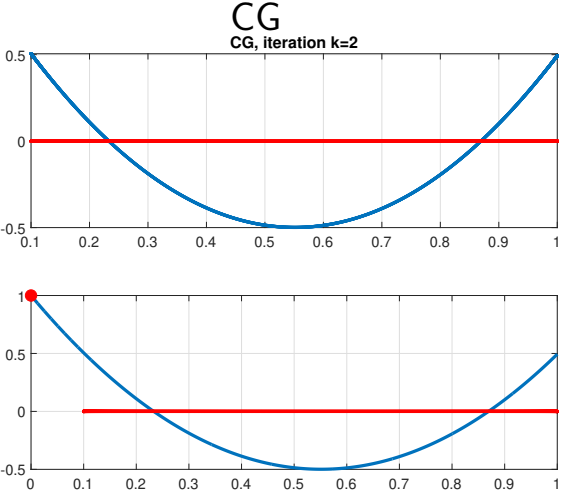
- ▶ obtained by Chebyshev+Möbius change of variables [Greenbaum's book 97]
- ▶ minimisation needed on positive **and** negative sides, hence slower convergence when  $A$  indefinite



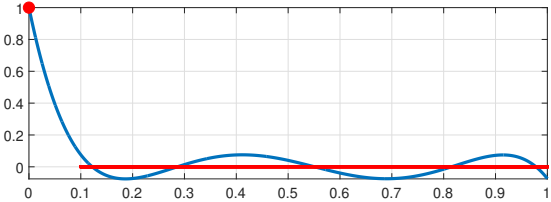
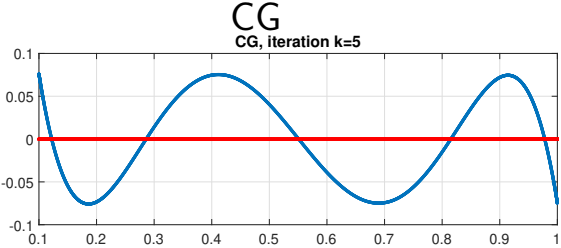
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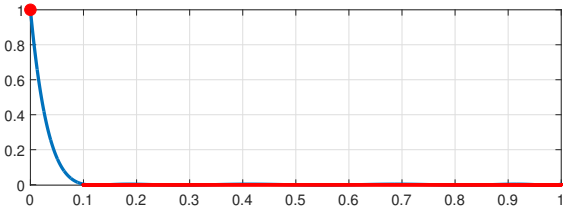
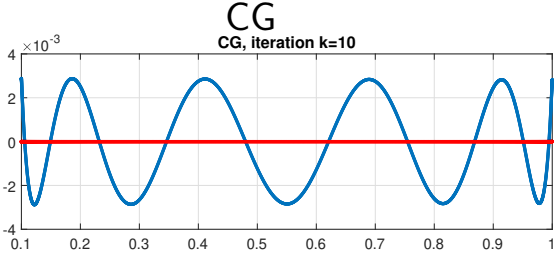


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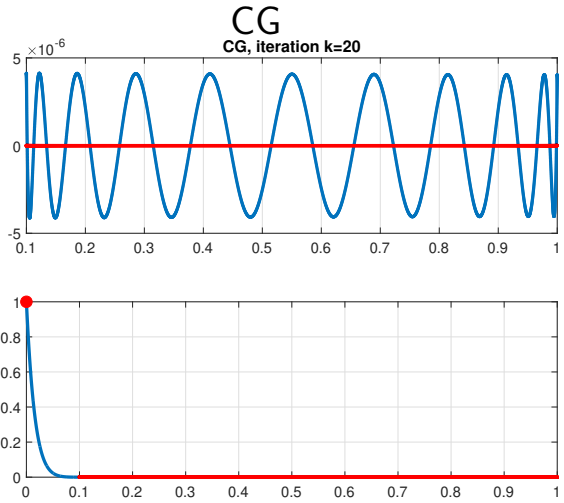




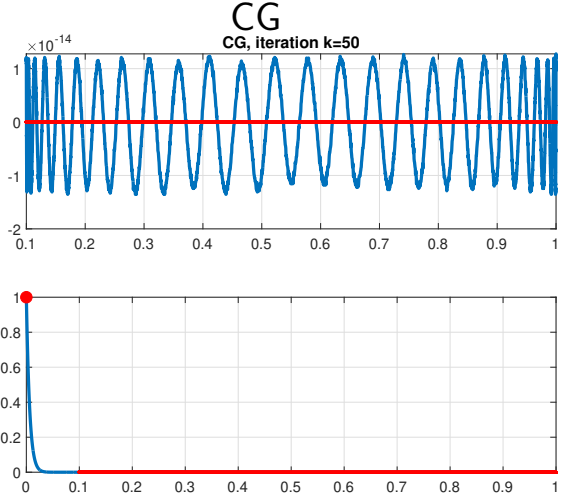
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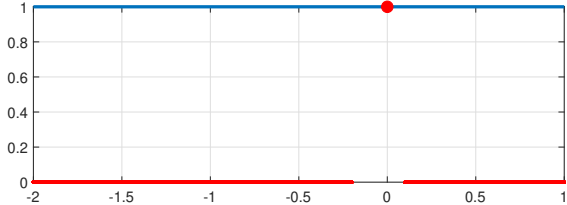
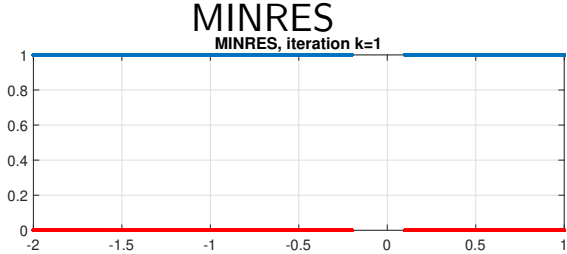
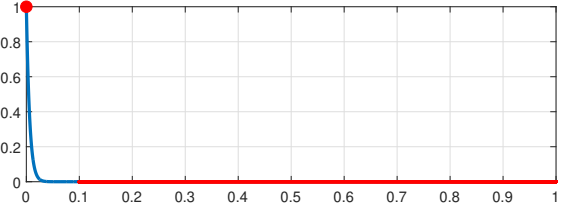
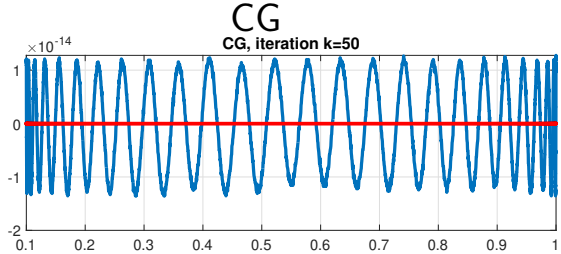
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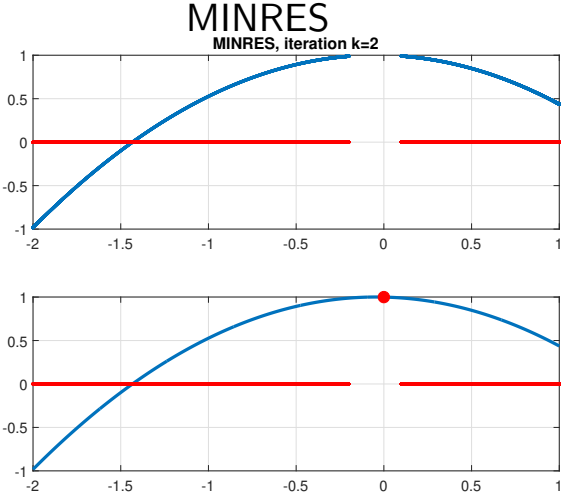
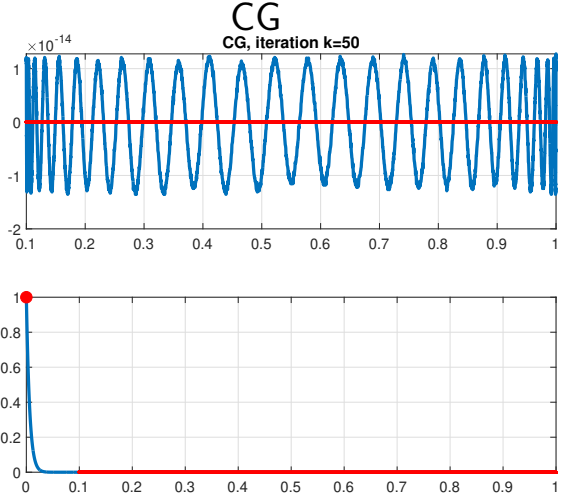
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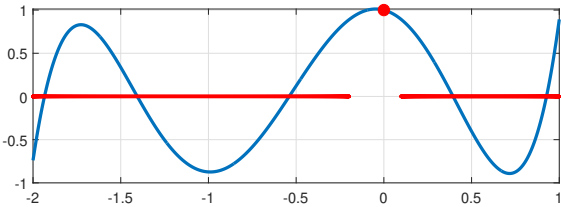
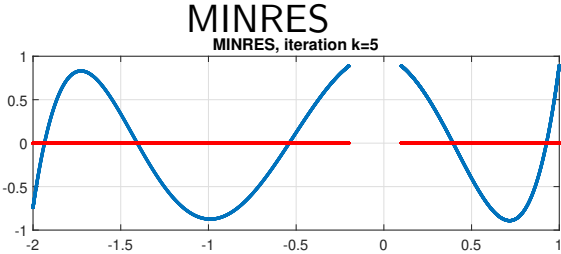
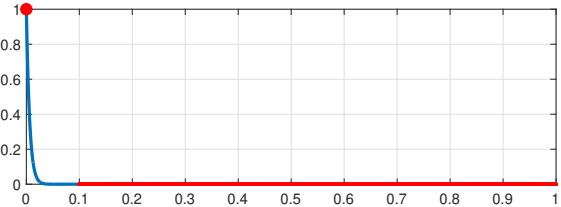
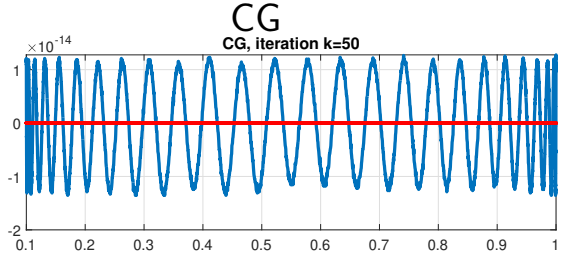
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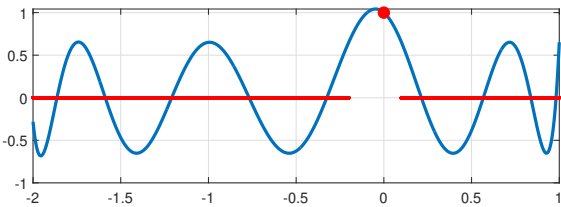
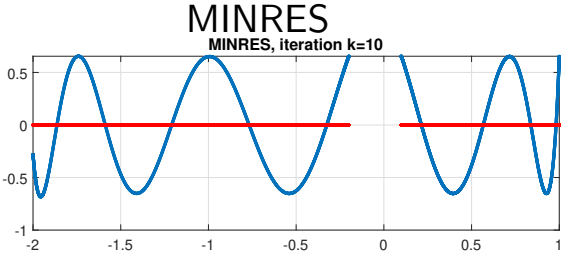
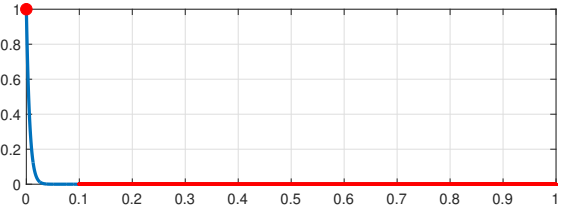
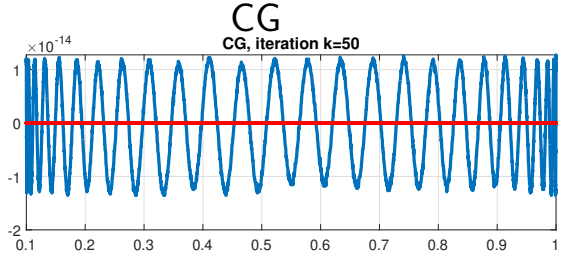
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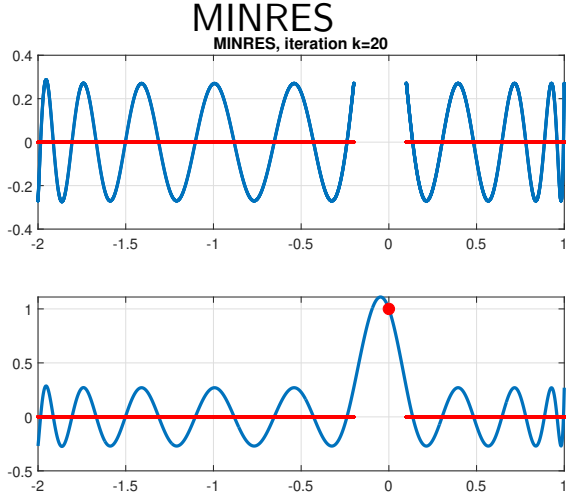
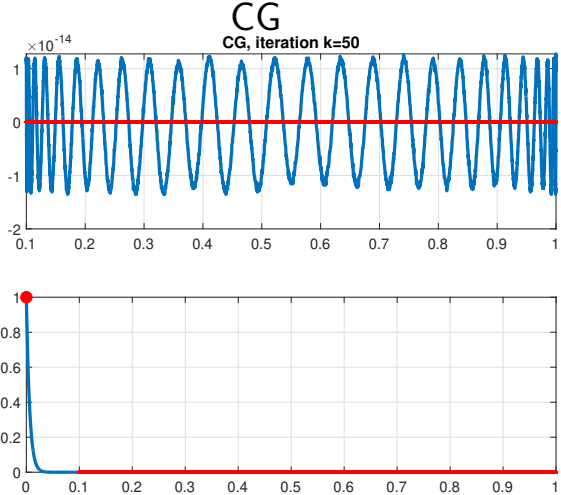
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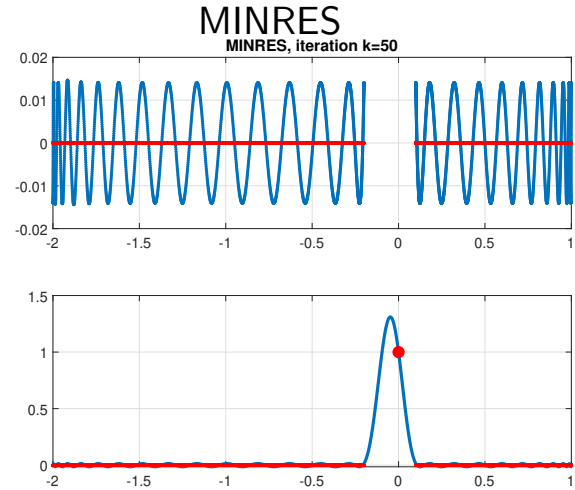
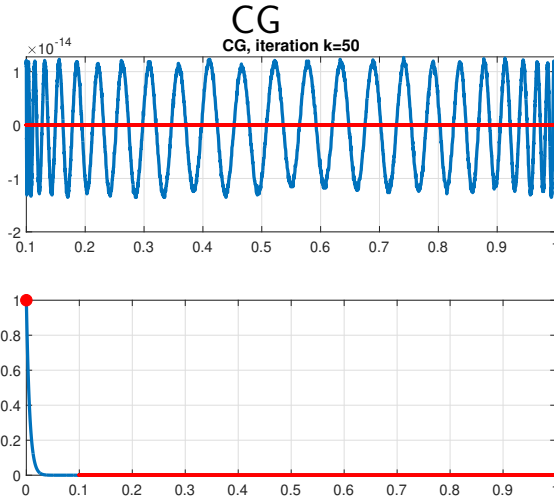


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# CG and MINRES, optimal polynomials



- ▶ CG employs Chebyshev polynomials
- ▶ MINRES is more complicated+slower convergence

# Preconditioned CG/MINRES

$$Ax = b, \quad A \succ 0$$

Find preconditioner  $M$  s.t. “ $M^T M \approx A^{-1}$ ” and solve

$$M^T A M y = M^T b, \quad M y = x$$

As before, desiderata of  $M$ :

- ▶  $M^T A M$  simple to apply
- ▶  $M^T A M$  has clustered eigenvalues

Note that reducing  $\kappa_2(M^T A M)$  directly implies rapid convergence

- ▶ Possible to implement with just  $M^T M$  (no need to find  $M$ )