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Open books, notes, homeworks. You may use calculators or notebooks. Gussed answers are NOT accepted. Good luck!

(10 pt) 1) Determine the maximum error for

$$y = x_1^2 + x_2 x_3$$

where  $x_1 = 1.0 \pm 0.1$ ,  $x_2 = 3.0 \pm 0.1$ ,  $x_3 = 2.0 \pm 0.1$ .

(10 pt) 2) Evaluate the following integral with an absolute error less than  $10^{-7}$

$$\int_{10}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^4 + x^2} dx$$

*Note: You should use an appropriate series expansion of the integrand valid on  $(10, \infty)$ .*

3) Consider the first three *Walsh* functions given by

$$W_0(x) = 1 \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$W_1(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & -1 \leq x < 0 \\ -1 & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$W_2(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & -1 \leq x < -1/2 \\ -1 & -1/2 \leq x < 1/2 \\ 1 & 1/2 \leq x < 1 \end{cases}$$

(10 pt) a) Show that the set  $S = \{W_0, W_1, W_2\}$  form an orthogonal set of functions on  $[-1, 1]$  with respect to the Euclidean (or  $L_2$ -) norm.

(10 pt) b) Find the least-squares approximation to  $f(x) = x$  on  $[-1, 1]$  with respect to the  $L_2$ -norm using the set  $S$  from item a). Then sketch your approximation compared to  $f(x) = x$  on  $[-1, 1]$ .

(10 pt) c) Consider now the set of functions  $V = \{W_0, W_1, W_2, W_3\}$  where  $W_0, W_1, W_2$  are given in item a) and

$$W_3(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & -1 \leq x < -1/2 \\ -1 & -1/2 \leq x < 0 \\ 1 & 0 \leq x < 1/2 \\ -1 & 1/2 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Based on the fact that this additional function  $W_3$  is orthogonal to the set  $S$  given in item a) (You don't need to check this), compute the least-squares approximation to  $f(x) = x$  on  $[-1, 1]$  with respect to the  $L_2$ -norm using the set  $V$ .