

Numerical Analysis

Assignment 9

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Problem 1. Problem 4.16, Page 242

Solution. For each $m < n$, by integration by parts,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\infty e^{-x} x^m \varphi_n(x) dx &= \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int_0^\infty x^m \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (x^n e^{-x}) dx \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \left(x^m \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}} (x^n e^{-x}) \Big|_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty m x^{m-1} \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}} (x^n e^{-x}) dx \right)\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$x^m \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}} (x^n e^{-x}) = e^{-x} N(x),$$

where $N(x)$ is a polynomial of degree $n - 1 + m$, by L'Hospital's Rule we know the first term in the integration is 0. Then by induction we know

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\infty e^{-x} x^m \varphi_n(x) dx &= \frac{(-1)^{n+1} m}{n!} \int_0^\infty x^{m-1} \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}} (x^n e^{-x}) dx \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{n+m} m!}{n!} \int_0^\infty \frac{d^{n-m}}{dx^{n-m}} (x^n e^{-x}) dx \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{n+m} m!}{n!} \frac{d^{n-m}}{dx^{n-m}} \int_0^\infty x^n e^{-x} dx \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{n+m} m!}{n!} \frac{d^{n-m}}{dx^{n-m}} (n!) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

In the deduction we used the property that $f(x) = x^n e^{-x}$ is absolutely continuous. Since $\varphi_m(x)$ is a polynomial of degree $m < n$, we know

$$(\varphi_n(x), \varphi_m(x)) = 0, \text{ and } (\varphi_n(x), \varphi_n(x)) \neq 0.$$

Hence $\{\varphi_n(x)\}$ is a family of orthogonal polynomials.

Problem 2. Problem 4.18, Page 242

Solution. First, we derive c_n . Multiply both sides of (4.4.21) by $w(x)\varphi_{n-1}(x)$, and then integrate, we get

$$\int w \varphi_{n+1} \varphi_{n-1} dx = \int a_n w x \varphi_n \varphi_{n-1} + \int b_n w \varphi_n \varphi_{n-1} - c_n \int w \varphi_{n-1}^2.$$

Using the orthogonality of φ_n , the left side is 0, and the second term of right side is 0. Then

$$a_n \int w x \varphi_n \varphi_{n-1} = c_n \int w \varphi_{n-1}^2.$$

Since

$$a_n \int w x \varphi_n \varphi_{n-1} = a_n \int w \varphi_n (A_{n-1} x^n + B_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots) = a_n \int w \varphi_n A_{n-1} x^n = a_n \frac{A_{n-1}}{A_n} \int w \varphi_n^2,$$

we have

$$c_n = \frac{a_n A_{n-1} \gamma_n}{A_n \gamma_{n-1}} = \frac{A_{n+1} A_{n-1} \gamma_n}{A_n^2 \gamma_{n-1}}.$$

Now we consider b_n . Multiply both sides of (4.4.21) by $w(x)\varphi_n(x)$, then integrate both sides, we get

$$\int w\varphi_{n+1}\varphi_n = \int a_n w x \varphi_n^2 + \int b_n w \varphi_n^2 - \int c_n w \varphi_{n-1}\varphi_n.$$

Using orthogonality, we get

$$\int a_n w x \varphi_n^2 + \int b_n w \varphi_n^2 = 0.$$

The first term can be wrote as

$$\begin{aligned} \int a_n w x \varphi_n^2 &= a_n \int w (A_n x^{n+1} + B_n x + \cdots) \varphi_n = a_n \int w \left(\frac{A_n}{A_{n+1}} \varphi_{n+1} - \frac{A_n B_{n+1} - A_{n+1} B_n}{A_{n+1}} x^n + \cdots \right) \varphi_n \\ &= a_n \int w \left(B_n - \frac{A_n}{A_{n+1}} B_{n+1} \right) x^n \varphi_n = a_n \int w \frac{1}{A_n} \left(B_n - \frac{A_n}{A_{n+1}} B_{n+1} \right) \varphi_n^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$a_n \left(\frac{B_n}{A_n} - \frac{B_{n+1}}{A_{n+1}} \right) \gamma_n + b_n \gamma_n = 0,$$

we know

$$b_n = a_n \left(\frac{B_{n+1}}{A_{n+1}} - \frac{B_n}{A_n} \right).$$

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