

Numerical Integration

01. Recall the 2 and 3-point Gauss quadrature rules for the integral $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx$

$$G_2(f) = f\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad G_3(f) = \frac{5}{9} f\left(-\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}\right) + \frac{8}{9} f(0) + \frac{5}{9} f\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}\right)$$

Use $G_2(f)$ and $G_3(f)$ to compute an approximate value of each of the following integrals

- a. $\int_0^1 e^{-t} dt$. Compare with the exact value $1 - e^{-1}$
 - b. $\int_0^{\pi/4} \cos^2(t) dx$. Compare with the exact value $\frac{\pi - 2}{8}$
 - c. $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{t^4 + 1} dt$. Compare with the exact value $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} (\pi + \ln(3 + \sqrt{2}))$
 - d. $\int_0^1 \frac{\sin(t)}{t} dt$. Compare with the exact value $1.758\,203\,138 \dots$
02. The Fresnel Sine Integral is defined by $S(x) = \int_0^x \sin\left(\frac{\pi t^2}{2}\right) dt$.

Use the three-point Gauss integration rule

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(t) dt \approx \frac{5}{9} f(-\sqrt{3/5}) + \frac{8}{9} f(0) + \frac{5}{9} f(\sqrt{3/5})$$

to evaluate $S(1)$. In MATLAB, the Fresnel Sine Integral function is implemented as `fresnels(x)`. Compare your value to `fresnels(1)`.

03. Based on the lecture, the nodes of the n -point Gauss quadrature rule are the roots of the degree- n Legendre polynomial, defined by the recurrence formula

$$\begin{cases} P_0(x) = 1, & P_1(x) = x \\ P_n(x) = \frac{2n-1}{n} P_{n-1}(x) - \frac{n-1}{n} P_{n-2}(x), & n = 2, 3, 4, \dots \end{cases}$$

and the corresponding weights are solutions of the system

$$\begin{cases} w_1 & +w_2 & +\dots & +w_n & = \int_{-1}^1 1 \, dx \\ x_1 w_1 & +x_2 w_2 & +\dots & +x_n w_n & = \int_{-1}^1 x \, dx \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_1^{n-1} w_1 & +x_2^{n-1} w_2 & +\dots & +x_n^{n-1} w_n & = \int_{-1}^1 x^{n-1} \, dx \end{cases}$$

Find the 4-point and the 5-point Gauss quadrature rules for the integral $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx$.

- 04.** Derive an integration rule of the form

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^2 f(x) dx \approx w_1 f(x_1) + w_2 f(x_2) = G_{2,x^2}(f)$$

that will be exact when $f(x)$ is a polynomial of degree up to 3. The integration rule $G_{2,x^2}(f)$ is called a 2-point **weighted** Gauss quadrature rule, with weight x^2 .

- 05.** Find the 3-point and the 4-point weighted Gauss integration rule with weight x^2 for the integral $\int_{-1}^1 x^2 f(x) dx$, i.e.,

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^2 f(x) dx \approx w_1 f(x_1) + w_2 f(x_2) + w_3 f(x_3)$$

and

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^2 f(x) dx \approx w_1 f(x_1) + w_2 f(x_2) + w_3 f(x_3) + w_4 f(x_4)$$

What is the degree of precision of each?