

Orthogonal Polynomials

The stochastic discretization of random variables involves global polynomials that are orthogonal with respect to the involved random distribution of the y_m . These polynomials can be generated by some recurrence relation with coefficients that depend on the distribution.

Recurrence relations

Orthogonal polynomials H_n with respect to some weight function ω , i.e.,

$$\int_{\Gamma} \omega(y) H_n(y) H_m(y) dy = N_{nm}^2 \delta_{nm}$$

where

$$N_{nn} := \int_{\Gamma} H_n^2 \omega = \int_{\Gamma} \omega(y) H_n(y) H_n(y) dy$$

satisfy the three-term recurrence relation

$$\begin{aligned} H_{n+2}(y) &= (a_n y - b_n) H_{n+1}(y) - c_n H_n(y) \end{aligned}$$

initialized by $H_0 = 0$ and $H_1 = 1$.

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Legendre Polynomials (uniform distribution)

For the weight function $\omega(y) = 1/2$ in the interval $[-1, 1]$ (uniform distribution), take $a_n = (2n+1)/(n+1)$, $b_n = 0$ and $c_n = n/(n+1)$. The norms of the resulting Legendre polynomials are given by

$$\int_{\Gamma} H_n^2 \omega = \frac{2}{2n+1}$$

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Hermite Polynomials (normal distribution)

For the weight function $\omega(y) = \exp(-y^2/2)/(2\pi)$ (normal distribution), take $a_n = 1$, $b_n = 0$ and $c_n = n$. Then, the first six polynomials read

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\begin{aligned}
H_0 &= 0 \\
H_1 &= 1 \\
H_2 &= y \\
H_3 &= y^2 - 1 \\
H_4 &= y^3 - 3y \\
H_5 &= y^4 - 6y^2 + 3 \\
\end{aligned}
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and their norms are given by

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H_n^2 \omega = n!$$

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