

## Problem Sheet 11

### Problem 1 Efficient quadrature of singular integrands (core problem)

This problem deals with efficient numerical quadrature of non-smooth integrands with a special structure. Before you tackle this problem, read about regularization of integrands by transformation [1, Rem. 5.3.45].

Our task is to develop quadrature formulas for integrals of the form:

$$W(f) := \int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{1-t^2} f(t) dt, \quad (66)$$

where  $f$  possesses an analytic extension to a complex neighbourhood of  $[-1, 1]$ .

(1a) ☐ The provided function

```
1 QuadRule gauleg(unsigned int n);
```


returns a structure `QuadRule` containing nodes  $(x_j)$  and weights  $(w_j)$  of a Gauss-Legendre quadrature ( $\rightarrow$  [1, Def. 5.3.28]) on  $[-1, 1]$  with  $n$  nodes. Have a look at the file `gauleg.hpp` and `gauleg.cpp`, and understand how the implementation works and how to use it.


HINT: Learn/remember how linking works in C++. To use the function `gauleg` (declared in `gauleg.hpp` and defined in `gauleg.cpp`) in a file `file.cpp`, first include the header file `gauleg.hpp` in the file `file.cpp`, and then compile and link the files `gauleg.cpp` and `file.cpp`. Using `gcc`:

```
1 g++ [compiler opts.] -c gauleg.cpp
2 g++ [compiler opts.] -c file.cpp
3 g++ [compiler opts.] gauleg.o file.o -o exec_name
```

If you want to use CMake, have a look at the file `CMakeLists.txt`.

**Solution:** See documentation in `gauleg.hpp` and `gauleg.cpp`.

(1b)  Study [1, § 5.3.37] in order to learn about the convergence of Gauss-Legendre quadrature.

(1c)  Based on the function `gauleg`, implement a C++ function

```
1  template <class func>
2  double quadsingint(func&& f, unsigned int n);
```

that approximately evaluates (66) using  $2n$  evaluations of  $f$ . An object of type `func` must provide an evaluation operator

```
1  double operator (double t) const;
```

For the quadrature error asymptotic exponential convergence to zero for  $n \rightarrow \infty$  must be ensured by your function.

HINT: A C++ lambda function provides such operator.

HINT: You may use the classical binomial formula  $\sqrt{1-t^2} = \sqrt{1-t}\sqrt{1+t}$ .

HINT: You can use the template `quadsingint_template.cpp`.

**Solution:** Exploiting the hint, we see that the integrand is non-smooth in  $\pm 1$ .

The first possible solution is the following (I): we split the integration domain  $[-1, 1]$  in  $[0, 1]$  and  $[-1, 0]$ . Applying the substitution  $s = \sqrt{1 \pm t}$  (sign depending on which part of the integrals considered),  $t = \pm(s^2 - 1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} W(f) &:= \int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{1-t^2} f(t) dt = \int_{-1}^0 \sqrt{1-t^2} f(t) dt + \int_0^1 \sqrt{1-t^2} f(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 2 \cdot s^2 \sqrt{2-s^2} f(-s^2+1) ds + \int_0^1 2 \cdot s^2 \sqrt{2-s^2} f(s^2-1) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Notice how the resulting integrand is analytic in a neighbourhood of the domain of integration because, for instant,  $t \mapsto \sqrt{1+t}$  is analytic in a neighborhood of  $[0, 1]$ .

Alternatively (II), one may use the trigonometric substitution  $t = \sin s$ , with  $\frac{dt}{ds} = \cos s$

obtaining

$$\begin{aligned} W(f) &:= \int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{1-t^2} f(t) dt \\ &= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \sqrt{1-\sin^2 s} f(\sin s) \cos s ds = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos^2 s f(\sin s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

This integrand is also analytic. The C++ implementation is in `quadsingint.cpp`.

**(1d)** □ Give formulas for the nodes  $c_j$  and weights  $\tilde{w}_j$  of a  $2n$ -point quadrature rule on  $[-1, 1]$ , whose application to the integrand  $f$  will produce the same results as the function `quadsingint` that you implemented in (1c).

**Solution:** Let  $(x_j, w_j)$  be the original Gauss nodes and weights.

Using substitution (I): the nodes are mapped from  $x_j$  in  $[-1, 1]$  to  $c_j$  for  $j \in 0, \dots, 2n-1$  in  $[-1, 1]$  as follows:

$$c_j = \begin{cases} (x_j + 1)^2/4 - 1 & j \text{ even} \\ -(x_j + 1)^2/4 + 1 & j \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

The weights  $\tilde{w}_j, j = 0, \dots, n-1$ , become:

$$\tilde{w}_{2j} = \tilde{w}_{2j+1} = w_j x_j^2 \sqrt{2 - x_j^2}.$$

Using substitution (II): the nodes are mapped from  $x_j$  to  $c_j$  as follows:

$$c_j = \sin(x_j \pi/2)$$

The weights  $\tilde{w}_j, j = 0, \dots, n-1$ , become:

$$\tilde{w}_j = w_j \cos^2(x_j \pi/2) \pi/2.$$

**(1e)** □ Tabulate the quadrature error:

$$|W(f) - \text{quadsingint}(f, n)|$$

for  $f(t) := \frac{1}{2+\exp(3t)}$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots, 25$ . Estimate the  $0 < q < 1$  in the decay law of exponential convergence, see [1, Def. 4.1.31].

**Solution:** The convergence is exponential with both methods. The C++ implementation is in `quadsingint.cpp`.

## Problem 2 Nested numerical quadrature

A laser beam has intensity

$$I(x, y) = \exp(-\alpha((x - p)^2 + (y - q)^2))$$

on the plane orthogonal to the direction of the beam.

(2a)  Write down the radiant power absorbed by the triangle


$$\Delta := \{(x, y)^T \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x \geq 0, y \geq 0, x + y \leq 1\}$$

as a double integral.

HINT: The radiant power absorbed by a surface is the integral of the intensity over the surface.

**Solution:** The radiant power absorbed by  $\Delta$  can be written as:

$$\int_{\Delta} I(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-y} I(x, y) dx dy.$$

(2b)  Write a C++ function


```
1 template <class func>
2 double evalgaussquad(double a, double b, func&& f, const
    QuadRule & Q);
```

that evaluates an the  $N$ -point quadrature for an integrand passed in  $f$  in  $[a, b]$ . It should rely on the quadrature rule on the reference interval  $[-1, 1]$  that supplied through an object of type `QuadRule`. (The vectors `weights` and `nodes` denote the weights and nodes of the reference quadrature rule respectively.)

HINT: Use the function `gauleg` declared in `gauleg.hpp` and defined in `gauleg.cpp` to compute nodes and weights in  $[-1, 1]$ . See Problem 1 for further explanations.

HINT: You can use the template `laserquad_template.cpp`.

**Solution:** See `laserquad.cpp` and `CMakeLists.txt`.

(2c)  Write a C++ function

```

1 template <class func>
2 double gaussquadtriangle(func&& f, int N)

```

for the computation of the integral

$$\int_{\Delta} f(x, y) dx dy, \quad (67)$$

using nested  $N$ -point, 1D Gauss quadratures (using the functions `evalgaussquad` of (2b) and `gauleg`).

**HINT:** Write (67) explicitly as a double integral. Take particular care to correctly find the intervals of integration.

**HINT:** Lambda functions of C++ are well suited for this kind of implementation.

**Solution:** The integral can be written as

$$\int_{\Delta} f(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-y} f(x, y) dx dy.$$

In the C++ implementation, we define the auxiliary (lambda) function  $f_y$ :

$$\forall y \in [0, 1], f_y : [1, 1 - y] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \mapsto f_y(x) := f(x, y)$$

We also define the (lambda) approximated integrand:

$$g(y) := \int_0^{1-y} f_y(x) dx \approx \frac{1}{1-y} \sum_{i=0}^N w_i f_y\left(\frac{x_i + 1}{2}(1-y)\right) =: \mathcal{I}(y), \quad (68)$$

the integral of which can be approximated, using a nested Gauss quadrature:

$$\int_{\Delta} f(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-y} f_y(x) dx dy = \int_0^1 g(y) dy \approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N w_j \mathcal{I}\left(\frac{y_j + 1}{2}\right). \quad (69)$$

The implementation can be found in `laserquad.cpp`.

**(2d)**  $\square$  Apply the function `gaussquadtriangle` of (2c) to the subproblem (2a) using the parameter  $\alpha = 1, p = 0, q = 0$ . Compute the error w.r.t to the number of nodes  $N$ . What kind of convergence do you observe? Explain the result.

**HINT:** Use the “exact” value of the integral 0.366046550000405.

**Solution:** As one expects from theoretical considerations, the convergence is exponential. The implementation can be found in `laserquad.cpp`.

### Problem 3 Weighted Gauss quadrature

The development of an alternative quadrature formula for (66) relies on the Chebyshev polynomials of the second kind  $U_n$ , defined as

$$U_n(t) = \frac{\sin((n+1) \arccos t)}{\sin(\arccos t)}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Recall the role of the orthogonal Legendre polynomials in the derivation and definition of Gauss-Legendre quadrature rules (see [1, § 5.3.25]).

As regards the integral (66), this role is played by the  $U_n$ , which are orthogonal polynomials with respect to a weighted  $L^2$  inner product, see [1, Eq. (4.2.20)], with weight given by  $w(\tau) = \sqrt{1 - \tau^2}$ .

**(3a)**  $\square$  Show that the  $U_n$  satisfy the 3-term recursion

$$U_{n+1}(t) = 2tU_n(t) - U_{n-1}(t), \quad U_0(t) = 1, \quad U_1(t) = 2t,$$

for every  $n \geq 1$ .

**Solution:** The case  $n = 0$  is trivial, since  $U_0(t) = \frac{\sin(\arccos t)}{\sin(\arccos t)} = 1$ , as desired. Using the trigonometric identity  $\sin 2x = \sin x \cos x$ , we have  $U_1(t) = \frac{2 \sin(\arccos t)}{\sin(\arccos t)} = 2 \cos \arccos t = 2t$ , as desired. Finally, using the identity  $\sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \sin y \cos x$ , we obtain for  $n \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned} U_{n+1}(t) &= \frac{\sin((n+1) \arccos t)t + \cos((n+1) \arccos t) \sin(\arccos t)}{\sin(\arccos t)} \\ &= U_n(t)t + \cos((n+1) \arccos t). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} U_{n-1}(t) &= \frac{\sin((n+1-1) \arccos t)}{\sin(\arccos t)} \\ &= \frac{\sin((n+1) \arccos t)t - \cos((n+1) \arccos t) \sin(\arccos t)}{\sin(\arccos t)} \\ &= U_n(t)t - \cos((n+1) \arccos t). \end{aligned}$$

Combining the last two equalities we obtain the desired 3-term recursion.

(3b)  $\square$  Show that  $U_n \in \mathcal{P}_n$  with leading coefficient  $2^n$ .

**Solution:** Let us prove the claim by induction. The case  $n = 0$  is trivial, since  $U_0(t) = 1$ . Let us now assume that the statement is true for every  $k = 0, \dots, n$  and let us prove it for  $n + 1$ . In view of  $U_{n+1}(t) = 2tU_n(t) - U_{n-1}(t)$ , since by inductive hypothesis  $U_n \in \mathcal{P}_n$  and  $U_{n-1} \in \mathcal{P}_{n-1}$ , we have that  $U_{n+1} \in \mathcal{P}_{n+1}$ . Moreover, the leading coefficient will be 2 times the leading order coefficient of  $U_n$ , namely  $2^{n+1}$ , as desired.

(3c)  $\square$  Show that for every  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  we have

$$\int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{1-t^2} U_m(t) U_n(t) dt = \frac{\pi}{2} \delta_{mn}.$$

**Solution:** With the substitution  $t = \cos s$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{1-t^2} U_m(t) U_n(t) dt &= \int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{1-t^2} \frac{\sin((m+1) \arccos t) \sin((n+1) \arccos t)}{\sin^2(\arccos t)} dt \\ &= \int_0^\pi \sin s \frac{\sin((m+1)s) \sin((n+1)s)}{\sin^2 s} \sin s ds \\ &= \int_0^\pi \sin((m+1)s) \sin((n+1)s) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi \cos((m-n)s) - \cos((m+n+2)s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

The claim immediately follows, as it was done in Problem Sheet 9, Problem 3.

(3d)  $\square$  What are the zeros  $\xi_j^n$  ( $j = 1, \dots, n$ ) of  $U_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ ? Give an explicit formula similar to the formula for the Chebyshev nodes in  $[-1, 1]$ .

**Solution:** From the definition of  $U_n$  we immediately find that the zeros are given by

$$\xi_j^n = \cos\left(\frac{j}{n+1}\pi\right), \quad j = 1, \dots, n. \quad (70)$$

(3e)  $\boxplus$  Show that the choice of weights

$$w_j = \frac{\pi}{n+1} \sin^2\left(\frac{j}{n+1}\pi\right), \quad j = 1, \dots, n,$$

ensures that the quadrature formula

$$Q_n^U(f) = \sum_{j=1}^n w_j f(\xi_j^n) \quad (71)$$

provides the exact value of (66) for  $f \in \mathcal{P}_{n-1}$  (assuming exact arithmetic).

HINT: Use all the previous subproblems.

**Solution:** Since  $U_k$  is a polynomial of degree exactly  $k$ , the set  $\{U_k : k = 0, \dots, n-1\}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{P}_{n-1}$ . Therefore, by linearity it suffices to prove the above identity for  $f = U_k$  for every  $k$ . Fix  $k = 0, \dots, n-1$ . From (70) we readily derive

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=1}^n w_j U_k(\xi_j^n) &= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\pi}{n+1} \sin^2\left(\frac{j}{n+1}\pi\right) \frac{\sin((k+1) \arccos \xi_j^n)}{\sin(\arccos \xi_j^n)} \\
&= \frac{\pi}{n+1} \sum_{j=1}^n \sin\left(\frac{j}{n+1}\pi\right) \sin((k+1) \left(\frac{j}{n+1}\pi\right)) \\
&= \frac{\pi}{2(n+1)} \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \cos\left(\frac{(k+1-1)j}{n+1}\pi\right) - \cos\left(\frac{(k+1+1)j}{n+1}\pi\right) \right) \\
&= \frac{\pi}{2(n+1)} \operatorname{Re} \left( \sum_{j=0}^n e^{\frac{kj}{n+1}\pi i} - e^{\frac{(k+2)j}{n+1}\pi i} \right) \\
&= \frac{\pi}{2(n+1)} \operatorname{Re} \left( \sum_{j=0}^n e^{\frac{kj}{n+1}\pi i} - \frac{1 - e^{i\pi(k+2)}}{1 - e^{i\pi(k+2)/(n+1)}} \right) \\
&= \frac{\pi}{2} \delta_{k0}.
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, the claim follows from (3c), since  $U_0(t) = 1$  and so the integral in (66) is nothing else than the weighted scalar product between  $U_k$  and  $U_0$ .

(3f)  $\square$  Show that the quadrature formula (71) gives the exact value of (66) even for every  $f \in \mathcal{P}_{2n-1}$ .

HINT: See [1, Thm. 5.3.21].

**Solution:** The conclusion follows by applying the same argument given in [1, Thm. 5.3.21] with the weighted  $L^2$  scalar product with weight  $w$  defined above.

(3g)  $\square$  Show that the quadrature error


$$|Q_n^U(f) - W(f)|$$

decays to 0 exponentially as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for every  $f \in C^\infty([-1, 1])$  that admits an analytic extension to an open subset of the complex plane.

HINT: See [1, § 5.3.37].



**Solution:** By definition, the weights defined above are positive, and the quadrature rule is exact for polynomials up to order  $2n - 1$ . Therefore, arguing as in [1, § 5.3.37], we obtain the exponential decay, as desired.


(3h)  Write a C++ function

```
1 template<typename Function>
2 double quadU(const Function &f, unsigned int n)
```

that gives  $Q_n^U(f)$  as output, where  $f$  is an object with an evaluation operator, like a lambda function, representing  $f$ , e.g.

```
1 auto f = [] (double & t) {return 1/(2 + exp(3*t));};
```

**Solution:** See file `quadU.cpp`.

(3i)  Test your implementation with the function  $f(t) = 1/(2 + e^{3t})$  and  $n = 1, \dots, 25$ . Tabulate the quadrature error  $E_n(f) = |W(f) - Q_n^U(f)|$  using the “exact” value  $W(f) = 0.483296828976607$ . Estimate the parameter  $0 \leq q < 1$  in the asymptotic decay law  $E_n(f) \approx Cq^n$  characterizing (sharp) exponential convergence, see [1, Def. 4.1.31].

**Solution:** See file `quadU.cpp`. An approximation of  $q$  is given by  $E_n(f)/E_{n-1}(f)$ .

## Problem 4 Generalize “Hermite-type” quadrature formula

(4a)  Determine  $A, B, C, x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that the quadrature formula:

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx Af(0) + Bf'(0) + Cf(x_1) \quad (72)$$

is exact for polynomials of highest possible degree.

**Solution:** The quadrature is exact for every polynomial  $p(x) \in \mathcal{P}^n$ , if and only if it is

exact for  $1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n$ . If we apply the quadrature to the first monomials:

$$1 = \int_0^1 1dx = A \cdot 1 + B \cdot 0 + C \cdot 1 = A \quad (73)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \int_0^1 xdx = A \cdot 0 + B \cdot 1 + C \cdot x_1 = B + Cx_1 \quad (74)$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = \int_0^1 x^2dx = A \cdot 0 + B \cdot 0 + C \cdot x_1^2 = Cx_1^2 \quad (75)$$

$$\frac{1}{4} = \int_0^1 x^3dx = A \cdot 0 + B \cdot 0 + C \cdot x_1^3 = Cx_1^3 \quad (76)$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{2} - Cx_1, C = \frac{1}{3x_1^2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{3x_1^2}x_1^3 = \frac{1}{3}x_1, A = \frac{11}{27}, \text{ i.e.}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{3}{4}, C = \frac{16}{27}, B = \frac{1}{18}, A = \frac{11}{27}. \quad (77)$$

Then

$$\frac{1}{5} = \int_0^1 x^4dx \neq A \cdot 0 + B \cdot 0 + C \cdot x_1^4 = C \cdot x_1^4 = \frac{16}{27} \frac{81}{256}. \quad (78)$$

Hence, the quadrature is exact for polynomials up to degree 3.

**(4b)** ☒

Compute an approximation of  $z(2)$ , where the function  $z$  is defined as the solution of the initial value problem

$$z'(t) = \frac{t}{1+t^2} \quad , \quad z(1) = 1. \quad (79)$$

**Solution:** We know that

$$z(2) - z(1) = \int_1^2 z'(x)dx, \quad (80)$$

hence, applying (72) and the transformation  $x \mapsto x + 1$ , we obtain:

$$z(2) = \int_0^1 z'(x+1)dx + z(1) \approx \frac{11}{27} \cdot z'(1) + \frac{1}{18} \cdot z''(1) + \frac{16}{27} \cdot z'\left(\frac{7}{4}\right) + z(1). \quad (81)$$

With  $z''(x) = -\frac{2x}{(1+x^2)^2}$  and:

$$\begin{aligned} z(1) &= 1, \\ z'(1) &= \frac{1}{1+1^2} = \frac{1}{2}, \\ z''(1) &= -\frac{2 \cdot 1}{(1+1^2)^2} = -\frac{1}{2}, \\ z'\left(\frac{7}{4}\right) &= \frac{\left(\frac{7}{4}\right)}{1+\left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^2} = \frac{28}{65}, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain

$$z(2) = \int_0^1 z'(x+1)dx + z(1) \approx \frac{11}{27} \cdot \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{18} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{16}{27} \cdot \frac{28}{65} + 1 = 1.43 \dots$$

For sake of completeness, using the antiderivative of  $z'$ :

$$z(2) = \int_1^2 z'(x)dx + z(1) = \frac{1}{2} \log(x^2 + 1) \Big|_1^2 + 1 = 1.45 \dots$$

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