

1. Derive a quadrature based on the cubic Hermite interpolating polynomial with data $f(a)$, $f(b)$, $f'(a)$, and $f'(b)$. Derive an upper bound on the error.

Using the Hermite-Lagrange basis, we can construct our cubic Hermite polynomial as

$$p(x) = f(a)H_a(x) + f(b)H_b(x) + f'(a)K_a(x) + f'(b)K_b(x)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} H_a(x) &= \left(1 - 2(x-a)\frac{1}{a-b}\right) \frac{(x-b)^2}{(a-b)^2} \\ H_b(x) &= \left(1 - 2(x-b)\frac{1}{b-a}\right) \frac{(x-a)^2}{(b-a)^2} \\ K_a(x) &= (x-a)\frac{(x-b)^2}{(a-b)^2} \\ K_b(x) &= (x-b)\frac{(x-a)^2}{(b-a)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, integrating $p(x)$ over our interval, $[a, b]$, we obtain our quadrature as

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) \, dx &\approx \int_a^b p(x) \, dx \\ &= f(a) \int_a^b H_a(x) \, dx + f(b) \int_a^b H_b(x) \, dx + f'(a) \int_a^b K_a(x) \, dx + f'(b) \int_a^b K_b(x) \, dx \\ &= f(a) \frac{b-a}{2} + f(b) \frac{b-a}{2} + f'(a) \frac{(a-b)^2}{12} - f'(b) \frac{(a-b)^2}{12} \\ &= \boxed{(f(a) + f(b)) \frac{b-a}{2} + (f'(a) - f'(b)) \frac{(a-b)^2}{12}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, assuming $f \in C^4[a, b]$, we can get an error bound for this quadrature by integrating the Hermite interpolant error as

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \int_a^b |f(x) - p(x)| \, dx = \int_a^b \left| \frac{f^{(4)}(\eta_x)}{4!} (x-a)^2 (x-b)^2 \right| \, dx && \text{for some } \eta_x \in [a, b] \\ &\leq \frac{M}{24} \int_a^b (x-a)^2 (x-b)^2 \, dx && \text{where } M = \max_{\eta \in [a, b]} |f^{(4)}(\eta)| \\ &= \frac{M}{24} \left(\frac{(b-a)^5}{30} \right) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{M(b-a)^5}{720}}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Assume the error in an integration formula has the asymptotic expansion

$$I - I_n = \frac{C_1}{n\sqrt{n}} + \frac{C_2}{n^2} + \frac{C_3}{n^2\sqrt{n}} + \cdots.$$

Generalize the Richardson extrapolation process to obtain an estimate of I with an error on the order $\frac{1}{n^2\sqrt{n}}$. Assume that three values $I_n, I_{n/2}$, and $I_{n/4}$ have been computed.

From the error formula, we have the three equations

$$I = I_n + \frac{C_1}{n\sqrt{n}} + \frac{C_2}{n^2} + \frac{C_3}{n^2\sqrt{n}} + \cdots \quad (1)$$

$$I = I_{n/2} + 2\sqrt{2}\frac{C_1}{n\sqrt{n}} + 4\frac{C_2}{n^2} + 4\sqrt{2}\frac{C_3}{n^2\sqrt{n}} + \cdots \quad (2)$$

$$I = I_{n/4} + 8\frac{C_1}{n\sqrt{n}} + 16\frac{C_2}{n^2} + 32\frac{C_3}{n^2\sqrt{n}} + \cdots \quad (3)$$

Using these three equations, we want to eliminate the C_1 and C_2 error terms which we can do by reducing

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2\sqrt{2} & 8 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -8\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 2(\sqrt{2} + 2) \end{pmatrix}$$

which tells us that

$$8\sqrt{2}(1) - 2(\sqrt{2} + 2)(2) + (3)$$

will eliminate our desired error terms. So, we have the equation

$$(8\sqrt{2} - 2(\sqrt{2} + 2) + 1)I = 8\sqrt{2}I_n - 2(\sqrt{2} + 2)I_{n/2} + I_{n/4} + (16 - 8\sqrt{2})\frac{C_3}{n^2\sqrt{n}}$$

which implies

$$I = \frac{8\sqrt{2}I_n - 2(\sqrt{2} + 2)I_{n/2} + I_{n/4}}{8\sqrt{2} - 2(\sqrt{2} + 2) + 1} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2\sqrt{n}}\right).$$

So if we use the integration formula I' defined as

$$I' = \frac{8\sqrt{2}I_n - 2(\sqrt{2} + 2)I_{n/2} + I_{n/4}}{8\sqrt{2} - 2(\sqrt{2} + 2) + 1}$$

we get our desired error

$$I - I' = O\left(\frac{1}{n^2\sqrt{n}}\right).$$

3. Let $n \geq 0$.

- (i) Give a formula for the Gauss quadrature points $x_j, j = 0, \dots, n$, needed for the weight function $w(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ on the interval $[-1, 1]$.

First, note that the Chebyshev polynomials are orthogonal under the given weight function. So, to find our nodes, x_j , we need to find the roots of the $n+1$ Chebyshev polynomial which is given by

$$T_{n+1}(x) = \cos((n+1) \arccos(x)).$$

To find the roots of T_{n+1} , we need

$$(n+1) \arccos(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} + j\pi$$

for any integer j . So, we must have

$$x_j = \cos\left(\frac{(j + \frac{1}{2})\pi}{n+1}\right).$$

So we don't have overlapping x_j , restrict j to $j = 0, \dots, n$.

- (ii) Show that for positive integers n ,

$$\sum_{j=0}^n \cos((2j+1)\theta) = \frac{\sin((2n+2)\theta)}{2\sin(\theta)},$$

unless θ is a multiple of π . What is the value of the sum when θ is a multiple of π ?

To begin showing our sum, note that from a product-to-sum identity, we have

$$2\sin(\theta) \cos((2j+1)\theta) = \sin((2j+2)\theta) - \sin(2j\theta).$$

Using this identity, we have the telescoping sum

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^n 2\sin(\theta) \cos((2j+1)\theta) &= +\sin(2\theta) - 0 \\ &\quad + \sin(4\theta) - \sin(2\theta) \\ &\quad + \sin(6\theta) - \sin(4\theta) \\ &\quad + \dots \\ &\quad + \sin(2n\theta) - \sin((2n-2)\theta) \\ &\quad + \sin((2n+2)\theta) - \sin(2n\theta) \\ &= \sin((2n+2)\theta) \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\sum_{j=0}^n 2\sin(\theta) \cos((2j+1)\theta) = \sin((2n+2)\theta)$$

or solving for our desired sum,

$$\sum_{j=0}^n \cos((2j+1)\theta) = \frac{\sin((2n+2)\theta)}{2\sin(\theta)}$$

If θ is a multiple of π , then

$$\sum_{j=0}^n \cos((2j+1)\theta) = \begin{cases} n+1, & \theta \text{ is an even multiple} \\ -n-1, & \theta \text{ is an odd multiple} \end{cases}.$$

(iii) Suppose

$$T_n(x) = \cos(n \arccos(x)), \quad x \in [-1, 1].$$

Then, for integers $k = 1, \dots, n$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^n T_k(x_j) &= \sum_{j=0}^n \cos \left(k \arccos \left(\cos \left(\frac{(j + \frac{1}{2}) \pi}{n+1} \right) \right) \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^n \cos \left(k \left(\frac{(j + \frac{1}{2}) \pi}{n+1} \right) \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^n \cos \left((2j+1) \frac{k\pi}{2n+2} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sin \left((2n+2) \frac{k\pi}{2n+2} \right)}{2 \sin \left(\frac{k\pi}{2n+2} \right)} \\ &= \frac{\sin(k\pi)}{2 \sin \left(\frac{k\pi}{2n+2} \right)} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

However,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{T_k(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\cos(k \arccos(x))}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \\ &= \frac{\sin k\pi}{k} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\sum_{j=0}^n T_k(x_j) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{T_k(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx.$$

Next, we have

$$\sum_{j=0}^n T_0(x_j) = \sum_{j=0}^n \cos(0) = \sum_{j=0}^n 1 = n+1.$$

Similarly

$$\frac{n+1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{T_0(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \frac{n+1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \frac{n+1}{\pi} \pi = n+1.$$

So

$$\sum_{j=0}^n T_0(x_j) = \frac{n+1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{T_0(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx.$$

(iv) Now, let's compute the quadrature weights with the weight function

$$w(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

on the interval $(-1, 1)$.

$$\begin{aligned} W_k &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\phi(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\sum_{s=0}^n C_s T_s(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{n+1} C_0 \sum_{j=1}^n T_0(x_j) + \sum_{s=1}^n \sum_{j=0}^n C_s T_s(x_j) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

4. The gamma function is defined by the formula

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt, \quad x > 0.$$

A simple program to approximate $\Gamma(x)$ using trapezoidal rule applied to a truncated line.

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1 %%
2 % Quadrature for computing the gamma function
3 %
4 % Date last modified: 09-Dec-2021
5 % Author: Caleb Jacobs
6 format longe
7 gam(4, 1000) - gamma(4)
8
9
10 function val = gam(x, n)
11     b = 20 * x;                % Compute upper bound of
    integration
12
13     t = linspace(0, b, n);     % Create evaluation nodes
14     h = t(2) - t(1);           % Find stepsize
15     f = t .^ (x - 1) .* exp(-t); % Compute function values at each
    node
16
17     val = h * ((f(1) + f(n)) / 2 + sum(f(2 : n - 1)));
18 end

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- My idea for choosing the interval to integrate over involved figuring out when the integrand was *small enough* compared to my desired tolerance. Because the integrand decays to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$ for all x , we are able to find some cutoff so that the tail end of the integral does not affect the overall numerical result to our desired tolerance.
- In playing with MATLAB, the quad routine in MATLAB used less function evaluations to obtain the same error.
- Using the given Gauss-Laguerre quadrature code to obtain our weights and nodes allowed the integral for Γ to converge much more rapidly and with less work!

5. Gaussian quadrature

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) \, dx = \sum_{k=0}^n w_k f(x_k)$$

with nodes including the endpoints ($x_0 = -1$ and $x_n = 1$) using Legendre polynomials are called *Gauss-Legendre-Lobatto* quadratures.

- (i) Show that if the interior nodes x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} in the quadrature are given by the roots of $p'_n(x)$ where $p_n(x)$ denotes the n -th degree Legendre polynomial, then the quadrature is exact for polynomials up to degree $2n - 1$.

Before we begin, note that $(x^2 - 1)p'_n(x) = \frac{x}{n}p_n(x) - \frac{1}{n}p_{n-1}(x)$. Then, for any $h \in \mathcal{P}_{2n-1}$ and some $q, r \in \mathcal{P}_{n-2}$, we have

$$h(x) = \left(\frac{x}{n}p_n(x) - \frac{1}{n}p_{n-1}(x) \right) q(x) + r(x).$$

Now, define $\bar{q}(x) = xq(x)$; note that $\bar{q} \in \mathcal{P}_{n-1}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 h(x) \, dx &= \int_{-1}^1 \left(\frac{x}{n}p_n(x) - \frac{1}{n}p_{n-1}(x) \right) q(x) + r(x) \, dx \\ &= \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{n}p_n(x)\bar{q}(x) - \frac{1}{n}p_{n-1}(x)q(x) \, dx}_{0 \because \text{of orthogonality of } p_n \text{ and } p_{n-1}} + \int_{-1}^1 r(x) \, dx \\ &= \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 (x^2 - 1)p'_n(x)q(x) \, dx}_{\text{still } 0} + \int_{-1}^1 r(x) \, dx \end{aligned}$$

which implies that if we chose our boundary nodes $x_0 = -1, x_n = 1$ and every interior node to be a root of $p'_n(x)$, by construction, our quadrature will be exact for polynomials $h \in \mathcal{P}_{2n-1}$.

- (ii) Find the 4-point Gauss-Legendre-Lobatto quadrature for the integral $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) \, dx$.

First, let's find the interior nodes. We know

$$p_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x) \implies p'_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(15x^2 - 3)$$

So, $p'_3(x) = 0$ when $x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$. Thus, our nodes are $x_0 = -1, x_1 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, x_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}},$ and $x_3 = 1$.

Next, we can compute our weights as

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_0 &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\left(x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) \left(x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) (x - 1)}{\left(-1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) \left(-1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) (-1 - 1)} = \frac{1}{6} \\
 w_1 &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{(x + 1) \left(x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) (x - 1)}{\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + 1\right) \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} - 1\right)} = \frac{5}{6} \\
 w_2 &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{(x + 1) \left(x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) (x - 1)}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + 1\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} - 1\right)} = \frac{5}{6} \\
 w_3 &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{(x + 1) \left(x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) \left(x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)}{(1 + 1) \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)} = \frac{1}{6}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, our quadrature is

$$\boxed{\int_{-1}^1 f(x) \, dx \approx \frac{1}{6}f(-1) + \frac{5}{6}f\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) + \frac{5}{6}f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) + \frac{1}{6}f(1).}$$