

Math 128A, Summer 2019

Lecture 17, Monday 7/22/2019

CLASS ANNOUNCEMENTS: Topics today:

- Review
- Weights in numerical integration (quadrature)

1 Review

From the previous homework, recall the question on Differential coefficients.

$$\delta_{n,j}^m = \cdots \delta_{n-1,j}^m + \cdots \delta_{n-1,j}^{m-1}$$

This gives:

$$f^{(m)}(a) = \sum_{j=0}^N \delta_{N,j}^m f(t_j).$$

We start from one ‘corner’ and build successive columns (or triangles), successively larger and larger by 1.

1.1 Homework 5

Let’s say we want to calculate the Taylor expansion of some horrible function, say

$$\frac{t}{e^t - 1} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m t^m.$$

The way a human-being should do this is to cross-multiply and say:

$$\begin{aligned} t &= (e^t - 1) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m t^m \\ &= \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{(k+1)!} \right) \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m t^m \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1!} + \frac{t}{2!} + \frac{t^2}{3!} + \cdots \right) (a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + \cdots) \end{aligned}$$

This gives an infinite system of linear equations for the a ’s, so this would be very scary, except that this is a **triangular** system of linear equations. That is, a_0 is determined right away, and a_1 is given by looking at the linear terms. Hence we can write this neatly as a recurrence relation (although it doesn’t look like a normal recurrence relation). Each element in the solution depends on every previous element.

As applied to our homework, this is how we calculate our Bernoulli coefficients, b_0, \dots, b_{10} . Else, for our homeworks, we can plug this into Mathematica and tell it to Taylor expand symbolically.

Without this ‘trick’ of multiplying by $(e^t - 1)$, we can Taylor expand the entire $\frac{t}{e^t - 1}$. These Bernoulli numbers have been proven to not have ‘nice’

recurrence relation forms but rather requires all previous terms (combinatorics).

In our previous example, this gives a relation something like:

$$\sum_{j=0}^k \frac{a_j}{(k+1-j)!} = 0.$$

The triangular system of equations arises like:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \frac{a_0}{1!} \\ 0 &= \frac{a_1}{1!} + \frac{a_0}{2!} \\ 0 &= \frac{a_2}{1!} + \frac{a_1}{2!} + \frac{a_0}{3!} = 0 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

1.2 Question 1: a,b

To find the recursive formula for Euler-Maclaurin,

$$\int_0^n d(x) \, dx = \left[\sum_{j=0}^n f(j) \right] - \sum_{m=1}^n b_{2m} f^{(2m-1)}(0).$$

We take $f(x) := e^{-\lambda x}$ or $f(x) := x^p$ to get b_{2m} if we know the power sums. In our problem set, we want to show that, in terms of the Bernoulli numbers, $\sum_{n=0}^N n^p$ is equal to the polynomial $P_{n+1}(n)$.

1.3 Problem 5

Recall the famous **monic Legendre polynomials**:

$$\begin{aligned} P_0(t) &:= 1 \\ P_1(t) &:= t \\ P_{n+1}(t) &:= tP_n(t) - c_n P_{n-1}(t), \quad c_n := \frac{n^2}{4n^2 - 1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then $P_2(t) = t^2 - \frac{1}{3} \cdot 1 = t^2 - \frac{1}{3}$, and $P_3(t) = t^3 - \frac{3}{5}t$. Then later,

$$P_5(t) = t^5 + \dots t^3 + \dots t.$$

The idea for this problem is that by Galois, we know we cannot explicitly find zeroes for this quintic polynomial; however, our function is odd, so factoring out a t , then we have:

$$P_5(t) = tP_2(t^2),$$

and we know the formula for the quadratic polynomial. Hence we can find explicit forms of our roots.

2 Integration Weights

Strain shares with us here what he's been toying with over the weekend. Let t_0, \dots, t_n be the zeroes of $P_{n+1}(t) = t^n + \dots$, and $L_j(t_k) = \delta_{j,k}$, where

$$L_j(t) = \frac{\prod_{k \neq j} (t - t_k)}{\prod_{k \neq j} (t_j - t_k)} = \lambda_j \frac{P_{n+1}(t)}{t - t_j},$$

and

$$P_n(t) = (t - t_0)(t - t_1) \cdots (t - t_n).$$

By chain rule, each time we differentiate, we differentiate one factor and leave the the rest, and we sum all of these results. Hence we write:

$$P_{n+1}(t) = \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{k \neq j} (t_j - t_k).$$

Particularly,

$$\begin{aligned} P'_{n+1}(t_i) &= \prod_{k \neq i} (t_i - t_k) \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda_i}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$L_j(t) = \frac{1}{P'_{n+1}(t_j)} \frac{P_{n+1}(t)}{t - t_j}.$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} w_j &:= \int_{-1}^1 L_j(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{P'_{n+1}(t_j)} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{P_{n+1}(s)}{s - t_j} ds. \end{aligned}$$

If we can perform this integration (we may not want to do this via quadrature), then this integral is simply a function evaluation, $Q_{n+1}(t_j)$, where we write:

$$\begin{aligned} Q(t) &:= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{P_{n+1}(s)}{s - t} ds - c_n Q_{n-1}(s) \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{sP(s) - c_n P_{n-1}(s)}{s - t} ds. \end{aligned}$$

So it looks like a recurrence relation.

This is the integral-free formula for the integration weights of Gaussian Integration (Quadrature.)

So we write:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{n+1}(t) &= \overbrace{\int_{-1}^1 P_0(s) \cdot P_n(s) ds}^0 + t \int_{-1}^1 \frac{P_n(s)}{s - t} ds - c_n Q_{n-1}(t) \\ &= t_j Q_n(t_j) - c_n Q_{n-1}(t_j) =: w_j \end{aligned}$$

Then explicitly,

$$Q_0(t) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{s-t} ds = \ln \left(\frac{1-t}{1+t} \right)$$
$$Q_1(t) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{s}{s-t} ds = 2 + Q_0(t).$$

Once we get these expressions,

While we are recurring to P_{n+1} , we can differentiate to get:

$$P_{n+1} = tP_n - c_n P_{n-1}$$
$$P'_{n+1} = tP'_n + P_n - c_n P'_{n-1}$$

Then

$$P'_0 = 0; \quad P'_1 = 1.$$

5 Minute Break.

3 Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs)

Let T be some (current) time.

$$\begin{aligned}y' &= f(t, y) \\g &: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\f &: [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\end{aligned}$$

Our y is a column vector:

$$y'(t) = [y'_1(t) \quad \cdots \quad y'_n(t)]^T$$

Today we'll talk about the theory behind ODEs.

3.1 Three (3) Canonical Examples:

1. Linear, Homogeneous real function

$$y' = a(t)y + g(t)$$

This is linear in y , not necessarily linear in t . The solution always exists and is always unique, and we can simply write them down in terms of integrals, due to the work of Euler-Maclaurin from last week.

One way to solve this equation is to remember the **integrating factor**: $e^{-A(t)}$, where $A'(t) := a(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned}e^{-A(t)} (y' - a(t)y) &= e^{A(t)} g(t) \\(e^{-A(t)} y(t))' &= e^{-A(t)} g(t),\end{aligned}$$

where we recognize the perfect derivative in the second line. We write:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^t (e^{-A(s)} y(s))' ds &= e^{-A(t)} y(t) - e^{-A(0)} y(0) \\&= \int_0^t e^{-A(s)} g(s) ds\end{aligned}$$

When we integrate 0 to t , do not call our variable of integration also t (here we use s). If we can't solve this analytically (exactly), then we know how to do it numerically (i.e. via Gaussian Integration).

So we have:

$$y(t) = e^{A(t)-A(0)} y_0 + \int_0^t e^{A(t)-A(s)} g(s) ds.$$

We conclude that **if a solution exists**, then it **must** satisfy this formula (provided our integrals above make sense). Hence this proves **existence** and **uniqueness** of our solution.

Existence and uniqueness is how we justify initial value problems like $y' = f(t, y)$ with $y(0) = y_0$.

(2) Cautionary Example of Nonexistence (of solution at a finite time).

Let

$$\begin{aligned}y' &= y^2 \\ y(0) &= y_0.\end{aligned}$$

We separate variables, to write: $\frac{y'}{y^2} = 1 = \text{independent}$.
Hence

$$\int_0^1 \frac{y'(s) \, ds}{[y(s)]^2} = \int_0^t 1 \, ds,$$

so if y is monotone, then we can use it perfectly well as a variable of integration. That is, $dy = y'(s)ds$. So we write:

$$\int_{y_0}^{y(t)} \frac{du}{u^2} = \int_0^1 \frac{y'(s) \, ds}{[y(s)]^2} = \int_0^t 1 \, ds = \frac{-1}{u} \Big|_{u=y(0)}^{u=y(t)},$$

Hence this gives us:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{-1}{y(t)} + \frac{1}{y_0} &= t \\ \implies y(t) &= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{y_0} - t}.\end{aligned}$$

This tells us to watch out in the denominator, that this expression can blow up at $t = \frac{1}{y_0}$, if $y_0 > 0$.

(3) Non-uniqueness \implies We Cannot Predict the Future in this Model

Let $y' := 2\sqrt{y}$, $y(0) = y_0 \geq 0$. We can proceed similarly as in (2). We can write:

$$\frac{y'}{2\sqrt{y}} = \sqrt{y}' = 1,$$

which gives us:

$$\sqrt{y(t)} - \sqrt{y_0} = t \implies y(t) = (t + \sqrt{y_0})^2$$

For example, $y_0 = 0$, so $y(t) = t^2$. But also, $y'(t) = 2t = 2\sqrt{y(t)}$ gives $y(t) = 0$.

We have two solutions, so which is correct?

Also consider:

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} (t - c)^2, & 0 < c \leq t \\ 0, & 0 \leq t \leq c. \end{cases},$$

where we have any $c \geq 0$. This is also a solution!!! Everything is zero, and $y' = 2\sqrt{y}$. We don't know if it stays 0 forever, or until an arbitrary time where it starts increasing.

Notice that this function is differentiable at c .

4 How to Rule Out Bad Behavior (Non-existence, Non-uniqueness)

Our answer is to try to prove existence and uniqueness and to see what assumptions we need to make about $f(t, y)$.

To prove existence and uniqueness, look at:

$$y'(t) := f(t, y), \quad y(0) = y_0.$$

A useful thing to do here is to integrate this, to get:

$$\int_0^t y'(s) \, ds = \int_0^t f(s, y(s)) \, ds,$$

and by FTC (fundamental theorem of calculus) on the LHS, we have:

$$y(t) = y_0 + \underbrace{\int_0^t f(s, y(s)) \, ds}_F.$$

If we know y up to (and barely including t), then we have a solution that is equivalent to our given initial condition. We can see it works in both directions. We call this the Picard integral equation.

The single equation looks like a fixed-point equation. The idea is that we stick $y(s)$ into the integral and get the same thing. That is,

$$y = F[y]$$

Notice f takes on point values and gives a value. On the other hand, F takes a whole function and gives us back a whole function. So we can write something like:

$$y(t) = F[y](t),$$

as a fixed-point equation in the vector space of functions.

Explicitly, we define:

$$\begin{aligned} F : y &\rightarrow y \\ F[y](t) &:= y_0 + \int_0^t f(s, y(s)) \, ds \end{aligned}$$

Before we try Newton's method, we are legally obligated to try fixed point iteration. We guess something and plug it into the RHS. So fixed point iteration would say:

$$y_{n+1}(t) = y_0 + \int_0^t f(s, y_n(s)) \, ds,$$

with $y_0(t) := y_0$.

Example: $y' = y^2$, $y(0) = 1$. Notice from earlier, we have this is exactly equivalent (in both directions) to

$$y(t) = 1 + \int_0^t y(s)^2 \, ds$$

Then $y_0(t) = 1$, and

$$y_1(t) = 1 + \int_0^t y_0(s)^2 \, ds = 1 + \int_0^t 1 \, ds = 1 + t.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} y_2(t) &= 1 + \int_0^t (1 + s)^2 \, ds \\ &= 1 + \int_0^t [1 + 2s + s^2] \, ds \\ &= 1 + t + t^2 + \frac{t^3}{3} \end{aligned}$$

We guess: $y_3(t) = [1 + t + t^2 + t^3] + \dots$, where we don't know what \dots is.
But we can guess: $\rightarrow \frac{1}{1-t}$.

Lecture ends here.

Next time, we'll see how long we can guarantee good behavior, and how to do so.