# Legendre polynomials

wiki: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legendre\_polynomials

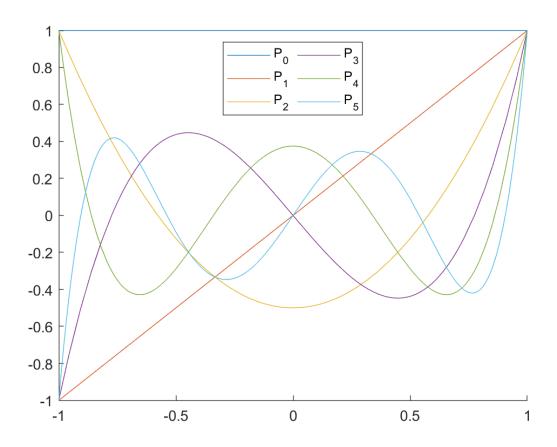
$$P_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \binom{2n-2k}{n} x^{n-2k}$$

#### example:

- 1.  $P_0(x) = 1$
- 2.  $P_1(x) = x$
- 3.  $P_2(x) = \frac{3}{2}x^2 \frac{1}{2}$

### Graph

```
fig = figure();
ax = axes(fig);
ax.NextPlot = 'add';
fp = gobjects(1,6);
for ind1 = 0:5
    [~,hf1] = my_legendre(ind1);
    fp(ind1+1) = fplot(hf1, [-1,1]);
end
legend(fp, {'P_0','P_1','P_2','P_3','P_4','P_5'},...
    'Location','north','NumColumns',2)
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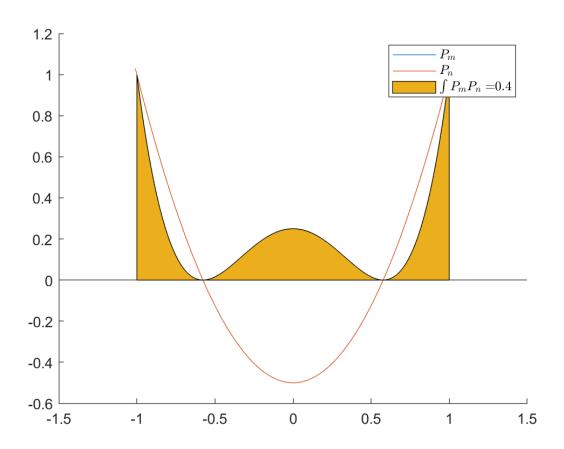
## **Orthognality**

wiki: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legendre\_polynomials#Orthogonality

$$\int_{-1}^{1} P_m(x) P_n(x) dx = \frac{2}{2n+1} \delta_{mn}$$

```
M = 2;
N = 2;
[~,hf1] = my_legendre(M);
[~,hf2] = my_legendre(N);
hf3 = @(x) hf1(x).*hf2(x);
value = integral(hf3, -1, 1);

fig = figure();
ax = axes(fig);
ax.NextPlot = 'add';
fp1 = fplot(hf1, [-1.01,1.01]);
fp2 = fplot(hf2, [-1.01,1.01]);
x = linspace(-1,1,100);
harea = area(x, hf3(x));
tmp1 = {'$P_m$', '$P_n$', ['$\int{P_mP_n=}',num2str(value,4), '$']};
legend([fp1,fp2,harea], tmp1, 'Interpreter','latex')
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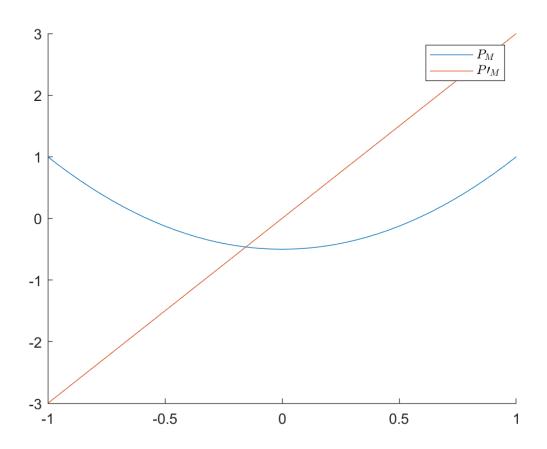
#### **Recursion relations**

wiki: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legendre\_polynomials#Recursion\_relations

$$\frac{x^2 - 1}{n} \frac{d}{dx} P_n(x) = x P_n(x) - P_{n-1}(x)$$

```
M = 2;
[~,hf1] = my_legendre(M);
hf2 = my_legendre_first_derivative(M);

fig = figure();
ax = axes(fig);
ax.NextPlot = 'add';
fp1 = fplot(hf1, [-1,1]);
fp2 = fplot(hf2, [-1,1]);
legend([fp1,fp2], {'$P_M$', '$P\prime_M$'}, 'Interpreter', 'latex')
```



## **Gaussian Quadrature Integral (Gaussian-Legendre)**

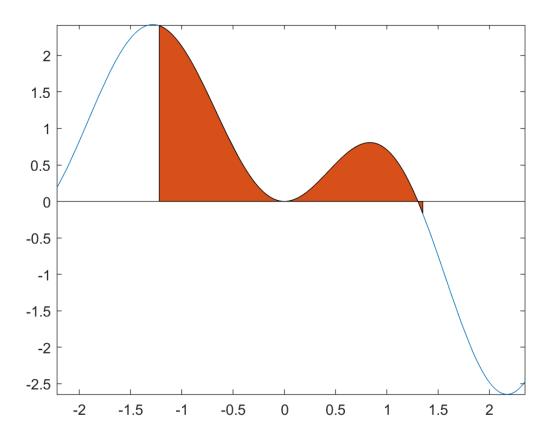
wiki: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaussian\_quadrature

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = \frac{b-a}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} g(x)dx; \quad g(x) = f\left(\frac{b-a}{2}x + \frac{b+a}{2}\right)$$
$$\int_{-1}^{1} g(x)dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i}f(x_{i})$$

$$w_{i} = \frac{2}{\left(1 - x_{i}^{2}\right) \left[P_{n}^{'}(x_{i})\right]^{2}}$$

```
hf1 = @(x) (3-x-x.^2).*sin(x).^2; %integral function; hf short for function handle
a = -1-rand()/2; %lower limit
b = 1+rand()/2; %upper limit

figure()
fplot(hf1, [a-1,b+1])
hold on;
area(linspace(a,b), hf1(linspace(a,b)))
hold off
```



```
ret1 = integral(hf1, a, b); %doc('integral')
disp(['built-in integral: ', num2str(ret1,14)])
```

built-in integral: 1.947974965531

```
ret1 = my_gaussian_quadrature(hf1, a, b, 5);
disp(['Gaussian-Quadrature integral: ', num2str(ret1,14)])
```

Gaussian-Quadrature integral: 1.9478431370977

```
function ret = my_gaussian_quadrature(hf1, a, b, num_order)
%reference: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaussian_quadrature
% hf1(function handle)
% a(float)
% b(float)
% num_order(int)
% (ret)float
% not available until 20181011
ret = 0;
end
```