

Legendre Polynomials

Generating Function: Rodrigue's Formula

$$\mathcal{L}_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (x^2 - 1)^n$$

$\mathcal{L}_n(x)$	Root(s)	Weight(s) for Gaussian Quadrature
$\mathcal{L}_0(x) = 1$		
$\mathcal{L}_1(x) = x$	$x = 0$	2
$\mathcal{L}_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1)$	$x = \pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$	1
$\mathcal{L}_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x)$	$x = 0, \pm\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}$	$\frac{8}{9}, \frac{5}{9}$
$\mathcal{L}_4(x) = \frac{1}{8}(35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3)$	$x = \pm\frac{1}{35}\sqrt{525 \pm 70\sqrt{30}}$	$\frac{1}{36} (18 \mp \sqrt{30})$
$\mathcal{L}_5(x) = \frac{1}{8}(63x^5 - 70x^3 + 15x)$	$x = 0, \pm\frac{1}{21}\sqrt{245 \mp 14\sqrt{70}}$	$\frac{128}{225}, \frac{1}{900} (322 \pm 13\sqrt{70})$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots

Orthogonality:

$$\int_{-1}^1 \mathcal{L}_n(x) \mathcal{L}_m(x) dx = \delta_{nm} \frac{2}{2n+1}$$

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