

29. (Dr. Ayati: F12 Final – Victoria and Fatemeh) Construct orthogonal polynomials (in the  $L^2$  sense) of degrees 0, 1, and 2 on the interval  $(0,1)$  with weight function  $w(x) = -\ln(x)$ . Note that

$$\int_0^1 -\ln(x)x^k dx = \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}.$$

Recall that Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization is an inductive process,

$$q(x) = x^{n+1} - a_0\phi_0(x) - \dots - a_n\phi_n(x), \text{ where } a_j = \frac{\int_0^1 w(x)x^{n+1}\phi_j(x)dx}{\int_0^1 w(x)\phi_j^2(x)dx}.$$

We will orthogonalize  $\{1, x, x^2\}$  with G-S.

$$q_0 = 1$$

$$q_1 = x - \frac{\int_0^1 -x \ln x dx}{\int_0^1 -\ln x dx} = x - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$q_2 = x^2 - \frac{\int_0^1 -x^2(x - \frac{1}{4}) \ln x dx}{\int_0^1 -(x - \frac{1}{4})^2 \ln x dx} (x - \frac{1}{4}) - \frac{\int_0^1 -x^2 \ln x dx}{\int_0^1 -\ln x dx}$$

Breaking this into parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 -x^2(x - \frac{1}{4}) \ln x dx &= \int_0^1 -x^3 \ln x + \frac{1}{4}x^2 \ln x dx \\ &= \frac{1}{16} - \left(\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{9}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{16} - \frac{1}{36} \\ &= \frac{5}{144} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 -(x - \frac{1}{4})^2 \ln x dx &= \int_0^1 \left(-x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{16}\right) \ln x dx \\ &= \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} = \frac{7}{144} \end{aligned}$$

Putting back together:

$$\begin{aligned} q_2(x) &= x^2 - \frac{5}{7} \left( x - \frac{1}{4} \right) - \frac{1}{9} \\ &= x^2 - \frac{5}{7}x + \frac{17}{252} \end{aligned}$$

We have our orthogonal polynomials:

$$q_0(x) = 1$$

$$q_1(x) = x - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$q_2(x) = x^2 - \frac{5}{7}x + \frac{17}{252}$$