
Gauss-Hermite

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1 Theory

Hermite Gauss Quadrature method for Integration

Hermite-Gauss quadrature is an extension of Gaussian quadrature over the interval $(-\infty, \infty)$. It fits all polynomials of degree $2m - 1$ exactly. This method approximates the value of integrals of the following kind:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-x^2} g(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^n w_i g(x_i)$$

here x_i is the i -th root of Hermite polynomial $H_n(x)$ and the weight w_i is,

$$w_i = \frac{2^{n-1} n! \sqrt{\pi}}{n^2 [H_{n-1}(x_i)]^2}$$

Hermite differential equation

The Hermite polynomials are solutions of second-order linear Hermite differential equation:

$$y'' - 2xy' + 2ky = 0$$

where constant k can be any real number.

The Hermite polynomials are defined by given formula,

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

The first five Hermite polynomials are denoted by H_0, H_1, H_2, H_3, H_4 , which are following,

$$H_0(x) = 1$$

$$H_1(x) = 2x$$

$$H_2(x) = 4x^2 - 2$$

$$H_3(x) = 8x^3 - 12x$$

$$H_4(x) = 16x^4 - 48x^2 + 12$$

Recursion Formulae for Hermite Polynomials

$$H_{n+1}(x) = 2xH_n(x) - 2nH_{n-1}(x)$$

$$H'_n(x) = 2nH_{n-1}(x)$$

Orthogonality properties for Hermite Polynomials

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} H_m(x) H_n(x) dx = 0 \quad \text{when } m \neq n$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} [H_n(x)]^2 dx = 2^n n! \sqrt{\pi} \quad \text{when } m = n$$

2-point Quadrature Formula for Gauss Hermite Polynomials

As we know for N point method,

$$I_n = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i f(x_i)$$

$$I_n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) e^{-x^2} dx = \omega_0 g(x_0) + \omega_1 g(x_1) + \cdots + \omega_n g(x_n)$$

For 2 point formula,

$$I(g) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) e^{-x^2} dx = \omega_0 g(x_0) + \omega_1 g(x_1) = I_2(g)$$

As there are 4 unknowns $x_0, x_1, \omega_0, \omega_1$ so approximating these with 4 polynomials of degree less than or equal to 3.

$$g(x) = 1, x, x^2, x^3$$

$$g(x) = 1 \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) e^{-x^2} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \omega_0 g(x_0) + \omega_1 g(x_1) = \omega_0 + \omega_1 = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$g(x) = x \quad \omega_0 x_1 + \omega_1 x_2 = 0$$

$$g(x) = x^2 \quad \omega_0 x_1^2 + \omega_1 x_2^2 = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$$

$$g(x) = x^3 \quad \omega_0 x_1^3 + \omega_1 x_2^3 = 0$$

Solving these 4 equations, we'll get

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}$$

$$x_2 = -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}$$

$$\omega_1 = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\omega_2 = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\pi}$$

2 Algorithm

Algorithm 1 n-point Gauss Hermite Quadrature rule

```
function MYHERMITEQUAD( $f, n$ )  
    [ $herm\_zer, w$ ] =  $h\_roots(n)$  ▷ Store the x values and weights in two lists  
     $herm = 0$  ▷ initialize the summation  
  
    for  $i$  in range(1,  $n+1$ ):  
         $herm += f(herm\_zer[i - 1]) * w[i - 1]$  ▷ loop to sum all values for the integral  
    return  $herm$  ▷ Returns the value of integral
```

3 Programming

```
1 #Ankur Kumar 2020PHY1113  
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3  
4  
5 from IntegrationModule import *  
6 from scipy.integrate import quad  
7 import numpy as np  
8 import pandas as pd  
9 from prettytable import PrettyTable  
10  
11 print("2020PHY1113")  
12  
13  
14 ver_f = eval("lambda x:" + input("function to be integrated by Gauss Hermite , f(x)  
    = "))  
15  
16 x = PrettyTable()  
17  
18 x.field_names = ["n-point", "Inbuilt Function", "My Function"]  
19  
20 x.add_row(["2", quad(lambda x: np.exp(-(x**2))*ver_f(x), -np.inf, np.inf)[0],  
    MyHermiteQuad(ver_f, 2)])  
21 x.add_row(["4", quad(lambda x: np.exp(-(x**2))*ver_f(x), -np.inf, np.inf)[0],  
    MyHermiteQuad(ver_f, 4)])  
22  
23 print(x)  
24  
25 def Int_1(x):  
26     return 1/(1+x**2)  
27  
28 def Int_2(x):  
29     return np.exp(x**2)/(1+x**2)  
30  
31 I1 = []  
32 I2 = []  
33 n = []  
34 for i in range(1, 8):  
35     val_1 = MyHermiteQuad(Int_1, 2**i)  
36     I1.append(val_1)  
37  
38  
39 for i in range(1, 8):  
40     val_2 = MyHermiteQuad(Int_2, 2**i)  
41     I2.append(val_2)  
42     n.append(2**i)  
43  
44 data = {  
45
```

```

46     'n': n,
47     'I_1': I1,
48     'I_2': I2
49 }
50 }
51
52 df = pd.DataFrame(data)
53 numpy_array = df.to_numpy()
54 np.savetxt("quad-herm-1113.out.txt", numpy_array, fmt = "%f")
55 print(df)
56
57
58 #Comparsion With Simpson Method
59
60 func_1 = lambda x: np.exp(-(x**2))/(1+x**2)
61 func_2 = lambda x: 1/(1+x**2)
62
63 simp1 = []
64 simp2 = []
65 upperLimit = []
66 lowerLimit = []
67
68 for i in range(0,5):
69
70     temp1 = My_Simp(func_1, -10**i, 10**i, 100000)
71     simp1.append(temp1)
72
73     temp2 = My_Simp(func_2, -10**i, 10**i, 100000)
74     simp2.append(temp2)
75
76     temp3 = 10**i
77     upperLimit.append(temp3)
78
79     temp4 = -10**i
80     lowerLimit.append(temp4)
81
82
83 data1 = {
84     'Lower Limit': lowerLimit,
85     'Upper Limit': upperLimit,
86     'I_1(Simpson)': simp1,
87     'I_2(Simpson)': simp2
88 }
89 }
90
91 df = pd.DataFrame(data1)
92 print(df)

```

4 Discussion

Verification of n-point Gauss Hermite

We know that for n-point Gauss Hermite the method will give exact results upto $2n - 1$ order of polynomials.

For $n = 2$ the integral is exact upto 3rd order polynomials.

For $n = 4$ the integral is exact upto 7th order polynomials.

```
function to be integrated by Gauss Hermite , f(x) = x**2
+-----+-----+-----+
| n-point | Inbuilt Function | My Function |
+-----+-----+-----+
| 2       | 0.8862269254527599 | 0.8862269254527577 |
| 4       | 0.8862269254527599 | 0.8862269254527573 |
+-----+-----+-----+
```

Figure 1: Polynomial of Order 2

For the given 2nd order polynomial it can be seen that both 2-point and 4-point quadrature gives exact results.

```
function to be integrated by Gauss Hermite , f(x) = x**6
+-----+-----+-----+
| n-point | Inbuilt Function | My Function |
+-----+-----+-----+
| 2       | 3.3233509704478426 | 0.22155673136318937 |
| 4       | 3.3233509704478426 | 3.323350970447833 |
+-----+-----+-----+
```

Figure 2: Polynomial of Order 6

For the given 6th order polynomial it can be seen that 2-point quadrature fails to give an exact result and 4-point is still accurate as predicted.

```
function to be integrated by Gauss Hermite , f(x) = x**8
+-----+-----+-----+
| n-point | Inbuilt Function | My Function |
+-----+-----+-----+
| 2       | 11.63172839656745 | 0.11077836568159467 |
| 4       | 11.63172839656745 | 8.973047620209144 |
+-----+-----+-----+
```

Figure 3: Polynomial of Order 8

For the given 8th order polynomial it can be seen that both 2-point and 4-point quadrature fail to give exact results.

Evaluating I_1 and I_2

	n	I_1	I_2
0	2	1.181636	1.948188
1	4	1.306019	2.328295
2	8	1.339187	2.588464
3	16	1.343129	2.761919
4	32	1.343292	2.879063
5	64	1.343293	2.958943
6	128	1.343293	3.013879

Figure 4: Value of Integrals with change in n

It can be seen that as value of n increases the value of integral approaches the true value, but the second integral does not reach the true value of π even with 128 point quadrature.

Computation using two-point quadrature

Integral I

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$I_1 = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i f(x_i)$$

$$I_1 = w_1 f(x_1) + w_2 f(x_2)$$

$$I_1 = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} f\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$I_1 = (0.886227)(0.666667) + (0.886227)(0.666667)$$

$$I_1 = 1.181636$$

Integral II

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{x^2}}{1+x^2}$$

$$I_1 = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i f(x_i)$$

$$I_1 = w_1 f(x_1) + w_2 f(x_2)$$

$$I_1 = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} f\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$I_1 = (0.886227)(1.099148) + (0.886227)(1.099148)$$

$$I_1 = 1.948188$$

Comparison with Simpson Method

	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	I_1(Simpson)	I_2(Simpson)
0	-1	1	1.237644	1.570796
1	-10	10	1.343293	2.942255
2	-100	100	1.343293	3.121593
3	-1000	1000	1.343293	3.139593
4	-10000	10000	1.343293	3.141393

Figure 5: Comparison with Simpson Method

We change the values of both upper limit and lower limit towards infinity.

It can be seen that as the value of upper limit and lower limit goes on increasing both the integrals approach their true value.

With this method the value of second integral can be approximated to π .