

## Gaussian Quadrature

Note that Newton-Cotes uses equally spaced points why not have them be unequal? Maybe it can be lots better?

We want to use the same formula, but pick  $x_i$ 's as well!

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i f(x_i) \Rightarrow \text{exact results for polynomials of the largest degree.}$$

Since we want to estimate  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  and  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , then

We'd like to estimate  $2n$  parameters. To fit a polynomial we need degree  $2n-1$ . We'll focus currently on  $[-1, 1]$  for <sup>internal</sup> interval

Example: Let  $n=2$ . Then we need to estimate

$c_1, c_2, x_1, x_2 \Rightarrow$  degree  $2(n)-1 = 2(2)-1 = 3.$

So that  $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) = c_1 f(x_1) + c_2 f(x_2)$  is exact for

polynomial of degree three or less. If we find what the constants are for  $f(x)=1, x, x^2,$  and  $x^3,$  then it will work for all polys of degree 3 or less

$$\text{for } f(x)=1 \quad c_1 \cdot 1 + c_2 \cdot 1 = \int_{-1}^1 1 dx = 1 - (-1) = 2$$

$$\text{for } f(x)=x \quad c_1 \cdot x_1 + c_2 \cdot x_2 = \int_{-1}^1 x dx = \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{(-1)}{2} = 0$$

$$\text{for } f(x)=x^2 \quad c_1 \cdot x_1^2 + c_2 \cdot x_2^2 = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{3} - \left( -\frac{1}{3} \right) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{for } f(x)=x^3 \Rightarrow c_1 x_1^3 + c_2 x_2^3 = 0$$

Solving the system.

So we need to solve

$$\textcircled{1} \quad c_1 + c_2 = 2$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad = \textcircled{4}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 = 0$$

 $\Rightarrow$ 

$$c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 = c_1 x_1^3 + c_2 x_2^3$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad c_1 x_1^2 + c_2 x_2^2 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$c_2 x_2 - c_2 x_2^3 = c_1 x_1^3 - c_1 x_1$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad c_1 x_1^3 + c_2 x_2^3 = 0$$

$$c_2 x_2 (1 - x_2^2) = c_1 x_1 (x_1^2 - 1)$$

 $\textcircled{5}$ 

$c_1 = 2 - c_2 \Rightarrow \text{plug into } \textcircled{2}$

$$(2 - c_2) x_1 + c_2 x_2 = 0$$

$$\text{or } c_2 = 2 - c_1$$

$$2x_1 - c_2 x_1 + c_2 x_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 x_1 + (2 - c_1) x_2 = 0$$

$$2x_1 = c_2 (x_1 - x_2)$$

$$c_1 (x_1 - x_2) = -2x_2$$

$$x_1 - x_2 = \frac{2x_1}{c_1} \quad \textcircled{6}$$

$$x_1 - x_2 = \frac{-2x_2}{c_1}$$

$$\frac{2x_1}{c_2} = \frac{-2x_2}{c_1} \Rightarrow x_1 c_1 = -x_2 c_2 \Rightarrow \text{plug into } (5)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 x_2 (1-x_2^2) = -c_2 x_2 (x_1^2 - 1)$$

$$x_2^2 = x_1^2 \Rightarrow x_1 = -x_2$$

Thus, (6) says

$$\underbrace{\frac{x_1 - (-x_1)}{2x_1}}_{\frac{2x_1}{c_2}} = \frac{2x_1}{c_2} \Rightarrow \boxed{c_2 = 1} \Rightarrow \boxed{c_1 = 2 - c_2 = 2 - 1 = 1}$$

Last, (3) says

$$\underbrace{\frac{c_1 x_1^2}{1}}_{x_2^2} + \underbrace{\frac{c_2 x_2^2}{1}}_{x_2^2} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$2x_2^2 = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow x_2^2 = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \boxed{x_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, x_1 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

Note  $\int_{-1}^1 f(x)dx = f\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) + f\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)$  is exact for degree 3 or less. Try it!

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^3 + 2x^2 dx = \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{2}{3}x^3 \right]_{-1}^1 = \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \right) + \frac{2}{3} - \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right) = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } f\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) + f\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) &= \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)^3 + 2\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)^3 + 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)^2 \\ &= \underbrace{-\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)^3}_0 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

This technique can be used for higher number of nodes and coefficients, but it's more difficult than another method.

In section 8.2&8.3, we learn more about orthogonal polynomials. These are polynomials that <sup>def</sup> the integral of a product of two of them is zero.

The set of orthog. poly. that we're interested in the Legendre polynomials, a collection  $\{P_0, P_1, \dots, P_n, \dots\}$  that has the properties:

1. For each  $n$ ,  $P_n$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$
2.  $\int_{-1}^1 p(x) P_n(x) dx = 0$  whenever  $p(x)$  is a poly of degree less than  $n$ .

The first few Legendre polynomials are

$$P_0(x) = 1, P_1(x) = x, P_2(x) = x^2 - \frac{1}{3}, P_3(x) = x^3 - \frac{3}{5}x, P_4(x) = x^4 - \frac{6}{7}x^2 + \frac{3}{35}$$

The roots of the poly lie in  $(-1, 1)$ , have symmetry wrt origin  
 The nodes  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  needed to produce an integral  
 approx formula to give exact results for any poly of  
 degree less than  $2n$  are the roots of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree  
 Legendre poly.

Thm 4.7 Suppose  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are roots of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Legendre  
 polynomial  $P_n$  and that for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , the  
 numbers  $c_i$  are defined by  $\int_{-1}^{1_n} \frac{x - x_i}{x_i - x_j} dx$ .

If  $P$  is any poly of degree less than  $2n$ , then

$$\int_{-1}^1 P(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i P(x_i)$$

Proof : Case I : a polynomial of degree less than  $n$ , called  $P(x)$ .

We can rewrite (since it is unique) as an  $(n-1)$ st Lagrange polynomial with nodes at the roots of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Legendre Polynomial  $P_n$ . The representation is exact since the error term involves the  $n^{\text{th}}$  deriv of  $R$  (which is zero). Hence,

$$\int_{-1}^1 R(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j} R(x_i) \right] dx = \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\left[ \int_{-1}^1 \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j} \right]}_{c_i} R(x_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i R(x_i) \Rightarrow \text{result is true for poly of degree less than } n.$$

If the Polynomial  $P(x)$  of degree less than  $2n$  is divided by  $n^{\text{th}}$  Legendre polynomial  $P_n(x)$ , we get

$$P(x) = Q(x) P_n(x) + R(x)$$

It follows that

$$\int_{-1}^1 P(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 Q(x) P_n(x) + R(x) dx$$

degree less than  $2n$       degree  $n$       degree less than  $n$

$\downarrow$        $\downarrow$        $\downarrow$

$$= \int_{-1}^1 Q(x) P_n(x) dx + \int_{-1}^1 R(x) dx$$

Since  $P_n(x)$  is orthogonal to all polyn of degree less than  $n$ ,  
then

$$= 0 + \int_{-1}^1 R(x) dx$$

$\overbrace{\quad\quad\quad}$  done previously

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i R(x_i) =$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i P(x_i)$$

See table 4.11 for list of coeff & nodes.

what if we're not integrating between  $[1, 1]$ ?  
Then we do calculus witchcraft!

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 f\left(\frac{(b-a)t + b+a}{2}\right) \frac{b-a}{2} dt$$

$t = \frac{2x-a-b}{b-a}$

apply gaussian quadrature to this.

$$\underline{\text{Ex:}} \quad \int_1^{1.5} e^{-x^2} dx = .1093643$$

Newton-Cotes

$n$	0	1	2	3	4
closed		.1183197	, 1093104	, 1093404	, 1093643
open	, 1048057	, 1063473	, 1094116	, 1093971	

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$$\int_1^{1.5} e^{-x^2} dx = \int_{-1}^1 \underbrace{e^{-\left(\frac{t+5}{4}\right)^2} \frac{1}{4}, dt}_{\text{apply gaussian quadrature here.}}$$

$$t = \frac{2x - 2.5}{0.5} = 4x - 5$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$dt = 4dx$$

$$\frac{t+5}{4}$$

$$\underline{n=2}$$

$$\int_1^{1.5} e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{4} \left[ e^{-(5+5773502692)^2/16} + e^{-(5-5773502692)^2/16} \right]$$

$$= ,1094003$$

n = 3

$$\int_1^{1.5} e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{4} \left[ .5555 e^{-(5+7745966692)^2/16} + .88 e^{-(5)^2/16} \right. \\ \left. + .5 e^{-(5-7745966692)^2/16} \right]$$

$$= ,1093642$$

Compare to Romberg

• 1183197

• 1115627      • 1093104

• 1099114      • 1093610      • 1093643

• 1095009      • 1093641      • 1093643      ,1093643