

- Recall  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n d_i b_i(x) = p(x)$

- The coefficients  $d_0, \dots, d_n$  are chosen such that

$$\|f(x) - p(x)\|^2 = (f - p, f - p) = \min$$

when  $(,)$  is an inner product with the properties:

$$(f, g) = (g, f)$$

$$(f + g, h) = (f, h) + (g, h)$$

$$(f, f) \geq 0$$

$$(f, f) = 0 \Rightarrow f = 0$$

$$(cf, g) = c(f, g)$$

$$\|f\| = \sqrt{(f, f)}$$

- Example  $(f, g) = \int_a^b w(x) f(x) g(x) dx$

- We get the linear system

$$\left[ (b_i, b_j) \right]_{i,j=0,\dots,n} \begin{bmatrix} d_0 \\ \vdots \\ d_n \end{bmatrix} = \left[ (f, b_i) \right]_{i=0,\dots,n}$$

- If  $i \neq j \Rightarrow (b_i, b_j) = 0$  the  $b_i$  are orthogonal (with respect to the given inner product)
- we can use the Gram-Schmidt Process to construct orthogonal basis vectors.
- you may have seen it in terms of ordinary vectors with  $(v, w) = v^T w = v \cdot w$
- we are given basis functions

$$b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots$$

- We want to construct a new sequence  $q_0, q_1, q_2, \dots$

- such that

$$(q_i, q_j) = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

and

$$\text{span} \{b_0, \dots, b_k\} = \text{span} \{p_0, \dots, p_k\}$$

$$\text{for all } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

we start with

$$q_0 = \frac{b_0}{\|b_0\|}$$

- Then, for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

define

$$z_k = b_k - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (b_k, q_i) q_i$$

$$q_k = \frac{z_k}{\|z_k\|}$$

This works since

$$\begin{aligned} (z_k, q_j) &= (b_k, q_j) - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (b_k, q_i) (q_i, q_j) \\ &= (b_k, q_j) - (b_k, q_j) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Let's do an example

$$b_k(x) = x^k \quad (f, g) = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t)dt$$

$$q_0(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\int_0^1 1 \cdot 1 dt}} = 1$$

$$z_1(x) = x - \int_0^1 t \cdot 1 dt = x - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$q_1(x) = \frac{x - 1/2}{\left(\int_0^1 (t - 1/2)^2 dt\right)^{1/2}} = 2\sqrt{3}(x - 1/2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_2 &= x^2 - \int_0^1 t^2 \cdot 1 dt \cdot 1 - \int_0^1 2\sqrt{3}(t - 1/2)t^2 dt \cdot 2\sqrt{3}(x - 1/2) \\ &= x^2 - x + 1/6 \end{aligned}$$

$$q_2 = \frac{x^2 - x + 1/6}{\left(\int_0^1 (t^2 - t + 1/6)^2 dt\right)^{1/2}} = 6\sqrt{5}\left(x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}\right)$$

- The Gram-Schmidt process works for any inner product and any set of basis functions.

- However, for the special case that  $b_i = x^i$  and

$$(f, g) = \int_a^b w(x) f(x) g(x) dx \quad w(x) > 0$$

the resulting polynomials are usually normalised so that their leading coefficient is 1. The Gram-Schmidt process simplifies to the "three-term recurrence relation":

$$Q_n = Q_n(x) = x^n + \text{L.O.T.}$$

$$Q_0 = 1$$

$$Q_1 = x - a_1$$

$$Q_n = (x - a_n) Q_{n-1} - b_n Q_{n-2}$$

$$a_n = \frac{(x Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-1})}{(Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-1})} \quad b_n = \frac{(x Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-2})}{(Q_{n-2}, Q_{n-2})}$$

- Note that for arbitrary  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  this creates a sequence of polynomials with leading coefficient 1.

- Also note that the denominators are non-zero

$$(f, g) = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)dx$$

Example  
Shifted Legendre

$$Q_n = (x - a_n) Q_{n-1} - b_n Q_{n-2}$$

$$a_n = \frac{(x Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-1})}{(Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-1})}$$

$$b_n = \frac{(x Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-2})}{(Q_{n-2}, Q_{n-2})}$$

$$Q_0 = 1 \quad a_1 = \frac{\int_0^1 t dt}{\int_0^1 1 dt} = 1/2$$

$$Q_1 = x - a_1 = x - 1/2$$

$$a_2 = \frac{\int_0^1 t(t - 1/2)^2 dt}{\int_0^1 (t - 1/2)^2 dt} = \frac{1}{2} \quad (\text{not } 0)$$

$$b_2 = \frac{\int_0^1 t(t - 1/2) dt}{\int_0^1 1^2 dt} = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$Q_2 = (x - \frac{1}{2})(x - \frac{1}{2}) - \frac{1}{12}$$

$$= x^2 - x + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{12}$$

$$= x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6} \quad \text{as with Gram-Schmidt}$$

Proof by induction

$$(Q_0, Q_0) = \left( x - \frac{(x, 1, 1)}{(1, 1, 1)} \right) (1, 1, 1) = (x, 1, 1) (1, 1, 1) = 0$$

suppose  $Q_0, Q_1, \dots, Q_{n-1}$  are orthogonal, and  $k < n$

$$(Q_n, Q_k) = \left( x - \frac{(x, Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-1})}{(Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-1})} \right) (Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-1}) - \frac{(x, Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-1})}{(Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-1})} Q_{n-1}, Q_k$$

$$= (x, Q_{n-1}, Q_k) - \left( \frac{(x, Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-1})}{(Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-1})} \right) (Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-1}) - \frac{(x, Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-1})}{(Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-1})} (Q_{n-1}, Q_k)$$

Three cases:

$$k = n-1: = (x, Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-1}) - (x, Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-1}) = 0$$

$$k = n-2: = (x, Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-2}) - (x, Q_{n-1}, Q_{n-2}) = 0$$

$$k < n-2: = (x, Q_{n-1}, Q_k)$$

$$= (Q_{n-1}, x, Q_k) \quad \text{The key step!}$$

$$= (Q_{n-1}, \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \alpha_i Q_i, Q_k) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \alpha_i (Q_{n-1}, Q_i) = 0$$

## 22.2. Orthogonality Relations

$f_n(x)$	Name of Polynomial	$a$	$b$	$w(x)$	Standardization	$h_n$	Remarks
22.2.1 $P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x)$	Jacobi	-1	1	$(1-x)^\alpha(1+x)^\beta$	$P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(1) = \binom{n+\alpha}{n}$	$\frac{2^{\alpha+\beta+1}}{2n+\alpha+\beta+1} \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)\Gamma(n+\beta+1)}{n!\Gamma(n+\alpha+\beta+1)}$	$\alpha > -1, \beta > -1$
22.2.2 $G_n(p, q, x)$	Jacobi	0	1	$(1-x)^p(1-x^2)^{q-1}$	$h_n = 1$	$\frac{n!\Gamma(n+q)\Gamma(n+p)\Gamma(n+p-q+1)}{(2n+p)\Gamma^2(2n+p)}$	$p-q > -1, q > 0$
22.2.3 $C_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$	Ultraspherical (Gegenbauer)	-1	1	$(1-x^2)^{\alpha-1}$	$C_n^{(\alpha)}(1) = \binom{n+2\alpha-1}{n} \quad (\alpha \neq 0)$	$\frac{2^{2\alpha-1}\Gamma(n+2\alpha)}{n!(n+\alpha)\Gamma(\alpha)^2}$ $\alpha \neq 0$	$\alpha > -\frac{1}{2}$
22.2.4 $T_n(x)$	Chebyshev of the first kind	-1	1	$(1-x^2)^{-1/2}$	$C_n^{(0)}(1) = \frac{2}{n}$ $C_0^{(0)}(1) = 1$	$\frac{2\pi}{n^2}$ $\alpha = 0$	
22.2.5 $U_n(x)$	Chebyshev of the second kind	-1	1	$(1-x^2)^{1/2}$	$T_n(1) = 1$	$\begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} & n \neq 0 \\ \pi & n = 0 \end{cases}$	
22.2.6 $S_n(x)$	Chebyshev of the first kind	-2	2	$\left(1-\frac{x^2}{4}\right)^{-1/2}$	$U_n(1) = n+1$	$\begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} & n \neq 0 \\ \pi & n = 0 \end{cases}$	
22.2.7 $C_n(x)$	Chebyshev of the second kind	-2	2	$\left(1-\frac{x^2}{4}\right)^{1/2}$	$S_n(2) = n+1$	$\begin{cases} \frac{4\pi}{8} & n \neq 0 \\ \pi & n = 0 \end{cases}$	
22.2.8 $T_n^*(x)$	Shifted Chebyshev of the first kind	0	1	$(x-x^2)^{-1/2}$	$C_n(2) = 2$	$4\pi$	
22.2.9 $U_n^*(x)$	Shifted Chebyshev of the second kind	0	1	$(x-x^2)^{1/2}$	$T_n^*(1) = 1$	$\begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} & n \neq 0 \\ \pi & n = 0 \end{cases}$	
22.2.10 $P_n(x)$	Legendre (Spherical)	-1	1		$U_n^*(1) = n+1$	$\frac{\pi}{8}$	
22.2.11 $P_n^*(x)$	Shifted Legendre	0	1		$P_n^*(1) = 1$	$\frac{2}{2n+1}$ $\frac{1}{2n+1}$	

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# 22.2. Orthogonality Relations—Continued

22.2.12	$L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$	Generalised Laguerre	0	$\infty$	$e^{-x}x^\alpha$	$k_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n!}$	$\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+n+1)}{n!}$	$\alpha > -1$
22.2.13	$L_n(x)$	Laguerre	0	$\infty$	$e^{-x}$	$k_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n!}$	1	
22.2.14	$H_n(x)$	Hermite	$-\infty$	$\infty$	$e^{-x^2}$	$a_n = (-1)^n$	$\sqrt{\pi}2^{-n}n!$	
22.2.15	$He_n(x)$	Hermite	$-\infty$	$\infty$	$e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$	$a_n = (-1)^n$	$\sqrt{2\pi}n!$	

# 22.3. Explicit Expressions

$$f_n(x) = d_n \sum_{m=0}^N c_m g_m(x)$$

	$f_n(x)$	$N$	$d_n$	$c_m$	$g_m(x)$	$k_n$	Remarks
22.3.1	$P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x)$	$n$	$\frac{1}{2^n}$	$\binom{n+\alpha}{m} \binom{n+\beta}{n-m}$	$(x-1)^{n-m}(x+1)^m$	$\frac{1}{2^n} \binom{2n+\alpha+\beta}{n}$	$\alpha > -1, \beta > -1$
22.3.2	$P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x)$	$n$	$\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+n+1)}{n! \Gamma(\alpha+\beta+n+1)}$	$\binom{n}{m} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+n+m+1)}{2^n \Gamma(\alpha+m+1)}$	$(x-1)^m$	$\frac{1}{2^n} \binom{2n+\alpha+\beta}{n}$	$\alpha > -1, \beta > -1$
22.3.3	$G_n(p, q, x)$	$n$	$\frac{\Gamma(q+n)}{\Gamma(p+2n)}$	$(-1)^m \binom{n}{m} \frac{\Gamma(p+2n-m)}{\Gamma(q+n-m)}$	$x^{n-m}$	1	$p-q > -1, q > 0$
22.3.4	$C_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$	$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$	$\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$	$(-1)^m \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+n-m)}{m! (n-2m)!}$	$(2x)^{n-2m}$	$\frac{2^n \Gamma(\alpha+n)}{n! \Gamma(\alpha)}$	$\alpha > -\frac{1}{2}, \alpha \neq 0$
22.3.5	$C_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$	$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$	1	$(-1)^m \frac{(n-m-1)!}{m! (n-2m)!}$	$(2x)^{n-2m}$	$\frac{2^n}{n}$	$n \neq 0, C_0^{(\alpha)}(1) = 1$
22.3.6	$?_n(x)$	$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$	$\frac{n}{2}$	$(-1)^m \frac{(n-m-1)!}{m! (n-2m)!}$	$(2x)^{n-2m}$	$\frac{2^n}{n}$	
22.3.7	$U_n(x)$	$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$	1	$(-1)^m \frac{(n-m)!}{m! (n-2m)!}$	$(2x)^{n-2m}$	$2^n$	
22.3.8	$P_n(x)$	$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$	$\frac{1}{2^n}$	$(-1)^m \binom{n}{m} \binom{2n-2m}{n}$	$x^{n-2m}$	$\frac{(2n)!}{2^n (n!)^2}$	$\alpha > -1$
22.3.9	$L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$	$n$	1	$(-1)^m \binom{n+\alpha}{n-m} \frac{1}{m!}$	$x^m$	$\frac{(-1)^n}{n!}$	$\alpha > -1$
22.3.10	$H_n(x)$	$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$	$n!$	$(-1)^m \frac{n! (n-2m)!}{m!}$	$(2x)^{n-2m}$	$2^n$	see 22.11
22.3.11	$He_n(x)$	$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$	$n!$	$(-1)^m \frac{1}{m! 2^n (n-2m)!}$	$x^{n-2m}$	1	

