

Orthogonal polynomials.

let $w(x) \geq 0$ on $[a, b]$

let $\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$ be polynomials.

with $\deg(\phi_j) = j$ they are

Orthogonal polynomials if

$$\int_a^b \phi_i(x) \phi_j(x) w(x) dx = \begin{cases} 0, & i \neq j \\ d_j > 0, & i = j \end{cases}$$

Example:

$$a=0, \quad b=1$$

$$w(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

$$\phi_0 = 1$$

$$\phi_1 = x + c$$

$$\int_0^1 \phi_0(x) \phi_1(x) w(x) dx = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 (x+c) \sqrt{x} dx = 0$$

$$= \int_0^1 x^{\frac{3}{2}} dx + c \int_0^1 x^{\frac{1}{2}} dx = 0$$

$$= \frac{2}{5} + c \cdot \frac{2}{3} = 0$$

$$c = -\frac{3}{5}$$

$$\text{Set } \phi_2 = x^2 + cx + D$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 (x^2 + cx + D) \sqrt{x} dx = 0$$

$$\int_0^1 (x^2 + cx + D) \left(x - \frac{3}{5}\right) \sqrt{x} dx = 0$$

We can get c & D

Alternatively

$$\text{Set } \phi_2 = x^2 + C_1 \phi_1 + C_0 \phi_0$$

$$\int_0^1 (x^2 + C_1 \phi_1 + C_0 \phi_0) \phi_0 \sqrt{x} dx = 0$$

$$\int_0^1 x^{\frac{5}{2}} dx + 0 + C_0 \int_0^1 x^{\frac{1}{2}} dx = 0$$

$$\frac{2}{7} + C_0 \frac{2}{3} = 0$$

$$C_0 = -\frac{3}{7}$$

$$\int_0^1 (x^2 + C_1 \phi_1 + C_0 \phi_0) \phi_1^{(4)} dx = 0$$

$$\phi_1 = x - \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\int_0^1 x^2 \phi_1^{(4)} dx + C_1 \int_0^1 \phi_1^2 dx + 0 = 0$$

$$\int_0^1 x^{\frac{7}{2}} - \frac{3}{5} x^{\frac{5}{2}} dx$$

$$\int_0^1 x^{\frac{7}{2}} dx - \frac{3}{5} \int_0^1 x^{\frac{5}{2}} dx$$

$$= -C_1 \left(\int_0^1 x^{\frac{5}{2}} dx - \frac{6}{5} \int_0^1 x^{\frac{3}{2}} dx + \frac{9}{25} \int_0^1 x^{\frac{1}{2}} dx \right)$$

So we get C_1

Example 2 Legendre Polynomials.

$$a = -1 \quad b = 1 \quad W(x) = 1$$

$$\phi_0 = 1 \quad \phi_1 = x$$

3-term
recurrence
relation

$$\phi_{k+1} = \frac{2k+1}{k+1} x \phi_k - \frac{k}{k+1} \phi_{k-1} \quad k \geq 2$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \phi_k^2 dx = \frac{2}{2k+1}$$

Matlab

input $\vec{X} = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$

$$\phi_0 = \text{ones}(\text{size}(\vec{X})); \quad \phi_1 = \vec{X}$$

for $k = 1$ to $n-1$

$$\phi_{k+1} = \frac{2k+1}{k+1} x \phi_k - \frac{k}{k+1} \phi_{k-1}$$

end

Output $(\phi_k(x_1), \phi_k(x_2), \dots, \phi_k(x_m)) \quad k=0, 1, \dots, n$

$$\text{L.S.P.} \quad \min \int_{-1}^1 (f(x) - P_n(x))^2 dx$$

$$P_n(x) = C_0 \phi_0 + C_1 \phi_1 + \dots + C_n \phi_n$$

$$C_k = \frac{\int_{-1}^1 f(x) \phi_k(x) dx}{\left(\int_{-1}^1 \phi_k(x)^2 dx \right) = \frac{2}{2k+1}}$$

Algorithm (L.S.P.)

$\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$ quadrature point

A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m quadrature weights.

$$[\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_n] = \Phi(\vec{x})$$

for $k=0, 1, \dots, n$

$$C_k = \frac{2k+1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m A_i \phi_k(x_i) f(x_i)$$

end