

# Math 151A: Applied Numerical Methods

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# 1 Review

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## Theorems (Calculus):

1. **IVT**: Let  $f \in C[a, b]$  and let  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  between  $f(a), f(b)$ . Then  $\exists c \in [a, b]$  s.t.  $f(c) = k$ .
2. **MVT**: Let  $f \in C[a, b]$  be differentiable on  $(a, b)$ . Then  $\exists c \in (a, b)$  s.t.  $f'(c) = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$ .

**Theorem (Taylor's Theorem)**. Let  $f \in C^n[a, b]$ , and let  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ . Assume  $f^{n+1}$  exists on  $[a, b]$ . Then  $\forall x \in [a, b]$ ,  $\exists \xi_x \in [x_0, x]$  s.t.  $f(x) = P_n(x) + R_n(x)$ , where:

$$P_n(x) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2}(x - x_0)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!}(x - x_0)^n$$
$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi_x)}{(n+1)!}(x - x_0)^{n+1}$$

**Integration by Parts**:  $\int u(x)v'(x)dx = u(x)v(x) - \int u'(x)v(x)dx$

**Error**: Let  $p$  be an approximation of  $p^*$ :

1. **Absolute error** ( $|p - p^*|$ ) vs. **relative error**  $\left( \left| \frac{p - p^*}{p^*} \right| \right)$  [ $p \neq 0$ ]
2. **Underflow error**: When a small number rounds to 0 (after subtracting near-equal #s, e.g.)
3. **Overflow error**: When a large number rounds to  $\pm\infty$  (from dividing by a small #, e.g.)

**Big-O Notation**: Say that a function  $f(x)$  is  $O(g(x))$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  if  $\exists$  constants  $M > 0, x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.:

$$|f(x)| \leq M |g(x)| \quad \forall x > x_0$$

Say that  $f(x)$  is  $O(g(x))$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  if  $\exists M, \delta > 0$  s.t.:

$$|f(x)| \leq M |g(x)| \quad \forall x \text{ s.t. } |x - a| \leq \delta$$

## Orders of Convergence

A convergent sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  with limit  $x$  is said to converge with order  $\alpha \geq 1$  to  $x$  if  $\exists$  constant  $L \in (0, \infty)$  s.t.:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x_{n+1} - x|}{|x_n - x|^\alpha} = L$$

## 2 Floating Point

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**Floating point:** computational form for representing a decimal number; can denote by  $Fl(x) = x + \epsilon$

1. **Single-precision/short/float32:**  $\sim 6\text{-}9$  [base 10] decimal digits
2. **Double-precision/long/float64:**  $\sim 15\text{-}17$  decimal digits
3. In general: machine accuracy given by  $\epsilon \approx 10^{-16}$

### The IEEE *binary64* Floating Point

IEEE binary64 floating point format (64 bits total) is divided into 3 parts: (i) the ***sign bit*** [1 bit], (ii) the ***exponent*** [11 bits], and (iii) the ***significand*** [52 bits]

$$\underline{\text{FP}} : (-1)^{\text{sign}} \cdot [1.\text{significand}]_2 \cdot 2^{\text{exponent}-2}$$

**Floating Point:**

1. Sign bit indicates sign of a number, including  $\pm \text{zero}$
2. Exponent bits are unsigned, range from 0 to 2047  $\xrightarrow{-1024}$  -1022 to +1023
  - -1023 (all 0s), +1024 (all 1s) reserved for special numbers

**Finite-Digit Arithmetic:** For numbers that cannot be represented exactly, have to either ***chop*** [remove extra digits] or ***round*** [round to nearest representable number]

- When doing arithmetic: chop/round after every operation
- Accumulate error with every operation  $\rightarrow$  can use ***nested arithmetic***: factor common terms to reduce the total # operations [FLOPs: floating point operations] performed

### 3 Root-Finding

#### Bisection Search

1. Start with search region  $[a_0, b_0]$
2. At every iteration, evaluate  $f(\frac{b_n+a_n}{2})$
3.  $f > 0 \implies$  choose  $a_{n+1} = a_n, b_{n+1} = \frac{b_n+a_n}{2}$ ; else, choose  $a_{n+1} = \frac{b_n+a_n}{2}, b_{n+1} = b_n$

**Convergence of Bisection Method:** Let  $f \in C[a, b]$  s.t.  $\text{sign}[f(a)] \neq \text{sign}[f(b)]$ . Then the sequence  $\{p_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  generated by the bisection method converges globally to a root  $p$  of  $f$  with error:

$$|p_n - p| \leq \frac{b - a}{2^n} \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

#### Fixed-Point Iteration

**Def:** A **fixed point** of a function  $g$  is a point  $p$  s.t.  $g(p) = p$ . (Note: f.p. of  $g \Leftrightarrow$  root of  $x - g(x)$ )

**Theorems (Fixed Points):**

1. **Existence:** Let  $g \in C[a, b]$  with  $a \leq g(x) \leq b \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$ ; then  $\exists p \in [a, b]$  s.t.  $g(p) = p$ .
2. **Uniqueness:** If  $g'(x)$  exists on  $(a, b)$  and  $\exists$  constant  $0 < k < 1$  s.t.  $|g'(x)| \leq k \quad \forall x \in (a, b)$ , then the aforementioned fixed point  $p$  is unique.

#### Fixed-Point Iteration

Given  $g \in C[a, b]$  s.t.  $g(x) \in [a, b] \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$  and initial guess  $p_0 \in [a, b]$ , can find a sequence  $p_n$  converging to fixed point  $p$ .

Let  $\{p_n\}_{n \geq 1}^\infty$  def. by  $p_n = g(p_{n-1})$ ; if  $p_{n \geq 1}$  converges to  $p \in [a, b]$ , then  $p$  is a fixed point of  $g$ .

**Theorems (Fixed Point Iteration):**

1. **Fixed-Point Theorem:** Let  $g$  as above. Suppose  $g'$  exists on  $(a, b)$  and  $\exists$  constant  $k \in (0, 1)$  s.t.  $|g'(x)| \leq k \quad \forall x \in (a, b)$ . Then for any  $p_0 \in [a, b]$ , the sequence  $\{p_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  converges to the unique fixed point  $p \in [a, b]$  of  $g$  [*Corollary:* with error  $|p_n - p| \leq k^n \cdot \max(p_0 - a, b - p_0)$ ].
2. **Convergence:**  $\{p_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  converges linearly to  $p$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|p_n - p|}{|p_{n-1} - p|} = |g'(p)| \leq k < 1$ .

#### Newton's Method

Given an initial guess  $p_0$  s.t.  $|p_0 - p|$  small, have update rule:

$$x^{k+1} := x^k - \frac{f(x^k)}{f'(x^k)}$$

### Theorems (Newton's Method):

1. **Convergence:** Let  $f \in C^2[a, b]$ . If  $p \in (a, b)$  satisfies  $f(p) = 0, f'(p) \neq 0$ , then  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t. Newton's method converges to  $p$  for any  $p_0 \in [p - \delta, p + \delta]$ .
2. **Convergence Order:** Let  $g = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)} \in C^\alpha[a, b]$  ( $\alpha > 2$ ), and let  $p \in [a, b]$ . Assume  $g(p) = p$  and  $g'(p) = \dots = g^{\alpha-1}(p)$ , but  $g^\alpha(p) \neq 0$ . Then  $p_n \rightarrow p$  with order  $\alpha$ .

#### Secant Method

Have update rule:

$$x^{k+1} := x^k - \frac{x^k - x^{k-1}}{f(x^k) - f(x^{k-1})} f(x^k)$$

### Modified Newton's Method

**Def:** A root  $p$  of  $f$  is a zero of multiplicity  $m$  for  $f$  if, for  $x \neq p$ , can write:

$$f(x) = (x - p)^m q(x) \text{ for } q(x) \text{ s.t. } q(p) \neq 0$$

### Theorems (Modified Newton):

1. Let  $f \in C^m(a, b)$  and  $p \in (a, b)$ .  
Then  $p$  is a zero with multiplicity  $m$  iff  $0 = f(p) = f'(p) = \dots = f^{m-1}(p)$ , but  $f^m(p) \neq 0$ .
2. *Corollary:* Let  $m \geq 1, p$  a zero with multiplicity  $m$ . Then the function  $\mu(x) := \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$  has a zero of multiplicity 1 at  $p$ .  
→ **Modified Newton's Method:** Newton's method on  $\mu(x)$ :

$$p_{n+1} = p_n - \frac{\mu(p_n)}{\mu'(p_n)} = p_n - \frac{f(p_n)f'(p_n)}{[f'(p_n)]^2 - f(p_n)f''(p_n)}$$

### Orders of Convergence (Global for bisection; local otherwise)

Method	Order
Bisection	1
Fixed-Point	1 if $ g'(p)  \in (0, 1)$ , $\geq 2$ if $g'(p) = 0$
Newton's	$\geq 2$ if $g'(p) \neq 0$ ; 1 otherwise
Secant	$(1 + \sqrt{5})/2 \approx 1.618$

(\*) **Fixed-Point Iteration:** Order = smallest  $n$  satisfying  $g^{(n)}(p) \neq 0$  (?)

**Theorem (Aitken's  $\Delta^2$  Method for Accelerating Convergence)**

Assume  $\{p_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  converges linearly to  $p$ , and that for  $n$  large,  $(p_{n+2} - p)(p_n - p) > 0$ . Then the sequence  $\{\hat{p}\}_{n \geq 1}$  satisfies  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\hat{p}_n - p|}{|p_n - p|} = 0$ , where:

$$\hat{p}_n = p_n - \frac{(p_{n+1} - p_n)^2}{p_{n+2} - 2p_{n+1} + p_n} \text{ for } n \geq 0$$

## 4 Data Fitting

### Lagrange Polynomials

Define the basis elements for  $k = 0, \dots, n$ :

$$L_{k,n} := \frac{(x - x_0) \dots (x - x_{k-1})(x - x_{k+1}) \dots (x - x_n)}{(x_k - x_0) \dots (x_k - x_{k-1})(x_k - x_{k+1}) \dots (x_k - x_n)} = \prod_{\substack{i=0 \\ i \neq k}}^n \frac{x - x_i}{x_k - x_i}$$

This yields the (unique) Lagrange polynomial for the points  $x_0, \dots, x_n$  [degree  $n - 1$ ]:

$$P(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f(x_k) L_{k,n}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f(x_k) \prod_{\substack{i=0 \\ i \neq k}}^n \frac{x - x_i}{x_k - x_i}$$

**Theorem (Lagrange Interpolation Error).** Let  $x_0, \dots, x_n \in [a, b]$  be distinct, and let  $f \in C^{n+1}[a, b]$ . Then for each  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $\exists \epsilon(x) \in [a, b]$  within the interval spanned by  $x_0, \dots, x_n$  s.t.:

$$f(x) = P(x) + \frac{f^{n+1}(\epsilon(x))}{(n+1)!} (x - x_0) \dots (x - x_n)$$

### The Divided Differences Method

Let  $x_0, \dots, x_n$  be distinct, and let  $P(x)$  be the Lagrange polynomial of  $\{(x_i, f(x_i))\}$ . **Newton's divided differences** is an expression for  $P(x)$  in the following form:

$$P_n(x) := a_0 + a_1(x - x_0) + a_2(x - x_0)(x - x_1) + \dots + a_n(x - x_0) \dots (x - x_{n-1})$$

Define the divided differences by:

1.  $0^{th}$  divided difference:  $f[x_i] = f(x_i)$
2.  $1^{st}$  divided difference:  $f[x_i, x_{i+1}] = \frac{f[x_{i+1}] - f[x_i]}{x_{i+1} - x_i}$
3.  $k^{th}$  divided difference  $f[x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{i+k}] = \frac{f[x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{i+k}] - f[x_i, \dots, x_{i+k-1}]}{x_{i+k} - x_i}$

### Newton's Divided Difference Interpolating Polynomial

The divided difference polynomial coefficients  $a_i$  are given by  $a_k = f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k]$ :

$$P(x) = f(x_0) + \sum_{k=1}^n f[x_0, \dots, x_k] (x - x_0)(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{k-1})$$

**Divided Differences for Equally-Spaced Points:** Assume nodes are arranged consecutively with equal spacing  $h = x_{i+1} - x_i$  [ $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ ] between nodes. Let  $x = x_0 + sh$ ; then:

$$P_n(x) = P_n(x_0 + sh) = f[x_0] + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \binom{s}{k} \right) k! h^k f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k]$$

### Lagrange Polynomial Methods:

- Can use the divided differences method to iteratively construct higher- and higher-order polynomials (up to degree  $n$ )
  - Start from degree 0, use to build degree 1, etc.

### Non-Equispaced Polynomial Interpolation

**Runge's phenomenon:** Even for “well-behaved”  $f \in C^{n+1}[a, b]$ , the interpolation error may still be large if the nodes  $\{x_i\}_{i=0, \dots, n}$  are equispaced.

**Theorem (Runge's phenomenon).** If the Lagrange polynomial nodes  $\{x_i\}_{i=0, \dots, n}$  are equispaced (i.e.  $x_i = x_0 + ih$  for  $i = 0, \dots, n$ ) and  $x_0 = a, x_n = b$ , then:

$$\max_{x \in [a, b]} \prod_{j=0}^n |x - x_j| \leq \frac{1}{4} h^{n+1} n! \quad \implies \quad |f(x) - P(x)| \leq \frac{M}{n+1} \cdot \frac{h^{n+1}}{4}$$

To reduce error: instead of equispaced nodes, use **Chebyshev nodes** ( $a = -1, b = 1$ ):

$$\tilde{x}_i = \cos \left( \frac{2i+1}{2n+2} \pi \right), \quad i = 0, \dots, n$$

The Chebyshev nodes minimize the error:

$$\max_{x \in [a, b]} \prod_{j=0}^n |x - x_j|$$

**Theorem (Chebyshev Polynomials).** Let  $T_n(x) = \prod_{k=0}^n (x - \tilde{x}_k)$  be the  $n^{th}$ -order Chebyshev polynomial, where  $\tilde{x}_k$  are the  $n^{th}$ -order Chebyshev nodes. Then  $T_n(x)$  satisfies:

1.  $T_n(x) = 2^{-n} \cos \left( (n+1) \arccos(x) \right) \forall x \in (-1, 1)$
2. The  $T_n$ 's are recursive:  $T_{n+1}(x) = xT_n(x) - \frac{1}{4}T_{n-1}(x)$



## Cubic Splines

A **cubic spline** for a function  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  (with nodes  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$ ) is a function  $S(x)$  satisfying:

1. **Piecewise Cubic Polynomial:** on each subinterval  $I_j = [x_j, x_{j+1}]$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ ,  $S(x)$  is a cubic polynomial of the form (for  $x \in I_j$ ):

$$S(x) = S_j(x) = a_j + b_j(x - x_j) + c_j(x - x_j)^2 + d_j(x - x_j)^3$$

2. **Interpolation:**  $S(x)$  satisfies  $S(x_j) = f(x_j)$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$
3. **Continuity & Differentiability:**  $S(x)$  is continuous and has continuous 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> derivatives

**Boundary conditions:** Need 2 addl. constraints to obtain  $(4n) \times (4n)$  linear system:

1. **Natural boundary condition:**  $S''(x_0) = S''(x_n) = 0$
2. **Clamped boundary condition:** For  $f'(x_0), f'(x_n)$  known:  $S'(x_0) = f'(x_0), S'(x_n) = f'(x_n)$

**Constraints:**

1. Interpolation:  $S_j(x_j) = f(x_j), S_{j+1}(x_{j+1}) = f(x_{j+1})$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$   $[(n+1)$ -many]
2.  $S(x) \in \mathcal{C}^2$ :  $S_j^{(k)}(x_{j+1}) = S_{j+1}^{(k)}(x_{j+1})$  for  $j = 0, \dots, n-2$  and  $k = 0, 1, 2$   $[3 \times (n-1)$ -many]
3. Boundary conditions: 2

→ **Theorem:** The spline interpolant is unique.

## 5 Numerical Differentiation

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**First-order methods:** Evaluate limit defn. of derivative for finite  $h$ :

**Forward diff:**  $f'(x_0) \approx \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$ ,    **backward diff:**  $f'(x_0) \approx \frac{f(x_0) - f(x_0 - h)}{h}$

- *Error:*  $\frac{f(x_0+h)-f(x_0)}{h} = f'(x_0) + \frac{h}{2}f''(\xi)$  [ $\xi \in [x_0, x_0 + h]$ , by Taylor]  $\rightarrow e \leq \frac{h}{2}M$  for  $f' \leq M$

**Second-order methods:** Difference of finite difference equations

$\rightarrow$  **Central difference:**  $\frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)}{2h} = f'(x_0) + \frac{f^{(3)}(\xi_1)f^{(3)}(\xi_2)}{12}h^2$  [ $O(h^2)$ ]

**Richardson extrapolation:** Combine low-order formulas (with different  $h$ ) to generate higher-order results

- Based on Taylor: want to cancel lower-order terms in formulas' error expressions
- R.E. for forward difference [ $2D_{\frac{h}{2}}^+ f(x_0) - D_h^+ f(x_0)$ ]:

$$\frac{-f(x_0 + h) + 4f(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}) - 3f(x_0)}{h} = f'(x_0) + \frac{1}{6}h^2 \left( \frac{1}{2}f^{(3)}(\xi_2) - f^{(3)}(\xi_1) \right)$$

**Differentiation round-off error:**  $\tilde{f}(x) = f(x) + e(x)$

$$\Rightarrow \left| f'(x_0) - \frac{\tilde{f}(x_0 + h) - \tilde{f}(x_0 - h)}{2h} \right| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{h} + \frac{h^2}{6}M \quad [\text{assuming } e(x) \leq \epsilon, f^{(3)} \leq M]$$

## 6 Numerical Integration

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**Numerical Quadrature:** Approximate  $\int_a^b f(x)dx$  by a discrete weighted sum of  $f(x_i)$ s:

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \sum_{i=0}^N w_i f(x_i)$$

**Weighted MVT:** Let  $h \in C(a, b)$  and  $g$  integrable on  $(a, b)$ . If  $g(x)$  does not change sign on  $[a, b]$ , then  $\exists c \in (a, b)$  s.t.  $\int_a^b h(x)g(x)dx = h(c) \int_a^b g(x)dx$

**Newton-Cotes:** Approximate  $f(x)$  by its Lagrange polynomial  $P(x)$

1. **Trapezoidal Rule** [2 points]:

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \left[ \frac{h}{2}f(a) + \frac{h}{2}f(b) \right] - \frac{h^3}{12}f''(c)$$

2. **Simpson's Rule** [3 equispaced points]:  $\int_a^b f(x)dx = \frac{h}{3} [f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)] - h^5 \frac{f^{(4)}(\eta)}{90}$
3. **General Newton-Cotes:** Given  $(n + 1)$  equispaced points  $a = x_0 < \dots < x_n = b$ :

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \sum_{i=0}^n w_i f(x_i) \text{ with } w_i = \int_a^b L_i(x)dx = \int_a^b \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j} dx$$

**Degree of precision:** Largest integer  $n$  for which a formula is exact for  $x^k \forall k = 0, 1, \dots, n$  [i.e.  $E[x^k] = 0$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , but  $E[x^{n+1}] \neq 0$ ].

- Trapezoidal Rule: 2nd order, degree of precision 1
- Simpson's Rule: 4th order, degree of precision 3
- Newton-Cotes:  $(n + 1)$  nodes  $\rightarrow$  degree of exactness  $n$

**Composite Numerical Integration:** Higher-order Newton-Cotes susceptible to Runge's phenomenon  $\rightarrow$  use lower-order Newton-Cotes on subintervals

$$\int_a^b f = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} f + \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f + \dots + \int_{x_{n-1}}^{x_n} f$$

- Composite Trapezoidal Rule  $[x_i = x_0 + ih]$ :

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f(x)dx = \frac{h}{2} \left( f(a) + 2 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f(x_i) + f(b) \right) - \frac{h^2}{12}(b-a)f''(\xi)$$

- Composite Simpson's Rule:

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \frac{h}{3} \left( f(a) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}-1} f(x_{2i}) + 4 \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}} f(x_{2i-1}) + f(b) \right) - \frac{h^4}{180}(b-a)f^{(4)}(\xi)$$

- Round-off error:  $e(h) \leq (b-a)\epsilon = hn\epsilon$  [stable as  $h \rightarrow 0$ ]

**Motivation (Gaussian Quadrature):** Want to find  $n$  nodes  $x_i$  and weights  $c_i$  such that the formula  $\int_{-1}^1 f(x)dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i)$  is exact for polynomials of degree  $\leq 2n-1$

**Orthogonal Polynomials:** Define the inner product of functions on  $[-1, 1]$  by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x)dx$$

→ Two functions  $f, g$  are **orthogonal** if  $\langle f, g \rangle = 0$ .

**Recall (Gram-Schmidt):** The vector project of a vector  $v$  onto a vector  $u$  is defined by:

$$\text{proj}_u(v) = \frac{\langle v, u \rangle}{\langle u, u \rangle} u$$

→ Given vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots$ , the **Gram-Schmidt** finds  $u_1, u_2, \dots$  orthogonal by:

$$u_i = v_i - \text{proj}_{u_1}(v_i) - \dots - \text{proj}_{u_{i-1}}(v_i)$$

**Legendre Polynomials:** The **Legendre polynomials** are the set of orthogonal polynomials obtained from performing the Gram-Schmidt process on  $\{1, x, x^2, \dots\}$ ; ex:

$$p_0(x) = 1; \quad p_1(x) = x; \quad p_2(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 1}{2}; \quad p_3(x) = \frac{5x^3 - 3x}{2}$$

**Gaussian Quadrature:** Let  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be the roots of the  $n$ -degree Legendre polynomial (assumed real, distinct). Then the Gaussian quadrature rule is:

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x)dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i) \text{ with weights } w_i = \int_{-1}^1 \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

- Weights based on Lagrange polynomial; Gaussian quadrature exact for  $f \in \mathbb{P}_{2n-1}$
- Error term: for some  $\xi \in [a, b]$ ,  $\frac{(b-a)^{2n+1}(n!)^4}{(2n+1)[2n]!^3} f^{(2n)}(\xi)$
- Convert unbounded domains into bounded: via change of variables  
Ex:  $\int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx \rightarrow$  change of vars with  $z = \frac{x}{1+x}$  [ $z(0) = 0, z(\infty) = 1$ ]

## 7 Direct Methods for Solving Linear Systems

**Gaussian Elimination:** Solve  $Ax = b$  [ $A$  invertible] via 2-phase process:

1. Transform  $Ax = b$  into a new system  $Ux = y$ , where  $U$  is upper-triangular
  - Notation: Eliminate  $x_i$  by  $(E_j - \frac{a_{ji}}{a_{ii}}E_i) \rightarrow (E_j)$  for  $j = i + 1, i + 2, \dots, n$
2. Solve  $Ux = y$  via backward substitution

**Cost of G.E.:**  $\underline{O(n^3)}$

1. **Variable elimination:**  $O(n^3)$ 
  - One variable:  $(n - i)$  divisions,  $(n - i)(n - i + 1)$  multiplications & subtractions
  - Over  $n$  variables:  $\frac{2n^3 + 3n^2 - 5n}{6}$  mult/div,  $\frac{n^3 - n}{3}$  add/subtract
2. **Backward substitution:**  $O(n^2)$ 
  - One variable:  $(n - i)$  multiplications,  $(n - i + 1)$  adds, 1 div & 1 subtract
  - Total:  $\frac{1}{2}(n^2 + n)$  mult/div,  $\frac{1}{2}(n^2 - n)$  add/subtract

**Partial Pivoting:** To avoid round-off error: to choose which variable to eliminate, select the row  $E_p$  [ $p \geq i$ ] with largest  $|a_{pi}|$ , then swap  $E_p$  with  $E_i$  and eliminate  $x'_i = x_p$

- Round-off error: From dividing by small or subtracting nearly-equal

**LU Decomposition:** Factor  $A = LU$  [ $L, U$  lower- and upper- $\Delta$ ], then solve  $LUx = b$  via (i)  $Ly = b$  into (ii)  $Ux = y$ , using forward/backward substitution

- Gaussian Elimination: Compute

$$A^{(n)}x = M^{(n-1)}M^{(n-2)} \dots M^{(2)}M^{(1)}x = b^{(n)} = M^{(n-1)}M^{(n-2)} \dots M^{(2)}M^{(1)}b$$

- **LU Factorization:**

$$L = (M^{(1)})^{-1}(M^{(2)})^{-1} \dots (M^{(n)})^{-1}, \quad U = A^{(n)}$$

- Inverting Gaussian transformation matrices:

$$M^{(i)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & -m_{i+1,i} & \ddots & \\ & & \vdots & \ddots & \\ & & -m_{n,i} & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow (M^{(i)})^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & +m_{i+1,i} & \ddots & \\ & & \vdots & \ddots & \\ & & +m_{n,i} & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Overall  $L$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ m_{21} & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ m_{n1} & m_{n2} & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- With row swaps:  $A = P^{-1}LU$
- Cost of LU decomp.:  $O(n^3)$  factor  $\rightarrow O(n^2)$  solve

### Special Matrices

**Diagonally Dominant:** A matrix  $A$  is diagonally dominant if:

$$|a_{ii}| \geq \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n |a_{ij}| \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

- Strictly DD  $\implies A$  nonsingular, G.E. is numerically stable w.r.t. round-off and no swaps
- “Numerically stable”: Large divisors, unequal subtractands in all expressions

**SPD:** A matrix  $A$  is SPD if if its symmetric ( $A^T = A$ ) and

$$x^T A x > 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0 \quad [\text{Equiv.: All } \lambda_s > 0]$$

$A$  SPD  $\implies A$  invertible, no row swaps needed for G.E.

**Cholesky factorization:**  $A$  is SPD iff  $\exists L$  lower- $\Delta$  with positive diagonal entries s.t.:

$$A = LL^T \quad [\leftarrow \text{this is } A\text{'s LU decomp, } L^T = U]$$

#### Cholesky Algorithm

1. Set  $l_{11} = \sqrt{a_{11}}$
2. For  $j = 2, \dots, n$ , set  $l_{j1} = a_{j1}/l_{11}$
3. For  $i = 2, \dots, n-1$ :

(a) Set  $l_{ii} = \sqrt{a_{ii} - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} l_{ik}^2}$

(b) For  $j = i+1, \dots, n$ , set:

$$l_{ji} = \frac{a_{ji} - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} l_{jk} l_{ik}}{l_{ii}}$$

4. Set  $l_{nn} = \sqrt{a_{nn} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} l_{nk}^2}$

Tridiagonal matrices: All entries zero except main diagonal and its two adjacent diagonals

- $A$  tridiag  $\implies$  can do GE, LU decomp in  $O(n)$
- LU factorization has  $L$  zero except main/lower diags,  $U$  zero except main/upper diags

## 8 Indirect Methods for Solving Linear Systems

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**Jacobi Method:** For  $D, L, U$  diagonal, strictly lower- $\Delta$ , strictly upper- $\Delta$  portions of  $A$ :

$$x^{(k+1)} = D^{-1}(b - (L + U)x^{(k)}), \quad x_i^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left( b_i - \sum_{j \neq i} a_{ij}x_j^{(k)} \right)$$

- Requires nonzero diagonal entries (can ensure via row/column swaps)
- Guaranteed convergence under certain conditions (e.g.  $A$  strictly diagonally dominant)

**Gauss-Seidel:** Use earlier components of  $x^{(k+1)}$  to inform later ones:

$$x^{(k+1)} = (D + L)^{-1}(b - Ux^{(k)}), \quad x_i^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left( b_i - \sum_{j < i} a_{ij}x_j^{(k+1)} + \sum_{j > i} a_{ij}x_j^{(k)} \right)$$

- Has some weaker convergence conditions (e.g.  $A$  SPD)
- **Successive Over-Relaxation/SOR:** Scales step size by  $\omega$  [ $x_{GS}^{(k+1)}$ : GS iterate]

$$x^{(k+1)} = (1 - \omega)x^{(k)} + \omega x_{GS}^{(k+1)}$$

–  $\omega = 1$  is GS;  $\omega < 1$ ,  $1 < \omega < 2$  under-/over-relaxation;  $\omega > 2$  is divergence

**Convergence for Iterative Methods:** For matrix  $A$  with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ , define **spectral radius** as  $\rho(A) = \max \{|\lambda_1|, \dots, |\lambda_n|\}$

→ *Theorem:*  $\rho(A) < 1$  iff  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A^k = 0$

- Iterative methods:  $x^{(k+1)} = Bx^{(k)} + g \implies e^{(k+1)} = Be^{(k)} \implies e^{(k)} = B^k e^{(0)}$  [ $e^{(k)} = x^{(k)} - x^*$ ]  
Converges for arbitrary  $x^{(0)}$  iff  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} B^k = 0 \iff \underline{\rho(B) < 1}$