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We use standard orthonormal Legendre polynomials and quadrature to expand $f(\zeta)$. Since these polynomials are orthonormal over $[-1,1]$, I have some uncertainty on how this should work, and I can see a couple cases. First, a review of the expansion.

1 Standard Case

$$f(\xi) \approx \sum_{i=0}^I f_i P_i(\xi). \quad (1)$$

The coefficients are given because of the orthonormal Legendre polynomials,

$$\int_{-1}^1 \sum_{i=0}^I f_i P_i(\xi) d\xi = f_i = \int_{-1}^1 f(\xi) P_i(\xi) d\xi, \quad (2)$$

applying Gauss-Legendre quadrature,

$$f_i = \sum_{\ell=1}^L w_\ell f(\xi_\ell) P_i(\xi_\ell). \quad (3)$$

To demonstrate a simple case, we consider the simple linear function

$$f(\xi) = a + b\xi, \quad \xi \in (-1, 1), \quad (4)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{I=1} f_i P_i(\xi). \quad (5)$$

$$f_i = \sum_{\ell=1}^{L=2} w_\ell f(\xi_\ell) P_i(\xi_\ell), \quad (6)$$

$$= w_1 f(\xi_1) P_i(\xi_1) + w_2 f(\xi_2) P_i(\xi_2). \quad (7)$$

Using the weights $w_\ell = (1, 1)$ and Gauss points $\xi_\ell = \pm 1/\sqrt{3}$, as well as the orthonormal Legendre polynomials

$$P_0(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad (8)$$

$$P_1(x) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}x, \quad (9)$$

we can find our coefficients,

$$f_0 = (1) \left(a + b \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + (1) \left(a + b \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad (10)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[a - \frac{b}{\sqrt{3}} + a + \frac{b}{\sqrt{3}} \right], \quad (11)$$

$$= a\sqrt{2}. \quad (12)$$

$$f_1 = (1) \left(a + b \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right) \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{(-1)}{\sqrt{3}} + (1) \left(a + b \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right) \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \quad (13)$$

$$= b\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}. \quad (14)$$

Reconstructing the original equation,

$$f(\xi) = \sum_{i=0}^I f_i P_i(\xi) = f_0 P_0(\xi) + f_1 P_1(x), \quad (15)$$

$$= \frac{a\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} + b\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\xi, \quad (16)$$

$$= a + b\xi. \quad (17)$$

2 Adjusted Range

The problem at hand is when f is a function of a variable that isn't distributed in the standard way. For instance, we take the same function, but of $\zeta \in (3, 5)$,

$$f(\zeta) = a + b\zeta, \quad \zeta \in (3, 5). \quad (18)$$

We still expand $f(\zeta)$ as before,

$$f(\zeta) = \sum_{i=0}^{I=1} f_i P_i(\zeta). \quad (19)$$

The problem, however, is in how to calculate the coefficients. $P_i(x)$ are only orthogonal over $(-1, 1)$, but the integration range is (a, b) :

$$f_i = \int_a^b f(\zeta) P_i(\zeta) d\zeta. \quad (20)$$

An integral over arbitrary range (a, b) can be shifted to $(-1, 1)$ as

$$\int_a^b g(x) dx = \frac{b-a}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\xi + \frac{a+b}{2}\right) d\xi, \quad x \in (a, b), \xi \in (-1, 1), \quad (21)$$

or, defining

$$\sigma \equiv \frac{b-a}{2}, \quad \mu \equiv \frac{b+a}{2}, \quad (22)$$

$$\int_a^b g(x)dx = \sigma \int_{-1}^1 f(\sigma z + \mu) dz, \quad x \in (a, b), z \in (-1, 1). \quad (23)$$

Applying this to finding the coefficients,

$$f_i = \int_a^b f(\zeta) P_i(\zeta) d\zeta. \quad (24)$$

The question lies how to handle $P_i(\zeta)$, covered in the sections below as “Brute Force” and “Hold Polys”.

3 Brute Force

The first approach is simply to apply the shifted integral rule,

$$f_i = \int_a^b f(\zeta) P_i(\zeta) d\zeta = \sigma \int_{-1}^1 f(\sigma \xi + \mu) P(\sigma \xi + \mu) d\xi. \quad (25)$$

Applying quadrature,

$$f_i = \sigma \sum_{\ell} w_{\ell} f(\sigma \xi_{\ell} + \mu) P_i(\sigma \xi_{\ell} + \mu). \quad (26)$$

Expanding the first coefficient,

$$f_0 = \sigma w_1 f(\sigma \xi_1 + \mu) P_0(\sigma \xi_1 + \mu) + \sigma w_2 f(\sigma \xi_2 + \mu) P_0(\sigma \xi_2 + \mu), \quad (27)$$

$$= \sigma \left(\left[(a + b [\sigma \xi_1 + \mu]) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right] + \left[(a + b [\sigma \xi_2 + \mu]) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \right), \quad (28)$$

$$= \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\left(a + b \left[\frac{-\sigma}{\sqrt{3}} + \mu \right] \right) + \left(a + b \left[\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{3}} + \mu \right] \right) \right], \quad (29)$$

$$= \sigma \sqrt{2} (a + \mu). \quad (30)$$

However, on expanding this expression, we do not receive the expected result $f_0 P_0(\zeta) = a$.

4 Hold Polys

Since the Legendre polynomials aren't orthogonal over (a, b) , I thought perhaps we invent alternative functions $P_i^*(\zeta)$ such that

$$\int_a^b P_i^*(\zeta) d\zeta = \sigma \int_{-1}^1 P_i(x) dx, \quad (31)$$

$$\sigma \equiv \frac{b-a}{2} \text{ range}, \quad \mu \equiv \frac{a+b}{2} \text{ (mean)}. \quad (32)$$

$$f(\xi) = a + b\xi, \quad \xi \in [a, b], \quad (33)$$

$$= \sum_i f_i P_i(x), \quad (34)$$

$$f_i = \int_a^b f(\xi) P_i^*(\xi) d\xi, \quad (35)$$

$$= \sigma \int_{-1}^1 f(\sigma x + \mu) P_i(x) dx, \quad (36)$$

$$\approx \sigma \sum_{\ell} w_{\ell} f(\sigma x_{\ell} + \mu) P_i(x_{\ell}), \quad (37)$$

$$= \sigma w_1 f(\sigma x_1 + \mu) P_i(x_1) + w_2 f(\sigma x_2 + \mu) P_i(x_2). \quad (38)$$

The first coefficient is

$$f_0 = \sigma \left[(1) \left(1 + 2 \left(\frac{-\sigma}{\sqrt{3}} + \mu \right) \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + (1) \left(1 + 2 \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{3}} + \mu \right) \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right], \quad (39)$$

$$= \frac{b-a}{2\sqrt{2}} \left[1 + 2 \left(\frac{-(b-a)}{2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{b+a}{2} \right) + 1 + 2 \left(\frac{(b-a)}{2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{b+a}{2} \right) \right], \quad (40)$$

$$= \frac{b-a}{2\sqrt{2}} \left[2 - \frac{(b-a)}{\sqrt{3}} + 2b + 2a + \frac{(b-a)}{\sqrt{3}} \right], \quad (41)$$

$$= \frac{b-a}{\sqrt{2}} (1 + b + a). \quad (42)$$

Unfortunately, this also does not give the expected $f_0 P_0(\zeta) = a$.