

Integral Technique

1 Gaussian Integral

1.1 Gauss-Hermite quadrature

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2/2} f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i) \quad (.1)$$

where n is the number of sampled points used. The x_i are the roots of the physicists' version of the Hermite polynomial $H_n(x)$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) and the associated weights w_i are given by

$$w_i = \frac{2^{n-1} n! \sqrt{\pi}}{n^2 [H_{n-1}(x_i)]^2} \quad (.2)$$

1.2 Stein's lemma

For a differentiable function $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $\mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)}[|\phi'(x)|] < \infty$

$$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)}[\phi(x)x] = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)}[\phi'(x)] \quad (.3)$$

1.3 Change of measure

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_n, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_n) d\mathbf{w} = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{w} | \mathbf{x}^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_n, \mathbf{x}^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_n \mathbf{x}) d(\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{w}) \quad (.4)$$