

Gauss Quadrature Formula

- one of the main tools for using orthogonal polynomials in numerical methods

Gives a nice way to evaluate integrals of polynomials times our weight function

$r(x)$ weight function

$P_0(x), P_1(x), P_2(x), \dots$ sequence of orthogonal polys

$\{x_{n1}, \dots, x_{nn}\}$ = roots of $P_n(x)$ in increasing order

Theorem: There exist constants w_1, \dots, w_n
with

$$\int_b^c q(x) r(x) dx = \sum_{k=1}^n w_k q(x_{nk})$$

for all polynomials $q(x)$ of $\deg < 2n$.

Proof:

$$\tilde{q}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n q(x_{nk}) \frac{P_n(x)}{(x - x_{nk}) P'_n(x_{nk})}$$

$$\tilde{q}(x_{nj}) = \sum_{k=1}^n q(x_{nk}) \frac{P_n(x_{nj})}{(x_{nj} - x_{nk}) P'_n(x_{nk})}$$

$$= q(x_{nj})$$

$$\underbrace{q(x) - \tilde{q}(x)}_{\deg < 2n} = P_n(x) \underbrace{f(x)}_{\deg < n} \Rightarrow$$

$$\int_b^c [q(x) - \tilde{q}(x)] r(x) dx = \int_b^c P_n(x) f(x) r(x) dx = 0$$

$$\therefore \int_b^c q(x) r(x) dx = \int_b^c \tilde{q}(x) r(x) dx$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{P_n'(x_{nk})} \int_b^c \frac{P_n(x) r(x)}{(x - x_{nk})} dx \right) q(x_{nk})$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n w_k q(x_{nk})$$

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Def: The constants

$$w_k = \frac{1}{P_n'(x_{nk})} \int_b^c \frac{P_n(x) r(x)}{x - x_{nk}} dx$$

are called the quadrature weights of degree n.

What about for $f(x)$ not nec. a polynomial?

$$f(x) \approx q(x) = \sum c_k P_k(x)$$

$$\int_b^c f(x) r(x) dx \approx \int_b^c q(x) r(x) dx = \sum_{k=1}^n w_k q(x_{nk})$$

$$\approx \sum_{k=1}^n w_k f(x_{nk})$$

$$\boxed{\int_b^c f(x) r(x) dx \approx \sum_{k=1}^n w_k f(x_{nk})}$$

$$f(x) \approx \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \alpha_k P_k(x), \quad \alpha_k = \frac{\int_b^c f(x) P_k(x) r(x) dx}{\int_b^c P_k(x)^2 r(x) dx}$$

$$\alpha_j \approx \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n w_k f(x_{nk}) P_j(x_{nk})}{\sum_{k=1}^n w_k P_j(x_{nk})^2}$$

Special Case: Chebyshev polynomials

$$w_k = \frac{1}{T_n'(x_{nk})} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{T_n(x)}{x - x_{nk}} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$T_n(x) = \cos(n\theta), \quad \cos\theta = x$$

$$\text{Roots: } x_{nk} = \cos\left(\frac{2k-1}{2n}\pi\right)$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} T_n'(x) = \frac{d}{d\theta} T_n(x) = \frac{d}{d\theta} \cos(n\theta) = -n \sin n\theta$$

$$T_n'(x) = \frac{n \sin(n\theta)}{\sin\theta} \Rightarrow T_n'(x_{nk}) = \frac{(-1)^{k+1} n}{\sin(x_{nk})}$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^n T_k(x) T_k(y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{T_n(y) T_{n+1}(x) - T_{n+1}(y) T_n(x)}{x - y}$$

$$y = x_{nk} \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{T_n(x)}{x - x_{nk}} = - \frac{\pi}{T_{n+1}(x_{nk})} \left(\frac{1}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^n T_k(x) T_k(x_{nk}) \right)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{T_n(x)}{x - x_{nk}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = - \frac{\pi}{T_{n+1}(x_{nk})}$$

$$w_k = \left(\frac{(-1)^k n}{\sin(x_{nk})} \right)^{-1} \frac{\pi}{T_{n+1}(x_{nk})}, \quad T_{n+1}(x_{nk}) = (-1)^k \sin(x_{nk})$$

$$w_k \approx \frac{\pi}{n}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \approx \sum_{k=1}^n f\left(\cos\left(\frac{2k-1}{2n}\right)\right) \frac{\pi}{n}$$

Chebyshev expansion of $f(x)$ of deg n

\approx discrete cosine transform.

$$\{f_k\}_{k=1}^n \quad \hat{f}_k = \sum_{j=1}^n f_j \cos\left(\frac{2j-1}{2n}\right) \frac{\pi}{n}$$

