

# GAUSS QUADRATURE

Idea: Choose the nodes and the weights simultaneously.

One interval:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = A_0 f(x_0) + A_1 f(x_1)$$

weights:  $A_0, A_1$

nodes:  $x_0, x_1$  ;  $n=1$   $(n+1)$ -rule

Coefficients are determined by the usual process:

$$\int_a^b 1 dx = b - a = A_0 + A_1$$

$$\int_a^b x dx = \frac{1}{2}(b^2 - a^2) = A_0 x_0 + A_1 x_1$$

$$\int_a^b x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3}(b^3 - a^3) = A_0 x_0^2 + A_1 x_1^2$$

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The resulting system is nonlinear!

# ORTHOGONAL POLYNOMIALS

Inner product of two polynomials:

$$\langle p, q \rangle = \int_a^b p(x)q(x) dx$$

DEFINITION (Orthogonality)

Two polynomials are orthogonal on  $[a, b]$  if their inner product is zero.

Orthogonality:  $\langle p, q \rangle = 0$

orthonormal:  $\langle p, p \rangle = 1 = \langle q, q \rangle$

GRAM-SCHMIDT PROCEDURE:

$$\text{Norm: } \|q(x)\| = \left[ \int_a^b (q(x))^2 dx \right]^{1/2}$$

Idea: Transform a basis to an orthogonal one:

$$\begin{array}{l} \{ 1, x, x^2, \dots, x^k, \dots \} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{G-S}} \{ q_0, q_1, \dots, q^k, \dots \} \text{ orthonormal} \end{array}$$

$$q_0 = \frac{1}{\|1\|} = \frac{1}{\left[ \int_a^b 1^2 dx \right]^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{b-a}}$$

for  $j = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\tilde{q}_j(x) = x q_{j-1}(x) - \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} \langle x q_{j-1}(x), q_i(x) \rangle q_i(x)$$

$$q_j(x) = \tilde{q}_j(x) / \|\tilde{q}_j(x)\|$$

This new basis is orthonormal!

Observation:

$q_{j-1}(x)$  is orthogonal to all polynomials of degree  $j-2$  or less.

Thus:

$$\langle x q_{j-1}(x), q_i(x) \rangle =$$

$$\langle q_{j-1}(x), x q_i(x) \rangle = 0, \quad i \leq j-3$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{q}_j(x) = x q_{j-1}(x)$$

$$- \langle x q_{j-1}(x), q_{j-1}(x) \rangle q_{j-1}(x)$$

$$- \langle x q_{j-1}(x), q_{j-2}(x) \rangle q_{j-2}(x)$$

Three-term recurrence rule!

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$$\langle \tilde{q}_j(x), q_{j-1}(x) \rangle$$

$$= \langle x q_{j-1}(x), q_{j-1}(x) \rangle$$

$$- \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} \langle x q_{j-1}(x), q_i(x) \rangle$$

$$\underbrace{\langle q_i(x), q_{j-1}(x) \rangle}_{\leftarrow}$$

= 0, except  
when  $i=j-1$

$$= 1$$

$$= \langle x q_{j-1}(x), q_{j-1}(x) \rangle$$

$$- \langle x q_{j-1}(x), q_{j-1}(x) \rangle = 0$$

└ GRAM-SCHMIDT WORKS!

**THEOREM** Let  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  roots of an orthogonal polynomial  $q_{n+1}(x)$  on  $[a, b]$ .

Then 
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=0}^n A_i f(x_i),$$

where 
$$A_i = \int_a^b \varphi_i(x) dx, \quad \varphi_i(x) = \frac{1}{\prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^n (x_i - x_j)},$$

is exact for all polynomials of degree  $2n+1$  or less.

Proof Let  $f$  be such a polynomial.

Division algorithm:

$$f = q_{n+1} P_n + \underbrace{r_n}_{\text{maximal degree } n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } f(x_i) &= \underbrace{q_{n+1}(x_i) P_n(x_i)}_{=0} + r_n(x_i) \\ &= r_n(x_i) \end{aligned}$$

Integrate:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \underbrace{\int_a^b q_{n+1}(x) P_n(x) dx}_{\langle q_{n+1}, P_n \rangle = 0} + \int_a^b r_n(x) dx$$

$$= \int_a^b r_n(x) dx \quad (\text{can be interpolated})$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^n A_i r_n(x_i) = \sum_{i=0}^n A_i f(x_i)$$

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DEFINITION Weighted orthogonal polynomials

$$\langle p, q \rangle_w = \int_a^b p(x) q(x) w(x) dx,$$

where  $w(x)$  is a positive weight function.

THEOREM The previous theorem holds for a  $w$ -orthogonal polynomial  $q_{n+1}$ :

$$A_i = \int_a^b \varphi_i(x) w(x) dx$$

Error formula :  $n$ -point rule ( $2n-1$  degree)

$$\text{error} = \frac{f^{(2n)}(\xi(x))}{(2n!)} \prod_{k=1}^n (x-x_k)^2$$

Where does that square come from?

We assume that the derivatives of  $f$  are continuous, therefore Hermite interpolation is the natural choice.

EXAMPLE Gauss rule :  $[-1, 1]$ ;  $n=1$

Notice : Since we only want the roots, there is no need to normalise.

GS :  $\tilde{q}_0 = 1$

$$\tilde{q}_1 = x \cdot 1 - \frac{\langle x, 1 \rangle}{\langle 1, 1 \rangle} \cdot 1$$

$$= x - \left[ \left( \int_{-1}^1 x dx \right) / \left( \int_{-1}^1 1 dx \right) \right] \cdot 1$$

$$= x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{q}_2 &= x \cdot x - \frac{\langle x^2, 1 \rangle}{\langle 1, 1 \rangle} \cdot 1 - \frac{\langle x^2, x \rangle}{\langle x, x \rangle} \cdot x \\ &= x^2 - \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Roots :  $x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

Quadrature :

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = A_0 f\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + A_1 f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

Now :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 1 dx &= 2 = A_0 + A_1 \\ \int_{-1}^1 x dx &= 0 = -\frac{A_0}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{A_1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} A_0 &= A_1 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \frac{2}{3} = 1 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + 1 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^3 dx = 0 = 1 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^3 + 1 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^3$$

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