

Gaussian Quadrature

Note that Newton-Cotes uses equally spaced points why not have them be unequal? Maybe it can be lots better?

We want to use the same formula, but pick x_i 's as well!

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i f(x_i) \Rightarrow \text{exact results for polynomials of the largest degree.}$$

Since we want to estimate c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n and x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n , then

We'd like to estimate $2n$ parameters. To fit a polynomial, we need degree $2n-1$. We'll focus currently on $[-1, 1]$ for interval

Example: Let $n=2$. Then we need to estimate

$$c_1, c_2, x_1, x_2 \Rightarrow \text{degree } 2(n) - 1 = 2(2) - 1 = 3.$$

So that $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) = c_1 f(x_1) + c_2 f(x_2)$ is exact for

polynomial of degree three or less. If we find what the constants are for $f(x) = 1, x, x^2,$ and x^3 , then it will work for all polys of degree 3 or less

$$\text{for } f(x) = 1 \quad c_1 \cdot 1 + c_2 \cdot 1 = \int_{-1}^1 1 dx = 1 - (-1) = 2$$

$$\text{for } f(x) = x \quad c_1 \cdot x_1 + c_2 \cdot x_2 = \int_{-1}^1 x dx = \left. \frac{x^2}{2} \right|_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{(-1)}{2} = 0$$

$$\text{for } f(x) = x^2 \quad c_1 \cdot x_1^2 + c_2 \cdot x_2^2 = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \left. \frac{x^3}{3} \right|_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{3} - \left(-\frac{1}{3} \right) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{for } f(x) = x^3 \Rightarrow c_1 x_1^3 + c_2 x_2^3 = 0$$

Solving the system.

So we need to solve

$$(1) \quad c_1 + c_2 = 2$$

$$(2) \quad c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 = 0$$

$$(3) \quad c_1 x_1^2 + c_2 x_2^2 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$(4) \quad c_1 x_1^3 + c_2 x_2^3 = 0$$

$$(2) = (4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 = c_1 x_1^3 + c_2 x_2^3$$

$$c_2 x_2 - c_2 x_2^3 = c_1 x_1^3 - c_1 x_1$$

$$c_2 x_2 (1 - x_2^2) = c_1 x_1 (x_1^2 - 1) \quad (5)$$

$c_1 = 2 - c_2 \Rightarrow$ plug into (2)

$$(2 - c_2) x_1 + c_2 x_2 = 0$$

$$2x_1 - c_2 x_1 + c_2 x_2 = 0$$

$$2x_1 = c_2 (x_1 - x_2)$$

$$x_1 - x_2 = \frac{2x_1}{c_1} \quad (6)$$

or $c_2 = 2 - c_1$

$$c_1 x_1 + (2 - c_1) x_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 (x_1 - x_2) = -2x_2$$

$$x_1 - x_2 = \frac{-2x_2}{c_1}$$

$$\frac{2x_1}{c_2} = \frac{-2x_2}{c_1} \Rightarrow x_1 c_1 = -x_2 c_2 \Rightarrow \text{plug into } \textcircled{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{c_2} x_2 (1 - x_2^2) = -\cancel{c_2} x_2 (x_1^2 - 1)$$
$$x_2^2 = x_1^2 \Rightarrow \boxed{x_1 = -x_2}$$

Thus, $\textcircled{6}$ says

$$\underbrace{x_1 - (-x_1)}_{2x_1} = \frac{2x_1}{c_2} \Rightarrow \boxed{c_2 = 1} \Rightarrow \boxed{c_1 = 2 - c_2 = 2 - 1 = 1}$$

Last, $\textcircled{3}$ says

$$\underbrace{c_1}_{1} \underbrace{x_1^2}_{x_2^2} + \underbrace{c_2}_{1} x_2^2 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$2x_2^2 = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow x_2^2 = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \boxed{x_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, x_1 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

Note $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = f\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) + f\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)$ is exact for degree 3 or less. Try it!

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^3 + 2x^2 dx = \left. \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{2}{3}x^3 \right|_{-1}^1 = \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{2}{3} - \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } f\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) + f\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) &= \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)^3 + 2\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)^3 + 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)^2 \\ &= \underbrace{-\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)^3}_0 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

This technique can be used for higher number of nodes and coefficients, but it's more difficult than another method.

In section 8.2 & 8.3, we learn more about orthogonal polynomials. These are polynomials that the ^{def} integral of a product of two of them is zero.

The set of orthog. poly. that we're interested is the Legendre polynomials, a collection $\{P_0, P_1, \dots, P_n, \dots\}$ that has the properties:

1. For each n , P_n is a polynomial of degree n

2. $\int_{-1}^1 P(x) P_n(x) dx = 0$ whenever $P(x)$ is a poly of degree less than n .

The first few Legendre polynomials are

$$P_0(x) = 1, P_1(x) = x, P_2(x) = x^2 - \frac{1}{3}, P_3(x) = x^3 - \frac{3}{5}x, P_4(x) = x^4 - \frac{6}{7}x^2 + \frac{3}{35}$$

The roots of the poly lie in $(-1, 1)$, have symmetry w.r.t origin

The nodes x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n needed to produce an integral approx formula to give exact results for any poly of degree less than $2n$ are the roots of the n^{th} Legendre Poly.

Thm 4.7 Suppose x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are roots of the n^{th} Legendre polynomial P_n and that for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, the numbers c_i are defined by
$$\int_{-1}^1 \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j} dx.$$

If P is any poly of degree less than $2n$, then

$$\int_{-1}^1 P(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i P(x_i)$$

Proof: Case I: a polynomial of degree less than n , called $P(x)$.

We can rewrite (since it is unique) as an $(n-1)$ st Lagrange polynomial with nodes at the roots of the n^{th} Legendre polynomial P_n . The representation is exact since the error term involves the n^{th} deriv of R (which is zero). Hence,

$$\int_{-1}^1 R(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{x-x_j}{x_i-x_j} R(x_i) \right] dx = \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\left[\int_{-1}^1 \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{x-x_j}{x_i-x_j} \right]}_{c_i} R(x_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i R(x_i) \Rightarrow \text{result is true for poly of degree less than } n.$$

If the Polynomial $P(x)$ of degree less than $2n$ is divided by n^{th} Legendre polynomial $P_n(x)$, we get

$$P(x) = Q(x)P_n(x) + R(x)$$

It follows that $\int_{-1}^1 P(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 Q(x) P_n(x) + R(x) dx$

Annotations:
 - $P(x)$: degree less than $2n$
 - $Q(x)$: $\frac{\text{max deg}}{n-1}$
 - $P_n(x)$: degree n
 - $R(x)$: degree less than n

$$\int_{-1}^1 P(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 Q(x) P_n(x) + R(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-1}^1 Q(x) P_n(x) dx + \int_{-1}^1 R(x) dx$$

Since $P_n(x)$ is orthogonal to all polyn of degree less than n , then

$$= 0 + \int_{-1}^1 R(x) dx$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i R(x_i) =$$

done previously

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i P(x_i)$$

See table 4.11 for list of coeff & nodes.

what if we're not integrating between $[-1, 1]$?

Then we do calculus witchcraft!

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 f\left(\frac{(b-a)t + b + a}{2}\right) \frac{b-a}{2} dt$$

apply gaussian quadrature to this.

Ex: $\int_1^{1.5} e^{-x^2} dx = .1093643$

Newton-Cotes

n	0	1	2	3	4
closed		.1183197	.1093104	.1093404	.1093643
open	.1048057	.1063473	.1094116	.1093971	

$$\int_1^{1.5} e^{-x^2} dx = \int_{-1}^1 e^{-\left(\frac{t+5}{4}\right)^2} \frac{1}{4} dt$$

apply gaussian quadrature here.

$$t = \frac{2x - 2.5}{.5} = 4x - 5$$

$$dt = 4dx \quad \downarrow$$

$$\frac{t+5}{4}$$

n=2

$$\int_1^{1.5} e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{4} \left[e^{-(5+1.5773502692)^2/16} + e^{-(5-1.5773502692)^2/16} \right]$$

$$= .1094003$$

$$\underline{n = 3}$$

$$\int_1^{1.5} e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{4} \left[.5555 e^{-(5+.7745966692)^2/16} + .88 e^{-(5)^2/16} \right. \\ \left. + .5 e^{-(5-.7745966692)^2/16} \right]$$

$$= .1093642$$

Compare to Romberg

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- 1115627 • 1093104
- 1099114 • 1093610 • 1093643
- 1095009 • 1093641 • 1093643 , 1093643