

Problem 1. The Trapezoidal Rule applied to $\int_0^2 f(x) dx$ gives the value 4, and Simpson's Rule gives the value 2. What is $f(1)$?

Problem 2. The quadrature formula

$$\int_0^2 f(x) dx = c_0 f(0) + c_1 f(1) + c_2 f(2)$$

is exact for all polynomials of degree less than or equal to 2. Determine c_0 , c_1 , and c_2 .

Hint: Note that this quadrature formula must be exact for the polynomials $f(x) = 1$, $f(x) = x$, and $f(x) = x^2$. Use this fact to write a system of three (linear) equations for c_0 , c_1 , and c_2 .

Problem 3. Mr. Tran defined a family of polynomials which he (very modestly) denoted by T_0 , T_1 , T_2 , \dots . These polynomials satisfy the following conditions:

- (i) the polynomial T_k is of degree k ;
- (ii) $T_0(x) = 1$, and for all $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, the coefficient of x^k in T_k is equal to 2^{k-1} ;
- (iii) the polynomials $T_0, T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n$ form an orthogonal basis in the space of polynomials $V_n(-1, 1; w(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}})$.

Recall that $V_n(a, b; w(x))$ stands for the linear space of polynomials of degree $\leq n$ endowed with the inner product

$$\langle P, Q \rangle = \int_a^b P(x) Q(x) w(x) dx .$$

In the solution of this problem the following identities will be handy:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx &= \pi , \\ \int_{-1}^1 \frac{x^{2m}}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx &= \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2m-1)}{2^m m!} \pi \quad \text{for } m = 1, 2, 3, \dots , \\ \int_{-1}^1 \frac{x^{2m-1}}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx &= 0 , \quad \text{for } m = 1, 2, 3, \dots \text{ (obviously!) .} \end{aligned}$$

Please show your calculations in detail!

- (a) Find the only polynomial T_1 of degree 1 of the form $T_1(x) = x + \dots$ that is orthogonal to T_0 (recall that $T_0(x) = 1$ by definition).
- (b) Find the only quadratic polynomial T_2 of the form $T_2(x) = 2x^2 + \dots$ that is orthogonal to both T_0 and T_1 .

- (c) Show that the polynomial $P(x) = 6x^2 - 5x + 4$ can be represented as a linear combination of the polynomials T_0 , T_1 and T_2 as follows: $P = 3T_2 - 5T_1 + 7T_0$.
- (d) Find the orthogonal projection, $\text{proj}_{T_0+2T_1} P$, of the polynomial $P(x) = 6x^2 - 5x + 4$ onto the “straight line”

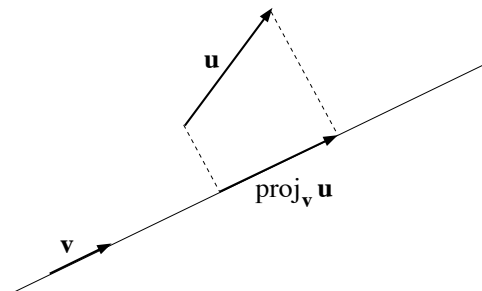
$$\ell := \{t(T_0 + 2T_1) \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

in the 3-dimensional inner product linear space $V_2\left(-1, 1; \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right)$. If you have solved the previous parts of this problem, finding this orthogonal projection should be easy.

Hint: If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are vectors in the inner product linear space V , then the orthogonal projection of the vector \mathbf{u} onto the straight line in the direction of \mathbf{v} is the vector

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} \mathbf{v}$$

as in the picture below.



- (e) Find the general form of all polynomials that are orthogonal to the polynomial $P = 3T_2 - 5T_1 + 7T_0$ in the sense of the inner product used in this problem. In more geometric terminology, find the subspace of the inner product linear space $V_2\left(-1, 1; \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right)$ that is orthogonal to P .

Problem 4. This problem is an application of Mr. Tran’s polynomials T_k studied in Problem 3 to Gaussian quadrature. The integrals given there will be useful for this problem as well. In this problem you will use the fact that the polynomials

$$T_0(x) = 1, \quad T_1(x) = x, \quad T_2(x) = 2x^2 - 1, \quad T_3(x) = 4x^3 - 3x$$

form an orthogonal basis in the inner product linear space $V_3\left(-1, 1; w(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right)$ of all polynomials of degree ≤ 3 endowed with the weight function $w(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ on $[-1, 1]$.

The goal of this problem is to find a Gaussian quadrature formula with degree of precision 5 based on the general formalism developed in class. The notations used are the same as in the handout *Theoretical foundations of Gaussian quadrature*. Because of the specific form of the weight function, the formula you will develop will be particularly suitable for computing integrals of the form $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$.

In all parts of this problem, you need only to compute the quantities that are not given (e.g., in part (a) you only need to find x_3 , in part (b) only $L_3(x)$, in part (c) only w_3). *Please show your calculations in detail!*

- (a) Find the roots $x_1 < x_2 < x_3$ of the polynomial T_3 .

Hint: I found that $x_1 = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ and $x_2 = 0$.

- (b) Write down the polynomials L_1, L_2, L_3 .

Hint: I obtained the following for L_1 and L_2 : $L_1(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}x$, $L_2(x) = 1 - \frac{4}{3}x^2$.

- (c) Find the weights w_1, w_2, w_3 .

Hint: I computed that $w_1 = \frac{\pi}{3}$, $w_2 = \frac{\pi}{3}$.

- (d) Write down the quadrature formula coming from parts (a), (b), (c).

- (e) Show that the quadrature formula obtained in (d) is *exact* for all polynomials of degree 5.

- (f) Show that the quadrature formula obtained in (d) is *not* exact for the polynomial $f(x) = x^6$. Does this agree with the theoretical prediction about the degree of precision of the method you developed?

- (g) Now apply the beautiful quadrature formula you derived in (d) to compute the approximate value of the integral

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{(2-x)\sqrt{1-x^2}},$$

whose exact value is $\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}}$. Find the numerical values of the absolute and the relative error.