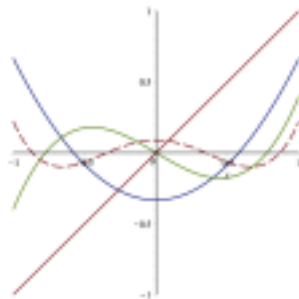


§3 Numerical Integration

## §3.5 Orthogonal Polynomials

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High order Newton-Cotes methods are of little use because of the problems associated with interpolation by high degree polynomials at equally spaced points. However, high-order Gaussian methods are very useful.

Driving such methods by undetermined coefficients is not practical, however. There is a simpler way, but some mathematical preliminaries are required, including the ideas of **vector spaces** and **inner products**.

## Definition (Vector Space)

$V$  is a *vector space* (a.k.a., a *linear space*) over a field  $F$  (e.g, the real or complex numbers) if for all  $u, v, w \in V$  and  $a, b \in F$ :

- (i)  $u + v \in V$  (closed under addition)
- (ii)  $u + v = v + u$  (Commutativity)
- (iii)  $(u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$  (Associativity)
- (iv)  $V$  has a zero vector  $0$  such that  $u + 0 = u$ .
- (v)  $-u \in V$
- (vi)  $au \in V$
- (vii)  $a(bu) = (ab)u$
- (viii)  $F$  contains 0 and 1 such that  $1u = u$ ,  $0u = 0$ .
- (ix)  $a(u + v) = au + av$ , and  $(a + b)u = au + bu$ .

**Examples:**  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^2 \dots \mathbb{R}^n$  are all vector spaces, but  $\mathbb{R}^2$  &  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are the most familiar.

## Definition (Inner Product)

Let  $V$  be a real vector space. An **Inner Product** (IP) is a real-valued function  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  on  $V \times V$  such that, for all  $f, g, h \in V$ ,

- (i)  $(f + g, h) = (f, h) + (g, h)$ ,
- (ii)  $(\lambda f, g) = \lambda(f, g)$ , for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (iii)  $(f, g) = (g, f)$ ,
- (iv)  $(f, f) \geq 0$ .  $(f, f) = 0 \Leftrightarrow f \equiv 0$ .

## Example

Let  $\mathbb{R}^n$  be our vector space, with  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)^T$ . Then the following is an inner product:

$\mathbb{R}^3, n=3,$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) := \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = (1)(1) + (1)(-2) + (3)(1) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} = 1^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2 = 6.$$

### Example

The set of real-valued functions that are continuous and defined on the interval  $[a, b]$ , denoted  $C[a, b]$ , is a vector space. And

$$(f, g) := \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx, \quad (1)$$

is an inner product.

Check properties (i)-(iv)

$$(f+g, h) = \int_a^b (f+g)h \, dx$$

$$= \int_a^b fh + gh \, dx = \int_a^b fh \, dx + \int_a^b gh \, dx$$

$$= (f, h) + (g, h)$$

check properties (ii)-(iv) yourself.

here:  $f = f(x)$   
 $g = g(x)$ , etc.

## Sequence of Orthogonal Monic Polynomials (6/16)

(See Lecture 23 of Stewart's "Afternotes" for more details).

### Definition (Monic Polynomial)

A polynomial is monic if the coefficient of its leading term is 1.

Examples: These are all monic:

$$1, \quad x - 2, \quad x^3 - 4x^2 - 1000,$$

$$3x^3 + 4x^2 + x^6$$

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These are not:

$$2, \quad 2x - 1, \quad x^3 - 4x^2 - 1000x^5 + 1$$

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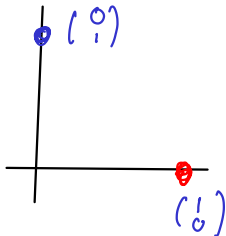
These are:  $1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4, \text{etc.}$

# Sequence of Orthogonal Monic Polynomials (7/16)

## Definition

Two elements  $a, b$ , of a vector space are orthogonal with respect to a given inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  if  $(a, b) = 0$ .  $a \perp b$

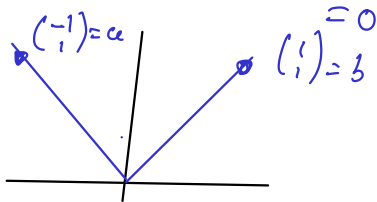
**Example:** In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  &  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  are orthogonal



$$(a, b) = (1)(0) + (0)(1) = 0.$$

Eg  $a = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Then  $(a, b) = (-1)(1) + (1)(1) = 0$



Eg In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  
 $a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$   $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$   
write " $a \perp b$ "

## Example

Take the space of polynomials of degree 2 or less and the IP

$$(f, g) = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x)dx.$$

Let  $p(x) \equiv 1$ ,  $q(x) \equiv x$ ,  $r(x) \equiv x^2 - 1/3$ , and  $f(x) = 3x - 4$

**Details:**  $(p, q) = \int_{-1}^1 (1)(x) dx = \left. \frac{1}{2}x^2 \right|_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{2}(1 - (-1)^2) = 0.$

So  $p \perp q$ .

$$(p, r) = \int_{-1}^1 (1)(x^2 - 1/3) dx = \left. \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{3}x \right|_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 0.$$

So  $p \perp r$ .

$$(q, r) = \int_{-1}^1 x(x^2 - 1/3) dx = \left. \frac{1}{4}x^4 - \frac{1}{6}x^2 \right|_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} = 0.$$

So  $q \perp r$ .  
(see board).



## Sequence of Orthogonal Monic Polynomials (9/16)

As given above, a polynomial is **monic** if the coefficient of the leading term is 1:

$$p_n = x^n + c_{n-1}x^{n-1} + c_{n-2}x^{n-2} + \cdots + c_1x + c_0.$$

We'll now look at a sequence of such polynomials

$$\{\tilde{p}_0, \tilde{p}_1, \tilde{p}_2, \dots, \tilde{p}_n, \dots\}$$

that have the property they are orthogonal to each other:

$$(\tilde{p}_i, \tilde{p}_j) := \int_a^b \tilde{p}_i(x) \tilde{p}_j(x) dx = 0 \quad \text{if } i \neq j.$$

We want to establish some important facts about monic polys:

- A set of monic polys of degrees  $1, \dots, n$ , forms a basis for  $\mathcal{P}_n$ .
- If the members of that set are orthogonal to each other, then they are orthogonal to *all* polynomials of lower degree.
- We can construct such as set.

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## Sequence of Orthogonal Monic Polynomials (10/16)

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### Lemma

Let  $\{p_i\}_{i=0}^n$  be a sequence of polynomials where each  $p_i$  is monic of exactly of degree  $i$ . This sequence forms a basis for  $\mathcal{P}_n$ .

**Proof:** Usually we write a polynomial of degree  $n$  as

$$q(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0.$$

we want to show we can write it as

$$q(x) = b_n p_n + b_{n-1} p_{n-1} + \dots + b_1 p_1 + b_0 p_0 = 1$$

where the  $b_i$  are unique. If  $n=0$ , then  $b_0 = a_0$ .  
Now assume true for  $n-1$ . If  $q$  has degree  $n$ , then  $b_n = a_n$  since  $p_n$  is monic. Also

$q - b_n p_n$  has degree  $n-1$ . So, by induction,  
 $b_{n-1}, b_{n-2}, \dots, b_0$  exist & are unique.

## Sequence of Orthogonal Monic Polynomials (11/16)

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This lemma means that if  $q$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  then it can be written uniquely as a linear combination of the  $\tilde{p}_i$ :

$$q(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \tilde{p}_i(x),$$

for some unique choice of the real coefficients  $a_i$ .

## Sequence of Orthogonal Monic Polynomials (12/16)

### Definition

The sequence  $\{\tilde{p}_i\}_{i=0}^n$  is a sequence of *monic, orthogonal* polynomials if each  $\tilde{p}_i$  is monic and *exactly* of degree  $i$  and

$$(\tilde{p}_i, \tilde{p}_j) = 0 \quad \text{if } i \neq j.$$

### Lemma

If  $\tilde{p}_j \in \{\tilde{p}_i\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$  then  $\tilde{p}_j$  is orthogonal to all polynomials of degree less than  $j$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $q$  is a polynomial of degree less than  $j$ . Then we can write  $q$  as

$$q(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} a_i \hat{p}_i(x). \quad \text{Then} \quad (\hat{p}_j, q) = \left( \hat{p}_j, \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} a_i \hat{p}_i \right)$$
$$= \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} a_i (\hat{p}_j, \hat{p}_i) = 0.$$

**Theorem**

*The sequence  $\{\tilde{p}_i\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$  exists and can be constructed as follows:  
Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be defined as*

$$\alpha_{n+1} = \frac{(x\tilde{p}_n, \tilde{p}_n)}{(\tilde{p}_n, \tilde{p}_n)}, \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_{n+1} = \frac{(x\tilde{p}_n, \tilde{p}_{n-1})}{(\tilde{p}_{n-1}, \tilde{p}_{n-1})},$$

*then the sequence is given by*

$$\tilde{p}_0(x) \equiv 1, \quad \tilde{p}_1(x) = x - \alpha_1$$

*and*

$$\tilde{p}_{n+1}(x) = (x - \alpha_{n+1})\tilde{p}_n(x) - \beta_{n+1}\tilde{p}_{n-1}(x),$$

*for  $n \geq 1$ .*

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{(x\hat{p}_0, \hat{p}_0)}{(\hat{p}_0, \hat{p}_0)}$$

The proof uses Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization.

## Example

If we use the inner product  $(f, g) := \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)$  then the first 4 polynomials in the sequence are:

See tomorrow's lab!

## Example

The zeros of  $\tilde{p}_2$  are ...

One of the ways of constructing Gaussian Quadrature rule  $G_n(\cdot)$  on  $n + 1$  is to take the quadrature points as the roots of  $\tilde{p}_{n+1}$ . We know (from the fundamental theorem of algebra) a polynomial of degree  $n + 1$  has exactly  $n + 1$  roots in  $\mathbb{C}$  up to multiplicity.

However, the polynomials  $\tilde{p}$  have the special properties, established in the following lemma. (*A slightly different proof of these facts is given in Thm 9.4 of Suli and Mayers.*)

Not every polynomial of degree  $n+1$  has  $n+1$  <sup>real</sup> zeros (let alone in  $[a, b]$ )

eg  $p_2 = x^2$  has just 1 zero  
 $p_2 = x^2 + 1$  has no real zeros.

## Lemma

Let  $\tilde{p}_i \in \{\tilde{p}_i\}_{i=0}^{\infty} = \{\tilde{p}_0, \tilde{p}_1, \dots\}$  be the set of monic polynomials that are orthogonal with respect to the (usual) inner product.

- (i) The zeros of each  $\tilde{p}_i \in \{\tilde{p}_i\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$  are simple (not repeated).
- (ii) All the zeros of  $\tilde{p}_i$  are real numbers in the interval  $[a, b]$ .

Proof of (i). Suppose  $\tilde{p}_i$  had a repeated root at  $x^*$ . Then we could write

$$\tilde{p}_i(x) = (x - x^*)^2 q(x) \quad \text{where } q \text{ has degree}$$

$i-2$ . But  $0 = (\tilde{p}_i, q)$  because  $\deg(q) < \deg(\tilde{p}_i)$

$$\text{So } 0 = \int_a^b (x - x^*)^2 q(x) q(x) dx > 0. \quad \underline{\text{Contradiction!}}$$



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(ii)

Suppose that  $\tilde{p}_i$  has only  $k < i$  zeros in  $[a, b]$ . Then, there is a polynomial  $q$

such that  $\tilde{p}_i(x) = q(x)r(x)$  where

$r$  has degree  $k < i$  &  $q$  does not change sign on  $[a, b]$ . Since  $\text{degree}(r) < \text{degree}(\tilde{p}_i)$ ,

$0 = \langle \tilde{p}_i, r \rangle = \langle q, r \rangle = \int_a^b q(x)(r(x))^2 dx \neq 0$   
because  $q$  does not change sign on  $[a, b]$  &  $(r(x))^2 \geq 0$ .