

MANE 3351

LECTURE 16

Classroom Management

Agenda

- Gaussian Quadrature
- Homework 4 (due 10/29/2025)
- Homework 5 (due November 3 - no late work)
- Lab 6 due before 9:30 AM
- Lab 7 after lecture (due 11/3/2025)

RESOURCES

Handouts

- Lecture 16 slides
- Lecture 16 slides marked
- [Abscissas and Weights for Gaussian Integration](#)

Calendar

Week	Monday Lecture	Wednesday Lecture
9	10/27: Gaussian Quadrature	10/29: Numerical Differentiation (not on Test 2)
10	11/3: Linear Algebra	11/5: Test 2 (Root Finding and Numerical Integration)

Lecture 16

Today's topic is Gaussian Quadrature $\mathcal{I} = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i)$

- $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i) + R_n$
- x_i is the abscissa is the i -th zero of $P_n(x)$ (Legendre polynomial)
- w_i is the weight associate with x_i → points
- $R_n = \frac{2^{2n+1}(n!)^4}{(2n+1)[(2n)!]^3} f^{(2n)}(\xi)$
- Abscissas and weights are commonly tabled [1](#)

Python Code, part 1

```
# Part 1, original formula in range (-1,1)
#
import math
import numpy as np
def f(z):
    return (math.exp(-0.5*z**2)/((2.0*math.pi)**0.5))
#
# 2 point Gaussian Quadrature
x2=[-0.577350269189626,0.577350269189626]
w2=[1.0,1.0]
#
i2=0.0
for i in range(0,len(x2)):
    i2=i2+w2[i]*f(x2[i])
print("the area using 2-point gaussian quadrature is {}".format(i2))
#
# 5 point Gaussian Quadrature
x5=[0.0, -0.538469310105683,0.538469310105683,-0.906179845938664,0.906179845938664]
w5=[0.5688888888888889,0.478628670499366,0.478628670499366,0.236926885056189,0.236926885056189]
i5=0.0
for i in range(0,len(x5)):
    i5=i5+w5[i]*f(x5[i])
print("the area using 5-point gaussain quadrature is {}".format(i5))
```

$\pm x_i$

0.57735 02691 89626 $\rightarrow$ 1.00000 00000 00000

$n=3$

0.00000 00000 00000
0.77459 66692 41483

0.88888 88888 88889
0.55555 55555 55556

for $n=2$

$x_1 = .57735 \dots$

$w_1 = 1.0$

$x_2 = -.57735 \dots$

$w_2 = 1.0$

$$I = \sum_{i=1}^2 w_i f(x_i) = w_1 f(x_1) + w_2 f(x_2)$$

$$= 1.0 f(.57735 \dots) + 1.0 f(-.57735 \dots)$$

x_i $n=2$ w_i

0.57735 02691 89626

1.00000 00000 00000

0.00000 00000 00000

0.77459 66692 41483

 $n=3$

0.88888 88888 88889

0.55555 55555 55556

for $n=3$

$$x_1 = 0.0$$

$$x_2 = 0.774596669241483$$

$$x_3 = -0.774596669241483$$

$$w_1 = 0.88889 \dots$$

$$w_2 = 0.55555 \dots$$

$$w_3 = 0.55555 \dots$$

$$I = \sum_{i=1}^3 w_i f(x_i)$$

Gauss' Formula, Arbitrary Interval

- $\int_a^b f(y)dy \approx \frac{b-a}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(y_i) + R_n$
- $y_i = \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) x_i + \left(\frac{b+a}{2}\right)$
- $R_n = \frac{(b-a)^{2n+1}(n!)^4}{(2n+1)[(2n)!]^3} f^{(2n)}(\xi)$
- Note that x_i and w_i are the points and weights of Gaussian quadrature

Python Code, part 2

```
# Part 2
#
print("Gaussian Quadrature, arbitrary interval")
a=-5.0
b=0.0
#
# redo 2 point gaussian
i2=0.0
for i in range(0,len(x2)):
    y=((b-a)/2.0)*x2[i]+(b+a)/2.0
    i2=i2+w2[i]*f(y)
i2=((b-a)/2.0)*i2
print("the area using 2-point gaussian quadrature is {}".format(i2))
#
# redoc 5 point gaussian
i5=0.0
for i in range(0,len(x5)):
    y=((b-a)/2.0)*x5[i]+(b+a)/2.0
    i5=i5+w5[i]*f(y)
i5=((b-a)/2.0)*i5
print("the area using 5-point gaussian quadrature is {}".format(i5))
```

$\pm x_i$ $n=2$ w_i

$$x_i = \frac{(b-a)}{2} x_i + \frac{(b+a)}{2}$$

0.57735 02691 89626

1.00000 00000 00000

 $n=3$

0.00000 00000 00000

0.88888 88888 88889

0.77459 66692 41483

0.55555 55555 55556

$$I = \frac{(b-a)}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(y_i)$$

$$a = -5 \quad b = 0$$

$$x_1 = .57735 \rightarrow y_1 = \left(\frac{0 - -5}{2}\right) \cdot .57735 + \frac{(0 + -5)}{2} = -1.05663 \dots$$

$$x_2 = -.57735 \dots \rightarrow y_2 = \left(\frac{0 - -5}{2}\right) (-.57735) + \left(\frac{0 + -5}{2}\right) = -3.94338$$

$$I = \left(\frac{0 - -5}{2}\right) \left[w_1 f(y_1) + w_2 f(y_2) \right]$$

$$= 2.5 \left[1.0 f(-1.05663) + 1.0 f(-3.94338) \right]$$

ChatGPT program

- ChatGPT can be a useful tool for developing Python code.
- It should not replace your knowledge and expertise
- ChatGPT can be wrong

Notes

1. Abramowitz, M., and Stegun, I. (1972), *Handbook of Mathematical Functions with Formulas, Graphs, and Mathematical Tables*