

Exercise 1 - Christoffel Darboux formula and contraction identities

1. Recall the formula for the kernel $K_N(x, y) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} P_j(x)P_j(y)$ of polynomials $P_j(x)$ orthonormal with respect to weight $w(x)$ on a subset of the real line $D \subset \mathbb{R}$.

Show the Christoffel Darboux formula for $x \neq y$:

$$K_N(x, y) = C_N \frac{P_N(x)P_{N-1}(y) - P_N(y)P_{N-1}(x)}{x - y} . \quad (1)$$

2. Show the following contraction formulae for the kernel

$$\begin{aligned} \int_D d\lambda w(\lambda) K_N(\lambda, \lambda) &= N , \\ \int_D d\lambda w(\lambda) K_N(\lambda, x) &= 1 , \\ \int_D d\lambda w(\lambda) K_N(x, \lambda) K_N(\lambda, y) &= K_N(x, y) . \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Exercise 2 - Properties of Hermite polynomials

1. Recall the 3-step recurrence relation for orthonormal polynomials on subsets of \mathbb{R} :

$$\lambda P_k(\lambda) = C_{k+1} P_{k+1}(\lambda) + a_k P_k(\lambda) + C_k P_{k-1}(\lambda) . \quad (3)$$

Determine the parameters a_k and C_k for the Hermite polynomials $H_k(\lambda)$ orthogonal with respect to $w(\lambda) = e^{-\lambda^2}$ on \mathbb{R} , with squared norms $h_p = \sqrt{\pi} 2^{-p} p!$.

2. Show the differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dx} H_n(x) = 2n H_{n-1}(x) \quad (4)$$

for the Hermite polynomials $H_n(x)$, using the recurrence relation and orthogonality condition.

3. Construct the first three Hermite polynomials H_0 , H_1 and H_2 using the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalisation procedure from lecture.
4. Write down the Christoffel Darboux kernel for the Hermite polynomials and evaluate the kernel $K_n(x, y)$ in the limit $x \rightarrow y$.