

Nuttall's compact formula

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1. Preludium.

Let ρ be a weight function of support s . The Padé $[n-1/n]$ rational approximation to $f(z) = \int_s \frac{\rho(t) dt}{z-t} \sim \frac{m_0}{z} + \frac{m_1}{z^2} + \dots$ about $z = \infty$ is $\frac{\nu_n(z)}{p_n(z)}$ of degrees $n-1$ and n such that $f(z) - \frac{\nu_n(z)}{p_n(z)} = O\left(\frac{1}{z^{2n+1}}\right)$, when $z \rightarrow \infty$, or

$$q_n(z) := p_n(z)f(z) - \nu_n(z) = O\left(\frac{1}{z^{n+1}}\right).$$

Remark that $p_n(z)f(z) = \int_s \frac{[p_n(z) - p_n(t) + p_n(t)]\rho(t) dt}{z-t}$, that the part involving $p_n(z) - p_n(t)$ is a polynomial of degree $\leq n-1$ in z , and that what remains is at most $O(1/z)$: this means that we just encountered the numerator polynomial ν_n and the remainder q_n :

$$\nu_n(z) = \int_s \frac{[p_n(z) - p_n(t)]\rho(t) dt}{z-t}, \quad q_n(z) = \int_s \frac{p_n(t)\rho(t) dt}{z-t},$$

and that this latter $q_n(z)$ is only $O(1/z^{n+1})$ amounts to the **orthogonality** of p_n and all polynomials of degree $< n$ with respect to ρ .

2. Thema.

Let $\{b_0, \dots, b_{n-1}\}$ be a basis of the space \mathcal{P}_{n-1} of polynomials of degree $\leq n-1$, and \mathcal{R} an operator. We consider a matrix representation $R_{i,j} = \langle b_i | \mathcal{R} | b_j \rangle$, where $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$ is the scalar product $\langle f | g \rangle = \int_s f(t)g(t)\rho(t) dt$. The matrix R of finite order n does not tell everything on the operator \mathcal{R} , it only allows to recover the orthogonal projection (**Galerkin** approximation [2]) on \mathcal{P}_{n-1} of $\mathcal{R}r$, where r is also in \mathcal{P}_{n-1} . So, if the expansion r in the b_i 's basis is $r = \sum_k \alpha_k b_k$,

$$R \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \langle b_0 | \mathcal{R} | r \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle b_{n-1} | \mathcal{R} | r \rangle \end{bmatrix}, \quad r = [b_0 \cdots b_{n-1}] R^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \langle b_0 | \mathcal{R} | r \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle b_{n-1} | \mathcal{R} | r \rangle \end{bmatrix}.$$

Well, for a fixed z , let \mathcal{R} be z times identity minus the multiplication operator by the variable, that is, $\mathcal{R}f(t) = (z-t)f(t)$. Let us take $r(t) = \frac{p_n(z) - p_n(t)}{z-t}$, then $\mathcal{R}r(t) = p_n(z) - p_n(t)$ which is reduced to the constant $p_n(z)$ when it comes to orthogonal projections on \mathcal{P}_{n-1} :

$$\nu_n(z) = \langle r | 1 \rangle = p_n(z) [\langle b_0 | 1 \rangle \cdots \langle b_{n-1} | 1 \rangle] R^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \langle b_0 | 1 \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle b_{n-1} | 1 \rangle \end{bmatrix},$$

or

$$\frac{\nu_n(z)}{p_n(z)} = \langle r|1 \rangle = [\langle b_0|1 \rangle \cdots \langle b_{n-1}|1 \rangle] R^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \langle b_0|1 \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle b_{n-1}|1 \rangle \end{bmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

the Nuttall’s compact formula [1]. Of course $p_n(z)$ is (a constant times) the determinant of R , i.e., $\det [z\langle b_i|b_j \rangle - \langle b_i|b_{j+1} \rangle]$.

Remark also that if $b_k = p_k$, the basis of orthonormal polynomials, R is $zI - J$, where J is the jacobi tridiagonal matrix of recurrence coefficients.

3. Variations.

If $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$ is $R^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \langle b_0|1 \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle b_{n-1}|1 \rangle \end{bmatrix}$, then $\left[\begin{array}{c|ccc} 0 & \langle b_0|1 \rangle & \cdots & \langle b_{n-1}|1 \rangle \\ \langle b_0|1 \rangle & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ \langle b_{n-1}|1 \rangle & & & \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ \alpha_0 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \nu_n(z)/p_n(z) \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$

so $\nu_n(z) = -\frac{p_n(z)}{\det R} \left| \begin{array}{c|ccc} 0 & \langle b_0|1 \rangle & \cdots & \langle b_{n-1}|1 \rangle \\ \langle b_0|1 \rangle & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ \langle b_{n-1}|1 \rangle & & & \end{array} \right|$ or also

$q_n(z) = p_n(z)f(z) - \nu_n(z) = \frac{p_n(z)}{\det R} \det \left[\begin{array}{c|ccc} f(z) & \langle b_0|1 \rangle & \cdots & \langle b_{n-1}|1 \rangle \\ \langle b_0|1 \rangle & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ \langle b_{n-1}|1 \rangle & & & \end{array} \right]$, but this does

not suggest the $O(z^{-n-1})$ behaviour for large z . However, the latter matrix can be written

as $\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ (z-t)b_0 \\ \vdots \\ (z-t)b_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \middle| \frac{1}{z-t} \middle| [1 \quad (z-t)b_0 \quad \cdots \quad (z-t)b_{n-1}] \right\rangle$, and considering that $1, (z-t)b_0(t), \dots, (z-t)b_{n-1}(t)$ are linear combinations of $b_0(t), \dots, b_n(t)$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ (z-t)b_0 \\ \vdots \\ (z-t)b_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = T \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix},$$

so that

$$q_n(z) = \text{constant} \det \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} \middle| \frac{1}{z-t} \middle| [b_0 \quad b_1 \quad \cdots \quad b_n] \right\rangle = \text{const.} \det [\langle b_i|(z-t)^{-1}|b_j \rangle]_{i,j=0}^n,$$

which is Pierre’s formula [4].

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The $[N, M]$ Padé approximants to functions formally associated to power series expansions are expressed in terms of expectation values of inverse matrices. These formulae, which can be derived by the inner-projection technique, lead to a simple analysis of the properties of several approximation methods and their inter-relationships, in particular Gaussian integration, continued factorization and Padé approximations, which are of current interest in the calculation of physical properties. A relation with Fredholm integral equations and expansions of the resolvent is also discussed. The use of operator inequalities in a systematic fashion is particularly convenient when both the function being approximated and the coefficients of the power series have physically meaningful expressions as moments of operators.
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