

Gaussian Quadrature

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> restart;
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We wish to use **Gaussian quadrature** to approximate the integral $\int_1^{1.6} \frac{2x}{x^2 - 4} dx$.

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> Digits:=15;
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We load the [orthopoly](#) library to get the **Legendre polynomials** needed for **Gaussian quadrature**.

```
> with(orthopoly);
```

[G, H, L, P, T, U]

It is the **P** that interests us. Let's look at the first six Legendre polynomials. Note that they differ from those in the text by a constant factor. Since we are only interested in their roots, that is not a concern for our purposes.

```
> for i from 0 to 5 do  
  legedre[i]:=P(i,x)  
od;
```

legedre₀ := 1

legedre₁ := x

legedre₂ := - $\frac{1}{2}$ + $\frac{3}{2}$ x²

legedre₃ := $\frac{5}{2}$ x³ - $\frac{3}{2}$ x

legedre₄ := $\frac{3}{8}$ + $\frac{35}{8}$ x⁴ - $\frac{15}{4}$ x²

legedre₅ := $\frac{63}{8}$ x⁵ - $\frac{35}{4}$ x³ + $\frac{15}{8}$ x

We choose the degree of the Legendre polynomial we wish to use.

```
> n:=5;
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n := 5

Get the appropriate Legendre polynomial.

```
> legendre:=P(n,x);
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legendre := $\frac{63}{8}$ x⁵ - $\frac{35}{4}$ x³ + $\frac{15}{8}$ x

Find the roots of the *n*'th Legendre polynomial, all of which are between -1 and 1. These are given as a table in the text on page 141.

```
> r:=[evalf(allvalues(RootOf(legendre)))];
```

r := [0., 0.538469310105681, 0.906179845938666, -0.538469310105681, -0.906179845938666]

Find the corresponding coefficients for Gaussian quadrature as given by the Theorem in the notes. These are also given on page 141.

```
> for i from 1 to n do  
  c[i]:=1:
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for j from 1 to n do
if (i<>j) then c[i]:=c[i]*(x-r[j])/(r[i]-r[j]) fi
od:
c[i]:=int(c[i],x=-1..1):
od:
printf("  r[i]                c[i]\n");
printf("  ----                ----\n");
for i from 1 to n do
printf("%18.15f      %18.15f\n",r[i],c[i])
od;

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<u>r[i]</u>	<u>c[i]</u>
0.000000000000000	0.568888888888877
0.538469310105681	0.478628670499373
0.906179845938666	0.236926885056187
-0.538469310105681	0.478628670499372
-0.906179845938666	0.236926885056187

We enter the function to integrate as a Maple function to make the change of variables easier.

```
> f:=x->2*x/(x^2-4);
```

$$f := x \rightarrow \frac{2x}{x^2 - 4}$$

We give the limits of integration.

```
> a:=1;b:=1.6;
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a := 1
b := 1.6

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We do the change of variables so as to integrate from -1 to 1.

```
> g:=f((b-a)*t+(b+a)/2)*(b-a)/2;
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$$g := \frac{0.600000000000000 (0.300000000000000 t + 1.300000000000000)}{(0.300000000000000 t + 1.300000000000000)^2 - 4}$$

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> g:=unapply(g,t);
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$$g := t \rightarrow \frac{0.600000000000000 (0.300000000000000 t + 1.300000000000000)}{(0.300000000000000 t + 1.300000000000000)^2 - 4}$$

We find the integral by Gaussian quadrature.

```
> integral:=evalf(sum('c[i]*g(r[i])', 'i'=1..n));
integral := -0.733968724860456
```

Compare to the value from the built-in routine.

```
> Int(f(x),x=1..8/5);
value(%);
```

$$\int_1^{\frac{8}{5}} \frac{2x}{x^2 - 4} dx$$

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ln(3) + 2 ln(2) - 2 ln(5)
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```
> exact:=evalf(%);
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exact := -0.73396917508020
```

Finally, we find the absolute error.

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> interror:=abs(integral-exact);
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$interror := 4.50219744 \cdot 10^{-7}$

NumericalAnalysis

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> with(Student[NumericalAnalysis]);
```

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[AbsoluteError, AdamsBashforth, AdamsBashforthMoulton, AdamsMoulton, AdaptiveQuadrature,
  AddPoint, ApproximateExactUpperBound, ApproximateValue, BackSubstitution, BasisFunctions,
  Bisection, CubicSpline, DataPoints, Distance, DividedDifferenceTable, Draw, Euler, EulerTutor,
  ExactValue, FalsePosition, FixedPointIteration, ForwardSubstitution, Function,
  InitialValueProblem, InitialValueProblemTutor, Interpolant, InterpolantRemainderTerm,
  IsConvergent, IsMatrixShape, IterativeApproximate, IterativeFormula, IterativeFormulaTutor,
  LeadingPrincipalSubmatrix, LinearSolve, LinearSystem, MatrixConvergence,
  MatrixDecomposition, MatrixDecompositionTutor, ModifiedNewton, NevilleTable, Newton,
  NumberOfSignificantDigits, PolynomialInterpolation, Quadrature, RateOfConvergence,
  RelativeError, RemainderTerm, Roots, RungeKutta, Secant, SpectralRadius, Steffensen, Taylor,
  TaylorPolynomial, UpperBoundOfRemainderTerm, VectorLimit]
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For Gaussian quadrature, we use the [Quadrature](#) command with the option **method = gaussian[n]** where n is the number of nodes. The default is $n = 3$ if **method=gaussian** is used. Let us find the same integral as above with $n = 5$. For output, we will show **value**, **information**, and **plot**.

```
> integral:=Quadrature(f(x),x=1..1.6,method=gaussian[5],output=value)
;
```

```
integral := -0.733969175080205
```

```
> Quadrature(f(x),x=1..1.6,method=gaussian[5],output=information);
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INTEGRAL: Int(2*x/(x^2-4),x=1..1.6) = -0.733969175
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APPROXIMATION METHOD: Gaussian Quadrature
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----- INFORMATION TABLE -----
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Approximate Value          Absolute Error          Relative Error
-0.733969175              4e-15                  5.450e-13 %
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Number of Function Evaluations:      50
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```
> Quadrature(f(x),x=1..1.6,method=gaussian[5],output=plot);
```

An Approximation of the Integral of

$$f(x) = \frac{2x}{x^2 - 4}$$

on the Interval [1, 1.6]

Using Gaussian Quadrature Rule with 5 nodes

Integral Value: -0.733969175080201

Approximation: -0.733969175080205

