

Define an inner product on the space of polynomials by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^2 e^t f(t)g(t)dt.$$

Find the first three orthogonal polynomials with respect to this inner product. (Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to the standard basis,  $\{1, t, t^2, \dots\}$ .) Suggestion: Start by finding a formula or making a table for the integrals  $\int_0^2 e^{t^n} dt$  for at least the first few values of  $n$ .

I will make the suggested table for values of  $n$  from 0 to 3. The first is fairly straightforward:

$$\int_0^2 e^{t^0} dt = \int_0^2 e^t dt = e^2 - 1$$

But the rest require integration by parts. I will work out the first in full, with explanation, then merely show the work for the next two.

The integration by parts rule says that  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ . Therefore, when integrating a function of the form  $e^{t^n}$  with respect to  $t$ , we must choose one factor as  $u$  and the other as  $dv$ . The logical choice for  $dv$  is  $e^t dt$ , because then  $v$  will be simply  $e^t$ . (Note that since we are evaluating a definite integral, we need not consider constants of integration.) Thus,  $u$  will be  $t^n$  and  $du$  will be  $nt^{n-1} dt$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^2 e^{t^1} dt &= te^t \Big|_0^2 - \int_0^2 e^t (1t^0) dt \\ \int_0^2 te^t dt &= te^t \Big|_0^2 - \int_0^2 e^t dt \\ \int_0^2 te^t dt &= 2e^2 - 0e^0 - e^2 + e^0 \\ \int_0^2 te^t dt &= e^2 + 1\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\int_0^2 t^2 e^t dt = t^2 e^t \Big|_0^2 - 2 \int_0^2 te^t dt$$

But since we have already found  $\int_0^2 te^t dt = e^2 + 1$ ,

$$\int_0^2 t^2 e^t dt = 4e^2 - 0 - 2e^2 - 2 = 2e^2 - 2.$$

And finally,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^2 t^3 e^t dt &= t^3 e^t \Big|_0^2 - 3 \int_0^2 t^2 e^t dt \\ \int_0^2 t^3 e^t dt &= 8e^2 - 0 - 6e^2 + 6 = 2e^2 + 6.\end{aligned}$$

So, the completed table is

$n$	$\int_0^2 t^n e^t dt$
0	$e^2 - 1$
1	$e^2 + 1$
2	$2e^2 - 2$
3	$2e^2 + 6$

Now, let us begin applying the Gram-Schmidt method shown in the text to finding the first three orthogonal polynomials (note that we will actually be finding the first two *orthonormal* polynomials, and then a third orthogonal polynomial). Let us set  $v_k = t^k$ , with the resulting polynomials denoted by  $\vec{u}_k$ .

$$\|v_0\|^2 = \int_0^2 e^t dt = e^2 - 1$$

Now, normalize this vector to obtain

$$\hat{u}_0 = \sqrt{e^2 - 1}$$

and consider

$$\langle \hat{u}_0, v_1 \rangle = \int_0^2 e^t \sqrt{e^2 - 1} t dt$$

Since  $\sqrt{e^2 - 1}$  is a constant, pull it out of the integral to leave  $\langle \hat{u}_0, v_1 \rangle = \sqrt{e^2 - 1} \int_0^2 t e^t dt$ . Refer to the table above to find that  $\int_0^2 t e^t dt = e^2 + 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{u}_0, v_1 \rangle &= \sqrt{e^2 - 1}(e^2 + 1) = (e^2 - 1)^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ v_{1\parallel} &= \langle \hat{u}_0, v_1 \rangle \hat{u}_0 = (e^2 - 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}(e^2 - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (e^2 - 1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$v_{1\perp} = v_1 - v_{1\parallel} = t - (e^2 - 1)^2$$

and

$$\hat{u}_1 = (1 + (e^2 - 1)^4)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(t - (e^2 - 1)^2).$$

To find the third orthogonal polynomial, continue the process. Consider  $\langle \hat{u}_0, v_2 \rangle$  and  $\langle \hat{u}_1, v_2 \rangle$ .

$$\langle \hat{u}_0, v_2 \rangle = \int_0^2 e^t \sqrt{e^2 - 1} t^2 dt = \sqrt{e^2 - 1} \int_0^2 t^2 e^t dt = \sqrt{e^2 - 1}(2e^2 - 2) = 2(e^2 - 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

The second is slightly more complicated.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{u}_1, v_2 \rangle &= \int_0^2 e^t (1 + (e^2 - 1)^4)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (t - (e^2 - 1)^2) t^2 dt \\ \langle \hat{u}_1, v_2 \rangle &= (1 + (e^2 - 1)^4)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \int_0^2 t^3 e^t dt - (e^2 - 1)^2 \int_0^2 t^2 e^t dt \right] \\ \langle \hat{u}_1, v_2 \rangle &= (1 + (e^2 - 1)^4)^{-\frac{1}{2}} [(2e^2 + 6) - (e^2 - 1)^2(2e^2 - 2)] = 2(1 + (e^2 - 1)^4)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(e^2 + 3 - (e^2 - 1)^3) \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} v_{2\parallel} &= \langle \hat{u}_0, v_2 \rangle \hat{u}_0 + \langle \hat{u}_1, v_2 \rangle \hat{u}_1 \\ v_{2\parallel} &= 2(e^2 - 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}(e^2 - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2(1 + (e^2 - 1)^4)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(e^2 + 3 - (e^2 - 1)^3)(1 + (e^2 - 1)^4)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(t - (e^2 - 1)^2) \\ v_{2\perp} &= v_2 - v_{2\parallel} = t^2 - 2(e^2 - 1)^2 + 2(1 + (e^2 - 1)^4)^{-1}(e^2 + 3 - (e^2 - 1)^3)(t - (e^2 - 1)^2), \text{ so} \\ \vec{u}_2 &= t^2 + 2(e^2 + 3 - (e^2 - 1)^3)t - 2(e^2 - 1)^2(1 + (e^2 + 3 - (e^2 - 1)^3)(1 + (e^2 - 1)^4)^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the first three orthogonal polynomials are

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u}_0 &= \sqrt{e^2 - 1} \\ \hat{u}_1 &= (1 + (e^2 - 1)^4)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(t - (e^2 - 1)^2) \\ \vec{u}_2 &= t^2 + 2(e^2 + 3 - (e^2 - 1)^3)t - 2(e^2 - 1)^2(1 + (e^2 + 3 - (e^2 - 1)^3)(1 + (e^2 - 1)^4)^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$