

Q - OPTIMAL FORMULAS OF QUADRATURE
 WITH WEIGHT FUNCTION OF THE LAGUERRE TYPE

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In this paper the Q-optimal formulas of quadrature (see [5], [1]) are constructed, referring to the weight function

$W:(0, +\infty) \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$, $W(x) = x^\alpha e^{-x}$, $\alpha > -1$, named the weight function of the Laguerre type.

We consider the quadrature formulas of the type

$$(1) \int_0^{\infty} x^\alpha e^{-x} f(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i f(x_i) + R_{n-1}(f), \alpha > -1,$$

so that the algebraical degree of exactity to be $n-1$.

We have

$$A_i = \int_0^{\infty} x^\alpha e^{-x} l_i(x) dx, \quad i = \overline{1, n},$$

$$(2) R_{n-1}(f) = \int_0^{\infty} x^\alpha e^{-x} u(x) [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x; f] dx,$$

where

$$l_i(x) = \frac{u(x)}{u'(x_i)(x-x_i)}, \quad i = \overline{1, n},$$

$$u(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n (x-x_i)$$

and $[x_1, \dots, x_n, x; f]$ is the divided difference of $f(x)$ on the nodes x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x (see [4]).

Consider the function $Q(x)$ defined by the relation

$$(3) Q(x) = \int_0^x x^\alpha e^{-x} u(x) dx$$

or, equivalently,

$$(4) Q'(x) = x^\alpha e^{-x} u(x)$$

with $Q(0)=0$, $Q(+\infty)=0$ (see [3], [5], [1]).

From (4) and from (2) we obtain

$$R_{n-1}(f) = \int_0^{\infty} Q'(x) [x_1, \dots, x_n, x; f] dx.$$

Here, using integration by parts, we find

$$R_{n-1}(f) = - \int_0^{\infty} [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x; f] Q(x) dx.$$

If $Q(x)$ is of constant sign in $(0, +\infty)$, the theorem of mean for integrals is applicable, and there follows

$$R_{n-1}(f) = - \frac{\Gamma^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} \int_0^{+\infty} Q(x) dx, \quad \xi \in (0, +\infty).$$

Definition. We define the Q -optimal quadrature formula with weight of Laguerre type, a quadrature formula of the type (1) for which

$$(5) \quad \left| \int_0^{\infty} Q(x) dx \right| = \min \quad (\text{see [5], [1]}).$$

Such formulas are useful in the study of semisimplification of the Peano kernel for several quadrature formulas (see [5], [1]).

For α natural number, from (3) and (4) it results

$$(6) \quad Q(x) = e^{-x} x^{\alpha} P_{\alpha+n-1}(x),$$

where $P_{\alpha+n-1}(x)$ is an arbitrary polynomial of the degree $\alpha+n-1$.

From (6) and (4) it follows

$$(7) \quad u(x) = x^{-\alpha} e^x \left[e^{-x} x^{\alpha} P_{\alpha+n-1}(x) \right]'$$

The function $u(x)$ given by (6) is a polynomial only if $\alpha = 0$. Thus, we have the theorem:

Theorem 1. For the weight $w(x) = e^{-x} x^{\alpha}$, α natural number, $\alpha \neq 0$, the Q -optimal quadrature formulas don't exist.

In the case $\alpha = 0$, from (3) and (6), have

$$\left| \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} x P_{n-1}(x) dx \right| = \min.$$

Now, using the lemma given in [2] the following theorems are demonstrated.

Theorem 2. If $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ and $\alpha = 0$, then Q -optimal quadrature formula with weight of Laguerre type has the polynomial of the nodes given by

$$u(x) = C e^x \frac{d}{dx} \left[e^{-x} x \left(P_{\frac{n-1}{2}}^{(1)}(x) \right)^2 \right],$$

where $P_{\frac{n-1}{2}}^{(1)}(x)$ is the Laguerre polynomial and C is an arbitrary constant.

The optimal constant of the remainder is given by

$$\int_0^{\infty} Q(x) dx = \left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right)! \Gamma \left(\frac{n+3}{2} \right).$$

Theorem 3. If $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ and $\alpha = 0$, then Q -optimal quadrature formula with weight of Laguerre type has the polynomial of the nodes given by

$$u(x) = C e^x \frac{d}{dx} \left[e^{-x} x^2 \left(P_{\frac{n-2}{2}}^{(2)}(x) \right)^2 \right],$$

where $P_{\frac{n-2}{2}}^{(2)}(x)$ is the Laguerre polynomial and C is an arbitrary constant.

The optimal constant of the remainder is given by

$$\int_0^{\infty} Q(x) dx = \left(\frac{n-2}{2} \right)! \Gamma \left(\frac{n+4}{2} \right).$$

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