Multiple Orthogonal Polynomials

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Definition (type I)

Type I multiple orthogonal polynomials for $\vec{n}$ consist of the vector $(A_{\vec{n},1}, \ldots, A_{\vec{n},r})$ of r polynomials, with $\deg A_{\vec{n},j} \leq n_j - 1$, for which

$$\int x^k \sum_{j=1}^{r} A_{\vec{n},j}(x)\, d\mu_j(x) = 0, \qquad 0 \leq k \leq |\vec{n}| - 2,$$

with normalization

$$\int x^{|\vec{n}|-1} \sum_{j=1}^{r} A_{\vec{n},j}(x)\, d\mu_j(x) = 1.$$

Definition: type II MOPS

Definition (type II)

The type II multiple orthogonal polynomial for $\vec{n}$ is the **monic** polynomial $P_{\vec{n}}$ of degree $|\vec{n}|$ for which

$$\int x^k P_{\vec{n}}(x)\, d\mu_j(x) = 0, \qquad 0 \leq k \leq n_j - 1,$$

for $1 \leq j \leq r$.

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$$\det \begin{pmatrix} M_{n_1}^{(1)} \\ M_{n_2}^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ M_{n_r}^{(r)} \end{pmatrix} \neq 0, \qquad M_{n_j}^{(j)} = \begin{pmatrix} m_0^{(j)} & m_1^{(j)} & \cdots & m_{|\vec{n}|-1}^{(j)} \\ m_1^{(j)} & m_2^{(j)} & \cdots & m_{|\vec{n}|}^{(j)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ m_{n_j-1}^{(j)} & m_{n_j}^{(j)} & \cdots & m_{|\vec{n}|+n_j-2}^{(j)} \end{pmatrix},$$

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Exercise

Show that every $A_{\vec{n},j}$ has $n_j - 1$ zeros on $\mathring{\Delta}_j$.

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$$w_1(x), xw_1(x), \ldots, x^{n_1-1}w_1(x),\; w_2(x), xw_2(x), \ldots, x^{n_2-1}w_2(x),\\ \ldots, w_r(x), xw_r(x), \ldots, x^{n_r-1}w_r(x)$$

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Theorem (Nikishin, Driver-Stahl)

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Definition (Nikishin system for general r)

A Nikishin system of order r on an interval Δ_r is a system of r measures $(\mu_1, \mu_2, \ldots, \mu_r)$ supported on Δ_r such that $\mu_j = \langle \mu_1, \sigma_j \rangle$ $(2 \leq j \leq r)$, where $(\sigma_2, \ldots, \sigma_r)$ is a Nikishin system of order $r-1$ on an interval Δ_{r-1} and $\Delta_r \cap \Delta_{r-1} = \emptyset$.

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Property (biorthogonality)

$$\int P_{\vec{n}}(x) Q_{\vec{m}}(x)\, d\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \vec{m} \leq \vec{n}, \\ 0, & \text{if } |\vec{n}| \leq |\vec{m}| - 2, \\ 1, & \text{if } |\vec{n}| = |\vec{m}| - 1. \end{cases}$$

Recurrence relations

Nearest neighbor recurrence relations for type II MOPS

$$xP_{\vec{n}}(x) = P_{\vec{n}+\vec{e}_1}(x) + b_{\vec{n},1}P_{\vec{n}}(x) + \sum_{j=1}^{r} a_{\vec{n},j}P_{\vec{n}-\vec{e}_j}(x),$$

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Theorem (Van Assche)

The recurrence coefficients $(a_{\vec{n},1}, \ldots, a_{\vec{n},r})$ *and* $(b_{\vec{n},1}, \ldots, b_{\vec{n},r})$ *satisfy the partial difference equations*

$$\begin{aligned} b_{\vec{n}+\vec{e}_i,j} - b_{\vec{n},j} &= b_{\vec{n}+\vec{e}_j,i} - b_{\vec{n},i} \\ \sum_{k=1}^{r} a_{\vec{n}+\vec{e}_j,k} - \sum_{k=1}^{r} a_{\vec{n}+\vec{e}_i,k} &= \det \begin{pmatrix} b_{\vec{n}+\vec{e}_j,i} & b_{\vec{n},i} \\ b_{\vec{n}+\vec{e}_i,j} & b_{\vec{n},j} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \frac{a_{\vec{n},i}}{a_{\vec{n}+\vec{e}_j,i}} &= \frac{b_{\vec{n}-\vec{e}_i,j} - b_{\vec{n}-\vec{e}_i,i}}{b_{\vec{n},j} - b_{\vec{n},i}} \end{aligned}$$

for all $1 \le i \ne j \le r$.

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An important case is the **stepline**:

$$\vec{n}_k = (\overbrace{i+1,\ldots,i+1}^{j}, \underbrace{i,\ldots i}_{r-j}) \qquad k = ri + j,\ 0 \leq j \leq r-1.$$

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$$(x-y) \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} P_{\vec{n}_k}(x) Q_{\vec{n}_{k+1}}(y) = P_{\vec{n}}(x) Q_{\vec{n}}(y) - \sum_{j=1}^{r} a_{\vec{n},j} P_{\vec{n}-\vec{e}_j}(x) Q_{\vec{n}+\vec{e}_j}(y).$$

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The sum depends only on the endpoints of the path in $\mathbb{N}^r$ and not on the path between these points.

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