# Composite Algorithm to compute Three-term Recurrence Coefficients 

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## Outline

- Evaluations of orthogonal polynomials
- Three-term recurrence coefficients
- Algorithms to compute coefficients
- Numerical experiments


## Evaluations of orthogonal polynomials

Why are OPs so important?:

- numerical integration using quadrature rules and approximation theory.
- polynomials expansion, widely used in solving PDEs with various methods, e.x. Jacobi Galerkin Method, ENO and WENO.
- Galerkin: need to define an approximation space.
- ENO and WENO: need to use numerical flux with polynomials reconstructions to evaluate cells boundaries
- foundational tool in gPC

How to evaluate OPs?

- an intuitive way: Gram-Schmidt process
- other fancy techniques


## Evaluate OPs with G-S

Orthogonal polynomials can be obtained by applying the Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization process to the basis $1, x, x^{2}, \ldots$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& p_{0}(x)=1 \text {, } \\
& p_{1}(x)=x-\frac{\left\langle x, p_{0}\right\rangle}{\left\langle p_{0}, p_{0}\right\rangle} p_{0}(x), \\
& p_{2}(x)=x^{2}-\frac{\left\langle x^{2}, p_{0}\right\rangle}{\left\langle p_{0}, p_{0}\right\rangle} p_{0}(x)-\frac{\left\langle x^{2}, p_{1}\right\rangle}{\left\langle p_{1}, p_{1}\right\rangle} p_{1}(x), \\
& p_{n}(x)=x^{n}-\frac{\left\langle x^{n}, p_{0}\right\rangle}{\left\langle p_{0}, p_{0}\right\rangle} p_{0}(x)-\cdots-\frac{\left\langle x^{n}, p_{n-1}\right\rangle}{\left\langle p_{n-1}, p_{n-1}\right\rangle} p_{n-1}(x) \text {, }
\end{aligned}
$$

Then $p_{0}, p_{1}, p_{2}, \ldots$ are orthogonal polynomials.


The operations for orthogonal matrices are terribly UNSTABLE due to the round-off error!

## TTR and OPs

Assume $p_{-1}(x)=0, p_{0}(x)=\frac{1}{b_{0}}$ and define $b_{0}^{2}=\int w(x) d x$
$(T T R) \quad x p_{n}(x)=b_{n} p_{n-1}(x)+a_{n+1} p_{n}(x)+b_{n+1} p_{n+1}(x), n=0,1, \ldots$

## Proof.

$x p_{n}(x)=\sum_{j=0}^{n+1} d_{n j} p_{j}(x)$ since $x p_{j}(x)$ is a poly of degree $j+1$, where

$$
\begin{aligned}
d_{n j} & =\left\langle x p_{n}, p_{j}\right\rangle_{w} \\
& =\left\langle p_{n}, x p_{j}\right\rangle_{w} \\
& = \begin{cases}0 & \text { if } j+1 \leq n-1 \\
d_{n j} & \text { if } n-1 \leq j \leq n+1\end{cases}
\end{aligned}
$$

So $x p_{n}(x)=d_{n, n+1} p_{n+1}(x)+d_{n, n} p_{n}(x)+d_{n, n-1} p_{n-1}(x)$
Manipulations of OPs $\Longleftrightarrow$ Manipulations of TTR coefficients (backward stable)

## Ways to compute the recurrence coeffcients

- Derive exact formulas for coefficients
- Rodrigues' formula (for classical OPs: Jacobi, Laguerre, Hermite)
- discrete Painlevé I equation and Freud's conjecture (for Freud's weight)
- recurrence formula (for certain piecewise smooth weight)

| $w(t)$ | Support | Name | $\alpha_{k}$ | $\beta_{0}$ | $\beta_{k}, k \geq 1$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $[-1,1]$ | Legendre | 0 | 2 | $1 /\left(4-k^{-2}\right)$ |
| 1 | [0,1] | Shifted Legendre | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | $1 /\left(4\left(4-k^{-2}\right)\right)$ |
| $\left(1-t^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2}$ | $[-1,1]$ | Chebyshev \#1 | 0 | $\pi$ | $\frac{1}{2}(k=1), \frac{1}{4}(k>1)$ |
| $\left(1-t^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}$ | $[-1,1]$ | Chebyshev \#2 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2} \pi$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| $(1-t)^{-1 / 2}(1+t)^{1 / 2}$ | $[-1,1]$ | Chebyshev \#3 | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2}(k=0) \\ & 0(k>0) \end{aligned}$ | $\pi$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| $(1-t)^{1 / 2}(1+t)^{-1 / 2}$ | $[-1,1]$ | Chebyshev \#4 | $\begin{gathered} -\frac{1}{2}(k=0) \\ 0(k>0) \end{gathered}$ | $\pi$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| $\left(1-t^{2}\right)^{\lambda-1 / 2}, \lambda>-\frac{1}{2}$ | $[-1,1]$ | Gegenbauer | 0 | $\sqrt{\pi} \frac{\Gamma\left(\lambda+\frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma(\lambda+1)}$ | $\frac{k(k+2 \lambda-1)}{4(k+\lambda)(k+\lambda-1)}$ |
| $(1-t)^{\alpha}(1+t)^{\beta}$ | $[-1,1]$ |  |  |  |  |
| $\alpha>-1, \beta>-1$ |  | Jacobi | $\alpha_{k}^{\prime}$ | $\beta_{0}^{J}$ | $\beta_{1}^{J}$ |
| $\mathrm{e}^{-t}$ | $[0, \infty$ ] | Laguerre | $2 k+1$ | $1$ | $k^{2}$ |
| $t^{\alpha} \mathrm{e}^{-t}, \alpha>-1$ | [ $0, \infty$ ] | Generalized Laguerre | $2 k+\alpha+1$ | $\Gamma(1+\alpha)$ | $k(k+\alpha)$ |
| $\mathrm{e}^{-t^{2}}$ |  | Hermite | $0$ | $\sqrt{\pi}$ | $\frac{1}{2} k$ |
| $\|t\|^{2 \mu} \mathrm{e}^{-t^{2}}, \mu>-\frac{1}{2}$ | $[-\infty, \infty]$ | Generalized Hermite | 0 | $\Gamma\left(\mu+\frac{1}{2}\right)$ | $\begin{gathered} \frac{1}{2} k(k \text { even }) \\ \frac{1}{2} k+\mu(k \text { odd }) \end{gathered}$ |
| $\frac{1}{2 \pi} \mathrm{e}^{(2 \phi-\pi) t}\|\Gamma(\lambda+i t)\|^{2}$ | $[-\infty, \infty]$ | Meixner- |  |  |  |
| $\lambda>0,0<\phi<\pi$ |  | Pollaczek | $-\frac{k+\lambda}{\tan \phi}$ | $\frac{\Gamma(2 \lambda)}{(2 \sin \phi)^{2 \lambda}}$ | $\frac{k(k+2 \lambda-1)}{4 \sin ^{2} \phi}$ |

- Classical moments method
- Modified Chebyshev moments method
- Composite algorithm


## Rodrigues' formula

Let $w(x)$ be a weight function with support on $[a, b], a, b \in \mathbb{R} \cup \infty$. Let $\left\{p_{n}(x)\right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}_{\zeta}}$ be the associated orthonormal polynomial family. Assume:

- $w^{\prime}(x)=w(x) \frac{l(x)}{q(x)}, I(x) \in P_{1}$ and $q(x) \in P_{2}$.
- $\lim _{x \rightarrow a} w(x) q(x)=0$
- $\lim _{x \rightarrow b} w(x) q(x)=0$

Then: $p_{n}(x)=c_{n} \frac{1}{w(x)} \frac{d^{n}}{d x^{n}}\left[w(x) q(x)^{n}\right]$
Proof.

Ex: Legendre polynomials, $w(x)=1$ and $q(x)=1-x^{2}$.
$b_{n}^{2}=\frac{\Gamma(2 n-1) \Gamma(2 n)}{2^{2 n-1} \Gamma^{4}(n)} \frac{2^{2 n+1} \Gamma^{4}(n+1)}{\Gamma(2 n+1) \Gamma(2 n+2)}=\frac{n^{2}}{4 n^{2}-1}$
Pros: exact formula. Cons: only apply for "classical" OPs

## Classical Moment Method

Define finite moments

$$
\mu_{r}=\int x^{r} d \lambda(x)<\infty, r=0,1,2, \ldots
$$

Define Hankel determinants

$$
\Delta_{n}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
\mu_{0} & \mu_{1} & \ldots \mu_{n-1} \\
\mu_{1} & \mu_{2} & \ldots \mu_{n} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \\
\mu_{n-1} & \mu_{n} & \ldots \mu_{2 n-2}
\end{array}\right|, n=1,2, \ldots, \quad \Delta_{0}=1
$$

and $\Delta_{n}^{\prime}$ with the penultimate column and last row removed.
Claim:

$$
a_{n+1}=\frac{\Delta_{n+1}^{\prime}}{\Delta_{n+1}}-\frac{\Delta_{n}^{\prime}}{\Delta_{n}}, n=0,1,2, \ldots ; \quad b_{n}^{2}=\frac{\Delta_{n+1} \Delta_{n-1}}{\Delta_{n}^{2}}, n=1,2,3, \ldots
$$

## Modified Chebyshev Method

Assumption:

- $\left\{\alpha_{n}, \beta_{n}\right\}$ under given measure $d \lambda(x)$ corresponding to monic orthogonal polynomials $\pi_{l}(x)$.
- $\left\{a_{n}, b_{n}\right\}$ under a certain type of measure(chosen) close to $d \lambda(x)$ corresponding to orthonormal polynomials $p_{k}(x)$.
Define "mixed moments" as

$$
\sigma_{l, k}=\int \pi_{l}(x) p_{k}(x) d \lambda(x)
$$

When $I=0$,

$$
\sigma_{0, k}=\int \pi_{0}(x) p_{k}(x) d \lambda(x)=\int f(x) d \tilde{\lambda}(x), \quad f(x)=p_{k}(x) \frac{d \lambda(x)}{d \tilde{\lambda}(x)}
$$

Ex: $d \lambda(x)=\left(1-\frac{1}{2} x^{2}\right)\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$, choose $d \tilde{\lambda}(x)=\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

## Modified Chebyshev Method

when $I=1$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sigma_{1, k} & =\int \pi_{1}(x) p_{k}(x) d \lambda(x) \\
& =b_{k} \sigma_{0, k-1}+\left(a_{k+1}-\alpha_{1}\right) \sigma_{0, k}+b_{k+1} \sigma_{0, k+1}
\end{aligned}
$$

If $k=0, \sigma_{1,0}=b_{0} \sigma_{0,-1}+\left(a_{1}-\alpha_{1}\right) \sigma_{0,0}+b_{1} \sigma_{0,1}=0$.
Thus we can solve $\alpha_{1}$ and thus evaluate $\pi_{1}(x)$ by TTR when $I=2$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sigma_{2, k} & =\int \pi_{2}(x) p_{k}(x) d \lambda(x) \\
& =b_{k} \sigma_{1, k-1}+\left(a_{k+1}-\alpha_{2}\right) \sigma_{1, k}+b_{k+1} \sigma_{1, k+1}-\beta_{1}^{2} \sigma_{0, k}
\end{aligned}
$$

If $k=0, \sigma_{2,0}=b_{0} \sigma_{1,-1}+\left(a_{1}-\alpha_{2}\right) \sigma_{1,0}+b_{1} \sigma_{1,1}-\beta_{1}^{2} \sigma_{0,1}=0$.
If $k=1, \sigma_{2,1}=b_{0} \sigma_{1,0}+\left(a_{2}-\alpha_{2}\right) \sigma_{1,1}+b_{2} \sigma_{1,2}-\beta_{1}^{2} \sigma_{0,1}=0$.
Thus we can solve $\beta_{1}$ and $\alpha_{2}$ and thus evaluate $\pi_{2}(x)$

## Modified Chebyshev Method

Computing Stencil
$\bullet\left[\begin{array}{ccccccc}0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \sigma_{0,0} & \sigma_{0,1} & \sigma_{0,2} & \ldots & \sigma_{0,2 n-2} & \sigma_{0,2 n-1} & \sigma_{0,2 n} \\ & \sigma_{1,1} & \sigma_{1,2} & \ldots & \sigma_{1,2 n-2} & \sigma_{1,2 n-1} & \\ & & \ddots & \vdots & . & & \\ & & & \sigma_{n, n} & & & \end{array}\right]$

Formula for coefficients

$$
\begin{gathered}
\alpha_{n}=a_{n}+\frac{b_{n-1} \sigma_{n-1, n-1}}{\sigma_{n-2, n-2}}, n=2,3, \ldots\left(\alpha_{1}=a_{1}+b_{1} \frac{\sigma_{0,1}}{\sigma_{0,0}}\right) \\
\beta_{n}^{2}=\frac{b_{n} \sigma_{n, n}}{\sigma_{n-1, n-1}}, n=1,2, \ldots
\end{gathered}
$$

## Modified Chebyshev

| $w(x)$ | $\left.x^{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ | (Chebyshev No.1) |  | (Freud's weight) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| [ [ 0. | $1.77245385]$ | [ [ $0.00000000 \mathrm{e}+00$ | $1.77245385 \mathrm{e}+00]$ | [ [ $0.00000000 \mathrm{e}+00$ | 1.34640445e+00] |
| 0. | 0.70710678 ] | [ 8.60223792e-16 | 7.07106781e-01] | [ 2.32548050e-16 | 5.81368317e-01] |
| 0. | 0.5 | [ 1.48618712e-16 | 5.00000000e-01] | [-7.00544819e-16 | 6.33782029e-01] |
| 0. | 0.5 | [-1.33566526e-16 | 5.00000000e-01] | [ 9.99678343e-16 | 7.10706854e-01] |
| 0. | 0.5 ] | [-5.05545841e-16 | 5.00000000e-01] | 9.32259786e-16 | 7.60301355e-01] |
| 0. | 0.5 | [-8.07800661e-16 | 5.00000000e-01] | [-2.83647766e-15 | 8.04218491e-01] |
| 0. | 0.5 | [ 5.51913495e-17 | 5.00000000e-01] | [-1.31983056e-13 | 8.41346035e-01] |
| 0. | 0.5 | [-9.80987310e-17 | 5.00000000e-01] | [-2.56201466e-12 | 8.74312945e-01] |
| 0. | 0.5 | [ 1.18877669e-15 | $5.00000000 \mathrm{e}-01]$ | [-4.41425851e-11 | 9.03892555e-01] |
| 0. | 0.5 | [-8.19392575e-16 | 5.00000000e-01] | [-7.66957184e-10 | 9.30843897e-01] |
| 0. | 0.5 | [-1.45954302e-15 | 5.00000000e-01] | [-1.41469038e-08 | $9.55641084 \mathrm{e}-01]$ |
| 0. | 0.5 | [-6.74061121e-16 | 5.00000000e-01] | [-2.82127771e-07 | 9.78650577e-01] |
| 0. | 0.5 | [ 5.71896570e-16 | 5.00000000e-01] | [-6.00853074e-06 | $1.00016633 \mathrm{e}+00$ ] |
| 0. | $0.50000001]$ | [ 8.63857079e-16 | 5.00000000e-01] | [-1.32134054e-04 | $1.02106814 \mathrm{e}+00$ ] |
| 0. | 0.4999999 ] | [-3.75093560e-16 | 5.00000000e-01] | [-2.87353142e-03 | $1.06056371 \mathrm{e}+00$ ] |
| 0. | $0.50000059]$ | [ 2.32184298e-16 | 5.00000000e-01] | [-5.66368725e-02 | $1.52246310 \mathrm{e}+00$ ] |
| 0. | $0.49999658]$ | [-7.25792198e-17 | $5.00000000 \mathrm{e}-01]$ | [-4.37037699e-01 | 4.02053989e+00] |
| 0. | $0.50001352]$ | [-4.10042315e-16 | 5.00000000e-01] | 5.17290785e-01 | $3.85310510 \mathrm{e}+00$ ] |
| 0. | $0.49993173]$ | [ $3.29504468 \mathrm{e}-16$ | 5.00000000e-01] | 4.52121426e-01 | $1.34692080 \mathrm{e}+00$ ] |
| 0. | $0.50015805]$ | [ 5.65149038e-16 | 5.00000000e-01] | [ $6.17629165 \mathrm{e}-01$ | nan] |
| 0. | 0.49950938 ] | [-1.09344617e-15 | $5.00000000 \mathrm{e}-01]$ | [-3.47013963e+00 | $9.83343788 \mathrm{e}+00]$ |
| 0. | $0.49315515]$ | [-8.39116129e-18 | 5.00000000e-01] | [ $3.01063860 \mathrm{e}+00$ | nan] |
| 0. | 0.49213048 ] | [ 1.66093089e-17 | 5.00000000e-01] | [-1.20904052e+00 | 3.80775544e+00] |
| 0. | $0.40771124]$ | [-6.50358253e-16 | 5.00000000e-01] | [-3.11145579e-02 | $2.93536690 \mathrm{e}+00$ ] |
| [ 0. | nan] | [ 5.66187120e-16 | $5.00000000 \mathrm{e}-01]$ | [-1.75490171e+00 | $5.68345530 \mathrm{e}+00$ ] |

## Composite Method

Given $d \lambda(x)$, suppose we know the coefficients ( $n \geq 0$ )

$$
\begin{array}{llllll}
a_{-1}(\lambda) & a_{0}(\lambda) & a_{1}(\lambda) & a_{2}(\lambda) & \cdots & a_{n}(\lambda) \\
& b_{0}(\lambda) & b_{1}(\lambda) & b_{2}(\lambda) & \cdots & b_{n}(\lambda) .
\end{array}
$$

Goal: use moments to compute $a_{n+1}(\lambda)$ and $b_{n+1}(\lambda)$. Then we iterate on $n$ if they are successfully computed.
We use an ansatz for $a_{n+1}$ and $b_{n+1}$. (simply use the previous level)

$$
\widetilde{a}_{n+1}=a_{n}, \quad \widetilde{b}_{n+1}=b_{n}
$$

there exist differentials $\Delta a_{n+1}$ and $\Delta b_{n+1}$ such that

$$
a_{n+1}=\widetilde{a}_{n+1}+\Delta a_{n+1}, \quad \quad b_{n+1}=\widetilde{b}_{n+1} \Delta b_{n+1}
$$

These coefficients can be used in a version of the recurrence to define a polynomial $\widetilde{p}_{n+1}$ :

$$
\widetilde{b}_{n+1} \widetilde{p}_{n+1}=\left(x-\widetilde{a}_{n+1}\right) p_{n}-b_{n} p_{n-1}
$$

## Composite Method

With $\widetilde{p}_{n+1}$ defined above,

$$
\begin{gathered}
G_{j, k}=\int p_{j}(x) p_{k}(x) d \mu(x)=\delta_{j, k}, 0 \leq j, k \leq n \\
G_{j, n+1}=\int p_{j}(x) \widetilde{p}_{n+1}(x) d \mu(x)=0,0 \leq j \leq n-1
\end{gathered}
$$

Defining

$$
\begin{array}{r}
G_{n, n+1}=\int p_{n}(x) \widetilde{p}_{n+1}(x) d \mu(x) \\
G_{n+1, n+1}=\int \widetilde{p}_{n+1}^{2}(x) d \mu(x)
\end{array}
$$

then,

$$
\Delta a_{n+1}=G_{n, n+1} b_{n}, \quad \Delta b_{n+1}=\sqrt{G_{n+1, n+1}-G_{n, n+1}^{2}} .
$$

## Numerical Experiments: Freud's weight

Freud weights $w(x)=\exp \left(-|x|^{\alpha}\right), \alpha>0$.
$b_{n}$ are following the asymptotic behavior based on Freud's conjecture (FC) which can be regarded as the true solution.

We use our Composite Algorithm (CA), Variable-precision Algorithm (VPA), Stieltjes procedure Algorithm (SA) with monic polynomials (SA-Monic) and orthonormal polynomials (SA-ON), Modified Chebyshev Algorithm (MCA) and recurrence relation corresponding to the discrete Painlevé I equation (DPE) to compute the recurrence coefficients and compare them with the true solution in two cases: $\alpha=4$ and $\alpha=6$.

## Freud's weight: $\alpha=4$


(a) $n$

(d) $n$

(b) $n$

(e) $n$

(c) $n$

(f) $n$

## Freud's weight: $\alpha=6$



## Numerical Experiments: Piecewise smooth weight

$$
w(x)= \begin{cases}|x|^{\gamma}\left(x^{2}-\xi^{2}\right)^{p}\left(1-t^{2}\right)^{q}, & x \in[-1,-\xi] \cup[\xi, 1] \\ 0, \text { elsewhere, } & 0<\xi<1, p>-1, q>-1, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}\end{cases}
$$

We can derive the exact formulas for recurrence coefficients for this weight if $\xi, \gamma, \mathrm{p}$ and q are given.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Ex: } \gamma=1, p=q=\frac{1}{2} \\
& b_{2 k}^{2}=\frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)^{2}\left(1+\eta^{2 k-2}\right) /\left(1+\eta^{2 k}\right), k=1,2,3, \ldots, \eta=\frac{1-\xi}{1+\xi} \\
& b_{1}^{2}=\frac{1}{2}(1+\xi)^{2} \\
& b_{2 k+1}^{2}=\frac{1}{4}(1+\xi)^{2}\left(1+\eta^{2 k+2}\right) /\left(1+\eta^{2 k}\right), k=1,2,3, \ldots
\end{aligned}
$$

## Piecewise smooth weight



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