

Hmw2_Kn_recursion

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1 Recursion for K_n functions

$$K_n(z, \alpha, a, b) = \int_a^b dx \frac{x^n}{z + \alpha x} \quad (1)$$

This integral comes from expanding correlation function in complete basis set of Legendre Polynomials $\langle P_n | G | P_m \rangle$, where $G(x) = 1/(z - x)$

To find recursion, we start with K_{n+1} and rewrite it in terms of K_n :

$$K_{n+1} = \int_a^b dx \frac{(x + z/\alpha)x^n - z/\alpha x^n}{z + \alpha x} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_a^b x^n dx - \frac{z}{\alpha} K_n = \frac{b^{n+1} - a^{n+1}}{\alpha(n+1)} - \frac{z}{\alpha} K_n \quad (2)$$

If $|\frac{\alpha}{z}| > 1$ upward recursion stable: $K_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\alpha(n+1)} - \frac{z}{\alpha} K_n$

If $|\frac{\alpha}{z}| < 1$ downward recursion stable: $K_n = -\frac{\alpha}{z} K_{n+1} + \frac{1}{z(n+1)}$

Because recursion is not homogeneous (it is however linear), we can not multiply all terms with an arbitrary constant to normalize the entire series. Instead, we need to start with a very precise value of K_n for some n .

This can be achieved by Taylor expansion:

$$K_n = \frac{1}{z} \int_a^b dx x^n (1 + \frac{\alpha}{z} x)^{-1} = \frac{1}{z} \int_a^b dx x^n \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-\frac{\alpha}{z} x)^m = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\alpha)^m}{z^{m+1}} \frac{b^{n+m+1} - a^{n+m+1}}{n+m+1} \quad (3)$$

Lets take $b = 1$ and $a = 0$, which gives

$$K_n = \sum_{m=0}^M \frac{(-\alpha)^m}{z^{m+1}} \frac{1}{n+m+1} \quad (4)$$

For $|\alpha/z| < 1$ the terms beyond some large M are arbitrary small, hence we can stop the sum at some large M , approximately $(\alpha/z)^M < \epsilon$ and $M \approx \frac{\log(\epsilon)}{\log(\alpha/z)}$. Hence we can compute K_n for the largest n with Taylor expansion, and then use downward recursion to obtain any other n .

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[28]: from scipy import *
      from numpy import *

      def GetPolyInt(z, alpha, n):
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