

A NOTE ON THE LANCZOS ORTHOGONAL DERIVATIVE

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ABSTRACT. Differentiation via integration can be performed using the Lanczos derivative. Here we employ a quadrature method to deduce this generalized derivative.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Lanczos obtained the following remarkable quadrature formula where only are needed the values of the function and its derivatives at the end points [1]:

$$(1) \quad \int_a^b g(t) dt = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(2n-k)!}{(2n)!} \binom{n}{k} \left[g^{(k-1)}(a) - (-1)^k g^{(k-1)}(b) \right] c^k, \quad c = b - a.$$

In Sec. 2 we use (1) to deduce the Lanczos orthogonal derivative [1-9]:

$$(2) \quad f'(x_0) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{3}{2\epsilon^3} \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} t f(x_0 + t) dt,$$

which represents differentiation by integration [10].

2. LANCZOS DERIVATIVE VIA A QUADRATURE METHOD

Now we employ (1) for the case $b = -a = \epsilon$, $c = 2\epsilon$, $g(t) = tf(x_0 + t)$ and eventually we will become interested in the value of $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} t f(x_0 + t) dt$ then in (1) is only necessary to consider its first three terms, therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{c}{\epsilon^3} [g(a) + g(b)] &= 4 \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + \epsilon) - f(x_0 - \epsilon)}{2\epsilon} = 4f'(x_0), \\ \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{c^2}{\epsilon^3} [g'(a) + g'(b)] &= -4 \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[f'(x_0 - \epsilon) + f'(x_0 + \epsilon) + 2 \frac{f(x_0 + \epsilon) - f(x_0 - \epsilon)}{2\epsilon} \right] = -16f'(x_0) \\ (3) \quad \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{c^3}{\epsilon^3} [g''(a) + g''(b)] &= 8 \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left\{ 2 [f'(x_0 - \epsilon) + f'(x_0 + \epsilon)] + \epsilon [f''(x_0 + \epsilon) - f''(x_0 - \epsilon)] \right\} = \\ &= 32 f'(x_0) \end{aligned}$$

hence from (1) and (3):

$$(4) \quad \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} t f(x_0 + t) dt = \left[2 - \frac{4(n-1)}{2n-1} + \frac{4(n-2)}{3(2n-1)} \right] f'(x_0) = \frac{2}{3} f'(x_0),$$

in total agreement with (2), *q.e.d.*

Lanczos derivative for higher orders was studied by Rangarajan-Purushothaman [11-14] via Legendre polynomials [15-17], in fact:

$$(5) \quad f^{(n)}(x) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2n+1)!!}{2\epsilon^{n+1}} \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} P_n\left(\frac{t}{\epsilon}\right) f(x+t) dt$$

which reproduces (2) for $n = 1$ because $P_1\left(\frac{t}{\epsilon}\right) = \frac{t}{\epsilon}$.

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