

## REVIEWS AND DESCRIPTIONS OF TABLES AND BOOKS

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26[2.10].—JAMES L. KINSEY, *Tables for Gaussian Quadrature of*

$$\int_0^{\infty} 2x^2 \exp(-x^2)f(x) dx,$$

6 pages of tables and 4 pages of explanatory text, reproduced on the microfiche card attached to this issue.

The abscissas and weights for  $n$ -point Gaussian quadrature of the integral in the title are tabulated to 20S for  $n = 2(1)18$ .

A second table gives, to the same precision, the coefficients  $\alpha_n$  and  $\beta_n$  in the recurrence formula  $P_{n+1}(x) = (x + \alpha_n)P_n(x) + \beta_n P_{n-1}(x)$  for the polynomials orthogonal on  $(0, \infty)$  with respect to the Maxwellian weighting factor  $2x^2 \exp(-x^2)$ , as well as the normalization integral  $\gamma_n$  for  $P_n(x)$ . The corresponding error coefficients  $d_n = \gamma_n/(2n)!$  are given to 6S in the first table.

Details of the underlying calculations on a CDC 3600 system at the University of Wisconsin are also furnished.

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27[3].—S. J. HAMMARLING, *Latent Roots and Latent Vectors*, The University of Toronto Press, 1970, xi + 172 pp., 26 cm. Price \$13.50.

This book gives a descriptive account of methods for the numerical solution of eigenvalue problems. It begins with elementary properties of eigenvalues and their applications; this is not without some minor errors, notably stating a weak form of Gerschgorin's theorem (p. 9) and giving an oversimplified discussion of stability of the Crank-Nicolson method (Section 2.3). After this, the author proceeds to discuss in order the Danilevsky and Krylov methods, eigenvalues of tridiagonal matrices, the Givens and Householder methods, Lanczos' method, the power method, and finally  $QR$ .

Most of the discussion is dated, and can be found in either Wilkinson's or Householder's book; indeed the author appeals to one or the other continually for details and rigor. Besides this, there are some glaring omissions: the Givens and Householder methods are only described for symmetric matrices and, in fact, the Hessenberg form for nonsymmetric matrices is barely mentioned. Also, there is very little on inverse iteration for eigenvectors, and the author does not attach enough importance to the  $QR$  method (referred to as the method of Francis); only a cursory description is given and its use for symmetric tridiagonal matrices is not even mentioned.

Moreover, much is made of Danilevsky's method requiring only  $O(n^3)$  operations to find the characteristic polynomial. However, the possibility of extreme loss of

accuracy obtained the moments  $I_{N,M}$  of the Nth degree polynomials

$$(4) \quad I_{N,M} = \int_0^{\infty} 2x^2 \exp(-x^2) x^M P_N(x) dx$$

by recursion from the moments of the polynomials of next lower degree:

$$(5) \quad I_{N,M} = I_{N-1,M+1} + I_{N-1} I_{N-1,M} + \alpha_{N-1} I_{N-2,M}$$

and then used the orthogonality requirement that  $I_{N,M} = 0$  for  $M > N$  to compute the next recursion coefficients

$$(6) \quad \beta_N = -I_{N,N} / I_{N-1,N-1}$$

$$(7) \quad \alpha_N = I_{N-1,N} / I_{N-1,N-1} - I_{N,N+1} / I_{N,N}$$

The starting values are known to high accuracy:

$$(8) \quad I_{0,M} = \Gamma\left(\frac{M+3}{2}\right) \quad (M=0,1,\dots)$$

$$(9) \quad \alpha_0 = \Gamma(2) / \Gamma(3/2) = -2\pi^{-1/2}$$

$$(10) \quad \beta_0 = 0$$

From the set of recursion coefficients, the zeroes of the polynomials were determined by the Newton-Raphson method and the weights from

$$(11) \quad w_{iKN} = \gamma_{N-1} / [P'_N(x_{iKN}) P_{N-1}(x_{iKN})]$$

where  $x_{KN}$  is the Kth zero of the Nth degree polynomial and  $w_{KN}$  is the Kth weight in the Nth order Gaussian quadrature formula.  $\gamma_N$  is the normalization integral for the Nth degree polynomial:

$$(12) \quad \gamma_N = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 2x^2 \exp(-x^2) [P_N(x)]^2 dx = 1/N!$$

The computations were performed on the University of Wisconsin's CDC3600 computer in double precision (255). The abscissae and weights so obtained were then truncated to 208 and tested by comparison of exact values of integrals of the form (8) with those obtained from the quadrature formulae. The Nth order formula should reproduce the values correctly for all values of N through  $4-2N-1$ . For values of N through 18, the maximum relative error in the computed values was  $3.5 \times 10^{-19}$ . For N=19 the relative error increased to approximately  $5 \times 10^{-15}$  and for N=20 no useful accuracy remained. This rapid deterioration of accuracy was not unexpected, since the program for obtaining the recursion coefficients and normalization integrals was also clearly beginning to produce unreasonable results at about N=20 to N=22.

In addition to the abscissae and weights, the tables contain the usual error coefficient,  $\gamma_N$  (N=255).

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TABLE I

ABSCISSAE AND WEIGHTS FOR GAUSSIAN QUADRATURES  
ON THE INTERVAL (0, INF.) WITH WEIGHT FUNCTION  
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TABLE II

RECURSION COEFFICIENTS AND NORMALIZATION INTEGRALS FOR POLYNOMIALS  
 ORTHOGONAL ON (0,∞) WITH WEIGHT FUNCTION  $2x^2 \exp(-x^2)$

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17	-3.51554126882349804596000	-2.98688435242140214536000	-2.98688435242140214536000	1.3922043888648446262656002

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