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ON AN UNITARY METHOD FOR INTEGRATION, PARTIAL  
DERIVATION AND INTERPOLATION FORMULAE

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Some years ago, I have given a formula [1] for numerical integration, numerical derivation and interpolation for functions of one variable using an unitary method. Starting with an analogous method, I will generalize this formula for functions of several variables.

§1. Notations

Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  be a point in the  $n$ -dimensional interval  $\Omega = [a, b]$ , i.e:

$$a_i \leq x_i \leq b_i;$$

with  $\alpha$  we will denote the multindex

$$\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n) \quad \alpha_i \in \mathbf{N};$$

and

$$\alpha! = \alpha_1! \alpha_2! \dots \alpha_n!,$$

$$(x - a)^\alpha = (x_1 - a_1)^{\alpha_1} (x_2 - a_2)^{\alpha_2} \dots (x_n - a_n)^{\alpha_n}.$$

If  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)$ ,  $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n)$  then  $\alpha > \beta$  and  $\alpha \leq \beta$  mean:

$$\forall_i, \alpha_i > \beta_i \text{ and respectively, } \alpha_i \leq \beta_i,$$

and

$$\alpha + \beta = (\alpha_1 + \beta_1, \alpha_2 + \beta_2, \dots, \alpha_n + \beta_n).$$

We will denote also

$$1 = (1_1, 1_2, \dots, 1_n).$$

As usual, we will denote

$$D^\beta \varphi = \frac{\partial^{|\beta|} \varphi(x)}{\partial x_1^{\beta_1} \partial x_2^{\beta_2} \dots \partial x_n^{\beta_n}}, \quad |\beta| = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i.$$

## §2. Preliminaries and fundamental formulae

Consider in  $\Omega$  the set of points  $\{x^{(k)}\}$  given by

$$x^{(k)} = (x_1^{(k)}, x_2^{(k)}, \dots, x_n^{(k)}) \quad k = (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n), \quad k_i \in \mathbf{N},$$

where

$$x_i^{(k)} = a_i + k_i h_i, \quad h_i = (b_i - a_i)/K_i, \\ K = (K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n),$$

and  $K_i$  is the number of subintervals into which we have divided  $[a_i, b_i]$ ; and a point  $x^* = (x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_n^*)$ . With the aid of a point  $x^{(k)}$  we can decompose the interval  $[a, b]$  in  $2^n$  subintervals  $S_i^k (i = 1, 2, \dots, 2^n)$ , each of which being characterized by the set of numbers

$$\text{sgn}(x_1^{(k)} - x_1), \text{sgn}(x_2^{(k)} - x_2), \dots, \text{sgn}(x_n^{(k)} - x_n).$$

Denote by  $I_{i1}^k$  the set of indices  $j$  such that

$$x_j^{(k)} - x_j \geq 0, \quad (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in S_i^k,$$

by  $I_{i2}^k$  the remaining set of indices for which

$$x_j^{(k)} - x_j < 0,$$

and by  $\tau_i$  the number of indices in  $I_{i1}^k$ .

Let also be:

$a_0$ )  $v_i^{(k)}$  the vertex of the interval  $S_i^k$ , opposite to  $x^{(k)}$ ,

$a_1$ )  $v_{iq_1}^{(k)}$  the projection of  $x^{(k)}$  on the  $q_1$ -th 1-face of  $\Omega$ ; issuing from  $v_i^{(k)}$ ,

$a_2$ )  $v_{iq_2}^{(k)}$  the projection of  $x^{(k)}$  on the  $q_1, q_2$ -th 2-face of  $\Omega$  issuing from  $v_i^{(k)}$ , ...

Denote finally with  $S_i^*, I_{i1}^*, I_{i2}^*, v_i^*, v_{iq_1}^*, \dots$ , the sets and points corresponding to  $x^*$ , analogous to those corresponding to  $x^{(k)}$ , and let the index  $i = 1$  correspond to the subinterval of  $\Omega$  with  $x_j^* - x_j > 0, \forall j$ .

We consider now the function:

$$(1) \quad \Phi(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} \sum_{x^{(k)} \in S_i^*} \left\{ P_k(x^{(k)} - x) H_i^{(k)}(x) + \frac{(x^* - x)^\gamma}{\gamma!} H_i^*(x) \right\},$$

where:

a)  $P_k(\xi)$  is the polynomial

$$P_k(\xi) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^m A_\alpha^{(k)} \frac{\xi^\alpha}{\alpha!}, \quad m = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n),$$

$\alpha, m$  and  $k$  being multindices, and  $A_\alpha^{(k)}$  constants;

b)  $H_i^{(k)}(x)$  is the product of  $n$  Heaviside functions

$$H_i^{(k)}(x) = \prod_{j \in I_{i1}^*} H(x_j^{(k)} - x_j) \prod_{l \in I_{i2}^*} H(x_l - x_l^{(k)}), \quad x \in \Omega,$$

and

$$H(x' - x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } x' - x \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{for } x' - x < 0; \end{cases}$$

c) In an analogous manner

$$H_i^*(x) = \prod_{j \in I_{i1}^*} H(x_j^* - x_j) \prod_{l \in I_{i2}^*} H(x_l - x_l^*) \quad x \in \Omega.$$

Remark now that, if  $\varphi \in C^\beta(\Omega)$ , then:

A. If  $\beta > \alpha$ ,

$$(2) \quad \int_{\Omega} \frac{(x^{(k)} - x)^\alpha}{\alpha!} D^\beta \varphi(x) H_i^{(k)}(x) dx = (-1)^{\tau_i} \sum_{p=0}^{\alpha} \frac{(x^{(k)} - v_i^{(k)})^{\alpha-p}}{(\alpha-p)!} D^{\beta-p-1} \varphi(v_i^{(k)}) \\ + (-1)^{\tau_i+1} \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{p=\alpha_q}^{\alpha} \frac{(x^{(k)} - v_i^{(k)})^{\alpha-p}}{(\alpha-p)!} D^{\beta-p-1} \varphi(v_{iq}^{(k)}) + \\ + (-1)^{\tau_i+2} \sum_{q,r=1}^n \sum_{p=\alpha_q, p_r=\alpha_r}^{\alpha} \frac{(x^{(k)} - v_i^{(k)})^{\alpha-p}}{(\alpha-p)!} D^{\beta-\alpha-1} \varphi(v_{iqr}^{(k)}) + \\ + \dots + (-1)^{\tau_i+n} D^{\beta-\alpha-1} \varphi(x^{(k)}).$$

B. If  $\beta = \alpha$  and  $x^{(k)} \leq x^* (x^{(k)} \in S_1^*, v_1^{(k)} = a)$ ,

$$(3) \quad \int_{\Omega} \frac{x^{(k)} - x}{\alpha!} D^\alpha \varphi dx H_1^{(k)}(x) dx = (-1)^n \sum_{p=0}^{\alpha-1} \frac{(x^{(k)} - v_1^{(k)})^{\alpha-p}}{(\alpha-p)!} D^{\beta-p-1} \varphi(v_1^{(k)}) + \\ + (-1)^{n-1} \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{p=0}^{\alpha-1} \frac{(x^{(k)} - v_1^{(k)})^{\alpha-p}}{(\alpha-p)!} \int_{a_q}^{x_q^{(k)}} \varphi(w_{1q}^{(k)}) dx_q + \\ + (-1)^{n-2} \sum_{q,r=1}^n \sum_{p=0}^{\alpha-1} \frac{(x^{(k)} - v_1^{(k)})^{\alpha-p}}{(\alpha-p)!} \int_{a_q}^{x_q^{(k)}} \int_{a_r}^{x_r^{(k)}} \varphi(w_{1qr}^{(k)}) dx_q dx_r + \\ + \dots + \int_{S_1^{(k)}} \varphi(x) dx.$$

where  $w_{1q}^{(k)}$  is the projection of the point  $x$  on the  $q$ -th 1-face,  $w_{1qr}^{(k)}$  a point on the  $q, r$ -th 2-face of the interval  $[a, x^{(k)}]$ , issuing from the vertex  $v_1^{(k)}$ .

From this formulae, supposing  $\beta > m$ , we get:

$$(4) \quad \int_{\Omega} P_k(x^k - x) H_i^{(k)}(x) D^\beta \varphi(x) dx = (-1)^{\tau_i} \sum_{j=0}^m D^j P_k(x^{(k)} - v_i^{(k)}) D^{\beta-j-1} \varphi(v_i^{(k)}) + \\ + (-1)^{\tau_i+1} \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{\substack{p=0 \\ p_q=\alpha_q}}^m D^p P_k(x^{(k)} - v_{iq}^{(k)}) D^{\beta-p-1} \varphi(v_{iq}^{(k)}) + \\ + (-1)^{\tau_i+2} \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{\substack{p=0 \\ p_r=\alpha_r}}^m D^p P_k(x^{(k)} - v_{ir}^{(k)}) D^{\beta-p-1} \varphi(v_{ir}^{(k)}) + \\ + \dots + (-1)^{\tau_i+n} A_{(x)}^{(k)} D^{\beta-\alpha-1} \varphi(x^{(k)}),$$

and further

$$(5) \quad \int_{\Omega} \Phi(x) D^\beta(\varphi) dx = \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} \left\{ \sum_{x^{(k)} \in S_i^*} P_k(x^* - x) H_i^{(k)}(x) + \frac{(x^* - x)^\gamma}{\gamma!} H_i^*(x) \right\} D^\beta \varphi(x) dx.$$

From this equality, we will deduce cubature, numerical derivation and interpolation formulae.

### §3. Cubature formula

Taking in (5),  $x^* = b$ ,  $\beta = \gamma$  and  $m < \beta$ , it follows that  $S_1^* = [a, b] = \Omega$ , and

$$(6) \quad \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x) dx = \mathfrak{F}(\varphi) - \sum_k \int_{\Omega} P_k(x^{(k)} - x) D^\gamma \varphi(x) H_i^{(k)}(x) dx + \int_{\Omega} \Phi(x) D^\gamma \varphi(x) dx,$$

where  $\mathfrak{F}(\varphi)$  means

$$(7) \quad \mathfrak{F}(\varphi) = (-1)^n \sum_{p=0}^{\alpha-1} \frac{(x^* - a)^{\gamma-p}}{(\gamma-p)!} D^{\gamma-p-1} \varphi(a) + \\ + (-1)^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\substack{p=0 \\ p_i=\gamma_i}}^{\gamma-1} \frac{(x^* - a)^{\gamma-p}}{(\gamma-p)!} \int_{a_i}^{b_i} \varphi(w_{1i}^{(k)}) dx_i + \\ + (-1)^{n-2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \sum_{\substack{p=0 \\ p_i=\gamma_i, p_j=\gamma_j}}^{\gamma-1} \frac{(x^* - a)^{\gamma-p}}{(\gamma-p)!} \int_{a_i}^{b_i} \int_{a_j}^{b_j} \varphi(w_{ij}^{(k)}) dx_i dx_j + \dots + \\ + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{p_i=0}^{\gamma_i-1} \frac{(x_i - a_i)^{\gamma_i-p_i}}{(\gamma_i-p_i)!} \int_{a_1}^{b_1} \dots \int_{a_{i-1}}^{b_{i-1}} \dots \int_{a_{i+1}}^{b_{i+1}} \dots \int_{a_n}^{b_n} \varphi(w_{112\dots i-1, i+1, \dots, n}) \\ dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_{i-1} dx_{i+1} \dots dx_n.$$

We will prove now that it is possible to choose the polynomials  $P_k$ , i.e. the coefficients  $A_\alpha^{(k)}$  such that the absolute value of

$$(8) \quad R = \int_{\Omega} \Phi(x) D^\gamma \varphi(x) dx$$

be sufficiently small, and

$$(9) \quad \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x) dx = \mathfrak{F}(\varphi) - \sum_k \int_{\Omega} P_k(x^{(k)} - x) H_i^{(k)}(x) D^\gamma \varphi(x) dx,$$

be considered as an approximate cubature formula for the function  $\varphi(x)$  in the  $n$ -dimensional interval  $\Omega$ , the remainder of which be given by (8).

Or we have

$$|R| \leq M \int_{\Omega} |\Phi(x)| dx, \quad M = \sup_{\Omega} |D^\gamma \varphi|.$$

Consider the  $n$ -dimensional subintervals

$$(10) \quad I_k = [a + kh, a + (k+1)h],$$

a point  $\xi^{(k)} \in I_k$ , and for each  $k$  the polynomial

$$Q_k(x) = \sum_{l \geq k} P_l(x^{(l)} - x),$$

satisfying the following conditions:

i) the set  $\{Q_k\}$  is ordered such that, if  $k^{(1)} = (k_1^{(1)}, k_2^{(1)}, \dots, k_n^{(1)})$  and  $k^{(2)} = (k_1^{(2)}, k_2^{(2)}, \dots, k_n^{(2)})$ , then  $Q_{k^{(1)}} < Q_{k^{(2)}}$ , iff,  $p$ -being the rank of the first different components of  $k^{(1)}$  and  $k^{(2)}$ , we have

$$k_p^{(1)} > k_p^{(2)},$$

ii) all the derivatives of  $Q_k(x)$ , of order less or equal to  $|m|$  be equal to zero, in  $\xi^{(k)}$ .

It follows then

$$\int_{I_k} |\Phi(x)| dx = o(\|h\|^{n+m+1}),$$

where

$$\|h\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |h_i|^2},$$

and, as an immediate consequence

$$(11) \quad \int_{\Omega} |\Phi(x)| dx = o(\|h\|^{m+1}).$$

Obviously, the polynomials  $Q_k(x)$  are

$$Q_k(x) = \sum_{\substack{\alpha + \beta > \gamma \\ \beta \leq m}} \frac{(b - \xi)^\alpha (\xi - x)^\beta}{\alpha! \beta!}.$$

After having chosen the polynomials  $Q_k$ , it follows that

$$P_s(x^{(s)} - x) = Q_s(x) - \sum_{i=1}^n Q_{s-1,i}(x) + \sum_{i,j=1}^n Q_{s-1,i-1,j}(x) \dots + (-1)^n Q_{s-1}(x).$$

On the other hand, the function  $\mathfrak{F}(\varphi)$  involves integrals on the frontier of  $\Omega$ . If these integrals are not known, other numerical integrations must be performed in order to know the numerical value of our integral (9). If the expression  $\mathfrak{F}(\varphi)$  can be calculated with error

$$\varepsilon = o(\|h\|^t) \quad t \leq |m|,$$

then it follows immediately that the error in the evaluation of (9) is  $o(\|h\|^t)$ .

#### §4. Interpolation and numerical derivation formulae

We come back to (5) for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2^n$ , and taking into account (5), (4) and (2) we deduce, for  $\beta > \gamma \geq m$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{S_i^*} \Phi(x) D^\beta \varphi(x) dx &= \int_{S_i^*} \left\{ \sum_{x^{(k)} \in S_i^*} P_k(x^{(k)} - x) H_i^{(k)}(x) + \frac{(x^* - x)^\gamma}{\gamma!} H_i^*(x) \right\} D^\beta \varphi dx = \\ &= \int_{S_i^*} \sum_{x^{(k)} \in S_i^*} P_k(x^{(k)} - x) H_i^{(k)}(x) D^\beta \varphi(x) dx + \mathcal{Q}_i(\varphi) + (-1)^{\tau_i + n} D^{\beta - \gamma - 1} \varphi(x^*), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}_i(\varphi) &= (-1)^{\tau_i} \sum_{p=0}^{\gamma} \frac{(x^{(k)} - v_i^{(k)})^{\gamma-p}}{(\gamma-p)!} D^{\beta-p-1} \varphi(v_i^{(k)}) + \\ (12) \quad &+ (-1)^{\tau_i + i} \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{\substack{p=0 \\ p_q = \gamma_q}}^{\gamma} \frac{(x^{(k)} - v_i^{(k)})^{\gamma-p}}{(\gamma-p)!} D^{\beta-p-1} \varphi(v_{iq}^{(k)}) + \dots + \\ &+ (-1)^{\tau_i + n - 1} \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{p_r=0}^{\gamma_r} \frac{(x^{(k)} - v_{ir}^{(k)})^{\gamma-p_r}}{(\gamma_r - p_r)!} D^{\beta-p-1} \varphi(v_{iq}). \end{aligned}$$

We deduce immediately

$$\begin{aligned} D^{\beta-\gamma-1} \varphi(x^*) &= 2^{-n} \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} (-1)^{\tau_i + n + 1} \left\{ G_i(\varphi) + \right. \\ &+ \int_{S_i^*} \sum_{x^{(k)} \in S_i^*} P_k(x^{(k)} - x) H_i^{(k)}(x) D^\beta \varphi(x) dx \left. \right\} + \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} (-1)^{\tau_i + n} \int_{S_i^*} \Phi(x) D^\beta \varphi(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

As before, we will consider

$$\begin{aligned} (13) \quad D^{\beta-\gamma-1} \varphi(x^*) &\equiv 2^{-n} \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} (-1)^{\tau_i + n + 1} \left[ G_i(\varphi) + \right. \\ &+ \left. \int_{S_i^*} \sum_{x^{(k)} \in S_i^*} P_k(x^{(k)} - x) H_i^{(k)}(x) D^\beta \varphi(x) dx \right], \end{aligned}$$

as an approximation formula for  $D^{\beta-\gamma-1} \varphi(x)$ , the remainder of which is

$$(14) \quad R = \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} (-1)^{\tau_i + n} \int_{S_i^*} \Phi(x) D^\beta \varphi(x) dx,$$

if this remainder can be done sufficiently small. Or, as in the preceding paragraphs, we can choose, — in each set  $S_i^*$  — the polynomials  $Q_k(x) = \sum_{l \geq k} P_l(x^{(l)} - x)$ , such that  $|R| \leq 2^n M O(\|h\|^{m+1})$ .

For  $\beta = \gamma - 1$ , (13) is an interpolation formula, for  $\beta > \gamma - 1$ , the same formula is a numerical derivation one.

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