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**Abstract**

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## ON FORMULAS OF MECHANICAL CUBATURES IN $n$ -DIMENSIONAL SPACE

Formulas of mechanical cubatures

$$(l, \varphi) \equiv \int_{\Omega} \varphi dx - \sum_{k=1}^N C_k \varphi(x^{(k)}) \cong 0, \quad (1)$$

where  $x$  is a point of a bounded  $n$ -dimensional domain  $\Omega$ ;  $C_k$  are coefficients;  $x^{(k)}$  are the nodes of the formula, give different accuracy for different classes of functions. We shall assume that the error  $(l, \varphi)$  is equal to zero for polynomials of a certain degree  $m_1$ . The domain  $\Omega$  will be assumed to have a piecewise smooth boundary.

Of special interest for the theory is the particular case of cubature formulas when the function  $\varphi$  is periodic with periods  $H\beta$ , where  $H$  is the fundamental matrix of periods

$$H = (\mathbf{h}_1, \mathbf{h}_2, \dots, \mathbf{h}_n), \quad (2)$$

each period  $\mathbf{h}_k$  is a column vector

$$\mathbf{h}_k = \begin{pmatrix} h_{1k} \\ h_{2k} \\ \dots \\ h_{nk} \end{pmatrix}; \quad (3)$$

$\beta$  is an integer column vector

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \dots \\ \beta_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad -\infty < \beta_k < +\infty. \quad (4)$$

In this case the domain of integration  $\Omega_0$  is the fundamental parallelepiped such that the system of all  $\Omega_\beta$ , obtained by translating  $\Omega_0$  by  $H\beta$ , covers the whole

space  $R_n$  without intersection. In this case we put  $m_1 = 0$ , i.e. we shall assume that formula (1) is valid for  $\varphi = 1$ , and hence

$$\sum_{k=1}^N C_k = |\Omega_0|. \quad (5)$$

The principal problem of the theory of mechanical cubatures is the determination of

$$\min_{C_k, x^{(k)}} [\max |(l, \varphi)|] = d(X, N) \quad (6)$$

for a given class  $X$  and a given number of points  $N$ . The values  $C_k$  and  $x^{(k)}$  for which this minimax is attained give the optimal formula of mechanical cubatures. For  $n = 1$  this problem was considered by S. M. Nikol'skii and his students. A survey of the results obtained is given in (3); the most important bibliography of the question is also included there.

Recently, cubature formulas for  $n > 1$  have been studied by many authors (7-13).

It is convenient to take as  $X$  the unit ball in some Banach space  $B$ , in which  $(l, \varphi)$  is linear. Let us note that in the space  $C$  of continuous functions in  $\Omega$  or  $\Omega_0$  there are no functionals of the form  $(l, \varphi)$  that are small on the whole unit ball, although all of them are linear:

$$\sup_{\|\varphi\|_C=1} |(l, \varphi)| = \left[ |\Omega_0| + \sum_{k=1}^N |C_k| \right]. \quad (7)$$

Therefore, in  $C$  the main problem has no meaning.

In the present note we shall study the first half of the main problem, i.e. the finding of

$$\max_X |(l, \varphi)| = d(C_k, x^{(k)}) \quad (8)$$

in the case when  $X$  is the unit ball in the space of functions whose derivatives of order  $m$  are square-integrable. The second half of the problem—the finding of  $\min d(C_k, x^{(k)})$ —is a problem on the minimum of a function of  $(n+1)N$  variables, and we shall not touch upon it. At the same time we shall consider the spaces  $\widetilde{W}_2^{(m)}$  and  $\widetilde{L}_2^{(m)}$  of functions periodic in  $R_n$ , with periods  $H\beta$ , and for  $\Omega$  we take the parallelepiped  $\Omega_0$ .

The norms in  $W_2^{(m)}$  and  $\widetilde{W}_2^{(m)}$  are given by the formulas (2)

$$\|\varphi\|_{W_2^{(m)}}^2 = \|\Pi\varphi\|_{S_{m-1}}^2 + \|\varphi\|_{L_2^{(m)}}^2 = \|\Pi\varphi\|_{S_{m-1}}^2 + D(\varphi), \quad (9)$$

$$\|\varphi\|_{\tilde{W}_2^{(m)}}^2 = \left( \int_{\Omega_0} \varphi dx \right)^2 + D(\varphi), \quad (10)$$

where  $\Pi$  is the projection operator from  $W_2^{(m)}$  into the space  $S_{m-1}$  of polynomials of degree  $m$ , and  $L_2^{(m)}$  is the factor space  $W_2^{(m)}/S_{m-1}$ . Here

$$\|\varphi\|_{L_2^{(m)}}^2 = D(\varphi) = \int_{\Omega} \sum_{|\alpha|=m} (D^\alpha \varphi)^2 dx. \quad (11)$$

For the nonperiodic case we shall henceforth always assume  $m_1 = m - 1$ , i.e.

$$(l, \varphi) = 0 \quad \text{for } \varphi \in S_{m-1}. \quad (12)$$

If the operator  $\Pi\varphi$  is interpolatory, then the general case reduces to this one.

The following inequalities hold:

$$|(l, \varphi)| \leq K \|\varphi\|_{L_2^{(m)}} \leq K \|\varphi\|_{W_2^{(m)}}, \quad |(l, \varphi)| \leq K \|\varphi\|_{\tilde{L}_2^{(m)}} \leq K \|\varphi\|_{\tilde{W}_2^{(m)}}. \quad (13)$$

Consider three problems:

**Problem I.** Find

$$\max_{\|\varphi\|_{W_2^{(m)}}=1} (l, \varphi).$$

**Problem II.** Find

$$\min_{(l, \varphi)=1} \|\varphi\|_{W_2^{(m)}}^2.$$

**Problem III.** Find

$$\min H_\lambda(\varphi) = D(\varphi) + 2\lambda(l, \varphi).$$

All three problems reduce to any one of them.

Let us consider Problem III by means of the direct method. In view of (9),  $H_\lambda(\varphi)$  has a finite exact lower bound:

$$H_\lambda(\varphi) \geq [\sqrt{D(\varphi)} - \lambda K]^2 - \lambda^2 K^2 \geq -\lambda^2 K^2. \quad (14)$$

The identity

$$\frac{1}{2} H_\lambda(u_k) + \frac{1}{2} H_\lambda(u_m) - H_\lambda\left(\frac{u_k + u_m}{2}\right) = D\left(\frac{u_k - u_m}{2}\right) \quad (15)$$

allows one to conclude that if  $u_k$  is a minimal sequence, then  $\Pi u_k$  will again be minimal and, moreover, fundamental, with the unique limit giving the solution of problem III. Further, from the identity

$$H_\lambda(\varphi) = \frac{\lambda^2}{\lambda_1^2} H_{\lambda_1} \left( \frac{\lambda_1 \varphi}{\lambda} \right) \quad (16)$$

one may conclude that the solutions of problem III for different  $\lambda$  differ from one another by a factor and are expressed by the formula

$$u_\lambda = \lambda u_1. \quad (17)$$

Consideration of the function  $\psi(\mu) = H(\mu u_\lambda)$  leads to the conclusion that if

$$H_\lambda(u_\lambda) = \min H_\lambda(u) = -d_\lambda(C_k, x^{(k)}), \quad (18)$$

then

$$D(u_\lambda) = d_\lambda(C_k, x^{(k)}); \quad (l, u_\lambda) = -d_\lambda(C_k, u^{(k)}). \quad (19)$$

Obviously, when  $(l, u_\lambda) = 1$  the solution of III will also be a solution of II, while the solutions of I and II differ by a factor. Hence we obtain the solutions of problems I and II in the form

$$u_I = u_1/d_1; \quad u_{II} = -u_1/\sqrt{d_1}. \quad (20)$$

Problems I, II, and III are solved analogously for the periodic case.

The finding of the extremal function can now be reduced to the integration of a partial differential equation. It is convenient to use the apparatus and symbolism of the theory of generalized functions <sup>(4-6)</sup>.

By the classical method of the calculus of variations one obtains the equation in variations for the solution of problem III for  $\lambda = 1$ :

$$2D(u_1, \xi) - 2 \int \xi dx - 2 \sum C_k \xi(x^{(k)}) = 0, \quad (21)$$

where

$$D(u_1, \xi) = \int \sum_{|\alpha|=m} D^\alpha u_1 D^\alpha \xi dx,$$

$\xi$  is an admissible variation (any function from  $W_2^{(m)}$  or  $\widetilde{W}_2^{(m)}$ ). We rewrite equation (21) in the form

$$D(u_1, \xi) = \int_{\Omega} \left[ 1 - \sum_{k=1}^N C_k \delta(x - x^{(k)}) \right] \xi(x) dx \quad (22)$$

( $\delta(x)$  is the Dirac function).

For the function  $u_1$ , by a slight modification of the classical arguments, we obtain the equation

$$\Delta^m u_1 = (-1)^m \left[ 1 - \sum_{k=1}^N C_k \delta(x - x^{(k)}) \right]; \quad (23)$$

and the boundary conditions

$$B_k(u_1)|_S = 0 \quad (24)$$

for the nonperiodic case. In the periodic case there are no boundary conditions.

In the nonperiodic case, from (23) it follows that

$$u_1 = \frac{\Gamma(n/2)2^{-2m}}{\Gamma(n/2 + m)\Gamma(m + 1)} r_k^{2m-} - \sum_{k=1}^N C_k \frac{i^{n+1}2^{-2m+1}\pi^{n/2+1}}{\Gamma(m + n/2 + 1)\Gamma(m)} r_k^{n-2m} \times \begin{cases} 1, & (n \text{ odd}); \\ \lg r/2\pi i + u_1^*, & (n \text{ even}), \end{cases} \quad (25)$$

where  $r_k = |x - x^{(k)}|$ ,  $u_1^*$  is a solution of the polyharmonic equation  $\Delta^m u_1^* = 0$ , chosen so as to satisfy (24).

In practice, to find  $u_1^*$  one may use the method of integral equations, the grid method, or some other device. It is also convenient to apply some direct method, such as, for example, Ritz' s method, for the direct determination of  $u_1$ . Let us also consider the periodic case. For simplicity let  $|\Omega_0| = 1$ . Denote by  $u^{(k)}$  the periodic solution of the equation

$$\Delta^m u^{(k)} = (-1)^m [1 - \delta(x - x^{(k)})]; \quad x \in \Omega_0, \quad x^{(k)} \in \Omega_0. \quad (26)$$

Then

$$u_1 = \sum C_k u^{(k)}. \quad (27)$$

Let  $x$  and  $y$  be coordinate column vectors, and let  $x = Hy$ . The periodic function  $\Lambda(x)$  with periods  $H\beta$ , equal to  $1 - \delta(x - x^{(k)})$  in the parallelepiped  $\Omega_0$ , will be a periodic function  $M(y)$  with integer periods  $\beta$ . Its value in the fundamental cube will be  $M(y) = [1 - \delta(y - y^{(k)})]$ ,  $-1/2 < y \leq 1/2$ . This function is expanded in a generalized Fourier series

$$M(y) = \sum_{|\gamma| \neq 0} \exp[2\pi i(\gamma, y - y^{(k)})], \quad (28)$$

where  $\gamma(\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n)$  runs through all possible integer values, both positive and negative. Passing to the variables  $x$ , we shall have

$$\Lambda(x) = \sum_{|\gamma| \neq 0} \exp[2\pi i(\gamma, H^{-1}(x - x^{(k)}))] = \sum_{|\gamma| \neq 0} \exp[2\pi i(\gamma H^{-1}, x - x^{(k)})], \quad (29)$$

whence

$$u^{(k)} = \sum_{|\gamma| \neq 0} \frac{\exp[2\pi i(\gamma H^{-1}, x - x^{(k)})]}{(\gamma H^{-1})^{2m}}. \quad (30)$$

Formulas (27), (30) make it easy to compute the desired maximum  $(l, \varphi)$ .

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