

Minimal cubature rules on an unbounded domain

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Abstract

A family of minimal cubature rules is established on an unbounded domain, which is the first such family known on unbounded domains. The nodes of such cubature rules are common zeros of certain orthogonal polynomials on the unbounded domain, which are also constructed.

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1 Introduction

In two or more variables, few families of minimal cubature rules are known in the literature, none on unbounded domains. The purpose of this note is to record a family of minimal cubature rules on an unbounded domain.

The precision of a cubature rule is usually measured by the degrees of polynomials that can be evaluated exactly. For a nonnegative integer m , we denote by Π_m^2 the space of polynomials of degree at most m . Let Ω be a domain in \mathbb{R}^2 and let W be a non-negative weight function on Ω . A cubature rule of precision $2n - 1$ with respect to W is a finite sum that satisfies

$$\int_{\Omega} f(x, y)W(x, y)dxdy = \sum_{k=1}^N \lambda_k f(x_k, y_k), \quad \forall f \in \Pi_{2n-1}^2, \quad (1.1)$$

and there exists at least one function f^* in Π_{2n}^2 such that the equation (1.1) does not hold. A cubature rule in the form of (1.1) is called *minimal*, if its number of nodes is the smallest among all cubature rules of the same precision for the same integral.

It is well known that the number of nodes, N , of (1.1) satisfies (cf. [6, 9]),

$$N \geq \dim \Pi_{n-1}^2 = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}. \quad (1.2)$$

A cubature rule of degree $2n - 1$ with $N = \dim \Pi_{n-1}^2$ is called Gaussian. In contrast to the Gaussian quadrature of one variable, Gaussian cubature rules rarely exist and there are two families of examples known [3, 7], both on bounded domains. It is known that they do not exist if W is centrally symmetric, which means that $W(x) = W(-x)$ and $-x \in \Omega$ whenever $x \in \Omega$. In fact, in the centrally symmetric case, the number of nodes of (1.1) satisfies a better lower bound [4],

$$N \geq \dim \Pi_{n-1}^2 + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor. \quad (1.3)$$

A cubature rule whose number of nodes attains a known lower bound is necessarily minimal. It turns out that a family of weight functions $\mathcal{W}_{\alpha, \beta, \pm \frac{1}{2}}$ defined by

$$\mathcal{W}_{\alpha, \beta, \pm \frac{1}{2}}(x, y) := |x + y|^{2\alpha+1} |x - y|^{2\beta+1} (1 - x^2)^{\pm \frac{1}{2}} (1 - y^2)^{\pm \frac{1}{2}}, \quad \alpha, \beta > -1, \quad (1.4)$$

on $[-1, 1]^2$ admits minimal cubature rules of degree $4n - 1$ on the square $[-1, 1]^2$, which was established in [5] for $\alpha = \beta = 0$ (see also [1, 10]) and in [11] for $(\alpha, \beta) \neq (0, 0)$. There are not many other cases for which minimal cubature rules are known to exist for all n and none in the literature that are known for unbounded domains.

To establish the minimal cubature rules for $\mathcal{W}_{\alpha, \beta, \pm \frac{1}{2}}$, the starting point in [11] is the Gaussian cubature rules in [7] and it amounts to a series of changing of variables from the product Jacobi weight function on the square $[-1, 1]^2$ to the weight function $\mathcal{W}_{\alpha, \beta, \pm \frac{1}{2}}$. The procedure works for general product weight function on the square. Moreover, as we shall show in this note, that the procedure also works for an unbounded domain, which leads to our main results in this note. The minimal cubature rules are known to be closely related to orthogonal polynomials, as their nodes are necessarily zeros of certain orthogonal polynomials. We will discuss this connection and construct an explicit orthogonal basis on our unbounded domain in Section 3.

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2 Gaussian Cubature rules on an unbounded domain

Let W be a nonnegative weight function on a domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$. A polynomial $P \in \Pi_n^d$ is an orthogonal polynomial of degree n with respect to W if

$$\int_{\Omega} P_{k,n}(x, y)q(x, y)W(x, y)dxdy = 0, \quad \forall q \in \Pi_{n-1}^2.$$

Let \mathcal{V}_n^2 be the space of orthogonal polynomials of degree exactly n . Then $\dim \mathcal{V}_n^2 = n + 1$. The Gaussian cubature rules can be characterized in terms of the common zeros of elements in \mathcal{V}_n^2 ([6, 9]).

Theorem 2.1. Let $\{P_{k,n} : 0 \leq k \leq n\}$ be a basis of \mathcal{V}_n^2 . Then a Gaussian cubature rule of degree $2n - 1$ for the integral against W exists if and only if its nodes are the common zeros of $P_{k,n}$, $0 \leq k \leq n$.

We now describe a family of Gaussian cubature rules on an unbounded domain. Let $w(x)$ be a nonnegative weight function defined on the unbounded domain $[1, \infty)$ and let c_w denote its normalization constant defined by $c_w \int_1^{\infty} w(x)dx = 1$. Let $p_n(w; x)$ be the orthogonal polynomial of degree n with respect to w and let $x_{1,n}, x_{2,n}, \dots, x_{n,n}$ be the zeros of $p_n(w; x)$. It is well known that $x_{k,n}$ are real and distinct points in $[1, \infty)$. The Gaussian quadrature rule for the integral against w is given by

$$c_w \int_1^{\infty} f(x)w(x)dx = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_{k,n}f(x_{k,n}), \quad f \in \Pi_{2n-1}, \tag{2.1}$$

where Π_{2n-1} denotes the space of polynomials of degree $2n - 1$ in one variable and the weights $\lambda_{k,n}$ are known to be all positive. A typical example of w is the shifted Laguerre weight function

$$w_{\alpha}(x) := (x - 1)^{\alpha}e^{-x+1}, \quad \alpha > -1,$$

for which the orthogonal polynomial $p_n(w_{\alpha}; x)$ is the Laguerre polynomial $L_n^{\alpha}(x - 1)$ with argument $x - 1$.

The unbounded domain on which our Gaussian cubature rules live is given by

$$\Omega := \{(u, v) : 1 < u - 1 < v < u^2/4\}, \tag{2.2}$$

which is bounded by a parabola and a line for $v \geq 1$ and $u \geq 2$, which is the shaded area depicted in Figure 1.

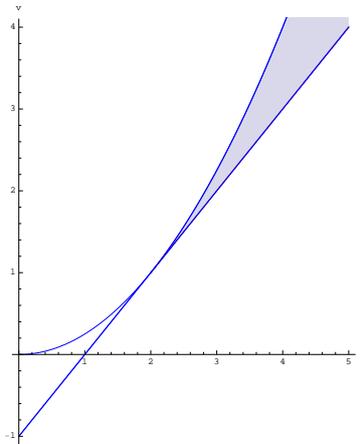


Figure 1: Domain Ω

The function $w(x)w(y)$ is evidently a symmetric function in x and y . For $\gamma > -1$, we define the weight

$$W_{\gamma}(u, v) := w(x)w(y)|u^2 - 4v|^{\gamma}, \quad \gamma > -1, \tag{2.3}$$

where the variables (x, y) and (u, v) are related by

$$u = x + y, \quad v = xy. \tag{2.4}$$

The function $w(x)w(y)$ is obviously symmetric in x and y , so that it can be written as a function of (u, v) for (x, y) in the domain

$$\Delta := \{(x, y) : 1 < x < y < \infty\}.$$

The function $W_{\gamma}(u, v)$ is the image of $w(x)w(y)|x - y|^{2\gamma+1}$ under the changing of variables $u = x + y$ and $v = xy$, which has a Jacobian $|x - y|$ and $|x - y| = \sqrt{u^2 - 4v}$. When $w = w_{\alpha}$ is the shifted Laguerre weight, we denote W_{γ} by $W_{\alpha, \gamma}$, which is given explicitly by

$$W_{\alpha, \gamma}(x, y) := (v - u + 1)^{\alpha}e^{-u-2}(u^2 - 4v)^{\gamma}.$$

The changing of variables (2.4) immediately leads to the relation

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} f(u, v)W_{\gamma}(u, v)dudv &= \int_{\Delta} f(x + y, xy)w(x)w(y)|x - y|^{2\gamma+1}dxdy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{[1, \infty)^2} f(x + y, xy)w(x)w(y)|x - y|^{2\gamma+1}dxdy, \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

where the second equation follows from symmetry. Now, recall that $x_{k,n}$ denote the zeros of $p_n(w; x)$. We define

$$u_{k,j} = x_{k,n} + x_{j,n}, \quad v_{k,j} = x_{k,n}x_{j,n}, \quad 0 \leq j \leq k \leq n.$$

Theorem 2.2. For $W_{-\frac{1}{2}}$ on Ω , the Gaussian cubature rule of degree $2n - 1$ is

$$c_w^2 \int_{\Omega} f(u, v)W_{-\frac{1}{2}}(u, v)dudv = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_k \lambda_j f(u_{j,k}, v_{j,k}), \quad f \in \Pi_{2n-1}^2, \tag{2.6}$$

where \sum' means that the term for $j = k$ is divided by 2. For $W_{\frac{1}{2}}$ on Ω , the Gaussian cubature rule of degree $2n - 3$ is

$$c_w^2 \int_{\Omega} f(u, v)W_{\frac{1}{2}}(u, v)dudv = \sum_{k=2}^n \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \lambda_{j,k} f(u_{j,k}, v_{j,k}), \quad f \in \Pi_{2n-3}^2, \tag{2.7}$$

where $\lambda_{j,k} = \lambda_j \lambda_k (x_{j,n} - x_{k,n})^2$.

The proof follows almost verbatim from the proof of Theorem 3.1 in [11]. In fact, by (2.5), the cubature rule (2.6) is equivalent to the cubature rule for $w(x)w(y)dxdy$ on $[1, \infty)^2$ for polynomials $f(x + y, xy)$ with $f \in \Pi_{2n-1}^2$, which are symmetric polynomials in x and y . By the Sobolev's theorem on invariant cubature rules [8], this cubature rule is equivalent to the product Gaussian cubature rules for $w(x)w(y)$ on $[1, \infty)^2$, which is the product of (2.1). Thus, the cubature rule (2.6) follows from the product of Gaussian cubature rules under (2.4).

The existence of these cubature rules also follow from counting common zeros of the orthogonal polynomials with respect to $W_{\pm\frac{1}{2}}$. Indeed, a mutually orthogonal basis with respect to $W_{-\frac{1}{2}}$ on Ω is given by

$$P_{k,n}^{(-\frac{1}{2})}(u, v) = p_n(x)p_k(y) + p_n(y)p_k(x), \quad 0 \leq k \leq n, \tag{2.8}$$

and a mutually orthogonal basis with respect to $W_{\frac{1}{2}}$ is given by

$$P_{k,n}^{(\frac{1}{2})}(u, v) = \frac{p_{n+1}(x)p_k(y) - p_{n+1}(y)p_k(x)}{x - y}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq n, \tag{2.9}$$

both families are defined under the mapping (2.4). This was established in [2] for the domain $[-1, 1]^2$, but the proof can be easily extended to our Ω . It is easy to see that the elements of $\{(u_{j,k}, v_{j,k}) : 0 \leq j \leq k \leq n\}$ are common zeros of $P_{k,n}^{(-\frac{1}{2})}$, $0 \leq k \leq n$, and the cardinality of this set is $\dim \Pi_{n-1}^2$, which implies, by Theorem 2.1, that the Gaussian cubature rules for $W_{-\frac{1}{2}}$ exists. The proof for $W_{\frac{1}{2}}$ works similarly.

3 Minimal cubature rules on an unbounded domain

We are looking for cubature rules of degree $2n - 1$ that satisfy the lower bound (1.3), which are necessarily minimal cubature rules. Such cubature rules are characterized by common zeros of a subspace of \mathcal{V}_n^2 ([4]).

Theorem 3.1. A cubature rule whose number of nodes attains the lower bound (1.3) exists if, and only if, its nodes are common zeros of $\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor + 1$ orthogonal polynomials of degree n .

Let w be the weight function defined on $[1, \infty)$ and let W_{γ} be the corresponding weight function in (2.3) defined on Ω in (2.2). We define a family of new weight functions by

$$\mathcal{W}_{\gamma}(x, y) := W_{\gamma}(2xy, x^2 + y^2 - 1)|x^2 - y^2|, \quad (x, y) \in G, \tag{3.1}$$

where the domain G is centrally symmetric and defined by

$$G := (-\infty, -1]^2 \cup [1, \infty)^2.$$

Thus, the weight function \mathcal{W}_{γ} is centrally symmetric on G .

That \mathcal{W}_{γ} is well-defined on G is established in the next lemma. Recall that $\Delta = \{(x, y) : 1 < x < y < \infty\}$.

Lemma 3.2. The mapping $(x, y) \mapsto (2xy, x^2 + y^2 - 1)$ is a bijection from Δ onto Ω . Furthermore,

$$\int_{\Omega} f(u, v)W_{\gamma}(u, v)dudv = \int_G f(2xy, x^2 + y^2 - 1)\mathcal{W}_{\gamma}(x, y)dxdy. \tag{3.2}$$

Proof. Recall that if $(x, y) \in \Delta$, then $(x + y, xy) \in \Omega$ and the mapping is one-to-one. For $(x, y) \in [1, \infty)^2$, let us write $x = \cosh \theta$ and $y = \cosh \phi$, $0 \leq \theta, \phi \leq \pi$. Then it is easy to verify that

$$2xy = \cosh(\theta - \phi) + \cosh(\theta + \phi), \quad x^2 + y^2 - 1 = \cosh(\theta - \phi) \cosh(\theta + \phi), \quad (3.3)$$

from which it follows readily that $(2xy, x^2 + y^2 - 1) \in \Omega$ whenever $(x, y) \in \Delta$. The Jacobian of the change of variables $u = 2xy$ and $v = x^2 + y^2 - 1$ is $4|x^2 - y^2|$, so that the mapping is a bijection. Since $dudv = 4|x^2 - y^2|dxdy$ and the area of G is four times of Δ , the formula (3.3) follows from the change of variables, the integral (2.5) and the fact that $f(2xy, x^2 + y^2 - 1)$ is central symmetric on G . \square

In the case of $W_\gamma = W_{\alpha, \gamma}$, we denote the weight function \mathcal{W}_γ by $\mathcal{W}_{\alpha, \gamma}$, which is given explicitly by

$$\mathcal{W}_{\alpha, \gamma}(x, y) := 4^\gamma |x - y|^{2\alpha} (x^2 - 1)^\gamma (y^2 - 1)^\gamma |x^2 - y^2| e^{-2xy - 2}. \quad (3.4)$$

For the weight function W_γ on the unbounded domain G , minimal cubature rules of degree $4n - 1$ exist, as shown in the next theorem. To state the theorem, we need a notation. For $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, let $x_{k,n}$ be the zeros of the orthogonal polynomial $p_n(w; x)$, which are in the support set $[1, \infty)$ of the weight function w . We define $\theta_{k,n}$ by

$$x_{k,n} = \cosh \theta_{k,n}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n.$$

Since $x_{k,n} > 1$, it is evident that $\theta_{k,n}$ are well defined. We then define

$$s_{j,k} := \cosh \frac{\theta_{j,n} - \theta_{k,n}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad t_{j,k} := \cosh \frac{\theta_{j,n} + \theta_{k,n}}{2}. \quad (3.5)$$

Theorem 3.3. For $\mathcal{W}_{-\frac{1}{2}}$ on G , we have the minimal cubature rule of degree $4n - 1$ with $\dim \Pi_{2n-1}^2 + n$ nodes,

$$\begin{aligned} c_w^2 \int_G f(x, y) \mathcal{W}_{-\frac{1}{2}}(x, y) dx dy &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_{j,n} \lambda_{k,n} [f(s_{j,k}, t_{j,k}) + f(t_{j,k}, s_{j,k}) \\ &\quad + f(-s_{j,k}, -t_{j,k}) + f(-t_{j,k}, -s_{j,k})]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

For $\mathcal{W}_{\frac{1}{2}}$ on G , we have the minimal cubature rule of degree $4n - 3$ with $\dim \Pi_{2n-3}^2 + n$ nodes,

$$\begin{aligned} c_w^2 \int_G f(x, y) \mathcal{W}_{\frac{1}{2}}(x, y) dx dy &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=2}^n \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \lambda_{j,k} [f(s_{j,k}, t_{j,k}) + f(t_{j,k}, s_{j,k}) \\ &\quad + f(-s_{j,k}, -t_{j,k}) + f(-t_{j,k}, -s_{j,k})], \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

where $\lambda_{j,k} = \lambda_{j,n} \lambda_{k,n} (\cosh \theta_{j,n} - \cosh \theta_{k,n})^2$.

Proof. We prove only the case of $\mathcal{W}_{-\frac{1}{2}}$, the case of $\mathcal{W}_{\frac{1}{2}}$ is similar. Our starting point is the Gaussian cubature rule in (2.6), which gives, by (3.2),

$$c_w^2 \int_G f(2xy, x^2 + y^2 - 1) \mathcal{W}_{-\frac{1}{2}}(x, y) dx dy = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_{j,n} \lambda_{k,n} f(u_{j,k}, v_{j,k}), \quad f \in \Pi_{2n-1}^2.$$

By (3.3) or by direct verification,

$$\begin{aligned} \cosh \theta_{j,n} + \cosh \theta_{k,n} &= 2 \cosh \frac{\theta_{j,n} - \theta_{k,n}}{2} \cosh \frac{\theta_{j,n} + \theta_{k,n}}{2} \\ \cosh \theta_{j,n} \cosh \theta_{k,n} &= \cosh^2 \frac{\theta_{j,n} - \theta_{k,n}}{2} + \cosh^2 \frac{\theta_{j,n} + \theta_{k,n}}{2} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$u_{j,k} = x_{j,n} + x_{k,n} = 2s_{j,k} t_{j,k} \quad \text{and} \quad v_{j,k} = x_{j,n} x_{k,n} = s_{j,k}^2 + t_{j,k}^2 - 1.$$

Consequently, the above cubature rule can be written as

$$c_w^2 \int_G f(2xy, x^2 + y^2 - 1) \mathcal{W}_{-\frac{1}{2}}(x, y) dx dy = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_k \lambda_j f(2s_{j,k} t_{j,k}, s_{j,k}^2 + t_{j,k}^2 - 1)$$

for all $f \in \Pi_{2n-1}^2$. For $f \in \Pi_{2n-1}^2$, the polynomial $f(2xy, x^2 + y^2 - 1)$ is of degree $4n - 1$. Since the polynomials $f(2xy, x^2 + y^2 - 1)$ are symmetric polynomials and all symmetric polynomials in Π_{4n-1}^2 can be written in this way, we have established (3.6) for symmetric polynomials. By the Sobolev's theorem on invariant cubature rules, this establishes (3.6) for all polynomials in Π_{4n-1}^2 . \square

The number of nodes of the cubature rule in (3.6) is precisely

$$N = \dim \Pi_{2n-1}^2 + n = \dim \Pi_{2n-1}^2 + \left\lfloor \frac{2n}{2} \right\rfloor$$

which is the lower bounded of (1.3) with n replaced by $2n$. Thus, (3.6) attains the lower bound (1.3). Similarly, (3.7) attains the lower bound (1.3) with n replaced by $2n - 1$.

It turns out that a basis of orthogonal polynomials with respect to \mathcal{W}_γ can be given explicitly. We need to define three more weight functions associated with W_γ .

$$\begin{aligned} W_\gamma^{(1,1)}(u, v) &:= (1 - u + v)(1 + u + v)W_\gamma(u, v), \\ W_\gamma^{(1,0)}(u, v) &:= (1 - u + v)W_\gamma(u, v), \\ W_\gamma^{(0,1)}(u, v) &:= (1 + u + v)W_\gamma(u, v). \end{aligned} \quad (u, v) \in \Omega, \tag{3.8}$$

Under the change of variables $u = x + y$ and $v = xy$, $1 - u + v = (x - 1)(y - 1)$ and $1 + u + v = (x + 1)(y + 1)$. The three weight functions in (3.8) are evidently of the same type as W_γ . We denote by $\{P_{k,n}^{(\gamma)} : 0 \leq k \leq n\}$ an orthonormal basis of $\mathcal{V}_n(W_\gamma)$ under $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{W_\gamma}$. For $0 \leq k \leq n$, we further denote by $P_{k,n}^{(\gamma),1,1}$, $P_{k,n}^{(\gamma),1,0}$, $P_{k,n}^{(\gamma),0,1}$ the orthonormal polynomials of degree n with respect to $\langle f, g \rangle_W$ for $W = W_\gamma^{(1,1)}$, $W_\gamma^{(1,0)}$, $W_\gamma^{(0,1)}$, respectively.

Theorem 3.4. For $n = 0, 1, \dots$, a mutually orthogonal basis of $\mathcal{V}_{2n}(W_\gamma)$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} {}_1Q_{k,2n}^{(\gamma)}(x, y) &:= P_{k,n}^{(\gamma)}(2xy, x^2 + y^2 - 1), \quad 0 \leq k \leq n, \\ {}_2Q_{k,2n}^{(\gamma)}(x, y) &:= (x^2 - y^2)P_{k,n-1}^{(\gamma),1,1}(2xy, x^2 + y^2 - 1), \quad 0 \leq k \leq n - 1, \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

and a mutually orthogonal basis of $\mathcal{V}_{2n+1}(W_\gamma)$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} {}_1Q_{k,2n+1}^{(\gamma)}(x, y) &:= (x + y)P_{k,n}^{(\gamma),0,1}(2xy, x^2 + y^2 - 1), \quad 0 \leq k \leq n, \\ {}_2Q_{k,2n+1}^{(\gamma)}(x, y) &:= (x - y)P_{k,n}^{(\gamma),1,0}(2xy, x^2 + y^2 - 1), \quad 0 \leq k \leq n. \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

Under the mapping $(u, v) \mapsto (2xy, x^2 + y^2 - 1)$, it is easy to see that $W_\gamma^{(1,1)}(u, v)$ becomes $(x^2 - y^2)^2W_\gamma(x, y)$, $W_\gamma^{(1,0)}(u, v)$ becomes $(x - y)^2W_\gamma(x, y)$, and $W_\gamma^{(0,1)}(u, v)$ becomes $(x + y)^2W_\gamma(x, y)$. Hence, using Lemma 3.2, the proof can be deduced from the orthogonality of $P_{k,n}^{(\gamma),i,j}$ and symmetry of the integrals against $W_\gamma^{(i,j)}$, similar to the proof of Theorem 3.4 in [12].

Combining with (2.8) and (2.9), we can express orthogonal polynomials $Q_{k,n}^{(\pm \frac{1}{2})}$ in terms of orthogonal polynomials in one variables. For example, in the case of $\mathcal{W}_{\alpha,\gamma}$ in (3.4), we can express even degree orthogonal polynomials in terms of the Laguerre polynomials.

Proposition 3.5. Let $\alpha > -1$. A mutually orthogonal basis of $\mathcal{V}_{2n}(W_{\alpha,-\frac{1}{2}})$ is given by, for $0 \leq k \leq n$ and $0 \leq k \leq n - 1$, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} {}_1Q_{k,2n}^{(\alpha,-\frac{1}{2})}(\cosh \theta + 1, \cosh \phi + 1) &= L_n^{(\alpha)}(\cosh(\theta - \phi))L_k^{(\alpha)}(\cosh(\theta + \phi)) \\ &\quad + L_k^{(\alpha)}(\cosh(\theta - \phi))L_n^{(\alpha)}(\cosh(\theta + \phi)), \\ {}_2Q_{k,2n}^{(\alpha,-\frac{1}{2})}(\cosh \theta + 1, \cosh \phi + 1) &= (x^2 - y^2) \left[L_{n-1}^{(\alpha+1)}(\cosh(\theta - \phi))L_k^{(\alpha+1)}(\cosh(\theta + \phi)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + L_k^{(\alpha+1)}(\cosh(\theta - \phi))L_{n-1}^{(\alpha+1)}(\cosh(\theta + \phi)) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

In these formulas we used $x = \cosh \theta - 1$ and $y = \cosh \phi - 1$, so that $L_n^\alpha(x - 1) = L_n^\alpha(\cosh \theta)$ and $L_n^\alpha(y - 1) = L_n^\alpha(\cosh \phi)$ and we can then use (3.3). Note, however, we cannot express the odd degree ones in terms of Laguerre polynomials. In fact, for ${}_2Q_{k,2n+1}$, we need orthogonal polynomials of one variable with respect to $w(x) = (x + 1)(x - 1)^\alpha e^{-(x-1)}$, which is not a shift of the Laguerre weight function.

Corollary 3.6. For the weight function $\mathcal{W}_{-\frac{1}{2}}$, the nodes of the minimal cubature formulas (3.6) are common zeros of orthogonal polynomials $\{ {}_1Q_{k,2n}^{(-\frac{1}{2})} : 0 \leq k \leq n \}$.

An analogue result can be stated for the minimal cubature formulas (3.7).

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