

INTRODUCTION

Here I present some summary tables for various discrete variable representation (DVR) bases using the following notations and terminology (mostly following [1] with the exception that we use $w_n \equiv 1/K_n$ for the integration weights).

k_c :	(momentum cutoff (UV))
x_n :	$z_n \equiv k_c x_n$ (abscissa and dimensionless abscissa)
P :	$P = P^\dagger = P^2 = \sum_{ k < k_c} k\rangle \langle k $ (projector)
$ x_n\rangle$:	$\langle x x_n\rangle = \delta(x - x_n)$ (delta-function)
$ \Delta_n\rangle$:	$ \Delta_n\rangle = P x_n\rangle$ (projected delta-functions)
w_n :	$w_n = 1/\langle \Delta_n \Delta_n\rangle = 1/\Delta_n(x_n)$ (quadrature weights)
$ L_n\rangle$:	$ f\rangle = \sum_n f(x_n) L_n\rangle$, $\langle L_m \Delta_n\rangle = \delta_{mn}$ (interpolating functions)
$ F_n\rangle$:	$\langle F_m F_n\rangle = \delta_{mn}$ (orthonormal basis functions)

The conventional DVR bases satisfy $|L_n\rangle = \sqrt{w_n} |F_n\rangle = w_n |\Delta_n\rangle$: i.e. the projected delta-functions form an orthogonal basis:

$$\langle \Delta_m|\Delta_n\rangle = \Delta_m(x_n) = w_n^{-1} \delta_{mn}. \quad (1)$$

In other words, the basis functions $F_n(x)$ have nodes at all abscissa $x = x_{m \neq n}$. This is a non-trivial requirement and generally requires these bases to be built from orthogonal polynomials. The key to the utility of these DVR bases is that they are quasi-local: to express a function $f(x)$ in the basis, one simply evaluates it at the abscissa. Likewise, the potential energy matrix can be approximated by a diagonal matrix. Coupled with the kinetic operator, this can yield exponential accuracy for the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions (for appropriate potentials and boundary conditions)

$$|f\rangle = \sum_n f_n |F_n\rangle, \quad f_n = f(x_n) \sqrt{w_n} \quad (\text{quasi-locality})$$

$$K_{mn} = \langle F_n|\widehat{K}|F_m\rangle \quad (\text{kinetic energy})$$

$$V_{mn} = \langle F_n|\widehat{V}|F_m\rangle \approx \delta_{mn} V(x_n) \quad (\text{potential energy})$$

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FOURIER BASIS The simple Fourier basis over an interval of length $L = Na$ is just a quasi-local rearrangement of the usual Fourier basis $e^{ik_n x}$ with wave-vectors $k_n = 2\pi n/L$ in terms of the “periodic sinc functions” $\text{psinc}(z)$ (see [2]):

$$\text{psinc}(z) = \frac{\sin z}{N \sin \frac{z}{N}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{m=-(N-1)/2}^{(N-1)/2} e^{imz}, \quad (2a)$$

$$x_n = x_0 + an \Big|_{n=-(N-1)/2}^{(N-1)/2}, \quad k_c = \pi/a, \quad w_n = \pi/k_c = a, \quad (2b)$$

$$L_n(x) = \text{psinc}\left(k_c(x - x_n)\right), \quad (2c)$$

$$K_{m \neq n} = \frac{2\pi^2 (-1)^{m-n}}{L^2} \frac{\cos \frac{k_c(x_m - x_n)}{N}}{\sin^2 \frac{k_c(x_m - x_n)}{N}}, \quad K_{nn} = \frac{\pi^2}{3a^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{N^2}\right). \quad (2d)$$

SINC FUNCTION BASIS For N abscissa, one can represent functions over an interval of length aN (non-periodic) with $\text{sinc}(x) \equiv \sin(x)/x$ functions. This follows from the Fourier basis in the limit $N \rightarrow \infty$ (see [2]):

$$x_n = x_0 + an, \quad k_c = \pi/a, \quad w_n = \pi/k_c = a, \quad (3a)$$

$$L_n(x) = \text{sinc}\left(k_c(x - x_n)\right), \quad (3b)$$

$$K_{m \neq n} = \frac{2(-1)^{m-n}}{(x_m - x_n)^2}, \quad K_{nn} = \frac{\pi^2}{3a^2}. \quad (3c)$$

BESSEL FUNCTION BASIS For central problems one expands the radial wavefunction $u(r) = r^{(d-1)/2} \psi(r)$ for each angular momentum $\nu = l + d/2 - 1$. In practice, one can often use just a few basis: in $d = 3$ for example, one can use the $l = 0$ basis for all even l and the $l = 1$ basis for all odd l . The abscissa and basis functions are defined in terms of the Bessel functions $J_\nu(z)$ (see [4]):

$$\frac{d^2 u(r)}{dr^2} - \frac{\nu^2 - 1/4}{r^2} u(r) + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E - V(r)] u(r) = 0 \quad (4a)$$

$$J_\nu(z_{\nu n}) = 0, \quad w_n = \frac{2}{k_c z_{\nu n} J'_\nu(z_{\nu n})^2}, \quad (4b)$$

$$F_n(r) = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{k_c z_{\nu n} \sqrt{2r}}{k_c^2 r^2 - z_{\nu n}^2} J_\nu(k_c r), \quad (4c)$$

$$K_{m \neq n} = \frac{8k_c^2 (-1)^{m-n} z_{\nu n} z_{\nu m}}{(z_{\nu n}^2 - z_{\nu m}^2)^2}, \quad K_{nn} = \frac{k_c^2}{3} \left[1 + \frac{2(\nu^2 - 1)}{z_{\nu n}^2}\right] \quad (4d)$$