

Numerical Integration

Quadrature

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \sum_{k=0}^M w_k f(x_k) = w_0 f(x_0) + w_1 f(x_1) + \cdots + w_M f(x_M) + E[f]$$

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_M = b$$

is called a numerical integration or *quadrature* formula. The term $E[f]$ is called the *truncation error* for integration. The values $\{x_k\}_{k=0}^M$ are called the *quadrature nodes*, and $\{w_k\}_{k=0}^M$ are called the *weights*. ▲

Definition 7.2. The *degree of precision* of a quadrature formula is the positive integer n such that $E[P_i] = 0$ for all polynomials $P_i(x)$ of degree $i \leq n$, but for which $E[P_{n+1}] \neq 0$ for some polynomial $P_{n+1}(x)$ of degree $n + 1$. ▲

$$E[f] = K f^{(n+1)}(c)$$

Newton-Cotes Quadrature
(quadrature based on polynomial interpolation)

Integration

The process of measuring the area under a curve.

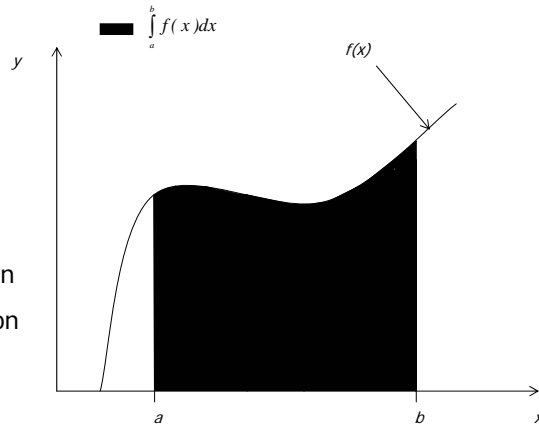
$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Where:

$f(x)$ is the integrand

a = lower limit of integration

b = upper limit of integration



Approximate $f(x)$ by a straight line

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{2}(f_0 + f_1) \quad (\text{trapezoidal rule}),$$

The trapezoidal rule has degree of precision $n = 1$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{2}(f_0 + f_1) - \frac{h^3}{12} f^{(2)}(c)$$

Derivation of trapezoidal rule from Lagrange Polynomial

$$f(x) \approx P_M(x) = \sum_{k=0}^M f_k L_{M,k}(x),$$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_M} f(x) dx \approx \int_{x_0}^{x_M} P_M(x) dx$$

$$P_1(x) = y_0 \frac{x - x_1}{x_0 - x_1} + y_1 \frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0} \quad y_k = f(x_k)$$

$$E_1(x) = \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_1)f^{(2)}(c)}{2!}$$

Integrate P_1 to get trapezoidal rule

Integrate E_1 to get the truncation error/degree of precision

Approximate $f(x)$ by a quadratic curve

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{3}(f_0 + 4f_1 + f_2) \quad (\text{Simpson's rule})$$

Simpson's rule has degree of precision $n = 3$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{3}(f_0 + 4f_1 + f_2) - \frac{h^5}{90}f^{(4)}(c)$$

Derivation of Simpson's rule from Lagrange Polynomial

$$f(x) \approx P_M(x) = \sum_{k=0}^M f_k L_{M,k}(x),$$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_M} f(x) dx \approx \int_{x_0}^{x_M} P_M(x) dx$$

$$P_2(x) = f_0 \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)} + f_1 \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)} + f_2 \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)}$$

$$E_N(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\cdots(x-x_N)f^{(N+1)}(c)}{(N+1)!}$$

Integrate P_2 to get Simpson's rule

Integrate E_2 to get the truncation error/degree of precision

Approximate $f(x)$ by a cubic curve

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_3} f(x) dx \approx \frac{3h}{8}(f_0 + 3f_1 + 3f_2 + f_3) \quad (\text{Simpson's } \frac{3}{8} \text{ rule})$$

Simpson's $\frac{3}{8}$ rule has degree of precision $n = 3$

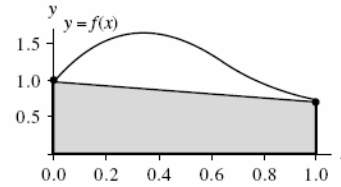
$$\int_{x_0}^{x_3} f(x) dx = \frac{3h}{8}(f_0 + 3f_1 + 3f_2 + f_3) - \frac{3h^5}{80}f^{(4)}(c).$$

Example 7.2. Consider the integration of the function $f(x) = 1 + e^{-x} \sin(4x)$ over the fixed interval $[a, b] = [0, 1]$. Apply the various formulas (4) through (7).

For the trapezoidal rule, $h = 1$ and

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{2}(f_0 + f_1)$$

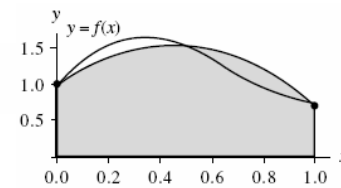
$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx \frac{1}{2}(f(0) + f(1)) = 0.86079.$$



For Simpson's rule, $h = 1/2$, and we get

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{3}(f_0 + 4f_1 + f_2)$$

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx \frac{1/2}{3}(f(0) + 4f(1/2) + f(1)) = 1.32128$$



For a fair comparison of various methods use the same number of function evaluations in each method.

E.g. Five evaluations in $[x_0, x_4]$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x_0}^{x_4} f(x) dx &= \int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) dx + \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x) dx + \int_{x_2}^{x_3} f(x) dx + \int_{x_3}^{x_4} f(x) dx \\ (17) \quad &\approx \frac{h}{2}(f_0 + f_1) + \frac{h}{2}(f_1 + f_2) + \frac{h}{2}(f_2 + f_3) + \frac{h}{2}(f_3 + f_4) \\ &= \frac{h}{2}(f_0 + 2f_1 + 2f_2 + 2f_3 + f_4). \quad \text{composite trapezoidal rule} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x_0}^{x_4} f(x) dx &= \int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx + \int_{x_2}^{x_4} f(x) dx \\ (18) \quad &\approx \frac{h}{3}(f_0 + 4f_1 + f_2) + \frac{h}{3}(f_2 + 4f_3 + f_4) \\ &= \frac{h}{3}(f_0 + 4f_1 + 2f_2 + 4f_3 + f_4). \\ &\quad \text{composite Simpson's rule} \end{aligned}$$

Example 7.3. Consider the integration of the function $f(x) = 1 + e^{-x} \sin(4x)$ over $[a, b] = [0, 1]$. Use exactly five function evaluations and compare the results from the composite trapezoidal rule, composite Simpson rule,

The uniform step size is $h = 1/4$. The composite trapezoidal rule (17) produces

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx \frac{1/4}{2} (f(0) + 2f(\frac{1}{4}) + 2f(\frac{1}{2}) + 2f(\frac{3}{4}) + f(1)) = 1.28358$$

Using the composite Simpson's rule (18), we get

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx \frac{1/4}{3} (f(0) + 4f(\frac{1}{4}) + 2f(\frac{1}{2}) + 4f(\frac{3}{4}) + f(1)) = 1.30938.$$

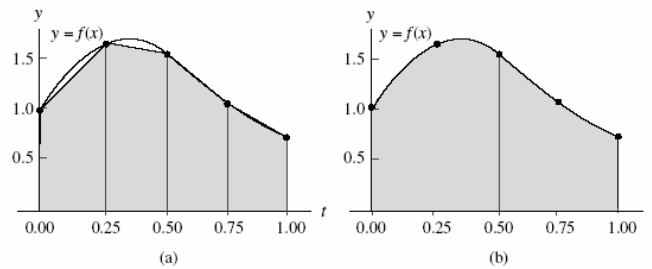


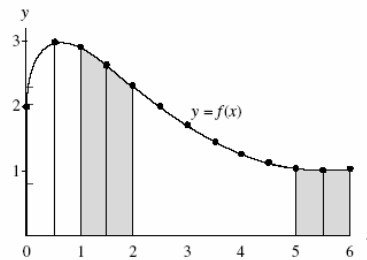
Figure 7.4 (a) The composite trapezoidal rule yields the approximation 1.28358. (b) The composite Simpson rule yields the approximation 1.30938.

Theorem 7.2 (Composite Trapezoidal Rule). Suppose that the interval $[a, b]$ is subdivided into M subintervals $[x_k, x_{k+1}]$ of width $h = (b-a)/M$ by using the equally spaced nodes $x_k = a + kh$, for $k = 0, 1, \dots, M$. The *composite trapezoidal rule for M subintervals* can be expressed

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx T(f, h)$$

$$T(f, h) = \frac{h}{2} (f_0 + 2f_1 + 2f_2 + 2f_3 + \dots + 2f_{M-2} + 2f_{M-1} + f_M)$$

$$T(f, h) = \frac{h}{2} \sum_{k=1}^M (f(x_{k-1}) + f(x_k))$$



Trapezoidal Rule: Error Analysis

We first determine the error term when the rule is applied over $[x_0, x_1]$.

$$(10) \quad \int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) dx = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} P_1(x) dx + \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)f^{(2)}(c(x))}{2!} dx.$$

$$(11) \quad \int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{2}(f_0 + f_1) + f^{(2)}(c_1) \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{2!} dx.$$

Use the change of variable $x = x_0 + ht$ in the integral on the right side of (11):

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) dx &= \frac{h}{2}(f_0 + f_1) + \frac{f^{(2)}(c_1)}{2} \int_0^1 h(t-0)h(t-1)h dt \\ &= \frac{h}{2}(f_0 + f_1) + \frac{f^{(2)}(c_1)h^3}{2} \int_0^1 (t^2 - t) dt \\ &= \frac{h}{2}(f_0 + f_1) - \frac{f^{(2)}(c_1)h^3}{12}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we are ready to add up the error terms for all of the intervals $[x_k, x_{k+1}]$:

$$(13) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &= \sum_{k=1}^M \int_{x_{k-1}}^{x_k} f(x) dx \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{h}{2}(f(x_{k-1}) + f(x_k)) - \frac{h^3}{12} \sum_{k=1}^M f^{(2)}(c_k). \end{aligned}$$

The first sum is the composite trapezoidal rule $T(f, h)$. In the second term, one factor of h is replaced with its equivalent $h = (b-a)/M$, and the result is

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = T(f, h) - \frac{(b-a)h^2}{12} \left(\frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=1}^M f^{(2)}(c_k) \right).$$

The term in parentheses can be recognized as an average of values for the second derivative and hence is replaced by $f^{(2)}(c)$. Therefore, we have established that

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = T(f, h) - \frac{(b-a)f^{(2)}(c)h^2}{12},$$

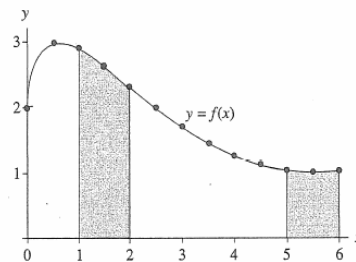
Example 7.7. Consider $f(x) = 2 + \sin(2\sqrt{x})$. Investigate the error when the composite trapezoidal rule is used over $[1, 6]$ and the number of subintervals is 10, 20, 40, 80, and 160.

Table 7.2 Composite Trapezoidal Rule for $f(x) = 2 + \sin(2\sqrt{x})$ over $[1, 6]$

M	h	$T(f, h)$	$E_T(f, h) = O(h^2)$
10	0.5	8.19385457	-0.01037540
20	0.25	8.18604926	-0.00257006
40	0.125	8.18412019	-0.00064098
80	0.0625	8.18363936	-0.00016015
160	0.03125	8.18351924	-0.00004003

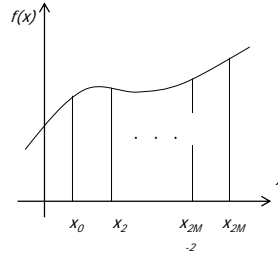
Theorem 7.3 (Composite Simpson Rule). Suppose that $[a, b]$ is subdivided into $2M$ subintervals $[x_k, x_{k+1}]$ of equal width $h = (b-a)/(2M)$ by using $x_k = a + kh$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots, 2M$. The *composite Simpson rule for $2M$ subintervals* can be expressed

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &\approx S(f, h) = \frac{h}{3}(f_0 + 4f_1 + 2f_2 + 4f_3 \\ &\quad + \dots + 2f_{2M-2} + 4f_{2M-1} + f_{2M}) \\ &= \frac{h}{3} \sum_{k=1}^M (f(x_{2k-2}) + 4f(x_{2k-1}) + f(x_{2k})) \end{aligned}$$



Composite Simpson's Rule

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx + \int_{x_2}^{x_4} f(x) dx + \dots + \int_{x_{2M-2}}^{x_{2M}} f(x) dx$$



Apply Simpson's Rule over each interval,

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = (x_2 - x_0) \left[\frac{f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)}{6} \right] + \dots + (x_{2M} - x_{2M-2}) \left[\frac{f(x_{2M-2}) + 4f(x_{2M-1}) + f(x_{2M})}{6} \right]$$

$$x_i - x_{i-2} = 2h$$

Composite Simpson's Rule

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &= 2h \left[\frac{f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)}{6} \right] + \dots \\ &+ 2h \left[\frac{f(x_2) + 4f(x_3) + f(x_4)}{6} \right] + \dots \\ &+ 2h \left[\frac{f(x_{2M-2}) + 4f(x_{2M-1}) + f(x_{2M})}{6} \right] \\ \int_a^b f(x) dx &= \frac{h}{3} [f(x_0) + 4\{f(x_1) + f(x_3) + \dots + f(x_{2M-1})\} + \dots] \\ &\quad \dots + 2\{f(x_2) + f(x_4) + \dots + f(x_{2M-2})\} + f(x_{2M})] \\ &= \frac{h}{3} \left[\sum_{i=1}^M (f(x_{2i-2}) + 4f(x_{2i-1}) + f(x_{2i})) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Simpson's Rule: Error Analysis

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = S(f, h) + E_S(f, h)$$

$$S(f, h) = \frac{h}{3}(f(a) + f(b)) + \frac{2h}{3} \sum_{k=1}^{M-1} f(x_{2k}) + \frac{4h}{3} \sum_{k=1}^M f(x_{2k-1})$$

$$E_S(f, h) = \frac{-(b-a)f^{(4)}(c)h^4}{180}$$

Table 7.3 Composite Simpson Rule for $f(x) = 2 + \sin(2\sqrt{x})$ over $[1, 6]$

M	h	$S(f, h)$	$E_S(f, h) = O(h^4)$
5	0.5	8.18301549	0.00046371
10	0.25	8.18344750	0.00003171
20	0.125	8.18347717	0.00000204
40	0.0625	8.18347908	0.00000013
80	0.03125	8.18347920	0.00000001

Recursive Rules

Theorem 7.4 (Successive Trapezoidal Rules). Suppose that $J \geq 1$ and the points $\{x_k = a + kh\}$ subdivide $[a, b]$ into $2^J = 2M$ subintervals of equal width $h = (b-a)/2^J$. The trapezoidal rules $T(f, h)$ and $T(f, 2h)$ obey the relationship

$$(1) \quad T(f, h) = \frac{T(f, 2h)}{2} + h \sum_{k=1}^M f(x_{2k-1}).$$

define $T(J) = T(f, h)$,

$$T(J) = \frac{T(J-1)}{2} + h \sum_{k=1}^M f(x_{2k-1})$$

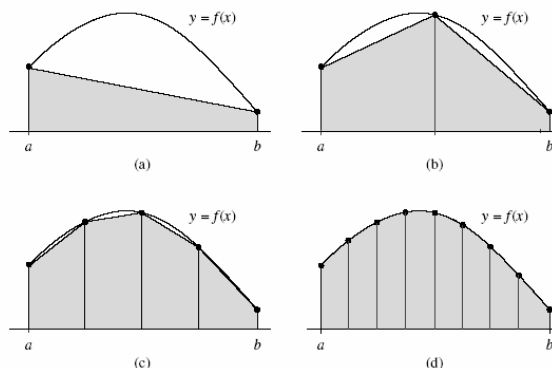


Figure 7.8 (a) $T(0)$ is the area under $2^0 = 1$ trapezoid. (b) $T(1)$ is the area under $2^1 = 2$ trapezoids. (c) $T(2)$ is the area under $2^2 = 4$ trapezoids. (d) $T(3)$ is the area under $2^3 = 8$ trapezoids.

Proof. For the even nodes $x_0 < x_2 < \cdots < x_{2M-2} < x_{2M}$, we use the trapezoidal rule with step size $2h$:

$$(3) \quad T(J-1) = \frac{2h}{2}(f_0 + 2f_2 + 2f_4 + \cdots + 2f_{2M-4} + 2f_{2M-2} + f_{2M}).$$

For all of the nodes $x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \cdots < x_{2M-1} < x_{2M}$, we use the trapezoidal rule

with step size h :

$$(4) \quad T(J) = \frac{h}{2}(f_0 + 2f_1 + 2f_2 + \cdots + 2f_{2M-2} + 2f_{2M-1} + f_{2M}).$$

Collecting the even and odd subscripts in (4) yields

$$(5) \quad T(J) = \frac{h}{2}(f_0 + 2f_2 + \cdots + 2f_{2M-2} + f_{2M}) + h \sum_{k=1}^M f_{2k-1}.$$

Substituting (3) into (5) results in $T(J) = T(J-1)/2 + h \sum_{k=1}^M f_{2k-1}$, and the proof of the theorem is complete. •

Example 7.11. Use the sequential trapezoidal rule to compute the approximations $T(0)$, $T(1)$, $T(2)$, and $T(3)$ for the integral $\int_1^5 dx/x = \ln(5) - \ln(1) = 1.609437912$.

Table 7.4 shows the nine values required to compute $T(3)$ and the midpoints required to compute $T(1)$, $T(2)$, and $T(3)$. Details for obtaining the results are as follows:

$$\text{When } h = 4: \quad T(0) = \frac{4}{2}(1.000000 + 0.200000) = 2.400000.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } h = 2: \quad T(1) &= \frac{T(0)}{2} + 2(0.333333) \\ &= 1.200000 + 0.666666 = 1.866666. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } h = 1: \quad T(2) &= \frac{T(1)}{2} + 1(0.500000 + 0.250000) \\ &= 0.933333 + 0.750000 = 1.683333. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } h = \frac{1}{2}: \quad T(3) &= \frac{T(2)}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(0.666667 + 0.400000 \\ &\quad + 0.285714 + 0.222222) \\ &= 0.841667 + 0.787302 = 1.628968. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 7.5 (Recursive Simpson Rules). Suppose that $\{T(J)\}$ is the sequence of trapezoidal rules generated by Corollary 7.4. If $J \geq 1$ and $S(J)$ is Simpson's rule for 2^J subintervals of $[a, b]$, then $S(J)$ and the trapezoidal rules $T(J - 1)$ and $T(J)$ obey the relationship

$$(7) \quad S(J) = \frac{4T(J) - T(J - 1)}{3} \quad \text{for } J = 1, 2, \dots$$

Proof. The trapezoidal rule $T(J)$ with step size h yields the approximation

$$(8) \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{2}(f_0 + 2f_1 + 2f_2 + \dots + 2f_{2M-2} + 2f_{2M-1} + f_{2M}) \\ = T(J).$$

The trapezoidal rule $T(J - 1)$ with step size $2h$ produces

$$(9) \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx h(f_0 + 2f_2 + \dots + 2f_{2M-2} + f_{2M}) = T(J - 1).$$

Multiplying relation (8) by 4 yields

$$(10) \quad 4 \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx h(2f_0 + 4f_1 + 4f_2 + \dots + 4f_{2M-2} + 4f_{2M-1} + 2f_{2M}) \\ = 4T(J).$$

Now subtract (9) from (10) and the result is

$$(11) \quad 3 \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx h(f_0 + 4f_1 + 2f_2 + \dots + 2f_{2M-2} + 4f_{2M-1} + f_{2M}) \\ = 4T(J) - T(J - 1).$$

This can be rearranged to obtain

$$(12) \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{3}(f_0 + 4f_1 + 2f_2 + \dots + 2f_{2M-2} + 4f_{2M-1} + f_{2M}) \\ = \frac{4T(J) - T(J - 1)}{3}.$$

The middle term in (12) is Simpson's rule $S(J) = S(f, h)$ and hence the theorem is proved. •

Example 7.12. Use the sequential Simpson rule to compute the approximations $S(1)$, $S(2)$, and $S(3)$ for the integral of Example 7.11.

Using the results of Example 7.11 and formula (7) with $J = 1, 2$, and 3 , we compute

$$S(1) = \frac{4T(1) - T(0)}{3} = \frac{4(1.866666) - 2.400000}{3} = 1.688888,$$

$$S(2) = \frac{4T(2) - T(1)}{3} = \frac{4(1.683333) - 1.866666}{3} = 1.622222,$$

$$S(3) = \frac{4T(3) - T(2)}{3} = \frac{4(1.628968) - 1.683333}{3} = 1.610846. \quad \blacksquare$$

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$$S(J) = \frac{4T(J) - T(J-1)}{3} \quad \text{for } J = 1, 2, \dots$$

Definition 7.4. Define the sequence $\{R(J, K) : J \geq K\}_{J=0}^{\infty}$ of quadrature formulas for $f(x)$ over $[a, b]$ as follows

$$(31) \quad \begin{aligned} R(J, 0) &= T(J) && \text{for } J \geq 0, \text{ is the sequential trapezoidal rule.} \\ R(J, 1) &= S(J) && \text{for } J \geq 1, \text{ is the sequential Simpson rule.} \end{aligned} \quad \blacktriangle$$

$$R(J, 1) = \frac{4^1 R(J, 0) - R(J-1, 0)}{4^1 - 1} \quad \text{for } J \geq 1$$

recall that

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = T(f, h) + \mathcal{O}(h^2),$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = S(f, h) + \mathcal{O}(h^4),$$

Romberg Integration

The pattern for integration rules of increasing accuracy is of the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &= T(f, h) + \mathcal{O}(h^2), & R(J, 0) &= T(J) \\ \int_a^b f(x) dx &= S(f, h) + \mathcal{O}(h^4), & R(J, 1) &= S(J) \\ \int_a^b f(x) dx &= B(f, h) + \mathcal{O}(h^6). & R(J, 2) &= B(J) \end{aligned}$$

$$R(J, 1) = \frac{4^1 R(J, 0) - R(J-1, 0)}{4^1 - 1} \quad \text{for } J \geq 1$$

$$R(J, 2) = \frac{4^2 R(J, 1) - R(J-1, 1)}{4^2 - 1} \quad \text{for } J \geq 2,$$

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$$R(J, K) = \frac{4^K R(J, K-1) - R(J-1, K-1)}{4^K - 1} \quad \text{for } J \geq K.$$

Romberg Integration relies on Richardson's extrapolation

(Precision of Romberg Integration) $\int_a^b f(x) dx = R(J, K) + \mathcal{O}(h^{2K+2}),$

Lemma 7.1 (Richardson's Improvement for Romberg Integration). Given two approximations $R(2h, K-1)$ and $R(h, K-1)$ for the quantity Q that satisfy

$$(28) \quad Q = R(h, K-1) + c_1 h^{2K} + c_2 h^{2K+2} + \dots$$

and

$$(29) \quad Q = R(2h, K-1) + c_1 4^K h^{2K} + c_2 4^{K+1} h^{2K+2} + \dots,$$

an improved approximation has the form

$$(30) \quad Q = \frac{4^K R(h, K-1) - R(2h, K-1)}{4^K - 1} + \mathcal{O}(h^{2K+2}).$$

Start with $T(f, 2h)$ and $T(f, h)$

$$(20) \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx = T(f, 2h) + a_1 4h^2 + a_2 16h^4 + a_3 64h^6 + \dots$$

$$(21) \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx = T(f, h) + a_1 h^2 + a_2 h^4 + a_3 h^6 + \dots$$

Multiply equation (21) by 4 and obtain

$$(22) \quad 4 \int_a^b f(x) dx = 4T(f, h) + a_1 4h^2 + a_2 4h^4 + a_3 4h^6 + \dots$$

Eliminate a_1 by subtracting (20) from (22). The result is

$$(23) \quad 3 \int_a^b f(x) dx = 4T(f, h) - T(f, 2h) - a_2 12h^4 - a_3 60h^6 - \dots$$

Now divide equation (23) by 3 and rename the coefficients in the series:

$$(24) \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{4T(f, h) - T(f, 2h)}{3} + b_1 h^4 + b_2 h^6 + \dots$$

\Downarrow
 $S(f, h)$

Table 7.5 Romberg Integration Tableau

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Table 7.6 Romberg Integration Tableau for Example 7.14

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2	1.960534166564	2.038441336499	2.038296259740	
3	2.018793948078	2.038213875249	2.038198711166	2.038197162776
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Table 7.7 Romberg Error Tableau for Example 7.14

J	h	$E(J, 0) = O(h^2)$	$E(J, 1) = O(h^4)$	$E(J, 2) = O(h^6)$	$E(J, 3) = O(h^8)$
0	$b - a$	-1.252799263670			
1	$\frac{b - a}{2}$	-0.311384770309	0.002420060811		
2	$\frac{b - a}{4}$	-0.077663260503	0.000243909432	0.000098832673	
3	$\frac{b - a}{8}$	-0.019403478989	0.000016448182	0.000001284099	-0.000000264291
4	$\frac{b - a}{16}$	-0.004850085262	0.000001045980	0.000000019167	-0.000000000912
5	$\frac{b - a}{32}$	-0.001212472077	0.000000065651	0.000000000296	-0.000000000003

Gauss Quadrature

We wish to find the area under the curve

$$y = f(x), \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1.$$

What method gives the best answer if only two function evaluations are to be made?

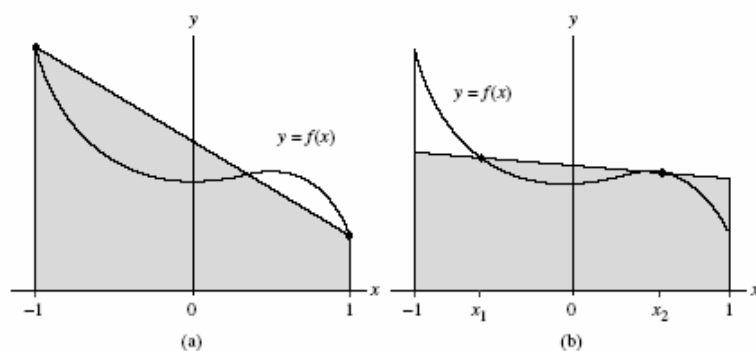


Figure 7.10 (a) Trapezoidal approximation using the abscissas -1 and 1 . (b) Trapezoidal approximation using the abscissas x_1 and x_2 .

Basis of the Gaussian Quadrature Rule

Previously, the Trapezoidal Rule can be developed by the method of undetermined coefficients as:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \cong c_1 f(a) + c_2 f(b)$$

$$= \frac{b-a}{2} f(a) + \frac{b-a}{2} f(b)$$

Basis of the Gaussian Quadrature Rule

The two-point Gauss Quadrature Rule is an extension of the Trapezoidal Rule approximation where the arguments of the function are not predetermined as a and b but as unknowns x_1 and x_2 . In the two-point Gauss Quadrature Rule, the integral is approximated as

$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx c_1 f(x_1) + c_2 f(x_2)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx \approx w_1 f(x_1) + w_2 f(x_2)$$

To find w_i, x_i we need four conditions
 = find w_i, x_i so that the integration rule has degree of precision 3

$$f(x) = 1: \quad \int_{-1}^1 1 dx = 2 = w_1 + w_2$$

$$f(x) = x: \quad \int_{-1}^1 x dx = 0 = w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2$$

$$f(x) = x^2: \quad \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \frac{2}{3} = w_1 x_1^2 + w_2 x_2^2$$

$$f(x) = x^3: \quad \int_{-1}^1 x^3 dx = 0 = w_1 x_1^3 + w_2 x_2^3.$$

$$w_1 = w_2 = 1.$$

$$-x_1 = x_2 = 1/3^{1/2} \approx 0.5773502692.$$

(Gauss-Legendre Two-Point Rule).

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx \approx G_2(f) = f\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right).$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = f\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + E_2(f),$$

$$E_2(f) = \frac{f^{(4)}(c)}{135}.$$

The Gauss-Legendre rule $G_2(f)$ has degree of precision $n = 3$.

The general N -point Gauss-Legendre rule is exact for polynomial functions of degree $\leq 2N - 1$, and the numerical integration formula is

$$(16) \quad G_N(f) = w_{N,1}f(x_{N,1}) + w_{N,2}f(x_{N,2}) + \cdots + w_{N,N}f(x_{N,N}).$$

Table 7.9 Gauss-Legendre Abscissas and Weights

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = \sum_{k=1}^N w_{N,k}f(x_{N,k}) + E_N(f)$$

N	Abscissas, $x_{N,k}$	Weights, $w_{N,k}$	Truncation error, $E_N(f)$
2	-0.5773502692 0.5773502692	1.0000000000 1.0000000000	$\frac{f^{(4)}(c)}{135}$
3	± 0.7745966692 0.0000000000	0.5555555556 0.8888888888	$\frac{f^{(6)}(c)}{15,750}$
4	± 0.8611363116 ± 0.3399810436	0.3478548451 0.6521451549	$\frac{f^{(8)}(c)}{3,472,875}$

Theorem 7.9 (Gauss-Legendre Three-Point Rule). If f is continuous on $[-1, 1]$, then

$$(17) \quad \int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx \approx G_3(f) = \frac{5f(-\sqrt{3/5}) + 8f(0) + 5f(\sqrt{3/5})}{9}.$$

The Gauss-Legendre rule $G_3(f)$ has degree of precision $n = 5$. If $f \in C^6[-1, 1]$, then

$$(18) \quad \int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = \frac{5f(-\sqrt{3/5}) + 8f(0) + 5f(\sqrt{3/5})}{9} + E_3(f),$$

where

$$(19) \quad E_3(f) = \frac{f^{(6)}(c)}{15,750}.$$

Theorem 7.10 (Gauss-Legendre Translation). Suppose that the abscissas $\{x_{N,k}\}_{k=1}^N$ and weights $\{w_{N,k}\}_{k=1}^N$ are given for the N -point Gauss-Legendre rule over $[-1, 1]$. To apply the rule over the interval $[a, b]$, use the change of variable

$$(20) \quad t = \frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{b-a}{2}x \quad \text{and} \quad dt = \frac{b-a}{2} dx.$$

Then the relationship

$$(21) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt = \int_{-1}^1 f\left(\frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{b-a}{2}x\right) \frac{b-a}{2} dx$$

is used to obtain the quadrature formula

$$(22) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt = \frac{b-a}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N w_{N,k} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{b-a}{2}x_{N,k}\right).$$