

# Numerical integration, low-dimensional func.

• Common term: "Quadrature"

• Many methods ...

• Newton-Cotes quadrature

• constant step size ( $h$ )

- Trapezoidal rule

- Simpson's rule

known methods,  
point out  
implementation  
approaches

• Gaussian quadrature

• Not constant step size

History: Compute area of region  $\Leftrightarrow$   
construct a square with  
the same area

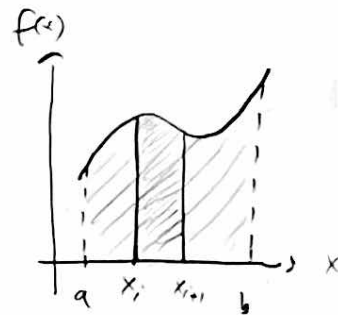
General considerations:

• How many evaluations of  $f(x)$ ?

• How to distribute evaluations  
along  $x$  axis? (stepsize, ...)

• How to do interpolation at  
the top of the rectangle-like  
areas?

Just "fancy  
Riemann sums"



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

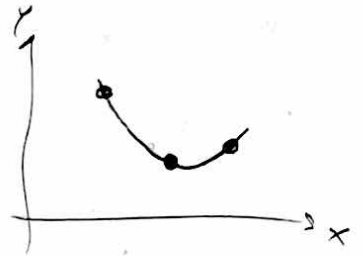
Background : Lagrange's interpolation formula

for  $N$ -th order polynomial defined by  $N+1$  known points  $(x_i, y_i)$

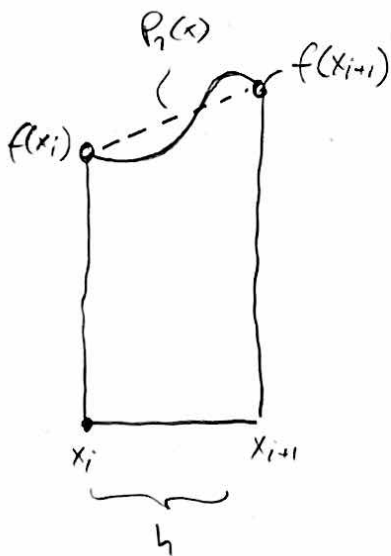
$$P_N(x) = \sum_{i=0}^N \left( \prod_{k \neq i} \frac{x - x_k}{x_i - x_k} \right) y_i$$

Example : Second-order polynomial going through  $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$

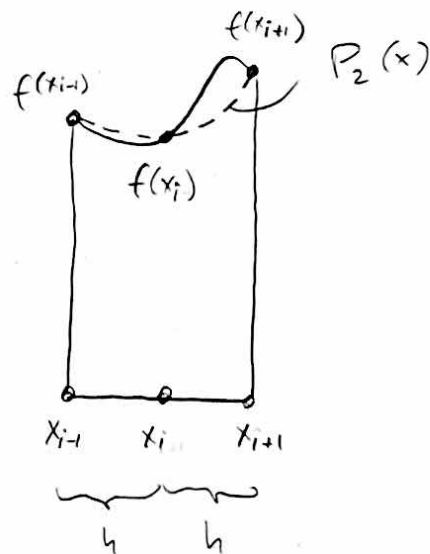
$$P_2(x) = \left( \frac{x - x_1}{x_0 - x_1} \right) \left( \frac{x - x_2}{x_0 - x_2} \right) y_0 + \left( \frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0} \right) \left( \frac{x - x_2}{x_1 - x_2} \right) y_1 + \left( \frac{x - x_0}{x_2 - x_0} \right) \left( \frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} \right) y_2$$



• Can use this to define polynomials to interpolate the tops of the integration rectangles



$\Downarrow$   
Trapezoidal rule



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Simpson's rule

## Trapezoidal rule

- Approximate  $f(x)$  using first-order polynomial

$$I = \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f(x) dx = \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \left[ P_1(x) + \mathcal{O}(h^2 \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}) \right] dx \quad [x_{i+1} = x_i + h]$$

$$= h \left[ \frac{1}{2} f(x_i) + \frac{1}{2} f(x_{i+1}) \right] + \mathcal{O}(h^3 \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2})$$

↑  
[local error, i.e.  
error from one step]

- Extended integration region ( $a = x_0$ ,  $b = x_{n-1}$ ) using  $n$  points:

$$I = \int_{x_0}^{x_{n-1}} f(x) dx = \underbrace{h \left[ \frac{1}{2} f(x_0) + f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_{n-2}) + \frac{1}{2} f(x_{n-1}) \right]}_{T_h} + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

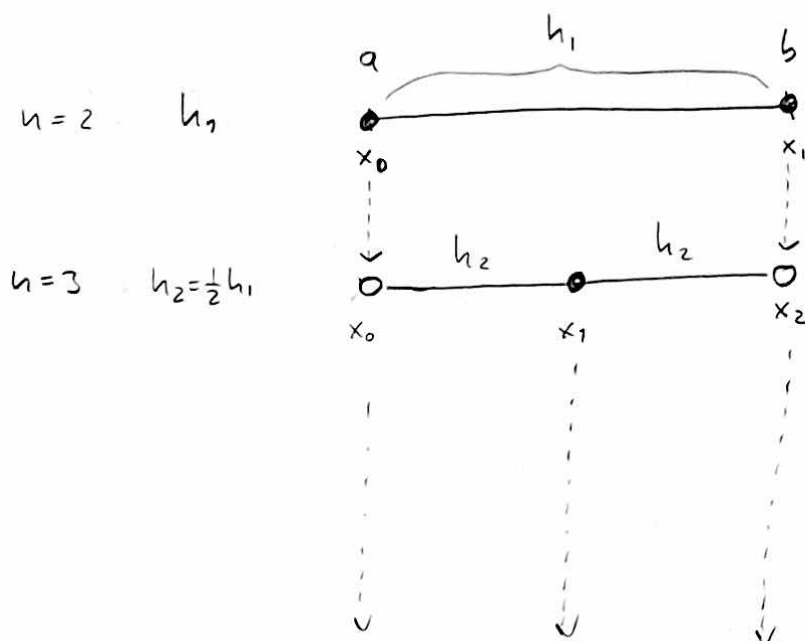
• Actual error term:  $I - T_h = -\frac{(b-a)}{12} h^2 f''(\xi)$

for some  $\xi \in [a, b]$

- Error scales as  $\mathcal{O}(h^2) = \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{n^2})$  in one dimension  
and  $\mathcal{O}(h^2) = \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{n^{\frac{2}{d}}})$  in  $d$  dimensions ( $h_1 = h_2 = h_3 = \dots = h$ )

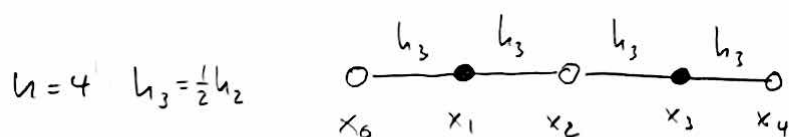
o Efficient implementation :

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



$$T_1 = h_1 \left[ \frac{1}{2} f(x_0) + \frac{1}{2} f(x_1) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_2 &= h_2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} f(x_0) + f(x_1) + \frac{1}{2} f(x_2) \right] \\
 &= h_2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} f(x_0) + \frac{1}{2} f(x_2) \right] + h_2 f(x_1) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} h_1 \left[ \dots \right] + h_2 f(x_1) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} T_1 + h_2 f(x_1)
 \end{aligned}$$



$$T_3 = \frac{1}{2} T_2 + h_3 [f(x_1) + f(x_3)]$$

In general :

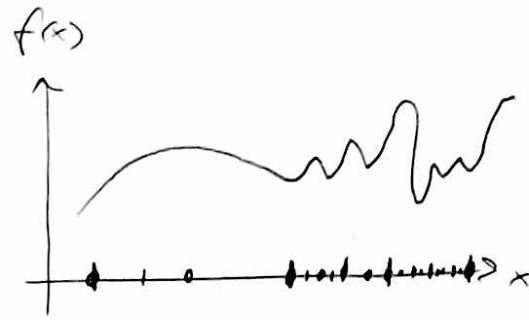
$$\underline{T_{j+1} = \frac{1}{2} T_j + h [f(x_1) + f(x_3) + \dots + f(x_{n-2})]}$$

o Algorithm :

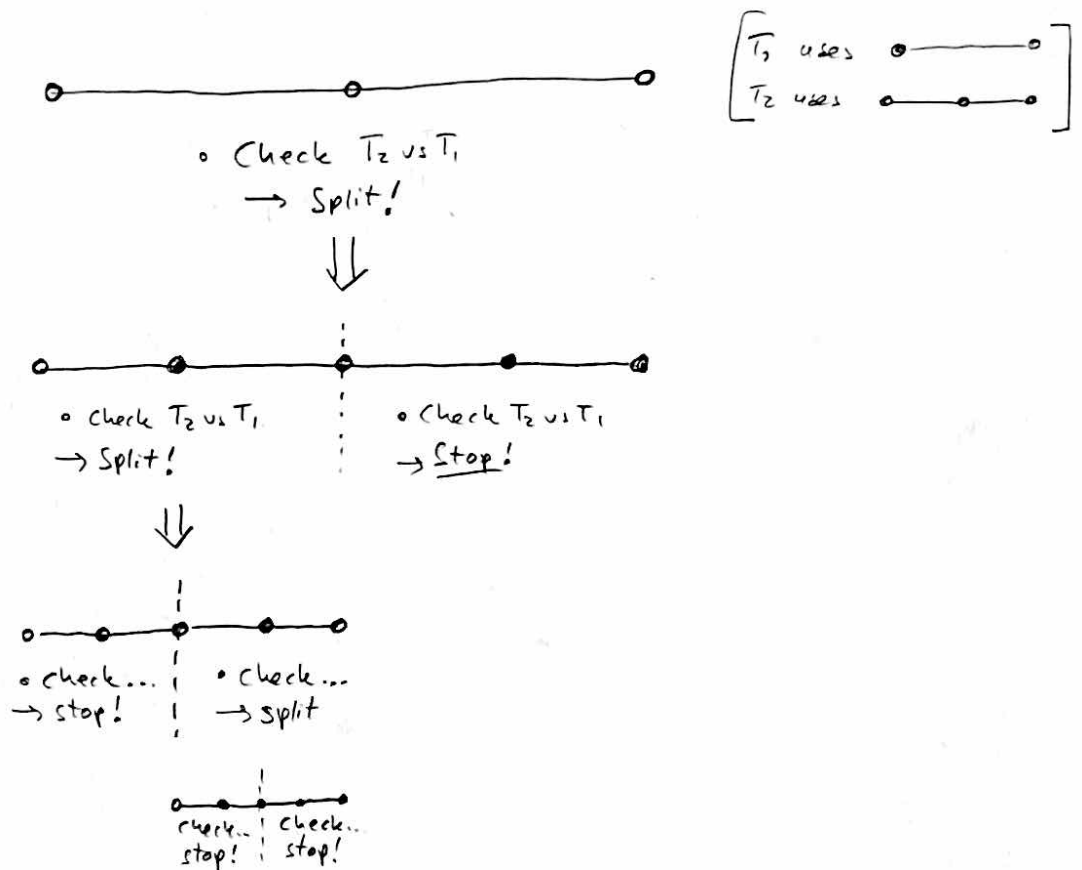
- 1) Set desired relative accuracy  $\epsilon$
- 2) compute  $T_1$
- 3) compute  $T_2$
- 4) while  $\left| \frac{T_{j+1} - T_j}{T_j} \right| > \epsilon$  :

compute the next  $T_{j+1}$  and compare with  $T_j$

o Can also use adaptive division of integration range:



o Example: Recursive comparison between  $T_2$  and  $T_1$  (check  $\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_1}$ )



Final points:

o Can implement as a function calling itself (recursion)

$\hookrightarrow$  See Morten's notes

# Simpson's rule

- Approximate  $f(x)$  with second-order polynomial in each interval of three points.

$$\int_{x_i}^{x_{i+2}} f(x) dx = h \left[ \frac{1}{3} f(x_i) + \frac{4}{3} f(x_{i+1}) + \frac{1}{3} f(x_{i+2}) \right] + \mathcal{O}\left(h^5 \frac{d^4 f}{dx^4}\right)$$

[Surprise! Had naively expected  $\mathcal{O}(h^4)$  local error!]

- Can be seen as weighted sum of two applications of the trapezoidal rule:

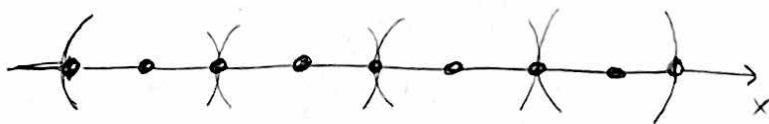
$$S_j = \frac{4}{3} T_{j+1} - \frac{1}{3} T_j$$

- Here both the  $\mathcal{O}(h^3)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(h^4)$  local trapezoidal errors cancel  $\rightarrow$   $S$  has  $\mathcal{O}(h^5)$  local error.

- Extended integration region using  $n$  points ( $n$  is odd)

$$I = \int_{x_0}^{x_{n-1}} f(x) dx = h \left[ \frac{1}{3} f(x_0) + \frac{4}{3} f(x_1) + \frac{2}{3} f(x_2) + \frac{4}{3} f(x_3) + \dots + \frac{2}{3} f(x_{n-3}) + \frac{4}{3} f(x_{n-2}) + \frac{1}{3} f(x_{n-1}) \right] + \mathcal{O}(h^4)$$

Global error



- Even number of steps
- Odd number of points

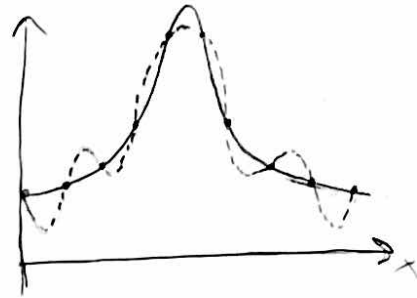
(Just patch together 3-point regions side by side)

- Useful approach: 1) Use trapezoidal method that computes both  $T_j$  and  $T_{j+1}$   
2) Improve final estimate via

$$S = \frac{4}{3} T_{j+1} - \frac{1}{3} T_j$$

- Can use higher-degree polynomials, but  
don't necessarily gain much... Example of problem:
- Runge's phenomenon: high-degree polynomial  
interpolation w/ equally  
spaced points  $\rightarrow$  "ringing"  
(Polynomials oscillate)
- End up having  
to use small  $h$   
to combat this

$\Downarrow$   
Not gaining much  
from going to higher order.



# Gaussian quadrature

[ See Morten's lecture notes ]

$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} w_i f(x_i)$$

weights                  grid points

• Ex: Trapezoidal rule:  $w : \left\{ \frac{h}{2}, h, h, \dots, h, \frac{h}{2} \right\}$

Simpson's rule  $w : \left\{ \frac{h}{3}, \frac{4h}{3}, \frac{2h}{3}, \dots, \frac{4h}{3}, \frac{h}{3} \right\}$

Here we only adjust the  $n$  weights, the  $n$  point positions are fixed

• Result: with  $n$  points we can integrate  $P_{n-1}(x)$  exact.

• Gaussian quadrature: Allow varying both weights and point positions  $\Rightarrow 2n$  parameters to adjust

$\Rightarrow$  [ With  $n$  points we can integrate  $P_{2n-1}(x)$  exact. Works best if  $f(x)$  is well approximated by  $P_{2n-1}(x)$  (or lower order) ]

• The point positions  $(x_i)$  are found as roots of orthogonal polynomials.