

# Numerical Mathematics

## Differentiation and Integration

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**Exact and numerical differentiation**

**Exact differentiation** For most functions, the derivatives can be computed exactly using the formulae from Calculus.

e.g.  $f(x) = x \sin(x) \implies f'(x) = x \cos(x) + \sin(x)$ .

**Numerical differentiation** The aim of numerical differentiation is to estimate the derivatives  $f'(x)$  of a function  $f$  at a point  $x$  for cases where exact computation is impossible or impractical, such as:

- The function is determined by experimentally-measured data i.e.  $f(x_i) = y_i$ .
- The function is determined by numerically-computed data e.g. the numerical solution of a differential equation.
- The function is specified by black-box code, and only supports the operation of evaluation at points.
- Explicitly computing the derivative would result in a formula which is too complicated to be efficiently stored and/or evaluated.

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**Numerical differentiation techniques**

**Finite-difference** Compute approximations to derivatives using weighted sums/differences of function values. Formulae are based on polynomial interpolation at nearby data points.

**Automatic differentiation (Off-syllabus)** A modern technique for computing derivatives exactly without constructing a symbolic formula explicitly. Typically requires access to source code.

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**Finite-difference approximation**

**Derivative definition** Recall from Calculus that:

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h},$$

**Difference approximation** Estimate the derivative from the defining formula with  $|h|$  small:

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

Note that  $h$  may be positive or negative!

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### Forward/backward difference

**Example** For  $f(x) = 1/(1+x^2)$ , estimate  $f'(x)$  at  $x = 2$  using the forward difference approximation with  $h = 0.5, 0.1, 0.01, -0.1$ .

$$f'(2) \approx \frac{f(2+0.5) - f(2)}{0.5} = \frac{\frac{1}{1+2.5^2} - \frac{1}{1+2^2}}{0.5} = \frac{\frac{1}{7.25} - \frac{1}{5}}{0.5} = \frac{0.138 - 0.200}{0.5} = -0.124$$

$$f'(2) \approx \frac{f(2+0.1) - f(2)}{0.1} = \frac{\frac{1}{1+2.1^2} - \frac{1}{1+2^2}}{0.1} = \frac{0.1848 - 0.2000}{0.1} = -0.1516$$

$$f'(2) \approx \frac{f(2+0.01) - f(2)}{0.01} = \frac{\frac{1}{1+2.01^2} - \frac{1}{1+2^2}}{0.01} = \frac{0.19841 - 0.20000}{0.01} = -0.15912$$

$$f'(2) \approx \frac{f(2-0.1) - f(2)}{-0.1} = \frac{\frac{1}{1+1.9^2} - \frac{1}{1+2^2}}{-0.1} = \frac{0.2169 - 0.2000}{-0.1} = -0.1692$$

Exact value

$$f'(x) = \frac{-2x}{(1+x^2)^2}; \quad f'(2) = \frac{-2 \times 2}{(1+2^2)^2} = \frac{-4}{25} = -0.1600.$$

Error is fairly large... What are the asymptotics for small  $h$ ? Can we do better??

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### 2-point forward difference

**Forward difference error** By Taylor's theorem, for some  $\xi$  between  $x$  and  $x+h$ ,

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + h^2 f''(\xi)/2.$$

Rearranging gives

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} - \frac{h}{2} f''(\xi).$$

Error term

$$\left| f'(x) - \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \right| = \frac{h}{2} |f''(\xi)|.$$

Note that Taylor's theorem gives no way of finding the point  $\xi$ . (If it did, we could compute the derivative exactly!)

However, the error term does show the error is  $O(h)$ .

**Backward difference error** For some  $\xi$  between  $x-h$  and  $x$ ,

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h} + \frac{h}{2} f''(\xi).$$

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## Centred difference

### Centered difference by quadratic interpolation

Recall interpolation of  $f$  at  $x - h, x, x + h$  by a quadratic polynomial:

$$p(y) = f(x) + \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}(y-x) + \frac{f(x-h) - 2f(x) + f(x+h)}{2h^2}(y-x)^2.$$

Compute the derivative:

$$p'(y) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} + \frac{f(x-h) - 2f(x) + f(x+h)}{2h^2} \times 2(y-x);$$
$$p'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}.$$

**Centred difference formula** Estimate  $f'(x)$  by  $p'(x)$ :

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}.$$

This is called the *three-point* centred difference formula, even though only two function values are needed! The formula is 'missing' the term  $0 \times f(x)$ .

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## Centred difference

**Centred difference by Taylor series** Combine forwards and backwards difference approximations:

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + h^2 f''(x)/2 + O(h^3)$$

$$f(x-h) = f(x) - hf'(x) + h^2 f''(x)/2 + O(h^3)$$

$$f(x+h) - f(x-h) = 2hf'(x) + O(h^3)$$

Hence

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} + O(h^2).$$

**Centred difference formula**

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}.$$

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## Centred difference error

**Centered difference error estimate** For some  $\xi$  between  $x - h$  and  $x + h$ ,

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} - \frac{h^2}{6} f'''(\xi).$$

Note method is exact for a quadratic polynomial!

**Derivation by Taylor's theorem (Advanced)**

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + h^2 f''(x)/2 + h^3 f'''(\xi_+)/6$$

$$f(x-h) = f(x) - hf'(x) + h^2 f''(x)/2 - h^3 f'''(\xi_-)/6$$

$$f(x+h) - f(x-h) = 2hf'(x) + h^3(f'''(\xi_+) + f'''(\xi_-))/6$$

Since  $(f'''(\xi_+) + f'''(\xi_-))/2$  lies between  $f'''(\xi_+)$  and  $f'''(\xi_-)$ , there exists  $\xi$  such that  $f'''(\xi) = (f'''(\xi_+) + f'''(\xi_-))/2$ , so

$$f(x+h) - f(x-h) = 2hf'(x) + h^3 f'''(\xi)/3.$$

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## Centred difference

**Example** Use the centred difference method with  $h = 0.1, 0.01$  to estimate  $f'(x)$  at  $x = 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(2) &\approx \frac{f(2+0.1) - f(2-0.1)}{2 \times 0.1} = \frac{\frac{1}{1+(2+0.1)^2} - \frac{1}{1+(2-0.1)^2}}{2 \times 0.1} = \frac{\frac{1}{5.41} - \frac{1}{3.61}}{0.2} \\ &= (0.18484 - 0.21792)/0.2 = -0.16039. \\ f'(2) &\approx \frac{f(2+0.01) - f(2-0.01)}{2 \times 0.01} = \frac{\frac{1}{1+(2+0.01)^2} - \frac{1}{1+(2-0.01)^2}}{2 \times 0.01} = \frac{\frac{1}{5.0401} - \frac{1}{3.9601}}{0.02} \\ &= (0.19840876 - 0.2016088)/0.02 = -0.1600038. \end{aligned}$$

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## Centred difference

**Error dependence** Estimate  $f'(2)$  by using the three-point centred-difference method with  $h = 10^{-n}$  for  $n = 0, \dots, 14$ .

$h$	$f'$	$ e $
$10^{-0}$	-0.200000000000000	0.040000000000000 $\approx 4 \times 10^{-2}$
$10^{-1}$	-0.160384280736645	0.000384280736645 $\approx 4 \times 10^{-4}$
$10^{-2}$	-0.160003840028156	0.000003840028156 $\approx 4 \times 10^{-6}$
$10^{-3}$	-0.160000038399985	0.000000038399985 $\approx 4 \times 10^{-8}$
$10^{-4}$	-0.160000000384158	0.000000000384158 $\approx 4 \times 10^{-10}$
$10^{-5}$	-0.16000000004601	0.00000000004601 $\approx 5 \times 10^{-12}$
$10^{-6}$	-0.160000000012928	0.000000000012928 $\approx 1 \times 10^{-11}$
$10^{-7}$	-0.15999999915783	0.000000000084217 $\approx 8 \times 10^{-11}$
$10^{-8}$	-0.159999999360672	0.000000000639328 $\approx 6 \times 10^{-10}$
$10^{-9}$	-0.160000013238459	0.000000013238459 $\approx 1 \times 10^{-8}$
$10^{-10}$	-0.15999929971733	0.000000070028267 $\approx 7 \times 10^{-8}$
$10^{-11}$	-0.15999791193854	0.000000208806146 $\approx 2 \times 10^{-7}$
$10^{-12}$	-0.160024771211909	0.000024771211908 $\approx 2 \times 10^{-5}$
$10^{-13}$	-0.159872115546023	0.000127884453977 $\approx 1 \times 10^{-4}$
$10^{-14}$	-0.160982338570648	0.000982338570648 $\approx 1 \times 10^{-3}$

Small changes in computed  $f(x \pm h)$  cause large change in derivative for small  $h$ !!

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## Truncation and roundoff error

**Example** For  $f(x) = 1/(3+x^2)$ , have  $f'(x) = -2x/(3+x^2)^2$  and  $f'''(x) = 24x(3-x^2)/(3+x^2)^4$ , with  $f'(2.0) = -0.081632$  (6 dp). Rounding to 3 dp gives

$x$	1.9	2.0	2.1
$y \approx f(x)$	0.151	0.143	0.135

Using the three-point centred-difference approximation to find  $f'(2.0)$  yields  $f'(2.0) \approx -0.08$ , which has an absolute error of  $1.63 \times 10^{-3}$  (2 sf).

Since for  $\xi \in [1.9, 2.1]$ ,  $-0.024 \leq f'''(\xi) \leq -0.014$  for all  $\xi$ , we can estimate the truncation error as

$$\sup_{\xi \in [1.9, 2.1]} |f'''(\xi)| \frac{h^2}{6} \approx 0.024 \times \frac{0.1^2}{6} = 5 \times 10^{-5}.$$

The roundoff error is

$$\left| \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} - \frac{0.135 - 0.151}{2 \times 0.1} \right| \leq 1.67 \times 10^{-3}.$$

Hence the main source of error is rounding in the  $y$ -values, and *not* the truncation error of the approximation.

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### Centred difference

**Example** Estimate  $f'(x)$  for  $x = 2.0, 2.2, 2.4, 2.6, 2.8, 3.0$  from the following data:

$x$	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.0
$f(x)$	1.386	1.735	2.101	2.484	2.883	3.296

$$f'(2.2) \approx (f(2.4) - f(2.0))/(2 \times 0.2) = (2.101 - 1.386)/0.4 = 1.79$$

$$f'(2.4) \approx (f(2.6) - f(2.2))/(2 \times 0.2) = (2.484 - 1.735)/0.4 = 1.87$$

$$f'(2.6) \approx (f(2.8) - f(2.4))/(2 \times 0.2) = (2.883 - 2.101)/0.4 = 1.96$$

$$f'(2.8) \approx (f(3.0) - f(2.6))/(2 \times 0.2) = (3.296 - 2.484)/0.4 = 2.03$$

Can't estimate  $f'(2.0)$  and  $f'(3.0)$  using centred difference!

Need a different formula for use at endpoints.

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### Forward/backward difference

**Endpoints of domain** For  $f$  defined on interval  $[a, b]$ , cannot use centred difference at/near endpoints  $a, b$ , as  $f(a - h)$  and  $f(b + h)$  are not defined!

**Three-point forward-difference formula**

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{-f(x + 2h) + 4f(x + h) - 3f(x)}{2h}.$$

**Three-point forward-difference error estimate**

$$f'(x) = \frac{-f(x + 2h) + 4f(x + h) - 3f(x)}{2h} + \frac{h^2}{3} f'''(\xi).$$

**Three-point backward-difference** Take  $h$  negative in forward-difference formula:

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x - 2h) - 4f(x - h) + 3f(x)}{2h}.$$

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### Forward/backward difference

**Example** For  $f(x) = 1/(1 + x^2)$ , estimate  $f'(2)$  using the forward-difference formula with  $h = 0.1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(2) &\approx \frac{-f(2 + 2 \times 0.1) + 4f(2 + 0.1) - 3f(2)}{2h} = \frac{-f(2.2) + 4f(2.1) - 3f(2.0)}{2 \times 0.1} \\ &= \frac{-0.171 + 4 \times 1.85 - 3 \times 2.00}{0.2} = -0.159307 \end{aligned}$$

Exact value  $-1.6$ ; error  $7.9 \times 10^{-4}$ , roughly twice that for centred difference.

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### Forward/backward difference

**Example** Estimate  $f'(x)$  for  $x = 2.0, 2.2, 2.4, 2.6, 2.8, 3.0$  from the following data:

$x$	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.0
$f(x)$	1.386	1.735	2.101	2.484	2.883	3.296

Use centred-difference where possible:

$$\begin{aligned}f'(2.0) &\approx (-f(2.4) + 4f(2.2) - 3f(2.0))/(2 \times 0.2) \\&= (-2.101 + 4 \times 1.735 - 3 \times 1.386)/0.4 = 1.70\end{aligned}$$

$$f'(2.2) \approx (f(2.4) - f(2.0))/(2 \times 0.2) = (2.101 - 1.386)/0.4 = 1.79$$

$$f'(2.4) \approx (f(2.6) - f(2.2))/(2 \times 0.2) = (2.484 - 1.735)/0.4 = 1.87$$

$$f'(2.6) \approx (f(2.8) - f(2.4))/(2 \times 0.2) = (2.883 - 2.101)/0.4 = 1.96$$

$$f'(2.8) \approx (f(3.0) - f(2.6))/(2 \times 0.2) = (3.296 - 2.484)/0.4 = 2.03$$

$$\begin{aligned}f'(3.0) &\approx (f(2.6) - 4f(2.8) + 3f(3.0))/(2 \times 0.2) \\&= (2.484 - 4 \times 2.883 + 3 \times 3.296)/0.4 = 2.10\end{aligned}$$

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### Five-point centred difference

**Five-point centred difference formula**

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x-2h) - 8f(x-h) + 8f(x+h) - f(x+2h)}{12h}$$

**Five-point centred difference error estimate**

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x-2h) - 8f(x-h) + 8f(x+h) - f(x+2h)}{12h} + \frac{h^4}{30}f^{(5)}(\xi)$$

**Example** Estimate  $f'(x)$  for  $f(x) = 1/(1+x^2)$  with  $x = 2$  and  $h = 0.1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}f'(2) &\approx \frac{f(1.8) - 8f(1.9) + 8f(2.1) - f(2.2)}{12 \times 0.1} \\&= \frac{0.2358491 - 8 \times 0.2169197 + 8 \times 0.1848429 - 0.1712329}{1.2} \\&= -0.1599989 \text{ (7dp)}\end{aligned}$$

Error  $1.1 \times 10^{-6}$ , much better than three-point error  $3.9 \times 10^{-4}$ .

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### Five-point difference formulae

#### Five-point forward difference

$$f'(x) = \frac{-25f(x) + 48f(x+h) - 36f(x+2h) + 16f(x+3h) - 3f(x+4h)}{12h} + \frac{h^4}{5}f^{(5)}(\xi)$$

#### Five-point asymmetric difference

$$f'(x) = \frac{-3f(x-h) - 10f(x) + 18f(x+h) - 6f(x+2h) + f(x+3h)}{12h} - \frac{h^4}{20}f^{(5)}(\xi)$$

#### Five-point centred difference

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x-2h) - 8f(x-h) + 8f(x+h) - f(x+2h)}{12h} + \frac{h^4}{30}f^{(5)}(\xi)$$

Backward-difference formulae can be obtained by taking  $h$  negative.

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### Five-point difference

**Example** Estimate  $f'(x)$  for  $x = 2.0, 2.2, 2.4$  from the following data:

$x$	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.0
$f(x)$	1.386	1.735	2.101	2.484	2.883	3.296

Use five-point formulae:

$$\begin{aligned}f'(2.0) &\approx (-25f(2.0) + 48f(2.2) - 36f(2.4) + 16f(2.6) - 3f(2.8))/(12 \times 0.2) \\&= (-25 \times 1.386 + 48 \times 1.735 - 36 \times 2.101 + 16 \times 2.484 - 3 \times 2.883)/2.4 \\&= (-34.650 + 83.280 - 75.636 + 39.744 - 8.649)/2.4 \\&= 4.089/2.4 = 1.704 \text{ (3dp)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f'(2.2) &\approx (-3f(2.0) - 10f(2.2) + 18f(2.4) - 6f(2.6) + f(2.8))/(12 \times 0.2) \\&= (-3 \times 1.386 - 10 \times 1.735 + 18 \times 2.101 - 6 \times 2.484 + 2.883)/2.4 \\&= (-4.158 - 17.350 + 37.818 - 14.904 + 2.883)/2.4 \\&= 4.289/2.4 = 1.787 \text{ (3dp)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f'(2.4) &\approx (f(2.0) - 8f(2.2) + 8f(2.6) - f(2.8))/(12 \times 0.2) \\&= (1.386 - 8 \times 1.735 + 8 \times 2.484 - 2.883)/2.4 \\&= (1.386 - 13.880 + 19.872 - 2.883)/2.4 = 4.495/2.4 = 1.873 \text{ (3dp)}\end{aligned}$$

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## Second derivative

### Second derivative by quadratic interpolation

$$p(y) = f(x) + \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}(y-x) + \frac{f(x-h) - 2f(x) + f(x+h)}{2h^2}(y-x)^2.$$

Compute the derivatives:

$$p'(y) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} + \frac{f(x-h) - 2f(x) + f(x+h)}{2h^2} \times 2(y-x);$$
$$p''(y) = \frac{f(x-h) - 2f(x) + f(x+h)}{2h^2} \times 2.$$

**Three-point second-derivative formula** Estimate  $f''(x)$  by  $p''(x)$ :

$$f''(x) \approx \frac{f(x-h) - 2f(x) + f(x+h)}{h^2}.$$

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## Second derivative

**Example** For  $f(x) = 1/(1+x^2)$ , estimate  $f''(2)$  using  $h = 0.1, 0.01$ .

$$f''(2) \approx \frac{f(2.1) - 2f(2) + f(1.9)}{0.1^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{5.41} - 2 \times \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{4.61}}{0.01}$$
$$\approx \frac{0.184843 - 2 \times 0.200000 + 0.216920}{0.01} = \frac{0.001763}{0.01} = 0.1763.$$
$$f''(2) \approx \frac{f(2.01) - 2f(2) + f(1.99)}{0.01^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{5.0401} - 2 \times \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{4.9601}}{0.0001}$$
$$\approx \frac{0.1984087617 - 2 \times 0.200000000 + 0.2016088385}{0.0001}$$
$$= \frac{0.0000176003}{0.0001} = 0.176003.$$

The exact value is  $f''(2) = \frac{22}{125} = 0.176$ .

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## Second derivative

### Second derivative with error term

$$f''(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{h^2} - f^{(4)}(\xi)h^2/12.$$

### Second derivative by Taylor series (Non-examinable)

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + h^2f''(x)/2 + h^3f'''(x)/6 + \dots$$

$$f(x-h) = f(x) - hf'(x) + h^2f''(x)/2 - h^3f'''(x)/6 + \dots$$

$$f(x+h) + f(x-h) = 2f(x) + 2h^2f''(x)/2 + 2h^4f^{(4)}(x)/24 + O(h^5)$$

Hence

$$f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h) = 2h^2f''(x)/2 + 2h^4f^{(4)}(x)/24 + O(h^5).$$

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## Second derivative

### Three-point schemes for second derivative

$$f''(x) = \frac{f(x-h) - 2f(x) + f(x+h)}{h^2} - \frac{1}{12}h^2 f^{(4)}(\xi)$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{f(x) - 2f(x+h) + f(x+2h)}{h^2} - hf^{(3)}(\xi)$$

### Five-point schemes for second derivative

$$f''(x) = \frac{-f(x-2h) + 16f(x-h) - 30f(x) + 16f(x+h) - f(x+2h)}{12h^2} + \frac{1}{90}h^4 f^{(6)}(\xi)$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{11f(x-h) - 20f(x) + 6f(x+h) + 4f(x+2h) - f(x+3h)}{12h^2} + \frac{1}{12}h^3 f^{(5)}(\xi)$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{35f(x) - 104f(x+h) + 114f(x+2h) - 56f(x+3h) + 11f(x+4h)}{12h^2} - \frac{5}{6}h^3 f^{(5)}(\xi)$$

Note that the centred-difference approximations have a higher order!

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## Higher derivatives (Non-examinable)

### Five-point schemes for third derivative

$$f'''(x) = \frac{-f(x-2h) + 2f(x-h) - 2f(x+h) + f(x+2h)}{2h^3} - \frac{1}{4}h^2 f^{(5)}(\xi)$$

$$f'''(x) = \frac{-3f(x-h) + 10f(x) - 12f(x+h) + 6f(x+2h) - f(x+3h)}{2h^3} + \frac{1}{4}h^2 f^{(5)}(\xi)$$

$$f'''(x) = \frac{-5f(x) + 18f(x+h) - 24f(x+2h) + 14f(x+3h) - 3f(x+4h)}{2h^3} + \frac{7}{4}h^2 f^{(5)}(\xi)$$

### Five-point scheme for fourth derivative

$$f''''(x) = \frac{f(x-2h) - 4f(x-h) + 6f(x) - 4f(x+h) + f(x+2h)}{h^4} - \frac{1}{6}h^2 f^{(6)}(\xi)$$

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## Exercise

**Exercise** Estimate  $f'(2)$ ,  $f'(3)$  and  $f''(3)$  for  $f(x) = 1/x$  using

$x$	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0
$f(x)$	0.500	0.400	0.333	0.286	0.250

Estimate the errors by  $|f^{(n)}(\xi)| \leq n!/2^{n+1}$ .

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**Appendix: Derivations and  
Error Estimates  
(Non-examinable)**

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**Derivation of three-point schemes**

Let  $q(y)$  interpolate  $f$  at  $x - h$ ,  $x$  and  $x + h$ . Then

$$q(y) = f(x) + \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}(y-x) + \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{2h^2}(y-x)^2$$

Approximate  $f'(x) \approx q'(x)$  and  $f''(x) \approx q''(x)$

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}; \quad f''(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{h^2}.$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x+h) &\approx q'(x+h) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} + \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{h} \\ &= \frac{3f(x+h) - 4f(x) + f(x-h)}{2h} \\ f'(x) &\approx \frac{3f(x) - 4f(x-h) + f(x-2h)}{2h} = \frac{-3f(x) + 4f(x+h) - f(x+2h)}{2h} \end{aligned}$$

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**Derivation of three-point schemes**

Let  $q(y)$  be a quadratic polynomial

$$q(y) = a_0 + a_1(y-x) + a_2(y-x)^2; \quad q'(y) = a_1 + 2a_2(y-x).$$

If  $q$  interpolates  $f$  at  $x - h$ ,  $x$  and  $x + h$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= q(x) = a_0; \\ f(x+h) &= q(x+h) = a_0 + a_1h + a_2h^2; \\ f(x+2h) &= q(x+2h) = a_0 + 2a_1h + 4a_2h^2. \end{aligned}$$

Eliminate  $a_2$  and  $a_0$  by

$$f(x+2h) - 4f(x+h) = -2a_1h - 3a_0 = -2a_1h - 3f(x)$$

Approximate

$$f'(x) \approx q'(x) = a_1 = \frac{-f(x+2h) + 4f(x+h) - 3f(x)}{2h}$$

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### Derivation of five-point scheme by standard basis

Let  $q(y)$  be a quartic polynomial

$$q(y) = a_0 + a_1(y - x) + a_2(y - x)^2 + a_3(y - x)^3 + a_4(y - x)^4.$$

If  $q$  interpolates  $f$  at  $x - 2h, x - h, x, x + h$  and  $x + 2h$ , then

$$f(x - 2h) = q(x - 2h) = a_0 - 2a_1h + 4a_2h^2 - 8a_3h^3 + 16a_4h^4;$$

$$f(x - h) = q(x - h) = a_0 - a_1h + a_2h^2 - a_3h^3 + a_4h^4;$$

$$f(x) = q(x) = a_0;$$

$$f(x + h) = q(x + h) = a_0 + a_1h + a_2h^2 + a_3h^3 + a_4h^4;$$

$$f(x + 2h) = q(x + 2h) = a_0 + 2a_1h + 4a_2h^2 + 8a_3h^3 + 16a_4h^4.$$

Eliminate  $a_0, a_2$  and  $a_4$  by

$$f(x + 2h) - f(x - 2h) = 4a_1h + 16a_3h^3; \quad f(x + h) - f(x - h) = 2a_1h + 2a_3h^3.$$

Eliminate  $a_3$  by

$$(f(x + 2h) - f(x - 2h)) - 8(f(x + h) - f(x - h)) = -12a_1h.$$

Approximate

$$f'(x) \approx q'(x) = a_1 = \frac{f(x - 2h) - 8f(x - h) + 8f(x + h) - f(x + 2h)}{12h}$$

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### Derivation of five-point scheme by Lagrange basis

Let  $x_i = ih$  for  $i = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$ .

Let  $l_{-2}$  be the Lagrange basis polynomial

$$l_{-2}(y) = \frac{(y + h)y(y - h)(y - 2h)}{24h^4} = \frac{y^4 - 2hy^3 - h^2y^2 + 2h^3y}{24h^4}$$

satisfying

$$l_{-2}(-2h) = 1, \quad l_{-2}(-h) = l_{-2}(0) = l_{-2}(h) = l_{-2}(2h) = 0$$

Since the term in  $y$  has coefficient  $2h^3/24h^4$ , have  $l'_{-2}(0) = 1/12h$ .

Let  $l_{-1}$  be the Lagrange basis polynomial

$$l_{-1}(y) = \frac{(y + 2h)y(y - h)(y - 2h)}{-6h^4} = \frac{-y^4 + hy^3 + 4h^2y^2 - 4h^3y}{6h^4}$$

satisfying

$$l_{-1}(-h) = 1, \quad l_{-1}(-2h) = l_{-1}(0) = l_{-1}(h) = l_{-1}(2h) = 0$$

Since the term in  $y$  has coefficient  $-4h^3/6h^4$ , have  $l'_{-1}(0) = -8/12h$ .

Similarly,  $l'_0(0) = 0$ ,  $l'_1(0) = 8/12h$  and  $l'_2(0) = -1/12h$ .

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### Derivation of five-point scheme by Lagrange basis

If  $q$  is a quartic interpolating  $y$  at  $x_{-2}, x_{-1}, x_0, x_1$  and  $x_2$ , then

$$q(y) = f(x_{-2})l_{-2}(y) + f(x_{-1})l_{-1}(y) + f(x_0)l_0(y) + f(x_1)l_1(y) + f(x_2)l_2(y)$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} q'(0) &= f(x_{-2})l'_{-2}(0) + f(x_{-1})l'_{-1}(0) + f(x_0)l'_0(0) + f(x_1)l'_1(0) + f(x_2)l'_2(0) \\ &= \frac{f(x_{-2}) - 8f(x_{-1}) + 8f(x_1) - f(x_2)}{12h} \end{aligned}$$

Hence approximate

$$f'(0) \approx q'(0) = \frac{f(-2h) - 8f(-h) + 8f(h) - f(2h)}{12h}$$

By shifting the  $x$ -axis, find

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x-2h) - 8f(x-h) + 8f(x+h) - f(x+2h)}{12h}$$

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### Error estimate for centred difference

**Error estimate for centred difference** Fix  $x, h$ . A polynomial  $p$  interpolating  $f$  at  $x-h, x, x+h$  and also satisfying  $p'(x) = f'(x)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p(y) &= f(x) + f'(x)(y-x) + \frac{f(x-h) - 2f(x) + f(x+h)}{2h^2}(y-x)^2 \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h^3} - \frac{f'(x)}{h^2} \right)(y-x)^3. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $g(y) = p(y) - f(y)$ . By the interpolation conditions,  $g(x) = g'(x) = g(x-h) = g(x+h) = 0$ , so  $g'''(\xi) = 0$  for some  $\xi \in [x-h, x+h]$ .

For this  $\xi$ , we have  $p'''(\xi) = f'''(\xi)$ , or

$$6 \left( \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h^3} - \frac{f'(x)}{h^2} \right) = f'''(\xi).$$

Rearranging gives

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} - \frac{f'''(\xi)}{6}h^2.$$

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Note that

$$p'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}$$

A cubic  $q$  satisfying  $q(x-h) = q(x) = q(x+h) = 0$  and  $q'(x) = 1$  is

$$q(y) = (y-x)(1 - (y-x)^2/h^2).$$

Let  $E = f'(x) - p'(x)$ , and Let  $g(y) = p(y) + Eq(y) - f(y)$ .

Then  $g(x) = g(x-h) = g(x+h) = g'(x) = 0$ , so  $g'''(\xi) = 0$  for some  $\xi \in [x-h, x+h]$ .

For this  $\xi$ , we have  $Eq'''(\xi) = f'''(\xi)$ , or

$$-6/h^2 E = -\frac{6}{h^2} \left( f'(x) - \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} \right) = f'''(\xi)$$

Rearranging gives

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} - \frac{f'''(\xi)}{6}h^2.$$

**Error estimate guess using polynomial**

Let

$$\begin{aligned} p(y) &= \frac{(y+2h)(y+h)y(y-h)(y-2h)}{4h^4} \\ &= \frac{(y^2-4h^2)(y^2-h^2)y}{4h^4} = \frac{y^5-5h^2y^3+4h^4y}{4h^4} \end{aligned}$$

Then  $p(y) = 0$  when  $y = -2h, -h, 0, h, 2h$ , but  $p'(0) = 1$  and  $p^{(5)}(y) = 30/h^4$ .

Hence the error in approximating  $p'(0)$  by the five-point centered difference formula is  $p^{(5)}(\xi)h^4/30$ .

This error also holds for any non-polynomial:

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x-2h) - 8f(x-h) + 8f(x+h) - f(x+2h)}{12h} + \frac{1}{30}f^{(5)}(\xi)h^4$$

### Integration in Matlab

The Matlab command `integral(f,a,b)` computes the definite integral

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

**Example** Use Matlab to compute

$$\int_1^4 \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$$

Solution

```
f=@(x)1./(1+x.^2); a=1; b=4;
I=integral(f,a,b)
```

or even

```
I=integral(@(x)1./(1+x.^2),1,4)
```

Matlab yields the answer 0.540419500270584.

This is equal to the exact answer  $\text{atan}(4) - \text{atan}(1)$  to 15 dp.

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### Riemann sums

**Partition** Partition interval  $[a, b]$  by  $P = \{a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_{n-1} < x_n = b\}$ .

Define spacing  $h_i = \Delta x_i = x_{i+1} - x_i$ .

Maximum spacing  $\|P\| = \max_{i=0,\dots,n-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i)$ .

**Riemann sum** Choose  $c_i \in [x_i, x_{i+1}]$  for  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ . Approximate

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

**Riemann integral** Limit of Riemann sums as  $\|P\| \rightarrow 0$ .

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## Midpoint and Trapezoid Rules

### Midpoint rule

**Single interval** Approximate  $f$  over the interval  $[a, b]$  by the constant  $f(c)$  where  $c = (a + b)/2$ .

**Simple midpoint rule** Then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx M(f, [a, b]) := \int_a^b f(c) dx = (b - a)f(c) = (b - a)f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right).$$

**Example** For  $f(x) = x^4$  on  $[0, 1]$ ,

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx M(f, [0, 1]) = (1 - 0)f\left(\frac{0+1}{2}\right) = (1 - 0)f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1 \times \frac{1}{16} = 1/16.$$

The exact value is  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = 1/5$ ; relative error 69%!

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### Midpoint rule

**Partition** Divide  $[a, b]$  into  $n$  subintervals with nodes  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$ .

Let  $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  and  $h_i = x_{i+1} - x_i$ .

### Composite midpoint rule

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx M(f, P) := \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i) f\left(\frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right).$$

Writing  $x_{i+1/2} = (x_i + x_{i+1})/2$ ,

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx M(f, P) := \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i) f(x_{i+1/2}).$$

**Equally-spaced nodes** If  $h_i \equiv h = (b - a)/n$ , then  $x_i = a + hi$  and

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx M_n(f, [a, b]) := \frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f\left(\frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right) = h \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f\left(a + \left(i + \frac{1}{2}\right)h\right).$$

Alternative indexing:  $M_n(f, [a, b]) = h \sum_{i=1}^n f\left(a + \left(i - \frac{1}{2}\right)h\right)$ .

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### Midpoint rule

**Example** Use the midpoint rule with  $P = \{1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0\}$  to estimate  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  with  $f(x) = 1/(1 + x^2)$ ,  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 4$ .

Table of function values  $f(x_{i+1/2})$  for  $i = 0, \dots, 4$ :

$x_{i+1/2}$	1.25	1.75	2.5	3.25	3.75
$f(x_{i+1/2})$	0.39024	0.24615	0.13793	0.08649	0.06639

Approximation

$$\begin{aligned}
M(f, P) &= (x_1 - x_0)f(x_{\frac{1}{2}}) + (x_2 - x_1)f(x_{1\frac{1}{2}}) + (x_3 - x_2)f(x_{2\frac{1}{2}}) \\
&\quad + (x_4 - x_3)f(x_{3\frac{1}{2}}) + (x_5 - x_4)f(x_{4\frac{1}{2}}) \\
&= (1.5 - 1.0)f(1.25) + (2.0 - 1.5)f(1.75) + (3.0 - 2.0)f(2.5) \\
&\quad + (3.5 - 3.0)f(3.25) + (4.0 - 3.5)f(3.75) \\
&= 0.5 \times 0.39024 + 0.5 \times 0.24615 + 1.0 \times 0.13793 + 0.5 \times 0.08649 + 0.5 \times 0.06639 \\
&= 0.19512 + 0.12308 + 0.13793 + 0.04324 + 0.03320 = 0.53257 \text{ (5dp)}
\end{aligned}$$

Exact answer  $0.54041950\dots$ , error  $7.9 \times 10^{-3}$ , relative error 1.5%.

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### Midpoint rule error analysis (non-examinable)

**Error analysis** For interval  $[-h/2, +h/2]$ , let  $E = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} f(x)dx - hf(0)$ . Let  $p(x) = f(0) + xf'(0) + 12Ex^2/h^3$ ,  $g(x) = p(x) - f(x)$ .

Clearly

$$g(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad g'(0) = 0.$$

Note that

$$\int_{-h/2}^{h/2} dx = h, \quad \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} x dx = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} x^2 dx = h^3/12.$$

Hence

$$\int_{-h/2}^{h/2} p(x)dx = hf(0) + 12E/h^3 \times h^3/12 = hf(0) + E = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} f(x)dx.$$

Therefore  $\int_{-h/2}^{h/2} g(x) = 0$ , so  $g$  has a zero  $s$  in  $(-h/2, h/2)$ .

If the only zero of  $g$  is at 0, then  $g''(0) = 0$  since  $g$  must change sign somewhere, and  $g'(0) = 0$ . If  $s \neq 0$ , then by Rolle's theorem,  $g'$  has a zero between  $s$  and 0, so  $g''$  has a zero at  $\xi \in (-h/2, h/2)$ .

$$g''(\xi) = 24E/h^3 - f''(\xi) = 0 \implies E = h^3 f''(\xi)/24.$$

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### Midpoint rule error

**Error term** For the simple midpoint rule, there exists  $\xi \in [a, b]$  such that

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = (b-a)f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{24}f''(\xi)(b-a)^3.$$

For the composite midpoint rule with  $n$  equal subdivisions of width  $h$ , there exists  $\xi \in [a, b]$  such that

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f(x_{i+1/2}) + \frac{b-a}{24} h^2 f''(\xi).$$

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### Midpoint rule error bound (Advanced)

**Norm of a partition** For a partition  $P$  recall  $\|P\| := \sup_{i=1, \dots, n} (x_i - x_{i-1})$ .

**Error bounds** An upper bound for the error of the midpoint rule is

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - M(f, P) \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{24} \|P\|^2 \sup_{\xi \in [a, b]} |f''(\xi)|.$$

For a partition into  $n$  equal subintervals of  $[a, b]$  with width  $h$ , then

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - M_n(f, [a, b]) \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{24} h^2 \sup_{\xi \in [a, b]} |f''(\xi)|.$$

Suppose  $B_2$  is a constant such that

$$\forall \xi \in [a, b], |f''(\xi)| \leq B_2.$$

Then for  $\|P\| \leq h$ , an upper bound for the error is

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - M(f, P) \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{24} h^2 B_2.$$

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### Midpoint rule error bound (Advanced)

**Example** How many subdivisions suffice to evaluate  $\int_0^1 x^2 dx$  to an accuracy of  $\epsilon = 10^{-3}$  using the midpoint rule?

Note that  $|f''(\xi)| = 2$  for all  $\xi \in [0, 1]$ , so  $B_2 := \sup_{\xi \in [0,1]} |f''(\xi)| = 2$ .

For an error bound of at most  $\epsilon$ , need

$$\frac{(b-a)^3 B_2}{24n^2} \leq \epsilon.$$

Hence

$$n^2 \geq \frac{(b-a)^3 B_2}{24\epsilon} = \frac{1^3 \times 2}{24 \times 10^{-3}} = 10^3/12 = 83.\dot{3}$$

so require  $n = 10$  with step-size  $h = 0.1$ .

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### Trapezoid rule

**Single interval** Interpolate  $f$  by a linear function  $l$  between  $a$  and  $b$ , so

$$l(x) = f(a) + \frac{x-a}{b-a}(f(b) - f(a)).$$

Note

$$\int_a^b \frac{x-a}{b-a} dx = \left[ \frac{(x-a)^2}{2(b-a)} \right]_a^b = \frac{(b-a)^2}{2(b-a)} = \frac{b-a}{2}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &\approx \int_a^b f(a) + \frac{x-a}{b-a}(f(b) - f(a)) dx \\ &= (b-a)f(a) + \frac{b-a}{2}(f(b) - f(a)) = (b-a) \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

This is the area of the trapezoid with vertices  $\{(a, 0), (b, 0), (a, f(a)), (b, f(b))\}$ !

**Simple trapezoid rule**

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx T(f, [a, b]) := (b-a) \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}$$

**Example** For  $f(x) = x^4$  on  $[0, 1]$ ,

$$1/5 = \int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx T(f, [0, 1]) = (f(0) + f(1))/2 = (0 + 1)/2 = 1/2.$$

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### Trapezoid rule

**Composite trapezoid rule** For partition  $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ , approximate the integral on each subinterval by the simple trapezoid rule:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx T(f, P) := \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i) \frac{f(x_i) + f(x_{i+1})}{2}.$$

**Equally-spaced nodes** With  $h_i \equiv h = (b-a)/n$  and  $x_i = a + hi$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &\approx T_n(f, [a, b]) := \frac{b-a}{n} \left( \frac{1}{2}f(x_0) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(x_i) + \frac{1}{2}f(x_n) \right) \\ &= h \left( \frac{1}{2}f(a) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(a + hi) + \frac{1}{2}f(b) \right) \end{aligned}$$

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## Trapezoid rule

**Example** Use the trapezoid rule with  $n = 6$  to estimate

$$\int_1^4 \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$$

Have  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 4$ ,  $h = (b - a)/n = (4 - 1)/6 = 0.5$ ,  $x_i = 1.0 + 0.5i$ .

Table of function values  $f(x) = 1/(1 + x^2)$ :

$x_i$	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0
$f(x_i)$	0.50000	0.30769	0.20000	0.13793	0.10000	0.07547	0.05882

Approximation

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_6(f, [1, 4]) &= h\left(\frac{1}{2}f(x_0) + f(x_1) + f(x_2) + f(x_3) + f(x_4) + f(x_5) + \frac{1}{2}f(x_6)\right) \\
 &= 0.5 \times \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 0.50000 + 0.30769 + 0.20000 + 0.13793 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 0.10000 + 0.07547 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0.05882\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} (0.25000 + 1.23077 + 0.40000 + 0.55172 + 0.20000 + 0.30189 + 0.02941) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \times 1.10051 = 0.55025 \text{ (5dp)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Exact answer  $0.54041950 \dots$ , error  $9.8 \times 10^{-3}$ , relative error 1.8%.

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## Trapezoid rule error analysis (Non-examinable)

**Error analysis** For a single interval  $[0, h]$ , set  $E = \int_0^h f(x) dx - h \frac{f(0)+f(h)}{2}$ . Note

$$\int_0^h x(h-x) dx = [hx^2/2 - x^3/3]_0^h = h^3/2 - h^3/3 = h^3/6.$$

Let

$$g(x) = f(0) + x \frac{f(h)-f(0)}{h} + 6Ex(h-x)/h^3 - f(x).$$

Then

$$\int_0^h g(x) dx = hf(0) + \frac{h^2}{2h}(f(h) - f(0)) + E - \int_0^h f(x) dx = 0.$$

By the mean value theorem, there exists  $s \in (0, h)$  such that  $g(s) = 0$ . Then  $g$  has roots  $0, s, h$  in  $[0, h]$ . By Rolle's theorem,  $g'$  has two distinct roots in  $(0, h)$ , and  $g''$  has a root  $\xi$  in  $(0, h)$ . Hence

$$g''(\xi) = -12E/h^3 - f''(\xi) = 0$$

So

$$E = \int_0^h f(x) dx - h \frac{f(0)+f(h)}{2} = -f''(\xi)h^3/12$$

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## Trapezoid rule error

**Error term** For the simple trapezoid rule, there exists  $\xi \in [a, b]$  such that

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = (b-a) \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{12} f''(\xi)(b-a)^3.$$

For the composite trapezoid rule with  $n$  equal subdivisions of width  $h$ , there exists  $\xi \in [a, b]$  such that

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = T_n(f, [a, b]) - \frac{b-a}{12} h^2 f''(\xi).$$

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### Trapezoid rule error bound (Advanced)

**Error bound** An upper bound for the error of the trapezoid rule is

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x) dx - T(f, P) \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{12} \|P\|^2 \sup_{\xi \in [a,b]} |f''(\xi)|.$$

For a partition into  $n$  equal subintervals of  $[a, b]$  with width  $h$ , then

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x) dx - T_n(f, [a, b]) \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{12} h^2 \sup_{\xi \in [a,b]} |f''(\xi)|.$$

**Example** For  $f(x) = 1/(1+x^2)$ ,  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 4$ , find  $f''(x) = 2(4x^2 - 1)/(1+x^2)^3$  and  $\sup_{\xi \in [1,4]} |f''(\xi)| = |f''(1)| = 0.75$ .

So for  $n = 6$ , have  $h = 0.5$  and error bound

$$E \leq \frac{(b-a)}{12} h^2 \sup_{\xi \in [a,b]} |f''(\xi)| = \frac{4-1}{12} \times 0.5^2 \times 0.75 = \frac{3}{64} = 4.7 \times 10^{-2} \text{ (2sf)}.$$

The actual error is  $9.8 \times 10^{-3}$ , well below the error bound.

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## Simpson's Rule

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### Simpson's rule

**Single scaled interval** Interpolate  $f$  by a quadratic polynomial at  $-h, 0, h$ .

$$p(x) = f(0) + \frac{f(h) - f(-h)}{2} \frac{x}{h} + \frac{f(h) - 2f(0) + f(-h)}{2} \frac{x^2}{h^2}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-h}^h p(x) dx &= \int_{-h}^h f(0) + \frac{f(h) - f(-h)}{2} \frac{x}{h} + \frac{f(h) - 2f(0) + f(-h)}{2} \frac{x^2}{h^2} dx \\ &= 2 \int_0^h f(0) + \frac{f(h) - 2f(0) + f(-h)}{2} \frac{x^2}{h^2} dx \\ &= 2 \left[ x f(0) + \frac{f(h) - 2f(0) + f(-h)}{2} \frac{x^3}{3h^2} \right]_0^h \\ &= 2 \left( h f(0) + \frac{f(h) - 2f(0) + f(-h)}{2} \frac{h^3}{3h^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{2h}{6} (f(-h) + 4f(0) + f(h)) \end{aligned}$$

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### Simpson's rule

**Simple Simpson's rule**

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx S(f, [a, b]) = \frac{b-a}{6} (f(a) + 4f(\frac{a+b}{2}) + f(b)).$$

**Error term**

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{b-a}{6} (f(a) + 4f(\frac{a+b}{2}) + f(b)) - \frac{f^{(4)}(\xi)}{2880} (b-a)^5.$$

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### Simpson's rule

**Composite Simpson's rule; equally-spaced nodes** For  $n = 2m$  (even!) subintervals of length  $h = (b - a)/n$  with  $x_i = a + ih$ :

$$\begin{aligned} S_n(f, [a, b]) &= \frac{h}{3} (f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + 4f(x_3) \\ &\quad + 2f(x_4) + \cdots + 2f(x_{n-2}) + 4f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)) \\ &= \frac{h}{3} \left( f(x_0) + 4 \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} f(x_{2i-1}) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n/2-1} f(x_{2i}) + f(x_n) \right) \end{aligned}$$

**Error bound** A bound for the error on subdividing  $[a, b]$  into  $n = 2m$  subintervals of length  $h = (b - a)/n$  is

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x) dx - S_n(f, [a, b]) \right| \leq \frac{(b - a)}{180} h^4 \sup_{\xi \in [a, b]} |f^{(4)}(\xi)|$$

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### Simpson's rule

**Simpson's rule, non-equal subdivisions** For partition  $P = a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_m = b$ , set  $x_{i+1/2} = (x_i + x_{i+1})/2$ .

$$S(f, P) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i) \frac{f(x_i) + 4f(x_{i+1/2}) + f(x_{i+1})}{6}$$

Note that here we are evaluating  $f$  at points indexed

$$x_0, x_{\frac{1}{2}}, x_1, x_{1\frac{1}{2}}, x_2, \dots, x_{m-1}, x_{m-\frac{1}{2}}, x_m!$$

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### Simpson's rule

**Polynomials** For the third-order polynomial  $x^3$ , Simpson's rule is exact.

$$\int_{-h}^h x^3 dx = 0; \quad S(x^3, [-h, +h]) = h((-h)^3 + h^3)/3 = 0.$$

For the fourth-order polynomial  $x^4$ , the error  $E$  of using Simpson's rule is

$$\int_{-h}^h x^4 dx = 2h^5/5; \quad S(x^4, [-h, +h]) = 2h^5/3; \quad E = 4h^5/15$$

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## Simpson's rule

**Example** Use Simpson's rule with  $n = 6$  to estimate

$$\int_1^4 \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$$

Have  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 4$ ,  $h = (b - a)/n = (4 - 1)/6 = 0.5$ ,  $x_i = 1.0 + 0.5i$ .

Table of function values  $f(x) = 1/(1 + x^2)$ :

$x_i$	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0
$f(x_i)$	0.50000	0.30769	0.20000	0.13793	0.10000	0.07547	0.05882

Approximation

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_6(f, [1, 4]) &= \frac{h}{3} (f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + 4f(x_3) + 2f(x_4) + 4f(x_5) + f(x_6)) \\
 &= \frac{0.5}{3} (0.50000 + 4 \times 0.30769 + 2 \times 0.20000 + 4 \times 0.13793 \\
 &\quad + 2 \times 0.10000 + 4 \times 0.07547 + 0.05882) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} (0.50000 + 1.23077 + 0.40000 + 0.55172 + 0.20000 + 0.30189 + 0.05882) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} \times 3.24320 = 0.54053 \text{ (5dp)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Exact answer  $0.54041950 \dots$ , error  $1.1 \times 10^{-4}$ , relative error 0.02%.

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## Newton-Cotes formulae

### Simpson's three-eighths rule

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_a^b f(x) dx &= \frac{b-a}{8} (f(a) + 3f(\frac{2a+b}{3}) + 3f(\frac{a+2b}{3}) + f(b)) - \frac{(b-a)^5}{6480} f^{(4)}(\xi) \\
 &= \frac{3h}{8} (f(x_0) + 3f(x_1) + 3f(x_2) + f(x_3)) - \frac{(b-a)}{80} h^4 f^{(4)}(\xi).
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $h = (b - a)/3$ ,  $x_i = a + ih$ .

Note that this formula uses three partition intervals, and has error  $O(h^4)$ , so can be used to apply Simpson's rule to the case of an odd number of partition intervals!

### Sixth-order Newton-Cotes (Non-examinable)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_a^b f(x) dx &\approx \frac{b-a}{90} (7f(a) + 32f(\frac{3a+b}{4}) + 12f(\frac{a+b}{2}) + 32f(\frac{a+3b}{4}) + 7f(b)) \\
 &= \frac{2h}{45} (7f(x_0) + 32f(x_1) + 12f(x_2) + 32f(x_3) + 7f(x_4)) - \frac{2(b-a)}{945} h^6 f^{(6)}(\xi).
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $h = (b - a)/4$ ,  $x_i = a + ih$ .

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## Gaussian quadrature (Non-examinable)

### Two-point Gaussian quadrature

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-1}^{+1} f(x) dx &= (f(-\sqrt{1/3}) + f(+\sqrt{1/3})) + \frac{b-a}{4320} h^4 f^{(4)}(\xi) \\ &\approx f(-0.57735027) + f(+0.57735027)\end{aligned}$$

where  $b - a = h = 2$ .

### Three-point Gaussian quadrature

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-1}^{+1} f(x) dx &= \left(\frac{5}{9}f(-\sqrt{3/5}) + \frac{8}{9}f(0) + \frac{5}{9}f(+\sqrt{3/5})\right) + \frac{b-a}{2016000} h^6 f^{(6)}(\xi) \\ &\approx 0.55555556f(-0.77459667) + 0.88888889f(0.00000000) \\ &\quad + 0.55555556f(+0.77459667)\end{aligned}$$

### Four-point Gaussian quadrature

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-1}^{+1} f(x) dx &\approx 0.34785485f(-0.86113631) + 0.65214515f(-0.33998104) \\ &\quad + 0.65214515f(+0.33998104) + 0.34785485f(+0.86113631)\end{aligned}$$

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## Romberg Integration

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### Richardson extrapolation

**Richardson extrapolation** Since the error of the trapezoid rule is  $O(h^2)$ , over a fixed interval  $[a, b]$  we can estimate for  $I(f) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$ :

$$E_{T_{2n}} = I(f) - T_{2n}(f) \approx \frac{1}{4}(I(f) - T_n(f)) = \frac{1}{4}E_{T_n}.$$

Rearranging gives

$$T_{2n}(f) + E_{T_2} = I(f) \approx T_n(f) + 4E_{T_2} \implies E_{T_2} = \frac{1}{3}(T_{2n}(f) - T_n(f))$$

so

$$\begin{aligned}I(f) &\approx T_{2n}(f) + \frac{1}{3}(T_{2n}(f) - T_n(f)) \\ &= \frac{1}{3}(4T_{2n}(f) - T_n(f)) = \frac{4}{3}T_{2n}(f) - \frac{1}{3}T_n(f).\end{aligned}$$

This gives an improved estimate of the integral!

For the case  $n = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{4}{3}T_2(f) - \frac{1}{3}T_1(f) &= \frac{4}{3} \frac{b-a}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}f(a) + f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}f(b)\right) - \frac{1}{3} \frac{b-a}{1} \left(\frac{1}{2}f(a) + \frac{1}{2}f(b)\right) \\ &= \frac{b-a}{6} \left(f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b)\right).\end{aligned}$$

This is just Simpson's rule!

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## Richardson extrapolation

**Richardson extrapolation of Simpson's rule** Since the error of Simpson's rule is  $O(h^4)$ , we can estimate

$$S_{2n}(f) - I(f) \approx \frac{1}{16}(S_n(f) - I(f))$$

Rearranging gives

$$\begin{aligned} I(f) &\approx S_{2n}(f) + \frac{1}{15}(S_{2n}(f) - S_n(f)) \\ &= \frac{1}{15}(16S_{2n}(f) - S_n(f)) = \frac{16}{15}S_{2n}(f) - \frac{1}{15}S_n(f). \end{aligned}$$

This gives a further improved estimate of the integral!

This idea of using two approximations of the same order, and attempting to cancel the errors is known as *Richardson extrapolation*.

For integration, this can be continued indefinitely, yielding *Romberg integration*.

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## Romberg integration

**Romberg integration** For fixed  $n$ , let  $h_n = \frac{b-a}{n}$  and  $T_n$  the trapezoid approximation

$$T_n(f, [a, b]) = h_n \left( \frac{1}{2}f(a) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} f(a + kh_n) + \frac{1}{2}f(b) \right).$$

Notice that we can reuse results of  $f(\cdot)$  for  $T_{2^{i-1}}$  in computing  $T_{2^i}$  since

$$T_{2m} = \frac{1}{2}T_m + h_{2m} \sum_{k=1}^m f(a + (k - \frac{1}{2})h_m).$$

Define initial Romberg estimates

$$R_{i,0} = T_{2^i}$$

Apply Richardson extrapolation to obtain higher-order estimates for  $j > 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} R_{i,j} &= R_{i,j-1} + \frac{R_{i,j-1} - R_{i-1,j-1}}{4^j - 1} \\ &= \frac{4^j R_{i,j-1} - R_{i-1,j-1}}{4^j - 1} \\ &= \frac{4^j}{4^j - 1} R_{i,j-1} - \frac{1}{4^j - 1} R_{i-1,j-1} \end{aligned}$$

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## Romberg integration

Write as a table

$R_{0,0} = T_1$			
$R_{1,0} = T_2$	$R_{1,1} = \frac{4}{3}R_{1,0} - \frac{1}{3}R_{0,0}$		
$R_{2,0} = T_4$	$R_{2,1} = \frac{4}{3}R_{2,0} - \frac{1}{3}R_{1,0}$	$R_{2,2} = \frac{16}{15}R_{2,1} - \frac{1}{15}R_{1,1}$	
$R_{3,0} = T_8$	$R_{3,1} = \frac{4}{3}R_{3,0} - \frac{1}{3}R_{2,0}$	$R_{3,2} = \frac{16}{15}R_{3,1} - \frac{1}{15}R_{2,1}$	$R_{3,3} = \frac{64}{63}R_{3,2} - \frac{1}{63}R_{2,2}$

Alternatively, use the formulae

$R_{0,0} = T_1$			
$R_{1,0} = T_2$	$R_{1,1} = \frac{1}{3}(4R_{1,0} - R_{0,0})$		
$R_{2,0} = T_4$	$R_{2,1} = \frac{1}{3}(4R_{2,0} - R_{1,0})$	$R_{2,2} = \frac{1}{15}(16R_{2,1} - R_{1,1})$	
$R_{3,0} = T_8$	$R_{3,1} = \frac{1}{3}(4R_{3,0} - R_{2,0})$	$R_{3,2} = \frac{1}{15}(16R_{3,1} - R_{2,1})$	$R_{3,3} = \frac{1}{63}(64R_{3,2} - R_{2,2})$

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### Romberg integration

**Example** Estimate  $\int_0^\pi \sin x \, dx$  using Romberg integration computing  $R_{3,3}$ .

$$f(0) = f(\pi) = 0.000000; \quad f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1.000000; \quad f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = f\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = 0.707107;$$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) = f\left(\frac{7\pi}{8}\right) = 0.382683; \quad f\left(\frac{3\pi}{8}\right) = f\left(\frac{5\pi}{8}\right) = 0.923880.$$

$$T_1 = T(f, \{0, \pi\}) = \pi \left( \frac{1}{2} f(0) + \frac{1}{2} f(\pi) \right)$$

$$= \pi \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 \right) = \pi \cdot 0.000000 = 0.000000$$

$$T_2 = T(f, \{0, \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\}) = \pi \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} f(0) + f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} f(\pi) \right)$$

$$= \pi \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 \right) = \pi \cdot 0.500000 = 1.570796$$

$$T_4 = T(f, \{0, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \pi\}) = \pi \cdot \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{2} f(0) + f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) + \frac{1}{2} f(\pi) \right)$$

$$= \pi \cdot \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 + 0.707107 + 1 + 0.707107 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 \right) = \pi \cdot 0.603553 = 1.896119$$

$$T_8 = T(f, \{0, \frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{8}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{8}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{8}, \pi\}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( T_4 + \frac{\pi}{4} \left( f\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) + f\left(\frac{3\pi}{8}\right) + f\left(\frac{5\pi}{8}\right) + f\left(\frac{7\pi}{8}\right) \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (1.896119 + \pi \cdot \frac{1}{4} (0.382683 + 0.923880 + 0.923880 + 0.382683))$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (1.896119 + \pi \cdot 0.653281) = \frac{1}{2} (1.896119 + 2.052344) = 1.974232$$

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### Romberg integration

**Example** Estimate  $\int_0^\pi \sin x \, dx$  using Romberg integration computing  $R_{3,3}$ .

$$R_{0,0} = 0.000000; \quad R_{1,0} = 1.570796; \quad R_{2,0} = 1.896119; \quad R_{3,0} = 1.974232.$$

$$R_{1,1} = R_{1,0} + \frac{1}{3} (R_{1,0} - R_{0,0}) = \frac{1}{3} (4R_{1,0} - R_{0,0})$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (4 \times 1.570796 - 0.000000) = 2.094395$$

$$R_{2,1} = \frac{1}{3} (4R_{2,0} - R_{1,0}) = \frac{1}{3} (4 \times 1.896119 - 1.570796) = 2.004560$$

$$R_{3,1} = \frac{1}{3} (4R_{3,0} - R_{2,0}) = \frac{1}{3} (4 \times 1.974232 - 1.896119) = 2.000269$$

$$R_{2,2} = R_{2,1} + \frac{1}{15} (R_{2,1} - R_{1,1}) = \frac{1}{15} (16R_{2,1} - R_{1,1})$$

$$= \frac{1}{15} (16 \times 2.004560 - 2.094395) = 1.998571$$

$$R_{3,2} = \frac{1}{15} (16R_{3,1} - R_{2,1}) = \frac{1}{15} (16 \times 2.000269 - 2.004560) = 1.999983$$

$$R_{3,3} = R_{3,2} + \frac{1}{63} (R_{3,2} - R_{2,2}) = \frac{1}{63} (64R_{3,2} - R_{2,2})$$

$$= \frac{1}{63} (64 \times 1.999983 - 1.998571) = 2.000006$$

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### Romberg integration

**Example** Estimate  $\int_0^\pi \sin x \, dx$  using Romberg integration computing  $R_{3,3}$ .

Computed Romberg estimates:

$R_{0,0} = T_1 = 0.000000$			
$R_{1,0} = T_2 = 1.570796$	$R_{1,1} = 2.094395$		
$R_{2,0} = T_4 = 1.896119$	$R_{2,1} = 2.004560$	$R_{2,2} = 1.998571$	
$R_{3,0} = T_8 = 1.974232$	$R_{3,1} = 2.000269$	$R_{3,2} = 1.999983$	$R_{3,3} = 2.000006$

So  $\int_0^\pi \sin x \, dx \approx R_{4,4} = 2.000006$ .

Exact answer 2.000000, relative error  $3 \times 10^{-6} = 0.0003\%$ !

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## Romberg integration

**Exercise** Estimate  $\int_0^1 x^2 dx$  by  $R_{2,2}$ .

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}R_{0,0} &= 0.50000 \\R_{1,0} &= 0.37500 \quad R_{1,1} = 0.333333 \\R_{2,0} &= 0.34375 \quad R_{2,1} = 0.333333 \quad R_{2,2} = 0.333333\end{aligned}$$

**Exercise** Estimate  $\int_1^2 1/x dx = \ln 2 \approx 0.693147$  by  $R_{2,2}$ .

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}R_{0,0} &= 3/4 = 0.750000 \\R_{2,0} &= 17/24 = 0.708333 \\R_{2,0} &= 1171/1680 = 0.697024 \\R_{1,1} &= R_{1,0} + \frac{1}{3}(R_{1,0} - R_{0,0}) = 25/36 = 0.694444 \\R_{2,1} &= R_{1,0} + \frac{1}{3}(R_{1,0} - R_{0,0}) = 1747/2520 = 0.693254 \\R_{2,2} &= R_{2,1} + \frac{1}{15}(R_{2,1} - R_{1,1}) = 4367/6300 = 0.693175\end{aligned}$$

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## Adaptive Integration

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### Adaptive integration

**Adaptive Methods** In practise, we wish to estimate  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  to some fixed tolerance  $\epsilon$ .

Suppose we can find an estimate  $E(f, [p, q])$  for an integration method over the interval  $[p, q]$ .

Then the total error for a partition  $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is approximately

$$\sum_{i=1}^n E(f, [x_{i-1}, x_i]).$$

We can *refine* the partition by splitting the subinterval with the largest error to obtain a (hopefully) better approximation.

Over a fixed subinterval  $[p, q]$ , the (average) error should be at most

$$\frac{q-p}{b-a} \epsilon$$

We can often estimate the error on subinterval  $[p, q]$  using two evaluations of a simple integration scheme.

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### Adaptive trapezoid rule

**Adaptive trapezoid rule** Composite trapezoid rule; error  $\frac{f''(\xi)(b-a)}{12}h^2$ .

Assuming  $f''(\xi)$  is approximately constant  $K$ , can estimate  $K$  using two evaluations of the trapezoid rule.

Recall  $T_2(f, [a, b]) := T(f, [a, \frac{a+b}{2}, b]) = T(f, [a, \frac{a+b}{2}]) + T(f, [\frac{a+b}{2}, b])$ , so

$$T(f, [a, b]) - I \approx \frac{f''(\xi)(b-a)}{12}h^2; \quad T_2(f, [a, b]) - I \approx \frac{f''(\tilde{\xi})(b-a)}{12}(h/2)^2.$$

Assuming  $f''(\xi) \approx f''(\tilde{\xi}) \approx K$ , we have

$$T_2(f, [a, b]) - I \approx \frac{K(b-a)}{12}(h/2)^2 \approx (T(f, [a, b]) - I)/4.$$

Multiplying through by 4, rearranging, and dividing by 3 gives

$$\frac{1}{3}(T_2(f, [a, b]) - T(f, [a, b])) \approx -(T_2(f, [a, b]) - I).$$

So we obtain error estimate on  $[a, b]$  of

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon &= |T_2(f, [a, b]) - I| \approx \frac{1}{3}|T(f, [a, \frac{a+b}{2}, b]) - T(f, [a, b])| \\ &= \frac{1}{12}(b-a)|f(a) - 2f(\frac{a+b}{2}) + f(b)|. \end{aligned}$$

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### Adaptive trapezoid rule

**Adaptive trapezoid rule** Approximate the integral of  $f$  over  $[p, q]$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \int_p^q f(x) dx &\approx T(f, [p, \frac{p+q}{2}, q]) = T_2(f, [p, q]) \\ &= \frac{q-p}{4}(f(p) + 2f(\frac{p+q}{2}) + f(q)). \end{aligned}$$

Estimate the error of this approximation as

$$\begin{aligned} E_{T_2}(f, [p, q]) &\approx \frac{1}{3}|T(f, [p, \frac{p+q}{2}, q]) - T(f, [p, q])| \\ &= \frac{q-p}{12}(f(p) - 2f(\frac{p+q}{2}) + f(q)) \end{aligned}$$

Subdivide the interval with the largest estimated error until the total estimated error is less than  $\epsilon$ .

Alternatively, subdivide each interval  $[p, q]$  if

$$E_{T_2}(f, [p, q]) > \frac{q-p}{b-a}\epsilon.$$

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**Adaptive trapezoid rule**

**Example** Evaluate  $\int_0^2 1/(3+x^4) dx$  with error  $\epsilon = 10^{-2}$ .

$$T(f, [0, 2]) \stackrel{4\text{dp}}{=} 0.3860, \quad T(f, [0, 1]) + T(f, [1, 2]) \stackrel{4\text{dp}}{=} 0.2917 + 0.1513 = 0.4430.$$

$E_{T_2}(f, [0, 2]) = 0.0190$  is too high, need to split.

$[p, q]$	$T(f, [p, q])$	$T_2(f, [p, q]) = T(f, [p, \frac{p+q}{2}, q])$	$E_{T_2}(f, [p, q])$
$[0.0, 2.0]$	0.3860	0.4430	0.0190
$[0.0, 1.0]$	0.2917	0.3091	0.0058
$[1.0, 2.0]$	0.1513	0.1377	0.0045
$[0.0, 0.5]$	0.1650	0.1657	0.0002
$[0.5, 1.0]$	0.1441	0.1474	0.0011

So use trapezoid rule with partition  $P = [0.0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0]$ .

Total estimated error  $0.0011 + 0.0002 + 0.0045 = 0.0058$  (4 dp).

Estimate of integral

$$T(f, P) = T(f, [0.0, 0.25, 0.5]) + T(f, [0.5, 0.75, 1.0]) + T(f, [1.0, 1.5, 2.0])$$

$$\stackrel{4\text{dp}}{=} 0.1657 + 0.1474 + 0.1377 = 0.4508.$$

Exact value 0.4486 (4 dp); error  $2.2 \times 10^{-3} < 10^{-2}$ .

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**Adaptive Simpson's rule (Non-examinable)**

**Adaptive Simpson's rule** Composite Simpson's rule; error  $\frac{f^{(4)}(\xi)(b-a)}{180}h^4$ . Assuming  $f^{(4)}(\xi)$  is approximately constant  $K$ , can estimate  $K$  using two evaluations of Simpson's rule. Let  $h = (b-a)/2$ .

$$S(f, [a, b]) - I \approx \frac{f^{(4)}(\xi)(b-a)}{180}h^4;$$

$$S(f, [a, c]) + S(f, [c, b]) - I \approx \frac{f^{(4)}(\tilde{\xi})(b-a)}{180}(h/2)^4.$$

Assuming  $f^{(4)}(\xi) \approx f^{(4)}(\tilde{\xi}) \approx K$ , we have

$$S(f, [a, c]) + S(f, [c, b]) - I \approx \frac{K(b-a)}{180}(h/2)^4 \approx (S(f, [a, b]) - I)/16$$

Multiplying through by 16 and rearranging gives

$$S(f, [a, c]) + S(f, [c, b]) - S(f, [a, b]) \approx -15(S(f, [a, c]) + S(f, [c, b]) - I)$$

So we obtain error estimate on  $[a, b]$  of

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon &= |S(f, [a, c]) + S(f, [c, b]) - I| \approx \frac{1}{15} |S(f, [a, c]) + S(f, [c, b]) - S(f, [a, b])| \\ &= \frac{1}{180} (b-a) (f(a) - 4f(a+h) + 6f(a+2h) - 4f(a+3h) + f(a+4h)) \end{aligned}$$

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**Adaptive Simpson's rule (Non-examinable)****Adaptive Simpson's rule** Approximate the integral of  $f$  over  $[p, q]$  by

$$\int_p^q f(x) dx \approx S(f, [p, \frac{p+q}{2}]) + S(f, [\frac{p+q}{2}, q])$$

$$= \frac{q-p}{12} (f(p) + 4f(\frac{3p+q}{4}) + 2f(\frac{p+q}{2}) + 4f(\frac{p+3q}{4}) + f(q)).$$

Estimate the error of this approximation as

$$E_S(f, [p, q]) \approx \frac{1}{15} |S(f, [p, \frac{p+q}{2}]) + S(f, [\frac{p+q}{2}, q]) - S(f, p, q)|$$

$$= \frac{q-p}{180} (f(p) - 4f(\frac{3p+q}{4}) + 6f(\frac{p+q}{2}) - 4f(\frac{p+3q}{4}) + f(q))$$

Subdivide the interval  $[p, q]$  if

$$E_S(f, [p, q]) > \frac{q-p}{b-a} \epsilon.$$

Alternatively, subdivide the interval with the largest estimated error until the total estimated error is less than  $\epsilon$ .

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**Adaptive Simpson's rule (Non-examinable)****Example** Consider  $\int_0^2 1/(1+x^2) dx$  with error  $\epsilon = 10^{-4}$ .Estimate  $S(f, [0, 2]) = 1.066667$ ,  $S(f, [0, 1]) + S(f, [1, 2]) = 1.105128$ ,  $E_S(f, [0, 2]) = 0.0025$ . Too high, need to split.

$[p, q]$	$S(f, [p, q])$	$S(f, [p, r]) + S(f, [r, q])$	$E_S(f, [p, q])$	$\frac{q-p}{b-a} \epsilon$
$[0.0, 2.0]$	1.066667	1.105128	$2.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$
$[0.0, 1.0]$	0.783333	0.785392	$1.4 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.0 \times 10^{-5}$
$[1.0, 2.0]$	0.321795	0.321748	$3.1 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.0 \times 10^{-5}$
$[0.0, 0.5]$	0.463725	0.46365	$4.8 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-5}$
$[0.5, 1.0]$	0.321667	0.321745	$5.3 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-5}$

So use Simpson's rule with partition

$$P = [0.0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0],$$

evaluation points

$$[0.0, 0.125, 0.25, 0.375, 0.5, 0.625, 0.75, 0.875, 1.0, 1.25, 1.5, 1.75, 2.0]$$

Estimate of integral 1.107146; exact value 1.107149; error  $2.6 \times 10^{-6}$ .

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