

Error of Simpson's rule:

$$E_2[f] = I_2 - Q_2$$

$$Q_2[f] = \frac{b-a}{6} \left[f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right] \quad (I)$$

$$x_0 = a; \quad x_1 = \frac{a+b}{2} = a+h; \quad x_2 = b = a+2h$$

$$I[f] = \int_a^{a+2h} f(x) dx \stackrel{\text{Taylor}}{=} 2hf(a) + 2h^2 f'(a) + \frac{4h^3}{3} f''(a) = \frac{2h^4}{3} f''(a) + \frac{4h^5}{15} f^{(4)}(a) + \dots \quad (II)$$

Taylor expansion of f :

$$f(a+h) = f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2} f''(a) + \frac{h^3}{6} f'''(a) + \frac{h^4}{24} f^{(4)}(a) + \dots$$

$$f(a+2h) = f(a) + 2hf'(a) + \frac{4}{2} h^2 f''(a) + \frac{8}{6} h^3 f'''(a) + \frac{16}{24} h^4 f^{(4)}(a) + \dots$$

Insert
into (I)

$$\Rightarrow Q_2[f] = \frac{h}{3} \left[f(a) + 4f(a+h) + f(a+2h) \right]$$

$$= \frac{h}{3} \left\{ f(a) + 4 \left[f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2} f''(a) + \frac{h^3}{6} f'''(a) + \frac{h^4}{24} f^{(4)}(a) + \dots \right] + \left[f(a) + 2hf'(a) + 2h^2 f''(a) + \frac{4}{3} h^3 f'''(a) + \frac{2}{3} h^4 f^{(4)}(a) + \dots \right] \right\}$$

$$\stackrel{(II)}{=} \int_a^{a+2h} f(x) dx - \underbrace{\frac{h^5}{90} f^{(4)}(a)}$$

All terms except for this one
cancel each other out.
This one can be found as:

$$\frac{h}{3} \left(4 \frac{h^4}{24} f^{(4)}(a) + \frac{2}{3} h^4 f^{(4)}(a) \right) - \underbrace{\frac{4h^5}{15} f^{(4)}(a)}_{\text{from (II)}} = \frac{7}{90} h^5 f^{(4)}(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow E_2[f] = I[f] - Q_2[f] = \frac{h^5}{90} f^{(4)}(a) = \frac{f^{(4)}(a)}{90} \left(\frac{b-a}{2} \right)^5$$