

CS 3200

Introduction to Scientific Computing

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Topic: Numerical Integration

Application of polynomial theory already covered

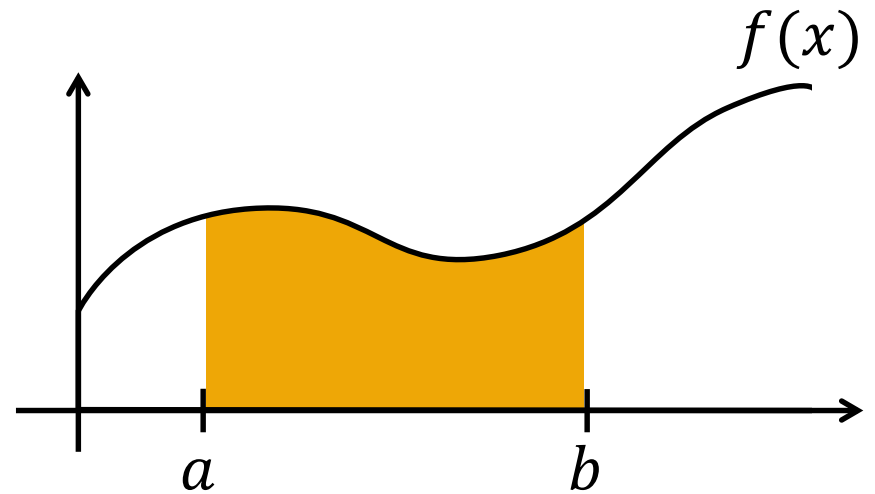
Numerical Integration

- Goal: find the area under the curve

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

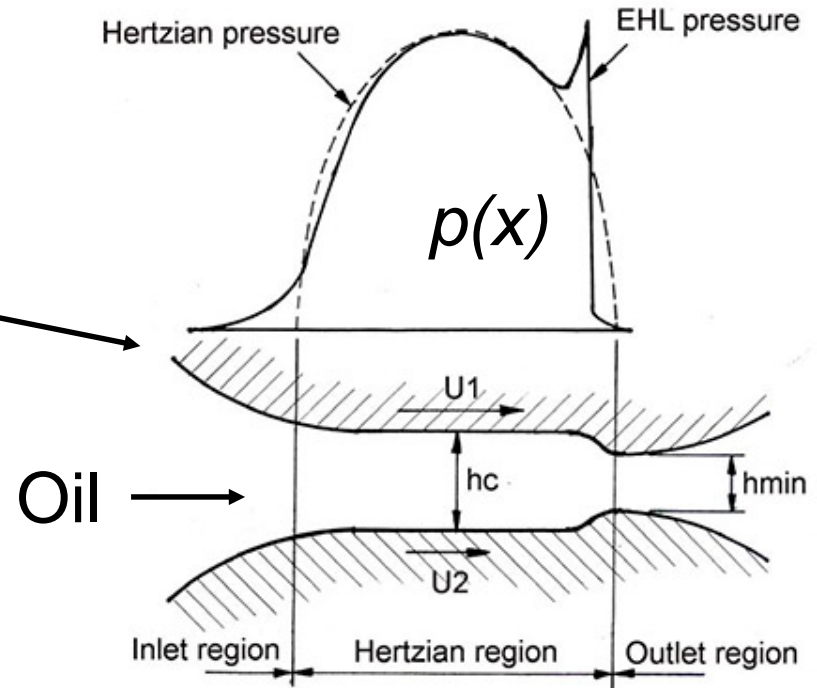
This application occurs with great frequency e.g. in the clean coal boiler or in finance

We often model $f(x)$ by using a polynomial, as we have already covered



Example from Engineering

- When oil is used in lubricating a car engine the pressures are sufficiently high that the steel deforms from the original semi-circular shape to
- The relationship between the pressure $p(x)$ and the thickness of the oil film $h(x)$ is given by the integral. Note this is part of a much larger problem.

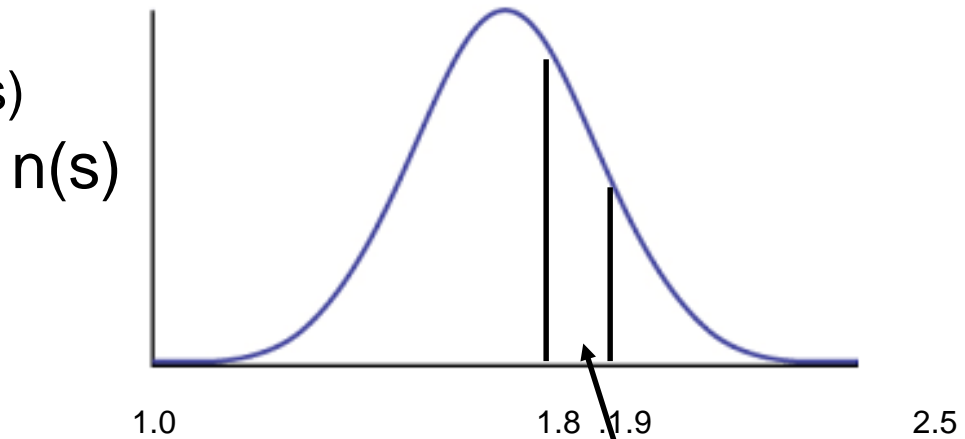


$$h(x) = h_{00} + \frac{x^2}{2R_x} - \frac{4}{\pi E} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \ln \left| \frac{x-y}{x_0} \right| p(y) dy$$

Quadrature Example – Normal Distribution

Consider population of large number (M) of individuals.
Distribution of their heights, $n(s)$ given by

$$n(s) = \frac{M}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(s-\text{mean})^2/(2\sigma^2)}$$



$$N_{[h_1, h_2]} = \int_{h_1}^{h_2} n(s) ds, \text{ where } h_1 = 1.8, h_2 = 1.9, \text{mean} = 1.7\text{m}, \sigma = 0.1,$$

$$M = 200$$

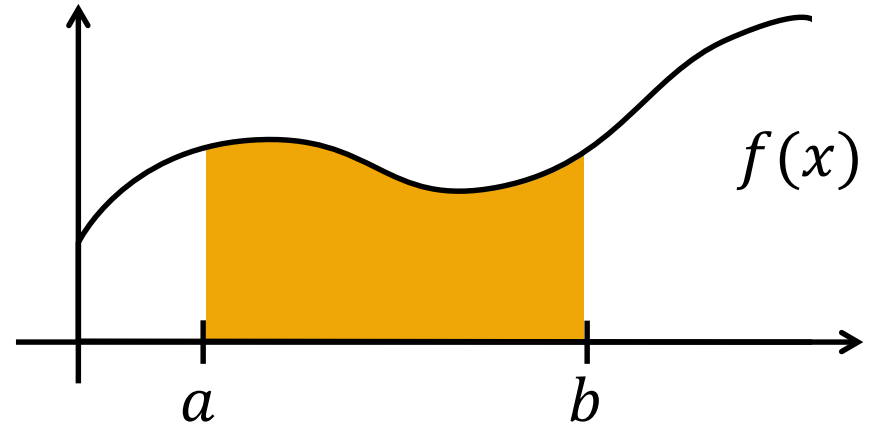
We need to calculate this area to estimate how many of the 200 are between 1.8m and 1.9m tall

Numerical Integration

- How: the weighted sum of the function sampled N-times

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^N w_i f(x_i)$$

- With each –
 - w_i : sampling weight
 - x_i : sampling location



Calculation of $\{w_i, x_i\}$ pairs
known as:

QUADRATURE SCHEMES

Newton-Cotes Formula

- Newton-Cotes formulae are formed using interpolating polynomials over equally spaced sample points
- We will discuss:
 - Constant interpolant (over a closed interval): *midpoint rule*
 - Linear interpolant (over a closed interval): *trapezoidal rule*
 - Quadratic interpolant (over a closed interval): *simpson's rule*
- Formulae exist for higher-order interpolants over both closed (includes end points) and open (does not include end points) intervals

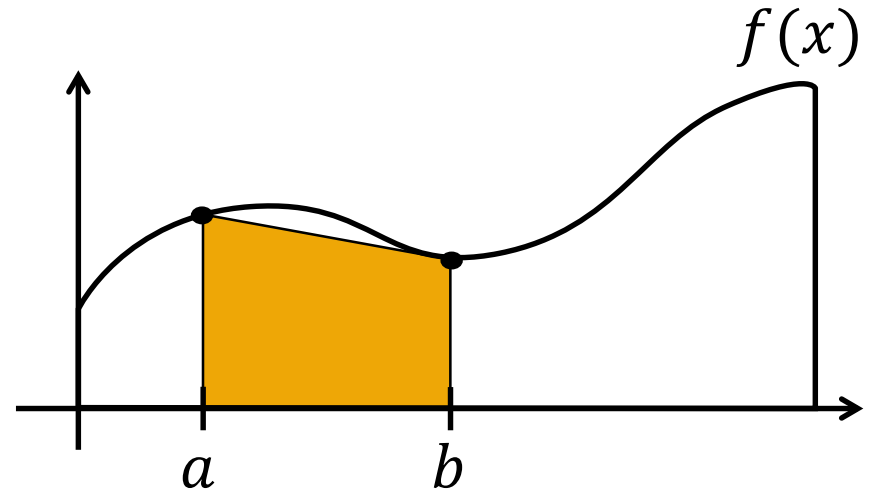
Trapezoidal Rule

- Approximate the integral by the area of a trapezoid with endpoints a and b :

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{1}{2} (b - a) (f(a) + f(b))$$

- The rule's error on one interval is given by:

$$\epsilon \leq \frac{(b - a)^3}{12} f''(\zeta) = \mathcal{O}((b - a)^3)$$



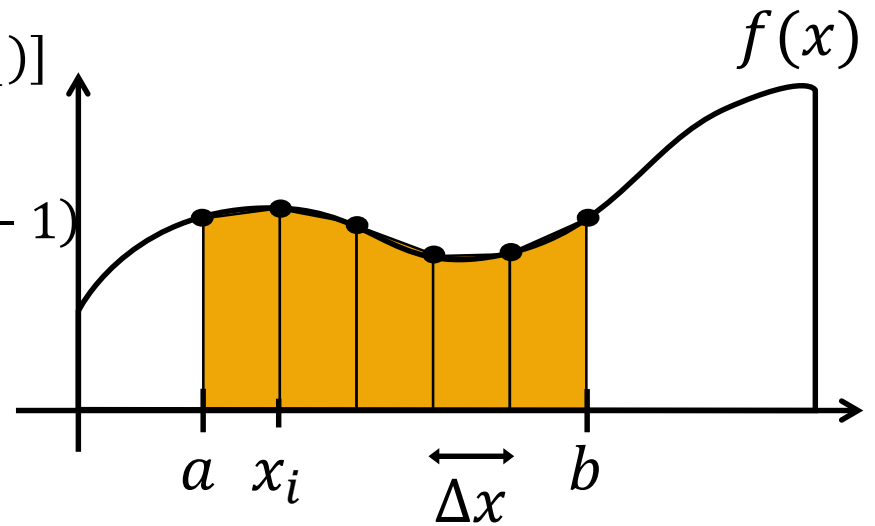
Composite Trapezoidal Rule

- Approximate the integral by $N - 1$ applications of the trapezoidal rule

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{2} \frac{b-a}{N} [f(x_i) + f(x_{i+1})]$$

$$\text{where } x_i = a + \frac{(b-a)}{N} (i - 1)$$

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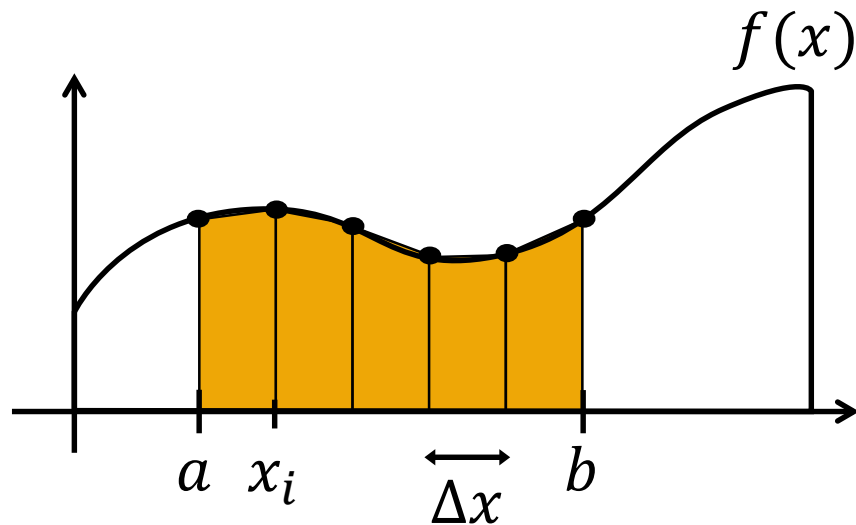
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- What if we rewrite as:

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

$$\approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)}{N} \left[f(x_1) + \left(\sum_{i=2}^{N-1} 2f(x_i) \right) + f(x_N) \right]$$



Composite Trapezoidal Rule

- Quadrature notation

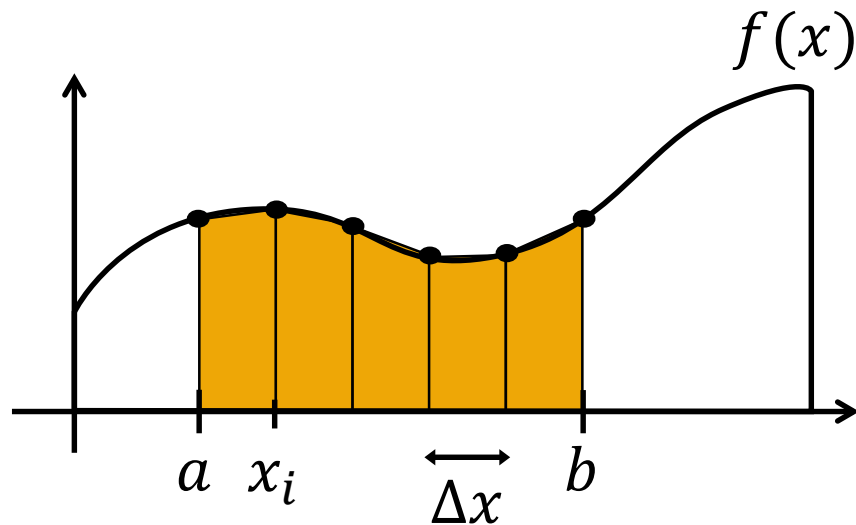
$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^N w_i f(x_i)$$

- This can be written as

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$$w_i = \begin{cases} \frac{\Delta x}{2}, & i = 1, N \\ \Delta x, & i = 2, \dots, N - 1 \end{cases}$$

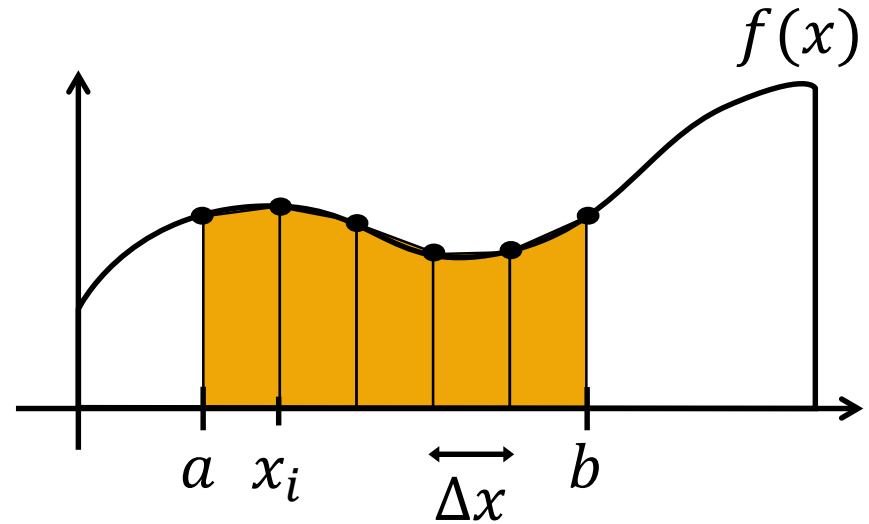
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- Problem ξ_i depends on x –use **Mean Value Thm** for integrals

$$f''(\xi_i^*) \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} \frac{(x - x_i)(x - x_{i-1})}{2} dx = \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} \frac{(x - x_i)(x - x_{i-1})}{2} f''(\xi_i) dx$$

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- Summing over the intervals
- (note $(b-a)=Nh$)

$$Error = -\sum_{i=1}^N f''(\xi_i^*) \frac{h^3}{12}$$

$$= -\frac{Nh^3}{12} \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f''(\xi_i^*) \right)$$

$$= -(b-a) \frac{h^2}{12} f''(\xi)$$


Midpoint Rule

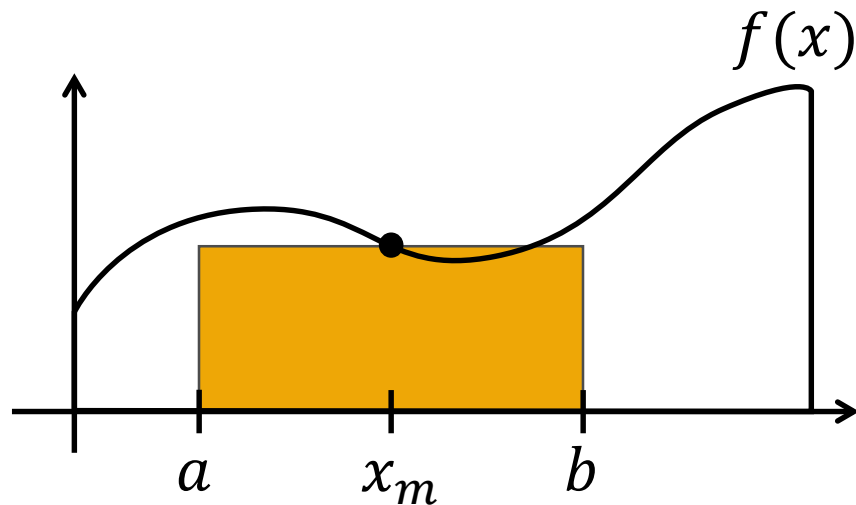
- Approximate the integral by a rectangle defined by the midpoint between a and b :

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx (b - a)f(x_m)$$

$$x_m = \frac{a + b}{2}$$

- The rule's error is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon &\leq \frac{(b-a)^3}{24} f''(\zeta) \\ &= \mathcal{O}((b-a)^3)\end{aligned}$$



Composite Midpoint Rule

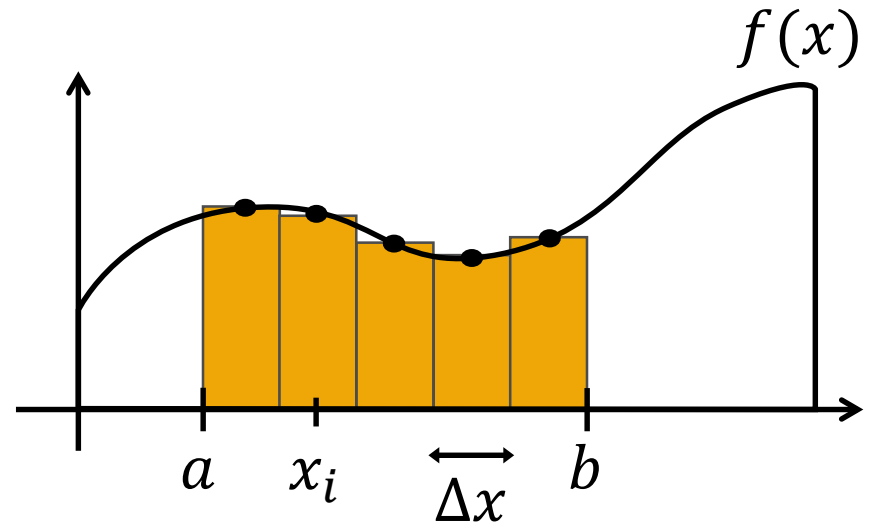
- Approximate the integral by N applications of the midpoint rule between a and b :

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^N w_i f(x_i)$$

- Given $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{N}$,

$$x_i = a + (i - .5)\Delta x$$

$$w_i = \Delta x$$



Estimating the error using Taylors Series

Expand the function being integrated about the **midpoint**
Error =

$$f(x) - f\left(\frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right) = \left(x - \frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right) f'\left(\frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right) + \left(x - \frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right)^2 f''(\xi_i),$$

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Integrating gives an expression for the error

$$\int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f(x) - f\left(\frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right) dx \approx \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \left(x - \frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right)^2 f''(\xi_i) dx$$

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where $\xi \in (x_{i-1}, x_i)$. Integrating

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f(x) - f\left(\frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right) dx &= 0 + \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \left(x - \frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right)^2 f''(\xi_i) dx \\ &= f''(\xi^*) \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \left(x - \frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right)^2 dx, \quad \text{MVT for integrals} \\ &= f''(\xi^*) \frac{\Delta x^3}{24}, \quad \text{where } \Delta x = x_{i+1} - x_i \end{aligned}$$

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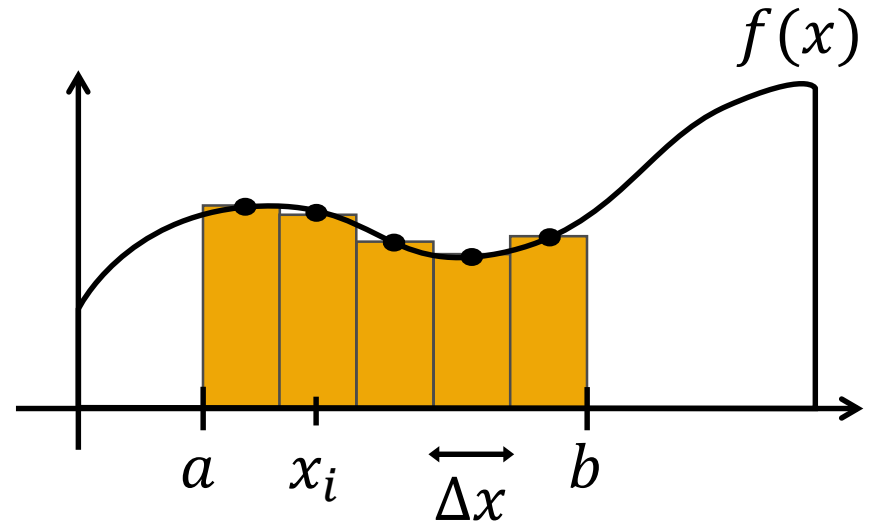
- This rule's error is given by summing over the intervals:

$$\epsilon \leq \frac{N\Delta x^3}{24} f''(\zeta)$$

$$\text{As } N\Delta x = (b - a)$$

$$= \frac{(b-a)\Delta x^2}{24} f''(\zeta)$$

$$= \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2)$$

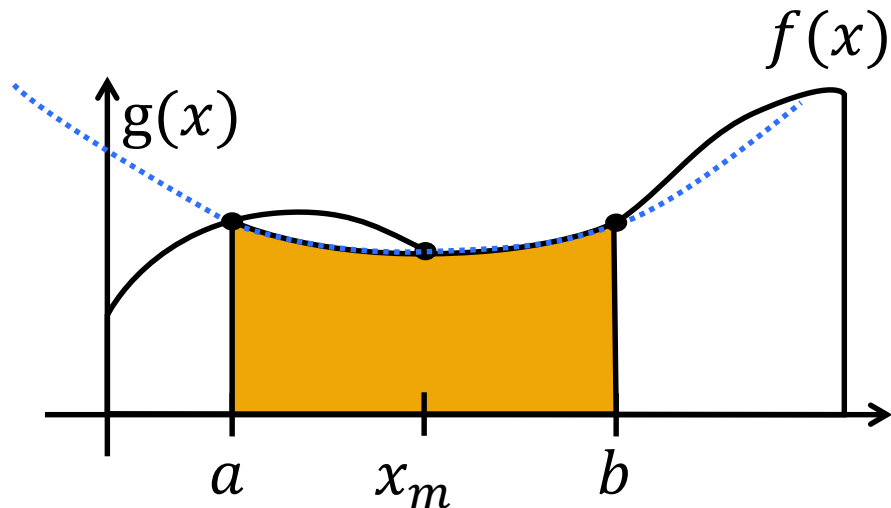


Simpson's Rule

- Evaluate the function at a , b , and the midpoint
- Find a quadratic polynomial with known integral that interpolates the three points
- Approximate the integral by the exact integral of the interpolating polynomial:

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \int_a^b g(x)dx$$

- We'll use a Quadratic Lagrange Polynomial



Lagrange Polynomial

Quadratic Lagrange Polynomial

- Given known a, x_m, b , and $f(x)$

- $$g(x) = f(a) \frac{(x-x_m)(x-b)}{(a-x_m)(a-b)} + f(x_m) \frac{(x-a)(x-b)}{(x_m-a)(x_m-b)} + f(b) \frac{(x-a)(x-x_m)}{(b-a)(b-x_m)}$$

- Integral of which is:

$$\int_a^b g(x) dx = \frac{1}{6} (b-a) [f(a) + 4f(x_m) + f(b)]$$

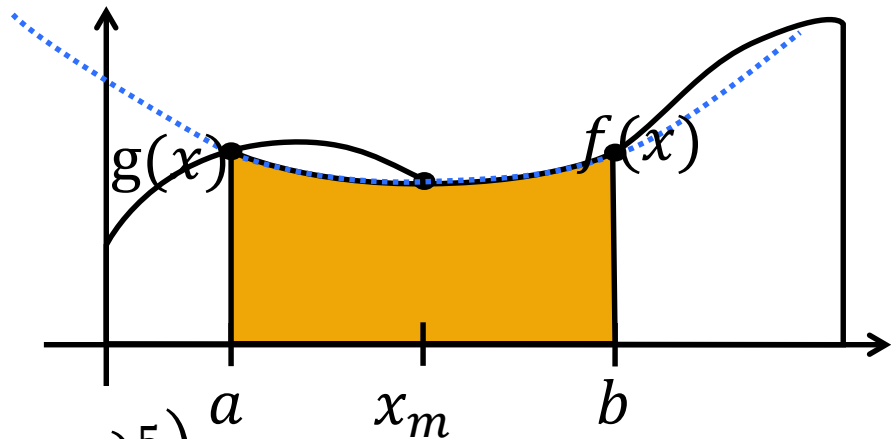
Simpson's Rule

Thus Simpson's Rule defines the integral by:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{1}{6} (b - a) [f(a) + 4f(x_m) + f(b)]$$

The error is defined by

$$\epsilon \leq \frac{(b - a)^5}{2880} f^{(4)}(\varphi) = \mathcal{O}\left((b - a)^5\right)$$



Composite Simpson's Rule

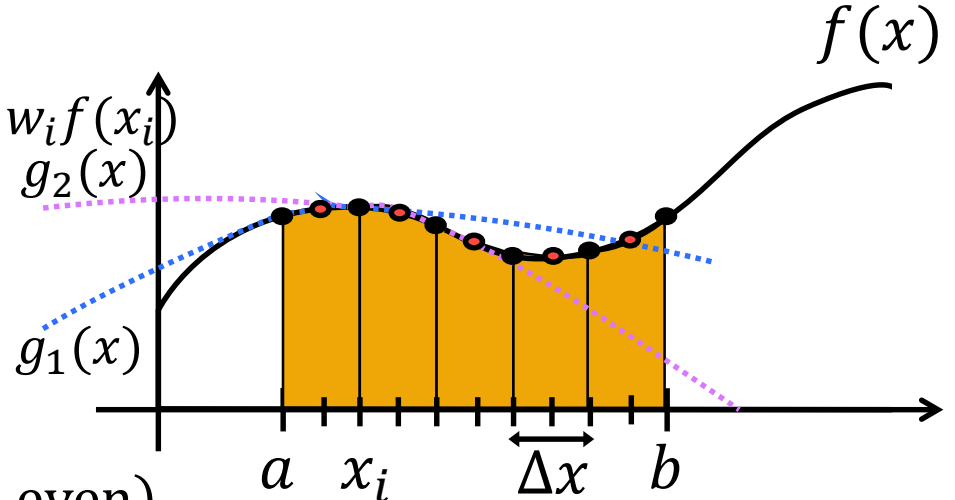
- In quadrature notation:

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^N \int_a^b g(x)dx = \sum_{i=1}^{2N+1} w_i f(x_i)$$

- Simpson Quadrature:

$$w_i = \begin{cases} \frac{\Delta x}{3} & : i = 1, 2N + 1 \\ \frac{4\Delta x}{3} & : i = 2, \dots, 2N \text{ (i even)} \\ \frac{2\Delta x}{3} & : i = 3, \dots, 2N - 1 \text{ (i odd)} \end{cases}$$

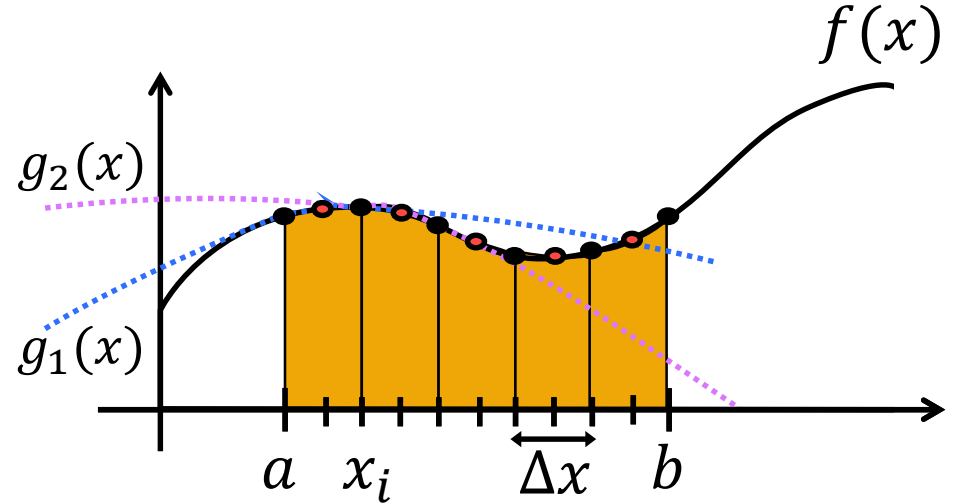
$$x_i = a + (i - 1)\Delta x \quad \text{where } \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{2N}$$



Composite Simpson's Rule

- The error in composite Simpson's rule is governed by:

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon &\leq \frac{N\Delta x^5}{2880} f^{(4)}(\varphi) \\ &= \frac{(b-a)\Delta x^4}{2880} f^{(4)}(\varphi) \\ &= \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^4)\end{aligned}$$



Example

$$\int_0^{\pi} \sin(x) dx = 2.0$$

Ignore this
For now

n	Trapez.	Simpson	Monte Carlo
2	1.570796	2.094395	2.483686
4	1.896119	2.004560	2.570860
8	1.974232	2.000269	2.140117
16	1.993570	2.000017	1.994455
32	1.998393	2.000001	2.005999
64	1.999598	2.000000	2.039970
128	1.999900	2.000000	2.000751
256	1.999975	2.000000	2.065036
512	1.999994	2.000000	2.037365
1024	1.999998	2.000000	1.988752
2048	2.000000	2.000000	1.989458
4096	2.000000	2.000000	1.991806
8192	2.000000	2.000000	2.000583
16384	2.000000	2.000000	1.987582
32768	2.000000	2.000000	1.991398
65536	2.000000	2.000000	1.997360

Example

$$\int_0^{\pi} \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} \cos(10x^2) dx = 0.0003156$$

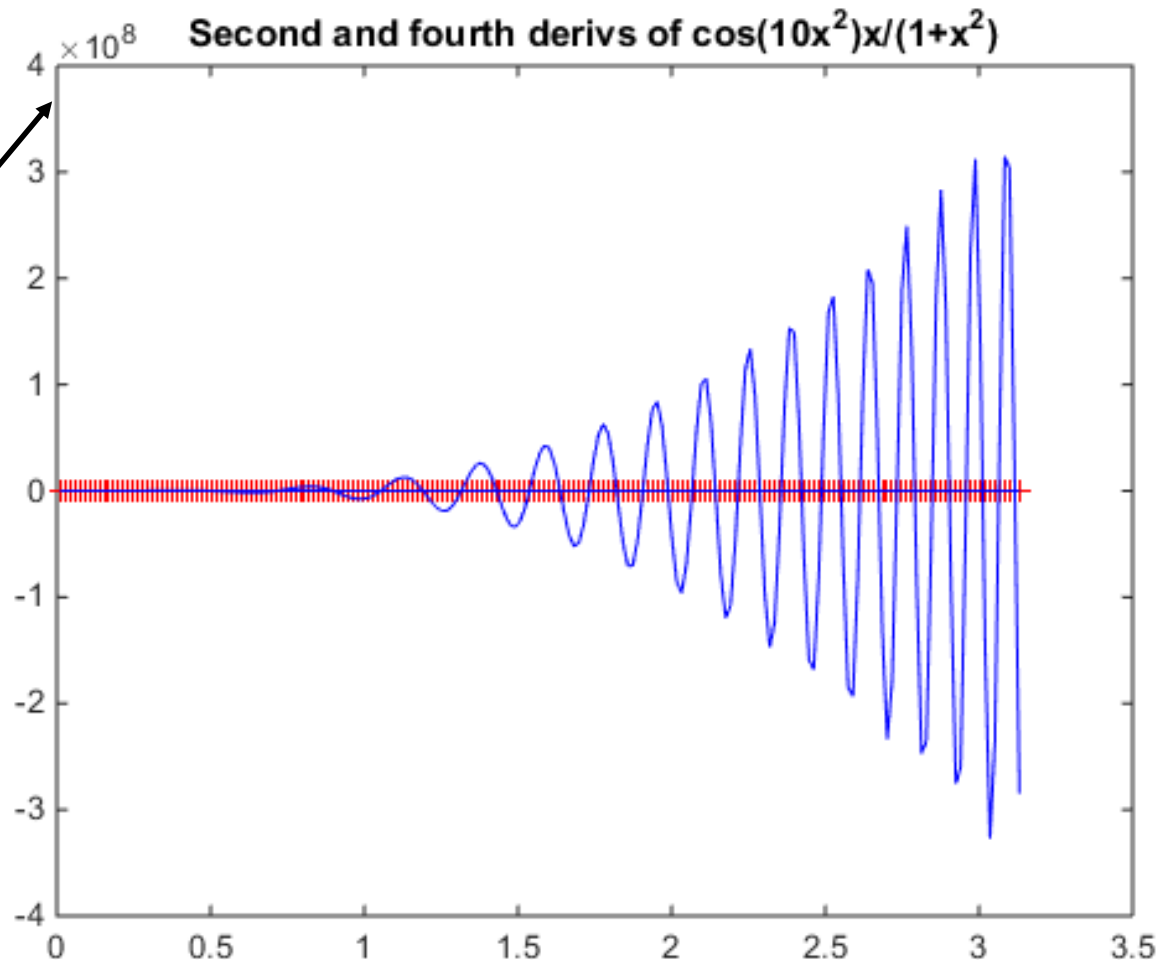
n	Trapez .	Simpson	Monte Carlo
64	0.004360	-0.013151	0.081207
128	0.001183	-0.001110	0.155946
256	0.000526	-0.000311	0.071404
512	0.000368	0.000006	0.002110
1024	0.000329	0.000161	-0.004525
2048	0.000319	0.000238	-0.010671
4096	0.000316	0.000277	0.000671
8192	0.000316	0.000296	-0.009300
16384	0.000316	0.000306	-0.009500
32768	0.000316	0.000311	-0.005308
65536	0.000316	0.000313	-0.000414
131072	0.000316	0.000314	0.001100
262144	0.000316	0.000315	0.001933
524288	0.000316	0.000315	0.000606
1048576	0.000316	0.000315	-0.000369
2097152	0.000316	0.000316	0.000866
4194304	0.000316	0.000316	0.000330

Why might trapezoidal be better than Simpson?

Comparison of Second and Fourth Derivatives

Note scale

Trapezoidal error
involves **second
derivatives** while
Simpson's error
involves **fourth
derivatives**



Example

Consider $\int_0^1 x^p dx = \frac{1}{p+1}$

Trapezoidal rule with $h = 0.5$ gives

$0.5(0.5(0 + \frac{1}{2^p}) + 0.5(\frac{1}{2^p} + 1)) = 1$ if $p = 0$

$= (\frac{1}{2^{p+1}} + \frac{1}{4})$

error estimate is $-\frac{0.25}{12} p(p-1)(\xi)^{p-2}$

Use $\xi = 1$ giving $-\frac{0.25}{12} p(p-1)$ We need to pick ξ with more care $\xi = 1/2$?

p	value	error	estimate
0	1	0	
1	1/2	0	
2	3/8	3/9-3/8	-0.041
		-0.041	
3	5/16	4/16-5/16	-0.125
		-0.0625	
4	9/32	9/45-9/32	-0.25
		-0.0812	
5	17/64	1/6-17/64	-0.41
		-0.0989	

Consider $\int_0^1 x^p dx = \frac{1}{p+1}$

Simpsons rule with $h = 1.0$ gives

$$\frac{1}{6} \left(0 + \frac{4}{2^p} + 1 \right) = 1 \text{ if } p = 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1}{2^{p+2}} + 1 \right)$$

error estimate is

$$\frac{(1.0)^4}{2880} p(p-1)(p-2)(p-3)(\xi)^{p-4}$$

Use $\xi = 1$ giving $\frac{p(p-1)(p-2)(p-3)}{2880}$

p	value	error	estimated
0	1	0	
1	1/2	0	
2	1/3	0	
3	1/4	0	
4	5/24	1/5-5/24	0.0083
		0.0083	
5	9/48	8/48-9/48	0.0208
		0.02	

Gaussian Quadrature

- Newton-Cotes formulae use regular spaced sample points
- Gaussian quadrature creates a polynomial with non-uniform sampling

Gaussian Quadrature

- Gaussian quadrature is developed with the idea that we want to find an $N - 1$ degree polynomial to represent the curve
- A polynomial of degree $N - 1$ has N coefficients:

$$p_{N-1}(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_{N-1}x^{N-1}$$

- For simplicity, Gaussian quadrature is specified over a fixed interval $[-1,1]$:

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x)dx = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i f(x_i)$$

Gauss-Legendre Quadrature

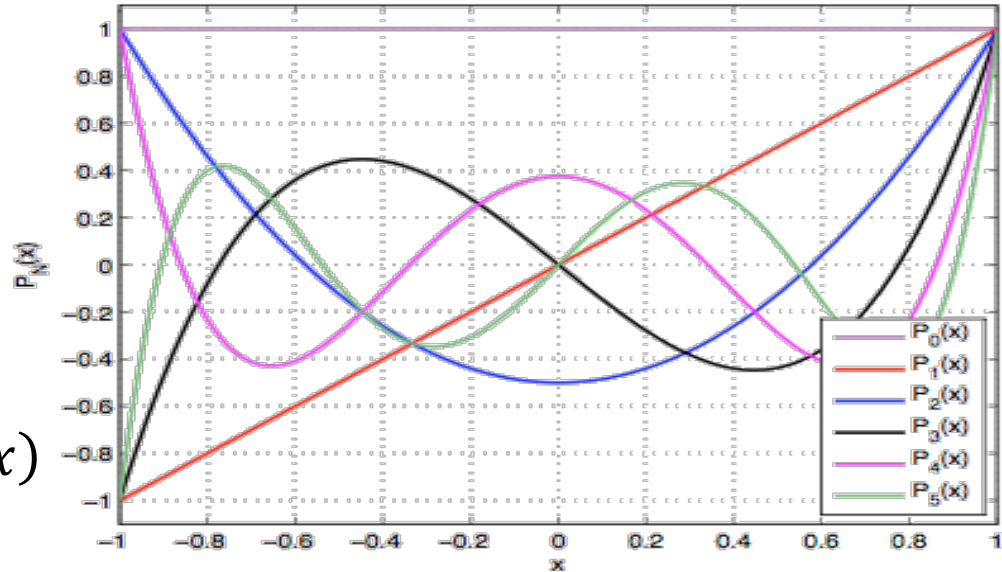
Normalized Legendre polynomials are defined by the following recurrence relation:

$$P_0(x) = 1$$

$$P_1(x) = x$$

$$(N + 1)P_{N+1}(x) = (2N + 1)xP_N(x) - NP_{N-1}(x)$$

This graph shows the first six normalized Legendre polynomials:



Gauss-Legendre Quadrature

- Formulating quadrature:
 - Points are found by setting

$$P_n(x) = 0$$

- Weights are determined by

$$w_i = \frac{2}{(1 - x_i^2)(P'_N(x_i))^2}$$

Gaussian Quadrature - Transforming Intervals

- Gaussian quadrature rules, as presented, only work for integrating a function on the interval $[-1,1]$, but we are typically interested in an interval $[a, b]$
- Change of variables will let us accomplish this. Recall from calculus:

$$\int_{g(t_1)}^{g(t_2)} f(x) dx = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(g(t)) g'(t) dt$$

Gaussian Quadrature - Transforming Intervals

$$\int_{g(t_1)}^{g(t_2)} f(x) dx = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(g(t)) g'(t) dt$$

$$g(t) = \frac{t+1}{2}, g'(t) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 f\left(\frac{t+1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{2} dt$$

Gaussian Quadrature - Transforming Intervals

- Substituting for Gaussian quadrature along the interval $[a, b]$ produces the following formula:

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \frac{b-a}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N w_i f\left(\frac{b-a}{2}x_i + \frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$

- This quadrature method's error is governed by the following relation:

$$\epsilon \leq \frac{(b-a)^{2N+1}(N!)^4}{(2N+1)((2N)!)^3} f^{(2N)}(\varphi) = \mathcal{O}((b-a)^{2N+1})$$

Gaussian Quadrature – Example

$$\int_0^1 (p+1)x^p dx \approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^5 w_i (p+1) \left(\frac{1}{2} x_i + \frac{1}{2} \right)^p$$

Exact value = 1 Matlab results for different values of p

P	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Error	2e-16	2e-16	2e-16	4e-16	4e-16	4e-16	4e-16	4e-16	2e-5

P	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Error	9e-5	3e-4	8e-4	2e-3	3e-3	5e-3	8e-3	1e-2	2e-2

% Gauss Quad Example 5 point formula. applied to integral from 0 to 1 of $(p+1)x^p dx$

x(1) = -1/3*sqrt(5.0+2.0*sqrt(10./7.)); w(1)=(322-13.0*sqrt(70))/900.0;

x(2) = -1/3*sqrt(5.0-2.0*sqrt(10./7.)); w(2)=(322+13.0*sqrt(70))/900.0;

x(3) = 0.0; w(3)= 128.0/225.0;

x(4) = -x(2); w(4)= w(2);

x(5) = -x(1); w(5)=w(1);

for p = 2:20

int = 0.0;

for i = 1:5

int = int + 0.5*w(i)*(p+1)*(0.5*x(i)+0.5)^p; end

error = abs(1.0-int); disp(p);disp(error);

end

Simple Scientific Computing Example

- I'm driving a car.
 - First, I go 0-45 mph in 15 seconds. My velocity is $f_1(t)$.
 - Second, I go 45-60 mph in another 45 seconds. My velocity is $f_2(t)$.
 - What distance have I travelled?

$$x = \int_0^{15} f_1(t)dt + \int_{15}^{60} f_2(t)dt$$

Recommended Reading

- Additional Explanation of the:
 - [Trapezoidal rule](#)
 - [Simpson's rule](#)
 - [Gaussian quadrature](#)
- Error Analysis for Midpoint, Trapezoid, and Simpson Rules
 - <http://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~amos/412/lecture-notes/lecture19.pdf>