

Assignment 14 (Improvement of quad24)

Improve the function quad24 from the lecture (see Screen Write-up):

- Reuse as many f evaluations as possible.
- Add an additional input argument `Iscale` and use it to support the relative error concept.
- Improve the error estimation: Instead of using $\delta := |I_{\text{Simpson}} - I_{\text{Trapez}}|$ as error estimation use an error estimator of the form

$$||[\varepsilon]|| := ||[\varepsilon_{\text{Simpson}}]|| := \frac{\delta^k}{|I_{\text{Trapez}}|^\ell}$$

with appropriate k and ℓ . [Hint: $||[\varepsilon]||$ has to have the right h -order and has to scale linearly in α if f is scaled with α : $f \rightarrow \alpha f$.]

- see Assignment 15.

Solution

see zip-file.

(c) We know: Simpson quadrature has order 4. Thus the error is an $O(h^5)$. With $\delta = O(h^3)$ (because of the trapezoidal rule) and $|I_{\text{Trapez}}| = O(h)$ we infer the condition

$$O(h^5) \stackrel{!}{=} ||[\varepsilon]|| = O(h^{3k-\ell}) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 5 = 3k - \ell.$$

We know for $f \rightarrow \alpha f$ we have $I_{\text{Trapez}} \rightarrow \alpha I_{\text{Trapez}}$ and $\delta \rightarrow \alpha \delta$. To get the right scaling we need

$$\alpha^1 \stackrel{!}{=} \alpha^{k-\ell} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 1 = k - \ell.$$

The unique solution to this 2 linear equations (in 2 unknowns) is: $k = 2$ and $\ell = 1$.

Assignment 15 (Fooling quad24)

Construct a non-negative function f on the interval $[0, 1]$ with $\int_0^1 f(x) dx \gg 0$ for which quad24 returns the result 0 for *every* tolerance `tol`.

How can this problem be cured?

Solution

We check on what grid points an f gets evaluated by quad24 for $a = 0$, $b = 1$. The initial step size is $h = 1/100$ and in the first step f is evaluated at $t_1 = 0$, $t_2 = h/2 = 1/200$ and $t_3 = h = 1/100$. If f is zero there, then quad24 cannot distinguish f from the zero function in the first interval. The new step size will be $h = 99/100$ and we have $t_4 = 1/100 + h/2 = 101/200$ and $t_5 = 1$.

So with

$$f(t) := \prod_{k=1}^5 (t - t_k)^2 = t^2(t-1)^2 \left(t - \frac{1}{200}\right)^2 \left(t - \frac{1}{100}\right)^2 \left(t - \frac{101}{200}\right)^2,$$

we have $\int_0^1 f(t) dt > 0$ and quad24 returns 0.

To cure this problem one should use a initial step size depending on the tolerance or choose the initial step size by random.

Assignment 16 Use the original quad24, your improved quad24 and the adaptive Gauss-Quadrature AdaptiveGaussssQuadrature from the lecture with $m = 0, 1, 2$ and compare them for the integral problem

$$\int_0^1 \sqrt{x} \log x \, dx$$

for tolerances $10^{-2}, 5 \cdot 10^{-3}, 10^{-3}, \dots, 10^{-15}$: Plot (log-log-scale) the relative error versus the number of f -evaluations for all methods in one plot. Do a second plot: Plot the error versus the estimated error for all methods.

Solution

see zip-file.

