

Numerical integration, low-dimensional fun

• 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

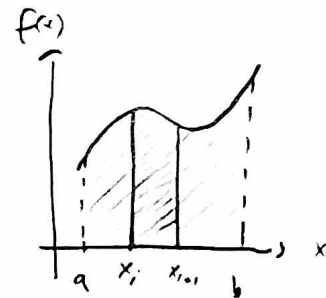
• Not constant step size

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"



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

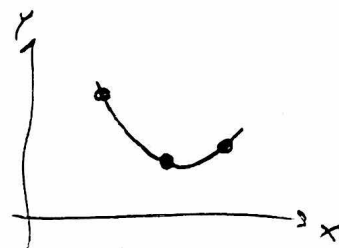
Background : Lagrange's interpolation formula

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

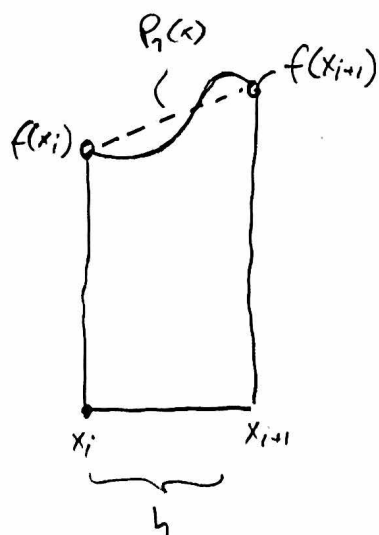
$$P_N(x) = \sum_{i=0}^N \left(\prod_{k \neq i} \frac{x - x_k}{x_i - x_k} \right) y_i$$

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

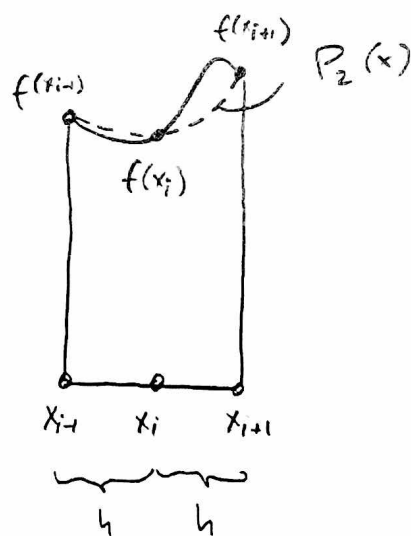
$$P_2(x) = \left(\frac{x - x_1}{x_0 - x_1} \right) \left(\frac{x - x_2}{x_0 - x_2} \right) y_0 + \left(\frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0} \right) \left(\frac{x - x_2}{x_1 - x_2} \right) y_1 + \left(\frac{x - x_0}{x_2 - x_0} \right) \left(\frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} \right) y_2$$



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



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Trapezoidal rule



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Simpson's rule

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Trapezoidal rule

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

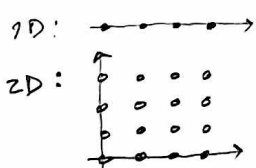
$$I = \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f(x) dx = \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \left[P_1(x) + \mathcal{O}(h^2 \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}) \right] dx \quad [x_{i+1} = x_i + h]$$

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

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[Local error, i.e.
error from one step]
(We'll have a global error $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$)

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

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



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 $\mathcal{O}(h^2) = \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{n^{2/d}})$ in d dimensions ($h_1 = h_2 = h_3 = \dots = h$)

1D: $n = \frac{1}{h} + 1$
 $n \approx \frac{1}{h}$

Number of points for stepsize h
in each dim:

1D: $n_{1D} \approx \frac{1}{h}$

2D: $n_{2D} = n_{1D}^2 \approx \frac{1}{h^2}$ ($h_x = h_y = h$)

dD: $n_{dD} = n_{1D}^d \approx \frac{1}{h^d} \Rightarrow h \approx \frac{1}{n_{dD}^{1/d}}$

We don't know ξ ,

but if we know that

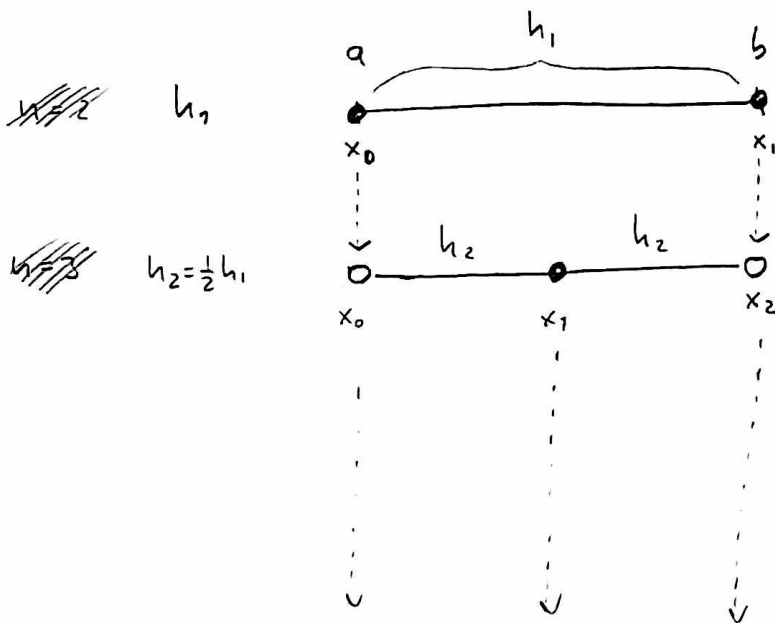
$|f''(x)| \leq M$ (some constant),

we have a bound for the error.

$$|I - T_h| \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} h^2 M$$

o Efficient implementation :

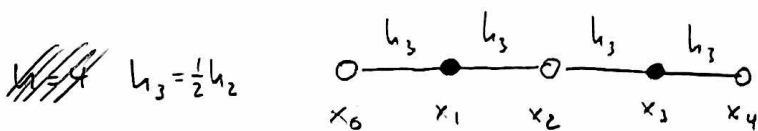
$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$



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

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

1 new point
3 point total



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

2 new points
5 points total

In general :

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

o Algorithm :

1) Set desired relative accuracy ϵ

2) compute T_1

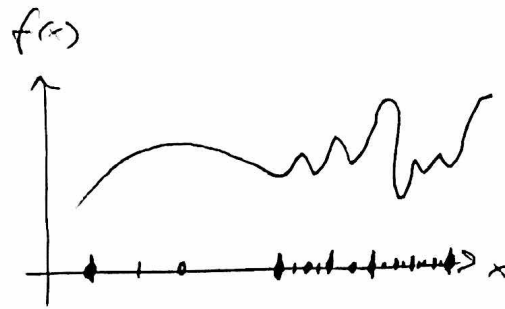
3) compute T_2

4) while $\left| \frac{T_{j+1} - T_j}{T_j} \right| > \epsilon$:

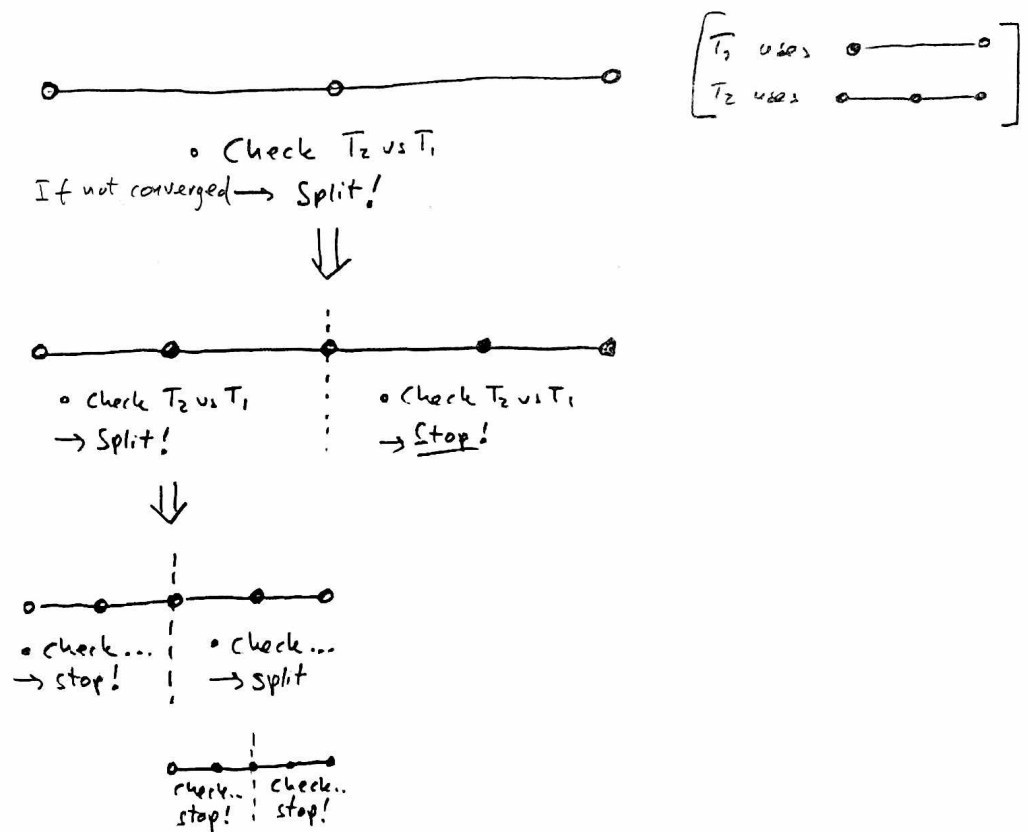
compute the next T_{j+1} and compare with T_j

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} n = \text{total number of points} \\ = 2j + 1 \\ x_i : \text{midpoint in interval } i \\ \text{from comp. of } T_j \end{array} \right]$$

- Can also use adaptive division of integration range:



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



Final points:

- 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

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

Recall: comes from integrating Lagrange's interp. formula $P_2(x)$ across two steps.

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

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

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

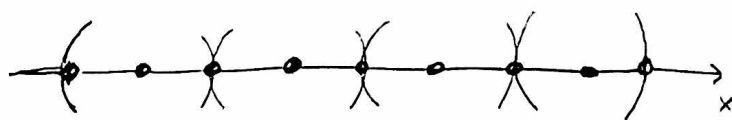
h^3 from leading Taylor term, integrated $\rightarrow h, h^3 = h^4$

- 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)

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

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

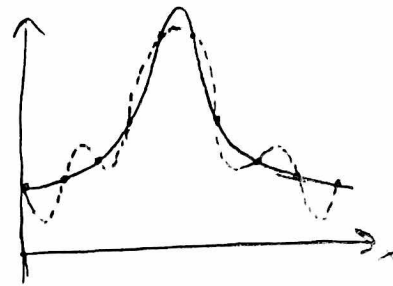
$$S = \frac{4}{3} T_{j+1} - \frac{1}{3} T_j$$

- Combine this with the smart trapezoidal implementations, e.g. the recursive one

- 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



Not gaining much from going to higher order.



Connection to I.V.P.

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- Consider the initial value problem

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)} \quad , \quad y(x_0 = a) = 0$$

Find $y(x=b)$

- Solving this is mathematically equivalent to solving the integral

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

$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \int_{y(a)}^{y(b)} dy = y(b) - y(a)$$

$$I = y(b) - y(a)$$

- We can take $y(a) = 0 \rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{I = y(b)}$$

Need: $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = F(x) + C \quad \begin{array}{l} \uparrow \\ \text{can choose} \\ \text{this} \end{array}$$

Choose $C = -F(a)$:

$$y(a) = F(a) - F(a) = \underline{0}$$

$$y(b) = F(b) - F(a)$$

- We have discussed various stepwise methods for solving I.V.P., e.g. RK4:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$$

RK4: Given $y_i = y(x_i)$, the next step y_{i+1} is computed as

$$\left. \begin{aligned} k_1 &= h f(x_i, y_i) \\ k_2 &= h f\left(x_i + \frac{h}{2}, y_i + \frac{k_1}{2}\right) \\ k_3 &= h f\left(x_i + \frac{h}{2}, y_i + \frac{k_2}{2}\right) \\ k_4 &= h f(x_i + h, y_i + k_3) \end{aligned} \right\} y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{1}{6} [k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4]$$

- But for the case of an integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$,
 f does not depend on y

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$$\Rightarrow k_2 = k_3 \text{ in RK4}$$

\Rightarrow Simpler version

$$k_1 = h f(x_i)$$

$$k_2 = h f(x_i + \frac{h}{2})$$

$$k_3 = h f(x_i + h)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{1}{6} [k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3]$$

$$= y_i + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{3} k_1 + \frac{4}{3} k_2 + \frac{1}{3} k_3 \right]$$

$$= y_i + \frac{h}{2} \left[\frac{1}{3} f(x_i) + \frac{4}{3} f(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}) + \frac{1}{3} f(x_{i+1}) \right]$$

\uparrow Simpson's rule with $h \rightarrow \frac{h}{2}$

$$\int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f(x) dx = y_{i+1} - y_i = \frac{h}{2} [\dots]$$

\uparrow Integration spans
two stepsizes,
just like in regular
Simpson's rule

- So Simpson's rule for $I = \int_a^b f(x) dx$ is equivalent
 to RK4 for $\frac{dy}{dx} = f$ where $f = f(x)$, not $f = f(x, y)$

Gaussian quadrature

[See Morten's lecture notes]

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

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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 $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{With } \underline{n \text{ points}} \text{ we can integrate} \\ \underline{P_{2n-1}(x)} \text{ exact. Works best if } f(x) \text{ is well} \\ \text{approximated by } P_{2n-1}(x) \text{ (or lower} \\ \text{order)} \end{array} \right]$

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