

# **Part 6. Numerical Differentiation and Integration**

## **Chapter 21. Newton-Cotes Integration Formulas**

### **Lecture 20**

## **Simpson's Rule**

### **21.2**

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# Motivation

- More accurate estimate of an integral is obtained if a high-order polynomial is used to connect the points.
- The formulas that result from taking the integrals under such polynomials are called *Simpson's rules*.

# Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

## Trapezoidal Rule:

approximating integrand by a 1<sup>st</sup> order polynomial

## Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule:

approximating integrand by a 2<sup>nd</sup> order polynomial

$$I = \int_a^b f(x) \, dx \approx \int_a^b (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2) \, dx$$

# Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

To find  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  three points are chosen:

**Upper limit**

$$(a, f(a)),$$

**Midpoint**

$$\left( \frac{a+b}{2}, f\left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right),$$

**Lower limit**

$$(b, f(b))$$

$$f(a) = f_2(a) = a_0 + a_1a + a_2a^2$$

$$f\left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) = f_2\left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) = a_0 + a_1\left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) + a_2\left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2$$

$$f(b) = f_2(b) = a_0 + a_1b + a_2b^2$$

# Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

Solving the previous equations for  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  give

$$a_0 = \frac{a^2 f(b) + abf\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + abf(a) + b^2 f(a)}{a^2 - 2ab + b^2}$$

$$a_1 = -\frac{af(a) - 4af\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + 3af(b) + 3bf(a) - 4bf\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + bf(b)}{a^2 - 2ab + b^2}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{2\left(f(a) - 2f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b)\right)}{a^2 - 2ab + b^2}$$

# Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

$$I \approx \int_a^b f_2(x) dx$$

$$= \int_a^b (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2) dx$$

$$= \left[ a_0 x + a_1 \frac{x^2}{2} + a_2 \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_a^b$$

$$= a_0(b - a) + a_1 \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} + a_2 \frac{b^3 - a^3}{3}$$

Substituting values of  $a_0, a_1, a_2$  give

# Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

$$\int_a^b f_2(x) dx = \frac{b-a}{6} \left[ f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right]$$

The interval **[a, b]** was broken into **2 segments**. Then, the segment width is

$$h = \frac{b-a}{2}$$

$$\int_a^b f_2(x) dx = \frac{h}{3} \left[ f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right]$$

Because the above form has 1/3 in its formula, it is called Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule.

# **Multiple-Section Simpson's $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ Rule**



# Multiple-Section Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

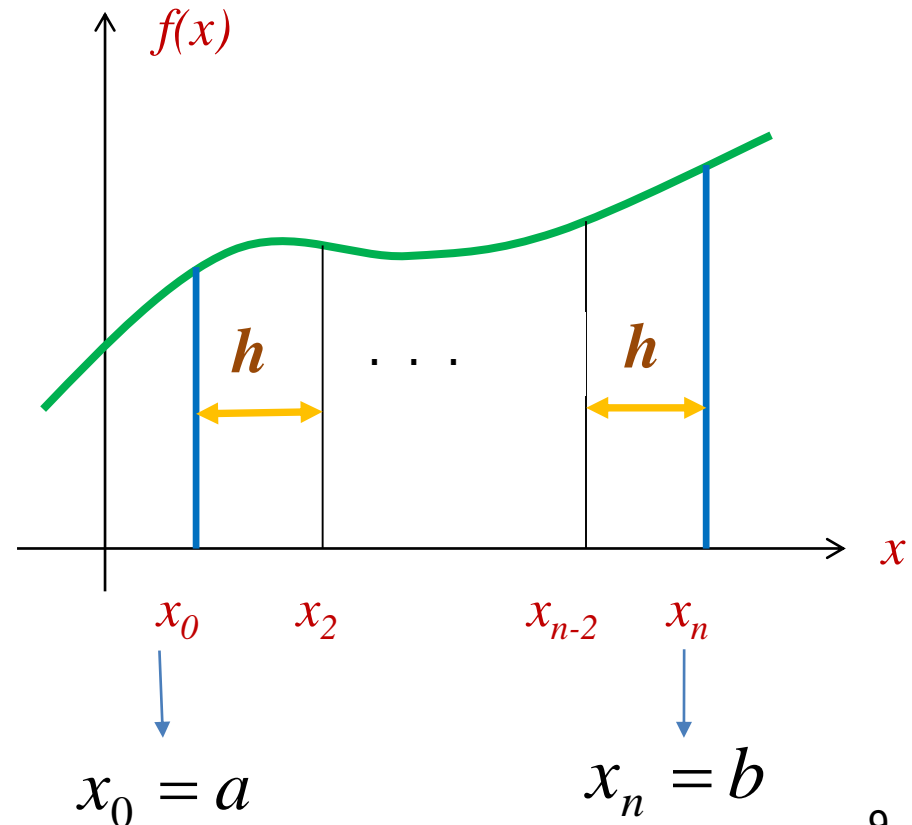
Interval  $[a, b]$  divided into  $n$  equal sections

Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule applied repeatedly over every two section

Segment width

$$h = \frac{b - a}{n}$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx = \int_{x_0}^{x_n} f(x) \, dx$$



# Multiple-Section Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x)dx + \int_{x_2}^{x_4} f(x)dx + \dots + \int_{x_{n-4}}^{x_{n-2}} f(x)dx + \int_{x_{n-2}}^{x_n} f(x)dx$$

Simpson's 1/3rd Rule application over each interval:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x)dx &= (x_2 - x_0) \left[ \frac{f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)}{6} \right] + \dots \\ &+ (x_4 - x_2) \left[ \frac{f(x_2) + 4f(x_3) + f(x_4)}{6} \right] + \dots \\ &+ (x_n - x_{n-2}) \left[ \frac{f(x_{n-2}) + 4f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)}{6} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$x_i - x_{i-2} = 2h \qquad i = 2, 4, \dots, n$$

# Multiple-Section Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b f(x) dx &= 2h \left[ \frac{f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)}{6} \right] + \dots \\ &+ 2h \left[ \frac{f(x_2) + 4f(x_3) + f(x_4)}{6} \right] + \dots \\ &+ 2h \left[ \frac{f(x_{n-4}) + 4f(x_{n-3}) + f(x_{n-2})}{6} \right] + \dots \\ &+ 2h \left[ \frac{f(x_{n-2}) + 4f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)}{6} \right]\end{aligned}$$

# Multiple-Section Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{h}{3} [f(x_0) + 4\{f(x_1) + f(x_3) + \dots + f(x_{n-1})\} + \dots]$$

$$\dots + 2\{f(x_2) + f(x_4) + \dots + f(x_{n-2})\} + f(x_n)]$$

$$= \frac{h}{3} \left[ f(x_0) + 4 \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i=\text{odd}}}^{n-1} f(x_i) + 2 \sum_{\substack{i=2 \\ i=\text{even}}}^{n-2} f(x_i) + f(x_n) \right]$$

$$= \frac{b-a}{3n} \left[ f(x_0) + 4 \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i=\text{odd}}}^{n-1} f(x_i) + 2 \sum_{\substack{i=2 \\ i=\text{even}}}^{n-2} f(x_i) + f(x_n) \right]$$

# Error in the Multiple-Section Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

True error is proportional to:

$$E_t \propto \frac{1}{n^4}$$

If number of segments are doubles the true error is decreased 16 times

**Example 1.** Find  $\int_0^2 x^4 dx$  using Simpson's 1/3 rule with

$$n = 8$$

$i$	$x$	$f(x)$
0		
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

# **Error in the Multiple- Section Simpson's $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ Rule**

# Error in the Multiple-Section Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

The true error in a single application of the rule is:

$$E_t = -\frac{(b-a)^5}{2880} f^{(4)}(\zeta), \quad a < \zeta < b$$

In multiple-section rule is the sum of the errors in each application of the rule:

$$\begin{aligned} E_t &= \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}} E_i = -\frac{h^5}{90} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}} f^{(4)}(\zeta_i) = -\frac{(b-a)^5}{90n^5} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}} f^{(4)}(\zeta_i) \\ E_t &= -\frac{(b-a)^5}{90n^4} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}} f^{(4)}(\zeta_i)}{n} \end{aligned}$$



# Error in the Multiple-Section Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

The term  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}} f^{(4)}(\zeta_i)}{n}$  is an approximate average value of

$$f^{(4)}(x), \quad a < x < b \qquad E_t = -\frac{(b-a)^5}{90n^4} \overline{f}^{(4)}$$

where 
$$\overline{f}^{(4)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}} f^{(4)}(\zeta_i)}{n}$$

If interested, the complete derivation of truncation error in Simpson's 1/3 rule can be found in a separate note on the course website.

# **Part 6. Numerical Differentiation and Integration**

## **Chapter 22. Integration of Equations**

### **Lecture 21**

## **Romberg Integration & Gauss Quadrature**

22.2, 22.4

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# Forms of Functions in Numerical Integration

- They are in 2 forms:

## A Table of Values

- We are restricted by the number of points that are given.

## A Function

- We can produce as many values of  $f(x)$  as required to get acceptable accuracy.

# Techniques for Integration of Functions

We focus on 2 techniques designed to analyze functions:



Romberg Integration

The diagram consists of two horizontal rectangular boxes, one red and one blue, each with rounded corners. The red box is positioned above the blue box. Each box is centered within a larger, empty rectangular frame of the same color. The red box is labeled 'Romberg Integration' and the blue box is labeled 'Gauss Quadrature'.

Gauss Quadrature

# Romberg Integration

- Is based on recursive application of the trapezoidal rule to attain efficient numerical integrals of functions.
- Error correction technique is used to improve the result of numerical integration

## Richardson's Extrapolation

- Uses two estimates of an integral to compute a third and more accurate approximation.

# Richardson's Extrapolation by Trapezoidal Rule

- It uses two estimates of an integral to compute a third and more accurate approximation.

$$I_{\text{exact}} = I_{\text{trapez}} + E_t \qquad E_t \propto \frac{1}{n^2}$$

- Estimate integral by using **n** segment trapezoidal rule
- Estimate integral by using **2n**-segment trapezoidal rule
- Knowledge of change of  $E_t$  with  $n$  help us to better estimate integral by two other estimates found by  $n$  and  $2n$  segments

**Example. Richardson's extrapolation.** Using approximate integral values using different segments of trapezoidal rule (1 to 8) given for the following function representing position of a rocket:

$$x = \int_8^{30} \left( 2000 \ln \left[ \frac{140000}{140000 - 2100 t} \right] - 9.8 t \right) dt$$

find a better estimate using Richardson's extrapolation.

# Romberg Integration

$$I_{Romberg} = \frac{4I_{trap,2} - I_{trap,1}}{3}$$

Using  $n$  and  $2n$   
segment Trapezoid

$$I_{Romberg} = \frac{4I_{trap,4} - I_{trap,2}}{3}$$

Using  $2n$  and  $4n$

$$I_{Romberg} = \frac{4I_{trap,8} - I_{trap,4}}{3}$$

Using  $4n$  and  $8n$

$$I_{trap} = \frac{h}{2} \left[ f(a) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_i + f(b) \right]$$



## Example. Romberg Integration.

$$\int_0^2 x^4 dx$$

<b>n</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>I (trapezoid)</b>
4		
8		
16		

# Numerical Integration Notes

## (Trapezoid, Simpson's, Romberg)

All methods (trapezoidal, Simpson's, Romberg) use evenly spaced functional values

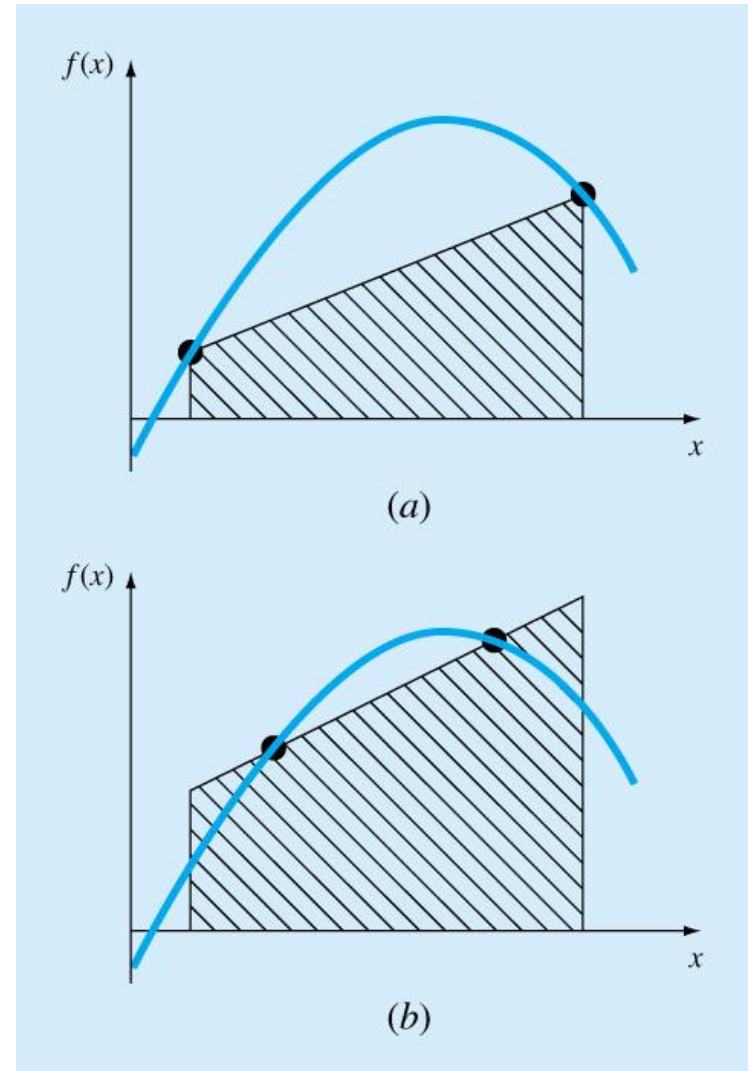
- Trapezoidal rule: base point fixed
- Position point such that area under the curve is almost same as area of trapezoid area
- For less error  $\rightarrow$  Gauss Quadrature can be used

# Gauss Quadrature

# Gauss Quadrature

## Features:

- Instead of two fixed points
- Choose points that balance positive and negative errors



# Gauss Quadrature: 2-Point

The extension of Trapezoidal Rule is called the two-point Gauss Quadrature Rule or Gaussian Quadrature Rule

Method of undetermined coefficient for trapezoidal rule  
is used for Gauss quadrature

$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx c_1 f(x_1) + c_2 f(x_2)$$

## Gauss Quadrature: 2-Point

- Straight line pass through 2 intermediate points
- 4 unknowns : Two coefficient and two x-values in points 1 and 2.
- Third-order polynomial can be used to approximate  $f(x)$  and solve for coefficients and x-values

(see written notes)

# Recall: Trapezoidal Rule

**Trapezoidal Rule** could be developed by the method of undetermined coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx c_1 f(a) + c_2 f(b) \\ &= \frac{b-a}{2} f(a) + \frac{b-a}{2} f(b) \end{aligned}$$

What if : the arguments of the function are not predetermined as **a** and **b** but as unknowns  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  ?

$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx c_1 f(x_1) + c_2 f(x_2)$$

# Gauss Quadrature

The four unknowns  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are found by assuming that the formula gives exact results for integrating a general third order polynomial,

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b f(x)dx &= \int_a^b (a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3)dx \\ &= \left[ a_0x + a_1 \frac{x^2}{2} + a_2 \frac{x^3}{3} + a_3 \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_a^b \\ &= a_0(b-a) + a_1 \left( \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} \right) + a_2 \left( \frac{b^3 - a^3}{3} \right) + a_3 \left( \frac{b^4 - a^4}{4} \right)\end{aligned}$$



# Gauss Quadrature

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = c_1(a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_1^2 + a_3x_1^3) + c_2(a_0 + a_1x_2 + a_2x_2^2 + a_3x_2^3)$$

Equating Equations the two previous two expressions yield

$$a_0(b-a) + a_1\left(\frac{b^2 - a^2}{2}\right) + a_2\left(\frac{b^3 - a^3}{3}\right) + a_3\left(\frac{b^4 - a^4}{4}\right)$$

$$= c_1(a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_1^2 + a_3x_1^3) + c_2(a_0 + a_1x_2 + a_2x_2^2 + a_3x_2^3)$$

$$= a_0(c_1 + c_2) + a_1(c_1x_1 + c_2x_2) + a_2(c_1x_1^2 + c_2x_2^2) + a_3(c_1x_1^3 + c_2x_2^3)$$

# Gauss Quadrature

Since the constants  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3$  are arbitrary

$$b - a = c_1 + c_2$$

$$\frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} = c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2$$

$$\frac{b^3 - a^3}{3} = c_1 x_1^2 + c_2 x_2^2$$

$$\frac{b^4 - a^4}{4} = c_1 x_1^3 + c_2 x_2^3$$

# Gauss Quadrature

The previous four simultaneous nonlinear Equations have only one acceptable solution,

$$x_1 = \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right) \left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) + \frac{b+a}{2}$$

$$x_2 = \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) + \frac{b+a}{2}$$

$$c_1 = \frac{b-a}{2}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{b-a}{2}$$

# Gauss Quadrature

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b f(x) dx &\approx c_1 f(x_1) + c_2 f(x_2) \\ &= \frac{b-a}{2} f\left(\frac{b-a}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \frac{b+a}{2}\right) + \frac{b-a}{2} f\left(\frac{b-a}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \frac{b+a}{2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Note that this derivation is more general with integral boundaries of a to b

For simplicity the integration limits can be converted (e.g. to -1 to 1 , used in textbook)

# **Higher Point Gauss Quadrature (n-point)**

# Gauss Quadrature: n-points

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx c_1 f(x_1) + c_2 f(x_2) + c_3 f(x_3)$$

three-point Gauss Quadrature

The coefficients  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ , and  $c_3$ , and the functional arguments  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$

Unknowns are found by assuming the formula gives exact expressions for integrating a fifth order polynomial

$$\int_a^b (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + a_5 x^5) dx$$

General n-point rules would approximate the integral

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx c_1 f(x_1) + c_2 f(x_2) + \dots + c_n f(x_n)$$

# Coefficients c and function arguments x used in Gauss Quadrature

In textbook, coefficients and arguments given for n-point Gauss Quadrature are given for integrals:

$$\int_{-1}^1 g(x) dx \cong \sum_{i=1}^n c_i g(x_i)$$

Points	Coefficients	Function Arguments
2	$c_1 = 1.000000000$ $c_2 = 1.000000000$	$x_1 = -0.577350269$ $x_2 = 0.577350269$
3	$c_1 = 0.555555556$ $c_2 = 0.888888889$ $c_3 = 0.555555556$	$x_1 = -0.774596669$ $x_2 = 0.000000000$ $x_3 = 0.774596669$
4	$c_1 = 0.347854845$ $c_2 = 0.652145155$ $c_3 = 0.652145155$ $c_4 = 0.347854845$	$x_1 = -0.861136312$ $x_2 = -0.339981044$ $x_3 = 0.339981044$ $x_4 = 0.861136312$

# Coefficients $c$ and function arguments $x$ used in Gauss Quadrature

Points	Coefficients	Function Arguments
5	$c_1 = 0.236926885$ $c_2 = 0.478628670$ $c_3 = 0.568888889$ $c_4 = 0.478628670$ $c_5 = 0.236926885$	$x_1 = -0.906179846$ $x_2 = -0.538469310$ $x_3 = 0.000000000$ $x_4 = 0.538469310$ $x_5 = 0.906179846$
6	$c_1 = 0.171324492$ $c_2 = 0.360761573$ $c_3 = 0.467913935$ $c_4 = 0.467913935$ $c_5 = 0.360761573$ $c_6 = 0.171324492$	$x_1 = -0.932469514$ $x_2 = -0.661209386$ $x_3 = -0.2386191860$ $x_4 = 0.2386191860$ $x_5 = 0.661209386$ $x_6 = 0.932469514$