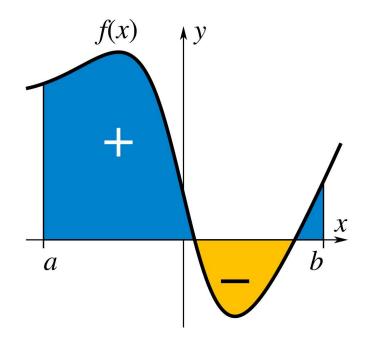
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Integral

 The integral of a function on the interval [a, b] is the signed area defined by its graph, the x-axis and the boundaries a and b:

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$$



Numerical integration

- Numerical integration is a way to approximate an integral
- This is generally done in three steps:
 - Subdividing the integration interval into smaller subintervals
 - For each subinterval, evaluating the function on a finite set of points and using a weighted sum to approximate the integral.
 - Adding up the approximations for each subinterval.
- We will describe three methods:
 - The midpoint rule
 - The trapezoidal rule
 - The Simpson's rule

Midpoint rule

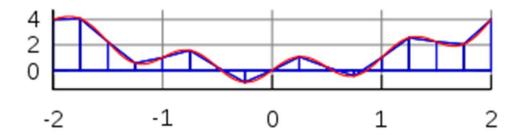
- ullet This is the simplest method: it approximates f on a small interval [a,b] by the constant function with the value $f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$ (value at the midpoint).

• The integral on
$$[a,b]$$
 is approximated by:
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx (b-a) f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$

Trapezoidal rule

- f is approximated on a small interval [a,b] by a line passing through (a,f(a)) and (b,f(b)).
- The integral on [a, b] is approximated by:

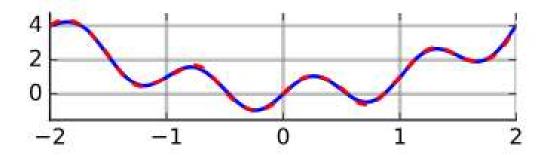
$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx \approx \frac{(b-a)}{2} (f(a) + f(b))$$



Simpson's rule

- f is approximated on a small interval [a, b] by a second-degree polynomial passing through (a, f(a)), (b, f(b)) and the midpoint
- The integral on [a, b] is approximated by:

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx \approx \frac{(b-a)}{6} \left(f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right)$$



Borwein integrals

Presented by the Borwein brothers in 2001

$$I_n = \int_0^{+\infty} \prod_{k=0}^n \frac{\sin\left(\frac{x}{2k+1}\right)}{\frac{x}{2k+1}} dx$$

- For the first few values of n, these integrals are all equal to $\pi/2$.
- Is true for every value of *n*?

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- Goal: Compute Borwein integrals using:
 - The midpoint rule
 - The trapezoidal rule
 - Simpson's rule.
- Input: index n of the Borwein integral to be computed
- Output: For each rule
 - Computed value of the integral
 - Absolute difference with $\pi/2$

Points of attention

- The $[0, +\infty]$ interval will be approximated by [0,5000]
- For each rule, this interval will be subdivided into 10000 subintervals

Exercise: Function evaluation

• Create a function that takes an index n and a value x and returns the value of the function used in the Borwein integral I_n :

$$f(x) = \prod_{k=0}^{n} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{x}{2k+1}\right)}{\frac{x}{2k+1}}$$

Exercise: Midpoint

• Create a function that takes an index n and two values a and b and returns the approximation of the Borwein integral I_n on [a,b] using the midpoint rule:

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx \approx (b-a)f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$

Exercise: Trapezoid

• Create a function that takes an index n and two values a and b and returns the approximation of the Borwein integral I_n on [a,b] using the trapezoidal rule:

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

Exercise: Simpson

• Create a function that takes an index n and two values a and b and returns the approximation of the Borwein integral I_n on [a,b] using the Simpson's rule:

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx \approx \frac{(b-a)}{6} \left(f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right)$$