

Internship Report

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Introduction

Numerical Analysis is an very important part of mathematics. It provides us with the tools nessesary to tackle real-life math problems which are hard to solve analytically. Functions such as the gamma functions and the normal distribution are extremely difficult to calculate analytically and sometimes impossible. Improper Integrals and integrals of higher dimentional functions may also be solved in a efficient manner utilizing these methods.

We have tried to build a simple yet powerful software utility which is able to integrate functions with vector valued inputs and vector valued outputs. It is possible to have multiple nested integrals with varying limits including improper integrals. Simpsons and Trapezoidal methods are used since they provide a good compromise speed and correctness. The software utility also provides a rudimentary 3-d visualization framework to plot relevant functions utilizing 3d-acceleration hardware present in most modern computers. The software utility also utilizes the feature of runtime link libraries provided by most modern operating system to provide a seameless user experience.

Learning Phase

In the learning phase we first develop the mathematical background required for this task.

Numerical Method of calculating Integrals

To compute the integrals of any function, we must first consider the problem of approximating the function. Approximation in this context reffers to the reconstruction of a function from n sampled points obtained from the function. This problem becomes much simpler if the sample points are spaced equally apart from eachother. Fortunately in our particular case we have direct access the the function itself thus it is trivial to obtain such points. Simpsons method and Trapezoidal method perform the best under these given constraints.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let, } f &: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ f_i &= f(x_i) \quad \forall x_i \in \mathbb{R} \quad \wedge \quad 0 \leq i \leq n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let, } L &: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ L(x) &= \sum_{i=0}^n \omega_i^n(x) f_i \\ \omega_i^n(x) &= \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ i \neq j}}^n \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j} \quad i \neq j \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } I &= \int_a^b f(x) dx \quad a = \min\{x_i\} \wedge b = \max\{x_i\} \\ &= \int_a^b L(x) dx \\ &= \int_a^b \sum_{i=0}^n \omega_i^n(x) f_i dx \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \int_a^b \omega_i^n(x) f_i dx \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n f_i \int_a^b \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ i \neq j}}^n \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let, } h &= x_i - x_{i-1} \quad \because x_i \text{ is equispaced} \\ u &= \frac{x - x_0}{h} \\ du &= \frac{1}{h} dx \end{aligned}$$

Substituting u ,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=0}^n f_i \int_0^n h \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ i \neq j}}^n \frac{u - j}{i - j} du \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n f_i \frac{h \cdot (-1)^{n-i}}{i! \cdot (n-i)!} \int_0^n \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ i \neq j}}^n (u - j) du \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

From this general formulae we can derive equations for both Simpsons ($n = 2$) and Trapezoidal ($n = 1$) rules,

From (1),

$$I = \sum_{i=0}^n f_i \frac{h \cdot (-1)^{n-i}}{i! \cdot (n-i)!} \int_0^n \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ i \neq j}}^n (u-j) du$$

For $n = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=0}^1 f_i \frac{h \cdot (-1)^{1-i}}{i! \cdot (1-i)!} \int_0^1 \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ i \neq j}}^1 (u-j) du \\ &= -f_0 \cdot h \cdot \int_0^1 (u-1) du + f_1 \cdot h \cdot \int_0^1 u du \\ &= -f_0 \cdot h \cdot \left[\frac{u^2}{2} - u \right]_0^1 + f_1 \cdot h \cdot \left[\frac{u^2}{2} \right]_0^1 \\ &= (f_0 + f_1) \frac{h}{2} \end{aligned}$$

For $n = 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=0}^2 f_i \frac{h \cdot (-1)^{2-i}}{i! \cdot (2-i)!} \int_0^2 \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ i \neq j}}^2 (u-j) du \\ &= f_0 \cdot h \cdot \int_0^1 (u-1)(u-2) du - f_1 \cdot h \cdot \int_0^1 u(u-2) du \\ &\quad + f_2 \cdot h \cdot \int_0^1 u(u-1) du \\ &= (f_0 + 4f_1 + f_2) \frac{h}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Integrals with improper limits

Integrals with improper limits can often be broken down into subpieces which can be computed separately.

e.g,

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \left(\int_{-1}^z \frac{1}{x} dx + \int_z^1 \frac{1}{x} dx \right)$$

We can also have limits which have infinities as their limits, in these cases we can construct a series with the integrals themselves and try to understand if the series converges. If it does we can also compute for what values.

e.g,

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$$

Let us consider the series,

$$S_n = \int_0^n e^{-x^2} dx$$

We can say S_k converges if at a large enough value of k equals S_{k+1} given a particular precision.

$$S_{n+1} - S_n < |\epsilon| \quad n \geq k \in \mathbb{R}$$

Computing Multiple Integrals

Multiple integrals to compute the volumes and other higher dimensional constructs can be computed through the same methods. Computing the limits from the outer most integral and then computing limits for these integrals from the inner most integral. However one of the many constraints of this system requires that each limit be defined as a function instead of conditional constraint, and it may be necessary to convert conditional constraints into limits

e.g,

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{x^2+y^2 \leq r^2} f(x, y) dA \\ &= \int_{-r}^r \left(\int_{-\sqrt{r^2-y^2}}^{\sqrt{r^2-y^2}} f(x, y) dx \right) dy \end{aligned}$$

Training

Building an simple prototype of a function integrator and plotter.

We build a simple prototype in javascript to understand how we should approach building the integrator software 1. During this process we avoid using several built in features and external libraries of javascript as to understand the internals of such a system and also to keep the program as light weight as possible.

The prototype was capable of integrating any function whose domain was \mathbb{R}^2 and range was \mathbb{R} . The interface developed in this prototype resembled that of graphing software desmos. The major things that we learned from building this prototype were:

- The computation time increased rapidly with decrease in the magnitude of h so it was imperative that we language which does not have a very high overhead.
- We need to separate out the graphing part of the program from the computation part to make it effective and fast.
- We must allow the user to input data in a known syntax, and allow them to edit the functions at runtime.

It is possible to access the prototype from any computer via the internet at: <https://nimcompoo-04.github.io/numlysis>

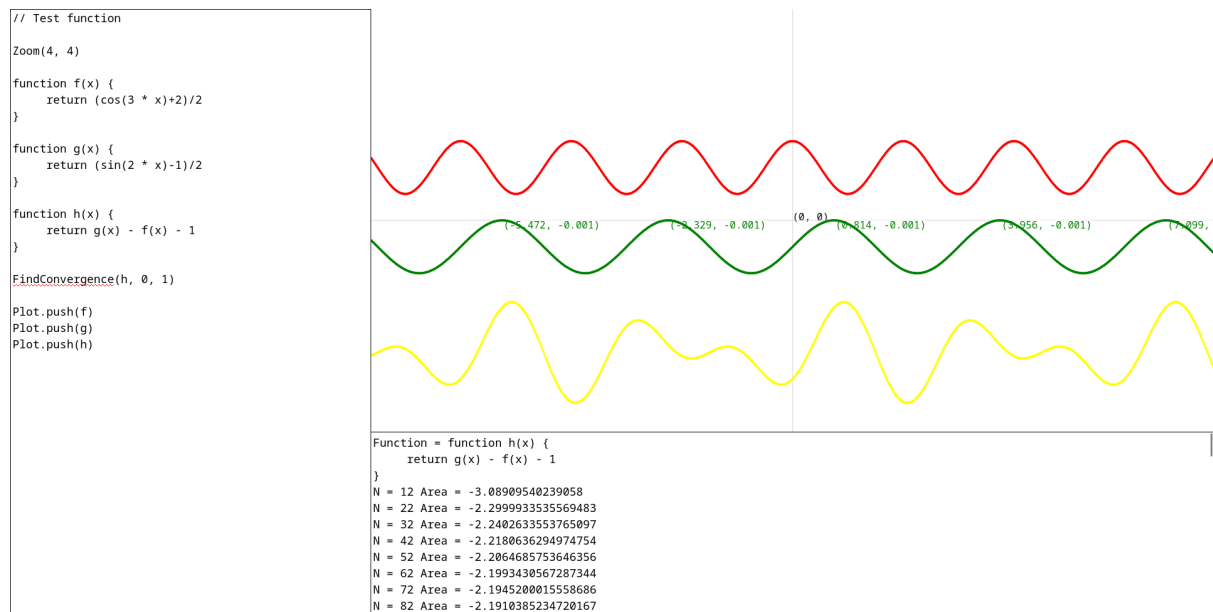


Figure 1: Integrating and plotting a trigonometric function

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