

Numerical derivatives

- Backward difference quotient
 - Forward " "
 - Central " "
- } 1st order $O(h)$
- 2nd order $O(h^2)$

Taylor series expansion used for error analysis

Richardson extrapolation:

Use an approximation q for h and $\frac{h}{2}$.

Look at the error (coming from Taylor series expansion). Combine the estimates for $q(h)$ and $q(\frac{h}{2})$ so that the low order error terms cancel out:

For central differencing:

$$\frac{4q(\frac{h}{2}) - q(h)}{3}$$

yields an approximation of $O(h^4)$.

5.4 Integration:

Numerical integration is needed when anti-derivatives can not be easily found.

Recall from Calculus II:

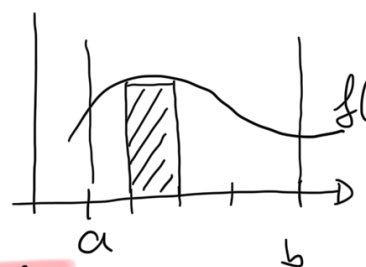
Assume $f \geq 0$ integrable, $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Riemann sums:

(i) Partition P of $[a, b]$.

Introduce nodes

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$$



and so introduce sub-intervals
 $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$ for $i = 0, \dots, n-1$

- (2) Approximate the area under the curve by summing up areas of rectangles

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \underbrace{(x_{i+1} - x_i)}_{\text{width}} \underbrace{f(x_i^*)}_{\text{height}} \quad \text{Riemann sum}$$

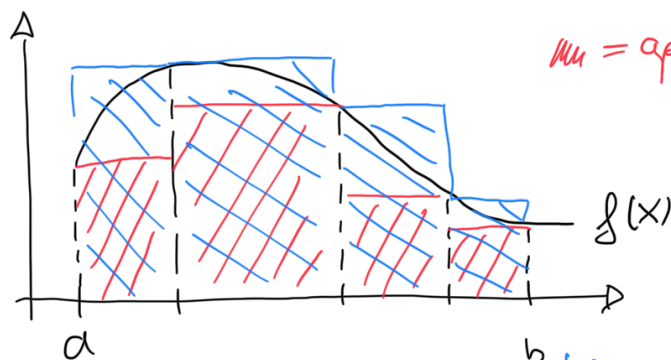
where $x_i^* \in [x_i, x_{i+1}]$

- (3) If f is continuous then x_i^* may be chosen arbitrarily in $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$. Two choices are interesting:

choose x_i^* such that $f(x_i^*) = \min \{ f(x) \mid x_i \leq x \leq x_{i+1} \}$
 $=: m_i$

OR

choose x_i^* such that $f(x_i^*) = \max \{ f(x) \mid x_i \leq x \leq x_{i+1} \}$
 $=: M_i$



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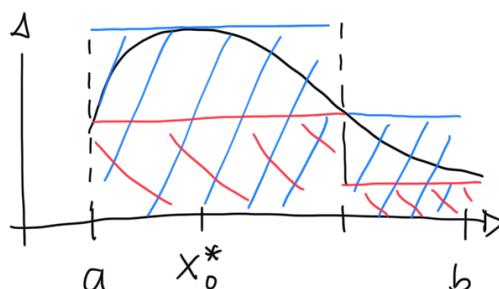
- (4) Then,

$$L(f; P) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i) m_i \quad \text{lower sum}$$

$$U(f; P) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i) M_i \quad \text{upper sum}$$

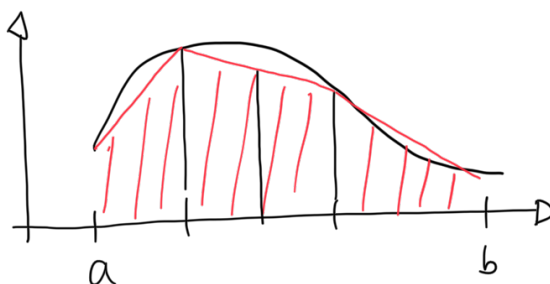
Obviously:

$$L(f; P) \leq \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq U(f; P)$$



Trapezoidal rule (like averaging between lower and upper sum)

Idea: Use trapezoids to approximate the area under the graph.



Again, let P be a partition with x_i , $i=0, \dots, n$, $x_0=a$, $x_n=b$. In each subinterval the integral is approximated by:

$$\int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f(x) dx \approx \underbrace{(x_{i+1} - x_i)}_{\text{width of base}} \underbrace{\frac{f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_i)}{2}}_{\text{average height of trapezoid}}$$

Summing over all sub-intervals:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i) \frac{f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_i)}{2}$$

$$T(f; P) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i) [f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_i)]$$

If the partition is equidistant, i.e. $x_{i+1} - x_i = h$
we get

$$T(f; P) = \frac{h}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} [f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_i)]$$

Theorem 44: Let $f \in C^2([a, b])$ and P an equidistant partition of $[a, b]$. Then, the error of the trapezoidal rule is

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x) dx - T(f; P) \right| = \frac{1}{12} |(b-a) h^2 f''(\xi)|$$

where $\xi \in (a, b)$, $h = x_{i+1} - x_i$.

It is particularly interesting to use the trapezoidal rule for $n = 2^m$, i.e. 2, 4, 8, 16, ... subintervals

For these partitions it is possible to derive a recursive trapezoidal rule:

$$T_m(f; P) = \frac{1}{2} T_{m-1}(f; P) + \dots$$

Can be used for iteratively refining the result of the approximation.

Romberg algorithm (Romberg 1909-2003)

Idea: Use trapezoidal rule and Richardson extrapolation.

First: Use the trapezoidal rule for a sequence of partitions $n = 2^0, 2^1, 2^2, \dots, 2^m$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

This yields approximations of the integral

$$R_i^0 := T_i(f; P) \quad \text{trapezoidal rule for } 2^i \text{ subintervals} \\ \text{i.e. } h = \frac{b-a}{2^i}$$

These numbers yield a first column in the Romberg array

$$\left. \begin{array}{c} R_0^0 \\ R_1^0 \text{---} R_1^1 \\ R_2^0 \text{---} R_2^1 \\ \vdots \\ R_m^0 \text{---} R_m^1 \end{array} \right\} \text{obtained by Richardson extrapolation}$$

Second: Write down the error in Taylor series expansion:

trapezoidal rule for 2^{i-1} subintervals

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = R_{i-1}^0 + a_2 h^2 + a_4 h^4 + a_6 h^6 + \dots \quad (\text{I})$$

note that only even powers appear!

trapezoidal rule for 2^i subintervals

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = R_i^0 + a_2 \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 + a_4 \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^4 + a_6 \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^6 + \dots \quad (\text{II})$$

$$= R_i^0 + \frac{a_2}{4} h^2 + \frac{a_4}{16} h^4 + \frac{a_6}{64} h^6 + \dots$$

Take (I) - 4x(II):

$$-3 \int_a^b f(x) dx = (R_{i-1}^0 - 4R_i^0) + \frac{3}{4} a_4 h^4 + \frac{15}{16} a_6 h^6 + \dots$$

$$\therefore \int_a^b f(x) dx = R_{i-1}^0 - 4R_i^0 \quad \text{with } \frac{a_4}{4} \quad \text{and } \frac{5}{16} a_6$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \int_a^b f(x) dx = \underbrace{\frac{\dots}{-3}}_{R_i^1} - \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{4}h^4 - \frac{1}{16}h^6 + \dots\right)}_{\text{error } O(h^4)}$$

so $\boxed{R_i^1 = \frac{4}{3} R_i^0 - \frac{1}{3} R_{i-1}^0}$ is a better approximation

Repeat this process to yield a second column in the Romberg array

$$\begin{array}{cccc} R_0^0 & \downarrow & & \\ R_1^0 & R_1^1 & \downarrow & \text{further columns produced} \\ \vdots & R_2^1 & R_2^2 & \text{by Richardson} \\ \vdots & \vdots & R_3^2 & \text{extrapolation.} \\ R_m^0 & R_m^1 & R_m^2 & \dots R_m^m \end{array}$$

Example:

$$\begin{array}{c} |-----| \\ a \qquad \qquad \qquad b \end{array}$$

$$R_0^0 = T_0(f; P) \quad \text{i.e. } 2^0 = 1 \text{ subinterval} \\ h_0 = (b-a)$$

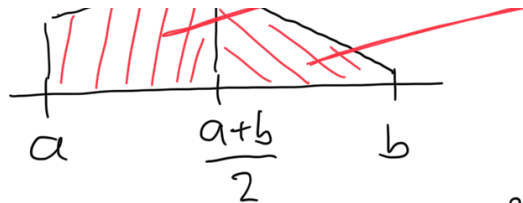
$$R_1^0 = T_1(f; P) \quad \text{i.e. } 2^1 = 2 \text{ subintervals} \\ h_1 = \frac{b-a}{2} = \frac{h_0}{2}$$

$$R_2^0 = T_2(f; P) \quad \text{i.e. } 2^2 = 4 \text{ subintervals} \\ h_2 = \frac{b-a}{4} = \frac{h_1}{2}$$

in more detail:

$$R_0^0 = T_0(f; P) = (b-a) \frac{f(b) + f(a)}{2} \quad \text{one trapezoid}$$

$$R_1^0 = T_1(f; P) = \frac{b-a}{2} \left[\underbrace{\frac{f(\frac{b+a}{2}) + f(a)}{2}} + \underbrace{\frac{f(b) + f(\frac{b+a}{2})}{2}} \right]$$



Example 45: If $R_3^2 = 1$ and $R_4^2 = 8$

In general we need the following combination:

$$R_i^k = R_i^{k-1} + \frac{1}{4^{k-1}} (R_i^{k-1} - R_{i-1}^{k-1})$$

Here:

$$\begin{aligned} R_4^3 &= R_4^2 + \frac{1}{4^3 - 1} (R_4^2 - R_3^2) \\ &= 8 + \frac{1}{63} (8 - 1) \\ &= \frac{73}{9} \approx 8.1 \end{aligned}$$

In this formula, the value resulting from more intervals has a greater influence.