

Scientific Computing: Numerical Integration

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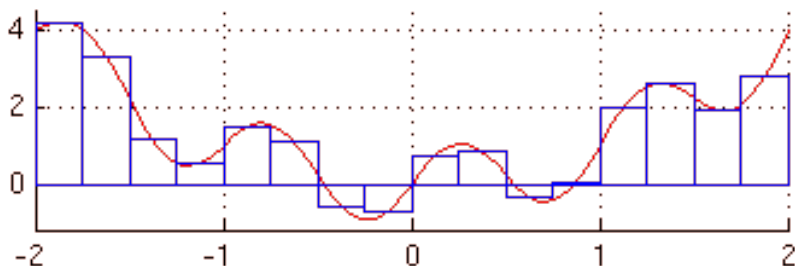
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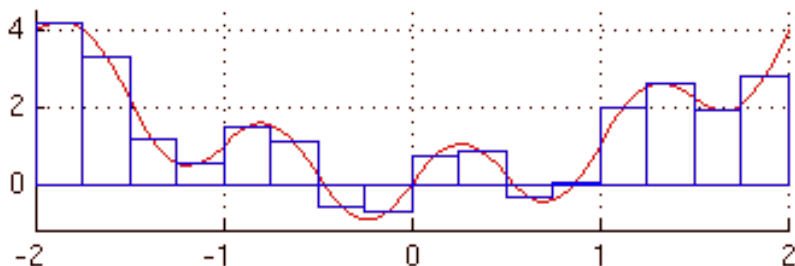
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Interpolatory Quadrature

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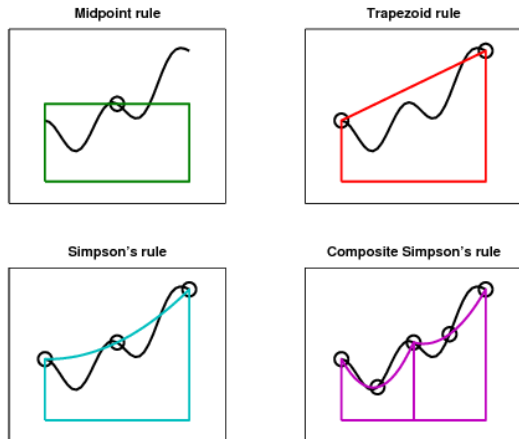


Figure 6.2. Four quadrature rules.

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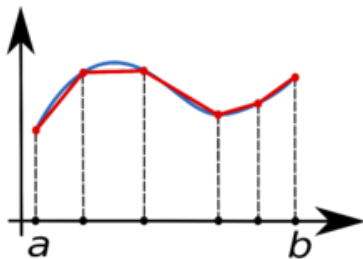
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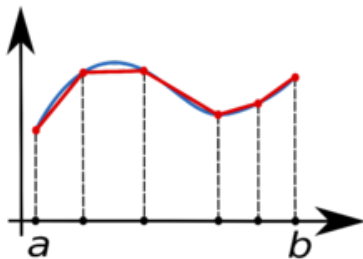
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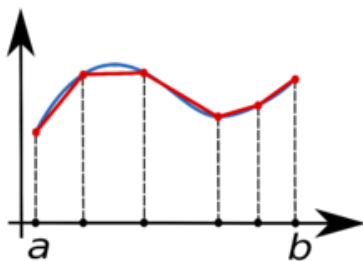
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- This gives the **Gauss quadrature** based on the **Gauss nodes and weights**, usually pre-tabulated for the standard interval $[-1, 1]$:

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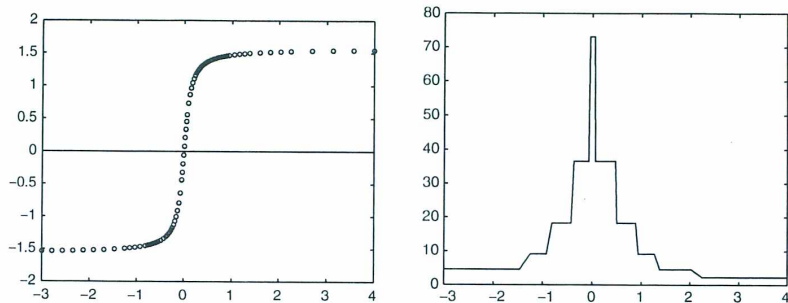


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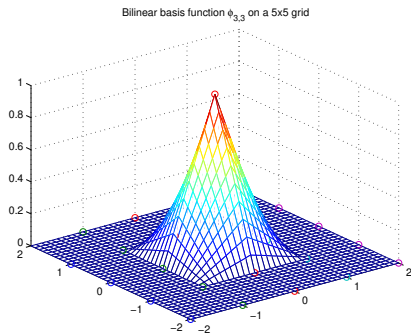
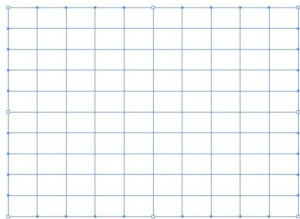
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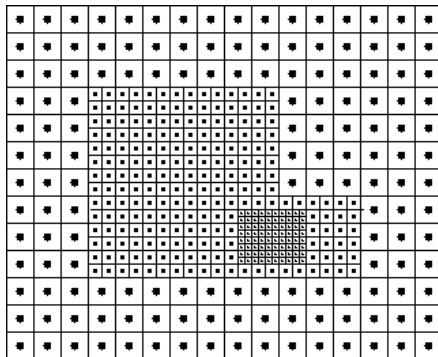
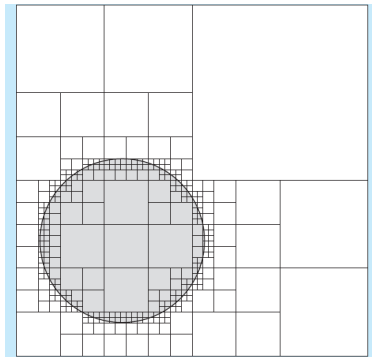
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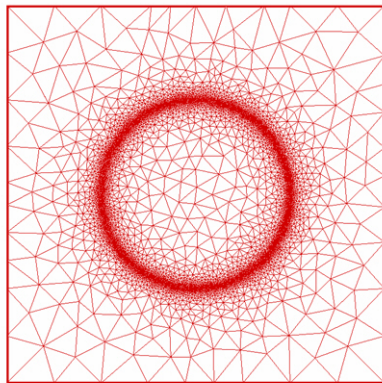
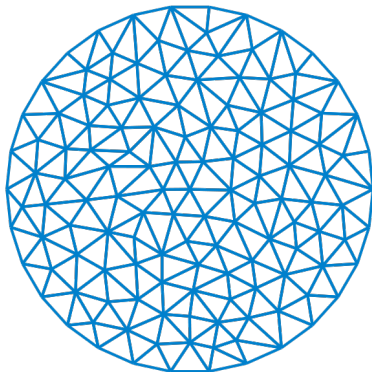
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