

# SOLUTIONS SHEET 7

## Exercise 1.

- a. Let  $f \in C^5(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $h > 0$ ,  $\psi(h; x) := f(x + h)$  and  $\hat{\psi}(h; x) := f(x - h)$ . Then for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  we have by *Taylor's Theorem*

$$(1) \quad f(x + h) = \psi(h; x) = \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k \psi}{dh^k}(0; x) h^k + \frac{1}{5!} \frac{d^5 \psi}{dh^5}(\hat{\xi}_1; x) h^5 = \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} h^k + \frac{f^{(5)}(\xi_1)}{5!} h^5$$

for  $\hat{\xi}_1 \in ]0, h[$  and  $\xi_1 \in ]x, x + h[$  and

$$(2) \quad f(x - h) = \hat{\psi}(h; x) = \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k \hat{\psi}}{dh^k}(0; x) h^k + \frac{1}{5!} \frac{d^5 \hat{\psi}}{dh^5}(\hat{\xi}_2; x) h^5 = \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{(-1)^k f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} h^k - \frac{f^{(5)}(\xi_2)}{5!} h^5$$

for  $\hat{\xi}_2 \in ]0, h[$  and  $\xi_2 \in ]x - h, x[$ . Let us now consider the symmetric finite difference  $f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}$ . Substituting equations (1) and (2) in the symmetric finite difference yields

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_1(x, h) &:= \frac{f(x + h) - f(x - h)}{2h} \\ &= \frac{1}{2h} \sum_{k=0}^4 \left[ \frac{f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} h^k + \frac{f^{(5)}(\xi_1)}{5!} h^5 - \frac{(-1)^k f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} h^k + \frac{f^{(5)}(\xi_2)}{5!} h^5 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2h} \left[ 2h f'(x) + \frac{1}{3} f^{(3)}(x) h^3 + \frac{1}{120} (f^{(5)}(\xi_1) + f^{(5)}(\xi_2)) h^5 \right] \\ &= f'(x) + \frac{1}{6} f^{(3)}(x) h^2 + \frac{1}{240} [f^{(5)}(\xi_1) + f^{(5)}(\xi_2)] h^4 \end{aligned}$$

Further we get by stipulating  $h = 2\hat{h}$ ,  $\hat{h} > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_2(x, h) &:= \frac{f(x + 2\hat{h}) - f(x - 2\hat{h})}{4\hat{h}} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\hat{h}} \sum_{k=0}^4 \left[ 2^k \frac{f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} \hat{h}^k - 2^k \frac{(-1)^k f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} \hat{h}^k + \frac{2^5}{5!} (f^{(5)}(\xi_3) + f^{(5)}(\xi_4)) \hat{h}^5 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\hat{h}} \sum_{k=0}^4 \left[ 2^{k-1} \frac{f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} \hat{h}^k - 2^{k-1} \frac{(-1)^k f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} \hat{h}^k + \frac{2^4}{5!} (f^{(5)}(\xi_3) + f^{(5)}(\xi_4)) \hat{h}^5 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\hat{h}} \left[ 2f'(x) \hat{h} + \frac{4}{3} f^{(3)}(x) \hat{h}^3 + \frac{2^4}{5!} (f^{(5)}(\xi_3) + f^{(5)}(\xi_4)) \hat{h}^5 \right] \\ &= f'(x) + \frac{2}{3} f^{(3)}(x) \hat{h}^2 + \frac{2}{3} (f^{(5)}(\xi_3) + f^{(5)}(\xi_4)) \hat{h}^4 \end{aligned}$$

Now let  $\hat{h} = h$ . We see that in  $\Phi_2(x, h) - 4\Phi_1(x, h)$  the term  $O(h^2)$  vanishes. To get a discretization for  $f'(x)$  the scaling factor  $-\frac{1}{3}$  is needed. Hence

$$-\frac{1}{3} [\Phi_2(x, h) - 4\Phi_1(x, h)] = -\frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{f(x+2h) - f(x-2h)}{4h} - \frac{8}{h} \left( \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{4h} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{f(x-2h) - 8f(x-h) + 8f(x+h) - f(x+2h)}{12h}$$

In general the  $O(h^4)$  term does not vanish as can be seen by considering the difference

$$(3) \quad \frac{2}{3} \left( f^{(5)}(\xi_3) + f^{(5)}(\xi_4) \right) h^4 - \frac{1}{240} \left[ f^{(5)}(\xi_1) + f^{(5)}(\xi_2) \right] h^4 = \frac{159}{240} \left( f^{(5)}(\xi_3) + f^{(5)}(\xi_4) \right) h^4$$

b. The source code can be found in listing 1.

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1  function [ y ] = SFD4( fi,h )
2  n = length(fi);
3  y = zeros(1,n-4);
4  for k = 1:(n-4)
5      y(k) = (fi(k) - 8 * fi(k + 1) + 8 * fi(k + 3) - fi(k + 4))/(12 * h);
6  end
7  end

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LISTING 1. src/SFD4.m

c. The plot can be found in figure 1. Obviously the convergence rate is of the type  $Ch^4$  as predicted by a. and does agree quite well.

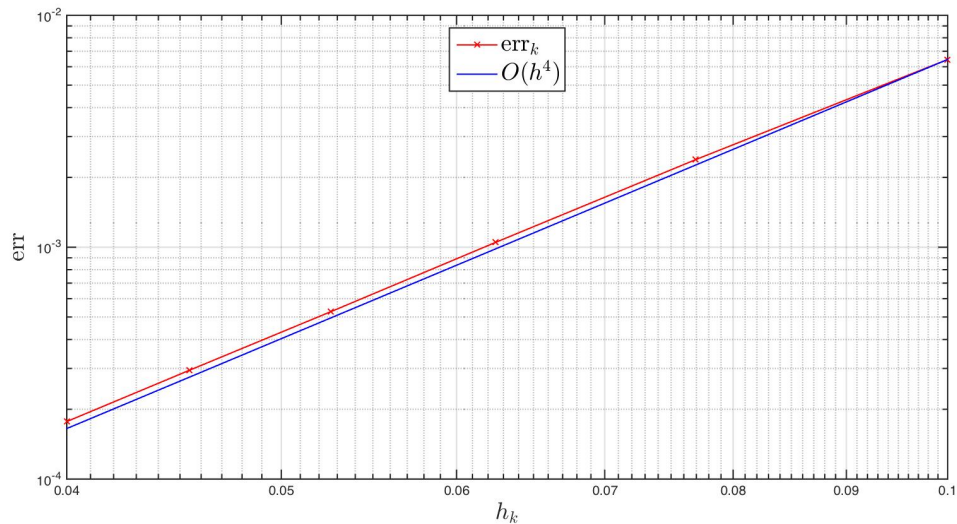


FIGURE 1. Plot of the error of the discretized derivative of the function  $f(x) = \frac{\cos(5x)}{x+1}$  on the interval  $[0, 2]$  for decreasing stepsize  $h_k$ .

**Exercise 2.** a. Let  $f \in C^2[a, b]$ . For  $x \in [a, b]$  consider the tangent line at the point  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$  which is given by truncating the Taylor expansion after the second term

$$(4) \quad T(x) = f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$

Definite integration yields

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b T(x)dx &= f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)(b-a) + \frac{1}{2}f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)(b^2-a^2) - \frac{1}{2}f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)(a+b)(b-a) \\ &= f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)(b-a) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f \in C^2[a, b]$  there exists some  $C > 0$  such that  $|f''(x)| \leq C$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$  since  $[a, b]$  is compact by Heine-Borel. Thus for some  $\xi_x \in ]a, b[$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)(b-a) \right| &= \left| \int_a^b [f(x) - T(x)] dx \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b f''(\xi_x) \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2 dx \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b |f''(\xi_x)| \left|x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right|^2 dx \\ &\leq \frac{C}{2} \left[ \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right)^2 + \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{C}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{24}(b-a)^3 + \frac{1}{24}(b-a)^3 \right] \\ &= \frac{C}{24}(b-a)^3 \end{aligned}$$

□

**b.** By **a.** for  $h := \frac{b-a}{n}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - h \sum_{k=1}^n f\left(\frac{x_{k-1} + x_k}{2}\right) \right| &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \int_{x_{k-1}}^{x_k} f(x)dx - hf\left(\frac{x_{k-1} + x_k}{2}\right) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{24} \sum_{k=1}^n C_k h^3 \\ &\leq \frac{C}{24} n h^3 \\ &= \frac{C(b-a)}{24} h^2 \end{aligned}$$

for  $C := \max_{k=1, \dots, n} \{C_k\} > 0$ .

□

**Exercise 3.** **a.** The source code can be found in listing 2.

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1  function [ I ] = composite_simpson( f,a,b,h )
2  x = a:h:b;
3  M = 1/2 * (x(1:(end - 1)) + x(2:end));
4  I = h/6 * (f(x(1)) + f(x(end)) + 4 * sum(f(M)) + 2 * sum(f(x(2:(end-1)))));
5  end

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LISTING 2. src/composite\_simpson.m

- b. Since  $\frac{d}{dx} 2^x = \log(2) 2^x$  we have  $\int_0^2 2^x dx = \frac{1}{\log(2)} [2^x]_0^2 = \frac{3}{\log(2)}$ . The plot can be found in figure 2. As one can see the theoretical order  $O(h^4)$  agrees precisely with experimental convergence rate.

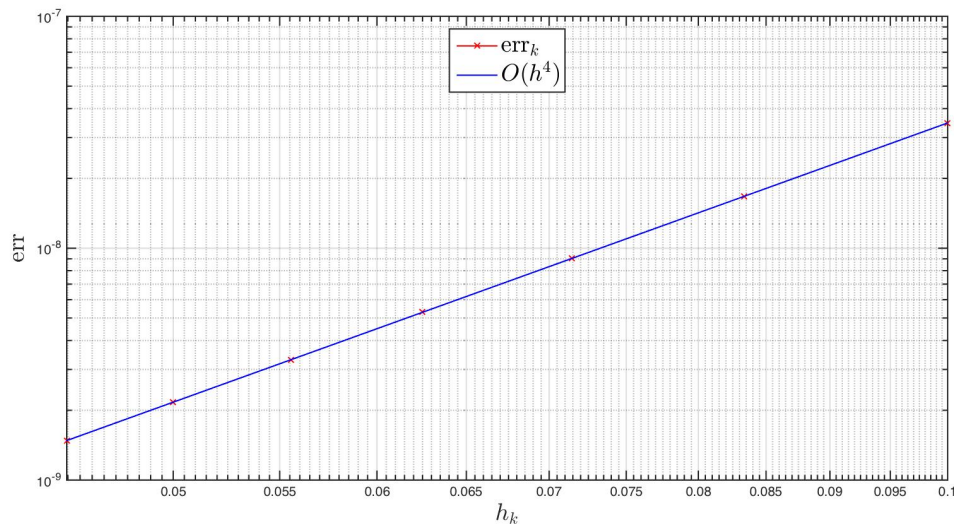


FIGURE 2. Plot of the error of the discretized integral of the function  $f(x) = 2^x$  on  $[0, 2]$  using the composited Simpson rule.

**Exercise 4.** (a) Let us have a look at the *affine transformation*  $\psi(\tau) : [-1, 1] \rightarrow [a, b]$  defined by  $\psi(\tau) := \frac{1}{2}((b-a)\tau + (a+b))$  (this is simple Lagrange interpolation of the two nodes  $(-1, a)$  and  $(1, b)$ ). Then

$$(5) \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{b-a}{2} \int_{\psi^{-1}(a)}^{\psi^{-1}(b)} f(\psi(\tau)) d\tau = \frac{b-a}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(\psi(\tau)) d\tau$$

and thus

$$(6) \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{b-a}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(a-b) + (a+b)\right)\right) + f\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(b-a) + (a+b)\right)\right) \right]$$

(b) The code can be found in listing 3.

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1  function [ I ] = composite_gaussian_quadrature( f,a,b,n )
2  h = (b - a)/n;
3  xi = a:h:b;
4  I = 0;
5  for k = 1:n
6  I = I + (xi(k+1) - xi(k))/2 * (f(1/2 * (1/sqrt(3) * (xi(k) - xi(k+1)) ...
7      + (xi(k) + xi(k+1)))) + f(1/2 * (1/sqrt(3) * (xi(k+1) - xi(k)) ...
8      + (xi(k) + xi(k+1)))));
9  end
10 end

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LISTING 3. src/composite\_gaussian\_quadrature.m

- (c) We have  $\int_0^5 \frac{1}{1+(x-\pi)^2} dx = \int_{-\pi}^{5-\pi} \frac{1}{1+u^2} du = \arctan(5-\pi) + \arctan(\pi)$ . The number of subintervals needed to reach an accuracy lower than  $10^{-4}$  is nine as can be told from the source code in listing 4.

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1  f = @(x) 1./(1 + (x - pi).^2);
2  a = 0;
3  b = 5;
4  tol = 1e-4;
5  steps = 1;
6  I = composite_gaussian_quadrature(f,a,b,steps);
7  error = abs(I - (atan(5 - pi) + atan(pi)));
8  steps = steps + 1;
9  while error >= tol
10     I = composite_gaussian_quadrature(f,a,b,steps);
11     error = abs(I - (atan(5 - pi) + atan(pi)));
12     steps = steps + 1;
13 end
14 disp(['Number of steps used to reach the accuracy ',num2str(tol), ...
15     ': ', num2str(steps)])

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LISTING 4. src/ex\_4\_c.m