

# Numerical Integration

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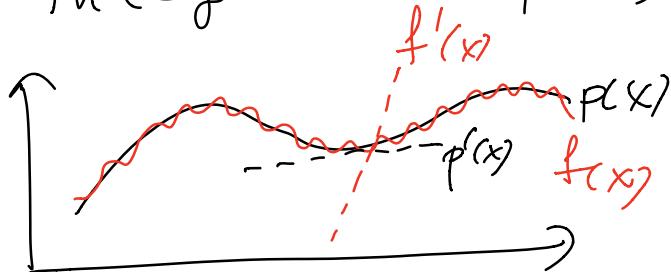
$$\text{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$$

$$J = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

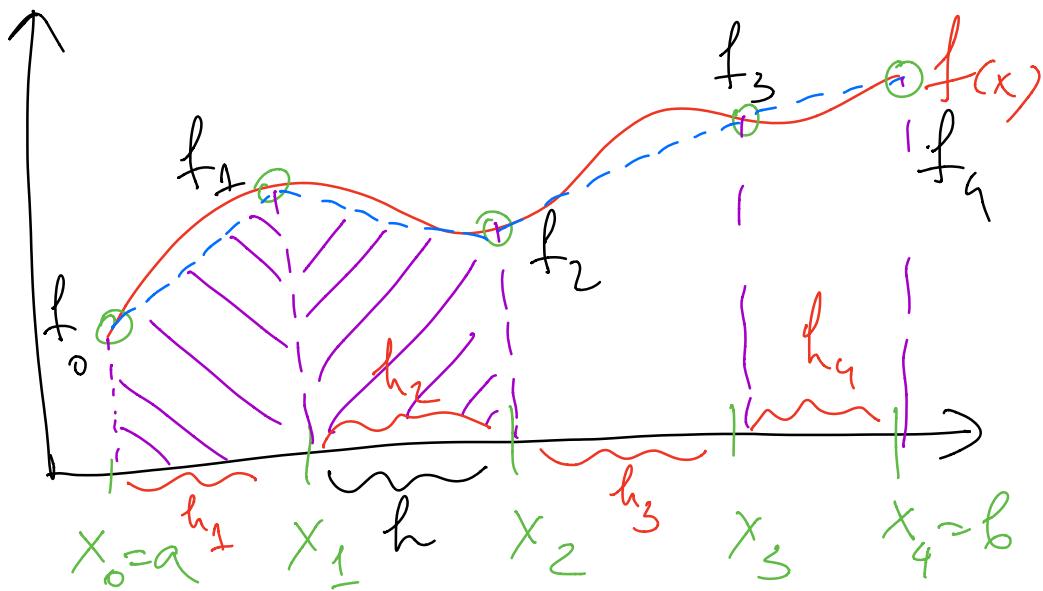
a quadrature

Idea:

Approximate  $f(x)$  by  $p(x)$ ,  
and integrate  $p(x)$  instead



E.g. Piecewise linear interp.



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_k = a + k \cdot h, \quad k=0,..,n \\ h = \frac{b-a}{n}, \quad f_h = f(x_k) \end{array} \right.$$

Area under  $f \approx$  Sum of areas  
of four trapezoids

$$J \approx h \cdot \left( \frac{f_0 + f_1}{2} h_1 + \frac{f_1 + f_2}{2} h_2 + \frac{f_2 + f_3}{2} h_3 + \frac{f_3 + f_4}{2} h_4 \right)$$

$$J \approx h \left( \frac{f_0 + f_n}{2} + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} f_j \right)$$

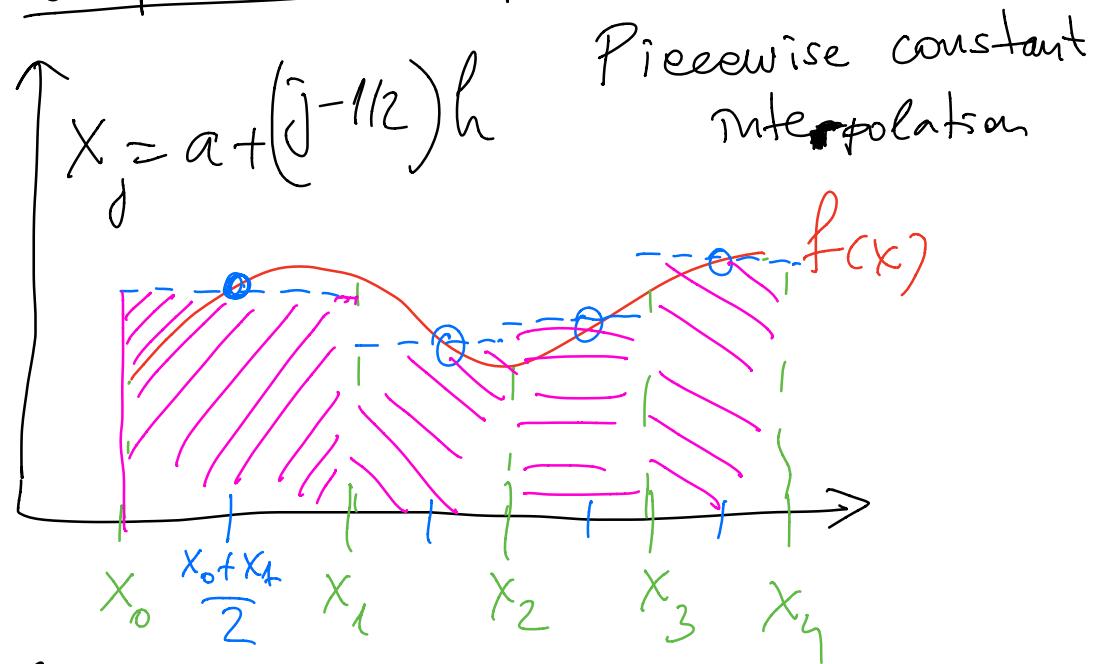
$$J = \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx h \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f(x_j)$$

Don't forget this

$$\frac{h}{2} \left[ f(x_0) + f(x_n) \right]$$

composite trapezoidal rule

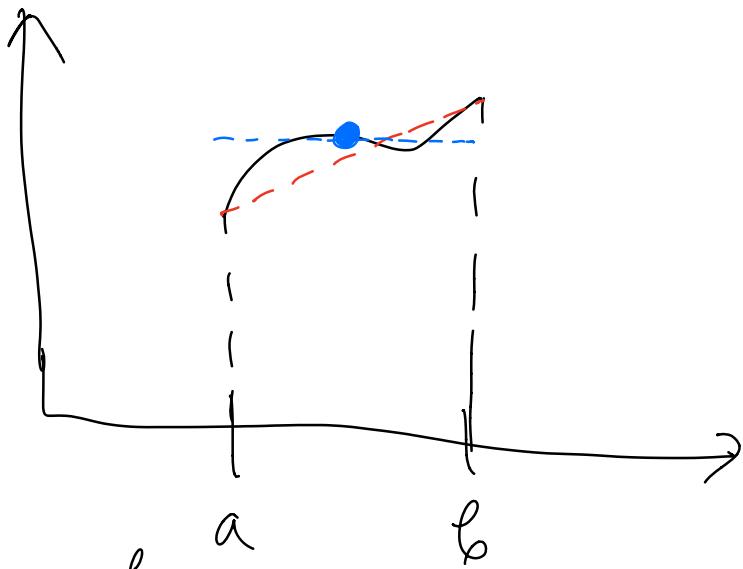
## Composite midpoint rule



$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^{x_1} f dx + \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f dx + \int_{x_2}^{x_3} f dx + \int_{x_3}^{x_4} f dx$$

$$J = h \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_j)$$

Composite midpoint rule



error ?  $\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \cdot (b-a)$

#1 ~~Taylor series~~  
For midpoint  $x_{\text{mid}} = \frac{a+b}{2}$

$$f(x) \approx f(x_{\text{mid}}) + f'(x_{\text{mid}})(x - x_{\text{mid}})$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} f''(\xi) (x - x_{\text{mid}})^2$$

$\xi$  between  $x$  and  $x_{\text{mid}}$

Do this at home

$$E = \int_{x-h/2}^{x+h/2} f(t) dt - f(x) \cdot h$$
$$\approx \frac{h^3}{24} f''(\xi)$$

$$\xi \in [x - \frac{h}{2}, x + \frac{h}{2}]$$

#2 Use formula for error  
of polynomial interpolant  
For trapezoidal rule

$$E_1(x) = f(x) - P_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} f''(\xi(x)) (x-a)(x-b)$$

linear interpolant     $\xi(x) \in [a, b]$

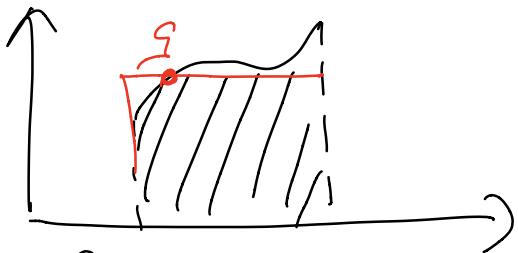
$$\mathcal{E} = \int f(x) dx - \int p_1(x) dx =$$

trapezoidal  
rule

$$\mathcal{E} = \int_a^b \mathcal{E}_1(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b f''(\xi(x)) (x-a)(x-b) dx$$

Mean-value theorem for integrals

$\xrightarrow{\text{continuous}}$   $\int_a^b f(x) dx = f(\xi)(b-a)$



$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{f''(\xi)}{2} \int_{x=a}^b (x-a)(x-b) dx, \quad \xi \in [a, b]$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_{\text{trap}} = -\frac{h^3}{12} f''(\xi) \\ E_{\text{mid}} = \frac{h^3}{24} f''(\xi) \end{array} \right. \quad \xi \in [a, b]$$

$$E_{\text{mid/trap}} \sim O(h^3) \cdot f''(\xi)$$

Composite rule error

$$\left| \mathcal{I} - \mathcal{I}_{\text{trap}} \right| \leq \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{h^3}{12} f''(\xi_k) \right|$$

$$\xi_k \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]$$

$$\left| f''(x) \right| \leq M, x \in [a, b]$$

$$|\int - \int_{\text{trap}}| \leq \frac{M}{12} h^3 \cdot n$$

$$= \frac{M}{12} h^2 \cdot \frac{b-a}{6}$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{comp. trap}} \leq \frac{h^2}{12} \cdot M = O(h^2)$$

Same for composite midpoint.

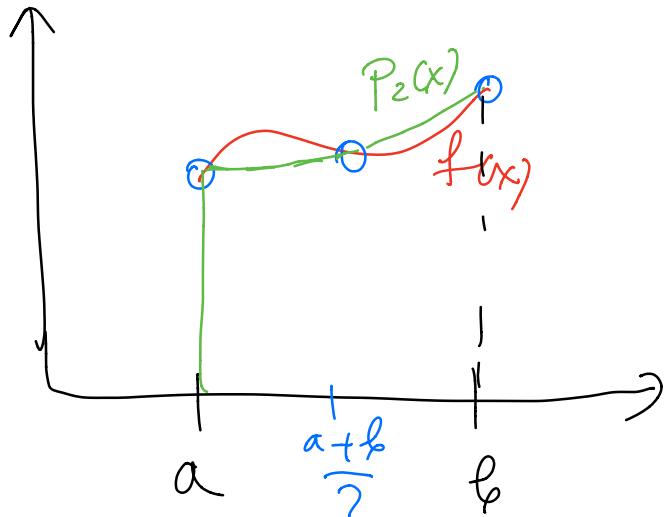
Composite midpoint / trapezoidal rule are second-order accurate

$$\epsilon \sim \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\begin{cases} n \rightarrow 2n \\ \epsilon \rightarrow \frac{\epsilon}{4} \end{cases}$$

Warning: This is an overestimate  
See Euler-MacLaurin theorem (trap. rule)

More accurate: Piecewise quadratic  
interpolation

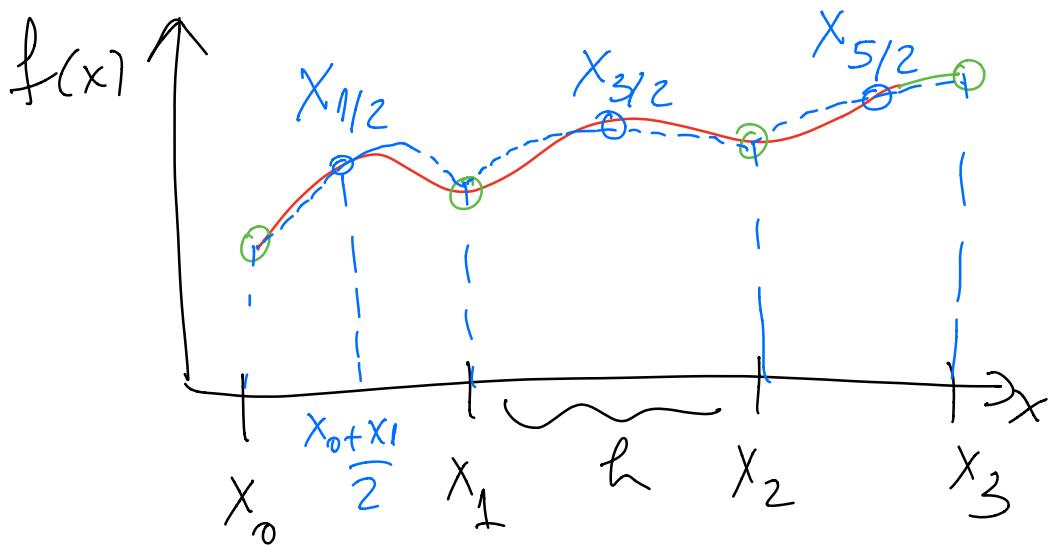


$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \int_a^b P_2(x) dx$$

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

Simpson's rule

## Composite Simpson's rule



$$\begin{aligned}
 \int = & \frac{h}{6} \left[ f_0 + f_1 + 4f_{1/2} \right] \\
 & + \frac{h}{6} \left[ f_1 + f_2 + 4f_{3/2} \right] \\
 & + \frac{h}{6} \left[ f_2 + f_3 + 4f_{5/2} \right] \\
 = & \frac{h}{6} \left[ f_0 + 4f_{1/2} + 2f_1 + 4f_{3/2} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$+ 2f_2 + 4f_{5/2} + f_3]$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{6} [f(a) + f(b)]$$

$$+ \frac{h}{3} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} f(x_k)$$

$$+ \frac{2h}{3} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(x_{k+1/2})$$

Composite Simpson's rule

$$E_{\text{Simp}}^{\text{comp}} = \frac{b-a}{2880} h^4 \cdot M$$

$$M = \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f^{(4)}(x)|$$

$$E_{\text{Comp. simp.}} = O(h^4)$$

A method is  $p^{\text{th}}$  order accurate iff it is exact for polynomials of degree (at least) up to  $p-1$

Use this to:

- 1) validate / test formulas
- 2) derive formulas faster

$$\int_a^b p_2(x) dx = w_1 f(a) + w_2 \cdot f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + w_3 \cdot f(b)$$

↑  
unknown weights

↑  
 $w_1$   
 $w_2$   
 $w_3$

$\forall p(x) \in P_2$

Formula is exact for  $\{1, x, x^2\}$   
 (understand why)

$$\int_a^b 1 dx = w_1 + w_2 + w_3 = b-a$$

$$\int_a^b x dx = w_1 a + w_2 \frac{a+b}{2} + w_3 b \\ = \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2}$$

$$\int_a^b x^2 dx = \frac{b^3 - a^3}{3} = w_1 a^2 + w_2 \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2 \\ + w_3 b^2$$

3 linear eqs for 3 unknowns  
 $w_1, w_2, w_3$

Solution is  $\omega_1 = \omega_3 = \frac{b-a}{6}$

$$\omega_2 = \frac{4}{6} (b-a)$$