

# Numerical Methods I

## Class notes

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$A\vec{x} = b$ , if  $A$  is SDD, converges.

$\vec{x}^{(k+1)} = T\vec{x}^{(k)} + \vec{c}$ , if  $\|T\| < 1$ , converges.

$$\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}^{(k)}\| \leq \frac{\|T\|^k}{1-\|T\|} \|\vec{x}^{(0)} - \vec{x}^{(1)}\| \leq T_{ol}.$$

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} \quad (1)$$

$$\approx \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} \quad (2)$$

## 1.1 Basic Extrapolation Technique (Based on the order of term)

Suppose approximations based on different  $h$ 's are known. We may extrapolate a more accurate approximation as follows:

Exact = Approx. + Error

If the error is of order  $O(h^n)$ ,

Error  $\propto h^n$

Error =  $kh^n$

Exact = Approx. +  $kh^n$

Using this equation with a pair of values for Approx and  $h$ , we may obtain a better approximation by solving for Exact.

Example:

$$f(x) = \ln(x + 2) \quad (3)$$

$$h = 0.1, f'(0) \approx 0.5004172928(A_{0.1}) \quad (4)$$

$$h = 0.01, f'(0) \approx 0.5000041667(A_{0.01}) \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Exact} = A_{0.1} + k * (0.1)^2$$

$$\text{Exact} = A_{0.1} + k * (0.01)$$

$$\frac{E - A_{0.1}}{0.01} = k \quad (6)$$

$$E = A_{0.01} + \frac{E - A_{0.1}}{0.01} * 0.0001 \quad (7)$$

$$E = A_{0.01} + 0.01E - 0.01A_{0.1} \quad (8)$$

$$0.99E = A_{0.01} - 0.01A_{0.1} \quad (9)$$

$$E = \frac{A_{0.01} - 0.01A_{0.1}}{0.99} = 0.4999999937 \quad (10)$$

## 1.2 Numerical Integration

Our goal is to approximate  $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ , where  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $a \leq x \leq b$ . Using Rhemann sums  $\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^* \Delta X)$ .  $x_k^*$  means the chosen one from the  $k^{th}$ .

## 2 Newton-Cotes Closed Methods

The main characteristics of theses methods are:

1. Both  $x = a$  and  $x = b$  are used in the approximation;
2.  $\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^b w_i f(x_i)$ ,  $w_i$ : weights,  $x_i$ : abscissas (specially chosen x-values).

### 2.1 Trapezoidal Rule

Using the secant-line approximation of  $f(x)$ , through  $(a, f(a)), (b, f(b))$  we get the following:

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \frac{1}{2}h(f(a) + f(b)) = \frac{h}{2}f(a) + \frac{h}{2}f(b) \quad (11)$$

This is the **basic trapezoidal method**. If  $n$  subintervals are used, with uniform width  $h = \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$ , and the trapezoidal rule is applied to each

interval, we get:

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \frac{h}{2} (f(x_0) + f(x_1)) + \frac{h}{2} (f(x_1) + f(x_2)) + \cdots + \frac{h}{2} (f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)) \quad (12)$$

$$\approx \frac{h}{2} [f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \cdots + 2f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)] \quad (13)$$

$$\approx \frac{h}{2} \left[ f(x_0) + 2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(x_i) \right) + f(x_n) \right] \quad (14)$$

This is the **composite trapezoidal method**.

## 2.2 Simpson's $\frac{1}{3}$ Rule

Using the quadratic approximation:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x)dx &\approx \sum_{-h}^h ax^2 + bx + cdx = \left[ \frac{a}{3}x^3 + \frac{b}{2}x^2 + cx \right]_{-h}^h \\ &= \left( \frac{a}{3}h^3 + \frac{b}{2}h^2 + ch \right) - \left( \frac{a}{3}(-h)^3 + \frac{b}{2}(-h)^2 + c(-h) \right) \\ &= \frac{a}{3}h^3 + \frac{b}{2}h^2 + ch - \left( -\frac{a}{3}h^3 + \frac{b}{2}h^2 - ch \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{3}ah^3 + 2ch \\ &= \frac{h}{3} (2ah^2 + 6c) \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Since the quadratic passes through  $(-h, y_0), (0, y_1), (h, y_2)$ :

$$y_0 = ah^2 - bh + c$$

$$y_1 = c$$

$$y_2 = ah^2 + bh + c$$

$$y_0 + 4y_1 + y_2 = (ah^2 - bh + c) + 4c + (ah^2 + bh + c) = 2ah^2 + 6c \quad (16)$$

With an even number of subintervals, the composite simpson's  $\frac{1}{3}$  rule is:

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \frac{h}{3} [f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + 4f(x_3) + 2f(x_4) + \cdots + 4f(x_{n-2}) + 2f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)] \quad (17)$$

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If a cubic ( $3^{rd} degree$ ) polynomial is used to approximate  $f(x)$  over  $[a, b]$ , we get the Simpson's 3/8 rule:

$$\text{Simple: } \int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \frac{3h}{8} [f(a) + 3f(a+h) + 3f(a+2h) + f(a+3h)] \quad (18)$$

Composite (with  $n$ , a multiple of 3, subintervals):

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \frac{3h}{8} [f(x_0) + 3f(x_1) + 3f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_n)] \quad (19)$$

Example:

$$\int_0^6 e^{\frac{x}{2}} dx \approx \frac{3}{8} \left[ 1 + 3e^{\frac{1}{2}} + 3e + 2e^{\frac{3}{2}} + 3e^2 + 3e^{\frac{5}{2}} + e^3 \right] \quad (20)$$

$$\approx 38.1992154 \quad (21)$$

$$\text{Abs. error} = 0.0281416062 \quad (22)$$

- Determining  $n$  to meet some tolerance using the composite trapezoidal rule to approximate  $\int_0^6 e^{\frac{x}{2}} dx$ , to obtain an absolute error of at most  $10^{-6}$ , we need:

$$\frac{h^2}{12} (b-a) f''(c) \leq 10^{-6} \quad (23)$$

$$\frac{h^2}{12} (6-0) f''(c) \leq 10^{-6}$$

Using the  $\max_{[a,b]} |f''(x)|$ , we will use a conservative estimate for  $h$  ( $\frac{b-a}{n}$ ):  
 $f(x) = e^{\frac{x}{2}}, f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{\frac{x}{2}}, f''(x) = \frac{1}{4}e^{\frac{x}{2}}$ . (max occurs at right end point)

Since  $\frac{1}{4}e^{\frac{x}{2}}$  is monotone increasing,  $\max_{[0,6]} \frac{1}{4}e^{\frac{x}{2}} = \frac{1}{4}e^3$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{h^2}{12} * 6 * \frac{1}{4}e^3 &\leq 10^{-6} \\
 h^2 * \frac{1}{8}e^3 &\leq 10^{-6} \\
 h^2 &\leq \frac{8 * 10^{-6}}{e^3} \\
 h &\leq \sqrt{\frac{8 * 10^{-6}}{e^3}} = 0.00063
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{24}$$

Moreover,  $\frac{6-0}{n} \leq 0.00063$ ,  $\frac{n}{6} \geq \frac{1}{0.00063}$ ,  $n \geq 9507.098$ . Take  $n = 9508$