

Simpson.m

This function numerically integrates y with respect to x . This function uses numerical integration (*in this case Simpson's 1/3rd Rule*) to calculate the integral. In some cases it will use Simpson's 1/3rd rule alongside a single application of the trapezoidal rule, **though it will warn the user when doing so**.

Within MATLAB (*or Octave*) this function can be called upon using `I = Simpson(x,y)`.

Note: Simpson.m must be within your path (*or working directory*) for this to work.

Inputs

- x - A vector of the same size as y .
- y - A vector of the same size as x .

Outputs

- I - The numerically calculated integral of y with respect to x .

Useful Knowledge

- The x vector must be evenly spaced in order for this algorithm to work.
- This function integrates **vectors**, not anonymous functions or symbolic ones. It is recommended to use the standard `integral` function for these.

Limitations

This function will not be as accurate as MATLAB's built in function `integral`, though it should be more accurate than the `trapz` function. Overall this function is not optimized well (*at all really*) and relies heavily on multiple if statements to determine what version of Simpson's 1/3rd rule to use. The function can also encounter errors if your x vector has very small spaces, and it cannot work at all if the x vector is not evenly spaced.