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Chapter 5: Derivative and Integral

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- 2. Approximation of Integral



APPROXIMATION OF DERIVATIVE

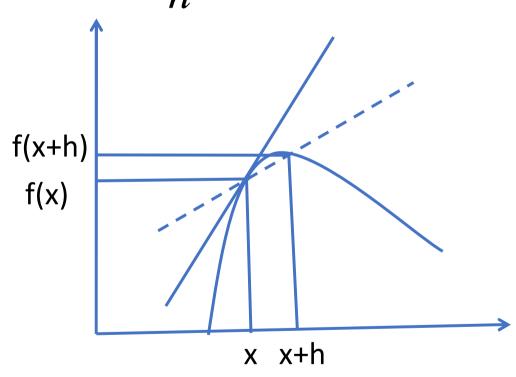


Derivative Problem

• The first order Derivative:

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

- Geometric meaning:
 - f'(x) is the slope
 of tangent at point x
 (solid line)
- Approximation:
 - $h \neq 0$
 - f'(x) is the slope
 of secant (dashed line)



Forward Difference Method (FD)

• Formulate the method: Consider the Taylor expansion of the function f at the neighborhood of x:

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + f'(x)h + f''(\zeta)\frac{h^2}{2!}$$
 where ξ belong to $[x,x+h]$. (1)

From (1) =>: $f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} + f''(\zeta) \frac{h}{2!}$

Given that $f''(\xi)$ h/2 is the truncation error, from (2) =>:

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \tag{3}$$

(3) is the Forward Difference (FD) formula to approximate the derivative



FD: Error analysis

- Truncation error : $f''(\xi) h/2 = O(h)$
- ⇒This method has accuracy of first order
- Rounding error: When calculating f(x) and f(x+h), if there is a rounding error, the formula for f':

$$\frac{f(x+h)(1+\delta_1) - f(x)(1+\delta_2)}{h} = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} + \frac{\delta_1 f(x+h) - \delta_2 f(x)}{h}$$

Because $|\delta i|$ is smaller than the accuracy of the computer ϵ , so the rounding error when calculating f is:

$$\varepsilon(|f(x+h)|+|f(x)|)$$

• The total error is minimal when:

 $h \approx \sqrt{\varepsilon}$



FD: Example

- Consider the function: $f(x) = \sin(x)$. Use the forward difference method to approximate $f'(\pi/3)$.
- Error analysis
 - Calculate with $h=10^{-k}$, k = 1,...,16
 - Find h for minimum error

Result

h	Derivative	Error
10-1	0.455901885410761	-0.044098114589239
10^{-2}	0.495661575773687	-0.004338424226313
10^{-3}	0.499566904000770	-0.000433095999230
10-4	0.499956697895820	-0.000043302104180
10^{-5}	0.499995669867026	-0.000004330132974
10-6	0.499999566971887	-0.000000433028113
10^{-7}	0.499999956993236	-0.000000043006764
10-8	0.499999996961265	-0.000000003038736
10-9	0.500000041370186	0.000000041370185



Backward Difference Method (BD)

• Formulate the method: Similar to the forward difference method, in Taylor expansion we use x-h instead of x+h, we have :

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x) - f(x - h)}{h} \tag{1}$$

- Error: As same as in forward difference, backward difference has the first order accuracy
 - Minimum error when: $h \approx \sqrt{\varepsilon}$
- Exercise: Use the BD to approximate $f(\pi/3)$, knowing that $f(x) = \sin(x)$

Central Difference Method (CD)

• Formulate the method: Consider the Taylor expansion of the function f at the neighborhood x:

$$f(x-h) = f(x) - f'(x)h + f''(x)\frac{h^2}{2!} - f'''(\zeta^{-})\frac{h^3}{3!}$$
(1)

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + f'(x)h + f''(x)\frac{h^2}{2!} + f'''(\zeta^+)\frac{h^3}{3!}$$
 (2)

where ξ + belongs to [x,x+h], ξ - belongs to [x-h,x]. From (1) and (2), we have:

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}$$
 (3)

(3) is the Central Difference (CD) method



CD: Error Analysis

• Truncation error:

$$-\frac{1}{6}f'''(\zeta)h^2, \qquad \zeta \in [x-h, x+h]$$

- CD method has accuracy order of 2;
- Error minimal when $h = \varepsilon^{1/3}$
- Exercise: Use the CD method to approximate $f'(\pi/3)$, knowing that $f(x) = \sin(x)$. Compare with FD and BD method

Compare error of: FD, BD, CD

h

FD

BD

CC

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Approximation of second order derivative

• Consider the Taylor expansion of the function f at the neighborhood x:

$$f(x-h) = f(x) - f'(x)h + f''(h)\frac{h^2}{2!} - f'''(x)\frac{h^3}{3!} + f''''(x)\frac{h^4}{4!} - f'''''(x)\frac{h^5}{5!} + \dots(1)$$

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + f'(x)h + f''(h)\frac{h^2}{2!} + f'''(x)\frac{h^3}{3!} + f''''(x)\frac{h^4}{4!} + f''''(x)\frac{h^5}{5!} + \dots(2)$$

• From (1) and (2), we have the approximate formula for 2nd order derivative

$$f''(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{h^2}$$
 (3)

- Truncation error:
 - Minimum when $h = \varepsilon^{1/4}$

$$-\frac{1}{12}f^{""}(\zeta)h^2, \qquad \zeta \in [x-h, x+h]$$



Approximation of partial derivative

• Similarly, we can formulate the approximate formula for partial derivative, for example, central difference for partial derivatives of function f(x,y) as follows:

$$\frac{\partial f(x,y)}{\partial x} = \frac{f(x+h,y) - f(x-h,y)}{2h}$$
$$\frac{\partial f(x,y)}{\partial y} = \frac{f(x,y+h) - f(x,y-h)}{2h}$$

APPROXIMATION OF INTEGRAL



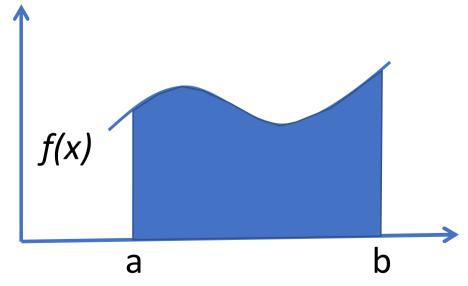
Integral Problem

• Integral formula:

$$I = \int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx,$$

where f(x) is an integrable function on the interval [a,b]

• Geometrical meaning:



Riemann Sum

• Suppose the function f defined on [a,b] and Δ is the division of the interval [a,b] into n closed sub-intervals $I_k=[x_{k-1},x_k], k=1,\ldots,n$, where $a=x_0 < x_1 < \ldots < x_{n-1} < x_n = b$. Choose n points $\{c_k: k=1,\ldots,n\}$, each of which belongs to a sub-interval, that is: c_k belongs to I_k for all k. The sum:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} f(c_k) \Delta x_k = f(c_1) \Delta x_1 + f(c_2) \Delta x_2 + \dots + f(c_n) \Delta x_n$$

is called the Riemann sum of the function f(x) corresponding to the division Δ and the selection points $\{c_k: k=1,...,n\}$.

Approximating Integral

• The definite integral of the function f(x) wrt x from a to b is the limit of the Riemann sum

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{n} f(c_k) \Delta x_k,$$

- It is assumed that this limit exists.
 - The function f(x) is called the function to be integrated
 - a, b are the integral limitations
 - [a,b] is the integral interval

Properties of definite integrals

$$\int_{a}^{a} f(x) dx = 0$$

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = - \int_{b}^{a} f(x) dx$$

$$\int_{a}^{b} C \cdot f(x) dx = C \cdot \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$$

$$\int_{a}^{b} (f(x) + g(x)) dx = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx + \int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx$$

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = \int_{a}^{c} f(x) dx + \int_{c}^{b} f(x) dx, \qquad c \in [a, b]$$



Theorems

• Theorem 1: If f is continuous on [a,b] and F is a primitive of the function f (F' = f), then:

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

• Theorem 2 (Theorem about mean value): If f is continuous on [a,b], there exists a number c in the interval [a,b] such that :

$$f(c) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$$

• The first approach to formulate an integral approximation is to approximate the function f(x) over the integral interval [a,b] by a polynomial. In each subinterval we approximate the function f(x) by a polynomial:

$$p_{m}(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + ... + a_m x^m$$
 (1)

- We can replace the function f(x) by an interpolated polynomial (1).
- And then easily calculate the exact integral of interpolated polynomial

• Replace f(x) with Lagrange interpolated polynomial, we have:

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = \int_{b}^{a} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{m} \prod_{\substack{j=0 \ j \neq i}}^{m} \frac{x - x_{j}}{x_{i} - x_{j}} f(x_{i}) \right) dx$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{m} f(x_{i}) \int_{a}^{b} \prod_{\substack{j=0 \ i \neq i}}^{m} \frac{x - x_{j}}{x_{i} - x_{j}} dx$$



• Error of the method is evaluated by:

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx - \int_{a}^{b} p_{m}(x)dx = \frac{1}{(m+1)!} \int_{b}^{a} f^{(m+1)}(\zeta_{x}) \left(\prod_{i=0}^{m} (x - x_{i}) \right) dx$$

$$\zeta_{x} \in [a,b]$$
 (2)

• The integral approximation formulas are obtained with this approach which uses an equal grid in the integral interval, i.e.:

$$x_i = a+i*h; i=0,1,...,m; h = (b-a)/m,$$

is called the Newton-Cotes formula.

• For different m, we have different Newton-Cotes formulas

m	Order	Formula	Error
1	1	Trapezoidal rule	O(h ²)
2	2	Simpson 1/3	O(h ⁴)
3	3	Simpson 3/8	O(h ⁴)

Trapezoidal rule

• For n=1, the interpolated polynomial has the form:

$$p_{1}(x) = f(a) + \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}(x - a)$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx \approx \int_{a}^{b} p_{1}(x) dx = \int_{a}^{b} \left(f(a) + \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}(x - a) \right) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{\left(f(a) + f(b) \right)}{2} \left(b - a \right)$$
(1)

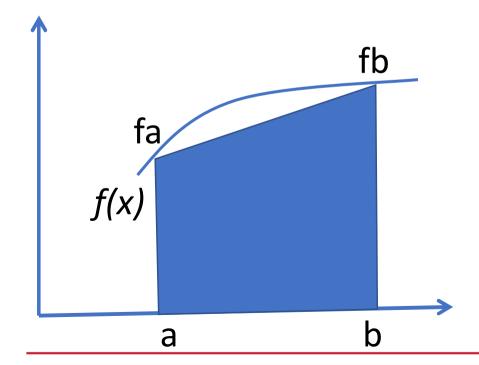
• (1) is called the Trapezoidal formula for approximating the integral

Trapezoidal rule

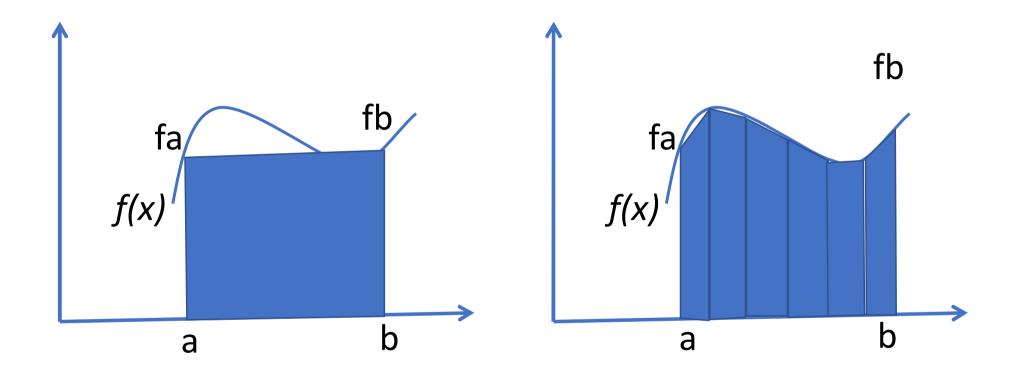
• Error of trapezoidal rule:

$$-\frac{b-a}{12}f''(\zeta)h^2, \qquad h=b-a, \quad \zeta \in [a,b]$$

• Geometrical meaning:



Trapezoidal rule: Extension



• The idea of the extended trapezoidal formula: Divide the interval [a,b] into subintervals in order to reduce the error

Trapezoidal rule: Extension

• Divide [a,b] into n equal intervals using n+1 points:

$$x_0 = a$$
, $x_1 = a + h$, $x_{n-1} = a + (n-1)*h$, $x_n = a + n*h$

where h = (b-a)/n, we have:

$$I = \int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = \int_{a}^{a+h} f(x)dx + \int_{a+h}^{a+2h} f(x)dx + ... + \int_{a+(n-1)h}^{a+nh} f(x)dx$$
(1)

• Applying the trapezoidal formula for each subinterval we have:

$$I = \frac{h}{2} \left[f(a) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(a+ih) + f(b) \right]$$
 (2)

• (2) is called the expanded trapezoid formula



Simpson 1/3 formula

• Substituting n=2 into the Newton-Cotes formula and integrating, we get:

$$I = \int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = \frac{h}{3} [f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)]$$

$$x_0 = a, \quad x_1 = a + h, \quad x_2 = a + 2h = b,$$
(1)

• (1) is called Simpson's formula 1/3

Simpson 1/3 formula: Extension

• Like the extended trapezoidal rule, we divide the interval [a,b] into several subintervals and apply the Simpson 1/3 to each subinterval, we get the extended Simpson 1/3:

$$I = \int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = (b-a) \frac{f(x_0) + 4\sum_{i=1,3,5,...}^{n-1} f(x_i) + 2\sum_{j=2,4,6,...}^{n-2} f(x_j) + f(x_n)}{3n}$$

$$x_0 = a, \quad x_i = a + ih, \quad i = 1,...,n, \quad (1)$$

• Note: We need an even number of subintervals, or an odd number of points.

Simpson 3/8 formula

• Substituting n=3 into the Newton-Cotes formula and integrating, we get:

$$I = \int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = \frac{3h}{8} [f(x_0) + 3f(x_1) + 3f(x_2) + f(x_3)]$$

$$x_0 = a, \quad x_1 = a + h, \quad x_2 = a + 2h, \quad x_3 = a + 3h$$
 (1)

• (1) is called Simpson formula 3/8

