

# NUMERICAL METHODS

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Integration

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# Integration

- **What** is a integration?
- **Why** do we use integration?
- **How** do we solve integrals?
- **IMPORTANT NOTICE: PLEASE REFRESH YOUR CALCULUS 2 KNOWLEDGE ABOUT INTEGRALS**

# What is Integration

## Integration:

The process of measuring the area under a function plotted on a graph.

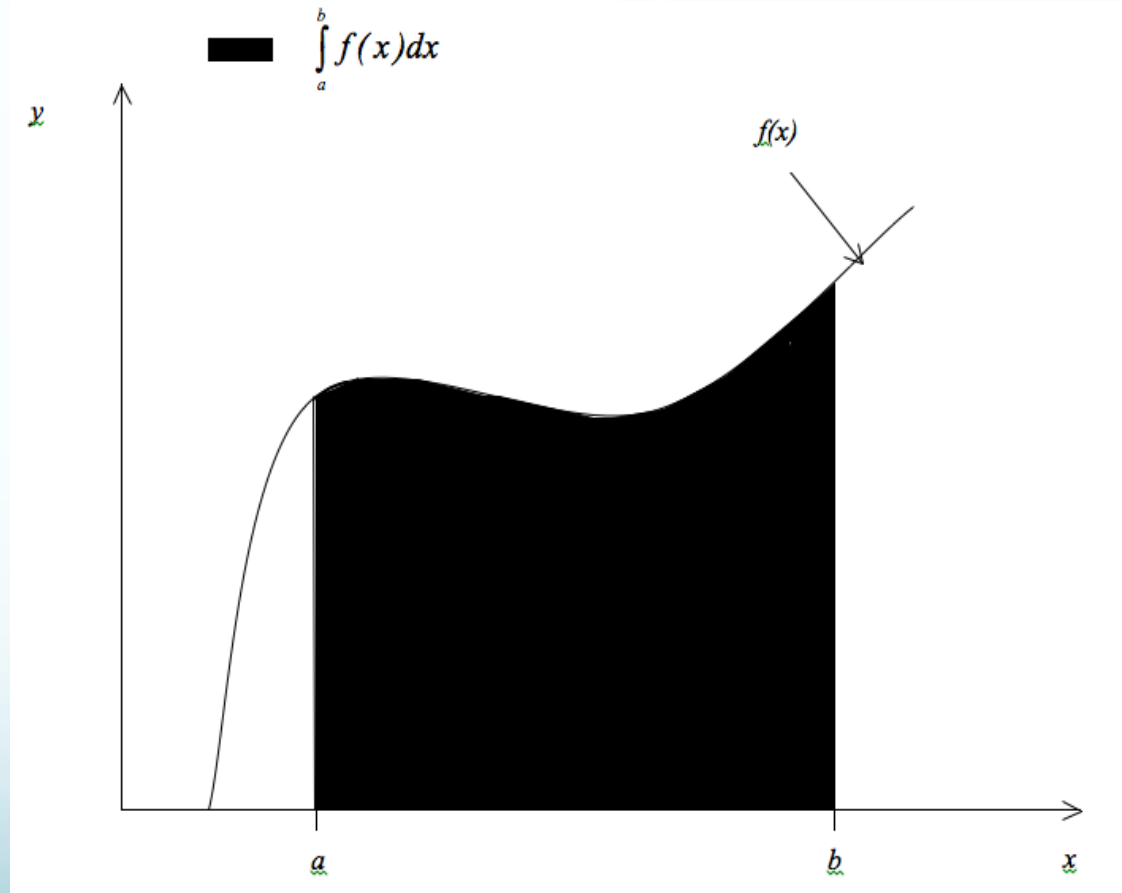
$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Where:

$f(x)$  is the integrand

$a$  = lower limit of integration

$b$  = upper limit of integration



# Why to Use Integration?

- Area
- Volume
- Work
- Mass
- Distance, Velocity and acceleration
- Fluid pressure
- Accumulated Financial values
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# Some Rules to Solve Integrals

- Trapezoidal Rule
  - One Segment
  - Multiple Segment
- Gaussian Quadrature Rule
- Simpson's  $1/3^{\text{rd}}$  Rule
  - One Segment
  - Multiple Segment

# **Trapezoidal Rule**

# Basis of Trapezoidal Rule

Trapezoidal Rule is based on the Newton-Cotes Formula that states if one can approximate the integrand as an  $n^{\text{th}}$  order polynomial...

$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx \quad \text{where} \quad f(x) \approx f_n(x)$$

and 
$$f_n(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + a_nx^n$$

# Basis of Trapezoidal Rule

Then the integral of that function is approximated by the integral of that  $n^{\text{th}}$  order polynomial.

$$\int_a^b f(x) \approx \int_a^b f_n(x)$$

Trapezoidal Rule assumes  $n=1$ , that is, the area under the linear polynomial,

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

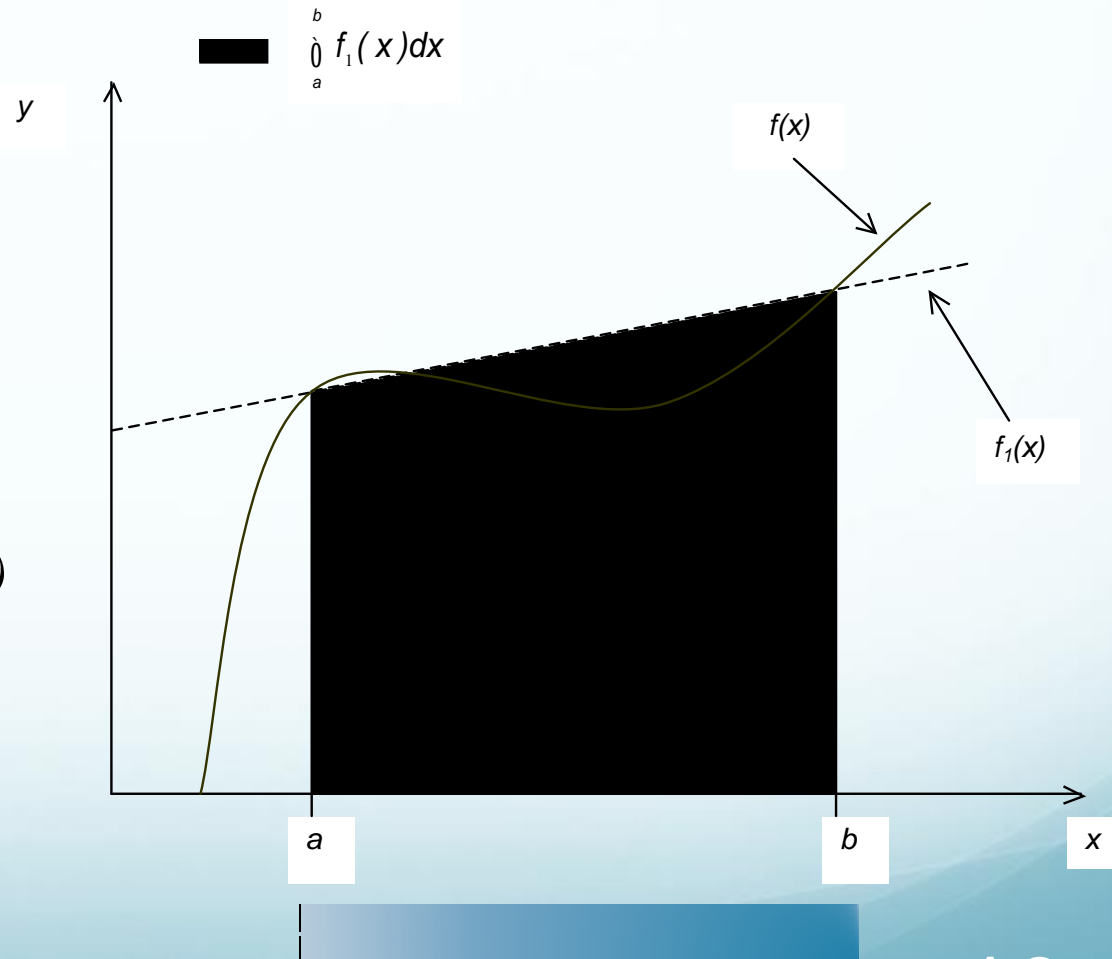


# Derivation of the Trapezoidal Rule

# Method Derived From Geometry

The area under the curve is a trapezoid.  
The integral

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &\approx \text{Area of trapezoid} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\text{Sum of parallel sides}) (\text{height}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (f(b) + f(a)) (b - a) \\ &= (b - a) \left[ \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \right] \end{aligned}$$



# Example 1

The vertical distance covered by a rocket from  $t=8$  to  $t=30$  seconds is given by:

$$x = \int_8^{30} \left( 2000 \ln \left[ \frac{140000}{140000 - 2100t} \right] - 9.8t \right) dt$$

- a) Use single segment Trapezoidal rule to find the distance covered.
- b) Find the true error,  $E_t$  for part (a).
- c) Find the absolute relative true error,  $\left| \frac{E_t}{x} \right|$  for part (a).

# Solution

$$a) \quad I \approx (b - a) \left[ \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \right]$$

$$a = 8 \quad b = 30$$

$$f(t) = 2000 \ln \left[ \frac{140000}{140000 - 2100t} \right] - 9.8t$$

$$f(8) = 2000 \ln \left[ \frac{140000}{140000 - 2100(8)} \right] - 9.8(8) = 177.27 \text{ m/s}$$

$$f(30) = 2000 \ln \left[ \frac{140000}{140000 - 2100(30)} \right] - 9.8(30) = 901.67 \text{ m/s}$$

## Solution (cont)

a) 
$$I = (30 - 8) \left[ \frac{177.27 + 901.67}{2} \right]$$
$$= 11868 \text{ m}$$

b) The exact value of the above integral is

$$x = \int_8^{30} \left( 2000 \ln \left[ \frac{140000}{140000 - 2100t} \right] - 9.8t \right) dt = 11061 \text{ m}$$

# Solution (cont)

b)

$$\begin{aligned} E_t &= \text{True Value} - \text{Approximate Value} \\ &= 11061 - 11868 \\ &= -807 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

c) The absolute relative true error,  $|\epsilon_t|$ , would be

$$|\epsilon_t| = \left| \frac{11061 - 11868}{11061} \right| \times 100 = 7.2959\%$$

# Multiple Segment Trapezoidal Rule

In Example 1, the true error using single segment trapezoidal rule was large. We can divide the interval  $[8,30]$  into  $[8,19]$  and  $[19,30]$  intervals and apply Trapezoidal rule over each segment.

$$f(t) = 2000 \ln \left( \frac{140000}{140000 - 2100t} \right) - 9.8t$$

$$\int_8^{30} f(t) dt = \int_8^{19} f(t) dt + \int_{19}^{30} f(t) dt$$

$$= (19 - 8) \left[ \frac{f(8) + f(19)}{2} \right] + (30 - 19) \left[ \frac{f(19) + f(30)}{2} \right]$$

# Multiple Segment Trapezoidal Rule

With

$$f(8) = 177.27 \text{ m/s}$$

$$f(30) = 901.67 \text{ m/s}$$

$$f(19) = 484.75 \text{ m/s}$$

Hence:

$$\int_8^{30} f(t) dt = (19 - 8) \left[ \frac{177.27 + 484.75}{2} \right] + (30 - 19) \left[ \frac{484.75 + 901.67}{2} \right]$$

$$= 11266 \text{ m}$$



# Multiple Segment Trapezoidal Rule

The true error is:

$$\begin{aligned} E_t &= 11061 - 11266 \\ &= -205 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

The true error now is reduced from -807 m to -205 m.

Extending this procedure to divide the interval into equal segments to apply the Trapezoidal rule; the sum of the results obtained for each segment is the approximate value of the integral.

# Multiple Segment Trapezoidal Rule

Divide into equal segments as shown in Figure 4. Then the width of each segment is:

$$h = \frac{b - a}{n}$$

The integral I is:

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

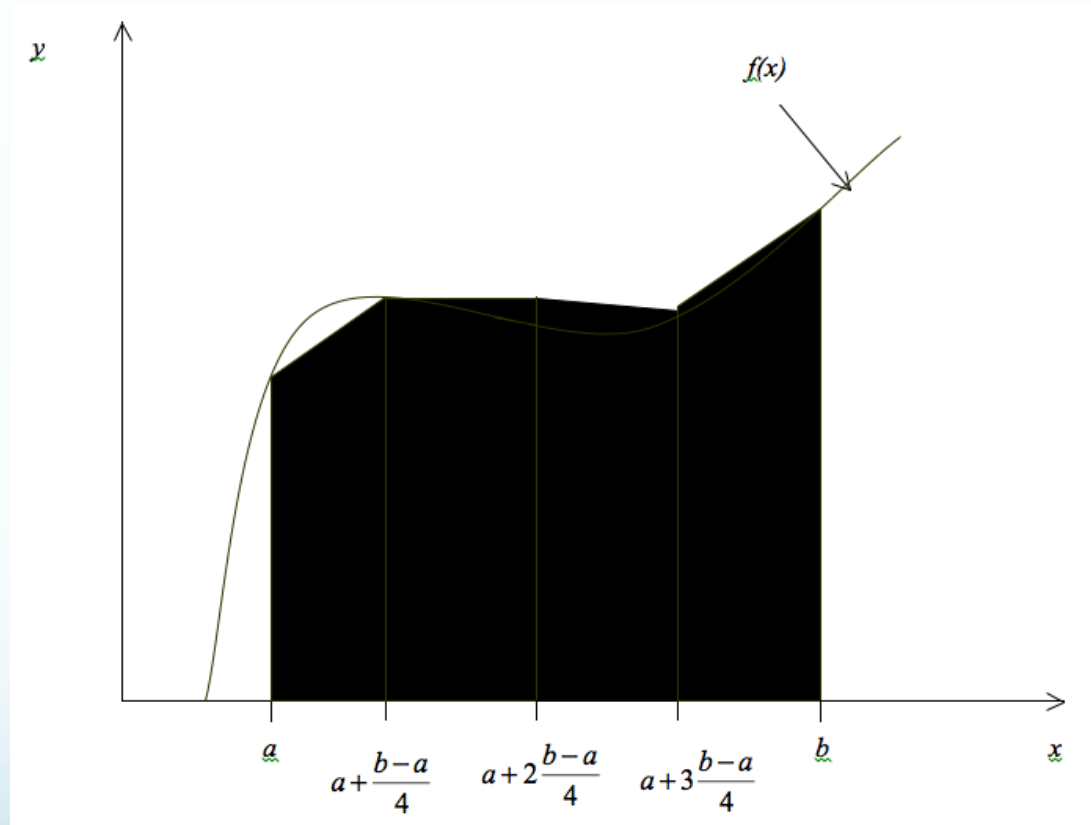


Figure: Multiple (n=4) Segment Trapezoidal Rule

# Multiple Segment Trapezoidal Rule

The integral  $I$  can be broken into  $h$  integrals as:

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

Applying Trapezoidal rule on each segment gives:

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

# Example 2

The vertical distance covered by a rocket from  $t = 8$  to  $t = 30$  seconds is given by:

$$x = \int_8^{30} \left( 2000 \ln \left[ \frac{140000}{140000 - 2100t} \right] - 9.8t \right) dt$$

- a) Use two-segment Trapezoidal rule to find the distance covered.
- b) Find the true error,  $E_t$  for part (a).
- c) Find the absolute relative true error,  $|\epsilon_a|$  for part (a).

# Solution

a) The solution using 2-segment Trapezoidal rule is

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

$$n = 2 \qquad a = 8 \qquad b = 30$$

$$h = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{30-8}{2} = 11$$

# Solution (cont)

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{30-8}{2(2)} \left[ f(8) + 2 \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{2-1} f(a+ih) \right\} + f(30) \right] \\ &= \frac{22}{4} [f(8) + 2f(19) + f(30)] \\ &= \frac{22}{4} [177.27 + 2(484.75) + 901.67] \\ &= 11266 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

# Solution (cont)

b) The exact value of the above integral is

$$x = \int_8^{30} \left( 2000 \ln \left[ \frac{140000}{140000 - 2100t} \right] - 9.8t \right) dt = 11061 \text{ m}$$

so the true error is

$$\begin{aligned} E_t &= \text{True Value} - \text{Approximate Value} \\ &= 11061 - 11266 \end{aligned}$$

# Solution (cont)

The absolute relative true error,  $|\epsilon_t|$ , would be

$$|\epsilon_t| = \left| \frac{\text{True Error}}{\text{True Value}} \right| \times 100$$

$$= \left| \frac{11061 - 11266}{11061} \right| \times 100$$

$$= 1.8534\%$$



# Solution (cont)

Table 1 gives the values obtained using multiple segment Trapezoidal rule for:

$$x = \int_8^{30} \left( 2000 \ln \left[ \frac{140000}{140000 - 2100t} \right] - 9.8t \right) dt$$

<b>n</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>E<sub>t</sub></b>	<b> <math>\epsilon_t</math> %</b>	<b> <math>\epsilon_a</math> %</b>
1	11868	-807	7.296	---
2	11266	-205	1.853	5.343
3	11153	-91.4	0.8265	1.019
4	11113	-51.5	0.4655	0.3594
5	11094	-33.0	0.2981	0.1669
6	11084	-22.9	0.2070	0.09082
7	11078	-16.8	0.1521	0.05482
8	11074	-12.9	0.1165	0.03560

**Table 1: Multiple Segment Trapezoidal Rule Values**

# Example 3

Use Multiple Segment Trapezoidal Rule to find the area under the curve

$$f(x) = \frac{300x}{1+e^x} \quad \text{from } x=0 \quad \text{to } x=10$$

Using two segments, we get  $h = \frac{10-0}{2} = 5$  and

$$f(0) = \frac{300(0)}{1+e^0} = 0 \quad f(5) = \frac{300(5)}{1+e^5} = 10.039 \quad f(10) = \frac{300(10)}{1+e^{10}} = 0.136$$

# Solution

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{b-a}{2n} \left[ f(a) + 2 \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(a+ih) \right\} + f(b) \right] \\ &= \frac{10-0}{2(2)} \left[ f(0) + 2 \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{2-1} f(0+5) \right\} + f(10) \right] \\ &= \frac{10}{4} [f(0) + 2f(5) + f(10)] = \frac{10}{4} [0 + 2(10.039) + 0.136] \\ &= 50.535 \end{aligned}$$

# Solution (cont)

So what is the true value of this integral?

$$\int_0^{10} \frac{300x}{1+e^x} dx = 246.59$$

Making the absolute relative true error:

$$\begin{aligned} |\epsilon_t| &= \left| \frac{246.59 - 50.535}{246.59} \right| \times 100\% \\ &= 79.506\% \end{aligned}$$

# Solution (cont)

**Table 2:** Values obtained using Multiple Segment Trapezoidal Rule for:

$$\int_0^{10} \frac{300x}{1+e^x} dx$$

n	Approximate Value	$E_t$	$ \epsilon_t $
1	0.681	245.91	99.724%
2	50.535	196.05	79.505%
4	170.61	75.978	30.812%
8	227.04	19.546	7.927%
16	241.70	4.887	1.982%
32	245.37	1.222	0.495%
64	246.28	0.305	0.124%

# **Gaussian Quadrature Rule**

# Basis of the Gaussian Quadrature Rule

Previously, the Trapezoidal Rule was developed by the method of undetermined coefficients. The result of that development is summarized below.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b f(x)dx &\approx c_1 f(a) + c_2 f(b) \\ &= \frac{b-a}{2} f(a) + \frac{b-a}{2} f(b)\end{aligned}$$

# Basis of the Gaussian Quadrature Rule

**The two-point Gauss Quadrature Rule** is an extension of the Trapezoidal Rule approximation where the arguments of the function are not predetermined as  $a$  and  $b$  but as unknowns  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . In the two-point Gauss Quadrature Rule, the integral is approximated as

$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx c_1 f(x_1) + c_2 f(x_2)$$



# Basis of the Gaussian Quadrature Rule

The four unknowns  $x_1, x_2, c_1$  and  $c_2$  are found by assuming that the formula gives exact results for integrating a general third order polynomial,  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$ .

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b f(x) dx &= \int_a^b (a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3) dx \\ &= \left[ a_0x + a_1 \frac{x^2}{2} + a_2 \frac{x^3}{3} + a_3 \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_a^b \\ &= a_0(b-a) + a_1 \left( \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} \right) + a_2 \left( \frac{b^3 - a^3}{3} \right) + a_3 \left( \frac{b^4 - a^4}{4} \right)\end{aligned}$$

# Basis of the Gaussian Quadrature Rule

It follows that

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = c_1(a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_1^2 + a_3x_1^3) + c_2(a_0 + a_1x_2 + a_2x_2^2 + a_3x_2^3)$$

Equating Equations the two previous two expressions yield

$$\begin{aligned} & a_0(b-a) + a_1\left(\frac{b^2-a^2}{2}\right) + a_2\left(\frac{b^3-a^3}{3}\right) + a_3\left(\frac{b^4-a^4}{4}\right) \\ &= c_1(a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_1^2 + a_3x_1^3) + c_2(a_0 + a_1x_2 + a_2x_2^2 + a_3x_2^3) \\ &= a_0(c_1 + c_2) + a_1(c_1x_1 + c_2x_2) + a_2(c_1x_1^2 + c_2x_2^2) + a_3(c_1x_1^3 + c_2x_2^3) \end{aligned}$$

# Basis of the Gaussian Quadrature Rule

Since the constants  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3$  are arbitrary

$$b - a = c_1 + c_2$$

$$\frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} = c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2$$

$$\frac{b^3 - a^3}{3} = c_1 x_1^2 + c_2 x_2^2$$

$$\frac{b^4 - a^4}{4} = c_1 x_1^3 + c_2 x_2^3$$

# Basis of Gauss Quadrature

The previous four simultaneous nonlinear Equations have only one acceptable solution,

$$x_1 = \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right) \left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) + \frac{b+a}{2}$$

$$x_2 = \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) + \frac{b+a}{2}$$

$$c_1 = \frac{b-a}{2}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{b-a}{2}$$

# Basis of Gauss Quadrature

Hence Two-Point Gaussian Quadrature Rule

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b f(x)dx &\approx c_1 f(x_1) + c_2 f(x_2) \\ &= \frac{b-a}{2} f\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \frac{b+a}{2}\right) + \frac{b-a}{2} f\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \frac{b+a}{2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

# Example

For an integral  $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ , derive the one-point Gaussian Quadrature Rule.

## Solution

The one-point Gaussian Quadrature Rule is

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx c_1 f(x_1)$$

# Solution

The two unknowns  $x_1$ , and  $c_1$  are found by assuming that the formula gives exact results for integrating a general first order polynomial,

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b f(x) dx &= \int_a^b (a_0 + a_1 x) dx \\ &= \left[ a_0 x + a_1 \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_a^b \\ &= a_0 (b - a) + a_1 \left( \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} \right)\end{aligned}$$

# Solution

It follows that

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = c_1(a_0 + a_1x_1)$$

Equating Equations, the two previous two expressions yield

$$a_0(b-a) + a_1\left(\frac{b^2 - a^2}{2}\right) = c_1(a_0 + a_1x_1) = a_0(c_1) + a_1(c_1x_1)$$



# Basis of the Gaussian Quadrature Rule

Since the constants  $a_0$ , and  $a_1$  are arbitrary

$$b - a = c_1$$

$$\frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} = c_1 x_1$$

giving

$$c_1 = b - a$$

$$x_1 = \frac{b + a}{2}$$

# Solution

Hence One-Point Gaussian Quadrature Rule

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx c_1 f(x_1) = (b-a) f\left(\frac{b+a}{2}\right)$$

# Simpson's $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ Rule

# Basis of Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

Trapezoidal rule was based on approximating the integrand by a first order polynomial, and then integrating the polynomial in the interval of integration. Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> rule is an extension of Trapezoidal rule where the integrand is approximated by a second order polynomial.

Hence 
$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \int_a^b f_2(x) dx$$

Where  $f_2(x)$  is a second order polynomial.

$$f_2(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$$

# Basis of Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

Choose

$$(a, f(a)), \left( \frac{a+b}{2}, f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right), \text{ and } (b, f(b))$$

as the three points of the function to evaluate  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ .

$$f(a) = f_2(a) = a_0 + a_1a + a_2a^2$$

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = f_2\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = a_0 + a_1\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + a_2\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2$$

$$f(b) = f_2(b) = a_0 + a_1b + a_2b^2$$

# Basis of Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

Solving the previous equations for  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  give

$$a_0 = \frac{a^2 f(b) + abf(b) - 4abf\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + abf(a) + b^2 f(a)}{a^2 - 2ab + b^2}$$

$$a_1 = -\frac{af(a) - 4af\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + 3af(b) + 3bf(a) - 4bf\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + bf(b)}{a^2 - 2ab + b^2}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{2\left(f(a) - 2f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b)\right)}{a^2 - 2ab + b^2}$$

# Basis of Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

Then

$$\begin{aligned} I &\approx \int_a^b f_2(x) dx \\ &= \int_a^b (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2) dx \\ &= \left[ a_0 x + a_1 \frac{x^2}{2} + a_2 \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_a^b \\ &= a_0(b-a) + a_1 \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} + a_2 \frac{b^3 - a^3}{3} \end{aligned}$$

# Basis of Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

Substituting values of  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$  give

$$\int_a^b f_2(x) dx = \frac{b-a}{6} \left[ f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right]$$

Since for Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule, the interval  $[a, b]$  is broken into 2 segments, the segment width

$$h = \frac{b-a}{2}$$



# Basis of Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

Hence

$$\int_a^b f_2(x) dx = \frac{h}{3} \left[ f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right]$$

Because the above form has 1/3 in its formula, it is called Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule.

# Example

The distance covered by a rocket from  $t=8$  to  $t=30$  is given by

$$x = \int_8^{30} \left( 2000 \ln \left[ \frac{140000}{140000 - 2100t} \right] - 9.8t \right) dt$$

- a) Use Simpson's 1/3rd Rule to find the approximate value of  $x$
- b) Find the true error,  $E_t$
- c) Find the absolute relative true error,  $|\epsilon_t|$

# Solution

a)

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \int_8^{30} f(t) dt \\x &= \left( \frac{b-a}{6} \right) \left[ f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right] \\&= \left( \frac{30-8}{6} \right) [f(8) + 4f(19) + f(30)] \\&= \left( \frac{22}{6} \right) [177.2667 + 4(484.7455) + 901.6740] \\&= 11065.72 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

# Solution (cont)

b) The exact value of the above integral is

$$x = \int_8^{30} \left( 2000 \ln \left[ \frac{140000}{140000 - 2100t} \right] - 9.8t \right) dt$$

$$= 11061.34 \text{ m}$$

True Error

$$E_t = 11061.34 - 11065.72$$

$$= -4.38 \text{ m}$$

# Solution (cont)

a)c) Absolute relative true error,

$$|\epsilon_t| = \left| \frac{11061.34 - 11065.72}{11061.34} \right| \times 100\%$$
$$= 0.0396\%$$

# Multiple Segment Simpson's 1/3rd Rule

# Multiple Segment Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

Just like in multiple segment Trapezoidal Rule, one can subdivide the interval  $[a, b]$  into  $n$  segments and apply Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule repeatedly over every two segments. Note that  $n$  needs to be even. Divide interval  $[a, b]$  into equal segments, hence the segment width

$$h = \frac{b - a}{n} \qquad \int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_{x_0}^{x_n} f(x) dx$$

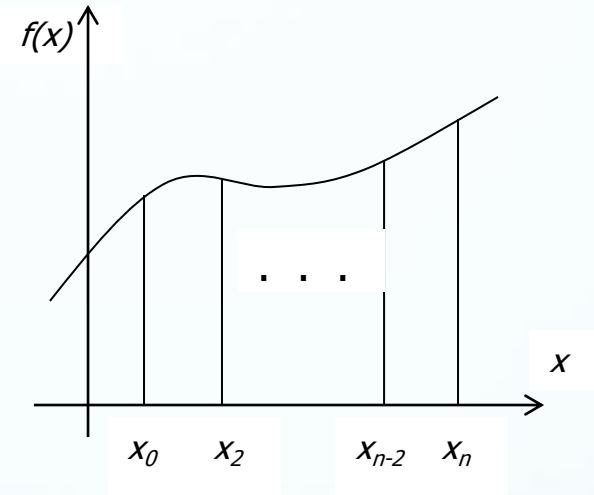
where

$$x_0 = a \qquad x_n = b$$

# Multiple Segment Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx + \int_{x_2}^{x_4} f(x) dx + \dots$$

$$\dots + \int_{x_{n-4}}^{x_{n-2}} f(x) dx + \int_{x_{n-2}}^{x_n} f(x) dx$$



Apply Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule over each interval,

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = (x_2 - x_0) \left[ \frac{f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)}{6} \right] + \dots$$

$$+ (x_4 - x_2) \left[ \frac{f(x_2) + 4f(x_3) + f(x_4)}{6} \right] + \dots$$



# Multiple Segment Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

$$\begin{aligned} & \dots + (x_{n-2} - x_{n-4}) \left[ \frac{f(x_{n-4}) + 4f(x_{n-3}) + f(x_{n-2})}{6} \right] + \dots \\ & + (x_n - x_{n-2}) \left[ \frac{f(x_{n-2}) + 4f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)}{6} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$x_i - x_{i-2} = 2h \qquad i = 2, 4, \dots, n$$

# Multiple Segment Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b f(x)dx &= 2h \left[ \frac{f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)}{6} \right] + \dots \\ &+ 2h \left[ \frac{f(x_2) + 4f(x_3) + f(x_4)}{6} \right] + \dots \\ &+ 2h \left[ \frac{f(x_{n-4}) + 4f(x_{n-3}) + f(x_{n-2})}{6} \right] + \dots \\ &+ 2h \left[ \frac{f(x_{n-2}) + 4f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)}{6} \right]\end{aligned}$$

# Multiple Segment Simpson's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Rule

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b f(x) dx &= \frac{h}{3} [f(x_0) + 4\{f(x_1) + f(x_3) + \dots + f(x_{n-1})\} + \dots] \\ &\quad \dots + 2\{f(x_2) + f(x_4) + \dots + f(x_{n-2})\} + f(x_n)] \\ &= \frac{h}{3} \left[ f(x_0) + 4 \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i=\text{odd}}}^{n-1} f(x_i) + 2 \sum_{\substack{i=2 \\ i=\text{even}}}^{n-2} f(x_i) + f(x_n) \right] \\ &= \frac{b-a}{3n} \left[ f(x_0) + 4 \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i=\text{odd}}}^{n-1} f(x_i) + 2 \sum_{\substack{i=2 \\ i=\text{even}}}^{n-2} f(x_i) + f(x_n) \right]\end{aligned}$$

# Example

Use 4-segment Simpson's 1/3rd Rule to approximate the distance covered by a rocket from  $t = 8$  to  $t = 30$  as given by

$$x = \int_8^{30} \left( 2000 \ln \left[ \frac{140000}{140000 - 2100t} \right] - 9.8t \right) dt$$

- a) Use four segment Simpson's 1/3rd Rule to find the approximate value of  $x$ .
- b) Find the true error,  $E_t$  for part (a).
- c) Find the absolute relative true error,  $\epsilon_a$  for part (a).

# Solution

a) Using n segment Simpson's 1/3rd Rule,

$$h = \frac{30 - 8}{4} = 5.5$$

So

$$f(t_0) = f(8)$$

$$f(t_1) = f(8 + 5.5) = f(13.5)$$

$$f(t_2) = f(13.5 + 5.5) = f(19)$$

$$f(t_3) = f(19 + 5.5) = f(24.5)$$

$$f(t_4) = f(30)$$

## Solution (cont.)

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \frac{b-a}{3n} \left[ f(t_0) + 4 \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i=\text{odd}}}^{n-1} f(t_i) + 2 \sum_{\substack{i=2 \\ i=\text{even}}}^{n-2} f(t_i) + f(t_n) \right] \\&= \frac{30-8}{3(4)} \left[ f(8) + 4 \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i=\text{odd}}}^3 f(t_i) + 2 \sum_{\substack{i=2 \\ i=\text{even}}}^2 f(t_i) + f(30) \right] \\&= \frac{22}{12} [f(8) + 4f(t_1) + 4f(t_3) + 2f(t_2) + f(30)]\end{aligned}$$

# Solution (cont.)

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$$= \frac{11}{6} [f(8) + 4f(13.5) + 4f(24.5) + 2f(19) + f(30)]$$

$$= \frac{11}{6} [177.2667 + 4(320.2469) + 4(676.0501) + 2(484.7455) + 901.6740]$$

$$= 11061.64 \text{ m}$$

# Solution (cont.)

b) In this case, the true error is

$$E_t = 11061.34 - 11061.64 = -0.30 \text{ m}$$

c) The absolute relative true error

$$\begin{aligned} |\epsilon_t| &= \left| \frac{11061.34 - 11061.64}{11061.34} \right| \times 100\% \\ &= 0.0027\% \end{aligned}$$



# Solution (cont.)

Table 1: Values of Simpson's 1/3rd Rule for Example 2 with multiple segments

n	Approximate Value	$E_t$	$ \epsilon_t $
2	11065.72	4.38	0.0396%
4	11061.64	0.30	0.0027%
6	11061.40	0.06	0.0005%
8	11061.35	0.01	0.0001%
10	11061.34	0.00	0.0000%