

Numerical Analysis I - Homework 2

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Since I could not upload the file with an extension of '.zip', I uploaded all the codes for this homework in this GitHub repository URL.

Question-1

Apply the composite Simpson's Rule with $m = 8, 16$ and 32 panels to approximate the following integral. Compare with the correct integral and find the corresponding errors.

$$\int_1^{11} x^3 \ln x dx$$

Solution: Q1

Before the implementation of the Composite Simpson's rule, let us first investigate the theory behind [1]:

Theorem: Let $f \in C^4[a, b]$, n be even, $h = (b - a)/n$, and $x_j = a + jh$, for each $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$. There exists a $\mu \in (a, b)$ for which the Composite Simpson's rule for n subintervals can be written with its error term as

$$\underbrace{\int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{h}{3} \left[f(a) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{(n/2)-1} f(x_{2j}) + 4 \sum_{j=1}^{(n/2)} f(x_{2j-1}) f(b) \right]}_{(1)} - \underbrace{\frac{b-a}{180} h^4 f^{(4)}(\mu)}_{(2)} \quad (1)$$

Here, (1) indicates the integral result whereas (2) shows the integration error for the method.

Exact Solution:

To find the exact integral solution for the given problem, let us first recall the "integration by parts" method,

$$f g' = f g - \int f' g$$

where $f = \ln(x)$, $f' = 1/x$, $g = x^4/4$, and $g' = x^3$ for this problem. Therefore, the integration becomes,

$$\frac{x^4 \ln(x)}{4} - \int \frac{x^3}{4} dx = \frac{x^4 \ln(x)}{4} - \frac{x^4}{16} \Big|_1^{11} = \mathbf{7861.896172} \quad (2)$$

Approximate Solution: After finding the exact solution for the problem, we can now apply the Composite Simpson's rule to approximate the given integral. We will first demonstrate the solution of the integral with $m = 8$ panels, then we will repeat the solution for higher panel numbers. Let us first find the step size (or panel width):

$$\begin{aligned} h &= \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{11-1}{8} = 1.25 \quad (m=8) \\ &= \frac{11-1}{16} = 0.625 \quad (m=16) \\ &= \frac{11-1}{32} = 0.3125 \quad (m=32) \end{aligned}$$

Then, using this step size, we can compute the x-y pairs for each panel, and an example x-y panel points for $m = 8$ is depicted in Table 1. After calculating these points, we can apply the integral formulation in Eq. 1 to find the integral approximations. The source code of the method is provided with a Jupyter [2] Notebook file and is attached to Appendix 1.1.

x	1.0	2.25	3.5	4.75	6.0	7.25	8.5	9.75	11.0
y	0.0	9.237	53.7122	166.9893	387.02	754.9163	1314.2681	2110.7065	3191.5986

Table 1: The Composite Simpson's Rule panel points with $m = 8$.

If we investigate Figure 1, all three different panel numbers give acceptable integration results whereas the most accurate result is achieved with the panel numbers of $m = 32$.

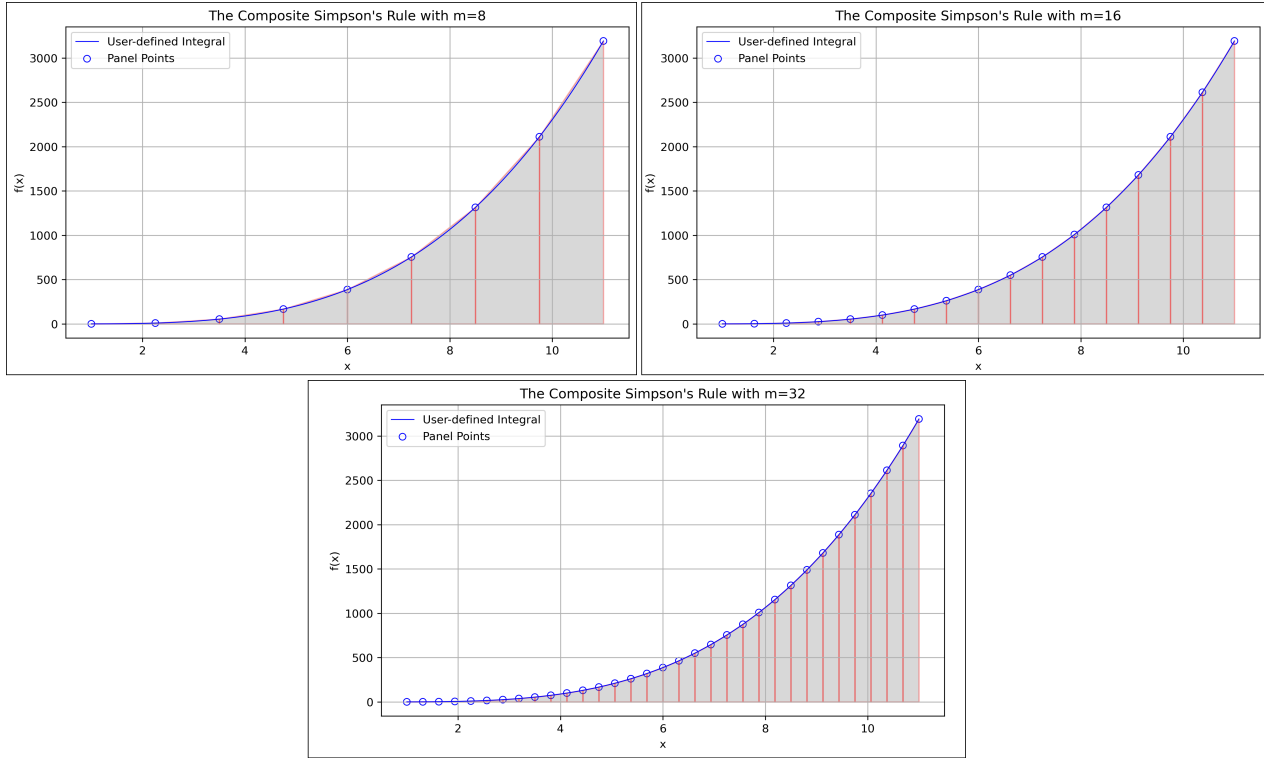


Figure 1: The Composite Simpson's Rule with a different number of panels.

Panel Number	h	Integral Result	Relative Error (ϵ_t)
m=8	1.25	7862.081645	0.002359
m=16	0.625	7861.908171	0.000153
m=32	0.3125	7861.896931	0.000010

Table 2: The summary table for different panel number.

Finally, the summary table for all panel numbers is provided with Table 2. Here, the relative error is calculated with the formula:

$$\epsilon_t = \frac{I_{\text{simpson}} - I_{\text{exact}}}{I_{\text{exact}}} \times 100$$

where ϵ_t is the relative error, I_{simpson} represents the integral result of the Composite Simpson's rule, and I_{exact} is the exact integral solution derived with the integration by parts. From Table 2, we can clearly see that the minimum error is achieved with the highest panel number of $m = 32$.

References

- [1] R. L. Burden and J. D. Faires, *Numerical Analysis*. The Prindle, Weber and Schmidt Series in Mathematics, Boston: PWS-Kent Publishing Company, fourth ed., 1989.

- [2] K. Thomas, R.-K. Benjamin, P. Fernando, G. Brian, B. Matthias, F. Jonathan, K. Kyle, H. Jessica, G. Jason, C. Sylvain, and et al., "Jupyter notebooks - a publishing format for reproducible computational workflows," *Stand Alone*, vol. 0, no. Positioning and Power in Academic Publishing: Players, Agents and Agendas, p. 87–90, 2016.

Appendix

1.1 Question-1

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1  # -----
2  # IMPORT LIBRARIES
3  # -----
4  import numpy as np
5  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
6  import math
7  ln = math.log
8  from scipy.integrate import quad
9
10 # -----
11 # COMPOSITE SIMPSON RULE CLASS
12 # -----
13 class compositeSimpsonRule:
14     def __init__(self, lim, panel_num, str_func):
15
16         self.a = lim[0]
17         self.b = lim[1]
18         self.panel_num = panel_num
19         self.h = (self.b - self.a) / (self.panel_num)
20         self.str_func = str_func
21         # Generate x values using linspace
22         self.x_values = np.linspace(self.a, self.b, int((self.b - self.a) / self.h) + 1)
23
24     def screen_print(self, result_exact=None):
25
26         print(f"# ----- Composite Simpson's Rule
27         ↪ ----- #")
28         print(f"\nProblem Definition: \n")
29         print(f"Panel Number: {self.panel_num}")
30         print(f"Panel Width: h = (b-a)/n = {self.h}")
31         print(f"Integral lower and upper limits: [{self.a}, {self.b}]")
32         print(f"Integral: {self.str_func}")
33
34         ↪ print("-----")
35         print(f"\nProblem Details: \n")
36         print(f"Panel X values: {[round(value, 4) for value in self.x_values]}")
37         print(f"Panel Y values: {[round(value, 4) for value in self.simp_result]}")
38         print(f"Integral result: {self.simp_int_result:.6f}")
39         if result_exact is not None:
40             print(f"Exact Integral result: {result_exact:.6f}")
41             print(f"The relative approximation error is
42             ↪ {((self.simp_int_result - result_exact) / result_exact) * 100:.6f}")
43
44         ↪ print("-----")
45
46     def calc_int(self, x):
47         # Convert the string to a lambda function
48         func = lambda x: eval(self.str_func)
49
50         # Evaluate the function at given x point
51         result = func(x)
52         return result
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50 def simpson(self):
51     # Initialize empty lists to collect intermediate values
52     y_values1 = []
53     y_values2 = []
54     # Compute the lower and upper function values
55     f_a = self.calc_int(self.a)
56     f_b = self.calc_int(self.b)
57     # Compute the first summation values
58     for i in range(1,int(self.panel_num/2)):
59         index = 2*i
60         y_values1.append(self.calc_int(self.x_values[index]))
61     # Compute the second summation values
62     for i in range(1,int(self.panel_num/2)+1):
63         index = 2*i-1
64         y_values2.append(self.calc_int(self.x_values[index]))
65     # Calculate the integral formula
66     self.simp_int_result = (self.h/3)*(f_a + 2*(sum(y_values1)) + 4*(sum(y_values2)) + f_b)
67     self.simp_result = []
68     for i in range(len(self.x_values)):
69         self.simp_result.append(self.calc_int(self.x_values[i]))
70
71     return self.simp_int_result
72
73 # Define a plotting function
74 def plot_function(self):
75     # Create a figure
76     fig = plt.figure(figsize=(9,5))
77     # Create x-y pairs for plotting
78     x_values = np.linspace(self.a, self.b, 1000)
79     y_values = []
80     for i in range(len(x_values)):
81         y_values.append(self.calc_int(x_values[i]))
82
83     # Plot the integration results
84     plt.plot(x_values, y_values, color='blue', linewidth=0.8, label='User-defined Integral')
85
86     # # Plot the panel points
87     plt.scatter(self.x_values, self.simp_result, marker='o', edgecolors='blue',
88         → facecolors='none', linewidths=0.8, label='Panel Points')
89
90     # Fill the area below each interval
91     for i in range(len(self.x_values) - 1):
92         plt.fill_between([self.x_values[i], self.x_values[i+1]],
93             → [self.simp_result[i],self.simp_result[i+1]], 0, color='gray',edgecolor='red',
94             → alpha=0.3, linewidth=1.2)
95
96     # Figure properties
97     plt.title(f"The Composite Simpson's Rule with m={self.panel_num}")
98     plt.xlabel('x')
99     plt.ylabel(f'f(x)')
100     plt.grid(True)
101     plt.legend()
102     plt.savefig(f'composite_simpson_panel{self.panel_num}.png', dpi=300, bbox_inches='tight')
103     plt.show()
104
105 def common_decimal_places(self,float1, float2):
106     # Convert floats to strings
107     str1 = str(float1)
108     str2 = str(float2)
109
110     # Find the position of the decimal point in each string
111     decimal_position1 = str1.find('.')
112     decimal_position2 = str2.find('.')
113
114     # Check if both numbers have a decimal point

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111     if decimal_position1 == -1 or decimal_position2 == -1:
112         return 0 # No common decimal places
113
114     # Extract decimal parts of the strings
115     decimal_part1 = str1[decimal_position1 + 1:]
116     decimal_part2 = str2[decimal_position2 + 1:]
117
118     # Find the common prefix of the decimal parts
119     common_prefix = 0
120     for char1, char2 in zip(decimal_part1, decimal_part2):
121         if char1 == char2:
122             common_prefix += 1
123         else:
124             break
125
126     return common_prefix
127
128     def quad_solution(self):
129         # Use quad to perform numerical integration
130         result, error = quad(lambda x: self.calc_int(x), self.a, self.b)
131         return result
132
133     # ----- PROBLEM DEFINITION
134     ↪ ----- #
135     # -----
136     # VALIDATION PROBLEMS
137     # -----
138     # lower_lim      = 1                # integral lower limit
139     # upper_lim      = 6                # integral upper limit
140     # panel_num      = 8                # number of panels
141     # integral_def    = "math.sqrt(5*x)+4/(x**2)" # string user-defined integral function
142
143     # lower_lim      = 1                # integral lower limit
144     # upper_lim      = 2                # integral upper limit
145     # panel_num      = 8                # number of panels
146     # integral_def    = "math.log(x)"    # string user-defined integral function
147
148     # lower_lim      = 0                # integral lower limit
149     # upper_lim      = 4                # integral upper limit
150     # panel_num      = 4                # number of panels
151     # integral_def    = "math.exp(x)"    # string user-defined integral function
152
153     # -----
154     # HOMEWORK PROBLEM
155     # -----
156     lower_lim      = 1                # integral lower limit
157     upper_lim      = 11               # integral upper limit
158     panel_num      = 8                # number of panels
159     integral_def    = "(x**3)*ln(x)"   # string user-defined integral function
160
161     # ----- COMPOSITE SIMPSON'S RULE
162     ↪ ----- #
163     # -----
164     # MAIN LOOP
165     # -----
166     # Call main class
167     cs = compositeSimpsonRule(lim=[lower_lim,upper_lim],panel_num=panel_num,str_func=integral_def)
168     # Run main function
169     result_simpson = cs.simpson()
170
171     # -----
172     # POST-PROCESSING
173     # -----

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173 # Screen print
174 cs.screen_print(result_exact = 7861.896172)
175
176 # Use quad to perform the numerical integration
177 result_quad = cs.quad_solution()
178 # Print the result
179 print(f"\nQUADPACK solution (Gauss-Quadrature Library): {result_quad:.6f}")
180 decimal_places_between_nums = cs.common_decimal_places(result_simpson,result_quad)
181 print(f"The number of decimal places between Simpson's rule {result_simpson:6f} and Quadpack
↪ {result_quad:.6f} is: {decimal_places_between_nums}")
182
183 # Plot the results
184 cs.plot_function()
185

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