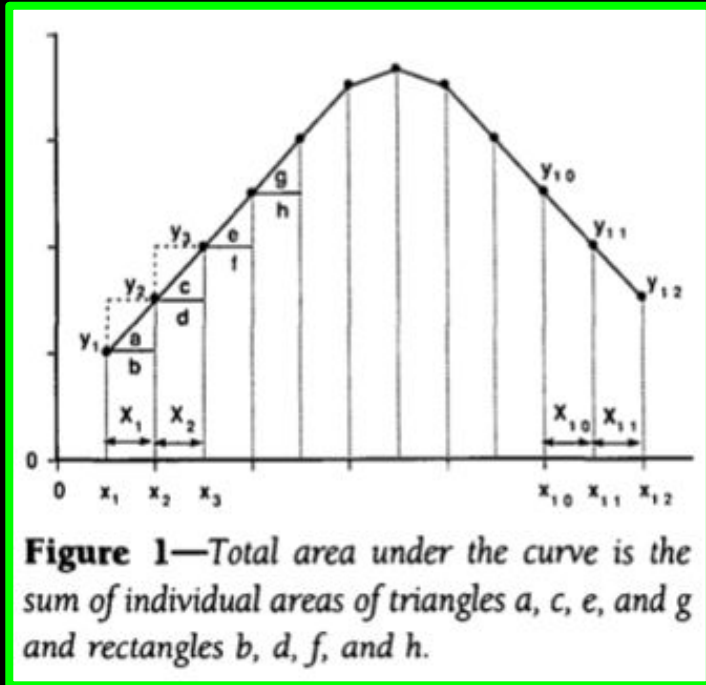


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Numerical Techniques for Chemical Engineers
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Lecture 8

A bright idea from NYU

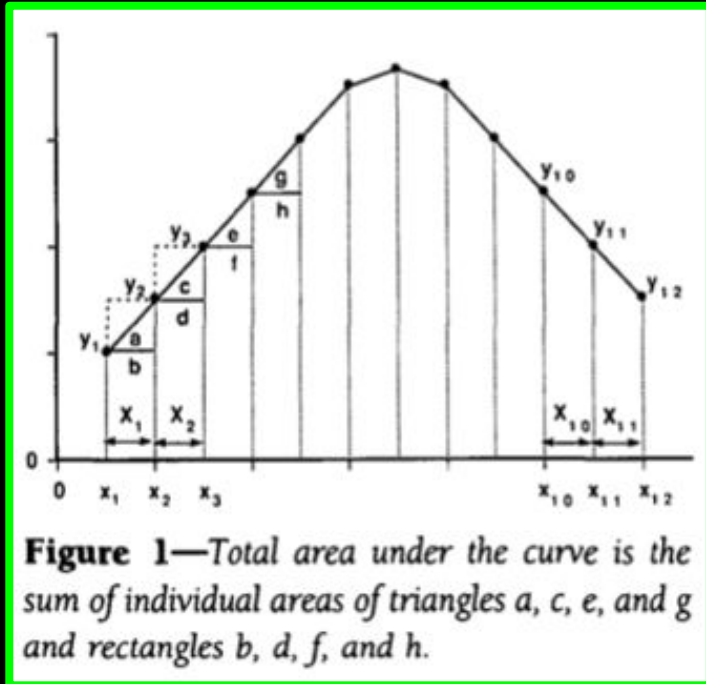


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- Allowed better treatment of diabetes patients
- The method was over 2000 years old at the time
- Better late than never!

Activity: define using limits

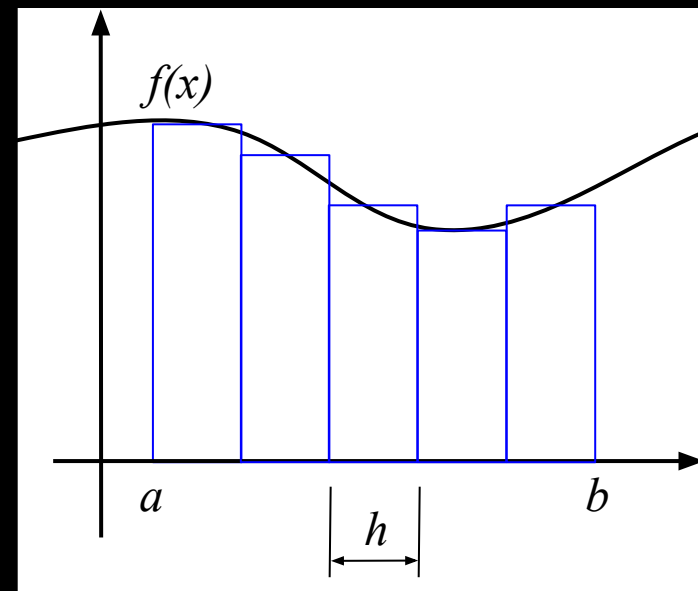
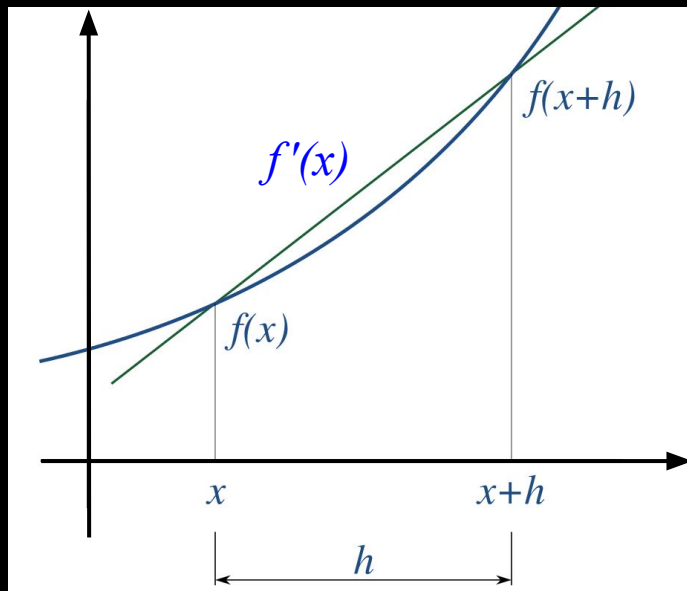
1. Write (from memory) the limit which defines the derivative of a function $f(x)$ at a point x_0
 - Use h to represent the change in x
2. Write (from memory) the limit which defines the integral of a function $f(x)$ over the interval $[a,b]$
 - Assume the interval is subdivided into n equally-spaced subintervals, each of size h
 - Also give the value of h in terms of a , b , & n

Definition of derivative & integral

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

Why do these work?

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n h f(a + ih) \quad \text{Where: } h = \frac{b-a}{n}$$



Types of derivatives & integrals

- *Analytic* (aka *symbolic*): math \rightarrow math
 - The kind you learned in calculus class
 - Example: $\partial \sin(x) / \partial x \rightarrow \cos(x)$
- *Numerical*: numbers \rightarrow numbers
 - Don't need explicit $f(x)$, just some of its values
 - Example: $(y_1 - y_0) / (x_1 - x_0) \rightarrow \Delta y / \Delta x$
- *Autodiff*: code \rightarrow code
 - Like analytic, but for large chunks of code
 - Aims for speed, not just correctness

All of these can be done with computers

Numerical derivatives & integrals come from approximation methods

- You have learned some methods for approximating a function $f(x)$ (Examples?)
- We used functions like polynomials which have easy analytic derivatives & integrals
- We can also use these to estimate the derivative & integral of the true function $f(x)$

Recall: Lagrange polynomials

$$L_{n,j}(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_{j-1})(x-x_{j+1})\dots(x-x_n)}{(x_j-x_0)(x_j-x_1)\dots(x_j-x_{j-1})(x_j-x_{j+1})\dots(x_j-x_n)}$$

Same \uparrow

$$L_{n,j}(x) \equiv \prod_{\substack{i=0 \\ i \neq j}}^n \frac{(x-x_i)}{(x_j-x_i)},$$

Basis

$$P_n(x) \equiv \sum_{j=0}^n f(x_j) L_{n,j}(x)$$

Lagrange Data Basis

$$f(x) = P_n(x) + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi(x))}{(n+1)!} (x-x_0)(x-x_1)\dots(x-x_n)$$

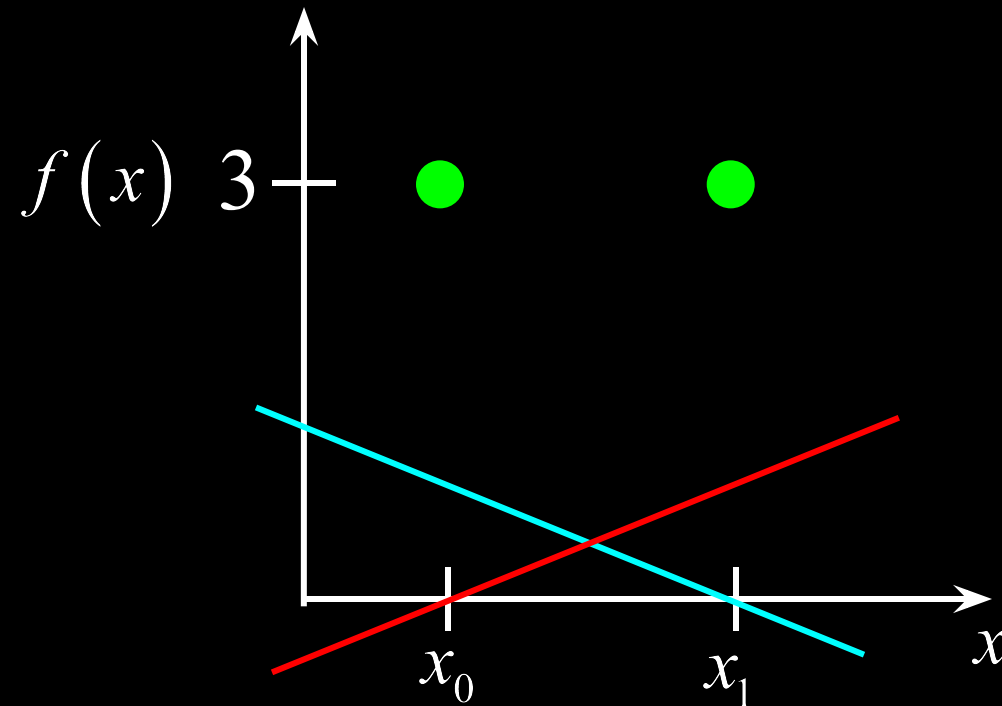
Lagrange error term

Can approximate any function $f(x)$ using data points at x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n . Sensitive to noise after 4 or 5 terms.

Lagrange polynomial for 2 points

Find the Lagrange polynomial for this data:

$$x_0, y_0 = (1, 3), x_1, y_1 = (2, 3)$$



$$L_0(x) = \frac{x - x_1}{x_0 - x_1}$$

$$L_1(x) = \frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0}$$

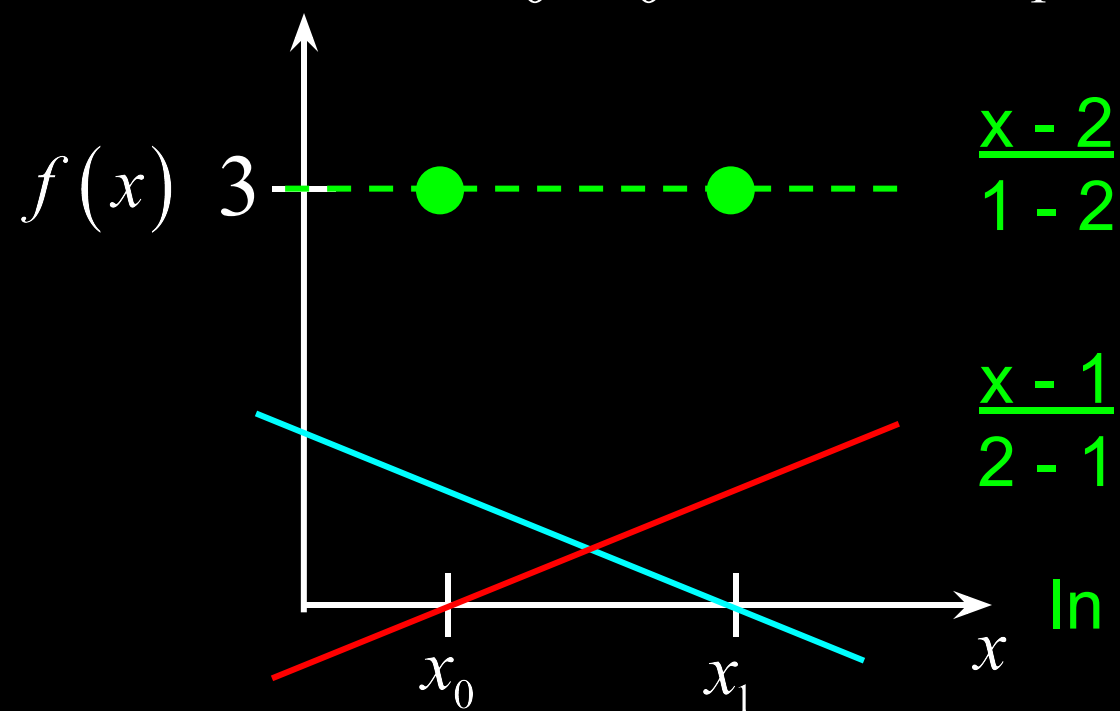
With a weighted sum of these two lines, you can make any line!

$$P(x) = L_0(x) f(x_0) + L_1(x) f(x_1) \approx f(x) \text{ on } [x_0, x_1]$$

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In this case, a constant: 3

$$(2 - x) * 3 + (x - 1) * 3 = 3$$

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Lagrange math & code

$$L_{n,j}(x) \equiv \prod_{\substack{i=0 \\ i \neq j}}^n \frac{(x - x_i)}{(x_j - x_i)},$$

$$P_n(x) \equiv \sum_{j=0}^n f(x_j) L_{n,j}(x)$$

```
def lagrange_Lj(x, j, x_data):  
    '''  
    Returns the j-th Lagrange function L,  
    as defined by the points x_data,  
    evaluated at point x.  
    '''  
    L = 1.0  
    for i in range(len(x_data)):  
        if i==j:  
            continue  
        dx = x - x_data[i]  
        x_interval = x_data[j] - x_data[i]  
        L *= dx / x_interval  
    return L
```

```
def lagrange_P(x, x_data, y_data):  
    '''  
    Returns the value of the Lagrange  
    polynomial P defined by x_data,  
    y_data, evaluated at point x.  
    '''  
    assert len(x_data) == len(y_data)  
    P = 0.0  
    for j in range(len(x_data)):  
        Lj = lagrange_Lj(x, j, x_data)  
        P += y_data[j] * Lj  
    return P
```

Lagrange for estimating df/dx

From p. 169 of F&B:

$$f'(x_k) = \sum_{j=0}^n f(x_j) L'_{n,j}(x_k) + R_{n+1}(\xi(x_k))$$

- We can use the derivative of the Lagrange polynomial for a set of N points $\{x_j, f(x_j)\}$ to approximate the derivative of the function f
- This is called the N-point formula for approximating the derivative of f
- For N points, polynomial order $n = N-1$ (**Why?**)

Lagrange polynomial derivatives

Use the Lagrange polynomials (from the definition), then find their derivatives:

$$L_{2,0}(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)} \rightarrow L'_{2,0}(x) = \frac{2x-x_1-x_2}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)}$$

$$L_{2,1}(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)} \rightarrow L'_{2,1}(x) = \frac{2x-x_0-x_2}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)}$$

$$L_{2,2}(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)} \rightarrow L'_{2,2}(x) = \frac{2x-x_0-x_1}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)}$$

Lagrange polynomials for n=2

Lagrange derivatives for n=2

Example: 2-point derivative $f'(x_0)$

Assume we know $f(x_0)$ & $f(x_1)$, where $x_1 = x_0 + h$

$$f'(x_0) = \sum_{j=0}^1 f(x_j) L'_{1,j}(x_0) + \frac{f^{(1+1)}(\xi(x_0))}{(1+1)!} \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq 0}}^1 (x_0 - x_j) \quad \text{Error term}$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^1 f(x_j) L'_{1,j}(x_0) + \frac{f''(\xi)}{2} (x_0 - x_1), \quad x_0 \leq \xi \leq x_0 + h$$

$$= f(x_0) L'_{1,0}(x_0) + f(x_1) L'_{1,1}(x_0) - \frac{h}{2} f''(\xi), \quad x_0 \leq \xi \leq x_0 + h$$

$$= \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} - \frac{h}{2} f''(\xi), \quad x_0 \leq \xi \leq x_0 + h$$

← Error proportional to h


Example: 3-point derivative $f'(x_1)$

$$f'(x_k) = \sum_{j=0}^2 f(x_j) L'_{2,j}(x_k) + \frac{f'''(\xi(x_k))}{3!} \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq k}}^2 (x_k - x_j)$$

$$= f(x_0) \frac{2x_k - x_1 - x_2}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)} + f(x_1) \frac{2x_k - x_0 - x_2}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)}$$

$$+ f(x_2) \frac{2x_k - x_0 - x_1}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)} + \frac{f'''(\xi(x_k))}{3!} \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq k}}^2 (x_k - x_j)$$

Midpoint
 $f'(x_1)$



$$\rightarrow \boxed{f'(x_1) = \frac{f(x_1 + h) - f(x_1 - h)}{2h} - \frac{h^2}{6} f'''(\xi(x_1))}$$

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Endpoint

$f'(x_0)$

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$$\rightarrow \boxed{f'(x_0) = \frac{-3f(x_0) + 4f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 + 2h)}{2h} + \frac{h^2}{3} f'''(\xi(x_0))}$$

Derivatives for N = 2, 3, & 5

$$2 \text{ pt.: } f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} - \frac{h}{2} f''(\xi), \quad x_0 \leq \xi \leq x_0 + h$$

$$3 \text{ pt.: } f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{2h} [-3f(x_0) + 4f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 + 2h)] + \frac{h^2}{3} f'''(\xi),$$

(Endpoint) $x_0 \leq \xi \leq x_0 + 2h$

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(Midpoint) $x_0 - h \leq \xi \leq x_0 + h$

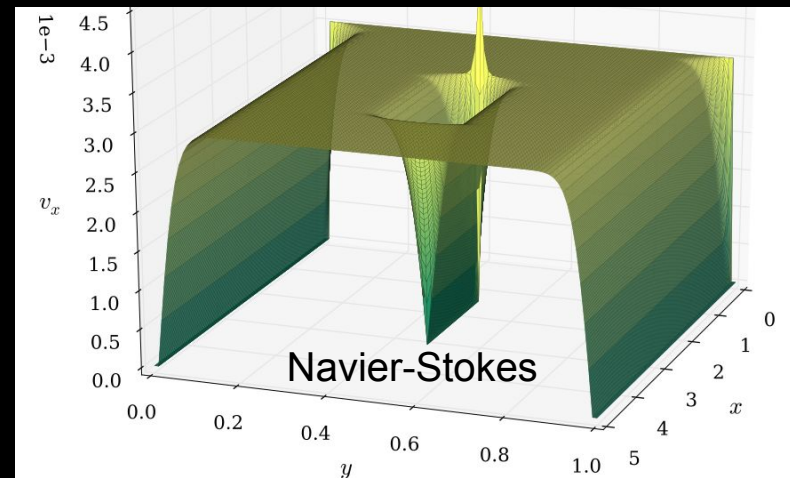
Which N
is best?

$$5 \text{ pt.: } f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{12h} [f(x_0 - 2h) - 8f(x_0 - h) + 8f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 + 2h)]$$

(Midpoint) $-\frac{h^4}{30} f^{(5)}(\xi), \quad x_0 - 2h \leq \xi \leq x_0 + 2h$

Numerical differentiation summary

- N-point formula = Lagrange polynomial with different numbers of points ($N = 2, 3, 5$, etc.)
- Midpoint is better (less approx. error, fewer function evaluations, less round-off)
- Methods are unstable as $h \rightarrow 0$ (Why?)
 - Use $h > 10^{-8}$, and test (sensitivity analysis)
- We'll use these to solve BVPs / PDEs on a grid (Finite Difference Methods)



Numerical derivatives in Python

- `np.gradient(y, x)` estimates dy/dx using central difference (at the ends, endpoint difference)

```
def test_np_gradient():  
    xx = np.linspace(-0.1, np.pi + 0.1, 100)  
    yy = np.sin(xx)  
    dy = np.cos(xx)  
    dy_approx = np.gradient(yy, xx)  
    error = dy_approx - dy  
    mean_abs_error = np.mean(np.abs(error))  
    print(f'{mean_abs_error = }')
```

- Result:

`mean_abs_error = 0.00015`

Analytic derivatives in Python

- Module **sympy** can give analytic gradients

```
def test_sympy():  
    import sympy  
    x, k = sympy.symbols('x k')  
    f = sympy.sin(x**2 + k)  
    df = sympy.diff(f, x)  
    print(f'{f = }')  
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```

- Result:

Try it!

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- Result:

$$f = \sin(k + x^{**2})$$

$$df = 2*x*\cos(k + x^{**2})$$

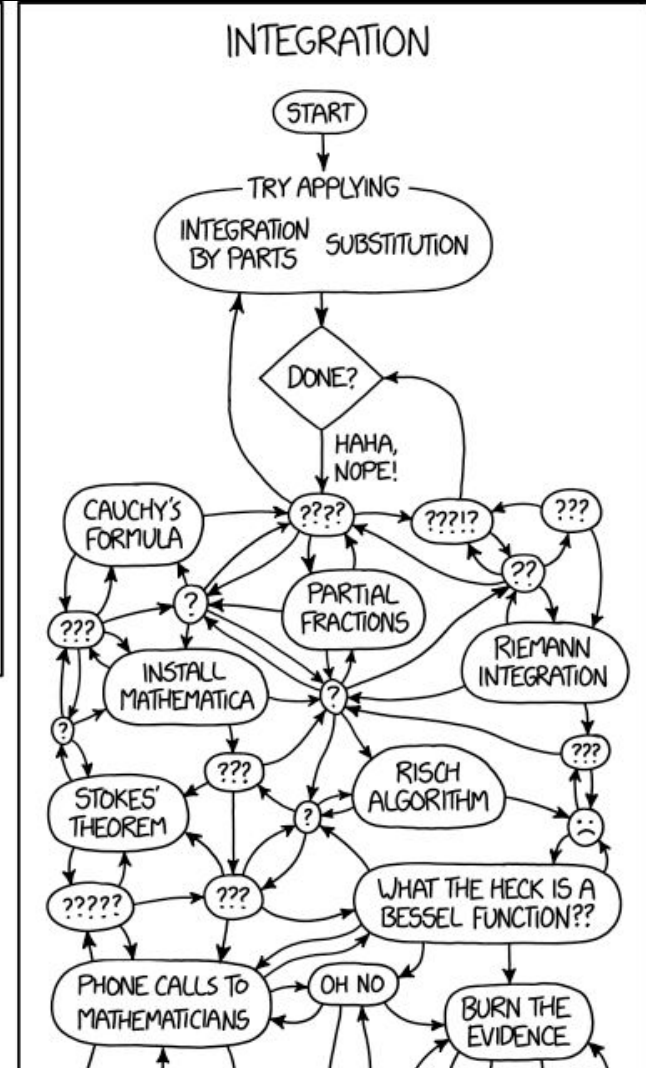
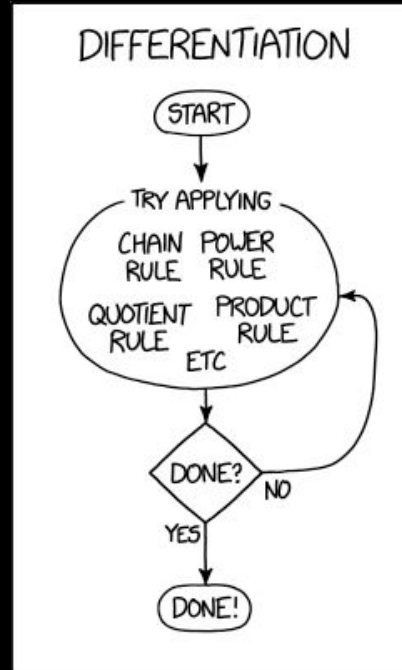
Autodiff in Python

- Frameworks like PyTorch, TensorFlow, and Jax can autodiff a whole program
 - Unlike an analytic derivative, autodiff is not limited to single mathematical expressions
 - Just code your function $f()$, even with loops, then request the derivative
- At Schrodinger, here's how we get atomic forces from our potential energy models:

```
forces = -torch.autograd.grad(energy, xyz)
```

Derivatives vs integrals

- Many families of functions are "*closed*" under differentiation but not integration
 - This is why integrals stink
- Fortunately, we have numerical integration



Numerical integration

- Numerical integration (aka quadrature) refers to a method which approximates an integral using a weighted sum of function values:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{j=0}^n \alpha_j f(x_j)$$

- We can pick any set of $n+1$ points $x_0 \dots x_n$ in $[a,b]$ we would like, but to start we'll assume we have equally spaced ones
- What are the "weights"?

Quadrature for small n

- We would like to use many points (large n), since that makes h (the interval size) small:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n hf(a + ih) \approx \sum_{j=0}^n \alpha_j f(x_j)$$

$$\text{Where : } h = \frac{b-a}{n}$$

- We don't always have a lot of data – sometimes only two or three points
- We can use Lagrange polynomials (just like for differentiation) to derive formulae. . .

Simple Quadrature Rules

Midpoint rule (Figure 4.1 on F&B p108):

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = (b-a) f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + \frac{f''(\xi)}{24} (b-a)^3 \approx \sum_{j=0}^0 \alpha_j f(x_j)$$

$$= \boxed{2hf(a+h) + \frac{h^3}{3} f''(\xi) \quad \text{for } h = \frac{b-a}{2}}$$

Which is more accurate?

Trapezoidal rule (Fig 4.2, F&B p110):

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = (b-a) \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{f''(\xi)}{12} (b-a)^3 \approx \sum_{j=0}^1 \alpha_j f(x_j)$$

$$= \boxed{h[f(a) + f(b)] - \frac{2h^3}{3} f''(\xi) \quad \text{for } h = \frac{b-a}{2}}$$

Simpson's Rule ($n = 2$)

- The midpoint and trapezoid rules are fine, error $O(h^3)$, but Simpson's Rule is $O(h^5)$:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{j=0}^2 \alpha_j f(x_j)$$

$$= \frac{(b-a)}{6} \left[f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right] - \frac{f^{(4)}(\xi)}{2880} (b-a)^5$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{h}{3} \left[f(a) + 4f(a+h) + f(a+2h) \right] - \frac{h^5}{90} f^{(4)}(\xi)} \left(h = \frac{b-a}{2} \right)$$

- What if the interval $[a,b]$ is very large?

Composite Quadrature

- If we want to integrate over a big interval $[a,b]$, we can break it up into smaller parts and do basic quadrature on each part:

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

- This method is called Composite Quadrature and the resulting rules are at F&B p118-119
- Makes h smaller, so error is much smaller
- Only works if we can get more values of $f(x)$

How do we pick h ?

- Adaptive Quadrature uses a bound on the approximation error ε to **choose the number of subintervals** – example in F&B uses Simpson's Rule on four subintervals (p. 140)
- Gaussian Quadrature minimizes the error of approximation by picking exactly the right points (given the approximating polynomial), producing a variable step size h

More complicated situations?

- Multiple integrals (often double and triple): useful for simulators (CAD programs, fluid dynamics) where you need to calculate properties over complex 3D shapes

$$\iiint_{\Omega} f(x) dx_1 dx_2 dx_3$$

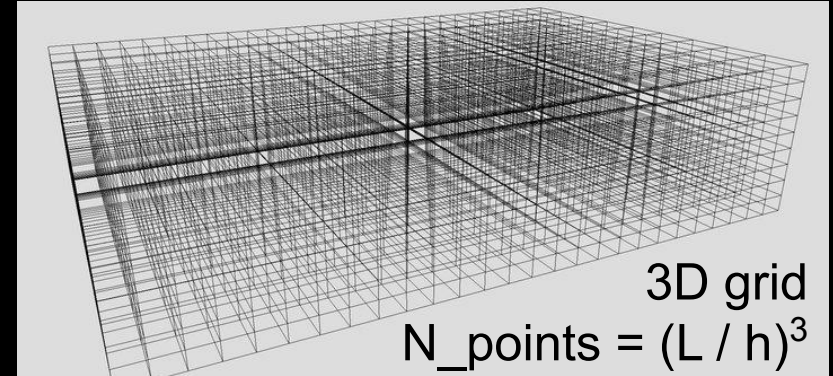
- Improper integrals (some bounds ∞): hope integral converges fast enough that it can be estimated with large but finite bounds

Quadrature functions

- In Python, `scipy.integrate.quad(f, a, b)` finds the integral of f on $[a,b]$ using adaptive quadrature with a specified error tolerance
- `dblquad` and `tplquad` in `scipy.integrate` will do double and triple integrals (much slower)
- What about higher dimensions?

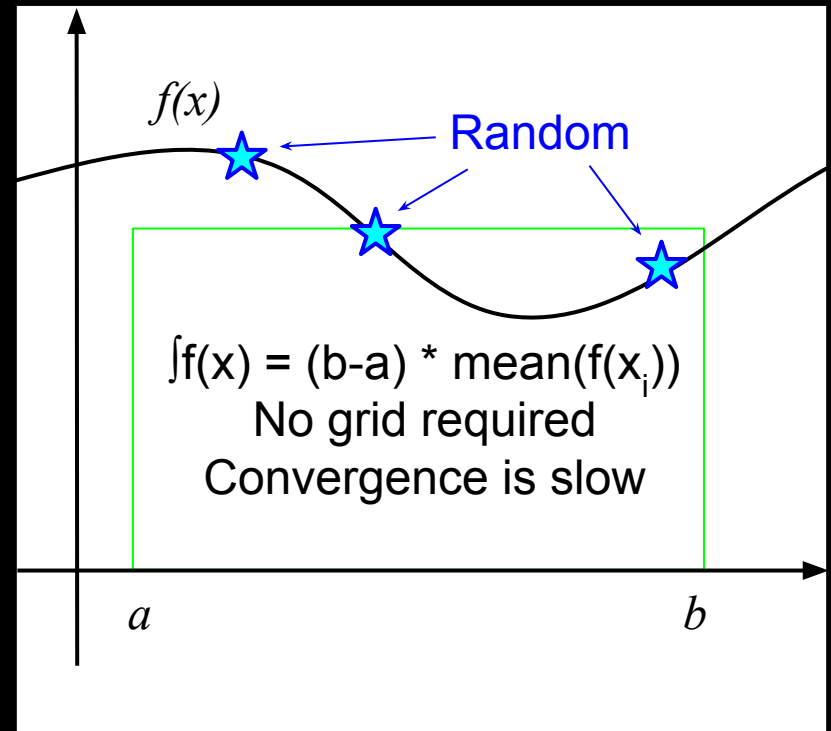
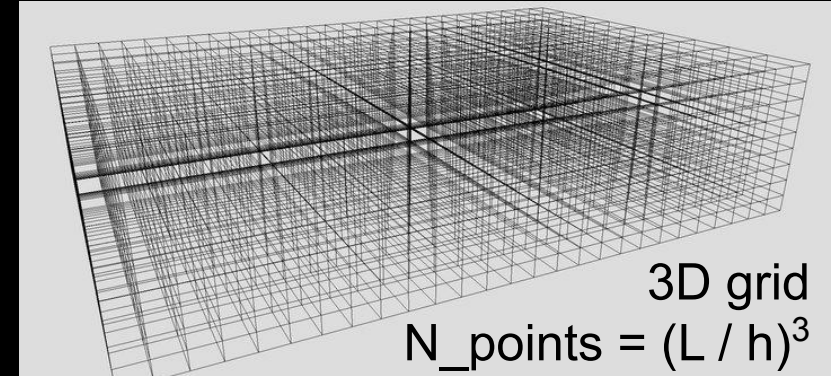
Curse of exponentiality

- Quadrature fails for high-dimensional grids
- Grid size grows exponentially



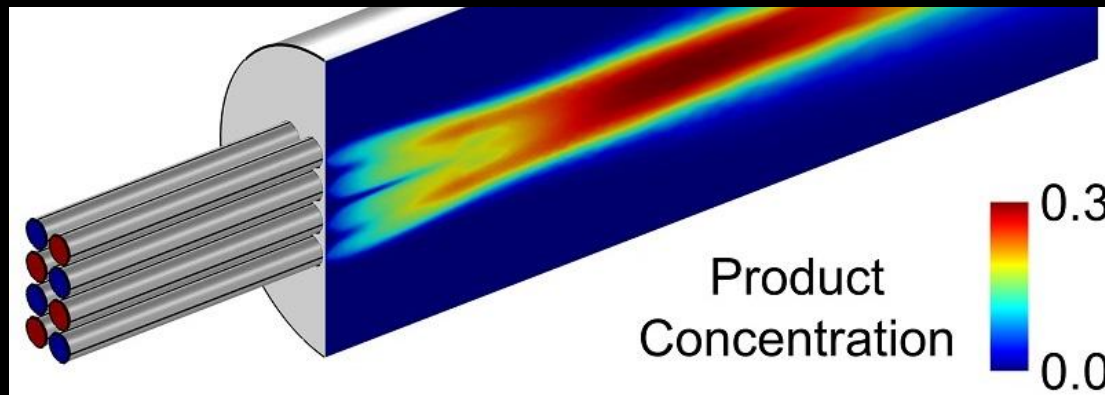
Monte Carlo integration

- Quadrature fails for high-dimensional grids
- Grid size grows exponentially
- Monte Carlo: pick points *at random* & compute mean(f)
- Standard deviation gives uncertainty estimate for mean(f)



Monte Carlo example: reactor

- You're estimating reactor output given yield $f(x_i)$ for concentrations x_i of reactants & impurities
- For each impurity, you have bounds on the concentration, not exact amounts
- Solution: generate random points within the bounds, calculate expected yield $\text{mean}(f(x_i))$, multiply by total input to get the total output

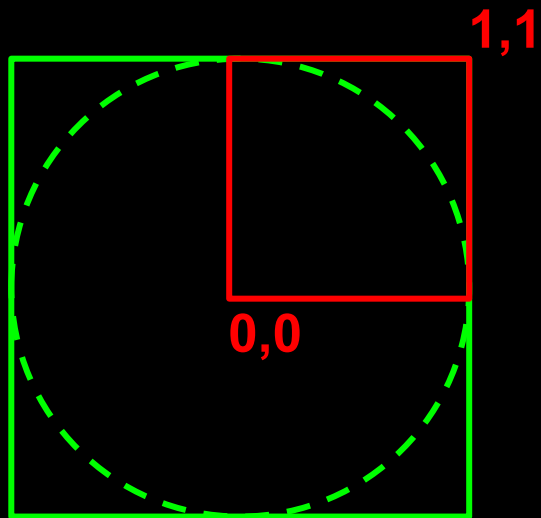


How do we get random numbers?

- For numerical methods, we don't try to get real random numbers (such as quantum noise)
- We use functions that give repeatable outputs with the same statistical properties as real random numbers
- These functions are *Pseudo-Random Number Generators* (PRNGs)
- Found in **np.random** & **hashlib**

Monte Carlo example: π

- Say we have a function $f(x, y) = 1$ when the point x, y is in the unit circle, otherwise 0
- Find the average value of this function in the square from 0,0 to 1,1 (see `np.random.random`)



- How is this value related to π ?
- How many random points does it take to converge π reliably to 3.14?

Integrating motion: Asteroids

- This is how I got into numerical methods
- Sitting in Cooper Union physics class, not paying much attention, coding video games where things move around (things like asteroids)



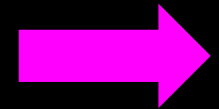
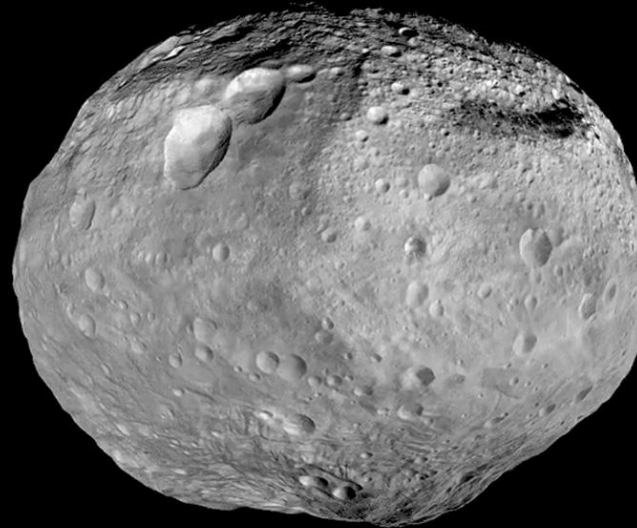
Integrating motion: Asteroids

Given an asteroid with a position, velocity, and forces, how does it move?

Position = x

Velocity = dx/dt

Force = $m(d^2x/dt^2)$



If we know the ***initial values*** of the variables, we can find their values at later times too using a form of numerical integration

Integrating motion: instability



Unlike quadrature, Initial Value Problems (IVPs) can suffer from *instability*

Integrating motion: instability



All reading for next week: Intro to Initial Value Problems, Euler's method, RK4: PNM 22.1-5.
More details in F&B 5.1-3.