

6. Quadrature

Approximate an integral because we only have some data points, the integral is too hard or it's overall faster.

$$Q_n(f) = \sum_{j=1}^n w_j \cdot f(c_j)$$

$$\text{error: } \left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - Q_n(f) \right|$$

$$\int_a^b f(t) dt \approx \int_a^b \mathcal{L}_n[f(t_1), \dots, f(t_n)]^T(t) dt = \sum_{j=1}^n f(t_j) \underbrace{\int_a^b \mathcal{L}_n(c_j)(t) dt}_{\text{weight } w_j}$$

The following methods differ in which nodes (t_1, \dots, t_n) and which weights they choose or what form $\mathcal{L}_n[f(t_1), \dots, f(t_n)]^T(t)$ has. (i.e. polynomial)

$$\text{Order: } \text{order}(Q_n) := \max \{ m \in \mathbb{N} : Q_n(p) = \int_a^b p(t) dt \ \forall p \in \mathcal{P}_m \} + 1$$

This means: We only have n Nodes as a budget. To which degree of an arbitrary polynomial p is:

$$Q_n(f) = \sum_{j=1}^n w_j f(c_j) \text{ exactly } \int_a^b p(t) dt$$

where p is a random polynomial.

Note: If we have Polynomial Quadrature Formulas (=based on polynomial interpolation with Lagrange Basis) then we know: $\text{order}(Q_n) \geq n$. Because with n nodes we have an exact interpolation for a polynomial of degree $n-1$. So for any polynomial p of degree $n-1$ we can have the exact interpolation and hence Quadrature. The $+1$ makes it then to n .

Note: If in $\int_a^b f(t) dt \approx Q_n(f) = \int_a^b p_{n-1}(t) dt$ $f(t)$ is a polynomial of degree $2n$ but we could have that $\text{order}(Q_n) \geq 2n+1$ then we could have:

$$\int_a^b f(t) dt = Q_n(f)$$

even though we only have n Nodes as a budget. Clearly if $f(t)$ is a polynomial of degree $2n$ and we could have $2n+1$ Nodes as a budget (Q_{2n+1}) then of course it is the same no matter where we choose our Nodes. But with only n as a budget, we need to use them wisely and might fail nonetheless to get that \Rightarrow and not the \approx

Polynomial Quadrature Formulas (Lagrange Basis)

$$\int_a^b f(t) dt \approx Q_n(f) = \int_a^b p_{n-1}(t) dt = \int_a^b \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f(t_j) \mathcal{L}_j(t) dt = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f(t_j) \underbrace{\int_a^b \mathcal{L}_j(t) dt}_{\text{weights}}$$

We always take Lagrange as a Basis because it is a cardinal Basis because only then we have that

$$p_{n-1}(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f(t_j) \mathcal{L}_j(t)$$

For other Basis we would have a $\mathcal{C}(t_j)$ and this wouldn't fill the form of the Quadrature. ($Q_n(f) \neq \sum \mathcal{C}(t_j) T_j(t)$)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Error: } \left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - Q_n(f) \right| &\leq C \cdot q^r |b-a|^{r+1} \cdot \|f^{(r)}\|_{C^{r+1}} & \text{for } q \geq r \\ &\leq \frac{|b-a|^{q+1}}{q!} \cdot \|f^{(q)}\|_{C^{q+1}} & \text{for } q < r \\ q &= \text{order}(Q_n), \quad r = f(t) \in C^r([a,b]) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f \in C^r : \text{algebraic}$$

$$\Rightarrow f \in C^\infty : \text{exponential}$$

Newton-Cotes formulas

Note: Don't let the name trick you. You have $\int_a^b L_{j-1}(t) dt$ as weights.

We take equidistant nodes

$$\text{Midpoint (n=1): } \int_a^b f(t) dt \approx Q(f) = (b-a) f\left(\frac{1}{2}(a+b)\right)$$

$$\text{Trapezoidal (n=2): } \int_a^b f(t) dt \approx Q(f) = \frac{b-a}{2} (f(a) + f(b))$$

$$\text{Simpson (n=3): } \int_a^b f(t) dt \approx Q(f) = \frac{b-a}{6} \left(f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right)$$

All of these use equidistant Nodes and are therefore **unstable**. Therefore we want to choose our Nodes differently. Astonishingly the best choice won't be the Chebyshev nodes but the Gaussian nodes.

Note: There exists Clenshaw-Curtis Quadrature that uses Chebyshev Nodes but it isn't a polynomial Quadrature Formula and is not as good as Gauss Quadrature.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Convergence: } f \in C^\infty &: \text{algebraic or exponential} \\ f \in C^r &: \text{algebraic} \end{aligned}$$

Gauss Quadrature

Optimal choice for polynomial Quadrature Formulas. To get the highest order (Q_n) we need to choose our Nodes wisely. It turns out:

- To have $\text{order}(Q_n) \geq n$ you need Lagrange polynomials as weights
- To have $\text{order}(Q_n) = 2n$ we need the nodes to be the roots of the n -th Legendre polynomial.

\Rightarrow We get $\text{order}(Q_n) = 2n$ by choosing Lagrange as weights and Legendre for the nodes.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Convergence: } f \in C^\infty &: \text{exponential} \\ f \in C^r &: \text{algebraic} \end{aligned}$$

Chebyshev Quadrature

We take Lagrange weights but Chebyshev nodes.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Convergence: } f \in C^\infty &: \text{exponential} \\ f \in C^r &: \text{algebraic} \end{aligned}$$

Composite Quadrature

Split Intervall in many Subintervalls and then apply QF on each of them.

Note: Gauss is always better.

You only choose it when you can't do Gauss hence not freely choose your Nodes or when the function is highly oscillatory.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Convergence: } f \in C^\infty &: \text{algebraic } [O(n^{-q})] & \text{to the width} \\ f \in C^r &: \text{algebraic } [O(n^{-r+1/3})] & \text{to the width} \end{aligned}$$