

Lab 8 Report

1. Consider the integral

$$I = \int_0^1 \sqrt{x} \log(x) dx$$

The exact value is $I = -4/9$. Use trapezoidal rule with $n = 1, 2, 4$, and 8 equal intervals to numerically evaluate the integral. Report the relative and absolute error.

- 1.

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for i = [1 2 4 8]
    a = trap(@f,0,1,i)
    absE = abs(-4/9 - a)
    relE = absE/(4/9)
end

function val = f(x)
    val = sqrt(x)*log(x);
end

function val = trap(func,a,b,n)
    h = (b-a)/n;
    sum = 0;
    for i = 1:n-1
        sum = sum + func(a+i*h);
    end

    val = (func(a) + func(b) + 2*sum) * ((b-a)/(2*n));
end

a =
    0
absE =
    0.4444
relE =
    1
a =
   -0.2451
absE =
    0.1994
relE =
    0.4488
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a =
    -0.3581
absE =
    0.0863
relE =
    0.1943
a =
    -0.4081
absE =
    0.0364
relE =
    0.0818

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2. Evaluate the integral

$$I = \int_0^2 \exp(-x^2) dx,$$

which is related to the “error function” (but differs by $2/\sqrt{\pi}$), defined intrinsically in Matlab as [erf](#).

- (a) Use $n = 4$ equispaced intervals, and apply Simpson’s 1/3 rule to evaluate the integral.
- (b) Using Gauss quadrature with 4 nodes, and recompute the integral above.

In both cases report the absolute error.

2.

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valSimp = simp(@g,0,2,4)
absEsimp = erf(2) - (2/sqrt(pi))*simp(@g,0,2,4)

valQuad = quadr(@g,0,2)
absEquad = erf(2) - (2/sqrt(pi))*quadr(@g,0,2)

function val = g(x)
    val = exp(-(x^2));
end
function val = simp(func,a,b,n)
    h = (b-a)/n;
    sum1 = 0;
    sum2 = 0;
    for j = 1:(n/2)-1
        sum1 = sum1 + func(a+(2*j)*h);
    end
    for j = 1:(n/2)
        sum2 = sum2 + func(a+(2*j)*h);
    end
    val = (func(a) + func(b) + 2*sum1 + 4*sum2)*(h/3);

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end

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function I = quadr(func,a,b)
quadWi = [(18-sqrt(30))/36; (18+sqrt(30))/36; (18+sqrt(30))/36;
(18-sqrt(30))/36];
quadXi = [ 0.8611363115940525; 0.3399810435848563; -0.3399810435848563;
-0.8611363115940525];

wi = (b-a)/2 .* quadWi;
xi = ((b-a).*quadXi + (b+a))/2;
I = 0;
for i = 1:4
    I = I + wi(i)*func(xi(i));
end
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valSimp =

0.5498

absEsimp =

0.3749

valQuad =

0.8822

absEquad =

-1.6667e-04

3.

(i) Use 4-point Gauss quadrature formula to compute the integrals:

$$(a) I_a = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{e^x + e^{-x}} dx, \quad (b) I_b = \int_0^2 \frac{1}{e^x + e^{-x}} dx$$

i.

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Ia = quadr(@h,-1,1)
Ib = quadr(@h,0,2)

function val = h(x)
val = 1/(exp(x) + exp(-x));
end

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Ia =

0.8657

Ib =

0.6509

(ii) Suppose we wish to evaluate the integral:

$$I = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x^2} dx,$$

using one of the methods that we studied in class. How would you deal with the “infinity” in the upper limit of integration? Be as specific as possible.

ii.

Solution:

Integrate by parts:

$$I = fg - \text{integral}(f'g')$$

$$f = \sin(x)$$

$$g'(x) = 1/x^2$$

$$I = \sin(x)/x - \text{integral}(-\cos(x)/x)$$

$$\text{integral}(-\cos(x)/x) = -\text{Ci}(x) \text{ where } \text{Ci}(x) = 0.57721 + \ln(x) + \text{integral from 0 to } x(\cos(t-1)/t)$$

$$I = \text{Ci}(x) - \sin(x)/x$$

$$= (\text{Ci}(\text{inf}) - \sin(\text{inf})/\text{inf}) - (\text{Ci}(1) - \sin(1)/1)$$

$$= \sin(1) - \text{Ci}(1)$$

$$= \sin(1) - (.57721 + \ln(1) + \int_0^1 \cos(t-1)/t dt$$

The problem has been transformed into one without a singularity.

(iii) Consider two integrals

$$I_1 = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 e^{-x_1^3 + x_2^3} dx_1 dx_2$$
$$I_2 = \iint_D e^{-x_1^3 + x_2^3} dx_1 dx_2$$

where D is the region described by $x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 \leq 1$. Would you recommend using Monte Carlo to evaluate both integrals? Explain your choice in detail.

iii.

Both integrals above describe a 2D integrand which offers no benefits for convergence over a rule like Simpson's $\frac{1}{3}$ rule.

For a MC integral, the error is equal to $1/\sqrt{n}$ while for Simpson's $\frac{1}{3}$ rd, we get error = $1/n^{(4/d)}$ where d = the dimension of the problem.

Hence, $1/n^2 \ll 1/n^{.5}$ and thus MC would give more error and slow convergence.