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## INTRODUCTION TO QUADRATURE

We approach the subject of numerical integration. The goal is to approximate the definite integral of  $f(x)$  over the interval  $[a,b]$  by evaluating  $f(x)$  at a finite number of sample points.

**DEFINITION:** Suppose that  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_M = b$ . A formula of the form

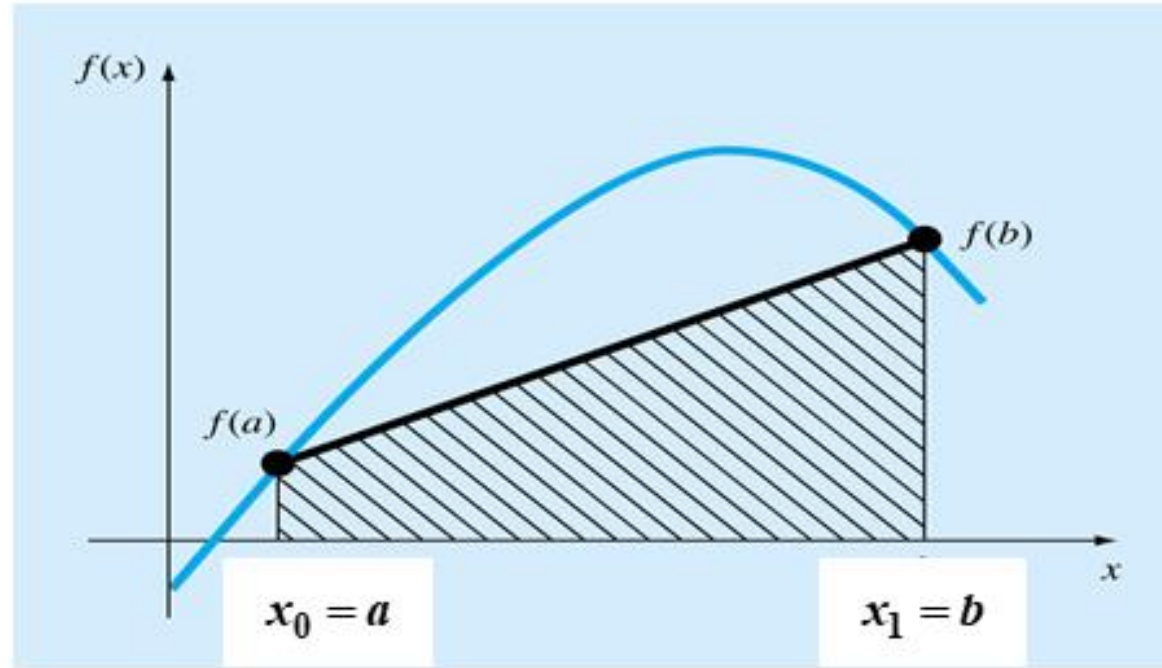
$$Q[f] = \sum_{k=0}^M w_k f(x_k) = w_0 f(x_0) + w_1 f(x_1) + \dots + w_M f(x_M)$$

*with property that*

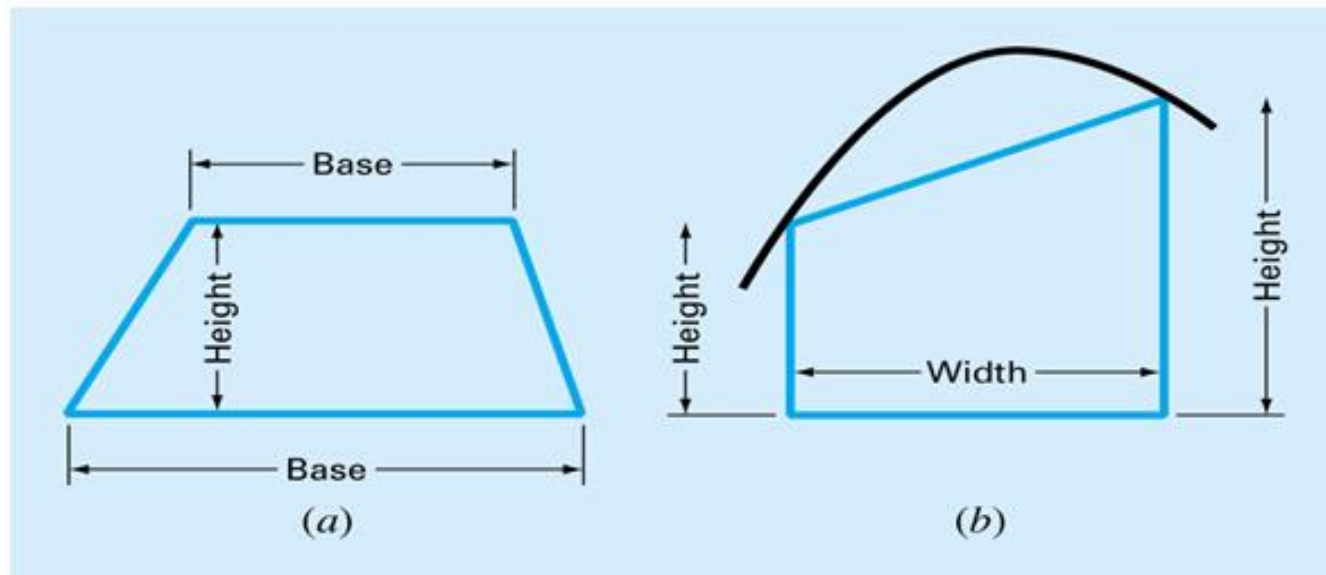
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = Q[f] + E[f]$$

is called a numerical integration or quadrature formula. The term  $E[f]$  is called the truncation error for integration. The values  $\{x_k\}_{k=0}^M$  are called the quadrature nodes, and  $\{w_k\}_{k=0}^M$  are called the weights.

## TRAPEZOIDAL RULE



Geometrically, the trapezoidal rule is equivalent to approximating the area of the trapezoid under the straight line connecting  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ .



a) The formula for computing the area of a trapezoid: height times the average of the bases.

b) For the trapezoidal rule, the concept is the same but the trapezoid is on its side.

- The trapezoidal rule is the first of the Newton-Cote rules closed integration formulas.
- It is applicable where the polynomial is first-order.
- The area under a straight line is an estimate of the integral of  $f(x)$  between the limits  $a$  and  $b$ .

- The result of this integration is called the trapezoidal rule

where  $x_0 = a$  and  $x_1 = b$  and  $h = b - a$ , then

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{2} (f_0 + f_1) \quad \text{Trapezoidal rule}$$

**Corollary:** Assume that  $f(x)$  is sufficiently differentiable; then  $E[f]$  for Newton-Cotes quadrature involves an appropriate higher derivative. The trapezoidal rule has degree of precision  $n=1$ .  
If  $f \in C^2[a, b]$ , then

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{2} (f_0 + f_1) - \frac{h^3}{12} f^{(2)}(c)$$

## PROOF

Proof for  $\int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) \approx \frac{h}{2} (f_0 + f_1)$

Use first order Lagrange Interpolation

$$f(x) = f_0 \frac{(x - x_1)}{(x_0 - x_1)} + f_1 \frac{(x - x_0)}{(x_1 - x_0)}$$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) dx = f_0 \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{(x - x_1)}{(x_0 - x_1)} dx + f_1 \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{(x - x_0)}{(x_1 - x_0)} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x = x_0 + th \quad \Rightarrow \quad dx = h \, dt \quad \text{where } 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ x_0 = x_0 + 0h \\ x_1 = x_0 + h \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) \, dx = f_0 \int_0^1 \frac{h(t-1)}{-h} h \, dt + f_1 \int_0^1 \frac{th}{h} h \, dt = \dots = \frac{h}{2} [f_0 + f_1] \quad (\text{exercise})$$

## ERROR ESTIMATE FOR THE TRAPEZOIDAL RULE

**THEOREM:** Let  $f \in C^2[x_0, x_1]$ . The error that the trapezoidal rule makes in estimating

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) \, dx \text{ is } \boxed{E_{Trap} = \frac{-h^3}{12} f^{(2)}(c)} \quad \text{where } h = x_1 - x_0$$

Proof:

From the Lagrange interpolation formula with remainder

$$f(x) = P_n(x) + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} \prod_{j=0}^n (x - x_j) \quad \text{then}$$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) \, dx = \frac{h}{2} [f_0 + f_1] + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \prod_{j=0}^n (x - x_j) \, dx$$

where  $n=1$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) \, dx = \frac{h}{2} [f_0 + f_1] + \frac{f^{(2)}(c)}{2!} \int_{x_0}^{x_1} (x - x_0)(x - x_1) \, dx$$

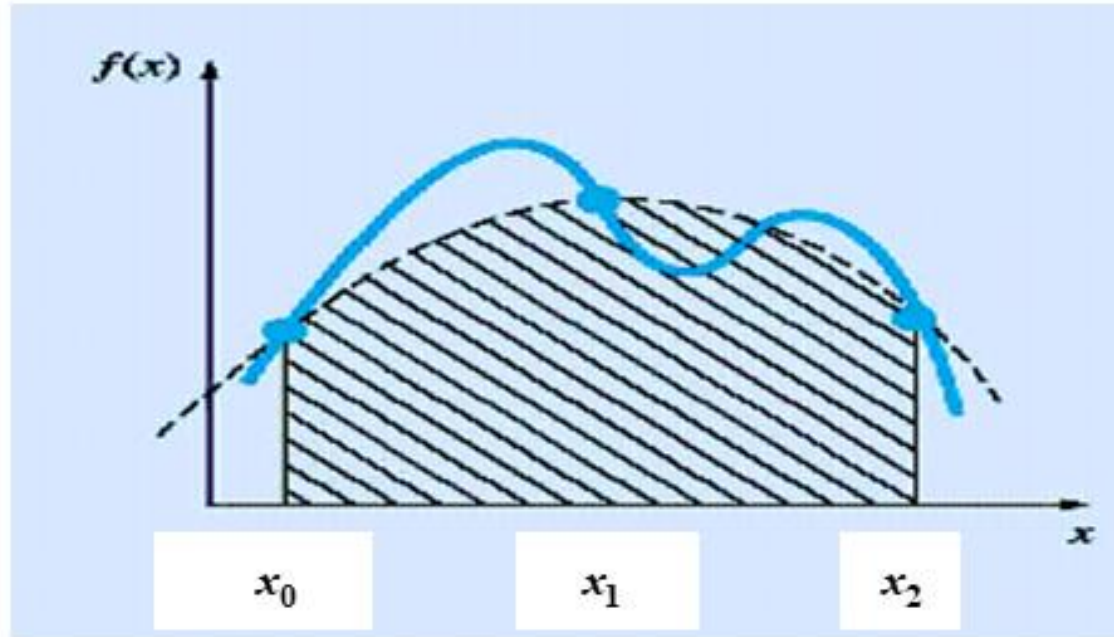
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x = x_0 + th \quad \Rightarrow \quad dx = h dt \quad \text{where } 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ x_0 = x_0 + 0h \\ x_1 = x_0 + h \end{aligned}$$

$$E_{Trap}(f) = \frac{f^{(2)}(c)}{2!} \int_{x_0}^{x_1} (x - x_0)(x - x_1) dx = \frac{f^{(2)}(c)}{2!} \int_0^1 th(t-1)h \, h dt = -\frac{h^3 f^{(2)}(c)}{12}$$



## $\frac{1}{3}$ AND $\frac{3}{8}$ SIMPSON'S RULE

1. Simpson's 1/3 rule : It consists of taking the area under a parabola connecting three points.



where

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{3} (f_0 + 4f_1 + f_2) - \frac{h^5}{90} f^{(4)}(c)$$

## Proof for

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{3}(f_0 + 4f_1 + f_2)$$

Use Lagrange Interpolation polynomial

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx = f_0 \int_{x_0}^{x_2} \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)} dx + f_1 \int_{x_0}^{x_2} \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)} dx + f_2 \int_{x_0}^{x_2} \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)} dx$$

Let  $x = x_0 + th \Rightarrow dx = h dt$  where  $0 \leq t \leq 2$

$$x_0 = x_0 + 0h$$

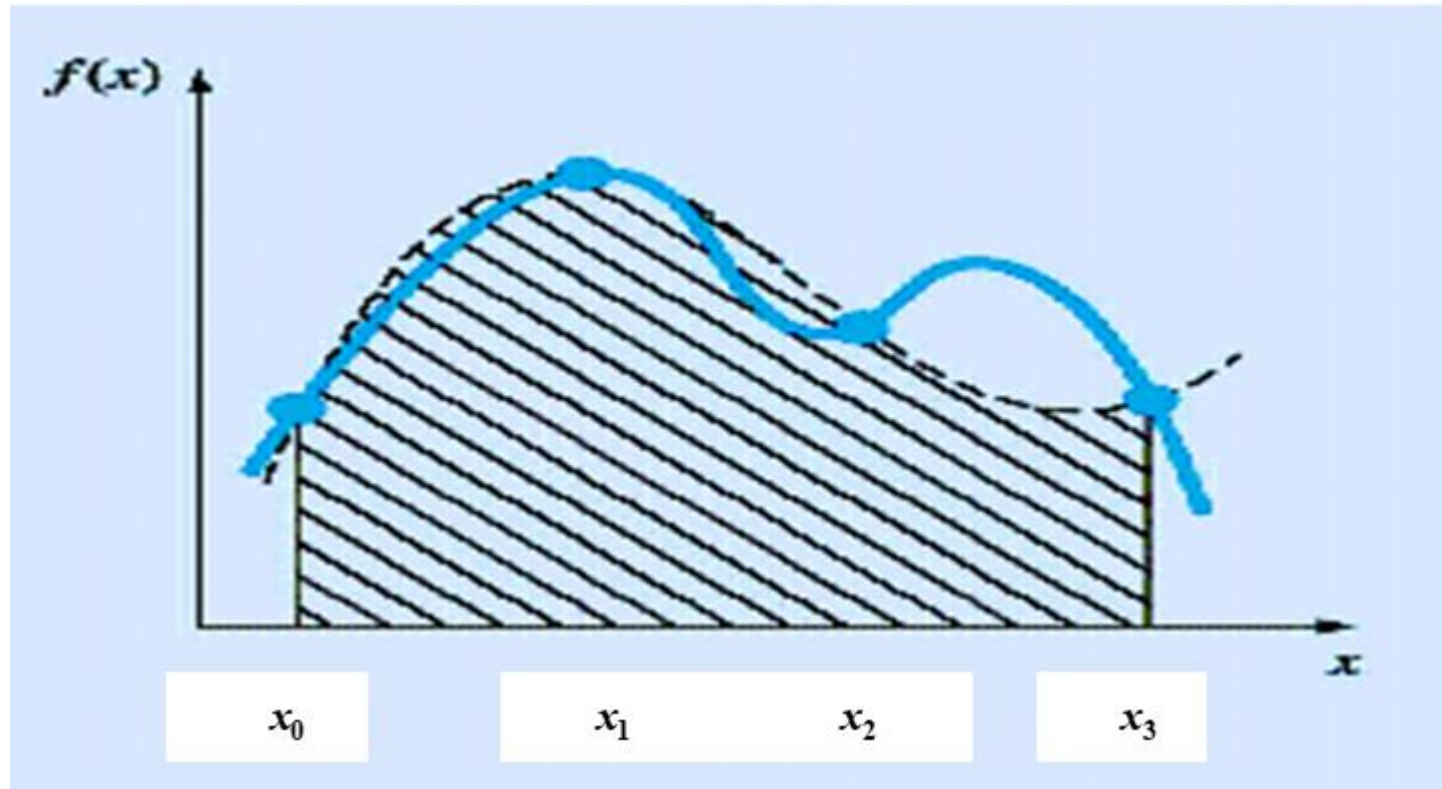
$$x_1 = x_0 + h$$

$$x_2 = x_0 + 2h \quad \text{then}$$

$$\int_0^2 f(x) dx = f_0 \int_0^2 \frac{h(t-1)h(t-2)h dt}{(-h)(-2h)} + f_1 \int_0^2 \frac{th h(t-2)h dt}{(h)(-h)} + f_2 \int_0^2 \frac{th h(t-1)h dt}{(2h)(h)} \quad (\text{exercise})$$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{3}(f_0 + 4f_1 + f_2)$$

2. Simpson's 3/8 rule: It consists of taking the area under a cubic equation connecting four points.



where

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_3} f(x) dx = \frac{3h}{8} (f_0 + 3f_1 + 3f_2 + f_4) - \frac{3h^5}{80} f^{(4)}(c)$$

**Example:** Evaluate the integral of the following data

x	0	0.1	0.2	0.3
f(x)	1	7	4	3

with the

- a) Trapezoidal rule
- b) Trapezoidal and  $\frac{1}{3}$  Simpson's rule
- c)  $\frac{3}{8}$  Simpson's rule

where  $h=0.1$

a)

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{0.3} f(x) dx &= \frac{0.1}{2}(f_0 + f_1) + \frac{0.1}{2}(f_1 + f_2) + \frac{0.1}{2}(f_2 + f_3) \\ &= \frac{0.1}{2}(1+7) + \frac{0.1}{2}(7+4) + \frac{0.1}{2}(4+3) = 1.3\end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{0.1} f(x) dx + \int_{0.1}^{0.3} f(x) dx &= \frac{0.1}{2}(f_0 + f_1) + \frac{0.1}{3}(f_1 + 4f_2 + f_3) \\ &= \frac{0.1}{2}(1 + 7) + \frac{0.1}{3}(7 + 4(4) + 3) = 1.26666\end{aligned}$$

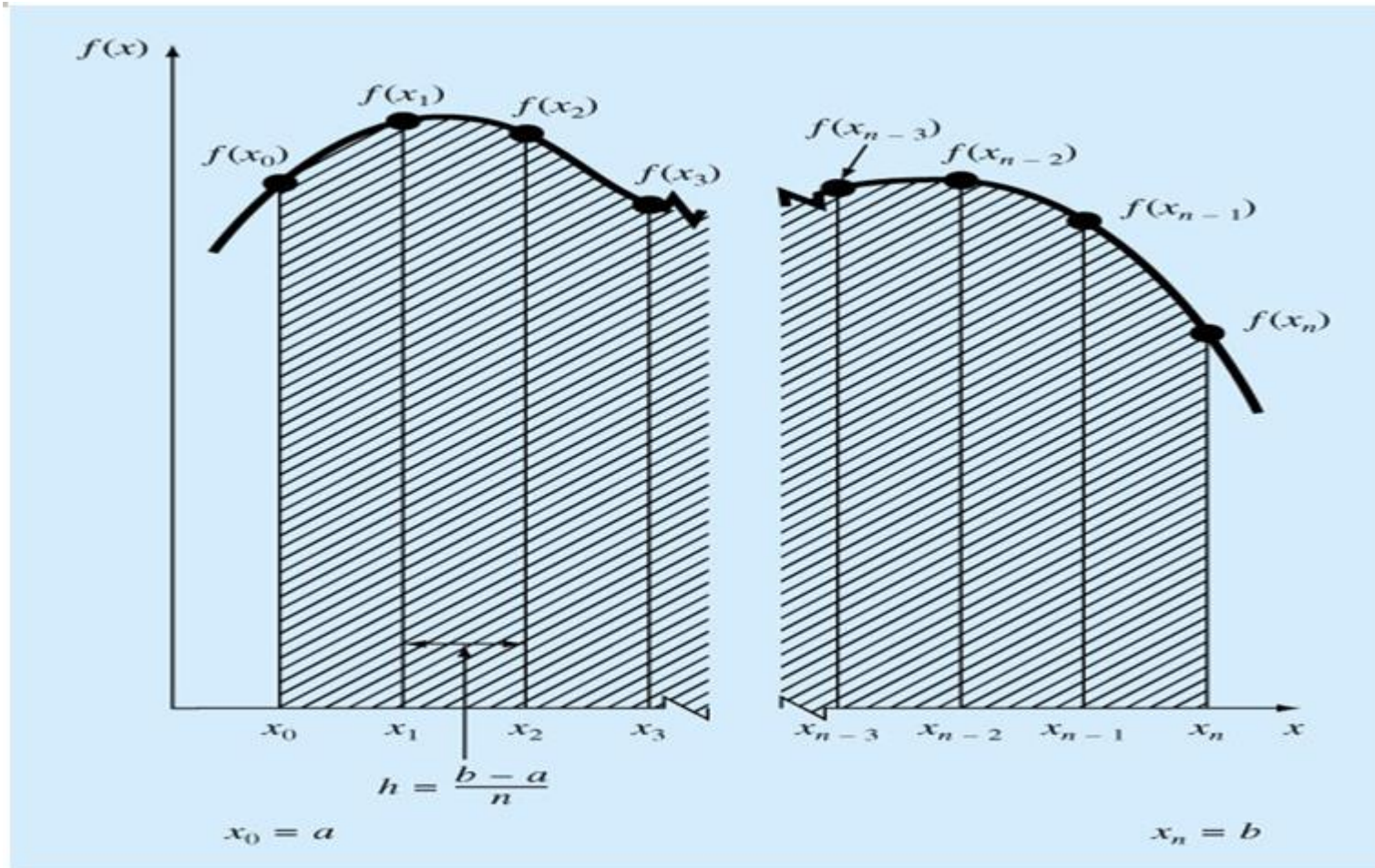
c)

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{0.3} f(x) dx &= \frac{3(h)}{8}(f_0 + 3f_1 + 3f_2 + f_3) \\ &= \frac{3(0.1)}{8}(1 + 3(7) + 3(4) + 3) = 1.3875\end{aligned}$$

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## COMPOSITE TRAPEZOIDAL RULE

To improve the accuracy of the trapezoidal rule dividing the integration interval from  $a$  to  $b$  into a number of segments and apply the method to each segment.





### Theorem: (Composite Trapezoidal Rule)

Suppose that the interval  $[a, b]$  is subdivided into  $M$  subinterval  $[x_k, x_{k+1}]$  of width

$h = \frac{(b-a)}{M}$  by using the equality spaced nodes  $x_k = a + kh$ , for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, M$ . The

composite trapezoidal rule for  $M$  subintervals can be expressed in any of three equivalent ways

$$T(f, h) = \frac{h}{2} \sum_{k=1}^M (f(x_{k-1}) + f(x_k)) \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$T(f, h) = \frac{h}{2} (f_0 + 2f_1 + 2f_2 + 2f_3 + \dots + 2f_{M-2} + 2f_{M-1} + f_M) \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$T(f, h) = \frac{h}{2} (f(a) + f(b)) + h \sum_{k=1}^{M-1} f(x_k) \quad \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

This is an approximation to the integral of  $f(x)$  over  $[a, b]$ , and we write

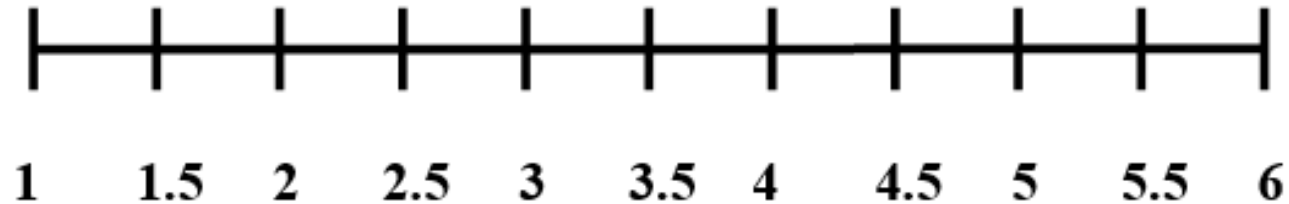
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx T(f, h)$$

### Example:

Consider  $f(x) = 2 + \sin(2\sqrt{x})$  . Use the composite trapezoidal rule with 11 sample points to compute an approximation to integral of  $f(x)$  taken over  $[1,6]$  .

### Solution

To generate 11 sample points we use  $M=10$  that is  $h = \frac{(6-1)}{10} = 0.5$

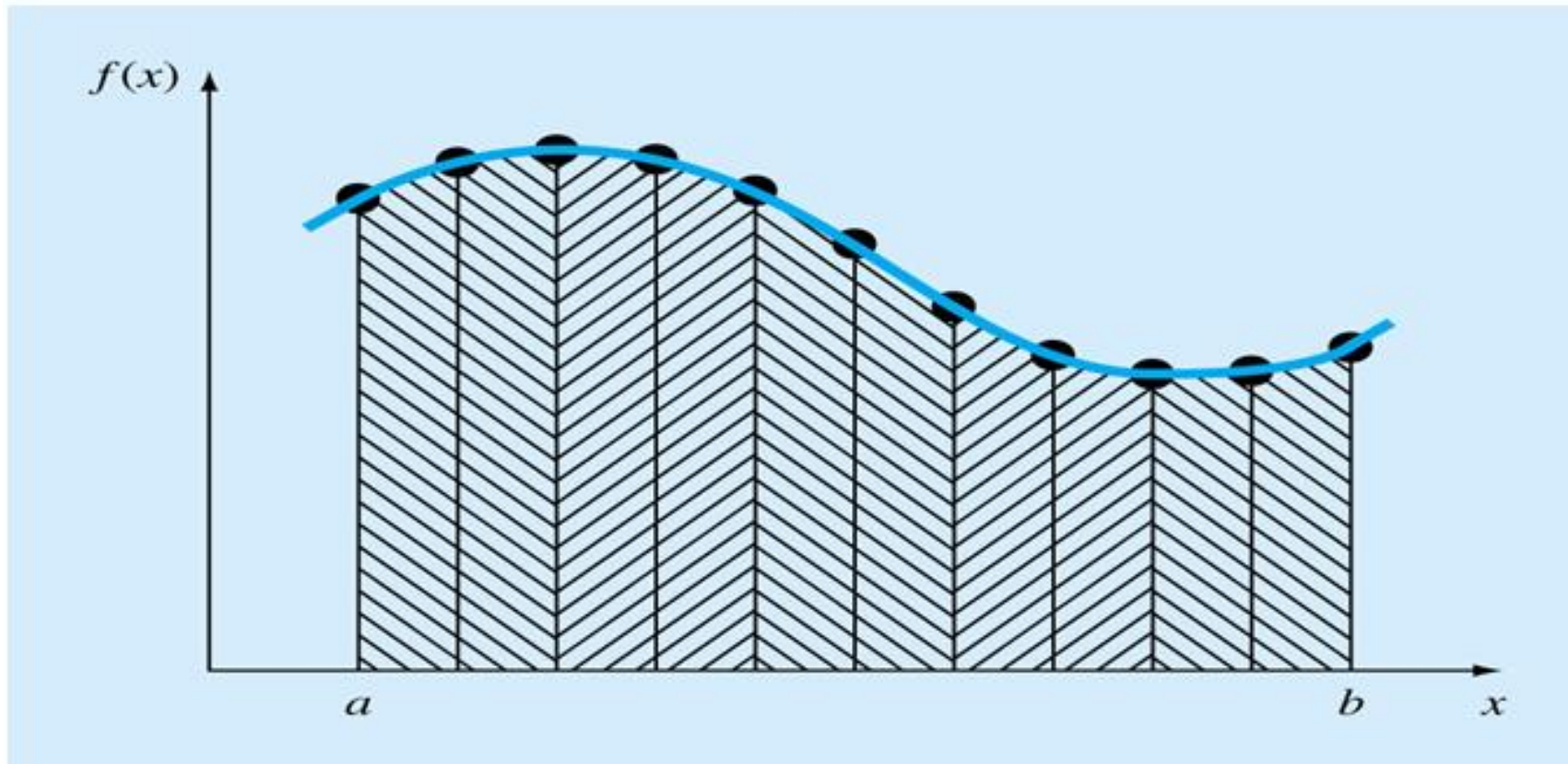


$$\begin{aligned} T(f, h) &= \frac{h}{2} (f(a) + f(b)) + h \sum_{k=1}^{M-1} f(x_k) \\ &= \frac{0.5}{2} (f(1) + f(6)) + 0.5(f(1.5) + f(2) + f(2.5) + f(3) + f(3.5) + f(4) + f(4.5) + f(5) + f(5.5)) \\ &= 8.19385457 \end{aligned}$$



## COMPOSITE SIMPSON RULE

- Simpson's 1/3 rule can be improved by dividing the integration interval into a number of segments of equal width
- This method can be employed only if the number of segments is even.



### THEOREM: (Composite Simpson Rule)

Suppose that the interval  $[a,b]$  is subdivided into  $2M$  subinterval  $[x_k, x_{k+1}]$  of width  $h = \frac{(b-a)}{2M}$  by using the equality spaced nodes  $x_k = a + kh$ , for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 2M$ . The composite Simpson rule for  $2M$  subintervals can be expressed in any of three equivalent ways

$$S(f, h) = \frac{h}{3} \sum_{k=1}^M (f(x_{2k-2}) + 4f(x_{2k-1}) + f(x_{2k})) \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$S(f, h) = \frac{h}{3} (f_0 + 4f_1 + 2f_2 + 4f_3 + \dots + 2f_{2M-2} + 4f_{2M-1} + f_{2M}) \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

$$S(f, h) = \frac{h}{3} (f(a) + f(b)) + \frac{2h}{3} \sum_{k=1}^{M-1} f(x_{2k}) + \frac{4h}{3} \sum_{k=1}^M f(x_{2k-1}) \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

This is an approximation to the integral of  $f(x)$  over  $[a, b]$ , and we write

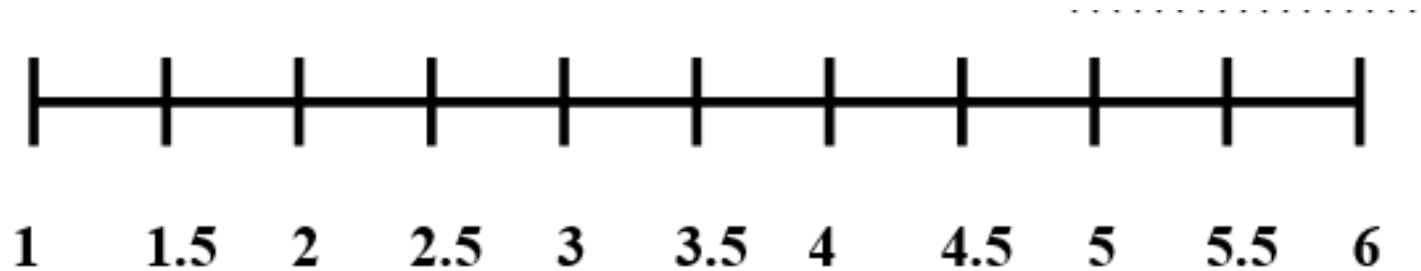
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx S(f, h)$$

**Example:**

Consider  $f(x) = 2 + \sin(2\sqrt{x})$  . Use the composite Simpson rule with 11 sample points to compute an approximation to integral of  $f(x)$  taken over  $[1,6]$  .

**Solution:**

To generate 11 sample points we use  $M=5$  that is  $h = \frac{(6-1)}{2(5)} = 0.5$



$$\begin{aligned}
 S(f, h) &= \frac{0.5}{3} [f(1) + f(6)] + \frac{2(0.5)}{3} \sum_{k=1}^4 f(x_{2k}) + \frac{4(0.5)}{3} \sum_{k=1}^5 f(x_{2k-1}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} [f(1) + f(6)] + \frac{1}{3} [f(2) + f(3) + f(4) + f(5)] + \frac{2}{3} [f(1.5) + f(2.5) + f(3.5) + f(4.5) + f(5.5)] \\
 &= 8.1830155
 \end{aligned}$$

## ERROR ANALYSIS

### COROLLARY : (Trapezoidal Rule Error Analysis)

Suppose that the interval  $[a,b]$  is subdivided into  $M$  subinterval  $[x_k, x_{k+1}]$  of width  $h = \frac{(b-a)}{M}$  by using the equality spaced nodes  $x_k = a + kh$ , for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, M$ . The composite trapezoidal rule

$$T(f, h) = \frac{h}{2}(f(a) + f(b)) + h \sum_{k=1}^{M-1} f(x_k)$$

is an approximation to the integral

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx T(f, h) + E_T(f, h)$$

Furthermore, if  $f \in C^2[a, b]$ , there exists a value  $c$  with  $a < c < b$  so that the error term  $E_T(f, h)$  has the form

$$E_T(f, h) = \frac{-(b-a)f^{(2)}(c)h^2}{12} = O(h^2)$$

**Example:** Find the number  $M$  and step size  $h$  so that the error  $E_T(f, h)$  for the composite trapezoidal rule is less than  $5 \times 10^{-9}$  for the approximation

$$\int_2^7 \frac{dx}{x} \approx T(f, h)$$

**Solution:**

Where,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  ,  $f'(x) = \frac{-1}{x^2}$  and  $f''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3}$

The maximum value of  $f''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3}$  over  $[2, 7]$  occur at  $x=2$ , that is

$$|f''(2)| = \frac{1}{4} \text{ for } 2 < c < 7. \quad |E_T(f, h)| \leq \left| \frac{-(b-a)f^{(2)}(c)h^2}{12} \right| \leq 5 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\left| \frac{-(7-2)\frac{1}{4}h^2}{12} \right| \leq 5 \times 10^{-9} \Rightarrow \frac{5h^2}{48} \leq 5 \times 10^{-9} \Rightarrow h^2 \leq \frac{48(5 \times 10^{-9})}{5}$$

$$h \approx 2.19089 \times 10^{-4} \text{ then } h = \frac{(b-a)}{M} \Rightarrow M = \frac{5}{2.19089 \times 10^{-4}} = 22821.77323$$

$M$  must be integer  $\boxed{M \approx 22822}$

### COROLLARY: (Simpson's Rule Error Analysis)

Suppose that the interval  $[a,b]$  is subdivided into  $2M$  subinterval  $[x_k, x_{k+1}]$  of width  $h = \frac{(b-a)}{2M}$  by using the equality spaced nodes  $x_k = a + kh$ , for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 2M$ . The composite Simpson rule

$$S(f, h) = \frac{h}{3} (f(a) + f(b)) + \frac{2h}{3} \sum_{k=1}^{M-1} f(x_{2k}) + \frac{4h}{3} \sum_{k=1}^M f(x_{2k-1})$$

is an approximation to the integral

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx S(f, h) + E_S(f, h)$$

Furthermore, if  $f \in C^4[a, b]$ , there exists a value  $c$  with  $a < c < b$  so that the error term  $E_S(f, h)$  has the form

$$E_S(f, h) = \frac{-(b-a)f^{(4)}(c)h^4}{180} = O(h^4)$$

**Example :** Find the number  $M$  and step size  $h$  so that the error  $E_S(f, h)$  for the composite Simpson rule is less than  $5 \times 10^{-9}$  for the approximation

$$\int_{-\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \cos x \, dx \approx S(f, h)$$

**Solution:**

$$|E_S(f, h)| \leq \frac{|(b-a)||f^{(4)}(c)|h^4}{180} \leq 5 \times 10^{-9} \quad \text{where, } f(x) = \cos x \quad \text{then } f^{(4)}(x) = \cos x$$

Maximum value of  $f^{(4)}(x) = \cos x$  occur when  $x = 0$  over  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{6}\right]$  that is  $|\cos 0| = 1$

$$\frac{\left|\left(\frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{-\pi}{6}\right)\right| |1| h^4}{180} \leq 5 \times 10^{-9} \Rightarrow h^4 \leq \frac{5 \times 10^{-9}(180)(3)}{\pi} \Rightarrow h \approx 0.030447$$

$$\text{where, } h = \frac{b-a}{2M} \Rightarrow M = \frac{\frac{\pi}{6} - \left(\frac{-\pi}{6}\right)}{2(0.030447)} = \frac{\pi}{6(0.030447)} = 17.2$$

$$\boxed{M \approx 18}$$

Number of subintervals should be divisible by 2.

## Example (exam question)

Evaluate  $\int_{2.1}^{3.1} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$  using Composite Trapezoidal Rule with an error bound by  $2 \times 10^{-3}$ .

## Solution:

First find h and M

$$|E_T(f, h)| \leq \left| \frac{-(b-a)f^{(2)}(c)h^2}{12} \right| \leq 2 \times 10^{-3}$$

where  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$  and  $f^{(2)}(x) = \frac{6}{x^4}$  maximum occur at  $x=2.1$   $|f^{(2)}(2.1)| = \left| \frac{6}{(2.1)^4} \right| = 0.3085$  then

$$\left| \frac{-(3.1 - 2.1)0.3085 h^2}{12} \right| \leq 2 \times 10^{-3} \Rightarrow h^2 \leq 0.07779$$


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$h \approx 0.2789 \Rightarrow M = \frac{3.1 - 2.1}{0.2789} = 3.58 \quad \text{take } M = 4 \quad \text{and } h = 0.25$

$$T(f, h) = \frac{0.25}{2} [f(2.1) + f(3.1)] + 0.25[f(2.35) + f(2.6) + f(2.85)] = 0.15437675$$

**Exact Value:**  $\int_{2.1}^{3.1} \frac{1}{x^2} dx = 0.1536$



**Example:** Apply Simpson's  $\frac{1}{3}$  and Trapezoidal for  $\int_0^1 e^{1-x^2} dx$ . Using  $h = 0.25$  and comment on the error bound and also on the error by Trapezoidal and Simpson's  $\frac{1}{3}$  formula.

Solution:

For Trapezoidal:

$$f(x) = e^{1-x^2}, \quad h = 0.25 \text{ on } [0,1]$$



$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^1 f(x) dx &= \int_0^{0.25} f(x) dx + \int_{0.25}^{0.5} f(x) dx + \int_{0.5}^{0.75} f(x) dx + \int_{0.75}^1 f(x) dx \\
&= \frac{h}{2}[f_0 + f_1] + \frac{h}{2}[f_1 + f_2] + \frac{h}{2}[f_2 + f_3] + \frac{h}{2}[f_3 + f_4] \\
&= \frac{h}{2}[f_0 + 2f_1 + 2f_2 + 2f_3 + f_4] \\
&= \frac{h}{2}[f(0) + 2f(0.25) + 2f(0.5) + 2f(0.75) + f(1)] \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{2}[2.718282 + 5.107179 + 4.234 + 3.097661 + 1] \\
&= 2.01964
\end{aligned}$$

The error for Trapezoidal formula,

$$f(x) = e^{1-x^2}, \quad f'(x) = -2xe^{1-x^2}, \quad f''(x) = (4x^2 - 2)e^{1-x^2}$$

$$f''(0) = (4(0)^2 - 2)e^{1-(0)^2} = -5.4366$$

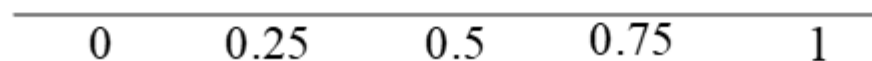
$$f''(1) = (4(1)^2 - 2)e^{1-(1)^2} = 2$$

The error is  $E_1(x) = -\frac{h^3}{12}f''(c) - \frac{h^3}{12}f''(c) - \frac{h^3}{12}f''(c) - \frac{h^3}{12}f''(c) = -\frac{4h^3}{12}f''(c)$

$$|E_1(x)| = \frac{4h^3}{12}|f''(c)| = \frac{4(0.25)^3}{12}|-5.4366| = 0.02831$$

For Simpson's  $\frac{1}{3}$ :

$f(x) = e^{1-x^2}$ ,  $h = \frac{1}{2N} = 0.25 = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{(2)(2)}$  on  $[0,1]$ .  $N = 2$  is the number of times of apply Simpson's.



$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 f(x) dx &= \int_0^{0.5} f(x) dx + \int_{0.5}^1 f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{h}{3} [f_0 + 4f_1 + f_2] + \frac{h}{3} [f_2 + 4f_3 + f_4] \\ &= \frac{h}{3} [f_0 + 4f_1 + 2f_2 + 4f_3 + f_4]\end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = 2.030163$$

$$f(x) = e^{1-x^2}, \quad f'(x) = -2xe^{1-x^2}, \quad f''(x) = (4x^2 - 2)e^{1-x^2},$$

$$f'''(x) = 8xe^{1-x^2} - 2x(4x^2 - 2)e^{1-x^2} = (-8x^3 + 12x)e^{1-x^2}$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = (-24x^2 + 12)e^{1-x^2} - 2x(-8x^3 + 12x)e^{1-x^2} = (16x^4 - 48x^2 + 12)e^{1-x^2}$$

$$\left| f^{(4)}(0) \right| = \left| (16(0)^4 - 48(0)^2 + 12)e^{1-(0)^2} \right| = 32.6194$$

$$\left| f^{(4)}(1) \right| = \left| (16(1)^4 - 48(1)^2 + 12(1))e^{1-(1)^2} \right| = 20$$

$$E_2(x) = -\frac{h^5}{90} f^{(4)}(c) - \frac{h^5}{90} f^{(4)}(c) = -\frac{2h^5}{90} f^{(4)}(c)$$

$$\left| E_2(x) \right| = \frac{2h^5}{90} \left| f^{(4)}(c) \right| = \frac{2(0.25)^5}{90} (32.6194) = 0.0007078$$

**EXERCISE (E.Q):** Determine the number  $M$  and  $h$  so that the composite Simpson rule for  $2M$  subinterval can be used to compute the given integral with an accuracy of  $10^{-3}$

$$\int_0^2 (e^x + 3x^4) dx$$

**EXERCISE(E.Q):** Approximate the area  $A$  defined by  $2\pi \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + (f'(x))^2} dx$  taking  $f(x) = x^3$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  by using the Composite Trapezoidal rule with 5 subintervals.

**EXERCISE (E.Q):** Compute  $\int_0^1 (8x^3 - 3x) dx$  using the Composite Trapezoidal rule, your results should be accurate to  $\varepsilon = 5 \times 10^{-1}$ .

**EXERCISE :** Page 374-375 Question : 3, 8, 9