

NUMERICAL DIFFERENTIATION

The derivative of $f(x)$ at x_0 is:

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

An approximation to this is:

$$f'(x_0) \approx \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} \quad \text{for small values of } h.$$

**Forward Difference
Formula**

Let $f(x) = \ln x$ and $x_0 = 1.8$

Find an approximate value for $f'(1.8)$

h	$f(1.8)$	$f(1.8 + h)$	$\frac{f(1.8 + h) - f(1.8)}{h}$
0.1	0.5877867	0.6418539	0.5406720
0.01	0.5877867	0.5933268	0.5540100
0.001	0.5877867	0.5883421	0.5554000

The exact value of $f'(1.8) = 0.55\bar{5}$

Assume that a function goes through three points:

$(x_0, f(x_0)), (x_1, f(x_1))$ and $(x_2, f(x_2))$.

$$f(x) \approx P(x)$$

$$P(x) = L_0(x)f(x_0) + L_1(x)f(x_1) + L_2(x)f(x_2)$$



Lagrange Interpolating Polynomial

$$P(\mathbf{x}) = L_0(\mathbf{x})f(\mathbf{x}_0) + L_1(\mathbf{x})f(\mathbf{x}_1) + L_2(\mathbf{x})f(\mathbf{x}_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\mathbf{x}) = & \frac{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_1)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_2)}{(\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{x}_1)(\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{x}_2)} f(\mathbf{x}_0) \\ & + \frac{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_2)}{(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_0)(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2)} f(\mathbf{x}_1) \\ & + \frac{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_1)}{(\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_0)(\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1)} f(\mathbf{x}_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$f'(x) \approx P'(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P'(x) = & \frac{2x - x_1 - x_2}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)} f(x_0) \\ & + \frac{2x - x_0 - x_2}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)} f(x_1) \\ & + \frac{2x - x_0 - x_1}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)} f(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

If the points are equally spaced, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{h} \text{ and } \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{x}_0 + 2\mathbf{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P'(\mathbf{x}_0) = & \frac{2\mathbf{x}_0 - (\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{h}) - (\mathbf{x}_0 + 2\mathbf{h})}{\{\mathbf{x}_0 - (\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{h})\}\{\mathbf{x}_0 - (\mathbf{x}_0 + 2\mathbf{h})\}} f(\mathbf{x}_0) \\ & + \frac{2\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{x}_0 - (\mathbf{x}_0 + 2\mathbf{h})}{\{(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{h}) - \mathbf{x}_0\}\{(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{h}) - (\mathbf{x}_0 + 2\mathbf{h})\}} f(\mathbf{x}_1) \\ & + \frac{2\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{x}_0 - (\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{h})}{\{(\mathbf{x}_0 + 2\mathbf{h}) - \mathbf{x}_0\}\{(\mathbf{x}_0 + 2\mathbf{h}) - (\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{h})\}} f(\mathbf{x}_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$P'(x_0) = \frac{-3h}{2h^2} f(x_0) + \frac{-2h}{-h^2} f(x_1) + \frac{-h}{2h^2} f(x_2)$$

$$P'(x_0) = \frac{1}{2h} \{-3f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) - f(x_2)\}$$

Three-point formula:

$$f'(x_0) \approx \frac{1}{2h} \{-3f(x_0) + 4f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 + 2h)\}$$

If the points are equally spaced with x_0 in the middle:

$$\mathbf{x_1 = x_0 - h \text{ and } x_2 = x_0 + h}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P'(x_0) = & \frac{2x_0 - (x_0 - h) - (x_0 + h)}{\{x_0 - (x_0 - h)\}\{(x_0 - (x_0 + h))\}} f(x_0) \\ & + \frac{2x_0 - x_0 - (x_0 + h)}{\{(x_0 - h) - x_0\}\{(x_0 - h) - (x_0 + h)\}} f(x_1) \\ & + \frac{2x_0 - x_0 - (x_0 - h)}{\{(x_0 + h) - x_0\}\{(x_0 + h) - (x_0 - h)\}} f(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$P'(x_0) = \frac{0}{-h^2} f(x_0) + \frac{-h}{2h^2} f(x_1) + \frac{h}{2h^2} f(x_2)$$

Another Three-point formula:

$$f'(x_0) \approx \frac{1}{2h} \{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)\}$$

Alternate approach (Error estimate)

Take Taylor series expansion of $f(x+h)$ about x :

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2} f^{(2)}(x) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) + \dots$$

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..... (1)

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = f'(x) + O(h)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} - O(h)$$

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \quad \text{Forward Difference Formula}$$

$$O(h) = \frac{h}{2} f^{(2)}(x) + \frac{h^2}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) + \dots$$

$$f(x + 2h) = f(x) + 2hf'(x) + \frac{4h^2}{2} f^{(2)}(x) + \frac{8h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) + \dots$$

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$$\frac{f(x + 2h) - f(x)}{2h} = f'(x) + \frac{2h}{2} f^{(2)}(x) + \frac{4h^2}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) + \dots$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
& 2 \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} - \frac{f(x+2h) - f(x)}{2h} \\
&= f'(x) - \frac{2h^2}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) - \frac{6h^3}{4!} f^{(4)}(x) - \dots \\
&\quad - \frac{f(x+2h) + 4f(x+h) - 3f(x)}{2h} \\
&= f'(x) - \frac{2h^2}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) - \frac{6h^3}{4!} f^{(4)}(x) - \dots \\
&= f'(x) + O(h^2)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{-f(x+2h)+4f(x+h)-3f(x)}{2h} = f'(x) + O(h^2)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{-f(x+2h)+4f(x+h)-3f(x)}{2h} - O(h^2)$$

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{-f(x+2h)+4f(x+h)-3f(x)}{2h}$$

Three-point Formula

$$O(h^2) = -\frac{2h^2}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) - \frac{6h^3}{4!} f^{(4)}(x) - \dots$$

The Second Three-point Formula

Take Taylor series expansion of $f(x+h)$ about x :

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2} f^{(2)}(x) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) + \dots$$

Take Taylor series expansion of $f(x-h)$ about x :

$$f(x-h) = f(x) - hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2} f^{(2)}(x) - \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) + \dots$$

Subtract one expression from another

$$f(x+h) - f(x-h) = 2hf'(x) + \frac{2h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) + \frac{2h^5}{5!} f^{(5)}(x) + \dots$$

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$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} + O(h^2)$$

$$O(h^2) = -\frac{h^2}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) - \frac{h^5}{6!} f^{(6)}(x) - \dots$$

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}$$

Second Three-point Formula

Summary of Errors

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \quad \text{Forward Difference Formula}$$

Error term $O(h) = \frac{h}{2} f^{(2)}(x) + \frac{h^2}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) + \dots$

Summary of Errors continued

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Example:

$$f(x) = xe^x$$

Find the approximate value of $f'(2)$ with $h = 0.1$

x	$f(x)$
1.9	12.703199
2.0	14.778112
2.1	17.148957
2.2	19.855030

Using the Forward Difference formula:

$$f'(x_0) \approx \frac{1}{h} \{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)\}$$

$$f'(2) \approx \frac{1}{0.1} \{f(2.1) - f(2)\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{0.1} \{17.148957 - 14.778112\}$$

$$= 23.708450$$

Using the 1st Three-point formula:

$$f'(x_0) \approx \frac{1}{2h} \{-3f(x_0) + 4f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 + 2h)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(2) &\approx \frac{1}{2 \times 0.1} [-3f(2) + 4f(2.1) - f(2.2)] \\ &= \frac{1}{0.2} [-3 \times 14.778112 + 4 \times 17.148957 \\ &\quad - 19.855030] \\ &= 22.032310 \end{aligned}$$

Using the 2nd Three-point formula:

$$f'(x_0) \approx \frac{1}{2h} \{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(2) &\approx \frac{1}{2 \times 0.1} [f(2.1) - f(1.9)] \\ &= \frac{1}{0.2} [17.148957 - 12.703199] \\ &= 22.228790 \end{aligned}$$

The exact value of $f'(2)$ is : 22.167168

Comparison of the results with $h = 0.1$

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Formula	$f'(2)$	Error
Forward Difference	23.708450	1.541282
1st Three-point	22.032310	0.134858
2nd Three-point	22.228790	0.061622

Second-order Derivative

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2} f^{(2)}(x) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) + \dots$$

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Add these two equations.

$$f(x+h) + f(x-h) = 2f(x) + \frac{2h^2}{2} f^{(2)}(x) + \frac{2h^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(x) + \dots$$

$$f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h) = \frac{2h^2}{2} f^{(2)}(x) + \frac{2h^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(x) + \dots$$

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$$f^{(2)}(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{h^2}$$

Newton Forward difference Polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} P_n(x) &= f_0 + s\nabla f_0 + \frac{s(s-1)}{2!}\nabla^2 f_0 + \dots \\ &+ \frac{s(s-1)(s-2)\dots(s-n+1)}{n!}\nabla^n f_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = x_0 + sh \implies s = \frac{x - x_0}{h}$$

$$\frac{dP_n(x)}{dx} = \frac{dP_n(x)}{ds} \frac{ds}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dP_n(x)}{ds} = \Delta f_0 + \frac{2s-1}{2} \Delta^2 f_0 + \frac{3s^2-6s+2}{6} \Delta^3 f_0 + \dots$$

$$\frac{dx}{ds} = h$$

$$\frac{dP_n(x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\Delta f_0 + \frac{2s-1}{2} \Delta^2 f_0 + \frac{3s^2-6s+2}{6} \Delta^3 f_0 + \frac{4s^3-18s^2+22s-6}{24} \Delta^4 f_0 + \dots \right]$$

Newton backward difference Polynomial

$$P_b(x) = f_0 + s\nabla f_0 + \frac{s(s+1)}{2!}\nabla^2 f_0 + \dots$$
$$+ \frac{s(s+1)\dots(s+n-1)}{n!}\nabla^n f_0$$

$$\frac{dP_b(x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{h} \left[\Delta f_0 + \frac{2s+1}{2} \Delta^2 f_0 + \frac{3s^2+6s+2}{6} \Delta^3 f_0 + \right.$$
$$\left. \frac{4s^3+18s^2+22s+6}{24} \Delta^4 f + \dots \right]$$

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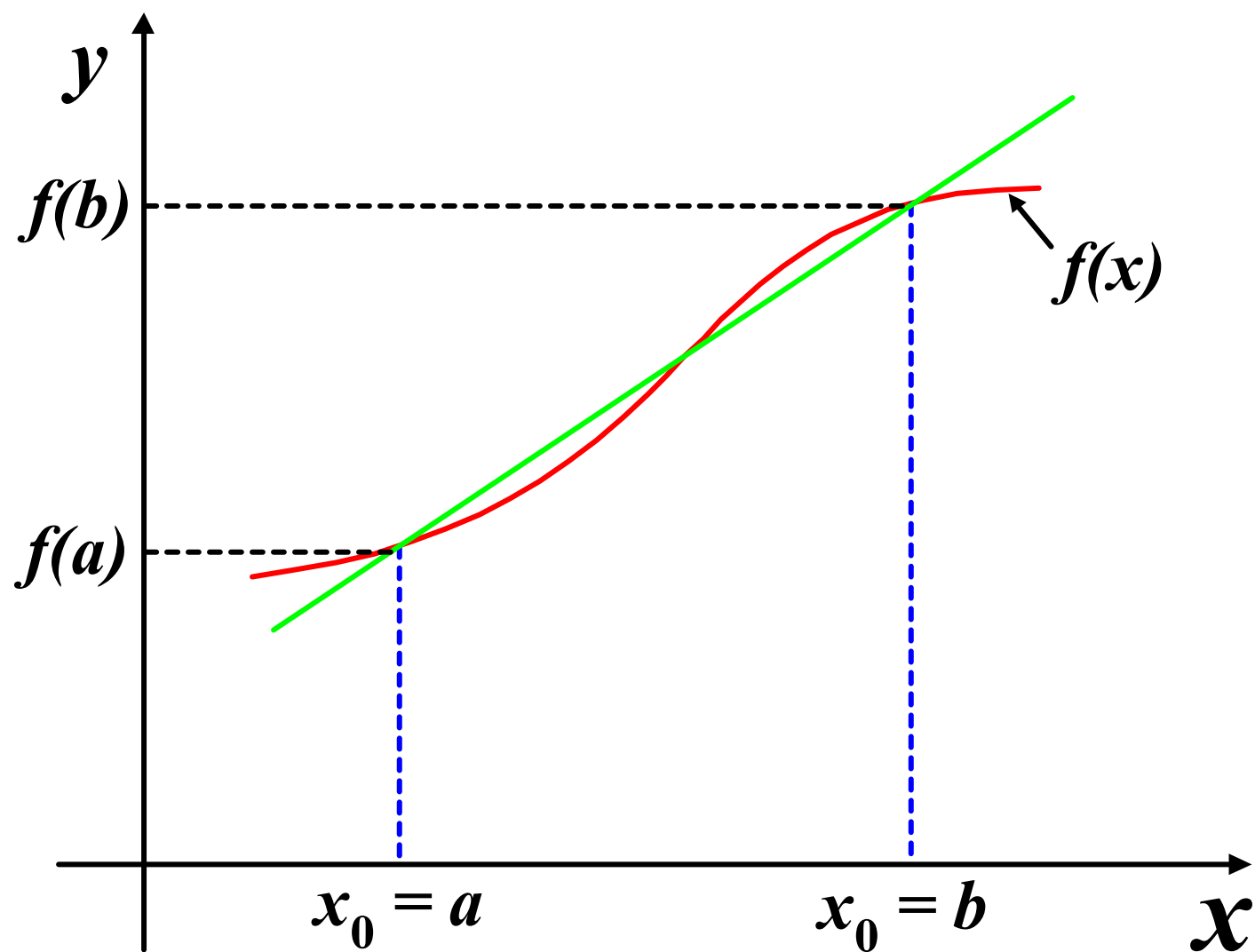
$$S = \frac{(0.2 - 0.0)}{0.2} = 1$$

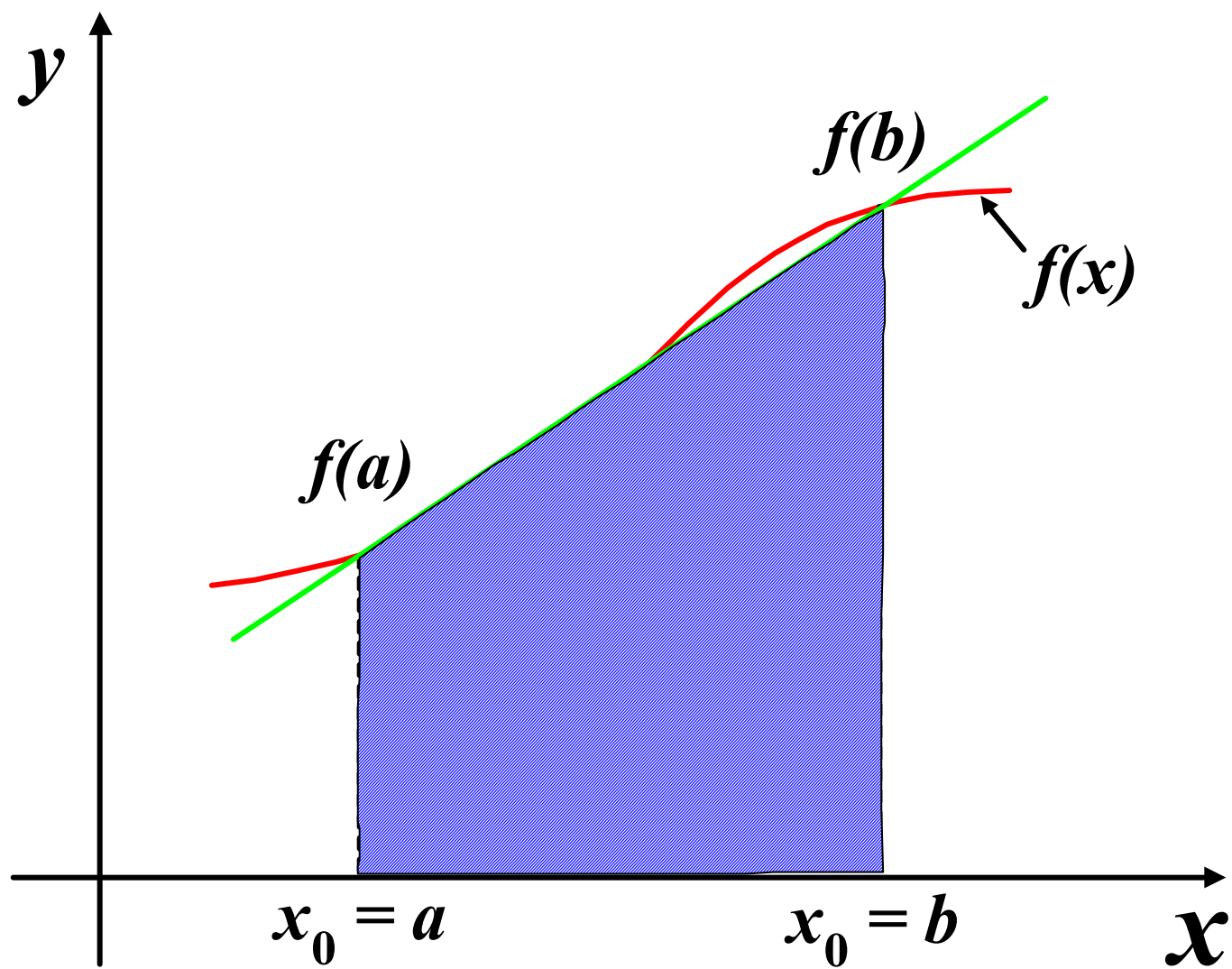
$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \right|_{x=0.2} &= \frac{1}{0.2} \left[0.16 + \frac{2 \times 1 - 1}{2!} [2.24] + \frac{3 \times 1^2 - 6 \times 1 + 2}{3!} [5.76] + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{4 \times 1^3 - 18 \times 1^2 + 22 \times 1 - 6}{24} [3.84] \right] \\ &= 3.2 \end{aligned}$$

NUMERICAL INTEGRATION

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \text{area under the curve } f(x) \text{ between } x = a \text{ to } x = b.$$

In many cases a mathematical expression for $f(x)$ is unknown and in some cases even if $f(x)$ is known its complex form makes it difficult to perform the integration.



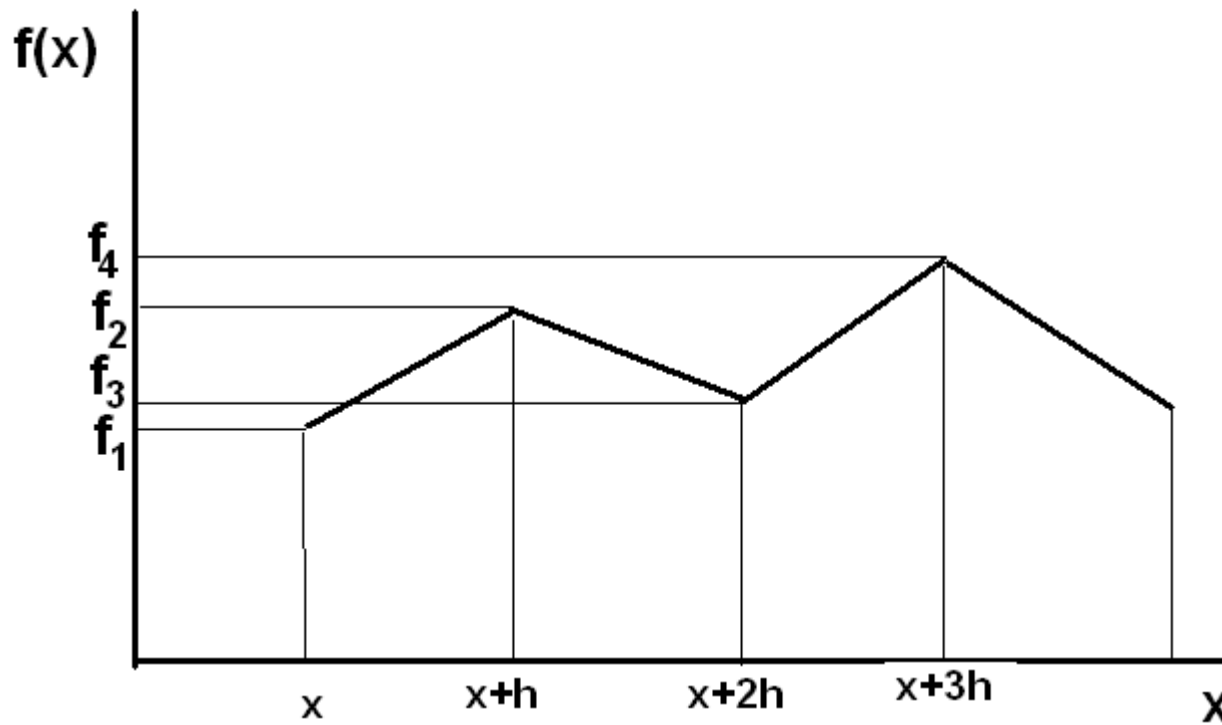


Area of the trapezoid

The length of the two parallel sides of the trapezoid are: $f(a)$ and $f(b)$

The height is $b-a$

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \frac{b-a}{2} [f(a) + f(b)]$$
$$= \frac{h}{2} [f(a) + f(b)]$$



$$\int_{x_1}^{x_n} f(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(f_i + f_{i+1})}{2} h = h \left(\frac{f_1}{2} + f_2 + f_3 + \dots + \frac{f_{n+1}}{2} \right)$$

Trapezoidal rule for integration

x	Angle(radian)	Sinx
x1	0.25	0.2474
x2	0.26	0.2571
x3	0.27	0.2667
x4	0.28	0.2764
x5	0.29	0.2860

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{0.25}^{0.29} \sin x dx &= \left(\frac{0.2474}{2} + 0.2571 + 0.2667 + 0.2764 + \frac{0.2860}{2} \right) \times 0.01 \\
 &= 0.010669
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2 + 6x + 10} dx &= \frac{0.25}{2} [0.10 + 2 \times 0.08649 + 2 \times 0.07547 + 2 \times 0.06639 + 0.05882] \\ &= 0.07694. \end{aligned}$$

Simpson's 1/3 Rule (quadratic interpolating polynomial)

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx \approx \int_{x_0}^{x_2} P(x) dx$$

$$\mathbf{x_1 = x_0 + h \text{ and } x_2 = x_0 + 2h}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{x_0}^{x_2} P(x) dx &= \int_{x_0}^{x_2} \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)} f(x_0) dx \\
&+ \int_{x_0}^{x_2} \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)} f(x_1) dx \\
&+ \int_{x_0}^{x_2} \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)} f(x_2) dx
\end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx \approx \int_{x_0}^{x_2} P(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{h}{3} [f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)]$$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_n} P(x) dx = \frac{h}{3} [f_1 + 4f_2 + 2f_3 + 4f_4 + \dots + f_{n+1}]$$

$$f(x) = 5x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x + 1$$

Integrate the above function from x=-1 to x=1 using Simpson's rule with h=1

$$\int_{-1}^1 P(x)dx = \frac{1}{3}[f_{-1} + 4f_0 + f_1] = 0$$

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0	0.000	0.7979		
1	0.125		0.7917	
2	0.250			0.7733
3	0.375		0.7437	
4	0.500			0.7041
5	0.625		0.6563	
6	0.750			0.6023
7	0.875		0.5441	
8	1.000	0.4839		
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$$I = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^1 e^{-x^2/2} dx = \frac{0.125}{3} [1.2818 + 4(2.7358) + 2(2.0797)]$$

$$= 0.6827$$

Simpson's 3/8 Rule (cubic interpolating polynomial)

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_3} f(x) dx \approx \frac{3}{8}h(f_0 + 3f_1 + 3f_2 + f_3).$$

$$x_1 = x_0 + h \quad \text{and} \quad x_2 = x_0 + 2h$$

$$x_3 = x_0 + 3h$$