

Practical 12 : Simpson Rule

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Figure 1:

$$I(f) \approx I_{2,\text{closed}}(f) = \frac{\Delta x}{3} \left[f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right]$$

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

This formula may be recognized from calculus as Simpson's rule.

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2.1

Approximate the value of the integrals using Simpsons Rule

Figure 2:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(a)} & \int_1^2 \frac{1}{x} dx \\ \text{(b)} & \int_0^1 e^{-x} dx \\ \text{(c)} & \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx \\ \text{(d)} & \int_0^1 \tan^{-1} x dx. \end{array}$$

2.2

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(%i1) kill(all);
(%o0) done
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(%i1) S(g, a, b):=block
(
  define(f(x), g),
  return( ((b-a)/6)*(f(a)+ (4*f((a+b)/2)) + f(b)))
);
(%o1) S(g,a,b):=
block(
  define(f(x),g),
  return(
    
$$\frac{b-a}{6} \left( f(a) + 4 f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right)$$

  )
)
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2.3

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(%i2) ratprint:false;
(%o2) false

(%i8) f1(x):=1/x;
a:1.0;
b:2.0;
s:S(f1(x), a, b);
v:integrate(f1(x), x, a, b);
e:abs(v-s);
(%o3) f1(x):= $\frac{1}{x}$ 
(%o4) 1.0
(%o5) 2.0
(%o6) 0.6944444444444443
(%o7) 0.6931471805599453
(%o8) 0.001297263884499022
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2.4

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(%i14) f1(x):=exp(-x);
a:0.0;
b:1.0;
s:S(f1(x), a, b);
v:integrate(f1(x), x, a, b);
e:abs(v-s);
(%o9) f1(x):=exp(-x)
(%o10) 0.0
(%o11) 1.0
(%o12) 0.6323336800036626
(%o13)  $\frac{17854706}{28245729}$ 
(%o14) 2.131211751048578 10-4
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2.5

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(%i20) f1(x):=1/(1+x^2);
      a:0.0;
      b:1.0;
      s:S(f1(x), a, b);
      v:integrate(f1(x), x, a, b);
      e:abs(v-s);
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(%o15) f1(x):=
$$\frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

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(%o16) 0.0
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(%o17) 1.0
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(%o18) 0.7833333333333333
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(%o19) 0.7853981633974483
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(%o20) 0.002064830064114953
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2.6

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(%i26) f1(x):=atan(x);
      a:0.0;
      b:1.0;
      s:S(f1(x), a, b);
      v:integrate(f1(x), x, a, b);
      e:abs(v-s);
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(%o21) f1(x):=atan(x)
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(%o22) 0.0
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(%o23) 1.0
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(%o24) 0.4399980999001121
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(%o25) 0.4388245731174756
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(%o26) 0.001173526782636491
```

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3.1

Composite Simpsons Rule

Figure 3:

Composite Simpson's Rule

Since the basic Simpson's rule formula already divides the interval $[a, b]$ into two pieces, $[a, b]$ must be divided into an even number of subintervals to apply Simpson's rule in a composite manner. Therefore, let $n = 2m$, define

$$h = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{b-a}{2m},$$

$$x_i = a + ih \quad (0 \leq i \leq 2m),$$

Figure 4:

and apply the Simpson's rule formula m times, once over each $[x_{2j-2}, x_{2j}]$ for $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$. This produces

Figure 5:

$$\begin{aligned} I(f) &= \sum_{j=1}^m \int_{x_{2j-2}}^{x_{2j}} f(x) dx \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{x_{2j} - x_{2j-2}}{6} [f(x_{2j-2}) + 4f(x_{2j-1}) + f(x_{2j})] - \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{(x_{2j} - x_{2j-2})^5}{2880} f^{(4)}(\xi_j) \\ &= \frac{h}{3} \left[f(x_0) + 4 \sum_{j=1}^m f(x_{2j-1}) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} f(x_{2j}) + f(x_{2m}) \right] - \frac{h^5}{90} \sum_{j=1}^m f^{(4)}(\xi_j). \end{aligned}$$

3.2 n must be even

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(%i32) Sc(g1, a, b, n):=block
(
  m:n/2,
  define(f(x), g1),
  h:(b-a)/n,
  odd:0.0,
  even:0.0,
  for i:1 thru m-1 do even:even+f(a+(2*i)*h),
  for i:1 thru m do odd:odd+f(a+(2*i-1)*h),
  ans:(h/3)*(f(a)+4*odd+2*even+f(b)),
  return(float(ans))
);
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(%o32) Sc(g1,a,b,n):=block(m:=n/2,define(f(x),g1),h:=(b-a)/n,
  odd:0.0,even:0.0,for i thru m-1 do even:even+f(a+2*i*h),
  for i thru m do odd:odd+f(a+(2*i-1)*h),ans:=h/3
  (f(a)+4*odd+2*even+f(b)),return(float(ans)))
```

3.3

Figure 6:

Reconsider the integral

$$I(f) = \int_0^{\pi} \sin x \, dx,$$

Its exact value is 2

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(%i33) for k:2 next 2*k thru 150 do block(
      temp:Sc(sin(x), 0, %pi, k),
      print(k, "      ", temp)
    );
```

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2      2.094395102393195
4      2.004559754984421
8      2.000269169948387
16     2.000016591047935
32     2.000001033369412
64     2.000000064530001
128    2.000000004032257
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```
(%o33) done
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check

Figure 7:

n	h	$S_h(f)$
2	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	2.09439510239
4	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	2.00455975498
8	$\frac{\pi}{8}$	2.00026916995
16	$\frac{\pi}{16}$	2.00001659105
32	$\frac{\pi}{32}$	2.00000103337
64	$\frac{\pi}{64}$	2.00000006453
128	$\frac{\pi}{128}$	2.00000000403

3.4

Figure 8:

Consider the definite integral

$$I(f) = \int_0^1 \sqrt{1+x^3} \, dx.$$

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(%i34) for k:2 next 2·k thru 150 do block(
      temp:Sc(sqrt(1+x^3), 0, 1, k),
      print(k, "    ", temp)
    );
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2      1.10947570824873
4      1.111363232263895
8      1.111442701555603
16     1.111447642677047
32     1.111447950064473
64     1.111447969253675
128    1.111447970452648
```

```
(%o34) done
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Exercise

Do the above for the following using composite Simpsons method(n is even)

Figure 9:

6. $\int_1^2 \frac{1}{x} \, dx$
7. $\int_0^1 e^{-x} \, dx$
8. $\int_0^1 \tan^{-1} x \, dx$
9. $\int_1^2 \frac{\sin x}{x} \, dx$
10. $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^4}} \, dx$