

Composite numerical quadrature

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Recall: Last time, we introduced the concept of **numerical quadrature** as a methodology to approximate definite integrals numerically. In essence, given a function f defined in $[a, b]$, we approximate its definite integral $I[f]$ with a weighted sum defined by $n+1$ quadrature nodes x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n and $n+1$ quadrature weights w_0, w_1, \dots, w_n . That is:

$$I[f] \sim Q[f] = w_0 f(x_0) + w_1 f(x_1) + \dots + w_n f(x_n)$$

The choice of nodes and weights defines a particular quadrature rule / method.

We then built the **Interpolation-based Newton-Cotes** quadrature methods. On an interval $[a, b]$, we take $n+1$ equispaced points, and interpolate $f(x)$ with a polynomial of degree $\leq n$. The quadrature is then given by the integral of the polynomial interpolant $p_n(x)$. So,

- Nodes $x_j = a + h * j$, with $h = (b-a)/n$.
- Weights are given by the Integral of $L_j(x)$ from a to b .

We computed what the weights are for Trapezoidal: $h[1/2, 1/2]$ and for Simpson: $h[1/3, 4/3, 1/3]$ and then went over the Error Analysis for each of these two:

- **Trapezoidal** is exact for polynomials of degree ≤ 1 , and the error $I[f] - Q[f] = - (f''(\eta)/12) h^3$
- **Simpson's rule** is exact for polynomials of degree ≤ 3 (we gain a degree!) and the error is $I[f] - Q[f] = -(f^{(4)}(\eta) / 90) h^5$

Today, we will go over doing a **composite rule**: we partition our interval $[a, b]$ into m sub-intervals and then approximate the integral as the sum of the quadrature rules applied to one (or a few) sub-interval(s).

what about Newton-Cotes $n > 2$?

⊙ $n+1$ is even (Trapezoidal) \rightarrow Error $\sim C_n f^{(n+2)}(\eta) h^{n+2}$

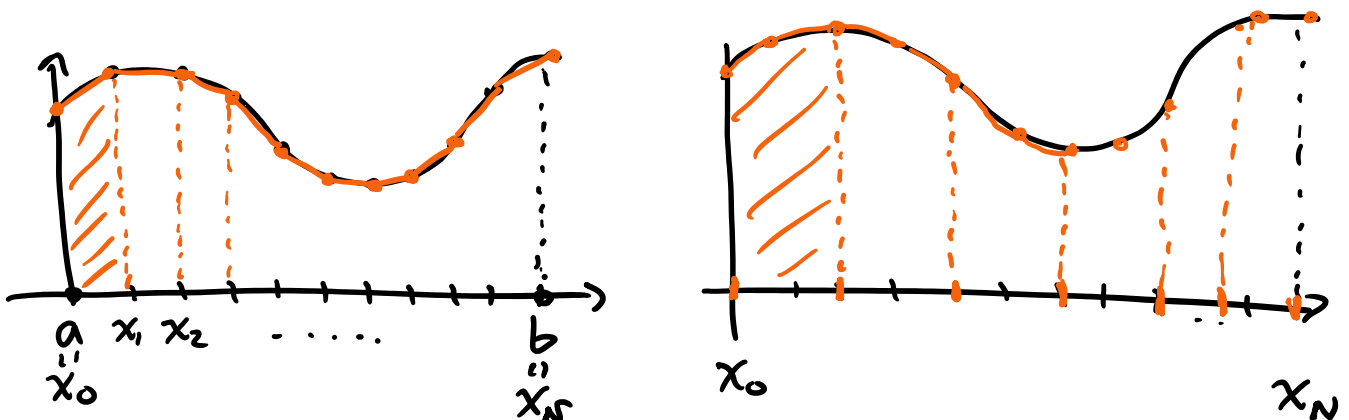
⊙ $n+1$ is odd (Simpson) \rightarrow Error $\sim C_n f^{(n+3)}(\eta) h^{n+3}$

\rightarrow as n grows, \rightarrow Runge (equispaced are not good)

$\rightarrow n+1 \geq 5$ \rightarrow some weights are negative.

\Rightarrow Unstable.

COMPOSITE QUAD.



$a = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N = b$
 deg n rule, m panels $\Rightarrow N+1$ p-1s $N=mn$.

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \sum_{j=0}^m \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x) dx \approx \sum_{j=0}^m Q_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} [f]$$

COMPOSITE TRAPZ: $h = (b-a)/N$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{j=0}^m \frac{h}{2} (f(x_j) + f(x_{j+1})) \\
 &= \frac{h}{2} (f(a) + f(x_1) + f(x_1) + f(x_2) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_{m-1}) \\
 & \quad + f(b)) \\
 &= \frac{h}{2} (f(a) + 2f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \dots + 2f(x_{m-1}) + f(b))
 \end{aligned}$$

$x = \text{linspace}(a, b, N+1); \rightarrow$

$w = \frac{h}{2} [1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2 \dots 2 \ 1]; \rightarrow$

$\text{return sum}(w * f(x));$

ERROR ANALYSIS

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_h^T[f] &= \int_a^b f(x) dx - T_h[f] \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^m \left(\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x) dx - \frac{h}{2} (f(x_j) + f(x_{j+1})) \right)
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 &= \sum_{j=0}^m \left(-\frac{f''(\eta_j)}{12} \cdot h^3 \right) \\
 &= \underline{\underline{-\frac{h^3}{12} \sum_{j=0}^m f''(\eta_j)}} = -\frac{h^3}{12} m \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=0}^m f''(\eta_j) \right)}_{\text{value between } \min f'', \max f''}
 \end{aligned}$$

by IVT, $\exists \eta \in [a, b]$ s.t. $f''(\eta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum f''(\eta_j)$.

$$E_h^T = -\frac{f''(\eta)}{12} \cdot m \cdot h^3 \quad m = N = \frac{(b-a)}{h}$$

$$\boxed{E_h^T = -\frac{f''(\eta)(b-a)}{12} h^2} \quad O(h^2) = O(N^{-2})$$

SIMPSONS

$$E_h^S[f] = \int_a^b f(x) dx - S_h[f]$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^m \left(\int_{x_{2j}}^{x_{2j+2}} f(x) dx - \frac{h}{3} (f(x_{2j}) + 4f(x_{2j+1}) + f(x_{2j+2})) \right)$$

Assuming $f \in C^4[a, b]$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^m \left(-\frac{f^{(4)}(\eta_j)}{90} \cdot h^5 \right)$$

$$= -\frac{h^5}{90} \sum_{j=0}^m f^{(4)}(\eta_j)$$

$$= -h^5 m \left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=0}^m f^{(4)}(\eta_j) \right)$$

