

An Extension of Romberg Integration Procedures to N -Variables

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Abstract. The Romberg method of numerical integration is extended to multidimensional integration. The elements of the m th column of the Romberg array are shown to approximate up to $O(h^{2m+2})$ provided the integrand has $2m+2$ bounded partial derivatives in each variable.

Introduction

In 1955 a method for approximating an integral,

$$J = \int_a^b f(x) dx,$$

was proposed by Romberg [9]. Stiefel, Rutishauser and Bauer [2, 3, 10, 11] have made improvements, particularly in the notation, thus easing computation and error analysis.

Let

$$T_{0,k} = \frac{b-a}{2^k} \left[\frac{1}{2} f(a) + \sum_{p=1}^{2^{k-1}} f\left(a + \frac{b-a}{2^k} p\right) + \frac{1}{2} f(b) \right], \quad k = 0, 1, \dots,$$

$$T_{m,k} = \frac{4^m T_{m-1,k+1} - T_{m-1,k}}{4^m - 1}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, \quad (1)$$

and form the triangular array:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & & & T_{0,0} \\ & & & \\ & & T_{0,1} & T_{1,0} \\ & & & \\ & T_{0,2} & T_{1,1} & T_{2,0} \\ & & & \\ & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{array} \quad (2)$$

Although the array is an innovation of Stiefel, Rutishauser and Bauer, Romberg showed that the order of the difference of J and the elements comprising the first column of (2) is $O(h^2)$, where h is the increment of integration, and that the order increases in even powers to the right.

We define $f(h_1, \dots, h_n) = O(h^m)$ to mean that there exists a constant C for which $|f(h_1, \dots, h_n)| < Ch_1^{\beta_1} \dots h_n^{\beta_n}$ holds as h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n tend simultaneously to zero in such a way that the ratios h_i/h_j are bounded ($i, j = 1, \dots, n$), where the β_i are any nonnegative real numbers satisfying $\beta_1 + \dots + \beta_n = m$.

In this paper the triangular array (2) is applied to approximate the integral

$$J = \int_{a_1}^{b_1} \dots \int_{a_n}^{b_n} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n,$$

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where the first column is an approximation to the integral by n -dimensional hyper-parallelipeds and

$$T_{m,k} = \frac{4^m T_{m-1,k+1} - T_{m-1,k}}{4^m - 1}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots; \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

The error in each column is shown to be $O(h^{2m+2})$, assuming f has $2m+2$ bounded partial derivatives in each variable.

In what follows, superscripts on f are used to represent partial derivatives, e.g.,

$$f^{1,1}(x_0, y_0) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \Big|_{x_0, y_0}.$$

Further abbreviations are

$$\sum_{\partial_i=0}^{\beta} \left[\sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{\delta} \right]_1^n \quad \text{for} \quad \sum_{\partial_1=0}^{\beta} \cdots \sum_{\partial_n=0}^{\beta},$$

$$\sum_{\partial_i=0}^{\beta} \cdot \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{\delta} \left[\sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{\delta} \right]_1^n \quad \text{for} \quad \sum_{\partial_1=0}^{\beta} \cdots \sum_{\partial_n=0}^{\beta} \sum_{\lambda_1=0}^{\delta} \cdots \sum_{\lambda_n=0}^{\delta},$$

and

$$f^{(\partial_i)}(\beta_i)]_1^n \quad \text{for} \quad f^{\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n}(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n).$$

The Theorem

THEOREM 1. Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ have, in each variable, $2r+2$ partial derivatives which are defined and bounded on $[a_i, b_i]$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. Let the elements of the triangular array (2) be used to approximate the integral

$$J = \int_{a_1}^{b_1} \cdots \int_{a_n}^{b_n} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \cdots dx_n,$$

where $T_{0,k}$ is defined by

$$T_{0,k} = \frac{b_1 - a_1}{2^{k+1}} \cdots \frac{b_n - a_n}{2^{k+1}} \left[\sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2^k-1} \right]_1^n [f(a_1 + \lambda_1 h_1, \dots, a_n + \lambda_n h_n) \\ + f(a_1 + (\lambda_1 + 1)h_1, \dots, a_n + (\lambda_n + 1)h_n)], \quad k = 0, 1, \dots,$$

and the $T_{m,k}$ are defined exactly as in (1). Then $J - T_{m,k}$ is $O(h^{2m+2})$, $m = 0, 1, \dots, r$, where $h_i = (b_i - a_i)/2^k$, $i = 1, \dots, n$; $k = 0, 1, \dots$.

PROOF. Since we can make a change of coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} x_1' &= \alpha_1 x_1 + \beta_1 \\ &\vdots \\ x_n' &= \alpha_n x_n + \beta_n \end{aligned}$$

where the α_i and β_i are determined so as to map the interval $a_i \leq x_i \leq b_i$ onto the interval $0 \leq x_i' \leq 1$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, yielding $h_1 = h_2 = \dots = h_n = 1/2^k$, there is no loss in generality in assuming $a_i = 0$ and $b_i = 1$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. Let $x_{\lambda_i} = \lambda_i h + (h/2)$, $\lambda_i = 0, \dots, 2^k - 1$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. We prove, by induction on m , that for each $m = 0, \dots, r$, there exists a bounded function B_m and constants $C_{q_1, \dots, q_n, m}$, ($q_1 + \dots + q_n \geq m + 1$, $q_i = 0, \dots, r$, $i = 1, \dots, n$), such that

$$J - T_{m,k} = \sum_{\lambda_1=0}^{2^k-1} \cdots \sum_{q_i=0}^r \left[\sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2^k-1} \right]_1^n C_{q_1, \dots, q_n, m} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n h^{2q_i+1} \right\} f^{(2q_i)}(x_{\lambda_i})]_1^n + h^{2r+2} B_m(h).$$

First, consider the case $m = 0$. Whenever $x_{\lambda_i} \in [x_{\lambda_i} - (h/2), x_{\lambda_i} + (h/2)]$, ($i = 1, \dots, h$), one has

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{q_i=0}^{2r+1} \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - x_{\lambda_i})^{q_i}}{q_i!} \right] f^{(q_i)}(x_{\lambda_i}) + R(\bar{x}_{\lambda_1}, \dots, \bar{x}_{\lambda_n}),$$

where

$$R(\bar{x}_{\lambda_1}, \dots, \bar{x}_{\lambda_n}) = \sum_{q_i=0}^{2r+2} \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - x_{\lambda_i})^{q_i}}{q_i!} \right] f^{(q_i)}(\bar{x}_{\lambda_i}) - \sum_{q_i=0}^{2r+1} \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - x_{\lambda_i})^{q_i}}{q_i!} \right] f^{(q_i)}(\bar{x}_{\lambda_i}), \quad x_{\lambda_i} - \frac{h}{2} \leq \bar{x}_{\lambda_i} \leq x_{\lambda_i} + \frac{h}{2}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

Term-by-term integration yields

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\lambda_1 h}^{(\lambda_1+1)h} \dots \int_{\lambda_n h}^{(\lambda_n+1)h} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n \\ = \sum_{q_i=0}^r \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h^{2q_i+1}}{2^{2q_i}(2q_i+1)!} \right] f^{(2q_i)}(x_{\lambda_i}) \\ + \int_{\lambda_1 h}^{(\lambda_1+1)h} \dots \int_{\lambda_n h}^{(\lambda_n+1)h} R(\bar{x}_{\lambda_1}, \dots, \bar{x}_{\lambda_n}) dx_1 \dots dx_n. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2k-1} \left[\int_{\lambda_1 h}^{(\lambda_1+1)h} \dots \int_{\lambda_n h}^{(\lambda_n+1)h} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n \right. \\ &= \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2k-1} \cdot \sum_{q_i=0}^r \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h^{2q_i+1}}{2^{2q_i}(2q_i+1)!} \right] f^{(2q_i)}(x_{\lambda_i}) \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2k-1} \left[\int_{\lambda_1 h}^{(\lambda_1+1)h} \dots \int_{\lambda_n h}^{(\lambda_n+1)h} R(\bar{x}_{\lambda_1}, \dots, \bar{x}_{\lambda_n}) dx_1 \dots dx_n \right] \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Approximating J by $T_{0,k}$,

$$\begin{aligned} T_{0,k} &= \frac{h^n}{2^{n'}} \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2k-1} [f(\lambda_1 h, \dots, \lambda_n h) + f((\lambda_1 + 1)h, \dots, (\lambda_n + 1)h)] \\ &= \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2k-1} \cdot \sum_{q_i=0}^r \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h^{2q_i+1}}{2^{2q_i}(2q_i)!} \right] f^{(2q_i)}(x_{\lambda_i}) + R'(\bar{x}_{\lambda_1}, \dots, \bar{x}_{\lambda_n}), \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R'(\bar{x}_{\lambda_1}, \dots, \bar{x}_{\lambda_n}) &= \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2k-1} \cdot \sum_{q_i=0}^{r+1} \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h^{2q_i+1}}{2^{2q_i}(2q_i)!} \right] f^{(2q_i)}(\bar{x}_{\lambda_i}) \\ &\quad - \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2k-1} \cdot \sum_{q_i=0}^r \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h^{2q_i+1}}{2^{2q_i}(2q_i)!} \right] f^{(2q_i)}(\bar{x}_{\lambda_i}), \\ &\quad x_{\lambda_i} - \frac{h}{2} \leq \bar{x}_{\lambda_i} \leq x_{\lambda_i} + \frac{h}{2}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Subtracting (4) from (3) gives

$$J - T_{0,k} = \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2^{k-1}} \cdot \sum_{q_i=0}^r \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h^{2q_i+1}}{2^{2q_i} - (2q_i + 1)!} - \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h^{2q_i+1}}{2^{2q_i}(2q_i)!} \right] f^{(2q_i)}(x_{\lambda_i}) \Big]_1^n + B_1(h)h^{2r+2},$$

where $q_1 + \dots + q_n \neq 0$ and

$$B_1(h) = \frac{1}{h^{2r+2}} \left[\int_{\lambda_1 h}^{(\lambda_1+1)h} \dots \int_{\lambda_n h}^{(\lambda_n+1)h} R(\bar{x}_{\lambda_1}, \dots, \bar{x}_{\lambda_n}) dx_1 \dots dx_n - R'(\bar{x}_{\lambda_1}, \dots, \bar{x}_{\lambda_n}) \right].$$

Denote by M a number such that

$$|f^{p_1, \dots, p_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n)| < M, \quad (5)$$

$$p_i = 0, 1, \dots, 2r+2, \quad 0 \leq x_i \leq 1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Noting that every term in R and R' contains at least one q_i such that $q_i = 2r+2$, $b_i - a_i = 1$ and $h \leq 1$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |B_1(h)| &\leq \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2^{k-1}} \left[\sum_{q_i=0}^{r+1} \right]_1^n \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h^{2q_i+1}}{2^{2q_i}(2q_i+1)!} \right\} \frac{M}{h^{2r+2}} \\ &\quad - \sum_{q_i=0}^r \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h^{2q_i+1}}{2^{2q_i}(2q_i+1)!} \right] \frac{M}{h^{2r+2}} + \sum_{q_i=0}^{r+1} \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h^{2q_i+1}}{2^{2q_i}(2q_i)!} \right] \frac{M}{h^{2r+2}} \\ &\quad - \sum_{q_i=0}^r \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h^{2q_i+1}}{2^{2q_i}(2q_i)!} \right] \frac{M}{h^{2r+2}} \Big] \leq 2M[(r+2)^n - (r+1)^n]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the proposition is true in case $m = 0$, and the proof of the theorem is complete if $r = 0$.

Assume that $r \geq 1$ and that the proposition is true for each integer $m-1 < r$. Thus we assume

$$J - T_{m-1,k} = \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2^{k-1}} \cdot \sum_{q_i=0}^r \left[\prod_{i=1}^n C_{q_1, \dots, q_n, m-1} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n h^{2q_i+1} \right\} f^{(2q_i)}(x_{\lambda_i}) \right]_1^n + h^{2r+2} B_{m-1}(h),$$

where $|B_{m-1}(h)| < B_1$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n q_i \geq m$. Now substituting $k+1$ for k and $h/2$ for h , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} J - T_{m-1,k+1} &= \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2^{k+1}-1} \cdot \sum_{q_i=0}^r \left[\prod_{i=1}^n C_{q_1, \dots, q_n, m-1} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h^{2q_i+1}}{2^{2q_i+1}} \right\} f^{(2q_i)}(x'_{\lambda_i}) \right]_1^n \\ &\quad + \frac{h^{2r+2}}{2^{2r+2}} B_{m-1}\left(\frac{h}{2}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where $x'_{\lambda_i} = \lambda_i(h/2) + (h/4)$. We see that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2^{k+1}-1} \left[f^{(2q_i)}(x'_{\lambda_i}) \right]_1^n &= \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2^{k+1}-1} \cdot \sum_{e_i=0}^1 \left[f^{(2q_i)}\left(x_{\lambda_i} + \frac{h}{4} - e_i \frac{h}{2}\right) \right]_1^n \\ &= 2^n \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2^{k+1}-1} \cdot \sum_{s_i=q_i}^r \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h^{2s_i-2q_i}}{4^{2s_i-2q_i}(2s_i-2q_i)!} \right] f^{(2s_i)}(x_{\lambda_i}) \Big]_1^n \\ &\quad + R_{q_1, \dots, q_n}(h), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$R_{q_1, \dots, q_n}(h) = 2^n \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2^k-1} \cdot \sum_{s_i=q_i}^{r+1} \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h^{2s_i-2q_i}}{4^{2s_i-2q_i}(2s_i-2q_i)!} \right] f^{(2s_i)}(x_{\lambda_i}) - 2^n \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2^k-1} \cdot \sum_{s_i=q_i}^r \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h^{2s_i-2q_i}}{4^{2s_i-2q_i}(2s_i-2q_i)!} \right] f^{(2s_i)}(x_{\lambda_i}),$$

and $x_{\lambda_i} - h/4 \leq x_{\lambda_i}'' \leq x_{\lambda_i} + h/4$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Taking

$$\bar{B}_{m-1}(h) = \frac{B_{m-1}(h/2)}{2^{2r+2}} + \sum_{q_i=0}^r \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{C_{q_1, \dots, q_n, m-1}}{h^{2r+2}} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h^{2q_i+1}}{2^{2q_i+1}} \right\} R_{q_1, \dots, q_n}(h) \right],$$

where $\sum_{i=1}^n q_i \geq m$, one sees that $\bar{B}_{m-1}(h)$ is bounded, say $|\bar{B}_{m-1}(h)| < B_2$. Thus one obtains

$$J - T_{m-1, k+1} = \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2^k-1} \cdot \sum_{q_i=0}^r \cdot \sum_{s_i=0}^{q_i} \left[\prod_{i=1}^n C_{s_1, \dots, s_n, m-1} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h^{2q_i+1}}{4^{2q_i-s_i}(2q_i-2s_i)!} \right\} f^{(2q_i)}(x_{\lambda_i}) \right] + h^{2r+2} \bar{B}_{m-1}(h).$$

Using transformation (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} J - T_{m, k} &= \frac{4^m(J - T_{m-1, k+1}) - (J - T_{m-1, k})}{4^m - 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{4^m - 1} \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2^k-1} \cdot \sum_{q_i=0}^r \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{s_i=0}^{q_i} \right\} C_{s_1, \dots, s_n, m-1} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{4^m}{4^{2q_i-s_i}(2q_i-2s_i)!} \right\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - C_{s_1, \dots, s_n, m-1} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n h^{2q_i+1} \right\} f^{(2q_i)}(x_{\lambda_i}) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{h^{2r+2}}{4^m - 1} [4^m \bar{B}_{m-1}(h) - B_{m-1}(h)]. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$C_{q_1, \dots, q_n, m} = \sum_{s_i=0}^{q_i} \left[\prod_{i=1}^n C_{s_1, \dots, s_n, m-1} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{4^m}{4^{2q_i-s_i}(2q_i-2s_i)!} \right] - C_{s_1, \dots, s_n, m-1}$$

and note that $C_{q_1, \dots, q_n, m} = 0$ when $\sum_{i=1}^n q_i = m$. Letting

$$B_m(h) = \frac{4^m \bar{B}_{m-1}(h) - B_{m-1}(h)}{4^m - 1},$$

we obtain

$$J - T_{m, k} = \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2^k-1} \cdot \sum_{q_i=0}^r \left[\prod_{i=1}^n C_{q_1, \dots, q_n, m} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n h^{2q_i+1} \right\} f^{(2q_i)}(x_{\lambda_i}) \right] + B_m(h),$$

where $\sum_{i=1}^n q_i \geq m+1$, as was to be proved.

To prove the theorem, let

$$C = \max_{q_i, m} |C_{q_1, \dots, q_n, m}|, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n;$$

$m = 0, 1, \dots, r$; M be as in (5); and B be an upper bound for $|B_m(h)|$. Since $b_i - a_i = 1$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and $h \leq 1$, every element of $J - T_{m, k}$ is less in

absolute value than CMh^{2m+2} ; thus one has

$$\frac{|J - T_{m,k}|}{h^{2m+2}} < \sum_{\lambda_i=0}^{2k-1} \cdot \sum_{q_i=0}^r \Big]_1^n CM + B = 2^{nk}(r+1)^n CM + B.$$

Thus the theorem is true.

Examples

The following examples illustrate results for two and three dimensions.

Example 1. $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^2 y^2 dx dy = 17.3611 \times 10^{-4}.$

$$\begin{array}{lll} 39.0625 \times 10^{-4} & & \\ 21.9726 \times 10^{-4} & 16.2760 \times 10^{-4} & \\ 18.4631 \times 10^{-4} & 17.2932 \times 10^{-4} & 17.3610 \times 10^{-4} \end{array}$$

Example 2. $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^2 y^2 z^2 dx dy dz = 7.2338 \times 10^{-5}.$

$$\begin{array}{lll} 24.414 \times 10^{-5} & & \\ 10.300 \times 10^{-5} & 5.595 \times 10^{-5} & \\ 7.496 \times 10^{-5} & 6.561 \times 10^{-5} & 6.626 \times 10^{-5} \end{array}$$

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