

1. Based on the assumption of Simpson's rule,
 $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ on interval $[a, b]$.
 then $f(x) \in C^3$.

Let $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$. denote $x_0 = \frac{a+b}{2}$. Then by Taylor's Theorem:

$$F(x) = F(x_0) + f(x_0)(x-x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{2!}(x-x_0)^2 + \frac{f''(x_0)}{3!}(x-x_0)^3 + o((x-x_0)^4)$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a) = f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \cdot (b-a) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{3} \cdot \frac{(b-a)^3}{8} + o\left(\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)^4\right) \quad (1)$$

By Taylor's Theorem:

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x-x_0) + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2}(x-x_0)^2 + \frac{f'''(x_0)}{3!}(x-x_0)^3 + o((x-x_0)^4)$$

then $f(a) + f(b) = 2f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + \frac{f''\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)}{2} \cdot \frac{(b-a)^2}{4} \cdot 2 + o\left(\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)^4\right)$.

$$f''\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = \frac{4(f(a) + f(b) - 2f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - o\left(\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)^4\right))}{(b-a)^2} \quad (2)$$

(2) \Rightarrow (1) then we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &= f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)(b-a) + \underbrace{\left(f(a) + f(b) - 2f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - o\left(\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)^4\right)\right)}_{\cdot 2 \times \frac{1}{6}} \cdot \frac{(b-a)}{6} + o\left(\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)^4\right) \\ &= \frac{(b-a)}{6} \left[f(a) + f(b) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] - \frac{o\left(\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)^4\right)(b-a)}{6} + o\left(\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)^4\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{b-a}{6}\right) \left[f(a) + f(b) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] + o\left(\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)^4\right). \end{aligned}$$

Let n is even, $x_1 - x_0 = x_2 - x_1 = x_3 - x_2 \dots = x_n - x_{n-1} = h$

$$\text{Then } \int_{x_0}^{x_n} f(x) dx = \int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx + \int_{x_2}^{x_4} f(x) dx \dots + \int_{x_{n-2}}^{x_n} f(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{h}{3} \left[f(x_0) + f(x_n) + 4(f(x_1) + f(x_3) \dots) + 2(f(x_2) + f(x_4) \dots) \right] + \frac{n}{2} \cdot o(h^4)$$

$$= S[f] + o(h^4).$$