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To derive the Trapezoidal rule for approximating $\int_a^b f(x) dx$, let $x_0 = a$, $x_1 = b$, h = b - aand use the linear Lagrange polynomial:

$$P_1(x) = \frac{(x - x_1)}{(x_0 - x_1)} f(x_0) + \frac{(x - x_0)}{(x_1 - x_0)} f(x_1).$$

Then

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = \int_{x_{0}}^{x_{1}} \left[\frac{(x - x_{1})}{(x_{0} - x_{1})} f(x_{0}) + \frac{(x - x_{0})}{(x_{1} - x_{0})} f(x_{1}) \right] dx$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{x_{0}}^{x_{1}} f''(\xi(x))(x - x_{0})(x - x_{1}) dx.$$

$$(4.23)$$

The product $(x - x_0)(x - x_1)$ does not change sign on $[x_0, x_1]$, so the Weighted Mean Value Theorem for Integrals 1.13 can be applied to the error term to give, for some ξ in (x_0, x_1) ,

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} f''(\xi(x))(x - x_0)(x - x_1) dx = f''(\xi) \int_{x_0}^{x_1} (x - x_0)(x - x_1) dx$$

$$= f''(\xi) \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{(x_1 + x_0)}{2} x^2 + x_0 x_1 x \right]_{x_0}^{x_1}$$

$$= -\frac{h^3}{\epsilon} f''(\xi).$$

Consequently, Eq. (4.23) implies that

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = \left[\frac{(x - x_{1})^{2}}{2(x_{0} - x_{1})} f(x_{0}) + \frac{(x - x_{0})^{2}}{2(x_{1} - x_{0})} f(x_{1}) \right]_{x_{0}}^{x_{1}} - \frac{h^{3}}{12} f''(\xi)$$

$$= \frac{(x_{1} - x_{0})}{2} [f(x_{0}) + f(x_{1})] - \frac{h^{3}}{12} f''(\xi).$$

Simpson's rule (3)

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{3} [f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)] - \frac{h^5}{90} f^{(4)}(\xi).$$

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Solution Simpson's rule on [0,4] uses h=2 and gives

$$\int_0^4 e^x \, dx \approx \frac{2}{3} (e^0 + 4e^2 + e^4) = 56.76958.$$

The exact answer in this case is $e^4 - e^0 = 53.59815$, and the error -3.17143 is far larger

Applying Simpson's rule on each of the intervals [0, 2] and [2, 4] uses h = 1 and gives

$$\int_0^4 e^x dx = \int_0^2 e^x dx + \int_2^4 e^x dx$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{3} (e^0 + 4e + e^2) + \frac{1}{3} (e^2 + 4e^3 + e^4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (e^0 + 4e + 2e^2 + 4e^3 + e^4)$$

$$= 53.86385.$$

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{3} \left\{ [f(a) + f(b)] + 4 \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} f[a + (2i - 1)h] + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{(n-2)/2} f(a + 2ih) \right\}$$
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$$-\frac{1}{180}(b-a)h^4f^{(4)}(\xi) \tag{8}$$

The error has been reduced to -0.26570.

For the integrals on [0, 1],[1, 2],[3, 4], and [3, 4] we use Simpson's rule four times with

$$\int_{0}^{4} e^{x} dx = \int_{0}^{1} e^{x} dx + \int_{1}^{2} e^{x} dx + \int_{2}^{3} e^{x} dx + \int_{3}^{4} e^{x} dx$$

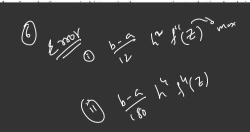
$$\approx \frac{1}{6} (e_{0} + 4e^{1/2} + e) + \frac{1}{6} (e + 4e^{3/2} + e^{2})$$

$$+ \frac{1}{6} (e^{2} + 4e^{5/2} + e^{3}) + \frac{1}{6} (e^{3} + 4e^{7/2} + e^{4})$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (e^{0} + 4e^{1/2} + 2e + 4e^{3/2} + 2e^{2} + 4e^{5/2} + 2e^{3} + 4e^{7/2} + e^{4})$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (e^{0} + 4e^{1/2} + 2e + 4e^{3/2} + 2e^{2} + 4e^{5/2} + 2e^{3} + 4e^{7/2} + e^{4})$$

The error for this approximation has been reduced to −0.01807.





The Taylor series method of order 1 is known as Euler's method. To find approximate values of the solutions to the initial-value problem

$$\begin{cases} x' = f(t, x(t)) \\ x(a) = x_a \end{cases}$$

over the interval [a, b], the first two terms in the Taylor series (5) are used:

$$x(t+h) \approx x(t) + hx'(t)$$

Hence, the formula

$$x(t+h) = x(t) + hf(t, x(t))$$

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 $x(t+h) = x(t) + hx'(t) + \frac{1}{2!}h^2x''(t) + \frac{1}{3!}h^3x'''(t)$

$$+\frac{1}{4!}h^4x^{(iv)}(t)+\frac{1}{5!}h^5x^{(v)}(t)+\cdots+\frac{1}{m!}h^mx^{(m)}(t)+\cdots$$