Question 1 The forward-difference formula can be expressed as:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{h}\left[f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)\right] - \frac{h}{2}f''(x_0) - \frac{h^2}{6}f''(x_0) + O(h^3)$$

Use extrapolation to derive an $O(h^3)$ formula for $f'(x_0)$.

Solution.
Here we have that:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{h}\left(f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)\right) - \frac{h}{2}f''(x_0) - \frac{h^2}{6}f'''(x_0) + O(h^3) \tag{1}$$

Here we replace h with $2h$

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{2h}\left(f(x_0 + 2h) - f(x_0)\right) - hf''(x_0) - \frac{4h^2}{6}f'''(x_0) + O(h^3) \tag{2}$$

Then we multiply 1 with 2 and subtract the 2:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{2}{h}\left(f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)\right) - \frac{1}{2h}\left(f(x_0 + 2h) - f(x_0)\right) - \frac{h^2}{3}f'''(x_0) + \frac{2h^2}{3}f'''(x_0) + O(h^3) \tag{3}$$

Next we replace the h with 2h in 3:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{h}\left(f(x_0 + 2h) - f(x_0)\right) - \frac{1}{4h}\left(f(x_0 + 4h) - f(x_0)\right) + \frac{4h^2}{3}f'''(x_0) + O(h^3) \tag{4}$$

Then we multiply the 3 with 4 and substract 4:

$$\begin{aligned}
3f'(x_0) &= \frac{8}{h}\left(f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)\right) - \frac{2}{h}\left(f(x_0 + 2h) - f(x_0)\right) + \frac{4h^2}{3}f''(x_0) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{h}\left(f(x_0 + 2h) - f(x_0)\right) + \frac{1}{4h}\left(f(x_0 + 4h) - f(x_0)\right) - \frac{4h^2}{3}f''(x_0) + O(h^3)
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

And we can summarize that:

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{12h}\left(f(x_0 + 4h) - 12f(x_0 + 2h) + 32f(x_0 + h) - 21f(x_0)\right) + O(h^3) \tag{6}$$

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Question 2 Determine the values of n and h required to approximate $\int_0^2 x^2 \sin(-x)dx$ to within 10^{-6} using the Composite Trapezoid Rule, Composite Midpoint Rule and Composite Simpson's Rule respectively.
Hint: You do not need to solve the numerical integration.

Solution.

Here we start with the Composite Trapezoid Rule, we recall that:

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \frac{h}{2}\left[f(a) + 2\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} f(x_j) + f(b)\right] - \frac{b-a}{12}h^2 f''(\mu) \tag{7}$$

Here we have the error term as $\frac{b-a}{12}h^2 f''(\mu)$, and then we find that maximum of of the error turn, first find the $|f''_{max}|$

$$f(x) = x^2 \sin(-x) \tag{8}$$

$$f'(x) = 2x \sin(-x) - x^2 \cos(-x) \tag{9}$$

$$f''(x) = \left(x^2 - 2\right) \sin(x) - 4x \cos(x) \tag{10}$$

Here we try to find the absolute value of second derivative:

$$\begin{aligned}
|f''(x)| &= \left|\left(x^2 - 2\right)\sin(x) - 4x\cos(x)\right| \\
&\leq \left|\left(x^2 - 2\right)\sin(x)\right| + |4x\cos(x)| \\
&\leq \left|x^2 - 2\right| + |4x| \leq \left|(2)^2 - 2\right| + |4 \cdot 2| = 10
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Therefore we can derive the error term's maximum

$$\frac{b-a}{12}h^2 f''(\mu) \leq \frac{2-0}{12}h^2 \cdot 10 \leq 10^{-6}$$

And it turn out that:

$$h \leq 7.7460 \times 10^{-4}$$

And we can have the n that:

$$n \geq \frac{b-a}{h} = 2582$$

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Next we find the Composite Midpoint Rule

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = 2h\sum_{j=0}^{n/2} + \frac{b-a}{6}h^2 f''(\mu) \tag{12}$$

And we have the second derivative same with the previous one:

$$f''(x) = \left(x^2 - 2\right)\sin(x) - 4x\cos(x) \tag{13}$$

This part is similar with the part in 11, and we can caculate the error term here:

$$\frac{b-a}{b}h^2 f''(\mu) \leq \frac{2-0}{6}h^2 \cdot 10 \leq 10^{-6}$$

$$h \leq 5.477 \times 10^{-4}$$

And we can turn out that:

$$n \geq \frac{b-a}{h} = 3652$$

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Next we find the Composite Simpson Rule

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \frac{h}{3}\left[f(a) + 2\sum_{j=1}^{(n/2)-1} f\left(x_{2j}\right) + 4\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} f\left(x_{2j-1}\right) + f(b)\right] - \frac{b-a}{180}h^4 f^{(4)}(\mu)$$

Here the error term is $\frac{b-a}{180}h^4 f^{(4)}(\mu)$, then we first find the fourth derivative:

$$f''(x) = \left(x^2 - 2\right)\sin(x) - 4x\cos(x)$$
$$f'''(x) = \left(x^2 - 6\right)\cos(x) + 6x\sin(x)$$
$$f^{(4)}(x) = 8x\cos(x) - \left(x^2 - 12\right)\sin(x)$$

Next determine the maximum of the fourth derivative:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left|f^{(4)}(x)\right| &= \left|8x\cos(x) - \left(x^2 - 12\right)\sin(x)\right| \\
&\leq |8x\cos(x)| + |\left(x^2 - 12\right)\sin(x)| \\
&\leq |8x| + \left|x^2 - 12\right| = 8x + 12 - x^2 \\
&= -(x-4)^2 + 28 \leq 24
\end{aligned}$$

And the error term could be transform into below form:

$$\frac{2-0}{180}h^4 \cdot 24 \leq 10^{-6}$$
$$h \leq 4.401 \times 10^{-2} \tag{14}$$

And we can turn out that:

$$n \geq \frac{b-a}{h} = 46 \tag{15}$$

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Question 3
Given a function, $f(t) = \sqrt{t}$
a) Apply the Romberg Integration to find $R_{3,3}$ for the integral $\int_1^4 f(t)dt$.
b) Apply the Composite Simpson's Rule to approximate $\int_1^4 f(t)dt$ using eight intervals.
c) Comment on your results in (a) and (b).

Solution.

(a)

$$R_{1,1} = \frac{4-1}{2}(\sqrt{1} + \sqrt{4}) = \frac{9}{2} = 4.500$$

$$R_{2,1} = \frac{4-1}{4}\left(\sqrt{1.1} + 2\sqrt{\frac{1+4}{2}} + \sqrt{4}\right) = \frac{3}{4}(3 + \sqrt{10}) = 4.622$$

$$R_{2,2} = R_{2,1} + \frac{1}{3}(R_{2,1} - R_{1,1}) = 4.663$$

$$R_{3,1} = \frac{4-1}{8}\left(\sqrt{1} + 2\sqrt{\frac{7}{4}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{13}{4}} + \sqrt{4}\right) = \frac{3}{8}(3 + \sqrt{7} + \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{13}) = 4.655$$

$$R_{3,2} = R_{3,1} + \frac{1}{3}(R_{3,1} - R_{2,1}) = 4.666$$

$$R_{3,3} = R_{3,2} + \frac{1}{4^2 - 1}(R_{3,2} - R_{2,2}) = 4.666$$

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And we can plot the table as:

4.500		
4.622	4.663	
4.655	4.666	4.666

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(b) Here $n = 8$, $h = \frac{4-1}{8}$, $x_j = 1 + \frac{3}{8}j$:

$$\int_1^4 f(t)dt = \frac{1}{3}\frac{3}{8}(f(1) + 2(f(x_2) + f(x_4) + f(x_6)) + 4(f(x_1) + f(x_3) + f(x_5) + f(x_7) + f(49)))$$

$$= \frac{1}{8}\left(f(1) + 2\left(f\left(\frac{7}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{13}{4}\right)\right) + \right.$$

$$\left. 4\left(f\left(\frac{11}{8}\right) + f\left(\frac{17}{8}\right) + f\left(\frac{23}{8}\right) + f\left(\frac{29}{8}\right)\right) + f(4)\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{8}(3 + \sqrt{7} + \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{13} + \sqrt{22} + \sqrt{34} + \sqrt{46} + \sqrt{58})$$

$$= 4.667$$

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(c)Here we can first calculate the exact value of the solution

$$\int_1^4 f(t)dt = \int_1^4 t^{\frac{1}{2}}dt = \left(\frac{2}{3}t^{\frac{3}{2}}\right)_1^4 = \frac{2}{3}\cdot(8-1) = \frac{14}{3} = 4\frac{2}{3}$$
$$= 4.666\cdots$$

And we can find that both method give a very close answer with the exact value. And Composite Simpson Law seems to be closer to the exact result.However due to the rounding off with 4 digits, we can not determine the accurate error in this situation because the error is relatively too small. We may first verify the result with the computer's result, here list the result by composite Simpson's formula and Romberg integration result respectively (The code is attached in footnote link):

Here first is the result from Composite Simpson's formula:

$$f_{simpson} = 4.666631373794358$$

And next we list the result of Romberg integration result:

4.500000000000000	0	0
4.621708245126285	4.662277660168379	0
4.655092592511359	4.666220708306383	4.666483578182250

And we can calculate and find that for composite Simpson formula: the absolute error is 0.00003529, relative error is 0.00000756. As for Romberg Formula: the absolute error is 0.00018309, relative error is 0.00003923. Which means the the Composite Simpson law is much accurate in this situation.

We are not sure if these two methods have different results in other n intervals.Here we use Matlab to derive the 2^n interval for 2 method and compute their relative error for 2 methods. And we can plot the graph as 1. And we can find that the relative error for Romberg integration is rapidly decrease at first time and later become flat as the increase of interval, comparing with the composite Simpson Rules, it initially start with the relatively small at $n = 2$ and decrease with the interval increase mildly. Additionally, we can calculate and find out that since the interval increase to $2^5 = 32$, the Romberg start to have a better prediction campaign with Composite Simpson.

Therefore we can conclude that in this example we can find that the Composite Simpson Formula can have a better prediction when the interval number is small. But if the interval number increasing, the relative error for Romberg will reduce rapidly and finally the accuracy will be better than the Composite Simpson Formula.
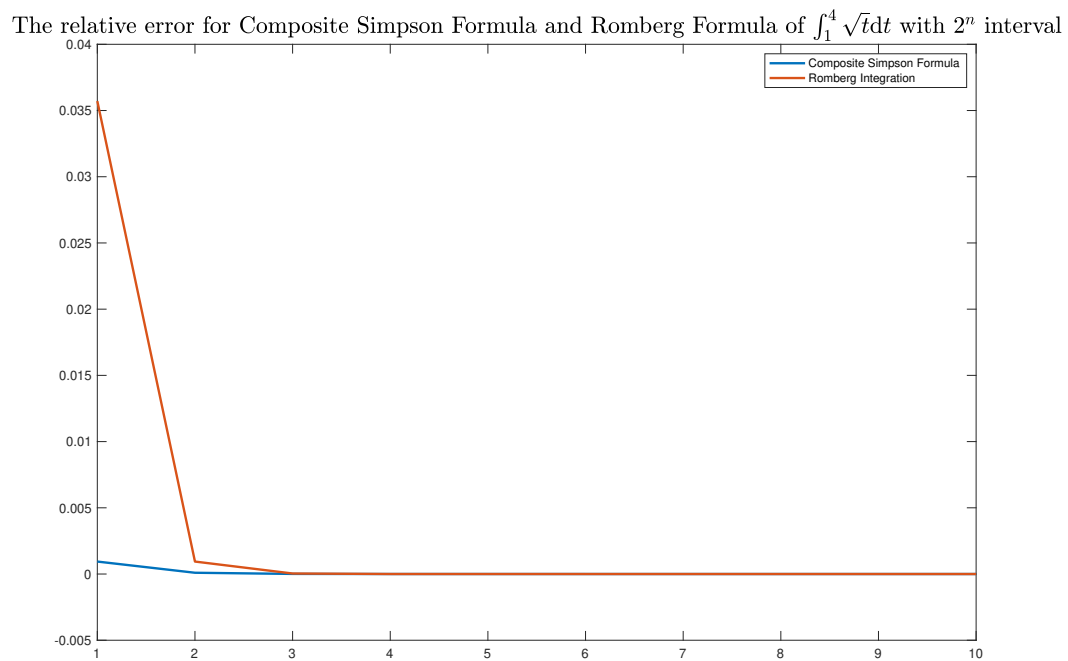
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Code Repo: Github

The relative error for Composite Simpson Formula and Romberg Formula of $\int_1^4 \sqrt{t}\mathrm{d}t$ with 2^n interval

Figure 1: The relative error for Composite Simpson Formula and Romberg Formula of $\int_1^4 \sqrt{t}\mathrm{d}t$ with 2^n interval

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