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Quadrature based on polynomial interpolation:

- Methods:
 - Method of undetermined coefficients (e.g., Adams-Bashforth)
 - Lagrangian interpolation
- Rules:
 - Midpoint, Trapezoidal, Simpson, Newton-Cotes
 - Gaussian Quadrature
- Quadrature based on piecewise polynomial interpolation
 - Composite trapezoidal rule
 - Composite Simpson
 - Richardson extrapolation

Differentiation

- Taylor series / Richardson extrapolation
- Derivatives of Lagrange polynomials
- Derivative matrices

Quadrature Examples

•
$$\mathcal{I} = \int_{a}^{b} e^{\cos x} dx$$

Differential equations:

$$u(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} u_j \phi_j(x) \in X^N$$

Find u(x) such that

$$r(x) = \frac{du}{dx} - f(x) \perp X^N$$

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Integration

• For $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, definite integral over interval [a, b]

$$I(f) = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) \, dx$$

is defined by limit of Riemann sums

$$R_n = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_{i+1} - x_i) f(\xi_i)$$

- Riemann integral exists provided integrand *f* is bounded and continuous almost everywhere
- Absolute condition number of integration with respect to perturbations in integrand is b a
- Integration is inherently well-conditioned because of its smoothing effect

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Numerical Quadrature

- Quadrature rule is weighted sum of finite number of sample values of integrand function
- To obtain desired level of accuracy at low cost,
 - How should sample points be chosen?
 - How should their contributions be weighted?
- Computational work is measured by number of evaluations of integrand function required



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Quadrature Rules

• An *n*-point quadrature rule has form

$$Q_n(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i)$$

- Points x_i are called *nodes* or *abscissas*
- Multipliers w_i are called *weights*
- Quadrature rule is
 - open if $a < x_1$ and $x_n < b$
 - *closed* if $a = x_1$ and $x_n = b$
- Can also have $(x_1 x_2 \dots x_n) \le a \le b$ (Adams-Bashforth timesteppers)

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Quadrature Rules, continued

- Quadrature rules are based on polynomial interpolation
- Integrand function f is sampled at finite set of points
- Polynomial interpolating those points is determined
- Integral of interpolant is taken as estimate for integral of original function
- In practice, interpolating polynomial is not determined explicitly but used to determine weights corresponding to nodes
- If Lagrange is interpolation used, then weights are given by

$$w_i = \int_a^b \ell_i(x), \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

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Method of Undetermined Coefficients

- Alternative derivation of quadrature rule uses method of undetermined coefficients
- To derive *n*-point rule on interval [a, b], take nodes x_1, \ldots, x_n as given and consider weights w_1, \ldots, w_n as coefficients to be determined
- Force quadrature rule to integrate first n polynomial basis functions exactly, and by linearity, it will then integrate any polynomial of degree n 1 exactly
- Thus we obtain system of *moment equations* that determines weights for quadrature rule



Quadrature Overview

$$I(f) := \int_{a}^{b} f(t) dt \approx \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} f_{i}, =: Q_{n}(f) \qquad f_{i} := f(t_{i})$$

- Idea is to minimize the number of function evaluations.
- Small n is good.
- Several strategies:
 - global rules
 - composite rules
 - composite rules + extrapolation
 - adaptive rules

Global (Interpolatory) Quadrature Rules

• Generally, approximate f(t) by polynomial interpolant, p(t).

$$f(t) \approx p(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} l_i(t) f_i$$

$$I(f) = \int_{a}^{b} f(t) dt \approx \int_{a}^{b} p(t) dt =: Q_{n}(f)$$

$$Q_{n}(f) = \int_{a}^{b} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} l_{i}(t) f_{i} \right) dt = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\int_{a}^{b} l_{i}(t) dt \right) f_{i} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} f_{i}.$$
$$w_{i} = \int_{a}^{b} l_{i}(t) dt$$

- We will see two types of global (interpolatory) rules:
 - Newton-Cotes interpolatory on uniformly spaced nodes.
 - Gauss rules interpolatory on optimally chosen point sets.

Examples

• Midpoint rule: $l_i(t) = 1$

$$w_1 = \int_a^b l_1(t) dt = \int_a^b 1 dt = (b-a)$$

• Trapezoidal rule:

$$l_1(t) = \frac{t-b}{a-b}, \qquad l_2(t) = \frac{t-a}{b-a}$$
$$w_1 = \int_a^b l_1(t) dt = \frac{1}{2}(b-a) = \int_a^b l_2(t) dt = w_2$$

• Simpson's rule:

$$w_1 = \int_a^b l_1(t) dt = \frac{b-a}{6} = \int_a^b l_3(t) dt = w_3$$

$$w_{2} = \int_{a}^{b} l_{2}(t) dt = \int_{a}^{b} \left(\frac{t-a}{b-a}\right) \left(\frac{t-b}{a-b}\right) dt = \frac{2}{3}(b-a)$$

- These are the Newton-Cotes quadrature rules for n=1, 2, and 3, respectively.
 - The midpoint rule is *open*.
 - Trapezoid and Simpson's rules are *closed*.

Finding Weights: Method of Undetermined Coefficients

Example 1: Find w_i for [a, b] = [1, 2], n = 3.

• First approach: $f = 1, t, t^2$.

$$I(1) = \sum_{i=1}^{3} w_{i} \cdot 1 = 1$$
$$I(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{3} w_{i} \cdot t_{i} = \frac{1}{2} t^{2} \Big|_{1}^{2}$$
$$I(t^{2}) = \sum_{i=1}^{3} w_{i} \cdot t_{i}^{2} = \frac{1}{3} t^{3} \Big|_{1}^{2}$$

Results in 3×3 matrix for the w_i s.

Finding Weights: Method of Undetermined Coefficients

• Second approach: Choose f so that some of the coefficients multiplying the w_i s vanish.

$$I_{1} = w_{1}(1 - \frac{3}{2})(1 - 2) = \int_{1}^{2} (t - \frac{3}{2})(t - 2) dt$$
$$I_{2} = w_{2}(\frac{3}{2} - 1)(\frac{3}{2} - 2) = \int_{1}^{2} (t - 1)(t - 2) dt$$
$$I_{3} = w_{3}(2 - 1)(2 - \frac{3}{2}) = \int_{1}^{2} (t - 1)(t - \frac{3}{2}) dt$$

Corresponds to the Lagrange interpolant approach.

Method of Undetermined Coefficients

Example 2: Find w_i for [a, b] = [0, 1], n = 3, but using $f_i = f(t_i) = f(i)$, with i = -2, -1, and 0. (The t_i 's are outside the interval (a, b).)

- Result should be exact for $f(t) \in \mathbb{P}_0$, \mathbb{P}_1 , and \mathbb{P}_2 .
- Take f=1, f=t, and $f=t^2$.

$$\sum w_i = 1 = \int_0^1 1 \, dt$$
$$-2w_{-2} - w_{-1} = \frac{1}{2} = \int_0^1 t \, dt$$
$$4w_{-2} + w_{-1} = \frac{1}{3} = \int_0^1 t^2 \, dt$$

• Find

$$w_{-2} = \frac{5}{12}$$
 $w_{-1} = -\frac{16}{12}$ $w_0 = \frac{23}{12}$.

• This example is useful for finding integration coefficients for explicit timestepping methods that will be seen in later chapters.

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Example: Undetermined Coefficients

- Derive 3-point rule $Q_3(f) = w_1 f(x_1) + w_2 f(x_2) + w_3 f(x_3)$ on interval [a, b] using monomial basis
- Take $x_1 = a$, $x_2 = (a+b)/2$, and $x_3 = b$ as nodes
- First three monomials are 1, x, and x^2
- Resulting system of moment equations is

$$w_1 \cdot 1 + w_2 \cdot 1 + w_3 \cdot 1 = \int_a^b 1 \, dx = x |_a^b = b - a$$

$$w_1 \cdot a + w_2 \cdot (a + b)/2 + w_3 \cdot b = \int_a^b x \, dx = (x^2/2) |_a^b = (b^2 - a^2)/2$$

$$w_1 \cdot a^2 + w_2 \cdot ((a + b)/2)^2 + w_3 \cdot b^2 = \int_a^b x^2 \, dx = (x^3/3) |_a^b = (b^3 - a^3)/3$$

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Example, continued

• In matrix form, linear system is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & (a+b)/2 & b \\ a^2 & ((a+b)/2)^2 & b^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b-a \\ (b^2-a^2)/2 \\ (b^3-a^3)/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Solving system by Gaussian elimination, we obtain weights

$$w_1 = \frac{b-a}{6}, \qquad w_2 = \frac{2(b-a)}{3}, \qquad w_3 = \frac{b-a}{6}$$

which is known as *Simpson's rule*

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Method of Undetermined Coefficients

• More generally, for any n and choice of nodes x_1, \ldots, x_n , *Vandermonde system*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_1^{n-1} & x_2^{n-1} & \cdots & x_n^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b-a \\ (b^2-a^2)/2 \\ \vdots \\ (b^n-a^n)/n \end{bmatrix}$$

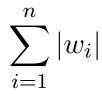
determines weights w_1, \ldots, w_n



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Stability of Quadrature Rules

 Absolute condition number of quadrature rule is sum of magnitudes of weights,



- If weights are all nonnegative, then absolute condition number of quadrature rule is *b* − *a*, same as that of underlying integral, so rule is stable
- If any weights are negative, then absolute condition number can be much larger, and rule can be unstable



Conditioning

• Absolute condition number of integration:

$$I(f) = \int_{a}^{b} f(t) dt$$

$$I(\hat{f}) = \int_{a}^{b} \hat{f}(t) dt$$

$$\left| I(f) - I(\hat{f}) \right| = \left| \int_{a}^{b} (f - \hat{f}) dt \right| \leq |b - a| ||f - \hat{f}||_{\infty}$$

• Absolute condition number is |b - a|.

Conditioning

• Absolute condition number of quadrature:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| Q_n(f) - Q_n(\hat{f}) \right| &\leq \left| \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left(f_i - \hat{f}_i \right) \right| \leq \left| \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \right| \max_i \left| f_i - \hat{f}_i \right| \\ &\leq \left| \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \right| ||f - \hat{f}||_{\infty} \end{aligned}$$

$$C = \sum_{i=1}^{n} |w_i|$$

• If $Q_n(f)$ is interpolatory, then $\sum w_i = (b-a)$:

$$Q_n(1) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \cdot 1 \equiv \int_a^b 1 \, dt = (b-a).$$

- If $w_i \ge 0$, then C = (b-a).
- Otherwise, C > (b a) and can be arbitrarily large as $n \longrightarrow \infty$.

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Newton-Cotes Quadrature

Newton-Cotes quadrature rules use equally spaced nodes in interval [a, b]

• Midpoint rule

$$M(f) = (b-a)f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$

• Trapezoid rule

$$T(f) = \frac{b-a}{2}(f(a) + f(b))$$

• Simpson's rule

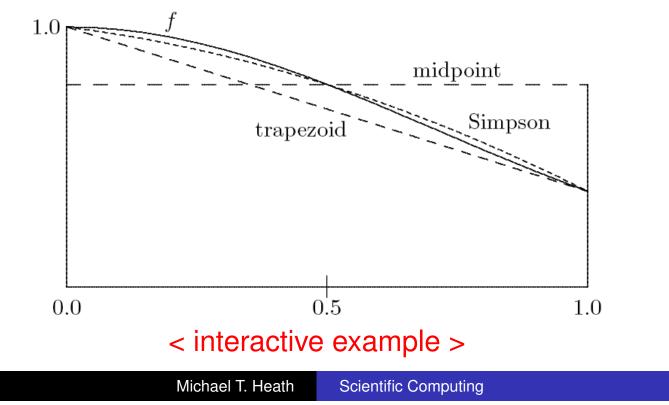
$$S(f) = \frac{b-a}{6} \left(f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right)$$

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Example: Newton-Cotes Quadrature

Approximate integral $I(f) = \int_0^1 \exp(-x^2) dx \approx 0.746824$

- $M(f) = (1-0) \exp(-1/4) \approx 0.778801$ $T(f) = (1/2) [\exp(0) + \exp(-1)] \approx 0.683940$
 - $S(f) = (1/6)[\exp(0) + 4\exp(-1/4) + \exp(-1)] \approx 0.747180$



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Error Estimation

• Expanding integrand f in Taylor series about midpoint m = (a+b)/2 of interval [a,b],

$$f(x) = f(m) + f'(m)(x - m) + \frac{f''(m)}{2}(x - m)^2 + \frac{f'''(m)}{6}(x - m)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(m)}{24}(x - m)^4 + \cdots$$

Integrating from a to b, odd-order terms drop out, yielding

$$I(f) = f(m)(b-a) + \frac{f''(m)}{24}(b-a)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(m)}{1920}(b-a)^5 + \cdots$$

= $M(f) + E(f) + F(f) + \cdots$

where ${\cal E}(f)$ and ${\cal F}(f)$ represent first two terms in error expansion for midpoint rule

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Error Estimation, continued

 If we substitute x = a and x = b into Taylor series, add two series together, observe once again that odd-order terms drop out, solve for f(m), and substitute into midpoint rule, we obtain

$$I(f) = T(f) - 2E(f) - 4F(f) - \cdots$$

- Thus, provided length of interval is sufficiently small and f⁽⁴⁾ is well behaved, midpoint rule is about twice as accurate as trapezoid rule
- Halving length of interval decreases error in either rule by factor of about 1/8

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Error Estimation, continued

• Difference between midpoint and trapezoid rules provides estimate for error in either of them

$$T(f) - M(f) = 3E(f) + 5F(f) + \cdots$$

SO

$$E(f) \approx \frac{T(f) - M(f)}{3}$$

• Weighted combination of midpoint and trapezoid rules eliminates E(f) term from error expansion

$$I(f) = \frac{2}{3}M(f) + \frac{1}{3}T(f) - \frac{2}{3}F(f) + \cdots$$
$$= S(f) - \frac{2}{3}F(f) + \cdots$$

which gives alternate derivation for Simpson's rule and estimate for its error



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Example: Error Estimation

• We illustrate error estimation by computing approximate value for integral $\int_0^1 x^2 dx = 1/3$

$$M(f) = (1-0)(1/2)^2 = 1/4$$

$$T(f) = \frac{1-0}{2}(0^2 + 1^2) = 1/2$$

$$E(f) \approx (T(f) - M(f))/3 = (1/4)/3 = 1/12$$

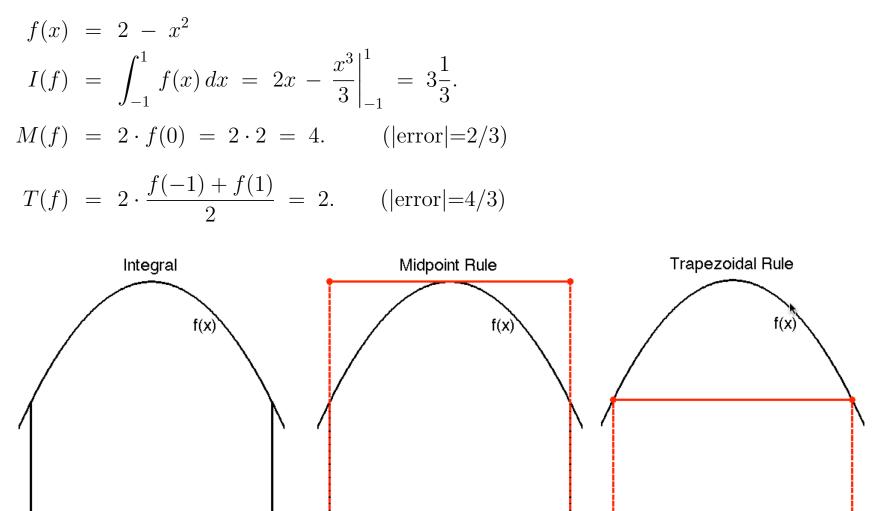
• Error in M(f) is about 1/12, error in T(f) is about -1/6

Also,

S(f) = (2/3)M(f) + (1/3)T(f) = (2/3)(1/4) + (1/3)(1/2) = 1/3

which is exact for this integral, as expected

Example



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 \Box Error for *midpoint rule* is generally $\frac{1}{2}$ that of *trapezoidal rule*.

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Accuracy of Quadrature Rules

- Quadrature rule is of *degree* d if it is exact for every polynomial of degree d, but not exact for some polynomial of degree d + 1
- By construction, n-point interpolatory quadrature rule is of degree at least n-1
- Rough error bound

$$|I(f) - Q_n(f)| \le \frac{1}{4} h^{n+1} ||f^{(n)}||_{\infty}$$

where $h = \max\{x_{i+1} - x_i : i = 1, ..., n-1\}$, shows that $Q_n(f) \to I(f)$ as $n \to \infty$, provided $f^{(n)}$ remains well behaved

 Higher accuracy can be obtained by increasing n or by decreasing h



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Accuracy of Newton-Cotes Quadrature

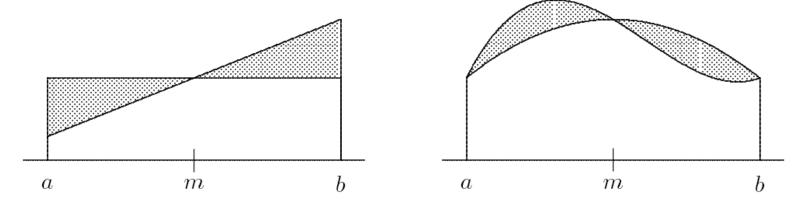
- Since *n*-point Newton-Cotes rule is based on polynomial interpolant of degree n-1, we expect rule to have degree n-1
- Thus, we expect midpoint rule to have degree 0, trapezoid rule degree 1, Simpson's rule degree 2, etc.
- From Taylor series expansion, error for midpoint rule depends on second and higher derivatives of integrand, which vanish for linear as well as constant polynomials
- So midpoint rule integrates linear polynomials exactly, hence its degree is 1 rather than 0
- Similarly, error for Simpson's rule depends on fourth and higher derivatives, which vanish for cubics as well as quadratic polynomials, so Simpson's rule is of degree 3



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Accuracy of Newton-Cotes Quadrature

- In general, odd-order Newton-Cotes rule gains extra degree beyond that of polynomial interpolant on which it is based
- *n*-point Newton-Cotes rule is of degree *n* − 1 if *n* is even, but of degree *n* if *n* is odd
- This phenomenon is due to *cancellation* of positive and negative errors



< interactive example >

Newton-Cotes Weights

$n \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$				
3	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$			
4	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{9}{8}$	$\frac{9}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$		
5	$\frac{14}{45}$	$\frac{64}{45}$	$\frac{8}{15}$	$\frac{64}{45}$	$\frac{14}{45}$	
6	$\frac{95}{288}$	$\frac{125}{96}$	$\frac{125}{144}$	$\frac{125}{144}$	$\frac{125}{96}$	$\frac{95}{288}$

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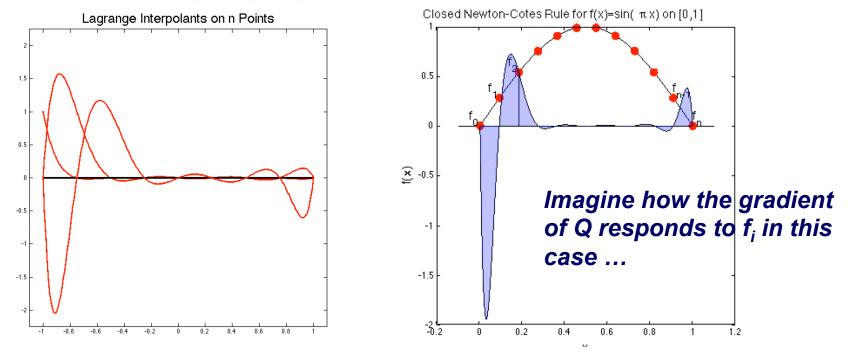
Drawbacks of Newton-Cotes Rules

- Newton-Cotes quadrature rules are simple and often effective, but they have drawbacks
- Using large number of equally spaced nodes may incur erratic behavior associated with high-degree polynomial interpolation (e.g., weights may be negative)
- Indeed, every *n*-point Newton-Cotes rule with $n \ge 11$ has at least one negative weight, and $\sum_{i=1}^{n} |w_i| \to \infty$ as $n \to \infty$, so Newton-Cotes rules become arbitrarily ill-conditioned
- Newton-Cotes rules are not of highest degree possible for number of nodes used



Newton-Cotes Formulae: What Could Go Wrong?

- Demo: newton_cotes.m and newton_cotes2.m
- Newton-Cotes formulae are interpolatory.
- For high n, Lagrange interpolants through uniform points are illconditioned.
- In quadrature, this conditioning is manifest through negative quadrature weights (bad).



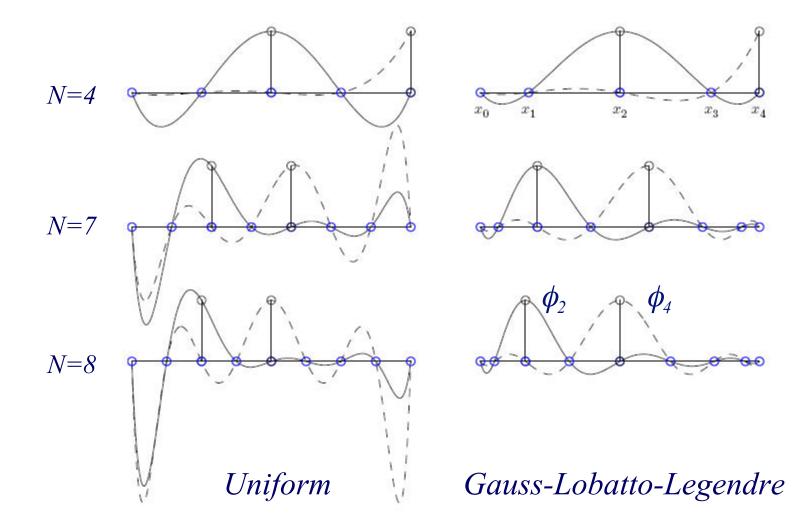
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Gaussian Quadrature

- Gaussian quadrature rules are based on polynomial interpolation, but nodes as well as weights are chosen to maximize degree of resulting rule
- With 2n parameters, we can attain degree of 2n-1
- Gaussian quadrature rules can be derived by method of undetermined coefficients, but resulting system of moment equations that determines nodes and weights is nonlinear
- Also, nodes are usually irrational, even if endpoints of interval are rational
- Although inconvenient for hand computation, nodes and weights are tabulated in advance and stored in subroutine for use on computer

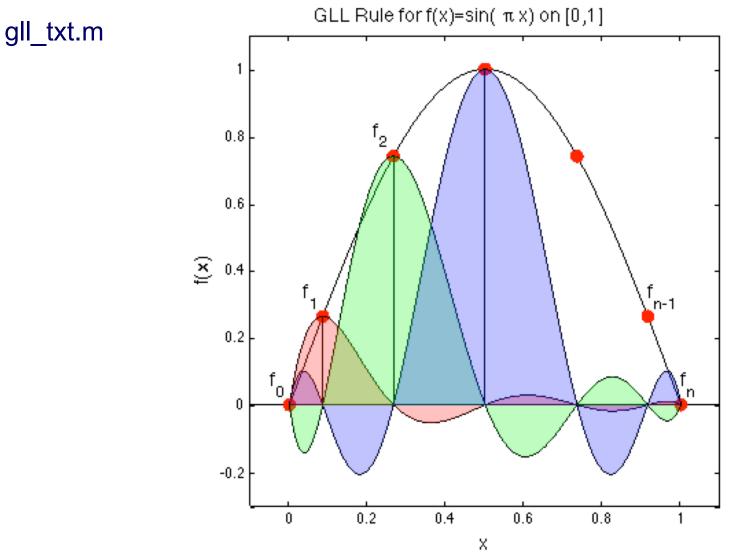


Lagrange Polynomials: Good and Bad Point Distributions



• We can see that for N=8 one of the uniform weights is close to becoming negative.

Lagrange Polynomials: Good and Bad Point Distributions



• All weights are positive.

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Example: Gaussian Quadrature Rule

• Derive two-point Gaussian rule on [-1, 1],

$$G_2(f) = w_1 f(x_1) + w_2 f(x_2)$$

where nodes x_i and weights w_i are chosen to maximize degree of resulting rule

- We use method of undetermined coefficients, but now nodes as well as weights are unknown parameters to be determined
- Four parameters are to be determined, so we expect to be able to integrate cubic polynomials exactly, since cubics depend on four parameters

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Example, continued

Requiring rule to integrate first four monomials exactly gives moment equations

$$w_{1} + w_{2} = \int_{-1}^{1} 1 \, dx = x|_{-1}^{1} = 2$$

$$w_{1}x_{1} + w_{2}x_{2} = \int_{-1}^{1} x \, dx = (x^{2}/2)|_{-1}^{1} = 0$$

$$w_{1}x_{1}^{2} + w_{2}x_{2}^{2} = \int_{-1}^{1} x^{2} \, dx = (x^{3}/3)|_{-1}^{1} = 2/3$$

$$w_{1}x_{1}^{3} + w_{2}x_{2}^{3} = \int_{-1}^{1} x^{3} \, dx = (x^{4}/4)|_{-1}^{1} = 0$$

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Example, continued

 One solution of this system of four nonlinear equations in four unknowns is given by

$$x_1 = -1/\sqrt{3}, \quad x_2 = 1/\sqrt{3}, \quad w_1 = 1, \quad w_2 = 1$$

- Another solution reverses signs of x_1 and x_2
- Resulting two-point Gaussian rule has form

$$G_2(f) = f(-1/\sqrt{3}) + f(1/\sqrt{3})$$

and by construction it has degree three

- In general, for each n there is unique n-point Gaussian rule, and it is of degree 2n 1
- Gaussian quadrature rules can also be derived using orthogonal polynomials

Topics for Today

- Gaussian quadrature
- Composite trapezoidal rule
- Richardson extrapolation
- Romberg integration
- Mechanical integration
- Numerical differentiation (start)

Project proposals – almost done (should be out tonight)

Gauss Quadrature, I

Consider

$$I := \int_{-1}^{1} f(x) \, dx.$$

Find $w_i, x_i \ i = 1, \ldots, n$, to maximize degree of accuracy, M.

• Cardinality,
$$|.|:$$
 $|\mathbb{P}_M| = M + 1$
 $|w_i| + |x_i| = 2n$
 $M+1 = 2n \iff M = 2n-1$

- Indeed, it is possible to find x_i and w_i such that all polynomials of degree $\leq M = 2n 1$ are integrated exactly.
- The *n* nodes, x_i , are the zeros of the *n*th-order Legendre polynomial.
- The weights, w_i , are the integrals of the cardinal Lagrange polynomials associated with these nodes:

$$w_i = \int_{-1}^{1} l_i(x) dx, \qquad l_i(x) \in \mathbb{P}_{n-1}, \qquad l_i(x_j) = \delta_{ij}.$$

• Error scales like
$$|I - Q_n| \sim C \frac{f^{(2n)}(\xi)}{(2n)!}$$
 $(Q_n \text{ exact for } f(x) \in \mathbb{P}_{2n-1}.)$

• *n* nodes are roots of orthogonal polynomials

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Change of Interval

- Gaussian rules are somewhat more difficult to apply than Newton-Cotes rules because weights and nodes are usually derived for some specific interval, such as [-1,1]
- Given interval of integration [a, b] must be transformed into standard interval for which nodes and weights have been tabulated
- To use quadrature rule tabulated on interval $[\alpha, \beta]$,

$$\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(x) \, dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i f(x_i)$$

to approximate integral on interval [a, b],

$$I(g) = \int_{a}^{b} g(t) \, dt$$

we must change variable from x in $[\alpha,\beta]$ to t in [a,b]

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Change of Interval, continued

Many transformations are possible, but simple linear transformation

$$t = \frac{(b-a)x + a\beta - b\alpha}{\beta - \alpha}$$

has advantage of preserving degree of quadrature rule

• Generally, the translation is much simpler:

$$t_i = a + \frac{\xi_i + 1}{2}(b - a)$$

- When $\xi = -1$, t = a. When $\xi = 1$, t = b.
- Here ξ_i , $i=1,\ldots,n$, are the Gauss points on (-1,1).

Use of Gauss Quadrature

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- Here ξ_i , $i=1,\ldots,n$, are the Gauss points on (-1,1).
- So, you simply look up^* the (ξ_i, w_i) pairs, use the formula above to get t_i , then evaluate

$$Q_n = \frac{(b-a)}{2} \sum_i w_i f(t_i)$$

(*that is, call a function)

Use of Gauss Quadrature



$$\int_{-1}^{+1} f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i f(x_i)$$

Abscissas = $\pm x_i$ (Zeros of Legendre Polynomials)

Weight Factors $= w_i$

$\pm x_i$	w_i	$\pm x_i$	w_i
	n = 2	<i>n</i> = 8	
0.57735 02691 89626	1.00000 00000 00000	0.18343 46424 95650 0.52553 24099 16329	0.36268 37833 78362 0.31370 66458 77887
	n = 3	0.79666 64774 13627 0.96028 98564 97536	0.22238 10344 53374
0.0000 00000 00000	0.88888 88888 88889		0.10122 85362 90376
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0.86113 63115 94053	0.34785 48451 37454	0.83603 11073 26636	0.26061 06964 02935 0.18064 81606 94857
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0.90617 98459 38664	0.23692 68850 56189	0.43339 53941 29247	0.29552 42247 14753 0.26926 67193 09996
1	n = 6	0.67940 95682 99024 0.86506 33666 88985	0.21908 63625 15982 0.14945 13491 50581
0.23861 91860 83197 0.66120 93864 66265	0.46791 39345 72691 0.36076 15730 48139	0.97390 65285 17172	0.06667 13443 08688
0.93246 95142 03152	0.17132 44923 79170	<i>n</i> =12	
, 1	n=7	0.12523 34085 11469 0.36783 14989 98180	0.24914 70458 13403 0.23349 25365 38355
0.00000 00000 00000 0.40584 51513 77397	0.41795 91836 73469 0.38183 00505 05119	0.58731 79542 86617 0.76990 26741 94305	0.20316 74267 23066
0.74153 11855 99394	0.27970 53914 89277	0.90411 72563 70475	0.16007 83285 43346 0.10693 93259 95318
0.94910 79123 42759	0.12948 49661 68870	0.98156 06342 46719	0.04717 53363 86512

There is a lot of software, in most every language, for computing the nodes and weights for all of the Gauss, Gauss-Lobatto, Gauss-Radau rules (Chebyshev, Legendre, etc.)

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Gaussian Quadrature

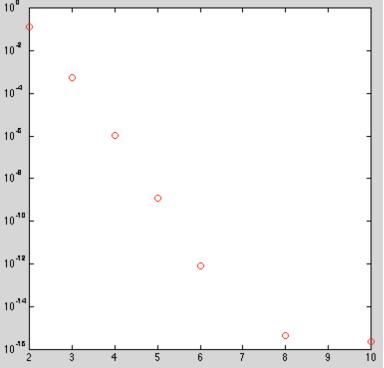
- Gaussian quadrature rules have maximal degree and optimal accuracy for number of nodes used
- Weights are always positive and approximate integral always converges to exact integral as $n \to \infty$
- Unfortunately, Gaussian rules of different orders have no nodes in common (except possibly midpoint), so Gaussian rules are *not* progressive (except for Gauss-Chebyshev)
- Thus, estimating error using Gaussian rules of different order requires evaluating integrand function at full set of nodes of both rules



Gauss Quadrature Example

```
for n=2:10;
[z,w]=zwgll(n-1); % Gauss-Lobatto-Legendre pts/wts
t=a + 0.5*(z+1)*(b-a);
f=exp(t);
I = w'*f*(b-a)/2.;
err= abs(I-exact);
[n I err ]
semilogy(n,err,'ro'); hold on
end;
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a=0; b=1;



Gauss Quadrature Derivation

Gauss Quadrature: I

• Suppose
$$g(x) \in \mathbb{P}_m$$
 with zeros x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{m-1} .
 $g(x) = Ax^m + a_{m-1}x^{m-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$
 $= \underbrace{A(x - x_0)(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_{m-1})}_{\in \mathbb{P}_m}$

• Let n < m - 1 and consider the first n + 1 zeros:

$$g(x) = \underbrace{(x - x_0)(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_n)}_{=: q_{n+1}(x)} \underbrace{A(x - x_{n+1}) \cdots (x - x_{m-1})}_{=: r(x) \in \mathbb{P}_{m-(n+1)}}$$
$$= q_{n+1}(x) r(x)$$

• Consider $f(x) \in \mathbb{P}_m, m > n+1,$

 $p_n(x) \in \mathbb{P}_n$, (Lagrange interpolating polynomial.)

$$p_n(x_i) = f(x_i), \ i = 0, \dots, n.$$

• Then, let

$$g(x) := f(x) - p_n(x) \in \mathbb{P}_m$$

$$g(x_i) = f(x_i) - p_n(x_i) = 0, \quad i = 0, \dots, n,$$

$$g(x) = (x - x_0)(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_n) A (x - x_{n+1}) \cdots (x - x_{m-1})$$

$$= q_{n+1}(x) r(x),$$
ith $r(x) \in \mathbb{P}$

with $r(x) \in \mathbb{P}_{m-(n+1)}$.

• It follows that, for any $f(x) \in \mathbb{P}_m$, m > n + 1, we can write $f(x) = p_n(x) + q_{n+1}(x) r(x),$

with $r(x) \in \mathbb{P}_{m-(n+1)}$.

• Notice that

$$\begin{split} \int_{-1}^{1} f(x) \, dx &= \int_{-1}^{1} p_n(x) \, dx \, + \, \int_{-1}^{1} q_{n+1}(x) \, r(x) \, dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^{1} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n} f_i \, l_i(x) \right) \, dx \, + \, \int_{-1}^{1} q_{n+1}(x) \, r(x) \, dx \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n} f_i \, \int_{-1}^{1} l_i(x) \, dx \, + \, \int_{-1}^{1} q_{n+1}(x) \, r(x) \, dx \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n} f_i \, w_i \, + \, \int_{-1}^{1} q_{n+1}(x) \, r(x) \, dx, \end{split}$$
with $w_i := \int_{-1}^{1} l_i(x) \, dx.$

• Note that the quadrature rule is *exact* iff

$$\int_{-1}^{1} q_{n+1}(x) r(x) \, dx = 0.$$

Orthogonal Polynomials

• The Legendre polynomials of degree $k, \pi_k(x) \in \mathbb{P}_k$ are orthogonal polynomials satisfying

$$(\pi_i, \pi_j) := \int_{-1}^1 \pi_i(x) \,\pi_j(x) \, dx = \delta_{ij}$$

- $\{\pi_0, \pi_1, \ldots, \pi_k\}$ form a *basis* (a spanning set) for \mathbb{P}_k .
- That is, for any $p_k(x) \in \mathbb{P}_k$ there is a unique set of coefficients γ_k such that

$$p_k(x) = \gamma_0 \pi_0(x) + \gamma_1 \pi_1(x) + \ldots + \gamma_k \pi_k(x).$$

• Note that, if j > k, then

$$(\pi_j, p_k) = \sum_{i=0}^k \gamma_i (\pi_j, \pi_i) = 0.$$

• Returning to quadrature, our rule will be exact if

$$\int_{-1}^{1} q_{n+1}(x) r(x) \, dx = 0.$$

- We get to choose the nodes, x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n , that define q_{n+1} .
- If we choose the nodes to be the zeros of $\pi_{n+1}(x)$, then the integral will vanish if $r(x) \in \mathbb{P}_k$, with k < n+1.
- Recall that $r \in \mathbb{P}_{m-(n+1)}$, which implies

$$m - (n+1) < n+1$$

$$m < 2n+2.$$

$$m \leq 2n+1.$$

• Thus, using n + 1 nodes, x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n , (the zeros of π_{n+1}), we have a quadrature rule that is **exact** for all polynomials of up to degree 2n + 1.

Gauss Quadrature: II

- A common way to state the Gauss quadrature problem is, Find n + 1weights, w_i , and points, x_i , that will maximize the degree of polynomial, m, for which the quadrature rule will be exact.
- Since you have 2n + 2 degrees of freedom (w_i, x_i) , i = 0, ..., n then you should be able to be exact for a space of functions having cardinality 2n + 2.
- The cardinality of \mathbb{P}_m is m+1.
- Setting m + 1 = 2n + 2 we find m = 2n + 1.

Gauss Lobatto Quadrature

- This is similar to the Gauss quadrature problem stated previously, save that we constrain $x_0 = -1$ and $x_n = +1$, which means we now have only 2n degrees of freedom.
- We should expect m = 2n 1, and this is indeed the case when we choose the x_i s to be the zeros of $(1 - x^2)P'_n(x)$.
- As before, the weights are the integrals of the Lagrange cardinal functions, $l_i(x)$.

Arbitrary Domains

• Usually, we're interested in more general integrals, i.e.,

$$\tilde{I} := \int_a^b f(x) \, dx.$$

• The integral can be computed using a change of basis, $f[x(\xi)]$, with

$$x(\xi) := a + \frac{b-a}{2}(1+\xi)$$

• Note that

$$dx = \frac{b-a}{2} d\xi = \mathcal{J} d\xi,$$

where \mathcal{J} is the *Jacobian* associated with the map from [-1, 1] to [a, b].

• With this change of basis, we have

$$\begin{split} \tilde{I} &= \frac{b-a}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} f[x(\xi)] d\xi = \frac{b-a}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi \\ &\approx \frac{b-a}{2} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n} w_i \hat{f}(\xi_i) \right) \\ &\approx \frac{b-a}{2} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n} w_i f(x_i) \right) \\ &\approx \frac{b-a}{2} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n} w_i f_i \right). \end{split}$$

- The quadrature weights stay the same.
- The quadrature points are given by $x_i = a + \frac{1}{2}(b-a)(1+\xi_i)$.

- Here, the ξ_i s are the zeros of $\pi_{n+1}(\xi)$ or $(1 \xi^2)\pi'_n(\xi)$, depending on whether one wants Gauss-Legendre (GL) or Gauss-Lobatto-Legendre (GLL) quadrature.
- There are closed form expressions for the quadrature weights:

 $\underline{\text{Gauss}} \qquad \underline{\text{Gauss-Lobatto}}$ $w_i = \frac{2}{(1-\xi_i)^2 P'_{n+1}(\xi_i)} \qquad w_i = \frac{2}{n(n+1)[P_n(\xi)]^2},$

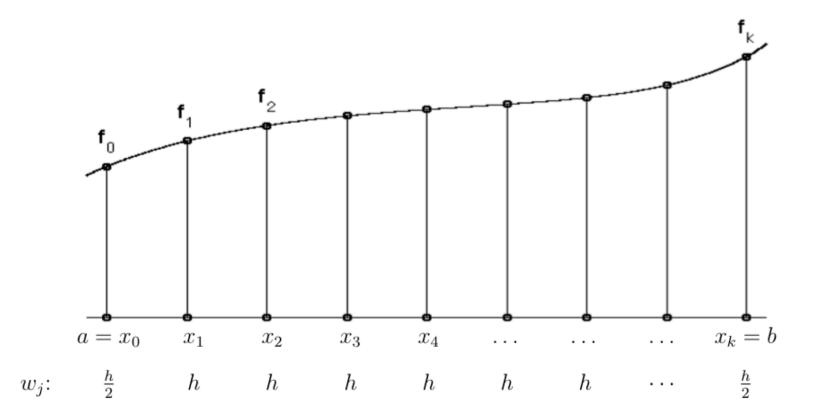
where P_k is the kth-order Legendre polynomial normalized such that $P_k(1) = 1$.

- Most algorithms for finding the ξ_i s are based on solving an eigenvalue problem for a tridiagonal matrix (the companion matrix).
- The matlab script zwgll.m returns the set (ξ_i, w_i) for n+1 node points.

```
function [z,w] = zwgll(p);
% Compute the p+1 Gauss-Lobatto-Legendre nodes z on [-1,1],
% i.e. the zeros of the first derivative of the Legendre
% polynomial of degree p plus -1 and 1 and the p+1 weights w.
n = p+1;
z(1:n)=0; w(1:n)=0; z(1)=-1; z(n)=1;
if p>1,
  if p==2
   z(2)=0;
  else
  M = zeros(p-1, p-1);
   for i=1:p-2,
    M(i,i+1)=(1/2)*sqrt((i*(i+2))/((i+1/2)*(i+3/2)));
    M(i+1,i) = M(i,i+1);
   end;
   [V,D]=eiq(M);
   z(2:p)=sort(eig(M));
  end;
end;
%compute the weights w
w(1)=2/(p^{*}(n)); w(n)=w(1);
for i=2:p,
 x=z(i); z0=1; z1=x;
  for j=1:p-1,
    z_{2=x} \cdot z_{1*}(2*j+1)/(j+1)-z_{0*j}/(j+1);
    z_0 = z_1; z_1 = z_2;
  end;
  w(i)=2/(p*(n)*z2*z2);
end;
z=z'; w=w';
```

Composite Rules

- Main Idea: Use your favorite rule on each panel and sum across all panels.
- \Box Particularly good if f(x) not differentiable at the knot points.



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Composite Quadrature

- Alternative to using more nodes and higher degree rule is to subdivide original interval into subintervals, then apply simple quadrature rule in each subinterval
- Summing partial results then yields approximation to overall integral
- This approach is equivalent to using piecewise interpolation to derive *composite quadrature rule*
- Composite rule is always stable if underlying simple rule is stable
- Approximate integral converges to exact interval as number of subintervals goes to infinity provided underlying simple rule has degree at least zero



Composite Quadrature Rules

- Composite Trapezoidal (Q_{CT}) and Composite Simpson (Q_{CS}) rules work by breaking the interval [a,b] into panels and then applying either trapezoidal or Simpson method to each panel.
- Q_{CT} is the most common, particularly since Q_{CS} is readily derived via Richardson extrapolation at no extra work.
- Q_{CT} can be combined with Richardson extrapolation to get higher order accuracy, not quite competitive with Gauss quadrature, but a significant improvement over Q_{CT} alone. (Using *multiple rounds of Richardson extrapolation* is known as Romberg integration.)

□ For periodic functions, Q_{CT} *is* a Gauss quadrature rule.

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Examples: Composite Quadrature

- Subdivide interval [a, b] into k subintervals of length h = (b a)/k, letting $x_j = a + jh$, j = 0, ..., k
- Composite midpoint rule

$$M_k(f) = \sum_{j=1}^k (x_j - x_{j-1}) f\left(\frac{x_{j-1} + x_j}{2}\right) = h \sum_{j=1}^k f\left(\frac{x_{j-1} + x_j}{2}\right)$$

• Composite trapezoid rule

$$T_k(f) = \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{(x_j - x_{j-1})}{2} \left(f(x_{j-1}) + f(x_j) \right)$$

= $h \left(\frac{1}{2} f(a) + f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_{k-1}) + \frac{1}{2} f(b) \right)$

Implementation of Composite Trapezoidal Rule

Assuming uniform spacing h = (b - a)/k,

Composite Trapezoidal Rule

$$I_{j} := \int_{x_{j-1}}^{x_{j}} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{2} (f_{j-1} + f_{j}) + O(h^{3})$$

=: $Q_{j} + O(h^{3})$
= $Q_{j} + c_{j}h^{3} + higher order terms.$
 $c_{j} \leq \frac{1}{12} \max_{[x_{j-1}, x_{j}]} |f''(x)|$

$$I = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \ Q_{CT}}}^{k} Q_{j} + \sum_{j=1}^{k} c_{j} h^{3} + h.o.t.$$

$$|I - Q_{CT}| + h.o.t. = h^3 \sum_{j=1}^k c_j \le h^3 k \max_j |c_j| = h^2 \max_j |c_j|$$
 (b-a)

Recall, hk = (b-a).

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Other Considerations with Composite Trapezoidal Rule

Composite Trapezoidal Rule: (uniform spacing, n panels)

$$T_h := h \left[\frac{f_0 + f_1}{2} + \frac{f_1 + f_2}{2} + \dots + \frac{f_{n-1} + f_n}{2} \right]$$
$$= h \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_i + \frac{1}{2} (f_0 + f_n) \right],$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{n} w_i f_i, \qquad w_0 = w_n = \frac{h}{2}, \ w_i = h \text{ otherwise.}$$

Stable $(w_i > 0)$.

Composite Midpoint Rule: (uniform spacing, n panels)

$$M_h := h \left[f_{\frac{1}{2}} + f_{\frac{3}{2}} + \dots + f_{n-\frac{1}{2}} \right]$$
$$= h \left[\sum_{i=1}^n f_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \right] = h \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_0 + ih - \frac{h}{2})$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{n} w_i f_i, \qquad w_i = h.$$

(Note number of function evaluations.)

Accuracy? $|\tilde{I} - I_h| = ??$

Single Panel: $x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$.

• Taylor series about $x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$:

$$f(x) = f_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + (x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})f'_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})^2}{2}f''_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})^3}{3!}f''_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \cdots$$

• Integrate:

$$\begin{split} \tilde{I}_{i} &:= \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_{i}} f(x) \, dx = h f_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})^{2}}{2} \Big|_{x_{i-1}}^{x_{i}} f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}' + \frac{(x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})^{3}}{3!} \Big|_{x_{i-1}}^{x_{i}} f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}'' + \cdots \\ &= h f_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + 0 + \frac{2h^{3}}{3! 2^{3}} f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}'' + 0 + \frac{2h^{5}}{5! 2^{5}} f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{iv} + 0 + \frac{2h^{7}}{7! 2^{7}} f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{vi} + \cdots \\ &= h f_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{h^{3}}{24} f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}'' + \frac{h^{5}}{1920} f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{iv} + \frac{h^{7}}{322560} f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{vi} + \cdots \\ &= M_{i} + \frac{h^{3}}{24} f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}'' + \frac{h^{5}}{1920} f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{iv} + \frac{h^{7}}{322560} f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{vi} + \cdots \end{split}$$

• Therefore, midpoint rule error (single panel) is:

$$M_i = \tilde{I} - \frac{h^3}{24} f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}'' - \frac{h^5}{1920} f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{iv} - \frac{h^7}{322560} f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{vi} - \cdots$$

• Locally, midpoint rule is $O(h^3)$ accurate.

Trapezoidal Rule: (single panel)

• Taylor series about $x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$.

$$f(x_{i-1}) = f_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{h}{2}f'_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 \frac{f''_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{2!} - \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^3 \frac{f'''_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{3!} + \cdots$$
$$f(x_i) = f_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{h}{2}f'_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 f''_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^3 f'''_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \cdots$$

• Take average:

$$\frac{h}{2}[f_{i-1} + f_i] = M_h + \frac{h^3}{2! 2^2} f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}'' + \frac{h^5}{4! 2^4} f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{iv} + \frac{h^7}{6! 2^6} f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{vi} + \cdots$$

$$= \tilde{I}_i + \frac{h^3}{2! 2^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}'' + \frac{h^5}{4! 2^4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{5}\right) f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{iv} + \frac{h^7}{6! 2^6} \left(1 - \frac{1}{7}\right) f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{vi} + \cdots$$

$$= \tilde{I}_i + \frac{h^3}{12} f'' + \frac{h^5}{480} f^{iv} + \frac{h^7}{53760} f^{vi} + \cdots$$

$$= \tilde{I}_i + c_2 h^3 f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}'' + c_4 h^5 f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{iv} + c_6 h^7 f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{vi} + \cdots$$

• Leading-order error for trapezoid rule is twice that of midpoint.

Composite Rule: Sum trapezoid rule across n panels:

$$\begin{split} I_{CT} &:= h\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_i + \frac{1}{2}(f_0 + f_n)\right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{h}{2}[f_{i-1} + f_i] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\tilde{I}_i + c_2 h^3 f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}'' + c_4 h^5 f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{iv} + c_6 h^7 f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{vi} + \cdots\right] \\ &= \tilde{I} + c_2 h^2 \left[h\sum_{i=1}^n f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}''\right] + c_4 h^4 \left[h\sum_{i=1}^n f_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{iv}\right] + \cdots \\ &= \tilde{I} + \frac{h^2}{12} \left[\int_a^b f'' \, dx + \text{h.o.t.}\right] + c_4 h^4 \left[\int_a^b f^{iv} \, dx + \text{h.o.t.}\right] + \cdots \\ &= \tilde{I} + \frac{h^2}{12} \left[f'(b) - f'(a)\right] + O(h^4). \end{split}$$

- Global truncation error is $O(h^2)$ and has a particularly elegant form.
- Can estimate f'(a) and f'(b) with $O(h^2)$ accurate formula to yield $O(h^4)$ accuracy.
- With care, can also precisely define the coefficient for h^4 , h^6 , and other terms (Euler-Maclaurin Sum Formula).

Examples.

- Apply (composite) trapezoidal rule for several endpoint conditions, f'(a) and f'(b):
 - 1. Standard case (nothing special).
 - 2. Lucky case (f'(a) = f'(b) = 0).
 - 3. Unlucky case $(f'(b) = -\infty)$.
 - 4. Really lucky case $(f^{(k)}(a) = f^{(k)}(b), k = 1, 2, ...).$
- Functions on [a, b] = [0, 1]:

(1)
$$f(x) = e^x$$

(2) $f(x) = e^x (1 - \cos 2\pi x)$

for kase=1:4; for k=1:10; n=2^k; h=1/n; x=[0:n]'/n; if kase==1; f=exp(x); end: if kase==2; f=exp(x).*(1-cos(2*pi*x)); end; if kase==3; f=sqrt(1-x.*x); end; if kase==4; f=log(2+cos(2*pi*x)); end; w=1 + 0*x; w(1)=0.5; w(end)=0.5; w=h*w;Ih(k)=w'*f;if k>1; Id(k-1)=Ih(k-1)-Ih(k); end; if k>2; Ir(k-2)=Id(k-2)/Id(k-1); end; hk(k)=h;if k>2; RATIO = Id(k-1)/Id(k-2); [n RATIO]; end;

- (4) $f(x) = \log(2 + \cos 2\pi x)$ (5) $f(x) = e^{-30x^2}$ (6) $f(x) = e^{\cos 30\pi x}$.

(3) $f(x) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$

• quad1.m example.

Trapezoidal Rule Example

Quadrature: Trapezoidal Rule

Let
$$\mathcal{I} := \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{j=0}^N w_j f(x_j) =: Q_N.$$

For trapezoidal rule (with uniform spacing, say),

$$x_j = a + j \cdot \Delta x, \quad \Delta x := (b-a)/N,$$

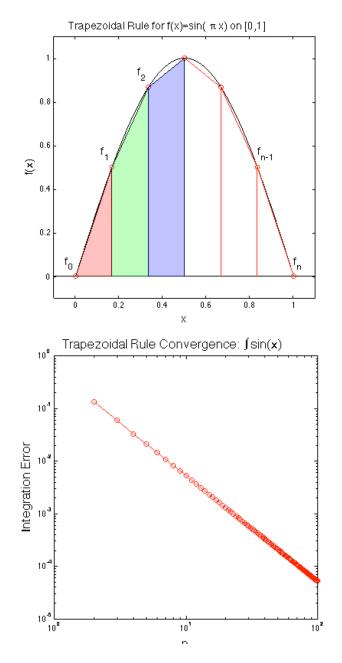
$$w_j = \Delta x, \ j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

$$w_0 = w_n = \frac{1}{2}\Delta x.$$

• Convergence is $O(N^{-2})$:

$$|\mathcal{I} - Q_N| \sim CN^{-2}$$

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Trapezoidal Rule vs. Gauss-Lobatto-Legendre Quadrature

Gauss-Lobatto-Legendre Quadrature

Let
$$\mathcal{I} := \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{j=0}^N w_j f(x_j) =: Q_N.$$

$$x_j = a + \frac{b-a}{2}(\xi_j + 1)$$

 $\xi_j = \text{GLL quadrature points} = \text{zeros of} (1 - \xi^2) L'_N(\xi)$

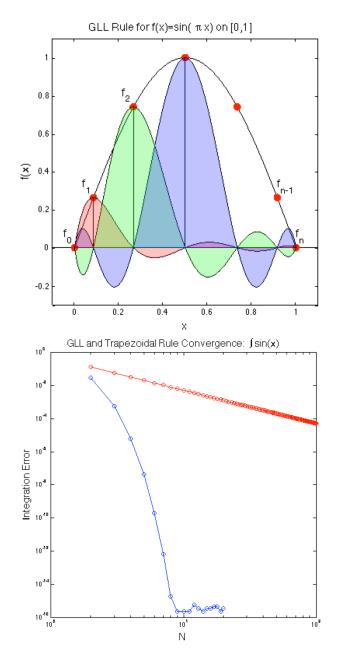
$$w_j = \frac{b-a}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} h_j(\xi) d\xi$$

= $\frac{b-a}{2} \rho_j, \ \rho_j := \text{GLL quadrature weight on } [-1, 1]$

• For smooth functions, convergence is $O(e^{-\sigma N})$:

$$|\mathcal{I} - Q_N| \sim Ce^{-\sigma N}, \ \sigma > 0.$$

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Trapezoidal Rule vs. Gauss-Lobatto-Legendre Quadrature

Gauss-Lobatto-Legendre Quadrature

Let
$$\mathcal{I} := \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{j=0}^N w_j f(x_j) =: Q_N.$$

$$x_j = a + \frac{b-a}{2}(\xi_j + 1)$$

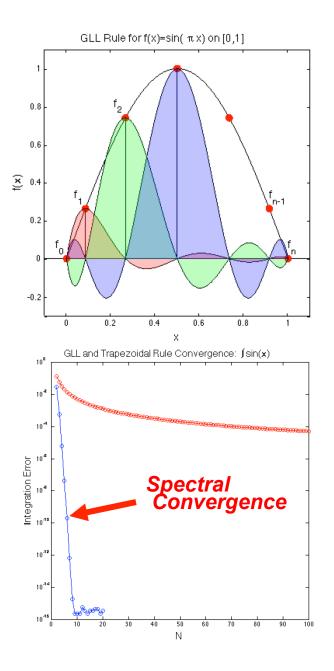
 $\xi_j = \text{GLL quadrature points} = \text{zeros of} (1 - \xi^2) L'_N(\xi)$

$$w_j = \frac{b-a}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} h_j(\xi) d\xi$$

= $\frac{b-a}{2} \rho_j, \ \rho_j := \text{GLL quadrature weight on } [-1,1]$

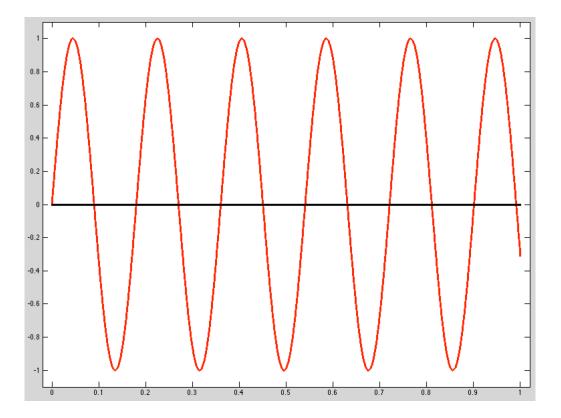
• For smooth functions, convergence is $O(e^{-\sigma N})$:

$$|\mathcal{I} - Q_N| \sim Ce^{-\sigma N}, \ \sigma > 0.$$



Working with 1D Nodal Bases

□ What is the convergence behavior for highly oscillatory functions?



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Strategies to improve to $O(h^4)$ or higher?

- Endpoint Correction.
 - Estimate f'(a) and f'(b) to $O(h^2)$ using available f_i data.

- How?

- **Q:** What happens if you don't have at least $O(h^2)$ accuracy?
- - Requires knowing the c_2 coefficient. :(

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• Richardson Extrapolation.

$$I_{h} = \tilde{I} + c_{2}h^{2} + O(h^{4})$$

$$I_{2h} = \tilde{I} + 4c_{2}h^{2} + O(h^{4})$$
(Reuses $f_{i}, i = \text{even!}$)
$$I_{R} = \left[\frac{4}{3}I_{h} - \frac{1}{3}I_{2h}\right]$$

$$= I_{\text{SIMPSON}}!$$

Composite Trapezoidal + Richardson Extrapolation

For composite trapezoidal rule, can show that if $f \in C^{2K+1}$ then

$$I = I_{CT} + \tilde{c}_2 h^2 + \tilde{c}_4 h^4 + \tilde{c}_6 h^6 + \ldots + \tilde{c}_{2K} h^{2K} + O(h^{2K+1})$$

Suggests the following strategy:

(1)
$$I = I_{CT(h)} + \tilde{c}_2 h^2 + \tilde{c}_4 h^4 + \tilde{c}_6 h^6 + \dots$$

(2) $I = I_{CT(2h)} + \tilde{c}_2 (2h)^2 + \tilde{c}_4 (2h)^4 + \tilde{c}_6 (2h)^6 + \dots$

Take 4 ×(1)-(2) (eliminate $O(h^2)$ term):

$$4I - I = 4I_{CT(h)} - I_{CT(2h)} + c'_4 h^4 + c'_6 h^6 + \dots$$

$$I = \frac{4}{3}I_{CT(h)} - \frac{1}{3}I_{CT(2h)} + \hat{c}_4h^4 + \hat{c}_6h^6 + h.o.t.$$
$$= I_{S(2h)} + \hat{c}_4h^4 + \hat{c}_6h^6 + h.o.t.$$

This is Richardson Extrapolation. Understand it.

Here,

$$I_{S(2h)} := \frac{4}{3} I_{CT(h)} - \frac{1}{3} I_{CT(2h)}$$

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Composite Trapezoidal + Richardson Extrapolation

Can in fact show that if $f \in C^{2K+1}$ then

$$I = Q_{CT} + \tilde{c}_2 h^2 + \tilde{c}_4 h^4 + \tilde{c}_6 h^6 + \ldots + \tilde{c}_{2K} h^{2K} + O(h^{2K+1})$$

sts the following strategy:
$$Original error - O(h^2)$$

Suggests the following strategy:

(1)
$$I = Q_{CT(h)} + \tilde{c}_2 h^2 + \tilde{c}_4 h^4 + \tilde{c}_6 h^6 + \dots$$

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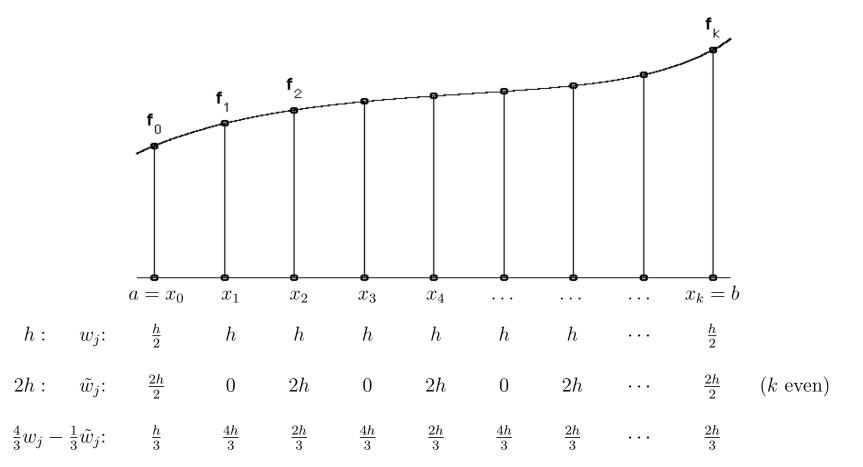
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$$4I - I = 4Q_{CT(h)} - Q_{CT(2h)} + c'_{4}h^{4} + c'_{6}h^{6} + \dots$$

$$I = \frac{4}{3}Q_{CT(h)} - \frac{1}{3}Q_{CT(2h)} + \hat{c}_{4}h^{4} + \hat{c}_{6}h^{6} + \dots$$

$$= Q_{S(2h)} + \hat{c}_{4}h^{4} + \hat{c}_{6}h^{6} + h.o.t.$$
Here, $Q_{S(2h)} \equiv \frac{4}{3}Q_{CT(h)} - \frac{1}{3}Q_{CT(2h)}$
New error - O(h⁴)

Richardson Extrapolation + Composite Trapezoidal Rule



Richardson + Composite Trapezoidal = Composite Simpson

- But we never compute it this way.
- □ Just use $Q_{CS} = (4 Q_{CT(h)} Q_{CT(2h)}) / 3$
- No new function evaluations required!

Repeated Richardson Extrapolation (Romberg Integration)

We can repeat the extrapolation process to get rid of the O(h⁴) term.
 And repeat again, to get rid of O(h⁶) term.

$$T_{k,0} = \text{Trapezoidal rule with} h = (b-a)/2^{k}$$

$$T_{k,j} = \frac{4^{j} T_{k,j-1} - T_{k-1,j-1}}{4^{j} - 1}$$

$$h \qquad T_{0,0}$$

$$h/2 \qquad T_{1,0} \qquad T_{1,1}$$

$$h/4 \qquad T_{2,0} \qquad T_{2,1} \qquad T_{2,2}$$

$$h/8 \qquad T_{3,0} \qquad T_{3,1} \qquad T_{3,2} \qquad T_{3,3}$$

$$O(h^{2}) \quad O(h^{4}) \quad O(h^{6}) \quad O(h^{8})$$

Idea works just as well if errors are of form c₁h + c₂h² + c₃h³ + ..., but tabular form would involve 2^j instead of 4^j

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exact = exp(1)-1;
n = 16;
x=0:n; x=x'/n; h=x(2)-x(1); f=exp(cos(5*x)); f=exp(-x.*x); f=exp(x);
T = zeros(5,5);
T(1,1)=16*h*(sum(f(1:16:end))-(f(1)+f(n+1))/2); % n must be divisible by 16
T(2,1) = 8*h*(sum(f(1: 8:end))-(f(1)+f(n+1))/2);
T(3,1) = 4*h*(sum(f(1: 4:end)) - (f(1)+f(n+1))/2);
T(4,1) = 2*h*(sum(f(1: 2:end)) - (f(1)+f(n+1))/2);
T(5,1) = 1 + h + (sum(f(1: 1:end)) - (f(1) + f(n+1))/2);  Finest approximation
format compact; format longe
T(:, 1:1)
for j=2:5; for i=j:5; j1=j-1;
  T(i,j)=((4^{j1})*T(i,j-1)-T(i-1,j-1))/(4^{j1}-1);
end;end;
```

Richardson Example

$$I = \int_0^1 e^x \, dx$$

Initial values, all created from same 17 values of f(x).

1.859140914229523 1.753931092464825 1.727221904557517 1.720518592164302 1.718841128579994

Using these 5 values, we build the table (extrapolate) to get more precision.

None	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1.859140914229				
1.753931092464	1.718861151876			
1.727221904557	1.718318841921	1.718282687924		
1.720518592164	1.718284154699	1.718281842218	1.718281828794	
1.718841128579	1.718281974051	1.718281828675	1.718281828460	1.718281828459

Richardson Example

Error for Richardson Extrapolation (aka Romberg integration)

1/h	None	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	1.4086e-01				
2	3.5649e-02	5.7932e-04			
4	8.9401e-03	3.7013e-05	8.5947e-07		
8	2.2368e-03	2.3262e-06	1.3759e-08	3.3549e-10	
16	5.5930e-04	1.4559e-07	2.1631e-10	1.3429e-12	3.2419e-14
	O(h^2)	O(h^4)	O(h^6)	O(h^8)	O(h^10)

Gauss Quadrature Results

n	Qn	E
2	1.8591e+00	1.4086e-01
3	1.7189e+00	5.7932e-04
4	1.7183e+00	1.0995e-06
5	1.7183e+00	1.1666e-09
6	1.7183e+00	7.8426e-13
7	1.7183e+00	0

Richardson Extrapolation Romberg Integration

Richardson Extrapolation

- In many problems, such as numerical integration or differentiation, approximate value for some quantity is computed based on some step size
- Ideally, we would like to obtain limiting value as step size approaches zero, but we cannot take step size arbitrarily small because of excessive cost or rounding error
- Based on values for nonzero step sizes, however, we may be able to estimate value for step size of zero
- One way to do this is called *Richardson extrapolation*



Richardson Extrapolation, continued

- Let F(h) denote value obtained with step size h
- If we compute value of F for some nonzero step sizes, and if we know theoretical behavior of F(h) as $h \to 0$, then we can extrapolate from known values to obtain approximate value for F(0)
- Suppose that

$$F(h) = a_0 + a_1 h^p + \mathcal{O}(h^r)$$

as $h \to 0$ for some p and r, with r > p

• Assume we know values of p and r, but not a_0 or a_1 (indeed, $F(0) = a_0$ is what we seek)

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Richardson Extrapolation, continued

- Suppose we have computed F for two step sizes, say h and h/q for some positive integer q
- Then we have

$$F(h) = a_0 + a_1 h^p + \mathcal{O}(h^r)$$

$$F(h/q) = a_0 + a_1 (h/q)^p + \mathcal{O}(h^r) = a_0 + a_1 q^{-p} h^p + \mathcal{O}(h^r)$$

 This system of two linear equations in two unknowns a₀ and a₁ is easily solved to obtain

$$a_0 = F(h) + \frac{F(h) - F(h/q)}{q^{-p} - 1} + \mathcal{O}(h^r)$$

• Accuracy of improved value, a_0 , is $\mathcal{O}(h^r)$



Richardson Extrapolation Romberg Integration

Richardson Extrapolation, continued

- Extrapolated value, though improved, is still only approximate, not exact, and its accuracy is still limited by step size and arithmetic precision used
- If F(h) is known for several values of h, then extrapolation process can be repeated to produce still more accurate approximations, up to limitations imposed by finite-precision arithmetic



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Example: Richardson Extrapolation

- Use Richardson extrapolation to improve accuracy of finite difference approximation to derivative of function $\sin(x)$ at x = 1
- Using first-order accurate forward difference approximation, we have

$$F(h) = a_0 + a_1h + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

so p = 1 and r = 2 in this instance

• Using step sizes of h = 0.5 and h/2 = 0.25 (i.e., q = 2), we obtain

$$F(h) = \frac{\sin(1.5) - \sin(1)}{0.5} = 0.312048$$

$$F(h/2) = \frac{\sin(1.25) - \sin(1)}{0.25} = 0.430055$$

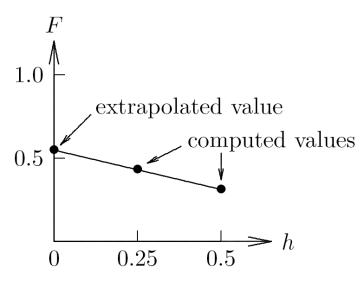
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Example, continued

Extrapolated value is then given by

$$F(0) = a_0 = F(h) + \frac{F(h) - F(h/2)}{(1/2) - 1} = 2F(h/2) - F(h) = 0.548061$$

• For comparison, correctly rounded result is $\cos(1) = 0.540302$



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Example: Romberg Integration

• As another example, evaluate

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(x) \, dx$$

• Using composite trapezoid rule, we have

$$F(h) = a_0 + a_1 h^2 + \mathcal{O}(h^4)$$

so p = 2 and r = 4 in this instance

- With $h = \pi/2$, $F(h) = F(\pi/2) = 0.785398$
- With q = 2, $F(h/2) = F(\pi/4) = 0.948059$

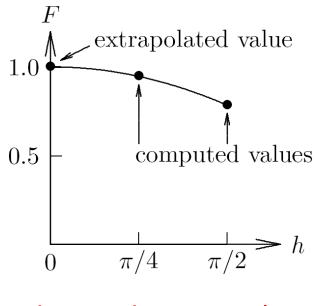
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Example, continued

Extrapolated value is then given by

$$F(0) = a_0 = F(h) + \frac{F(h) - F(h/2)}{2^{-2} - 1} = \frac{4F(h/2) - F(h)}{3} = 1.002280$$

which is substantially more accurate than values previously computed (exact answer is 1)



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Richardson Extrapolation Romberg Integration

Romberg Integration

- Continued Richardson extrapolations using composite trapezoid rule with successively halved step sizes is called *Romberg integration*
- It is capable of producing very high accuracy (up to limit imposed by arithmetic precision) for very smooth integrands
- It is often implemented in automatic (though nonadaptive) fashion, with extrapolations continuing until change in successive values falls below specified error tolerance



Quadrature Rules Adaptive Quadrature Other Integration Problems

Double Integrals

Approaches for evaluating double integrals include

- Use automatic one-dimensional quadrature routine for each dimension, one for outer integral and another for inner integral
- Use product quadrature rule resulting from applying one-dimensional rule to successive dimensions
- Use non-product quadrature rule for regions such as triangles

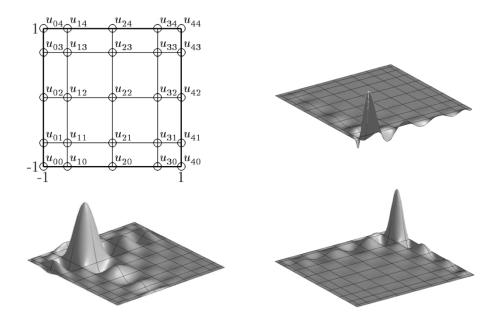


Tensor-Product Integration

• As with interpolation, if domain can be expressed in rectangular form, then can use tensor-products of 1D interpolants:

$$Q_n = \sum_{j=0}^N \sum_{i=0}^N w_i w_j f(\xi_i, \xi_j)$$

- The weights are just the 1D quadrature weights.
- More complex domains handled by mappings of [-1,1] to more general shapes and/or by using composite multidomain integration.



Quadrature Rules Adaptive Quadrature Other Integration Problems

Multiple Integrals

- To evaluate multiple integrals in higher dimensions, only generally viable approach is Monte Carlo method
- Function is sampled at *n* points distributed randomly in domain of integration, and mean of function values is multiplied by area (or volume, etc.) of domain to obtain estimate for integral
- Error in estimate goes to zero as $1/\sqrt{n}$, so to gain one additional decimal digit of accuracy requires increasing n by factor of 100
- For this reason, Monte Carlo calculations of integrals often require millions of evaluations of integrand

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Multiple Integrals, continued

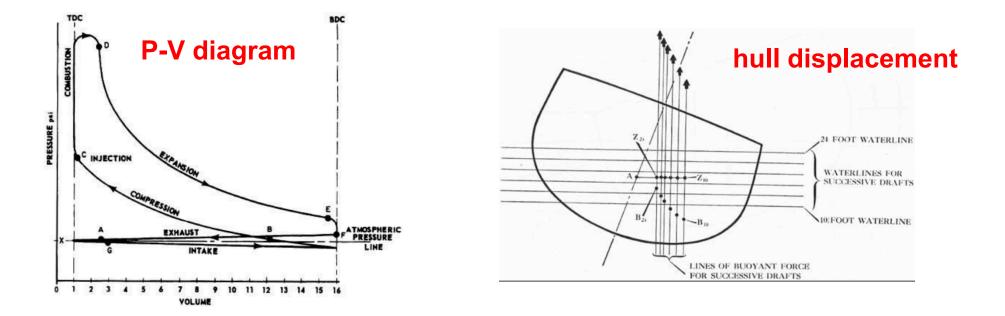
- Monte Carlo method is not competitive for dimensions one or two, but strength of method is that its convergence rate is independent of number of dimensions
- For example, one million points in six dimensions amounts to only ten points per dimension, which is much better than any type of conventional quadrature rule would require for same level of accuracy

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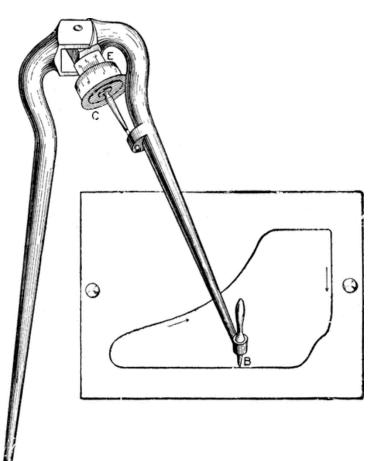
Mechanical Integration

- In the 19th Century, integration was required for many engineering disciplines, including engine and ship design.
 - For engine design, knowing the area swept out in the P-V diagram can tell how much energy is produced during a single cycle.
 - For ship design, knowing the displacement of the hull at different angles of roll tells about the buoyancy. Knowing the moments is important for stability.



Mechanical Integration

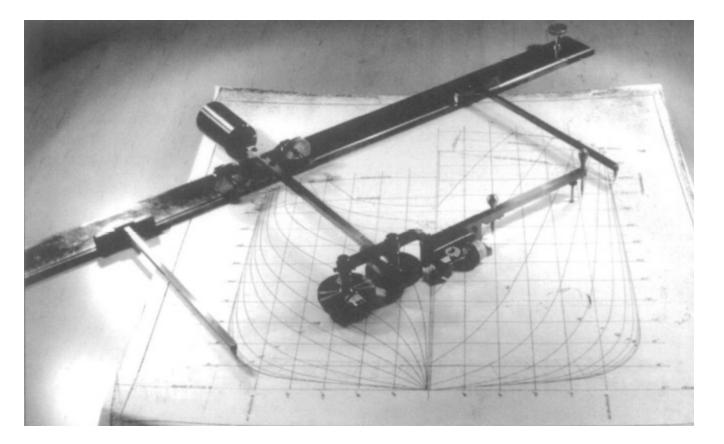
- In the mid-19th century, mathematicians developed mechanical integrators that can easily find the area under curves to remarkable precision.
- They generally go by the name of planimeters or polar planimeters.



Mechanical Integration

- Even more sophisticated integrators could compute first moments important for many design problems.
- Later, we'll see mechanical integrators for Fourier transforms that were responsible for the discovery of the Gibbs phenomenon. U of I had an important role in this discovery.

 $\int_{A} y \, dA$



Basic Idea of Planimeter

• Let

$$\mathbf{u} = (u, v) = vector field$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = scalar field.$$

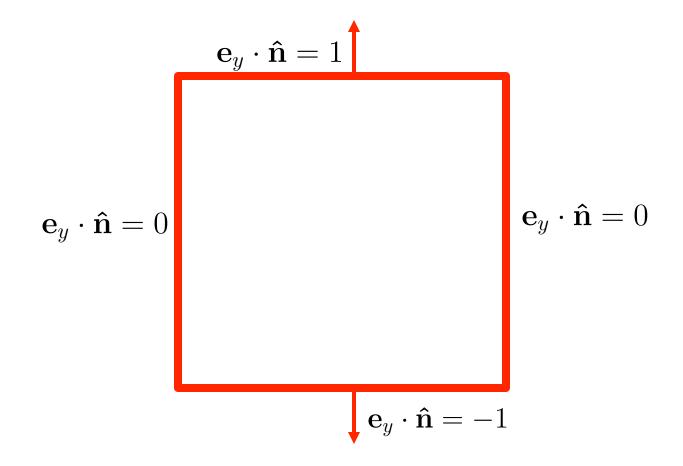
• Divergence Theorem:

$$\int_{A} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \, dA = \int_{S} \mathbf{u} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} \, dS.$$

• For the planimeter, consider $\mathbf{u} = (0, y)$:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{0} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbf{y} \equiv \mathbf{1}$$
$$A = \int_{A} \mathbf{1} \, dA = \int_{S} y \mathbf{e}_{y} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} \, dS.$$

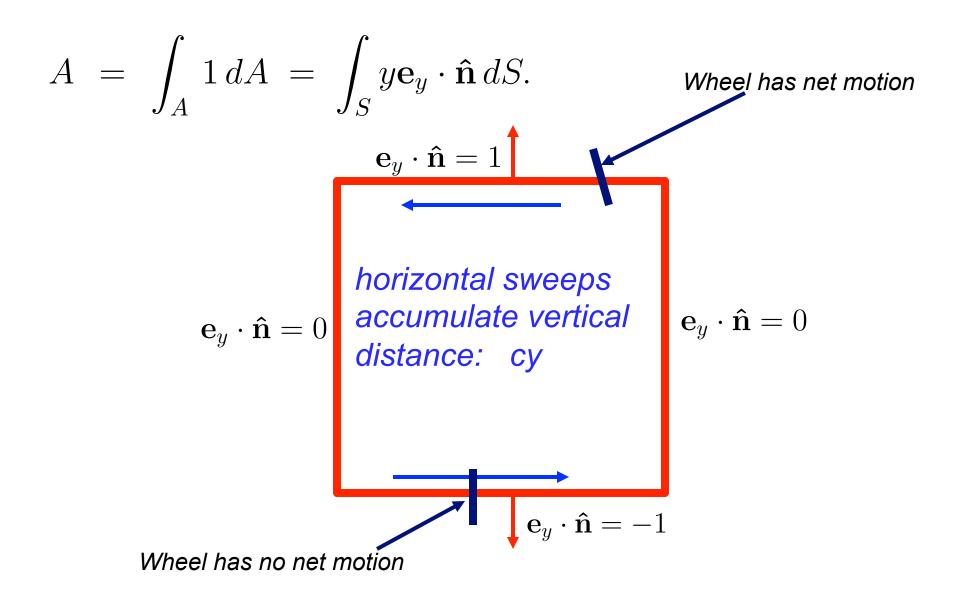
$$A = \int_A 1 \, dA = \int_S y \mathbf{e}_y \cdot \, \mathbf{\hat{n}} \, dS.$$



Action of Planimeter

$$A = \int_{A} 1 \, dA = \int_{S} y \mathbf{e}_{y} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} \, dS.$$
$$\mathbf{e}_{y} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} = 1$$
$$\mathbf{e}_{y} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} = 0$$
$$vertical \ sweeps \ cancel$$
$$\mathbf{e}_{y} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} = 0$$
$$\mathbf{e}_{y} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} = -1$$

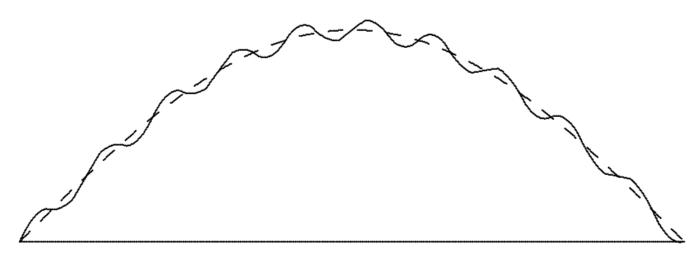
Action of Planimeter



Numerical Differentiation Finite Difference Approximations Automatic Differentiation

Numerical Differentiation

- Differentiation is inherently sensitive, as small perturbations in data can cause large changes in result
- Differentiation is inverse of integration, which is inherently stable because of its smoothing effect
- For example, two functions shown below have very similar definite integrals but very different derivatives





Numerical Differentiation Finite Difference Approximations Automatic Differentiation

Numerical Differentiation, continued

- To approximate derivative of function whose values are known only at discrete set of points, good approach is to fit some smooth function to given data and then differentiate approximating function
- If given data are sufficiently smooth, then interpolation may be appropriate, but if data are noisy, then smoothing approximating function, such as least squares spline, is more appropriate

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Numerical Differentiation Techniques

Three common approaches for deriving formulas

Taylor series

Taylor series + Richardson extrapolation

Differentiate Lagrange interpolants
 Readily programmed, see, e.g., Fornberg's spectral methods text.

Example Matlab Code

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function[Jh] = interp_mat(xo,xi)
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function[Dh] = dhat(x)
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% Compute the interpolatory derivative matrix D ij associated
% Compute the interpolation matrix from xi to xo
                                                                 % with nodes x j such that
no = length(xo);
                                                                                          w = D * u
ni = length(xi);
                                                                 8
                                                                 % returns the derivative of u at the points x i.
Jh = zeros(ni, no);
w = zeros(ni,2);
                                                                 n1 = length(x);
for i=1:no;
                                                                 w = zeros(n1,2);
  w = fd weights_full(xo(i),xi,1);
                                                                 Dh = zeros(n1, n1);
  Jh(:,i) = w(:,1);
                                                                 for i=1:n1;
end;
                                                                   w = fd weights full(x(i),x,1);
Jh = Jh':
                                                                   Dh(:,i) = w(:,2);
                                                                 end;
                                                                 Dh = Dh';
                                                                        function[c] = fd weights full(xx,x,m);
                                                                        n1 = length(x);
                                                                        m1 = m+1;
   This routine evaluates the derivative based on all poin
   in the stencils.
                                                                        c1
                                                                                  = 1.;
                                                                        c4
                                                                                  = x(1) - xx;
   This set of routines comes from the appendix of
   A Practical Guide to Pseudospectral Methods, B. Fornberg
                                                                        c = zeros(n1,m1);
   Cambridge Univ. Press, 1996.
                                                                        c(1,1) = 1.;
   Input parameters:
                                                                        for i=1:n;
                                                                                                       i1 = i+1;
     xx -- point at wich the approximations are to be accu
                                                                           mn = min(i,m);
                                                                                                       mn1 = mn+1;
     x -- array of x-ordinates: x(0:n)
                                                                           c2 = 1.;
     m -- highest order of derivative to be approxxmated
                                                                           c5 = c4;
                                                                           c4 = x(i1) - xx;
                                                                                                       j1 = j+1;
   Output:
                                                                           for j=0:i-1;
     c -- set of coefficients c(0:n,0:m).
                                                                              c3 = x(i1) - x(j1);
            c(j,k) is to be applied at x(j) when
                                                                              c_{2} = c_{2} c_{3};
            the kth derivative is approximated by a
                                                                              for k=mn:-1:1;
                                                                                                       k1 = k+1;
            stencil extending over x(0), x(1), \dots, x(n).
                                                                                  c(i1,k1) = c1*(k*c(i1-1,k1-1)-c5*c(i1-1,k1))/c
                                                                               end;
                                                                               c(i1,1) = -c1*c5*c(i1-1,1)/c2;
                                                                               for k=mn:-1:1;
                                                                                                 k1 = k+1;
                                                                                  c(j1,k1) = (c4*c(j1,k1)-k*c(j1,k1-1))/c3;
   Follows p. 168--169 of Fornberg's book.
                                                                               end;
                                                                               c(j1,1) = c4*c(j1,1)/c3;
                                                                          end;
                                                                          c1 = c2;
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end;
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Using Taylor Series to Derive Difference Formulas

Taylor Series:

(1)
$$f_{j+1} = f_j + hf'_j + \frac{h^2}{2}f''_j + \frac{h^3}{3!}f'''_j + \frac{h^4}{4!}f^{(4)}(\xi_+)$$

(2) $f_j = f_j$
(3) $f_{j-1} = f_j - hf'_j + \frac{h^2}{2}f''_j - \frac{h^3}{3!}f'''_j + \frac{h^4}{4!}f^{(4)}(\xi_-)$

Approximation of $f'_j := f'(x_j)$:

$$\frac{1}{h}\left[(1) - (2)\right]: \quad \frac{f_{j+1} - f_j}{h} = f'_j + \frac{h}{2}f''_j + h.o.t.$$

or

$$\frac{1}{2h}\left[(1) - (3)\right]: \quad \frac{f_{j+1} - f_{j-1}}{2h} = f'_j + \frac{h^2}{3!}f'''_j + h.o.t.$$

Richardson Extrapolation

$$\begin{split} \delta_{h} : \quad \frac{f_{j+1} - f_{j}}{h} &= f_{j}' + c_{1}h + c_{2}h^{2} + c_{3}h^{3} + \cdots \\ \delta_{2h} : \quad \frac{f_{j+2} - f_{j}}{2h} &= f_{j}' + c_{1}2h + c_{2}4h^{2} + c_{3}8h^{3} + \cdots \\ 2\delta_{h} - \delta_{2h} &= \frac{4f_{j+1} - 4f_{j}}{2h} - \frac{f_{j+2} - f_{j}}{2h} \\ &= \frac{-3f_{j} + 4f_{j+1} - f_{j+2}}{2h} \\ &= f_{j}' + \tilde{c}_{2}h^{2} + \tilde{c}_{3}h^{3} + \cdots \\ \end{split}$$

Given Series 2 Formula is improved from O(h) to $O(h^2)$

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Finite Difference Approximations

- Given smooth function $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, we wish to approximate its first and second derivatives at point x
- Consider Taylor series expansions

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + f'(x)h + \frac{f''(x)}{2}h^2 + \frac{f'''(x)}{6}h^3 + \cdots$$

$$f(x-h) = f(x) - f'(x)h + \frac{f''(x)}{2}h^2 - \frac{f'''(x)}{6}h^3 + \cdots$$

• Solving for f'(x) in first series, obtain *forward difference* approximation

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} - \frac{f''(x)}{2}h + \dots \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

which is first-order accurate since dominant term in remainder of series is $\mathcal{O}(h)$

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Finite Difference Approximations, continued

 Similarly, from second series derive backward difference approximation

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(x - h)}{h} + \frac{f''(x)}{2}h + \cdots$$
$$\approx \frac{f(x) - f(x - h)}{h}$$

which is also first-order accurate

 Subtracting second series from first series gives centered difference approximation

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} - \frac{f'''(x)}{6}h^2 + \cdots$$

$$\approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}$$

which is second-order accurate

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 Adding both series together gives centered difference approximation for second derivative

$$f''(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{h^2} - \frac{f^{(4)}(x)}{12}h^2 + \cdots$$
$$\approx \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{h^2}$$

which is also second-order accurate

 Finite difference approximations can also be derived by polynomial interpolation, which is less cumbersome than Taylor series for higher-order accuracy or higher-order derivatives, and is more easily generalized to unequally spaced points

< interactive example >

Example

Use Richardson extrapolation to derive 5 point high-order approximation to f'(x_i)