

~ Numerical Differentiation and Integration ~

Newton-Cotes Integration Formulas

Chapter 21

- *Calculus* is the mathematics of change. Since engineers continuously deal with systems and processes that change, *calculus* is an essential tool of engineering.
- Standing at the heart of *calculus* are the concepts of:

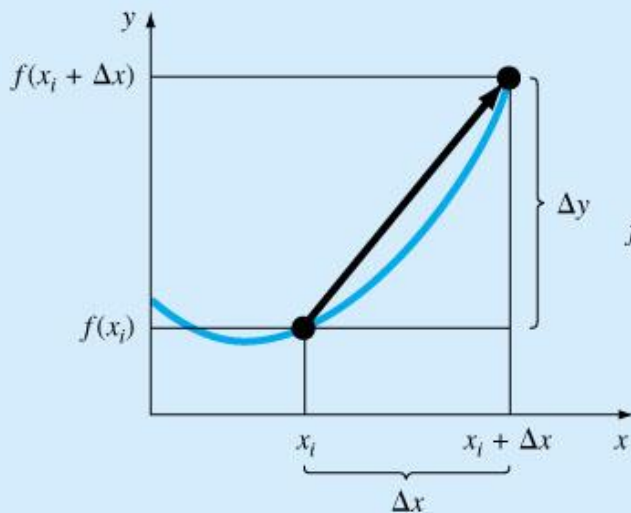
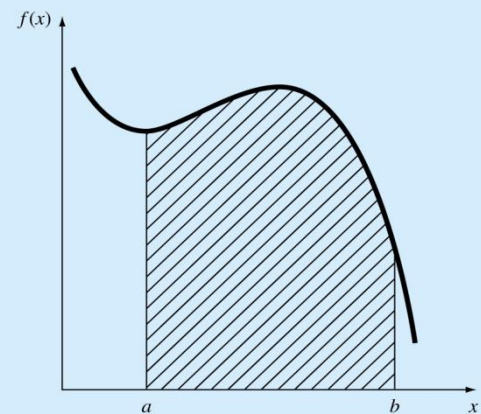
Differentiation

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(x_i + \Delta x) - f(x_i)}{\Delta x}$$

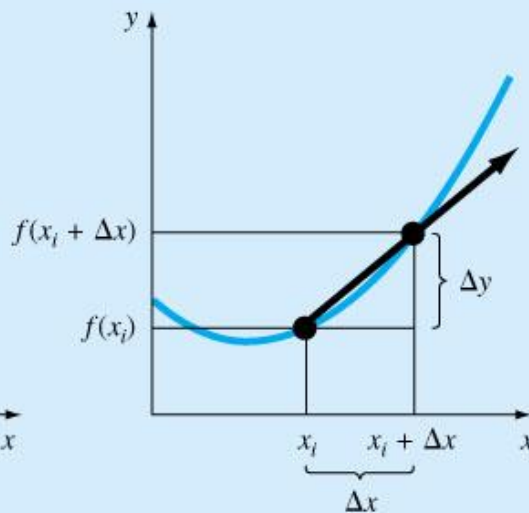
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_i + \Delta x) - f(x_i)}{\Delta x}$$

and Integration

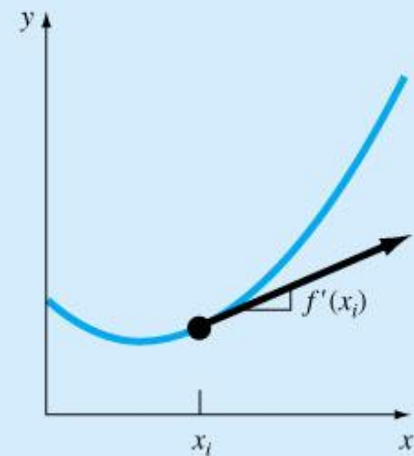
$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$



(a)



(b)



(c)

Newton-Cotes Integration Formulas

- Based on the strategy of replacing a complicated function or tabulated data with an approximating function that is easy to integrate:

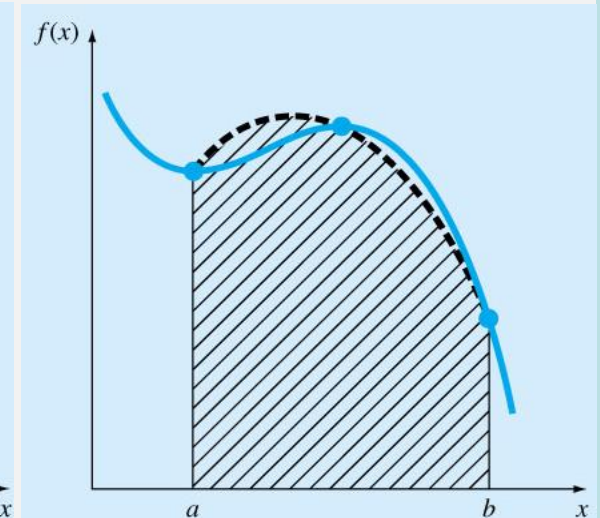
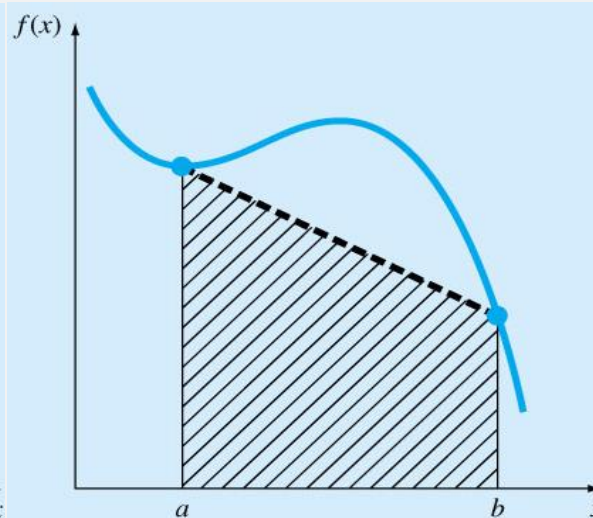
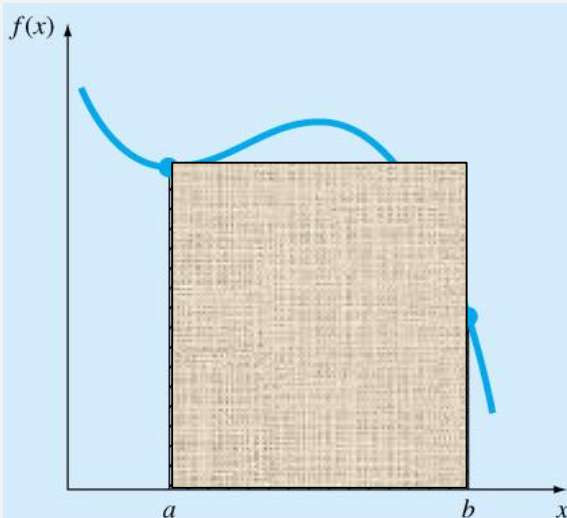
$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx \cong \int_a^b f_n(x) dx$$

$$f_n(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n$$

Zero order approximation

First-order

Second-order



The Trapezoidal Rule

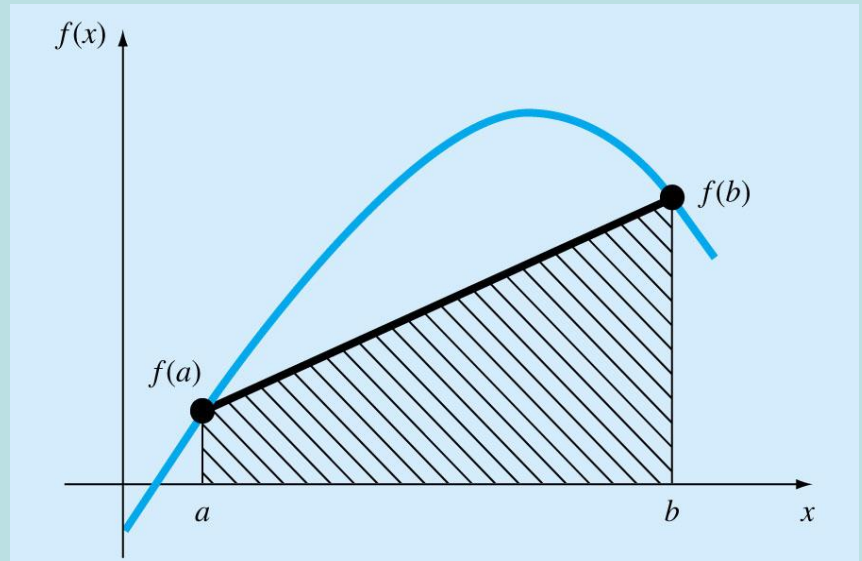
- Use a first order polynomial in approximating the function $f(x)$:

$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx \cong \int_a^b f_1(x) dx$$

- The area under this first order polynomial is an estimate of the integral of $f(x)$ between a and b :

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

Trapezoidal rule



Error:

$$E_t = -\frac{1}{12} f''(\xi)(b-a)^3$$

where ξ lies somewhere in the interval from a to b

Example 21.1 Single Application of the Trapezoidal Rule

$$f(x) = 0.2 + 25x - 200x^2 + 675x^3 - 900x^4 + 400x^5$$

Integrate $f(x)$ from $a=0$ to $b=0.8$

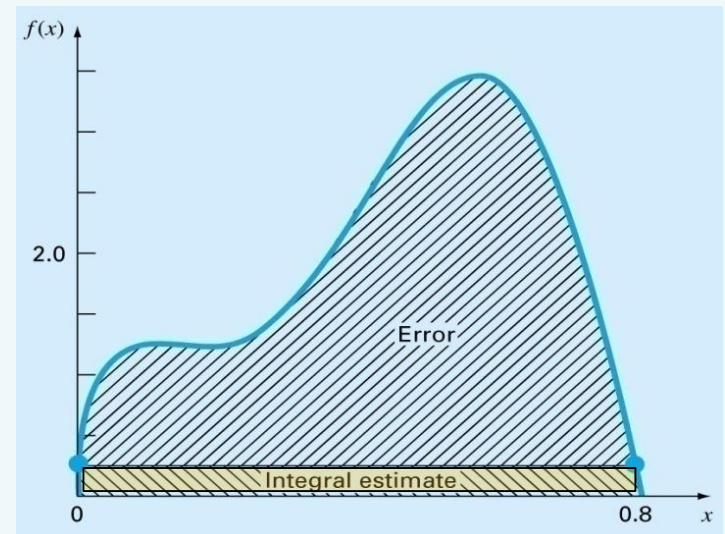
$$\text{True integral value: } I = \int_{a=0}^{b=0.8} f(x) dx = 1.64053$$

Solution: $f(a)=f(0) = 0.2$ and $f(b)=f(0.8) = 0.232$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Trapezoidal Rule: } I &= (b-a) \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \\ &= 0.8 \frac{0.2 + 0.232}{2} = 0.1728 \end{aligned}$$

which represents an error of :

$$E_t = 1.64053 - 0.1728 = 1.46773 \quad \varepsilon_t = 89.5\%$$



The Multiple-Application Trapezoidal Rule

- The accuracy can be improved by dividing the interval from a to b into a number of segments and applying the method to each segment.
- The areas of individual segments are added to yield the integral for the entire interval.

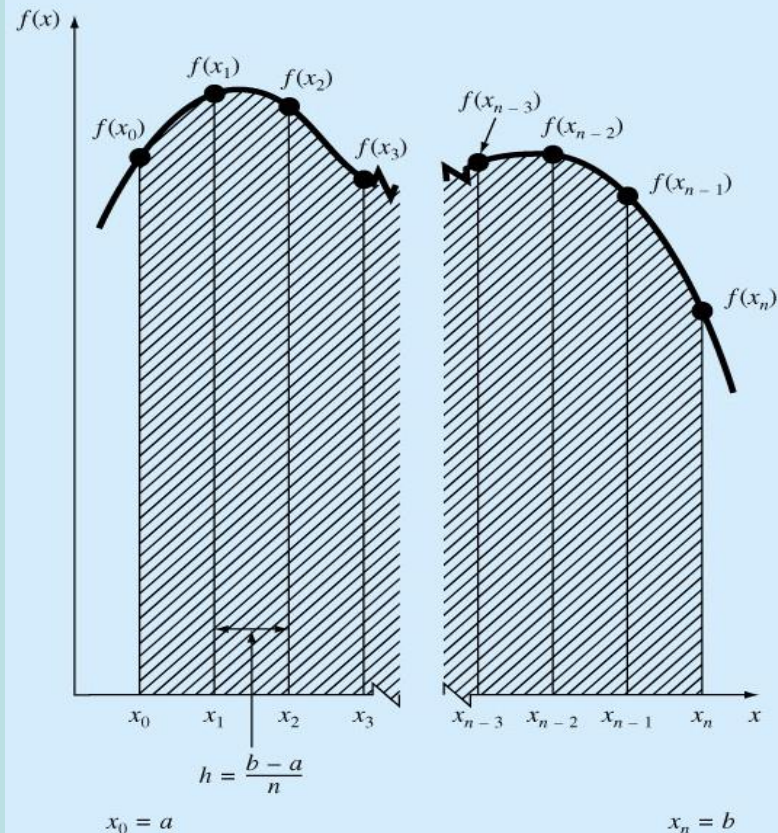
$$h = \frac{b-a}{n} \quad n = \# \text{ of seg.} \quad a = x_0 \quad b = x_n$$

$$I = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x)dx + \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x)dx + \cdots + \int_{x_{n-1}}^{x_n} f(x)dx$$

Using the trapezoidal rule, we get:

$$I = h \frac{f(x_0) + f(x_1)}{2} + h \frac{f(x_1) + f(x_2)}{2} + \cdots + h \frac{f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)}{2}$$

$$I = \frac{b-a}{2n} \left[f(x_0) + f(x_n) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(x_i) \right]$$



The Error Estimate for The Multiple-Application Trapezoidal Rule

- Error estimate for **one segment** is given as:

$$E_t = \left| \frac{(b-a)^3}{12} f''(\xi) \right|$$

- An error for multiple-application trapezoidal rule can be obtained by summing the individual errors for each segment:

$$E_a = \frac{h^3}{12} \sum_{i=1}^n f''(\xi_i) \quad \text{since} \quad \sum f''(\xi_i) \cong n\bar{f}''$$

$$E_a = \frac{h^3}{12} n\bar{f}'' \quad \text{where } \bar{f}'' \text{ is the mean of the second derivative over the interval}$$

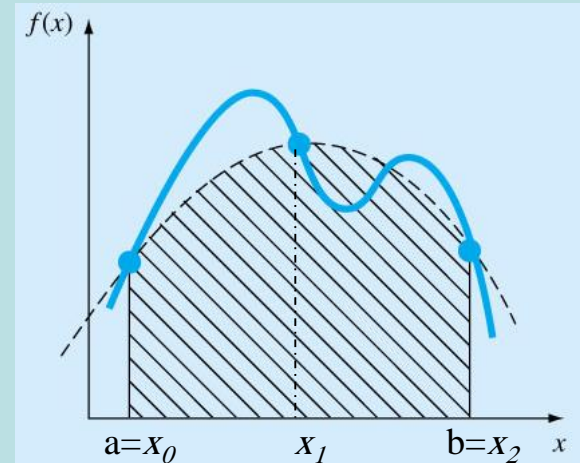
$$\text{Since } h = \frac{(b-a)}{n} \quad E_a = \frac{(b-a)^3}{12n^2} \bar{f}'' = \frac{(b-a)}{12} h^2 \bar{f}'' = O(h^2)$$

***Thus, if the number of segments is doubled,
the truncation error will be quartered.***

Simpson's Rules

- More accurate estimate of an integral is obtained if a high-order polynomial is used to connect the points. These formulas are called ***Simpson's rules***.

Simpson's 1/3 Rule: results when a **2nd order Lagrange interpolating polynomial** is used for $f(x)$



$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx \cong \int_a^b f_2(x) dx \quad \text{where } f_2(x) \text{ is a second-order polynomial}$$

Using $a = x_0$ $b = x_2$

$$I = \int_{x_0}^{x_2} \left[\frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)} f(x_0) + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)} f(x_1) + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)} f(x_2) \right] dx$$

after integration and algebraic manipulation, the following formula results:

$$I \cong \frac{h}{3} [f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)] \quad h = \frac{b-a}{2} \quad \Leftarrow \quad \text{SIMPSON'S 1/3 RULE}$$

The Multiple-Application Simpson's 1/3 Rule

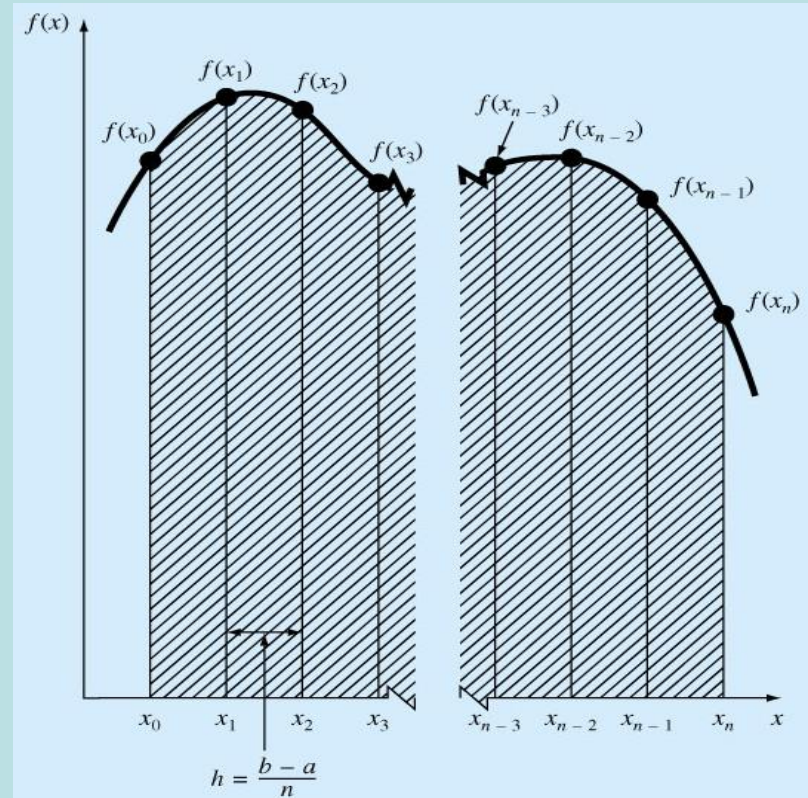
- Just as the trapezoidal rule, Simpson's rule can be improved by dividing the integration interval into a number of segments of equal width.
- However, it is limited to cases where values are **equispaced**, there are an **even number of segments and odd number of points**.

$$h = \frac{b-a}{n} \quad n = \# \text{ of seg.} \quad a = x_0 \quad b = x_n$$

$$I = \int_{x_0}^{x_2} f^0(x) dx + \int_{x_2}^{x_4} f^2(x) dx + \dots + \int_{x_{n-2}}^{x_n} f^{n-2}(x) dx$$

$$I = \frac{h}{3} (f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)) + \frac{h}{3} (f(x_2) + 4f(x_3) + f(x_4)) + \dots + \frac{h}{3} (f(x_{n-2}) + 4f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n))$$

$$I = \frac{h}{3} \left(f(x_0) + 4 \sum_{i=1,3,5,\dots}^{n-1} f(x_i) + 2 \sum_{j=2,4,6,\dots}^{n-2} f(x_j) + f(x_n) \right)$$



Simpson's 3/8 Rule

Fit a **3rd order Lagrange interpolating polynomial** to four points and integrate

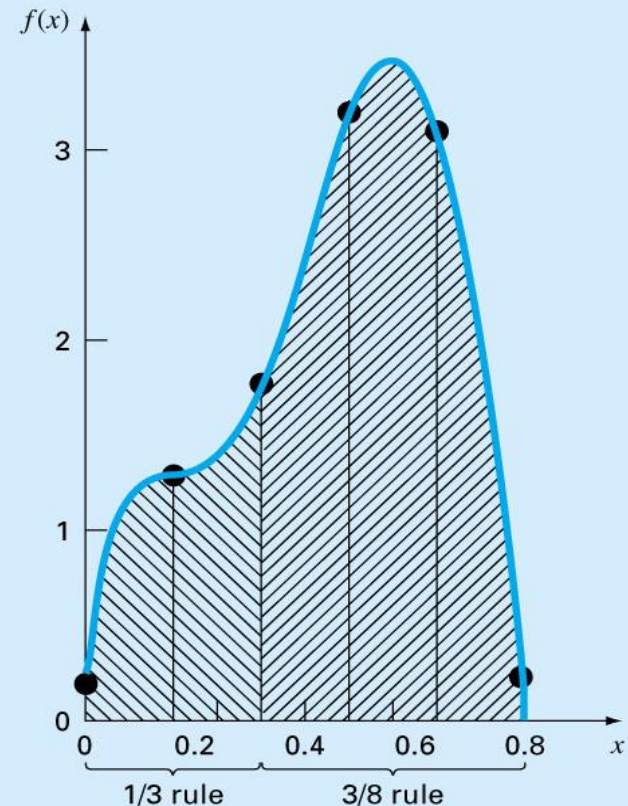
$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx \cong \int_a^b f_3(x) dx$$

$$I \cong \frac{3h}{8} [f(x_0) + 3f(x_1) + 3f(x_2) + f(x_3)]$$

$$h = \frac{(b-a)}{3}$$

$$I \cong (b-a) \frac{f(x_0) + 3f(x_1) + 3f(x_2) + f(x_3)}{8}$$

Simpson's 1/3 and 3/8 rules can be applied in tandem to handle multiple applications with odd number of intervals



Newton-Cotes Closed Integration Formulas

Points	Name	Formula	Truncation Error
2	Trapezoidal	$(b-a) * (f(x_0) + f(x_1))/2$	$(1/12)(b-a)^3 f''(\xi)$
3	Simpson's 1/3	$(b-a) * (f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2))/6$	$(1/2880)(b-a)^5 f^{(4)}(\xi)$
4	Simpson's 3/8	$(b-a) * (f(x_0) + 3f(x_1) + 3f(x_2) + f(x_3))/8$	$(1/6480)(b-a)^5 f^{(4)}(\xi)$
5	Boole's	$(b-a) * (7f(x_0) + 32f(x_1) + 12f(x_2) + 32f(x_3) + 7f(x_4))/90$	proportional with $(b-a)^7$

Same order,
but Simpson's 3/8 is more accurate

In engineering practice, higher order (greater than 4-point) formulas are rarely used

Integration with Unequal Segments

Using Trapezoidal Rule

$$I = h_1 \frac{f(x_0) + f(x_1)}{2} + h_2 \frac{f(x_1) + f(x_2)}{2} + \dots + h_n \frac{f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)}{2}$$

Example 21.7

$$I = 0.12 \frac{1.309 + 0.2}{2} + 0.10 \frac{1.305 + 1.309}{2} + \dots + 0.06 \frac{0.363 + 3.181}{2} + 0.10 \frac{0.232 + 2.363}{2}$$
$$= 0.0905 + 0.1307 + \dots + 0.12975 = 1.594$$

which represents a relative error of $\varepsilon = 2.8\%$

Data for

$$f(x) = 0.2 + 25x - 200x^2 + 675x^3 - 900x^4 + 400x^5$$

x	$f(x)$	x	$f(x)$
0.0	0.2	0.44	2.842
0.12	1.309	0.54	3.507
0.22	1.305	0.64	3.181
0.32	1.743	0.70	2.363
0.36	2.074	0.80	0.232
0.40	2.456		

Compute Integrals Using MATLAB

x	$f(x)$	x	$f(x)$
0.0	0.2	0.44	2.842
0.12	1.309	0.54	3.507
0.22	1.305	0.64	3.181
0.32	1.743	0.70	2.363
0.36	2.074	0.80	0.232
0.40	2.456		

First, create a file called **fx.m** which contains $f(x)$:

function $y = fx(x)$

$y = 0.2 + 25*x - 200*x.^2 + 675*x.^3 - 900*x.^4 + 400*x.^5 ;$

Then, execute in the *command window*:

`>> Q=integral('fx', 0, 0.8) % true integral`

$Q = 1.6405$ ← true value

`>> x=[0 .12 .22 .32 .36 .4 .44 .54 .64 .7 .8]`

`>> y = fx(x)`

$y = 0.200 \quad 1.309 \quad 1.305 \quad 1.743 \quad 2.074 \quad 2.456$
 $2.843 \quad 3.507 \quad 3.181 \quad 2.363 \quad 0.232$

`>> I = trapz(x,y) % or trapz(x, fx(x))`

Integral = 1.5948

Demo: (how I changes wrt n) + (0th order approx. With large n).

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Integration of Equations

Chapter 22

Romberg Integration

Successive application of the *trapezoidal rule* to attain efficient numerical integrals of functions.

Richardson's Extrapolation: In numerical analysis, **Richardson extrapolation** is a sequence acceleration method, used to improve the rate of convergence of a sequence. Here we use two estimates of an integral to compute a third and more accurate approximation.

$$I = I(h) + E(h) \quad h = (b - a) / n \quad n = (b - a) / h$$

$$I(h_1) + E(h_1) = I(h_2) + E(h_2) \quad \begin{array}{l} I = \text{exact value of integral} \quad E(h) = \text{the truncation error} \\ I(h): \text{trapezoidal rule (n segments, step size h)} \end{array}$$

$$E \cong \frac{b-a}{12} h^2 \bar{f}'' = O(h^2) \quad (\text{assume } \bar{f}'' \text{ is constant for different step sizes})$$

$$\frac{E(h_1)}{E(h_2)} \cong \frac{h_1^2}{h_2^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad E(h_1) \cong E(h_2) \left(\frac{h_1}{h_2} \right)^2$$

$$I(h_1) + E(h_2) \left(\frac{h_1}{h_2} \right)^2 \cong I(h_2) + E(h_2) \quad \Rightarrow \quad E(h_2) \cong \frac{I(h_2) - I(h_1)}{\left(\frac{h_1}{h_2} \right)^2 - 1}$$

$$I = I(h_2) + E(h_2)$$

$$I \cong I(h_2) + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{h_1}{h_2} \right)^2 - 1} [I(h_2) - I(h_1)]$$

Improved estimate of the integral.

It is shown that the error of this estimate is $O(h^4)$. Trapezoidal rule had an error estimate of $O(h^2)$.

$$I \cong I(h_2) + \frac{1}{(h_1/h_2)^2 - 1} [I(h_2) - I(h_1)]$$

If $(h_2 = h_1 / 2) \Rightarrow$

$$I \cong I(h_2) + \frac{1}{2^2 - 1} [I(h_2) - I(h_1)] = \frac{4}{3} I(h_2) - \frac{1}{3} I(h_1)$$

Example

Evaluate the integral of
from $a=0$ to $b=0.8$.

$$f(x) = 0.2 + 25x - 200x^2 + 675x^3 - 900x^4 + 400x^5$$

$$I(\text{True Integral value}) = 1.6405$$

Segments	h	Integral	$\epsilon_{tr} \%$
1	0.8	0.1728	89.5
2	0.4	1.0688	34.9
4	0.2	1.4848	9.5

Segments 1 & 2 combined to give :

$$I \cong \frac{4}{3} (1.0688) - \frac{1}{3} (0.1728) = 1.3675$$

$$E_t = 1.6405 - 1.3675 = 0.273 \quad (\epsilon_t = 16.6\%)$$

Segments 2 & 4 combined to give :

$$I \cong \frac{4}{3} (1.4848) - \frac{1}{3} (1.0688) = 1.6234$$

$$E_t = 1.6405 - 1.6234 = 0.0171 \quad (\epsilon_t = 1\%)$$

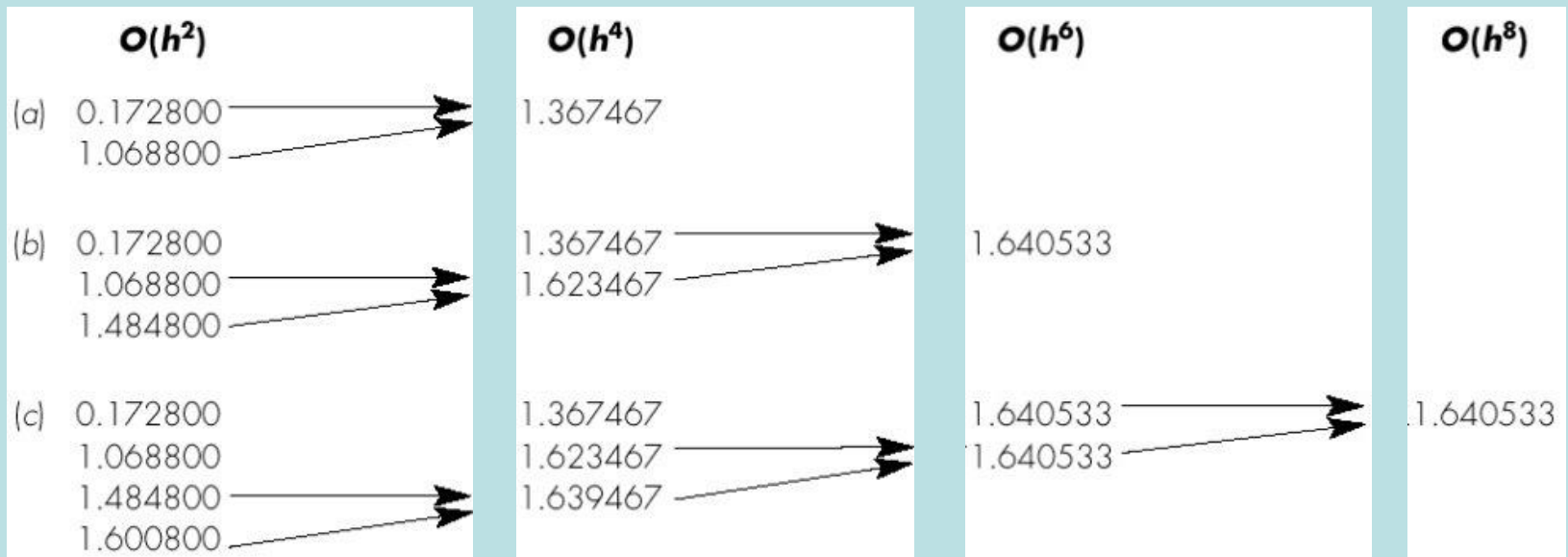
In each case, two estimates with error $O(h^2)$ are combined to give a third estimate with error $O(h^4)$

In Example 22.1, we computed two improved estimates of $\mathbf{O}(h^4)$. These two estimates can, in turn, be combined to yield an even better value with error $\mathbf{O}(h^6)$. For the special case where the original trapezoidal estimates are based on *successive halving* of the step size, the equation used for $\mathbf{O}(h^6)$ accuracy is:

$$I \cong \frac{16}{15} I_m - \frac{1}{15} I_l \quad \text{where } I_m \text{ and } I_l \text{ are more and less accurate estimates}$$

Similarly, two $\mathbf{O}(h^6)$ estimates can be combined to compute an I that is $\mathbf{O}(h^8)$.

$$I \cong \frac{64}{63} I_m - \frac{1}{63} I_l$$



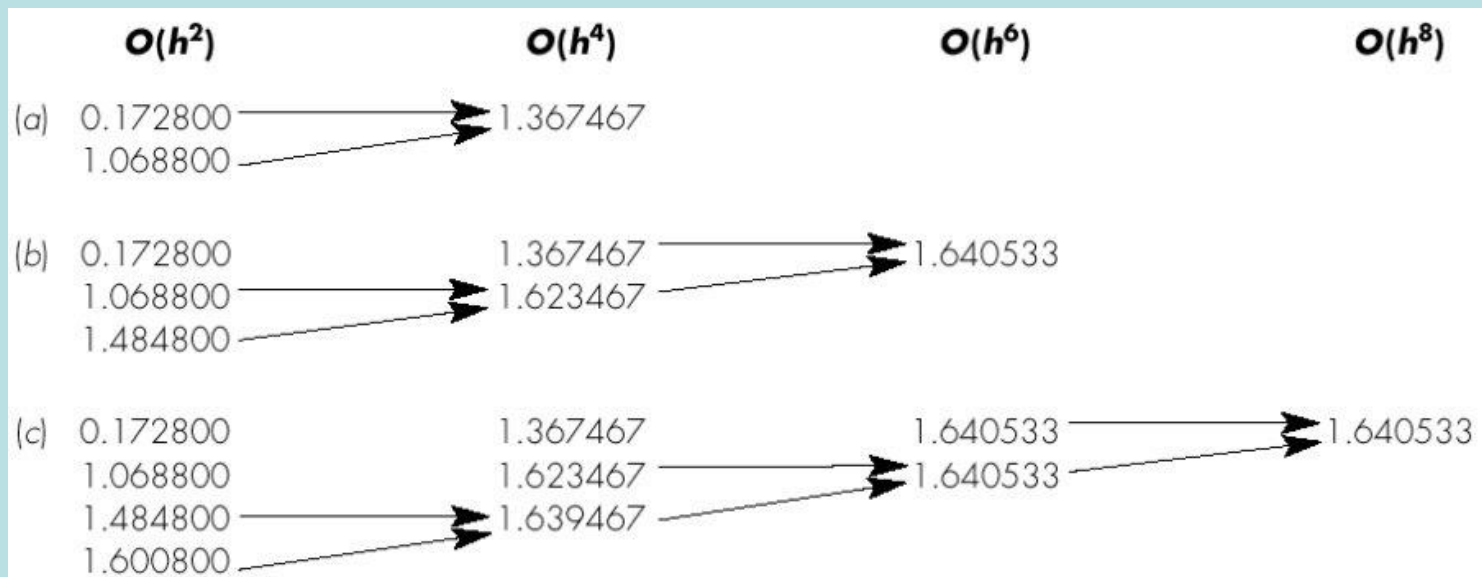
The Romberg Integration Algorithm

$$I_{j,k} \cong \frac{4^{k-1} I_{j+1,k-1} - I_{j,k-1}}{4^{k-1} - 1}$$

$k=1$ refers to *trapezoidal* rule, hence $\mathbf{O(h^2)}$ accuracy.

$k=2$ refers to $\mathbf{O(h^4)}$ and $k=3 \rightarrow \mathbf{O(h^6)}$

Index j is used to distinguish between the *more* ($j+1$) and the *less* (j) accurate estimates.



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Numerical Differentiation

Chapter 23

High Accuracy Differentiation Formulas

- High-accuracy divided-difference formulas can be generated by including additional terms from the Taylor series expansion.

$$f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + f'(x_i)h + \frac{f''(x_i)}{2}h^2 + \dots$$

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)}{h} - \frac{f''(x_i)}{2}h - \dots$$

$$f''(x_i) = \frac{f'(x_{i+1}) - f'(x_i)}{h} = \frac{f(x_{i+2}) - 2f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_i)}{h^2} + O(h)$$

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)}{h} - \frac{f(x_{i+2}) - 2f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_i)}{2h^2}h + O(h^2)$$

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{-f(x_{i+2}) + 4f(x_{i+1}) - 3f(x_i)}{2h} + O(h^2)$$

- Inclusion of the 2nd derivative term has improved the accuracy to $O(h^2)$.
- Similar improved versions can be developed for the *backward* and *centered* formulas

Forward finite-divided-difference formulas

First Derivative

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)}{h}$$

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{-f(x_{i+2}) + 4f(x_{i+1}) - 3f(x_i)}{2h}$$

Error

$O(h)$

$O(h^2)$

Second Derivative

$$f''(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+2}) - 2f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_i)}{h^2}$$

$$f''(x_i) = \frac{-f(x_{i+3}) + 4f(x_{i+2}) - 5f(x_{i+1}) + 2f(x_i)}{h^2}$$

Error

$O(h)$

$O(h^2)$

Backward finite-divided-difference formulas

First Derivative

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})}{h}$$

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{3f(x_i) - 4f(x_{i-1}) + f(x_{i-2})}{2h}$$

Error

$O(h)$

$O(h^2)$

Second Derivative

$$f''(x_i) = \frac{f(x_i) - 2f(x_{i-1}) + f(x_{i-2}))}{h^2}$$

$$f''(x_i) = \frac{2f(x_i) - 5f(x_{i-1}) + 4f(x_{i-2}) - f(x_{i-3}))}{h^2}$$

Error

$O(h)$

$O(h^2)$

Centered finite-divided-difference formulas

First Derivative

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1}))}{2h}$$

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{-f(x_{i+2}) + 8f(x_{i+1}) - 8f(x_{i-1}) + f(x_{i-2}))}{12h}$$

Error

$O(h^2)$

$O(h^4)$

Second Derivative

$$f''(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - 2f(x_i) + f(x_{i-1}))}{h^2}$$

$$f''(x_i) = \frac{-f(x_{i+2}) + 16f(x_{i+1}) - 30f(x_i) + 16f(x_{i-1}) - f(x_{i-2}))}{12h^2}$$

Error

$O(h^2)$

$O(h^4)$

Derivation of the centered formula for $f''(x_i)$

$$f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + f'(x_i)h + \frac{f''(x_i)}{2}h^2 + \dots$$

$$f''(x_i) = \frac{2(f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i) - f'(x_i)h)}{h^2}$$

$$= \frac{2(f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i) - \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1}))}{2h}h)}{h^2}$$

$$= \frac{2f(x_{i+1}) - 2f(x_i) - f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_{i-1}))}{h^2}$$

$$f''(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - 2f(x_i) + f(x_{i-1}))}{h^2}$$

Differentiation Using MATLAB

	x	$f(x)$
$i-2$	0	1.2
$i-1$	0.25	1.1035
i	0.50	0.925
$i+1$	0.75	0.6363
$i+2$	1	0.2

First, create a file called **fx1.m** which contains $y=f(x)$:

function y = fx1(x)

y = 1.2 - .25*x - .5*x.^2 - .15*x.^3 - .1*x.^4 ;

Command window:

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>> x=0:.25:1
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0    0.25    0.5    0.75    1
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>> y = fx1(x)
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1.2    1.1035    0.925    0.6363    0.2
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>> d = diff(y) ./ diff(x)    % diff() takes differences between
                             % consecutive vector elements
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d = -0.3859    -0.7141    -1.1547    -1.7453
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Forward: x = 0 0.25 0.5 0.75 1

Backward: x = 0.25 0.5 0.75 1

Example :

$$f(x) = -0.1x^4 - 0.15x^3 - 0.5x^2 - 0.25x + 1.2$$

At $x = 0.5$ True value for First Derivative = **-0.9125**

Using finite divided differences and a step size of $h = 0.25$ we obtain:

	x	$f(x)$
$i-2$	0	1.2
$i-1$	0.25	1.1035
i	0.50	0.925
$i+1$	0.75	0.6363
$i+2$	1	0.2

	Forward $O(h)$	Backward $O(h)$
Estimate	-1.155	-0.714
ϵ_t (%)	26.5	21.7

Forward difference of accuracy $O(h^2)$ is computed as:

$$f'(0.5) = \frac{-0.2 + 4(0.6363) - 3(0.925)}{2(0.25)} = -0.8593 \quad \epsilon_t = 5.82\%$$

Backward difference of accuracy $O(h^2)$ is computed as:

$$f'(0.5) = \frac{3(0.925) - 4(1.1035) + 1.2}{2(0.25)} = -0.8781 \quad \epsilon_t = 3.77\%$$

Richardson Extrapolation

- There are two ways to improve derivative estimates when employing finite divided differences:
 - Decrease the step size, or
 - Use a higher-order formula that employs more points.
- A third approach, based on **Richardson extrapolation**, uses two derivative estimates (with $O(h^2)$ error) to compute a third (with $O(h^4)$ error), more accurate approximation. We can derive this formula following the same steps used in the case of the integrals:

$$h_2 = h_1 / 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad D \cong \frac{4}{3} D(h_2) - \frac{1}{3} D(h_1)$$

Example: using the previous example and Richardson's formula, estimate the first derivative at $x=0.5$ Using **Centered Difference approx. (with error $O(h^2)$)** with $h=0.5$ and $h=0.25$:

$$D_{h=0.5}(x=0.5) = (0.2-1.2)/1 = -1 \quad [\varepsilon_t = |(-.9125+1)/-.9125| = 9.6\%]$$

$$D_{h=0.25}(x=0.5) = (0.6363-1.103)/0.5 = -0.9343 \quad [\varepsilon_t = |(-.9125+0.9343)/-.9125| = 2.4\%]$$

The improved estimate is:

$$D = 4/3(-0.9343) - 1/3(-1) = -0.9125 \quad [\varepsilon_t = (-.9125+.9125)/-.9125 = 0\% \rightarrow \text{perfect!}]$$

Derivatives of Unequally Spaced Data

- Derivation formulas studied so far (especially the ones with $O(h^2)$ error) require multiple points to be spaced evenly.
- Data from experiments or field studies are often collected at unequal intervals.
- Fit a ***Lagrange interpolating polynomial***, and then calculate the 1st derivative.

As an example, second order *Lagrange interpolating polynomial* is used below:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) = & f(x_{i-1}) \frac{(x - x_i)(x - x_{i+1})}{(x_{i-1} - x_i)(x_{i-1} - x_{i+1})} \\ & + f(x_i) \frac{(x - x_{i-1})(x - x_{i+1})}{(x_i - x_{i-1})(x_i - x_{i+1})} \\ & + f(x_{i+1}) \frac{(x - x_{i-1})(x - x_i)}{(x_{i+1} - x_{i-1})(x_{i+1} - x_i)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) = & f(x_{i-1}) \frac{2x - x_i - x_{i+1}}{(x_{i-1} - x_i)(x_{i-1} - x_{i+1})} \\ & + f(x_i) \frac{2x - x_{i-1} - x_{i+1}}{(x_i - x_{i-1})(x_i - x_{i+1})} \\ & + f(x_{i+1}) \frac{2x - x_{i-1} - x_i}{(x_{i+1} - x_{i-1})(x_{i+1} - x_i)} \end{aligned}$$

Note that any three points, x_{i-1} , x_i and x_{i+1} can be used to calculate the derivative. **The points do not need to be spaced equally.*

Example:

The **heat flux** at the soil-air interface can be computed with *Fourier's Law*:

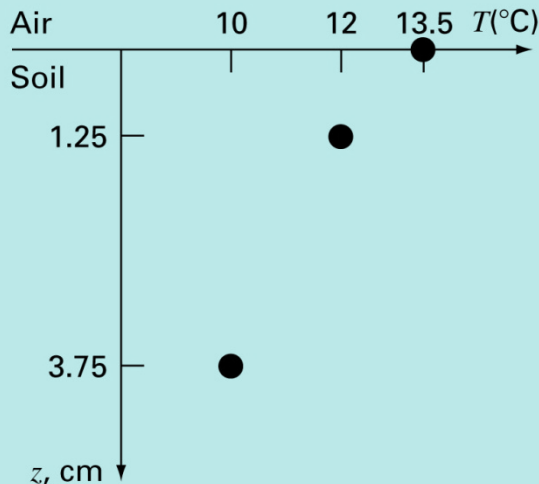
$$q(z = 0) = -k\rho C \left. \frac{dT}{dz} \right|_{z=0}$$

q = heat flux
 k = coefficient of thermal diffusivity in soil ($\approx 3.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$)
 ρ = soil density ($\approx 1800 \text{ kg/m}^3$)
 C = soil specific heat ($\approx 840 \text{ J/kg} \cdot \text{C}^\circ$)
 *Positive flux value means heat is transferred from the air to the soil

Calculate dT/dz ($z=0$) first and then determine the heat flux.

A temperature gradient can be measured down into the soil as shown below.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(z = 0) &= 13.5 \frac{2(0) - 1.25 - 3.75}{(0 - 1.25)(0 - 3.75)} \\
 &+ 12 \frac{2(0) - 0 - 3.75}{(1.25 - 0)(1.25 - 3.75)} \\
 &+ 10 \frac{2(0) - 0 - 1.25}{(3.75 - 0)(3.75 - 1.25)} \\
 &= -14.4 + 14.4 - 1.333 = -1.333 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C} / \text{cm}
 \end{aligned}$$

which can be used to compute the **heat flux** at $z=0$:

$$q(z=0) = -3.5 \times 10^{-7} (1800) (840) (-133.3 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}/\text{m}) = 70.56 \text{ W/m}^2$$