

**Numerical Integration.**  
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**Definition.** Let  $a \leq x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n \leq b$ . A formula of the form

$$Q[f] = \sum_{k=0}^m w_k f(x_k)$$

such that

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = Q[f] + E[f], \quad \left( \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx Q[f] \right)$$

is called a quadrature formula (numerical integration).

$E[f]$  is called the truncation error of the quadrature.

$x_0, x_1, \dots, x_m$  are called the quadrature nodes and  $w_0, w_1, \dots, w_m$  are called the weights.

**Definition.** The degree of precision of a quadrature formula,  $n$ , is the positive integer number such that  $E[P_k(x)] = 0$  for all polynomial of degree  $k \leq n$ , but  $E[P_{n+1}(x)] \neq 0$  for some polynomial of degree  $n + 1$ .

If quadrature formula derived by polynomial interpolation of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  using the equally-spaced nodes with  $x_0 = a$  and  $x_n = b$ , then resulting formula is called a closed Newton-Cotes quadrature.

Let  $x_k = x_0 + kh$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $f_k = f(x_k)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots$

The first four closed Newton-Cotes quadratures are

1. Trapezoidal Rule ( $f \in C^2[a, b]$ )

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{2}(f_0 + f_1) - \frac{h^3}{12}f''(c), \quad n = 1$$

2. Simpson's Rule ( $f \in C^4[a, b]$ )

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{3}(f_0 + 4f_1 + f_2) - \frac{h^5}{90}f^{(4)}(c), \quad n = 3$$

3. Simpson's  $\frac{3}{8}$  Rule ( $f \in C^4[a, b]$ )

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_3} f(x) dx = \frac{3h}{8}(f_0 + 3f_1 + 3f_2 + f_3) - \frac{3h^5}{80}f^{(4)}(c), \quad n = 3$$

4. Boole's Rule ( $f \in C^6[a, b]$ )

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_4} f(x) dx = \frac{2h}{45}(7f_0 + 32f_1 + 12f_2 + 32f_3 + 7f_4) - \frac{8h^7}{945}f^{(6)}(c), \quad n = 5.$$

**Composite Trapezoid Rule** Let  $x_0 = a$ ,  $x_k = a + kh$ , and  $f_k = f(x_k)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, m$ , where  $h = \frac{b-a}{m}$ . Then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \left[ \frac{h}{2}(f_0 + f_m) + h \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} f_k \right] - \frac{(b-a)h^2}{12}f''(c),$$

where  $c$  in  $(a, b)$ .

**Composite Simpson's Rule** Let  $x_0 = a$ ,  $x_k = a + kh$ , and  $f_k = f(x_k)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 2m$ , where  $h = \frac{b-a}{2m}$ . Then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \left[ \frac{h}{3}(f_0 + f_{2m}) + \frac{2h}{3} \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} f_{2k} + \frac{4h}{3} \sum_{k=1}^m f_{2k-1} \right] - \frac{(b-a)h^4}{180} f^{(4)}(c),$$

where  $c$  in  $(a, b)$ .

**Composite Simpson's  $\frac{3}{8}$  Rule** Let  $x_0 = a$ ,  $x_k = a + kh$ , and  $f_k = f(x_k)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 3m$ , where  $h = \frac{b-a}{3m}$ . Then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \left[ \frac{3h}{8} \sum_{k=1}^m (f_{3k-3} + 3f_{3k-2} + 3f_{3k-1} + f_{3k}) \right] - \frac{(b-a)h^4}{80} f^{(4)}(c),$$

where  $c$  in  $(a, b)$ .

**Composite Midpoint Rule (open formula)** Let  $x_0 = a$ ,  $x_k = a + kh$ , and  $f_k = f(x_k)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 2m$ , where  $h = \frac{b-a}{2m}$ . Then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \left[ 2h \sum_{k=1}^m f_{2k-1} \right] + \frac{(b-a)h^2}{6} f''(c),$$

where  $c$  in  $(a, b)$ .

**Romberg Integration**

Romberg integration uses the Composite Trapezoid rule to give preliminary approximations and then applies the Richardson's extrapolation to improve the approximations.

$j$	$h_j = (b-a)/2^{j-1}$	$R_{j1}$ - Trapezoid $O(h^2)$	$R_{j2}$ - Simpson's $O(h^4)$	$R_{j3}$ - Boole's $O(h^6)$	$\dots$
1	$h_1 = (b-a)$	$R_{11} = (h_1/2)(f(a) + f(b))$	—	—	$\dots$
2	$h_2 = (b-a)/2$	$R_{21} = R_{11}/2 + h_2 f_1$	$R_{22} = (4R_{21} - R_{11})/3$	—	$\dots$
3	$h_3 = (b-a)/4$	$R_{31} = R_{22}/2 + h_3(f_1 + f_3)$	$R_{32} = (4R_{31} - R_{21})/3$	$R_{33} = (16R_{32} - R_{22})/15$	$\dots$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$

general recursive formula is (for  $k=1$ )

$$R_{jk} = R_{j1} = \frac{1}{2} R_{j-11} + h_j \sum_{i=1}^{2^{j-2}} f(a + (2i-1)h_j)$$

and for  $k > 2$

$$R_{jk} = \frac{4^{k-1} R_{jk-1} - R_{j-1k-1}}{4^{k-1} - 1}.$$

**Legendre Polynomials.** For positive integer  $n$ :

$$p_k(x) = \frac{1}{2^k k!} \frac{d^k}{dx^k} ((x^2 - 1)^k), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

is orthogonal set of polynomials on  $[-1, 1]$ .

**Gauss-Legendre quadrature.**

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx \approx \sum_{k=1}^m w_k f(x_k),$$

where  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  are roots of  $m$  th Legendre polynomial and

$$w_k = \int_{-1}^1 L_k(x) dx, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Here,  $L_k(x)$  is Lagrange polynomial;

$$L_k(x) = \frac{(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_{k-1})(x - x_{k+1}) \cdots (x - x_m)}{(x_k - x_1) \cdots (x_k - x_{k-1})(x_k - x_{k+1}) \cdots (x_k - x_m)}.$$

On a general interval  $[a, b]$ :

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 f\left(\frac{(b-a)t + b+a}{2}\right) \frac{b-a}{2} dt.$$