

Lecture 19 - Newton-Cotes Integration

Outline

I. Intro to NC Integration formulas

II. Examples

I. Newton-Cotes Integration Formulas

* In calculus, you learned how to evaluate

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

Numerical

Analytical
soln

$f(x) \sim \text{polynomial} \rightarrow \text{easy}$

$f(x) \sim \sin(x)$
 $\exp(x)$ $\rightarrow$ tables/memorize

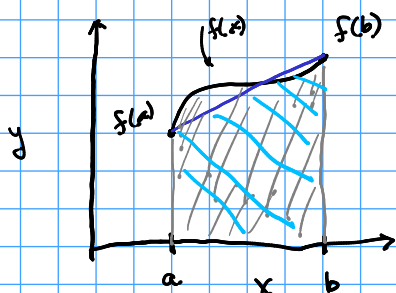
$\sim \text{combs} \rightarrow$ u-sub, int-by parts

$\sim \text{impossible} \rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx \leftarrow \text{erf}(x)$

* Notation: "Quadrature"
Numerical

* How solve for I numerically?

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



(1) $f(x)$ in general can't be done by hand
But polynomials can.

$f(x) \rightarrow P(x)$ ☺

(2) Interpolation can do this!

piecewise polynomial $\rightarrow$ approx $f(x)$

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

$$I \approx \int_a^b P(x) dx$$

* Example: Linear Interpolation

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

$$\approx \int_a^b P(x) dx$$

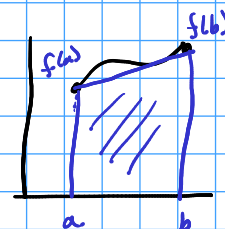
$$\approx \int_a^b \left[(x-a) \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} + f(a) \right] dx$$

$$\approx \left[\frac{(x-a)^2}{2} \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} + f(a)x \right] \Big|_a^b = \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} + bf(a) - 0 - af(a)$$

$$\approx \frac{b-a}{2} [f(b)-f(a)] + (b-a)f(a) = \frac{(b-a)}{2} [f(b) - f(a) + 2f(a)]$$

$$I \approx \frac{b-a}{2} [f(a) + f(b)]$$

Trapezoidal Rule



* Just like interpolation, we can be more accurate with piecewise functions!

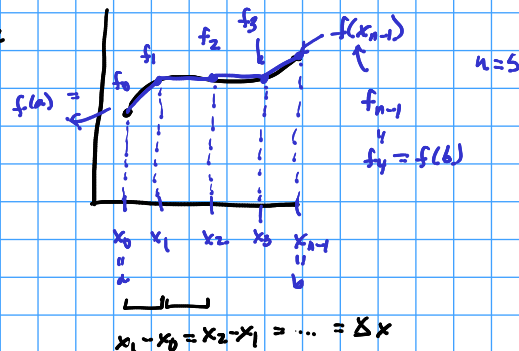
$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \int_a^b P(x) dx$$

$$\approx \underbrace{\int_{x_0}^{x_1} P_0(x) dx}_{TR 0} + \underbrace{\int_{x_1}^{x_2} P_1(x) dx}_{TR 1} + \dots + \underbrace{\int_{x_{n-2}}^{x_{n-1}} P_{n-2}(x) dx}_{TR n-2}$$

$$\approx \frac{x_1 - x_0}{2} [f_0 + f_1] + \frac{x_2 - x_1}{2} [f_1 + f_2] + \dots + \frac{x_{n-1} - x_{n-2}}{2} [f_{n-2} + f_{n-1}]$$

$$\approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f_0 + f_1 + f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_{n-2} + f_{n-1}]$$

$$I \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f_0 + 2f_1 + 2f_2 + \dots + 2f_{n-2} + f_{n-1}]$$



Composite trapz-rule.
C.T.R.

* What about other interpolating functions?
lines, quadratic?, cubic?

$$P(x) \sim ax^2 + bx + c \rightarrow \int_a^b x^2 + x + c$$

✓ Quadratic: $I \approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} [f_0 + 4f_1 + 2f_2 + 4f_3 + 2f_4 + \dots + 4f_{n-2} + f_{n-1}]$

$\uparrow$ end pts coeff 1 $\uparrow$ odd #'s have 4 $\uparrow$ evens have 2

Simpson's 1/3 rule

✓ Cubic: $I \approx \frac{3\Delta x}{8} [f_0 + 3f_1 + 3f_2 + 2f_3 + 3f_4 + 3f_5 + 2f_6 + \dots + f_{n-1}]$

$\uparrow$ coeff 1 3 3 $\uparrow$ every 3rd coeff is a 2 3 3 2 $\uparrow$ coeff 1

Simpson's 3/8 rule

Newton-Cotes Formulas

II. Examples: Python & Excel

$$I = \int_0^1 \sin(\pi x) \cos^2(\pi x) dx \rightarrow \text{(by hand)} \rightarrow \frac{2}{3\pi} \text{ (check our answer)}$$