

# Numerical Integration: Basic Rules

## Mean Value Theorem for Integrals

Let  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous and let  $g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an integrable function such that either  $g(x) \geq 0$  or  $g(x) \leq 0$ ,  $x \in [a, b]$ .

Then there exists  $c \in [a, b]$  such that

$$\int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx = f(c) \int_a^b g(x) dx$$

$f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$p_n$  : interpolates  $f$  at  $n+1$  points .

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \int_a^b p_n(x) dx = \sum_{i=0}^n w_i f(x_i)$$

If  $f$  is a polynomial of degree  $m \leq n$ ,

then  $p_n(x) = f(x)$  :  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b p_n(x) dx$   
No error

Quadrature rule is exact for polynomials  
of degree  $\leq n$

$$f(x) = p_n(x) + \int_a^b f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, x] \omega(x) dx$$

$$\omega(x) = (x - x_0) \cdots (x - x_n)$$

$f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, x]$  : Continuous on  $[a, b]$

## Rectangle Rule

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$f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable.

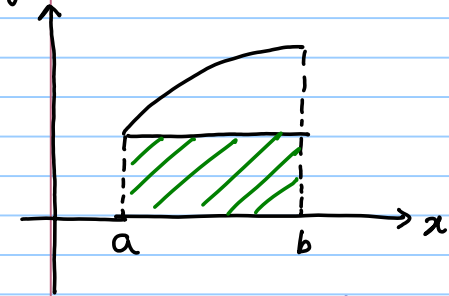
Then  $f(x) = f(a) + f[a, x](x-a)$ .

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(a) dx + \int_a^b \underbrace{f[a, x]}_{\text{Continuous}} \underbrace{(x-a)}_{\geq 0} dx$$

By the MVT for integrals,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &= f(a)(b-a) + f[a, c] \int_a^b (x-a) dx, & c \in [a, b] \\ &= f(a)(b-a) + \underbrace{f[a, c] \frac{(b-a)^2}{2}}_{\text{error}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx f(a)(b-a)$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{error} &= f[a, c] \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \\ &= f'(\eta) \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

If  $f'(x) \equiv 0, x \in [a, b]$ ,  
that is, if  $f$  is a

constant function, then the error is zero.

Rectangle Rule is exact for constant functions.

## Continuity of $f[x_0, x_0, x]$

Let  $f \in C^2[a, b]$ ,  $x_0 \in [a, b]$

$$f[x_0, x_0, x] = \begin{cases} \frac{f''(x_0)}{2}, & x = x_0 \\ \frac{f[x_0, x] - f'(x_0)}{x - x_0}, & x \neq x_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f[x_0, x] - f'(x_0)}{x - x_0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0) - (x - x_0)f'(x_0)}{(x - x_0)^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f''(\xi)(x - x_0)^2}{2(x - x_0)^2}, \quad \text{by the extended MVT}$$

$$= \frac{f''(x_0)}{2}$$

## Midpoint Rule.

$f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  twice differentiable.

$$f(x) = f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f\left[\frac{a+b}{2}, x\right]\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx + \int_a^b f\left[\frac{a+b}{2}, x\right]\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx$$

$$= f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)(b-a) + \int_a^b f\left[\frac{a+b}{2}, x\right]\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx$$

$$\int_a^b \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx = 0$$

continuous takes both  
+ve and -ve  
values



$$\text{error} = \int_a^b f\left[\frac{a+b}{2}, x\right] \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx.$$

$$f\left[c, \frac{a+b}{2}, x\right] = \frac{f\left[\frac{a+b}{2}, x\right] - f\left[c, \frac{a+b}{2}\right]}{x - c}, \quad c \in [a, b]$$

$$f\left[\frac{a+b}{2}, x\right] = f\left[c, \frac{a+b}{2}\right] + f\left[c, \frac{a+b}{2}, x\right] (x - c),$$

$x \in [a, b]$

$$\text{error} = f\left[c, \frac{a+b}{2}\right] \int_a^b \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx$$

$\equiv 0$

$$+ \int_a^b f\left[c, \frac{a+b}{2}, x\right] (x - c) \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx.$$

$$\text{error} = \int_a^b f\left[c, \frac{a+b}{2}, x\right] (x-c) \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx,$$

$c$  any point in  $[a, b]$

Choose  $c = \frac{a+b}{2}$ .

$$\text{error} = \int_a^b f\left[\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{a+b}{2}, x\right] \underbrace{\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2}_{\geq 0} dx$$

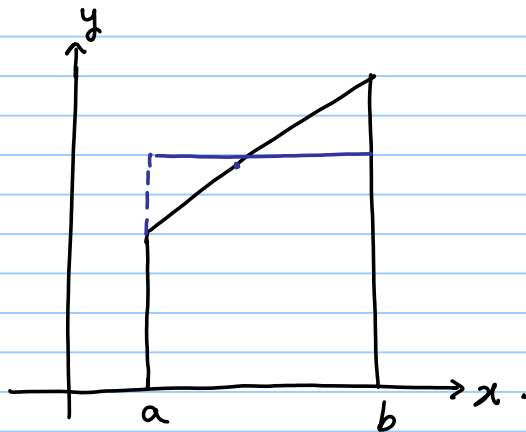
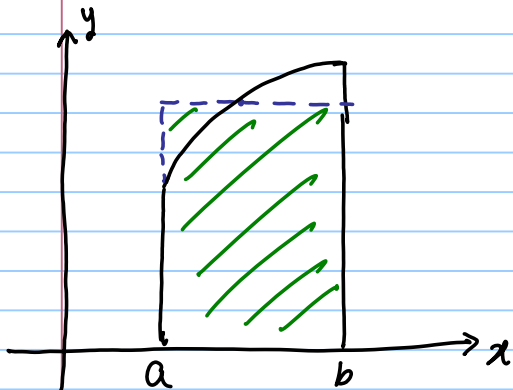
continuous

$$= f\left[\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{a+b}{2}, d\right] \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)^3$$

$$= \frac{f''(\eta)}{24} (b-a)^3$$

exact for linear polynomials

## Midpoint Rule



No error

## Trapezoidal Rule

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$$f(x) = \underbrace{f(a) + f[a, b](x-a)}_{p_1(x)} + f[a, b, x](x-a)(x-b)$$

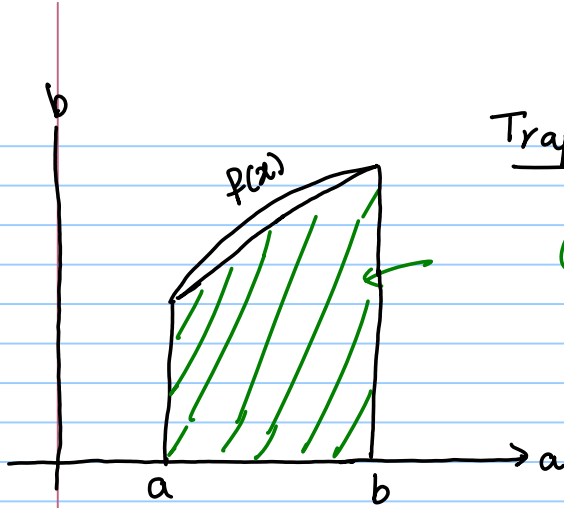
$$\begin{aligned} p_1(a) &= f(a), \quad p_1(b) = f(b) \quad \text{cont}^s \leq 0 \\ \int_a^b f(x) dx &= \int_a^b p_1(x) dx + \int_a^b \overbrace{f[a, b, x]}^{\text{cont}^s} \overbrace{(x-a)(x-b)}^{\leq 0} dx \\ &= f(a)(b-a) + f[a, b] \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \\ &\quad + f[a, b, c] \int_a^b (x-a)(x-b) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_a^b f(x) dx &= f(a)(b-a) + f[a, b] \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \\
 &+ f[a, b, c] \int_a^b (x-a)(x-b) dx \\
 &= \frac{b-a}{2} (f(a) + f(b)) + f[a, b, c] \left\{ (x-b) \frac{(x-a)^2}{2} \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b \frac{(x-a)^3}{2} dx \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{error} = -f[a, b, c] \frac{(b-a)^3}{6}$$

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

exact for linear  
polynomials



## Trapezoidal Rule

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

## Simpson Rule .

$$f(x) = \underbrace{f(a) + f[a, b](x-a) + f[a, b, \frac{a+b}{2}](x-a)(x-b)}_{p_2(x)}$$

$$+ f[a, b, \frac{a+b}{2}, x](x-a)(x-b)(x-\frac{a+b}{2})$$

↑  
error

$$p_2(x) = f(a) + f[a, b](x-a) + f[a, b, \frac{a+b}{2}](x-a)(x-b)$$

$$\int_a^b p_2(x) dx = \frac{b-a}{2} (f(a) + f(b)) + f[a, \frac{a+b}{2}, b] \left\{ -\frac{(b-a)^3}{6} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{b-a}{2} (f(a) + f(b)) + \frac{f(b) - 2f(\frac{a+b}{2}) + f(a)}{\frac{(b-a)^2}{2}} \left\{ -\frac{(b-a)^3}{6} \right\}$$

$$= (b-a) \left[ f(a) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right\} + \frac{4}{6} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right\} \right]$$

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



## Error in Simpson Rule

$$\int_a^b f \left[ a, b, \frac{a+b}{2}, x \right] \underbrace{(x-a) \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) (x-b)}_{w(x)} dx$$

$$w(x) \geq 0, \quad x \in \left[ a, \frac{a+b}{2} \right], \quad w(x) \leq 0, \quad x \in \left[ \frac{a+b}{2}, b \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b (x-a) \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) (x-b) dx &= \int_{-k}^k (y-k) y (y+k) dy \\ &= \int_{-k}^k (y^3 - k^2 y) dy = 0 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} y &= x - \frac{a+b}{2}, \\ k &= \frac{b-a}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Error} = \int_a^b P[a, \frac{a+b}{2}, b, x] w(x) dx,$$

$$\int_a^b w(x) dx = \int_a^b (x-a)(x-\frac{a+b}{2})(x-b) dx = 0$$

$$P[a, \frac{a+b}{2}, b, x] = P[c, a, \frac{a+b}{2}, b] \\ + P[c, a, \frac{a+b}{2}, b, x] (x-c)$$

$$\text{Error} = P[c, a, \frac{a+b}{2}, b] \int_a^b w(x) dx = 0 \\ + \int_a^b P[c, a, \frac{a+b}{2}, b, x] (x-c) w(x) dx$$

$$\text{Error} = \int_a^b f \left[ c, a, \frac{a+b}{2}, b, x \right] (x-c) w(x) dx$$

$$w(x) = (x-a) \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) (x-b)$$

$$c = \frac{a+b}{2} \Rightarrow w(x)(x-c) \leq 0 \quad k = \frac{b-a}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Error} &= f \left[ c, a, \frac{a+b}{2}, b, d \right] \int_a^b (x-a) \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2 (x-b) dx \\ &= \frac{f^{(4)}(\eta)}{4!} \int_{-k}^k (y+k) y^2 (y-k) dy = \frac{f^{(4)}(\eta)}{4!} \left[ \frac{y^5}{5} - k^2 \frac{y^3}{3} \right]_{-k}^k \\ &= - \frac{f^{(4)}(\eta)}{90} \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right)^5 \quad \text{exact for cubic polynomials} \end{aligned}$$

Rule	degree of the interpolating poly.	Exact for polynomials of degree
Rectangle	0	0
Midpoint	0	1
Trapezoidal	1	1
Simpson	2	3

## Newton-Cotes formula

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$$

$$h = \frac{b-a}{n}, \quad x_i = a + ih, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

$$p_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n f(x_i) l_i(x)$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \int_a^b p_n(x) dx = \sum_{i=0}^n w_i f(x_i)$$

$n = 1$  : Trapezoidal,  $n = 2$  : Simpson

$$n = 3 : \frac{3(b-a)}{8} (f(x_0) + 3f(x_1) + 3f(x_2) + f(x_3))$$

Rungé example:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+25x^2}$ ,  $x \in [-1, 1]$

$$\|f - p_n\|_{\infty} \rightarrow \infty$$