

Numerical Analysis2

Chapter Two

Numerical Integration

2.1 Introduction

Numerical integration is a primary tool used by engineers and scientists to obtain approximate answers for definite integrals that cannot be solved analytically. The numerical evaluation of integrals for the differentiable function $f(x)$ in the interval $[a,b]$ is defined as follows:

$$I[f] = \int_a^b f(x)dx \quad (1)$$

where $f(x) \in C[a,b]$, for example

$$\int_0^5 e^{-x^2} dx$$

cannot be found analytically. The goal is to approximate the definite integral of $f(x)$ over the interval $[a, b]$ by evaluating $f(x)$ at a finite number of sample points.

Definition: Suppose that $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_m = b$. A formula of the form

$$Q[f] = \sum_{k=0}^m w_k f(x_k) = w_0 f(x_0) + w_1 f(x_1) + \dots + w_m f(x_m) \quad (2)$$

with the property that

$$I[f] = \int_a^b f(x)dx = Q[f] + E[f] \quad (3)$$

is called a numerical integration or **quadrature** formula. The term $E[f]$ is called the **truncation error** for integration. The values $\{x_k\}_{k=0}^m$ are called the **quadrature nodes**, and $\{w_k\}_{k=0}^m$ are called the **weights**.

2.2 Trapezoidal Method

The derivative of simple Trapezoidal rule formula to approximate value of the integral in eq.(1) we approximate the function $f(x)$ as Newton forward interpolation formula and then integration over the interval $[x_0, x_1]$, where

$$x = x_m = x_0 + mh, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\text{and } x_0 = a, x_n = b, \quad h = \frac{b-a}{n}$$

Now, let $n=1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{a=x_0}^{b=x_1} f(x) dx &= \int_0^1 f(x_m) dx \frac{dm}{dm} = \int_0^1 f(x_m) dm \cdot h = h \int_0^1 f(x_m) dm \\ &= h \int_0^1 \left[f_0 + m\Delta f_0 + \frac{m(m-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 f_0 + \frac{m(m-1)(m-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 f_0 + \dots \right] dm \\ &= h \int_0^1 \left[f_0 + m\Delta f_0 + \left(\frac{m^2}{2} - \frac{m}{2} \right) \Delta^2 f_0 + \left(\frac{m^3}{6} - \frac{m^2}{2} + \frac{m}{3} \right) \Delta^3 f_0 + \dots \right] dm \\ &= h \left[mf_0 + \frac{m^2}{2} \Delta f_0 + \left(\frac{m^3}{6} - \frac{m^2}{4} \right) \Delta^2 f_0 + \left(\frac{m^4}{24} - \frac{m^3}{6} + \frac{m^2}{6} \right) \Delta^3 f_0 + \dots \right]_0^1 \\ &= h \left[f_0 + \frac{1}{2} \Delta f_0 - \frac{1}{12} \Delta^2 f_0 + \frac{1}{24} \Delta^3 f_0 + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{a=x_0}^{b=x_1} f(x) dx \cong \frac{h}{2} [f_0 + f_1] \quad (4)$$

Equation (4) is called **Simple Trapezoidal Rule formula**, the local truncation error in equation (4) is

$$\text{L. T. E.} = \frac{-h^3}{12} f''(\theta), \quad \theta \in (x_0, x_1)$$

Now, let $n > 1$ we have subintervals $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$ and we apply eq.(4) at each subinterval we get:



$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{a=x_0}^{b=x_n} f(x)dx &= \int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x)dx + \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x)dx + \cdots + \int_{x_{n-1}}^{x_n} f(x)dx \\
 &= \frac{h}{2}[f_0 + f_1] + \frac{h}{2}[f_1 + f_2] + \cdots + \frac{h}{2}[f_{n-1} + f_n] \\
 &= \frac{h}{2}[f_0 + 2(f_1 + f_2 + \cdots + f_{n-1}) + f_n] \quad (5)
 \end{aligned}$$

Equation (5) is called **Composite Trapezoidal Rule formula**, and the total truncation error in equation (5) is

$$E_T = \left[-\frac{h^3}{12} f''(\theta_1) \right] + \left[-\frac{h^3}{12} f''(\theta_2) \right] + \cdots + \left[-\frac{h^3}{12} f''(\theta_n) \right]$$

Where $\theta_i \in (x_{i-1}, x_i)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$E_T = -n \left[\frac{h^3}{12} f''(\theta) \right] = -\frac{(b-a)^3}{12n^2} f''(\theta), \quad \theta \in (a, b)$$

This is **Composite error term** in Composite Trapezoidal Rule.

Example(1): Use Trapezoidal rule to evaluate the integral

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$$

Considering $h=0.25$

Solution:

$$a=0, b=1, \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \quad \text{and} \quad h=0.25$$

$$x_i = x_{i-1} + h \implies$$

$$x_0 = 0, \quad f(x_0) = f(0) = 1$$

$$x_1 = 0 + 0.25 = 0.25, \quad f(x_1) = f(0.25) = 0.9412$$

$$x_2 = 0.25 + 0.25 = 0.5, \quad f(x_2) = f(0.5) = 0.8$$

$$x_3 = 0.5 + 0.25 = 0.75, \quad f(x_3) = f(0.75) = 0.64$$

$$x_4 = 0.75 + 0.25 = 1, \quad f(x_4) = f(1) = 0.5$$

$$\begin{aligned} I[f] &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{h}{2} [f_0 + 2(f_1 + f_2 + f_3) + f_4] \\ &= \frac{0.25}{2} [1 + 2(0.9412 + 0.8 + 0.64) + 0.5] \\ &= 0.7828 \end{aligned}$$

Example(2): Use Trapezoidal rule to evaluate the integral

$$\int_0^1 (x^3 + 1) dx$$

Considering $n=1$ and $n=4$.

Solution:

$$a=0, b=1, \quad f(x) = (x^3 + 1) \quad \text{and} \quad n=1 \implies h = \frac{b-a}{n} = 1$$

$$x_i = x_{i-1} + h \implies$$