

# CLASS NOTE

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## Numerical Integration

The analytical method of evaluating a definite integral  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  is to find a primitive  $g(x)$  of  $f(x)$  such that  $g'(x) = f(x)$  and then calculate  $g(b) - g(a)$ . But in many cases it is found that the primitive of  $f(x)$  can not be obtained in terms of known function. In some cases, only the values of function at a set of points are given. In those cases we have to use numerical integration.

The basic idea of numerical integration is to divide the interval  $[a, b]$  into sub-intervals by inclusion of points  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  and then calculate the values of the function  $f(x)$  at these points, approximate  $f(x)$  by interpolation polynomial  $\phi_n(x)$ , then the given integral will be approximately  $\int_a^b \phi_n(x) dx$ , which can be directly calculated.

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### \* Deduction of Trapezoidal and Simpson's $\frac{1}{3}$ rd rule from Newton's forward difference formula —

Suppose the interval  $[a, b]$  be sub divided into  $n$  equal sub intervals by points  $a = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n = b$ , where

$$x_p = x_{p-1} + h \quad \text{for } p = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Then by Newton's forward difference formula we have,

$$y = y_0 + u \Delta y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots \quad (1)$$

where  $x_n = x_0 + nh$  and  $x = x_0 + uh \rightarrow (2)$

Integrating both sides of (1) between  $x_0$  to  $x_n$  we get,

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_n} y dx = \int_{x_0}^{x_n} \left[ y_0 + u \Delta y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots \right] dx$$

$$= \int_0^n \left[ y_0 + u \Delta y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{u(u-1)(u-2)}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots \right] h du$$

$$= h \left[ u y_0 + \frac{u^2}{2} \Delta y_0 + \frac{u^3 - \frac{u^2}{2}}{2!} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{u^4 - \frac{u^3 + u^2}{3}}{3!} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots \right]_0^n$$

$$= h \left[ n y_0 + \frac{n^2}{2} \Delta y_0 + \frac{n(2n-3)}{12} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{n^2(n^2-4n+4)}{24} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots \right]$$

Now,  $x = x_0 + uh$   
 $\therefore dx = h du$

$x$	$x_0$	$x_n$
$u$	0	$n$

[Using (2)]

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$$= nh \left[ y_0 + \frac{n}{2} \Delta y_0 + \frac{n(2n-3)}{12} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{n(n-2)^2}{24} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots \right]$$

$$\therefore \int_{x_0}^{x_n} y dx = nh \left[ y_0 + \frac{n}{2} \Delta y_0 + \frac{n(2n-3)}{12} \Delta^2 y_0 + \frac{n(n-2)^2}{24} \Delta^3 y_0 + \dots \right] \rightarrow (3)$$

From the above formula (3), we can derive different integration formula by putting  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  etc.

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Derivation of Trapezoidal Rule :

putting  $n = 1$  in (3) we get,

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} y dx = h \left[ y_0 + \frac{1}{2} \Delta y_0 \right] = h \left[ y_0 + \frac{1}{2} (y_1 - y_0) \right] = \frac{h}{2} (y_0 + y_1) \rightarrow (4)$$

Similarly, we can have,

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} y dx = \frac{h}{2} [y_1 + y_2] \rightarrow (5), \int_{x_2}^{x_3} y dx = \frac{h}{2} [y_2 + y_3] \rightarrow (6)$$

$$\int_{x_{n-1}}^{x_n} y dx = \frac{h}{2} [y_{n-1} + y_n] \rightarrow (7)$$

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Combining all these integral we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x_0}^{x_n} y dx &= \int_{x_0}^{x_1} y dx + \int_{x_1}^{x_2} y dx + \int_{x_2}^{x_3} y dx + \dots + \int_{x_{n-1}}^{x_n} y dx \\ &= \frac{h}{2} [y_0 + y_1 + y_1 + y_2 + y_2 + y_3 + \dots + y_{n-1} + y_n] \\ &= \frac{h}{2} [y_0 + y_n + 2(y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + \dots + y_{n-1})] \rightarrow (8) \end{aligned}$$

This is known as Trapezoidal Rule.

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Simpson's 1/3rd rule :

putting  $n = 2$  in (3) we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x_0}^{x_2} y dx &= 2h \left[ y_0 + \Delta y_0 + \frac{1}{6} \Delta^2 y_0 \right] = \frac{h}{3} [6y_0 + 6(y_1 - y_0) + (y_2 - 2y_1 + y_0)] \\ &= \frac{h}{3} [y_0 + 4y_1 + y_2] \rightarrow (9) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\int_{x_2}^{x_4} y dx = \frac{h}{3} [y_2 + 4y_3 + y_4] \rightarrow (10), \int_{x_4}^{x_6} y dx = \frac{h}{3} [y_4 + 4y_5 + y_6] \rightarrow (11)$$

$$\int_{x_{n-2}}^{x_n} y dx = \frac{h}{3} [y_{n-2} + 4y_{n-1} + y_n] \rightarrow (12)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x_0}^{x_n} y dx &= \int_{x_0}^{x_2} y dx + \int_{x_2}^{x_4} y dx + \int_{x_4}^{x_6} y dx + \dots + \int_{x_{n-2}}^{x_n} y dx \\ &= \frac{h}{3} \left[ (y_0 + 4y_1 + y_2) + (y_2 + 4y_3 + y_4) + (y_4 + 4y_5 + y_6) + \dots \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (y_{n-2} + 4y_{n-1} + y_n) \right] \\ &= \frac{h}{3} \left[ y_0 + y_n + 4(y_1 + y_3 + y_5 + \dots + y_{n-1}) + 2(y_2 + y_4 + y_6 + \dots + y_{n-2}) \right] \end{aligned} \rightarrow (13)$$

This is known as Simpson's 1/3rd rule.

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Error in Trapezoidal Rule:

$$E_T = \int_{x_0}^{x_n} y dx - \frac{h}{2} [y_0 + y_n + 2(y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_{n-1})] \rightarrow (1)$$

Now, for the interval  $[x_0, x_1]$ , error is given by

$$E_1 = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} y dx - \frac{h}{2} (y_0 + y_1) \rightarrow (2)$$

Suppose  $y = f(x)$  be continuous and possesses continuous derivatives in  $[x_0, x_1]$ , then expanding  $y(x)$  about  $x = x_0$  in Taylor series we get,

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \left[ y_0 + (x-x_0)y_0' + \frac{(x-x_0)^2}{2!} y_0'' + \frac{(x-x_0)^3}{3!} y_0''' + \dots \right] dx - \frac{h}{2} (y_0 + y_1) \\ &= \left[ xy_0 + \frac{(x-x_0)^2}{2!} y_0' + \frac{(x-x_0)^3}{3!} y_0'' + \frac{(x-x_0)^4}{4!} y_0''' + \dots \right]_{x_0}^{x_1} - \frac{h}{2} (y_0 + y_1) \\ &= \left[ (x_1-x_0)y_0 + \frac{(x_1-x_0)^2}{2!} y_0' + \frac{(x_1-x_0)^3}{3!} y_0'' + \frac{(x_1-x_0)^4}{4!} y_0''' + \dots \right] - \frac{h}{2} (y_0 + y_1) \\ &= \left[ h y_0 + \frac{h^2}{2!} y_0' + \frac{h^3}{3!} y_0'' + \frac{h^4}{4!} y_0''' + \dots \right] - \frac{h}{2} (y_0 + y_1) \\ &= h \left[ y_0 + \frac{h}{2!} y_0' + \frac{h^2}{3!} y_0'' + \frac{h^3}{4!} y_0''' + \dots \right] - \frac{h}{2} [y_0 + y(x_0+h)] \\ &= \left[ h y_0 + \frac{h^2}{2!} y_0' + \frac{h^3}{3!} y_0'' + \frac{h^4}{4!} y_0''' + \dots \right] - \frac{h}{2} \left[ y_0 + y_0 + h y_0' + \frac{h^2}{2!} y_0'' + \frac{h^3}{3!} y_0''' + \dots \right] \\ &\stackrel{(*)}{=} \left[ h y_0 + \frac{h^2}{2!} y_0' + \frac{h^3}{3!} y_0'' + \frac{h^4}{4!} y_0''' + \dots \right] - \left[ h y_0 + \frac{h^2}{2} y_0' + \frac{h^3}{4} y_0'' + \frac{h^4}{12} y_0''' + \dots \right] \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{4} \right) h^3 y_0'' = -\frac{1}{12} h^3 y_0'' \end{aligned}$$

Neglecting higher order terms of  $O(h^4)$  we get,

This is the error in evaluating the integral in the interval  $(x_0, x_1)$ . P.T.O.

Similarly, for the other intervals  $(x_1, x_2), (x_2, x_3), \dots, (x_{n-1}, x_n)$  we can compute the errors for Trapezoidal rule.

Thus total error in Trapezoidal rule is

$$E_T = \int_{x_0}^{x_n} y \, dx - \frac{h}{2} [y_0 + y_n + 2(y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_{n-1})]$$

$$= -\frac{h^3}{12} [y_0'' + y_1'' + y_2'' + \dots + y_{n-1}'']$$

$$\leq -\frac{h^3}{12} n y''(\xi), \quad \text{where } y''(\xi) \text{ is the largest values of } n \text{ quantities } y_0'', y_1'', y_2'', \dots, y_{n-1}''$$

$$\therefore E_T \approx -\frac{nh^3}{12} y''(\xi), \quad a < \xi < b \text{ and } nh = b - a$$

$$= -\frac{(b-a)}{12} h^2 y''(\xi).$$

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Q. Find the error terms for Simpson's  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd rule.

[Hints: consult any book]

Q.1. Evaluate  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$  using (i) Trapezoidal rule, (ii) Simpson's  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd rule. Hence compute an approximate value of  $\pi$  in each case.

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Here  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ ,  $a=0$ ,  $b=1$ ,  $n=6$  (Say)

Then  $h = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{1-0}{6} = \frac{1}{6}$

The tabulated values of  $f(x)$  for different values of  $x$  are given below:

$x$	0	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{5}{6}$	1
$f(x)$	1 ( $y_0$ )	0.972972 ( $y_1$ )	0.9 ( $y_2$ )	0.8 ( $y_3$ )	0.692308 ( $y_4$ )	0.590164 ( $y_5$ )	0.5 ( $y_6$ )

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(i) By Trapezoidal rule we have

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{h}{2} [y_0 + y_6 + 2(y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4 + y_5)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} [1 + 0.5 + 2(0.972972 + 0.9 + 0.8 + 0.692308 + 0.590164)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} [1.5 + 7.910888] = \frac{1}{12} \times 9.410888 \approx 0.784241$$

Again,  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = [\tan^{-1} x]_0^1 = \tan^{-1} 1 = \tan^{-1} \tan \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\therefore \frac{\pi}{4} \approx 0.784241 \text{ ie } \pi \approx 3.136964$$

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(ii) By Simpson's  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd rule we have

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{h}{3} [y_0 + y_6 + 4(y_1 + y_3 + y_5) + 2(y_2 + y_4)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{18} [1 + 0.5 + 4(0.972972 + 0.8 + 0.590164) + 2(0.9 + 0.692302)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{18} [1.5 + 9.452544 + 3.184616] = \frac{1}{18} \times 14.13716$$

$$\approx 0.785398$$

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Again,  $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$\therefore \frac{\pi}{4} \approx 0.785398$  ie  $\pi \approx 3.141592$

Q.2. Evaluate  $\int_0^{0.4} e^{x^3} dx$  to 5 decimal places by Trapezoidal rule taking  $n=4$ .  
Ans 0.40694

Q.3. Evaluate  $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+x}$  by Simpson's  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd rule with  $h=0.25$ . Also calculate the absolute error. Ans 0.6931472,  $E_A = 1.0672 \times 10^{-4}$

Q.4. Evaluate  $\int_0^{0.6} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$  using (i) Trapezoidal, (ii) Simpson's  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd rule. Ans (i) 0.64374, (ii) 0.64350

Q.5. The following table gives the values of acceleration ( $f$ ) of a particle in  $\text{cm/sec}^2$  at equal interval of time ( $t$ ) in Secs. Find the velocity of the particle at  $t=2$  Secs.

$t$	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0
$f$	0.3989	0.3521	0.2420	0.1295	0.0540

Sol<sup>n</sup>:

The velocity ( $v$ ) at  $t=2$  Secs is given by

$$v = \int_0^2 f(t) dt$$

Since the number of sub-interval is 4, we use Simpson's  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd rule.

$$\therefore \int_0^2 f(t) dt \approx \frac{0.5}{3} [y_0 + y_4 + 4(y_1 + y_3) + 2y_2]$$

$$= \frac{0.5}{3} [0.3989 + 0.0540 + 4(0.3521 + 0.1295) + 2 \times 0.2420]$$

$$= 0.4772$$

$\therefore$  The required velocity is  $0.4772 \text{ cm/sec}^2$ . Ans

Q.6. A Solid of revolution is formed by rotating about the x-axis, the area between the x-axis, the lines  $x=0$ ,  $x=1$  and a curve through the points with following co-ordinates:

x	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1
y	1	0.9896	0.9589	0.9089	0.8415

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Find the volume of the solid of revolution.

Sol<sup>n</sup>: The volume of the solid is  $V = \pi \int_0^1 y^2 dx$   
Constructing table for  $y^2$  (for given values of  $x$ )  
and using Simpson's  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd rule,  $V = 2.82038$ .

Q.7. Compute the value of  $\int_{1.2}^{1.6} (x + \frac{1}{x}) dx$ , correct to five decimal places by using (i) Trapezoidal rule, (ii) Simpson's  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd rule.  
Ans (i) 0.84794, (ii) 0.84768

Q.8. Find the value of  $\int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \sqrt{\sin x} dx$ , taking  $n=8$ , correct to five significant figures, by using (i) Trapezoidal rule, (ii) Simpson's  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd rule. Ans (i) 1.1703, (ii) 1.1873

Q.9. Evaluate approximately by Trapezoidal rule, the integral  $\int_0^1 (4x - 3x^2) dx$ , by taking  $n=10$ . Compute the exact integral and hence find the absolute and relative error.  
Ans 0.995, 1, 0.005, 0.005

Q.10. Using Simpson's  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd rule, estimate the area, bounded by the curve  $y = f(x)$ , x-axis and the ordinates  $x=0$  and  $x=2$  from the following data:

x	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0
f(x)	0.3989	0.3521	0.2420	0.3295	0.0540

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Ans 0.4772.