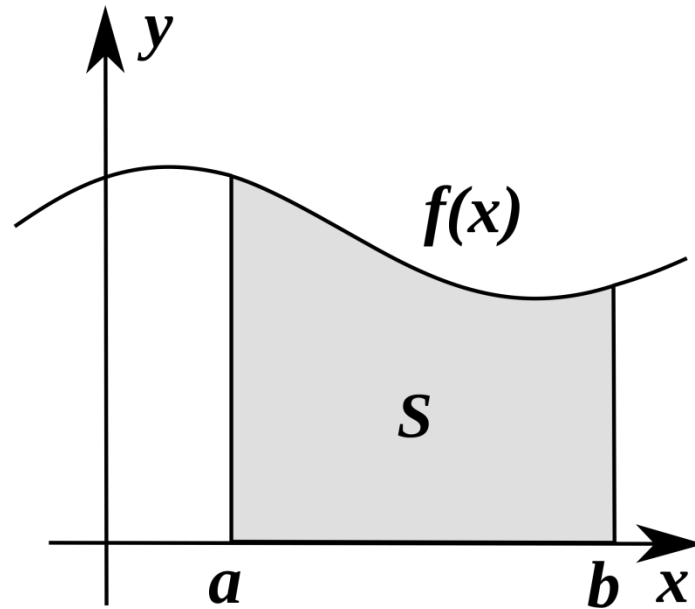


Techniques for Numerical Integration

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



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Numerical Integration Techniques

Trapezoid Rule

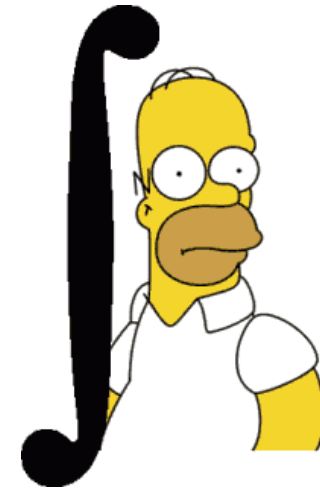
Simpson's Rule(s)

Romberg Integration

Gaussian Quadrature

Gauss-Lobatto Quadrature

Gauss-Kronrod Quadrature



MATLAB Comparison

trapz()

simps()

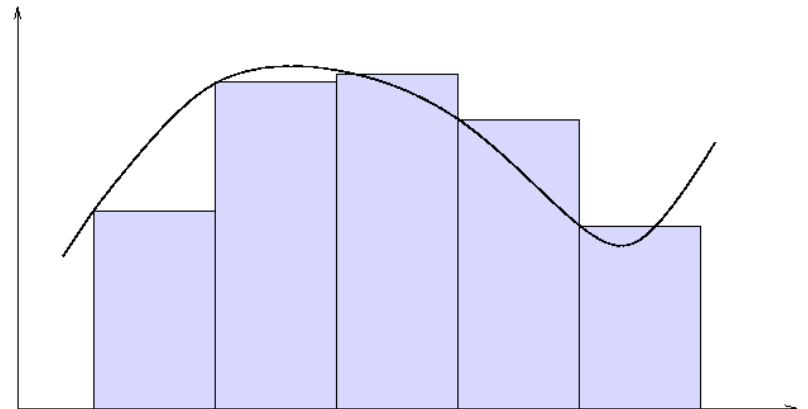
quad()

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integral()



Working with Singularities

The Integral – The Basics

What you already know

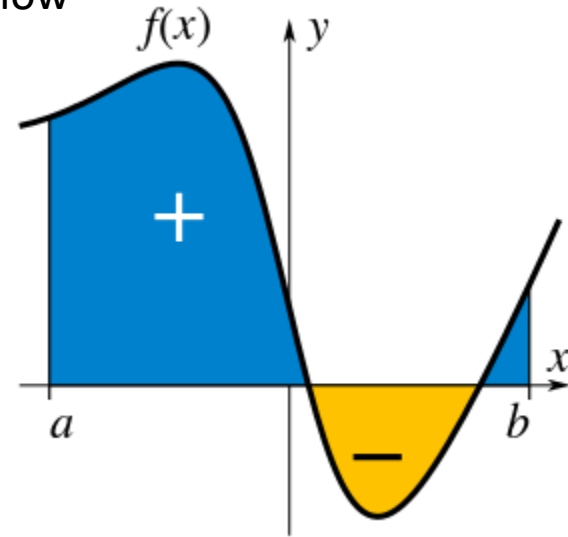
Indefinite Integral:

$$F(x) = \int f(x) dx.$$

Definite Integral:

On the closed interval from a to b, or $[a,b]$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a).$$



Integral - Area Under the Curve

The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:

If $f(x)$ is a continuous, real-valued function defined on the closed interval $[a,b]$, and $F(x)$ is defined for all x in $[a,b]$, then $F(x)$ is differentiable on (a,b)

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt.$$

$$F'(x) = f(x)$$

The Interpolation Polynomial

The simple approach to Numerical Integration

Let $p_n(x)$ be the polynomial to interpolate $f(x)$ at x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n where

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

Then use this interpolation polynomial to compute $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ by using

$$\int_a^b p_n(x) dx \approx \int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

Where $a = x_0$ and $b = x_n$.

Then taking the form $I_n(f) = \sum_{k=0}^n c_k f(x_k) \approx \int_a^b f(x) dx,$

the function $I_n(f)$ takes the **exact value of the integral for polynomials of degree n or less**

$$\sum_{k=0}^n c_k x_k^j = \int_a^b x^j dx, \quad j = 0, \dots, n.$$

Represented as a linear system

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ x_0 & x_1 & \dots & \dots & x_n \\ x_0^2 & x_1^2 & \dots & \dots & x_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_0^n & x_1^n & \dots & \dots & x_n^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \int_a^b dx \\ \int_a^b x dx \\ \vdots \\ \int_a^b x^n dx \end{pmatrix}$$

The Interpolation Polynomial - Applied

The first example

If we let $[a,b] = [0,1]$,
 $x_k = kh$ where $h = 1/n$

For $n = 1$
then $x_0 = 0$ and $x_1 = 1$,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & \cdots & 1 \\ x_0 & x_1 & \cdots & \cdots & x_n \\ x_0^2 & x_1^2 & \cdots & \cdots & x_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_0^n & x_1^n & \cdots & \cdots & x_n^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \int_a^b dx \\ \int_a^b x dx \\ \vdots \\ \int_a^b x^n dx \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \int_a^b dx \\ \int_a^b x dx \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Has solution $C_0 = C_1 = 1/2$, and plugging this back into the equation for the polynomial,

$$I_1(f) = \frac{1}{2}[f(0) + f(1)] \quad \text{Or more generally: } I_1(f) = \frac{b-a}{2}[f(a) + f(b)]$$

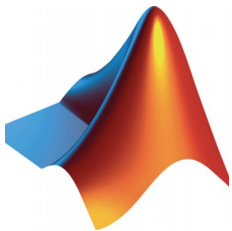
The Trapezoid Rule

A technique for approximating the definite integral

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

The trapezoid rule approximates the area under the curve as a trapezoid with upper corners on the curve, and determines the value for the interval using the area of the trapezoid formed.

(only ONE trapezoid, for now)



`Q = trapz(Y)` returns the approximate integral of `Y` using the trapezoid method (by default, with unit spacing)

The Interpolation Polynomial - Applied

The second example

If we continue to let $[a,b] = [0,1]$,
 $x_k = kh$ where $h = 1/n$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & \cdots & 1 \\ x_0 & x_1 & \cdots & \cdots & x_n \\ x_0^2 & x_1^2 & \cdots & \cdots & x_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_0^n & x_1^n & \cdots & \cdots & x_n^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \int_a^b dx \\ \int_a^b x dx \\ \vdots \\ \int_a^b x^n dx \end{pmatrix}$$

For $n = 2$

then $x_0 = 0$, $x_1 = 1/2$ and $x_2 = 1$,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1/4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1/2 \\ 1/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Has solution $C_0 = C_2 = 1/6$, and $C_1 = 2/3$ and plugging this into the polynomial,

$$I_2(f) = \frac{1}{6}[f(0) + 4f(1/2) + f(1)]$$

Or more generally:

$$I_2(f) = \frac{(b-a)}{6}[f(a) + 4f((a+b)/2) + f(b)]$$

Simpson's Rule

A *better* technique for approximating the definite integral



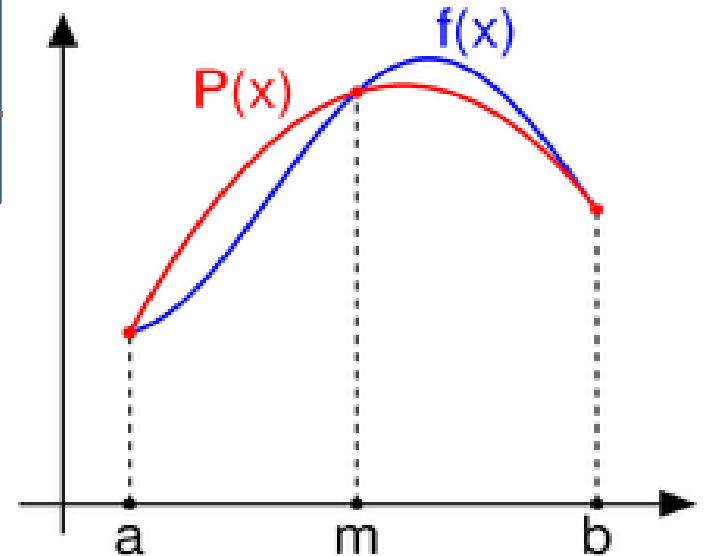
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{b-a}{6} [f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b)]$$

Simpson's rule approximates the area under the curve using **quadratic** interpolation
[Parabolic arcs rather than straight lines]

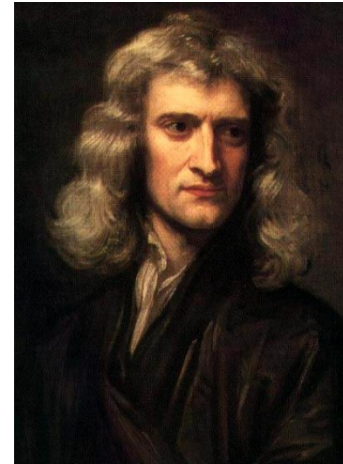
Simpson 3/8 Rule (n = 3)

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{(b-a)}{8} [f(a) + 3f\left(\frac{2a+b}{3}\right) + 3f\left(\frac{a+2b}{3}\right) + f(b)]$$

Simpson's 3/8 rule approximates the area under the curve using **cubic** interpolation rather than quadratic interpolation



Newton-Cotes & Error Formulas



Recap: Interpolation Formula is used to approximate integrals in numerical analysis

$n = 1$ – Trapezoid rule

$n = 2$ – Simpson's rule

$n = 3$ – Simpson's 3/8 Rule

$n = 4, 5, 6, \dots$ **Newton – Cotes Formula of order n**
(Guaranteed exact for degree n or less)

x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n
are **evenly spaced**

For unevenly spaced points,
Gaussian Quadrature is
necessary.

Error Formulas:

Trapezoid Rule
$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = I_1(f) - \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} f''(\xi_2)$$

for some $\xi_2 \in (a, b)$

Simpson's Rule

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = I_2(f) - \frac{(b-a)h^4}{180} f^{(4)}(\xi_4)$$

where $h = (b-a)/2$ and $\xi_4 \in (a, b)$



Composite Formulas

A *MUCH* better technique for approximating the definite integral

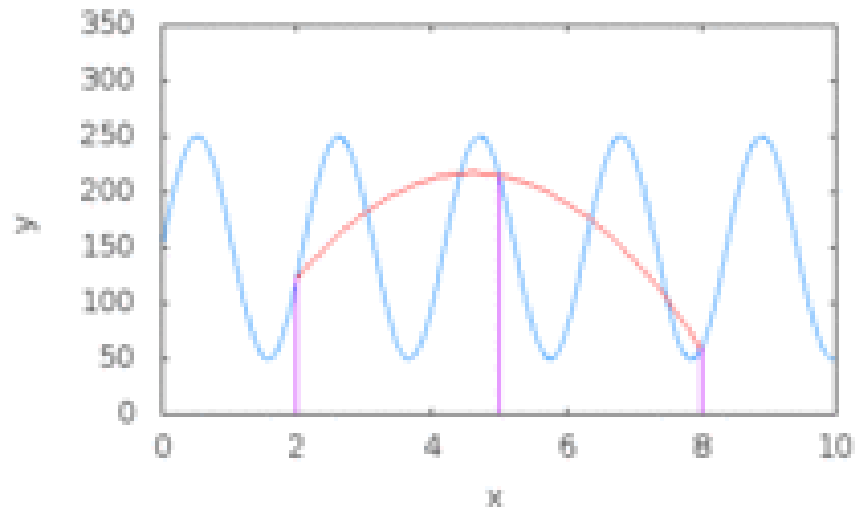
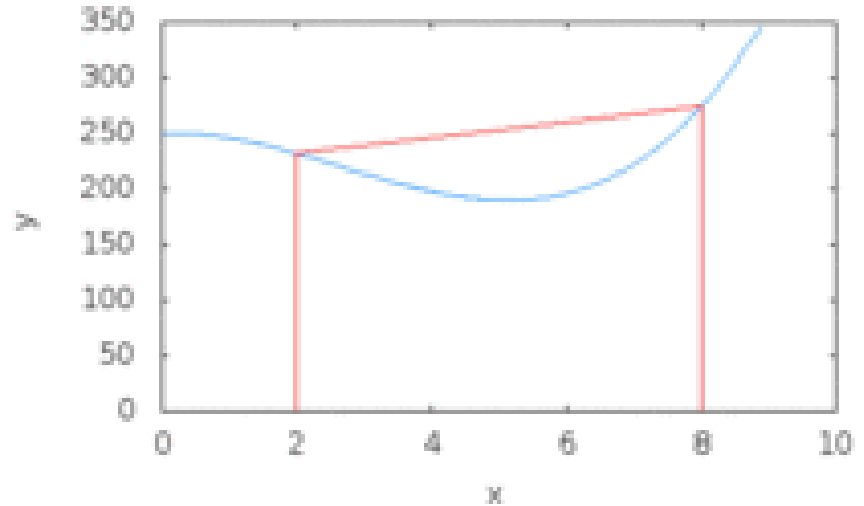
As n increases, the different Newton-Coates formulas help us to approximate the value of the integral of more complex curves, represented by higher order polynomials.

“Composite” =

Break the integral up into “smaller” integrals and sum the parts...

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \int_{x_k}^{x_{k+1}} f(x)dx$$

In general, the more “parts”, the better the approximation.



Composite Trapezoid Rule

For notation simplicity using spacing $h = x_{k+1} - x_k = (b-a)$

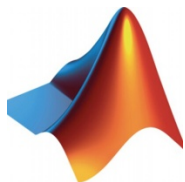
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx (b-a) \left[\frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \right].$$

$$T_0(h) = \int_{x_k}^{x_{k+1}} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [f(x_k) + f(x_{k+1})]$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_0(h) &= \frac{h}{2} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(x_k) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(x_{k+1}) \right] \\ &= \frac{h}{2} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(x_k) + \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k) \right] \\ &= \frac{h}{2} [f(x_0) + f(x_n)] + h \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} f(x_k) \end{aligned}$$

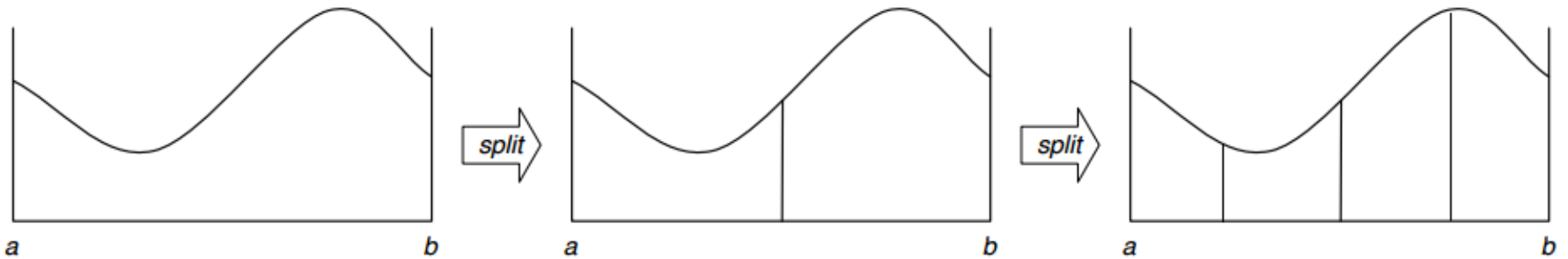
Therefore, to halve the interval size, midpoints: $x_{k+1/2} = [x_k + x_{k+1}]/2$

$$\begin{aligned} T_0(h/2) &= \frac{h}{4} [f(x_0) + f(x_n)] + \frac{h}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(x_k) + \frac{h}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(x_{k+1/2}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} T_0(h) + \frac{h}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(x_{k+1/2}) \end{aligned}$$



`Q = trapz(X,Y)` returns the approximate integral of `Y` using the trapezoid method with spacing `X`

Adaptive Simpson's Rule



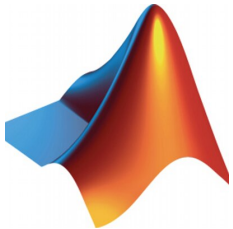
“Composite” =

Break the integral up into “smaller” integrals and sum the parts...

“Adaptive” =

Recursively splitting the integral in half and checking the error term compared to some desired maximum value

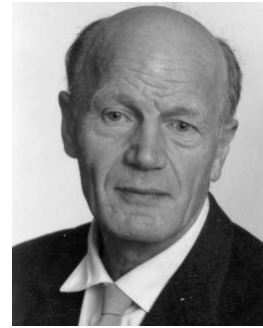
$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx = S(a, b) + E(a, b)$$



`Q = quad(fun,a,b,tol)` returns the approximate integral of the function `fun` using “recursive adaptive composite Simpson’s Rule” to within an error of `tol` (larger tolerance values means fewer evaluations and faster computation but a less accurate result)

Romberg Integration

Combining everything up until this point...



The composite trapezoid rule for spacing h was

$$T_0(h) = \frac{h}{2}[f(x_0) + f(x_n)] + h \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(x_k)$$

And with half the interval size,

need the function evaluated at the midpoints

$$T_0(h/2) = \frac{1}{2}T_0(h) + \frac{h}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(x_{k+1/2})$$

$T_0(h)$ is needed in order to determine $T_0(h/2)$...

It follows that in order to compute $T_0(h/2^k)$ we need $T_0(h)$, $T_0(h/2)$, ... , $T_0(h/2^{k-1})$

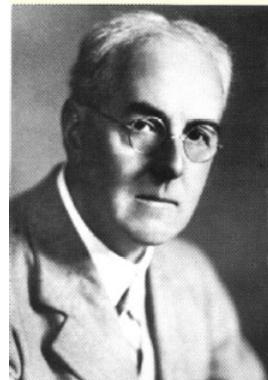
Following the same process to determine the composite Simpson's rule has the result

$$T_1(h) = (4T_0(h/2) - T_0(h))/3$$

Similarly, $T_0(h/4)$ and $T_0(h/2)$ are needed to form $T_1(h/2)$, and so forth...

Then again in the same way, $T_1(h)$ and $T_1(h/2)$ can be used to determine $T_2(h)$...

[This technique of using multiple low order approximations to obtain a higher order approximation is called Richardson Extrapolation.]



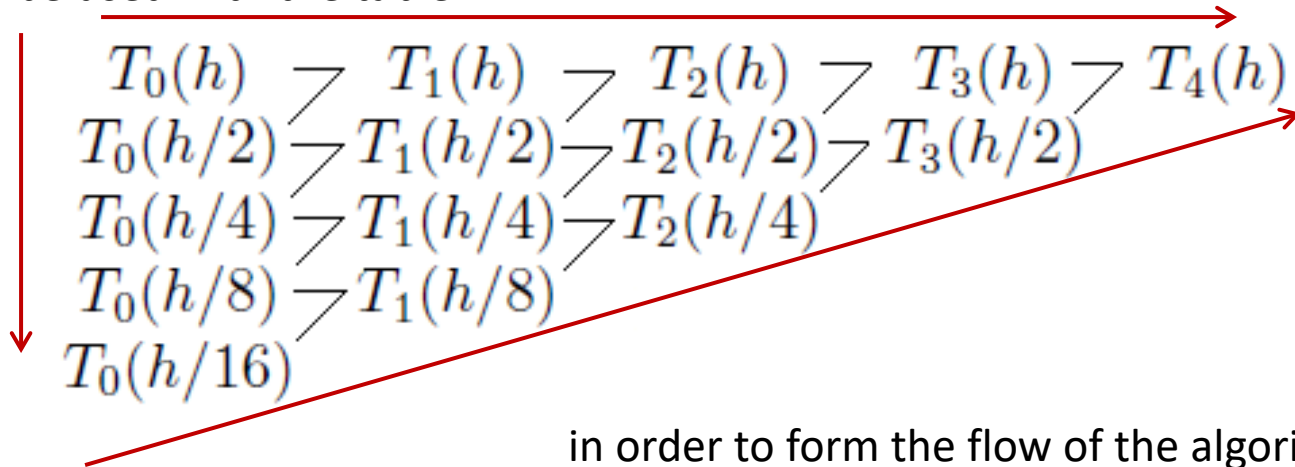
Romberg Integration

Richardson Extrapolation + Trapezoid Rule = Romberg Integration

Such that finally, the general form

$$T_k(h) = (4^k T_{k-1}(h/2) - T_{k-1}(h)) / (4^k - 1)$$

Which can be used with the table



The rows



The columns



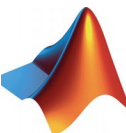
The diagonals



ALL converge to the exact value of the integral

Stopping Criterion for some tolerance ϵ

$$|T_{k-1}(h) - T_k(h)| \leq \epsilon$$



Gaussian Quadrature

A *slightly different* technique for approximating the definite integral



“**Quadrature**” is a numerical analysis technique where a definite integral is approximated using a weighted sum of function values at specified points within the domain of integration

The n-point Gaussian Quadrature rule

yields exact results for polynomials of degree $(2n-1)$ or less as long as a “suitable choice” of points x_i and weights w_i are used for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

The domain is conventionally used as the closed interval $[-1, 1]$

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i).$$

How is this different?

These “specified points” **DO NOT** have to be evenly spaced (as they did for Trapezoid, Simpson’s, and Romberg)

Gaussian Quadrature

... using a “suitable choice” of points x_i and weights w_i

Gaussian Quadrature will produce accurate results if the function $f(x)$ is well approximated by a polynomial function within the domain ...

[This method is not well suited for functions with singularities...]

If $f(x)$ can be written as

$$f(x) = w(x)g(x)$$

where $g(x)$ can be well approximated using a polynomial and $w(x)$ is known, then alternative points and weights that depend on the **weighing function** give better results

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx \approx \int_{-1}^1 \omega(x)g(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^n w'_i g(x'_i)$$

and the evaluation points x_i are the roots (zeros) the specific polynomial used to approximate the function, a polynomial belonging to a family of orthogonal polynomials called the *orthogonal polynomial sequence*

Gaussian Quadrature

Weighing Functions

Quadrature Type	Weighing Function $w(x)$	Orthogonal Polynomials
Gauss-Legendre Quadrature	1	Legendre Polynomials
Gauss-Jacobi Quadrature	$(1-x)^\alpha(1+x)^\beta, \quad \alpha, \beta > -1$	Jacobi Polynomials
Chebyshev-Gauss Quadrature	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	Chebyshev Polynomials (first kind)
Chebyshev-Gauss Quadrature	$\sqrt{1-x^2}$	Chebyshev Polynomials (second kind)
Gauss-Laguerre Quadrature	e^{-x}	Laguerre Polynomials
Gauss-Laguerre Quadrature	$x^\alpha e^{-x}, \quad \alpha > -1$	Generalized Laguerre Polynomials
Gauss-Hermite Quadrature	e^{-x^2}	Hermite Polynomials

Gauss – Lobatto Quadrature

An Extension of Gaussian Quadrature



How is Gauss-Lobatto different than Gaussian Quadrature?

- The integration points INCLUDE the endpoints of the integration interval
- Accurate for polynomials up to degree $2n-3$

The Lobatto Quadrature of the function $f(x)$ on the interval $[-1,1]$ is

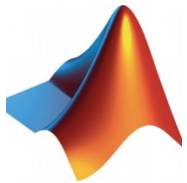
$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = \frac{2}{n(n-1)} [f(1) + f(-1)] + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} w_i f(x_i) + R_n$$

with weights

$$w_i = \frac{2}{n(n-1)[P_{n-1}(x_i)]^2}, \quad x_i \neq \pm 1.$$

and remainder

$$R_n = \frac{-n(n-1)^3 2^{2n-1} [(n-2)!]^4}{(2n-1)[(2n-2)!]^3} f^{(2n-2)}(\xi), \quad -1 < \xi < 1.$$



`q = quadl(fun,a,b)` approximates the integral of the function `fun` from `a` to `b`, to within an error of 10^{-6} using adaptive Lobatto quadrature. (Limits `a` and `b` must be finite.)



Gauss – Kronrod Quadrature

Another Extension of Gaussian Quadrature

Remember:

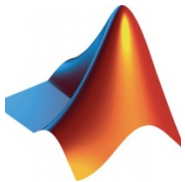
Gaussian Quadrature of order n is accurate for polynomials up to degree $2n-1$

Gauss-Kronrod Rules:

The interval $[a,b]$ is subdivided such that the new evaluation points of these subintervals never coincide with the original evaluation points except at zero and odd numbers



Adding $n+1$ points to an n -point Quadrature, in this manner makes the **resulting rule of order $3n+1$** . This allows for computation of much higher-order estimates using function values of lower-order estimates



`q = quadgk(fun,a,b)` approximates the integral of the function `fun` from `a` to `b` using high-order adaptive quadrature with default error tolerances. (Limits `a` and `b` can be infinite or complex.)

MATLAB Comparison - Code

```
% function 4/(1+x^2) from 0 to 1 (integral is pi)
```

```
myfun = @(x) 4./(1+x.^2);
```

```
%% TRAPEZOID RULE
```

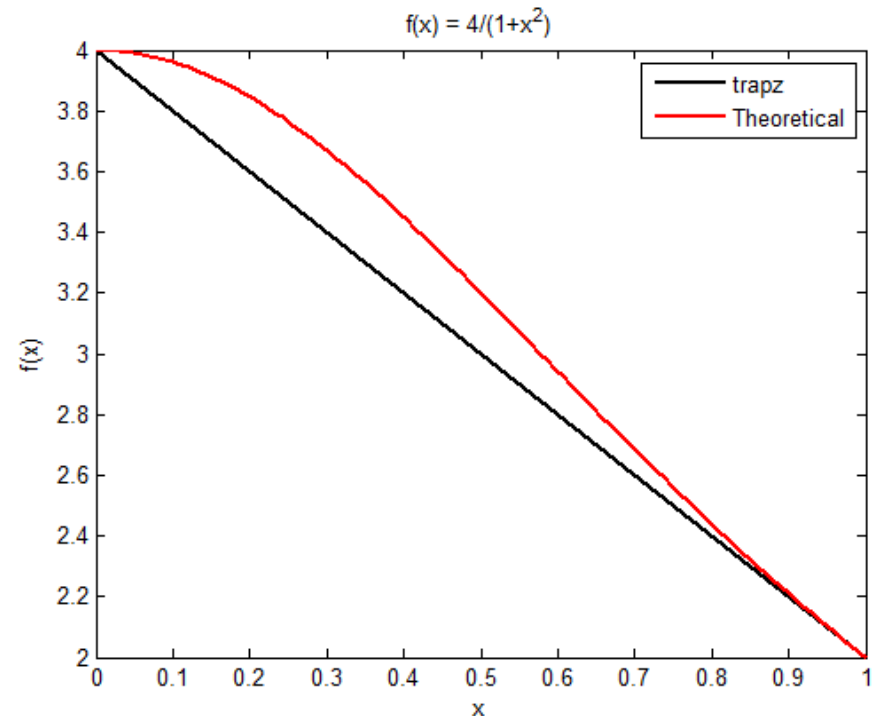
```
n = 2;  
points_t = linspace(0,1,n);  
interp_t = feval(myfun,points_t);  
  
figure1 = figure('Color',[1 1 1]);  
plot(points_t,interp_t,'Color','k','LineWidth',2)  
title('f(x) = 4/(1+x^2)')  
xlabel('x')  
ylabel('f(x)')
```

```
tic  
int_t = trapz(interp_t);  
T_t = toc;  
disp(['Trapezoid Rule: ',num2str(int_t)])  
error_t = abs(int_t-pi);  
disp(['With Error: ',num2str(error_t)])  
disp(['Time elapsed: ',num2str(T_t),' seconds'])  
disp(' ')
```

```
%% SIMPSON'S RULE
```

```
n = 3;  
points_s = linspace(0,1,n);  
interp_s = feval(myfun,points_s);  
  
hold on;  
plot(points_s,interp_s,'Color','b','LineWidth',2)
```

```
tic  
int_s = simps(interp_s)/2;  
T_s = toc;
```



```
int_q = quad(myfun,0,1,0.1);
```

```
int_r = romberg(myfun,0,1,0.1);
```

```
int_r2 = romberg(myfun,0,1,1e-14);
```

```
int_l = quadl(myfun,0,1);
```

```
int_gk = quadgk(myfun,0,1);
```

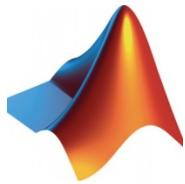
```
int_i = integral(myfun,0,1);
```

MATLAB Comparison - Results

	Integral Value	Error	Time Elapsed (seconds)	MATLAB Function
Trapezoid Rule	3	0.14159	0.02266	trapz()
Simpson's Rule	3.1333	0.0082593	0.030717	simps() *
Adaptive Composite Simpson Quadrature	3.14159525048309	2.5969e-06	0.023679	quad()
Romberg Integration (with tolerance 0.1)	3.141592502458707	1.5113e-07	0.001437	romberg() *
Romberg Integration (with tolerance 1e-14)	3.141592653589793	0	0.014495	romberg() *
Gauss-Lobatto Quadrature	3.141592707032192	5.3442e-08	0.02867	quadl()
Gauss-Kronrod Quadrature	3.141592653589793	0	0.067964	quadgk()
MATLAB's Integral Function	3.141592653589793	0	0.089876	integral()

$\pi = 3.1415926535897932384626\dots$ ↑

↑ Zero to double precision



Differences in MATLAB Functions

Which function should I use to perform numerical integration?

- `quad()` is more efficient for low accuracy with non-smooth scalar-valued functions
- `quadl()` is more efficient for higher accuracy with smooth scalar-valued functions
- `quadv()` & `integral()` perform vectorized quadrature for a vector-valued function
- `quadgk()` is the most efficient for high accuracy if the function is oscillatory
- `quadgk()` & `integral()` supports infinite limits of integration
- `quadgk()` & `integral()` can handle moderate singularities at the endpoints
- `integral()` automatically supports mixed relative (digits) and absolute (when $I = 0$) error control
- `integral()` uses a higher order method than `quadl()` so it is usually more accurate on smooth problems
- `integral()` is more reliable than `quad()` because it starts with a much finer initial mesh than `quad()` and is more conservative in error control

Handling Singularities in MATLAB

- `quadgk()` & `integral()` can handle moderate singularities at the endpoints
- `quad()` is more efficient for low accuracy with non-smooth scalar-valued functions

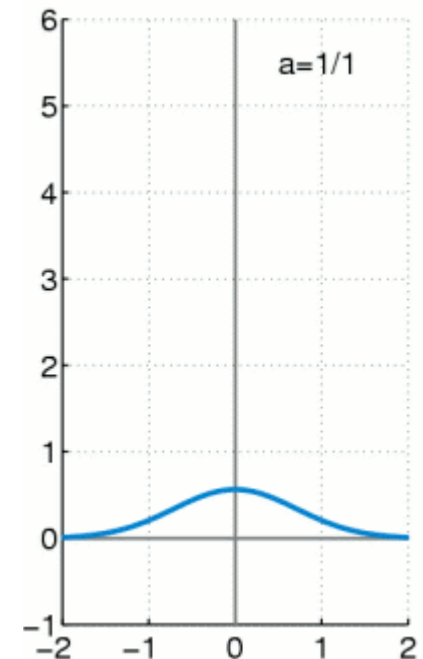
“If there is a singularity within the domain of the function, the sum of the intervals over multiple subintervals can be used with the singularities at endpoints”

The Dirac-Delta Function

$$\delta_a(x) = \frac{1}{a\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-x^2/a^2}$$

```
a = 1e-7;
myfun = @(x) (1/(a*sqrt(pi)))*exp((-x.^2)/(a^2));
q = quadgk(myfun,-1,1)
q = quadgk(myfun,-1,0) + quadgk(myfun,0,1)
```

	Without Split	With Split
<code>quad()</code>	<code>a = 1e-20 *</code>	<code>a = 1e-21</code>
<code>quadgk()</code>	<code>a = 1e-4</code>	<code>a = 1e-7</code>
<code>integral()</code>	<code>a = 1e-4</code>	<code>a = 1e-7</code>



* **Warning: Minimum step size reached; singularity possible.**

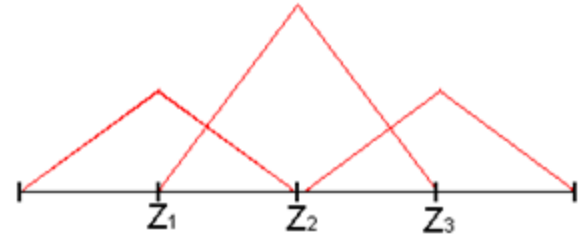
Pocklington's Integral Equation

Using MATLAB to evaluate Pocklington's Integral Equation

$$\frac{1}{j\omega\epsilon_0} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} I(z') \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z'^2} + k^2 \right] G(z, z') dz' = -E_z^i(z)$$

Using piecewise triangular sub-domain functions

$$f_n(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Delta - |z - z_n|}{\Delta}; & z_n - \Delta < z < z_n + \Delta \\ 0; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



And point-matching (or collocation) weighing functions

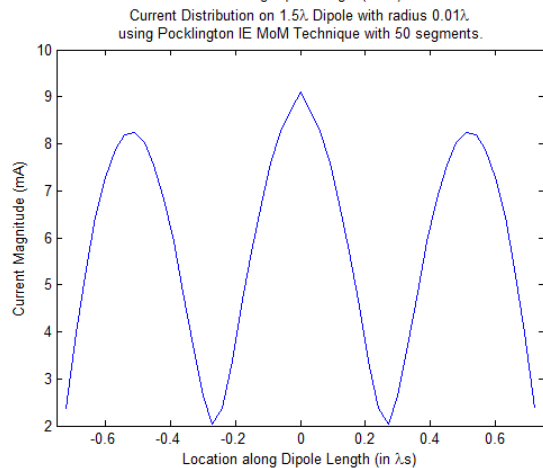
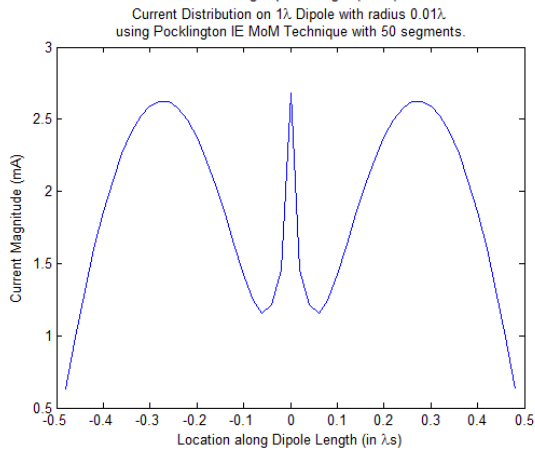
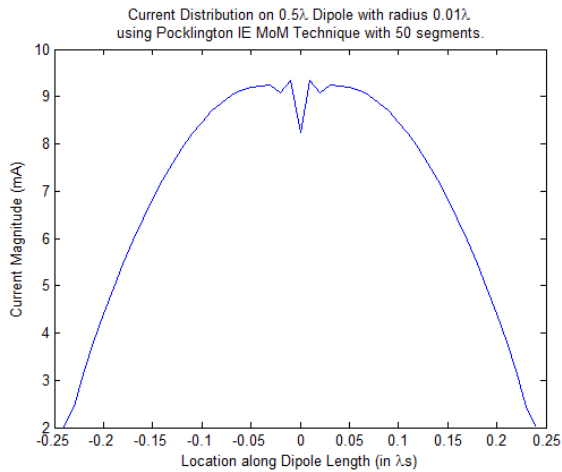
$$w_m(z) = \delta(z - z_m)$$

The kernel of Pocklington's I.E. has a **singularity** at the middle segment of the dipole

$$K(z_m, z') = \frac{1}{4\pi j\omega\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{e^{-jkR}}{R^5} \left[(1 + jkR)(2R^2 - 3a^2) + k^2 a^2 R^2 \right] \right]$$

$$R = \sqrt{(z - z')^2 + a^2}$$

Pocklington's I.E.



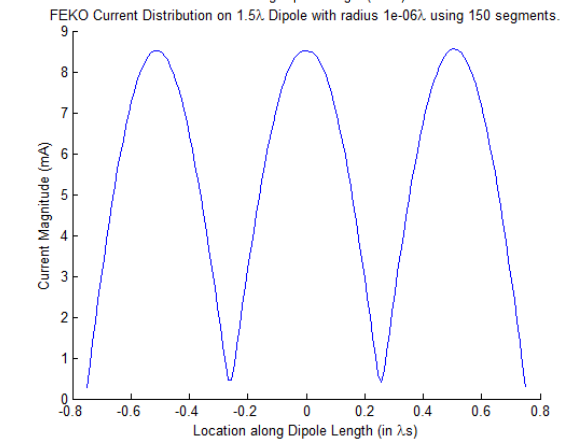
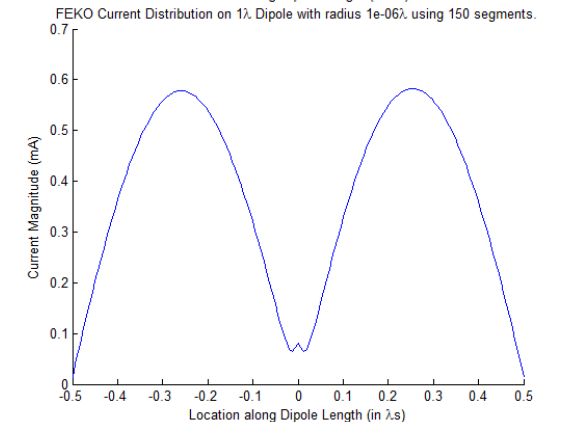
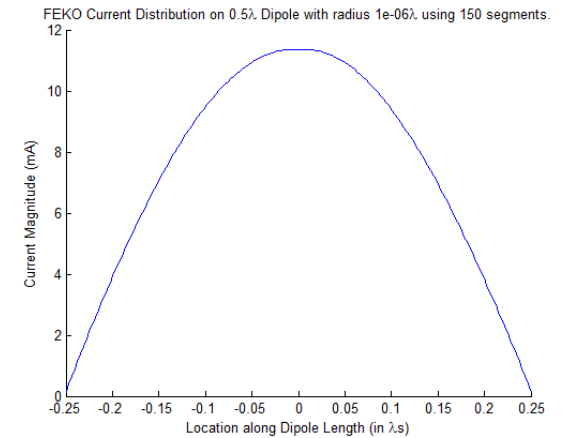
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•Singularity on the center segment

•Splitting the integral does not help

•Comparison of impedances (center segment)

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