

Numerical Differentiation & Integration

Richardson's Extrapolation

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for some collection of (unknown) constants K_1, K_2, K_3, \dots

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- The object of extrapolation is to find an easy way to combine these rather inaccurate $O(h)$ approximations in an appropriate way to produce formulas with a higher-order truncation error.

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- Then we would have

$$M - N_2(0.1) \approx 0.01 \hat{K}_2, \quad M - N_2(0.01) \approx 0.0001 \hat{K}_2$$

and so on.

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- The extrapolation continues by combining the $N_2(h)$ approximations in a manner that produces formulas with $O(h^3)$ truncation error, and so on.

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- Then we have a second $O(h)$ approximation formula

$$M = N_1\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) + K_1\frac{h}{2} + K_2\frac{h^2}{4} + K_3\frac{h^3}{8} + \dots$$

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- Then the above equation is an $O(h^2)$ approximation formula for M :

$$M = N_2(h) - \frac{K_2}{2}h^2 - \frac{3K_3}{4}h^3 - \dots$$

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- Assume that this formula has truncation error $O(h)$ and use extrapolation on these values to see if this results in a better approximation.

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This implies that

$$N_1(0.1) = 0.5406722 \quad \text{and} \quad N_1(0.05) = 0.5479795$$

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Solution (Cont'd)

- Extrapolating these results gives the new approximation

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- Because $f'(1.8) = 1/1.8 = 0.\bar{5}$, the extrapolated value is accurate to within $\mathbf{2.7 \times 10^{-4}}$.

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Extrapolation can be applied whenever the truncation error for a formula has the form

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m-1} K_j h^{\alpha_j} + O(h^{\alpha_m})$$

for a collection of constants K_j and when $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \alpha_3 < \cdots < \alpha_m$.

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- The extrapolation is much more effective than when all powers of h are present because the averaging process produces results with errors

$$O(h^2), O(h^4), O(h^6), \dots$$

with essentially no increase in computation, over the results with errors, $O(h)$, $O(h^2)$, $O(h^3)$, \dots

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$$3M = \left[4N_1\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) - N_1(h)\right] + K_2\left(\frac{h^4}{4} - h^4\right) + K_3\left(\frac{h^6}{16} - h^6\right) + \dots$$

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Dividing this equation by 3 produces an $O(h^4)$ formula

$$M = \frac{1}{3} \left[4N_1 \left(\frac{h}{2} \right) - N_1(h) \right] + \frac{K_2}{3} \left(\frac{h^4}{4} - h^4 \right) + \frac{K_3}{3} \left(\frac{h^6}{16} - h^6 \right) + \dots$$

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Define

$$N_2(h) = \frac{1}{3} \left[4N_1 \left(\frac{h}{2} \right) - N_1(h) \right] = N_1 \left(\frac{h}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \left[N_1 \left(\frac{h}{2} \right) - N_1(h) \right]$$

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$$M = \frac{1}{3} \left[4N_1 \left(\frac{h}{2} \right) - N_1(h) \right] - K_2 \frac{h^4}{4} - K_3 \frac{5h^6}{16} + \dots$$

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Building $O(h^{2j})$ Approximations (Cont'd)

With this definition of $N_2(h)$, we obtain the approximation formula with truncation error $O(h^4)$

$$M = N_2(h) - K_2 \frac{h^4}{4} - K_3 \frac{5h^6}{16} + \dots$$

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Building $O(h^{2j})$ Approximations (Cont'd)

Now replace h in this new $O(h^4)$ formula

$$M = N_2(h) - K_2 \frac{h^4}{4} - K_3 \frac{5h^6}{16} + \dots$$

with $h/2$

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$$M = N_2\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) - K_2 \frac{5h^4}{64} - K_3 \frac{h^6}{1024} - \dots$$

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Subtracting the first equation from 16 times the second eliminates the h^4 term and gives

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We now have the $O(h^6)$ approximation formula

$$N_3(h) = \frac{1}{15} \left[16N_2\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) - N_2(h) \right] = N_2\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{15} \left[N_2\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) - N_2(h) \right]$$

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Building $O(h^{2j})$ Approximations (Cont'd)

Continuing this procedure gives, for each $j = 2, 3, \dots$, the $O(h^{2j})$ approximation

$$N_j(h) = N_{j-1}\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) + \frac{N_{j-1}(h/2) - N_{j-1}(h)}{4^{j-1} - 1}$$

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Questions?