

$$E = \frac{f^{(2n)}(\xi)}{(2n)!} \int_a^b \left( \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (x-x_i) \right)^2 w(x) dx, \quad (108)$$

where  $\xi \in (a, b)$ .

## § 4.5 Romberg Integration

Idea: use Richardson's extrapolation to increase accuracy of composite trapezoidal rule.  
 $\rightarrow$  get high accuracy method from multiple applications of a low accuracy method.

Recall composite trapezoidal rule:

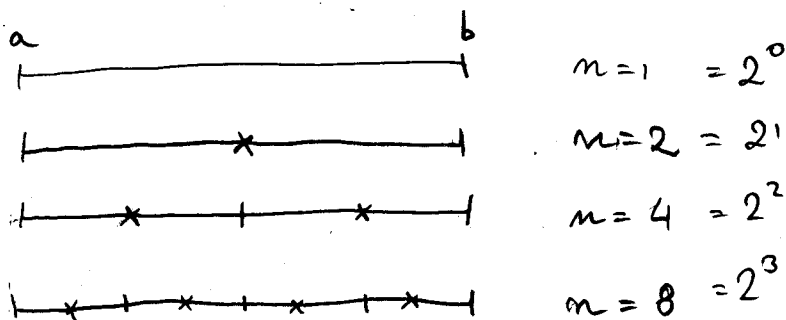
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{h}{2} (f(x_0) + f(x_n) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} f(x_j)) - \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} f''(\xi)$$

where  $\xi \in (a, b)$   $h = \frac{b-a}{n}$  and  $x_j = a + jh$ .

Romberg integration needs to evaluate composite trapezoidal rule

for  $n = 2^k$ ,

$k = 0, 1, \dots, M$



without superfluous function evaluations

$x =$  new function evaluations  
 $| =$  function evaluation available from previous "level".

This composite trapz rule becomes with  $h_k = 2^{-k}(b-a)$  :

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{h_k}{2} \left[ f(a) + f(b) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{2^k-1} f(a+ih_k) \right]$$

$$= R_{k,0} + \text{error} - \frac{(b-a)h_k^2}{12} f''(\xi_k)$$

where  $\xi_k \in (a, b)$ .

So:  $R_{0,0} = \frac{h_0}{2} (f(a) + f(b)) = \frac{b-a}{2} (f(a) + f(b))$

$$R_{1,0} = \frac{h_1}{2} (f(a) + f(b) + 2f(a+h_1))$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} R_{0,0} + h_1 f(a+h_1)$$

$$R_{2,0} = \frac{1}{2} R_{1,0} + h_2 (f(a+h_2) + f(a+3h_2))$$

$\vdots$

$$R_{k,0} = \frac{1}{2} R_{k-1,0} + h_k \sum_{j=1}^{2^{k-1}} f(a + (2j-1)h_k)$$

$\uparrow$  evaluation only at odd numbered nodes.

It can be shown that:

$$\textcircled{1} \int_a^b f(x) dx = R_{k,0} + K_1 h_k^2 + K_2 h_k^4 + K_3 h_k^6 + \dots$$

$$\textcircled{2} \int_a^b f(x) dx = R_{k+1,0} + K_1 h_{k+1}^2 + K_2 h_{k+1}^4 + K_3 h_{k+1}^6 + \dots$$

$$= R_{k+1,0} + K_1 \frac{h_k^2}{4} + K_2 \frac{h_k^4}{16} + K_3 \frac{h_k^6}{64} + \dots$$

Do Richardson's extrapolation trick to cancel out leading term in error:

4x ② - ① :

3 \int\_a^b f(x) dx = 4 R\_{k+1,0} - R\_{k,0} - \frac{3}{4} h\_k^4 - \frac{15}{16} h\_k^6 - \dots

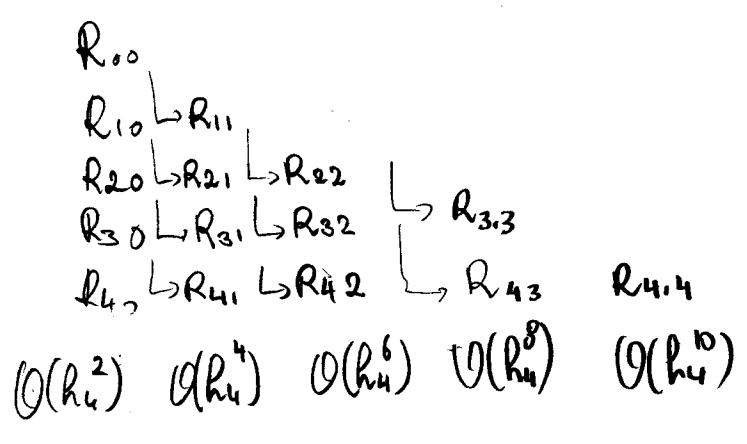
\int\_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{4 R\_{k+1,0} - R\_{k,0}}{4 - 1} - \frac{1}{4} h\_k^4 - \frac{5}{16} h\_k^6 - \dots

= R\_{k+1,1} = O(h\_k^4) approx

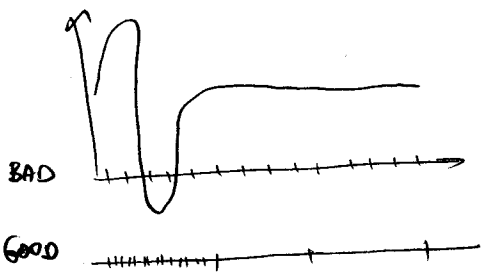
If we keep doing same thing:

R\_{k+1,j} = \frac{4^j R\_{k+1,j-1} - R\_{k,j-1}}{4^j - 1} = O(h\_k^{2(j+1)})

Organizing work in a table we get: (for example)



## § 4.6 Adaptive quadrature methods



Using a uniform partition of an interval for a quadrature rule for approximating the integral of a function is not the most efficient way of doing things!

Obviously we can do better if we adapt the # of points to put more points where they are needed the most  $\Rightarrow$  principle behind adaptive methods.

key ingredient: we need a way that tells us how good our quadrature is working. We could do a number of things: for example using more nodes to estimate error term or using a more accurate method. Here we choose to refine # of points to estimate error.

On some interval  $[a, b]$ :

$$(*) \int_a^b f(x) \cdot dx = \frac{b-a}{6} (f(a) + f(\frac{a+b}{2}) + f(b)) - \frac{h^5}{90} f^{(4)}(\xi)$$

for some  $\xi \in (a, b)$   $\equiv S(a, b)$  where  $h = \frac{b-a}{2}$

Of course we could estimate error if we knew  $f^{(4)}$  but this is asking too much from end user!

Instead we apply Simpson's rule again on two subintervals of  $[a, b]$ :

$$(**) \int_a^b f(x) dx = S(a, \frac{a+b}{2}) + S(\frac{a+b}{2}, b) - \frac{h^5}{2^5 90} f^{(4)}(\xi_1) - \frac{h^5}{2^5 90} f^{(4)}(\xi_2)$$

$$= \dots - \frac{h^5}{90} (\frac{1}{16}) f^{(4)}(\tilde{\xi})$$

where  $\xi_1 \in (a, \frac{a+b}{2})$ ,  $\xi_2 \in (\frac{a+b}{2}, b)$  and  $\tilde{\xi} \in (a, b)$ .

Now assume  $f^{(4)}$  does not vary too much on  $(a, b)$  so:

(112)

$$f^{(4)}(\xi) \approx f^{(4)}(\tilde{\xi})$$

So to estimate the error we simply do  $(***) - (*)$  to get:

$$\frac{h^5}{30} f^{(4)}(\xi) \approx -\frac{16}{15} \left[ S(a, \frac{a+b}{2}) + S(\frac{a+b}{2}, b) - S(a, b) \right]$$

Plugging into  $(***)$  and bounding integration error:

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x) dx - S(a, \frac{a+b}{2}) - S(\frac{a+b}{2}, b) \right| \leq \frac{1}{15} \left| S(a, b) - S(a, \frac{a+b}{2}) - S(\frac{a+b}{2}, b) \right|$$

So if we want  $(***)$  to be accurate to within  $\epsilon$  we need:

$$\left| S(a, b) - S(a, \frac{a+b}{2}) - S(\frac{a+b}{2}, b) \right| < 15\epsilon$$

To be conservative (and account for some changes in  $f^{(4)}$ ) we can require  $10\epsilon$  bound.

Algorithm: the book implements a recursive procedure using a for loop. This is like writing a tree traversal algorithm with for loops: very complicated!  $\rightarrow$  use recursion: i.e. a function that calls itself.

⚠ Using recursion is probably less efficient than running code in the book but it's much easier to understand!

⚠ Also some programming languages are limited in # of recursion levels that are allowed or if you run a C program you may get "stack overflow" or other messages of the kind.

⚠ It may be good to impose a limit on # of recursions in "industrial" code as infinite recursions can be nastier than infinite loops!

function  $r = \text{asimpson}(a, b, f, \epsilon)$

$$S = \frac{b-a}{6} (f(a) + 4f(\frac{a+b}{2}) + f(b))$$

$$S_1 = \frac{b-a}{12} (f(a) + 4f(a + \frac{b-a}{4}) + f(\frac{a+b}{2}))$$

$$S_2 = \frac{b-a}{12} (f(\frac{a+b}{2}) + 4f(a + \frac{2(b-a)}{4}) + f(b))$$

If  $|S - S_1 - S_2| < \epsilon$

$r = S_1 + S_2$ ;    % we are happy with approx

else

$r = \text{asimpson}(a, \frac{a+b}{2}, f, \epsilon/2) + \text{asimpson}(\frac{a+b}{2}, b, f, \epsilon/2)$

• recursive calls of adaptive Simpson code for left and right halves of intervals.

Requiring that error be  $\epsilon/2$  ensures the total error from left + right subint will not exceed  $\epsilon$  when summed up.

• instead of accumulating only integrals we can also accumulate e.g. points of discretization.