

# Solutions\_3

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## 1 Exercise 5.2.3

Apply composite Simpson's rule with  $m = 1, 2, 4$  panels to approximate the integrals:

$$(a) \int_0^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3}, \quad (b) \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos(x) dx = 1, \quad (c) \int_0^1 e^x dx = e - 1,$$

and report the errors.

**Solution**

(a)  $f(x) = x^2$ .

For  $m = 1$  we put  $h = (1 - 0)/2 = 1/2$ ,  $x_0 = 0$ ,  $x_1 = 1/2$ ,  $x_2 = 1$ ;  $y_0 = f(x_0) = 0$ ,  $y_1 = f(x_1) = 1/4$ ,  $y_2 = f(x_2) = 1$ . The approximation is then  $I \approx h/3(y_0 + 4y_1 + y_2) = (0 + 4 \cdot 1/4 + 1)/6 = 1/3$ . The error is thus 0.

For  $m = 2$  we have  $h = (1 - 0)/4 = 1/4$ ,  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_4) = (0, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 1)$ ,  $(y_0, y_1, \dots, y_4) = (0, 1/16, 1/4, 9/16, 1)$ . The approximation is then  $I \approx h/3(y_0 + 4y_1 + 2y_2 + 4y_3 + y_4) = (0 + 4 \cdot 1/16 + 2 \cdot 1/4 + 4 \cdot 9/16 + 1)/12 = (1/4 + 2/4 + 9/4 + 4/4)/12 = 16/(3 \cdot 4 \cdot 4) = 1/3$ . The error is thus 0.

One could continue with  $m = 3$ , but the error has to be zero. Indeed, Simpson's rule is based on quadratic interpolation polynomials, which means that  $x^2$  will be represented exactly by the interpolating polynomial and the quadrature will be exact.

(b)  $f(x) = \cos(x)$

For  $m = 1$  we put  $h = (\pi/2 - 0)/2 = \pi/4$ ,  $x_0 = 0$ ,  $x_1 = \pi/4$ ,  $x_2 = \pi/2$ ;  $y_0 = f(x_0) = 1$ ,  $y_1 = f(x_1) = 1/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $y_2 = f(x_2) = 0$ . The approximation is then  $I \approx h/3(y_0 + 4y_1 + y_2) = (1 + 4/\sqrt{2} + 0) \cdot \pi/12 \approx 1.00227$ . The error is thus  $\approx 0.00227$ .

For  $m = 2$ ,  $h = \pi/8$ ,  $(x_0, \dots, x_4) = (0, \pi/8, \pi/4, 3\pi/8, \pi/2)$ ,  $(y_0, \dots, y_4) \approx (1, 0.9238795, 1/\sqrt{2}, 0.38268343, 0)$ .  $I \approx h/3(y_0 + 4y_1 + 2y_2 + 4y_3 + y_4) \approx 1.000135$ , giving the error  $\approx 0.000135$ .

For  $m = 3$ ,  $h = \pi/6$ ,  $I \approx 1.00002631$ , error  $\approx 0.00002631$ .

(c)  $f(x) = \exp(x)$

For  $m = 1$  we put  $h = (1 - 0)/2 = 1/2$ ,  $x_0 = 0$ ,  $x_1 = 1/2$ ,  $x_2 = 1$ ;  $y_0 = f(x_0) = 1$ ,  $y_1 = f(x_1) = e^{1/2}$ ,  $y_2 = f(x_2) = e$ . The approximation is then  $I \approx h/3(y_0 + 4y_1 + y_2) = (1 + 4\sqrt{e} + e)/6 \approx 1.71886115$ . The error is thus  $\approx 1.71886115 - e + 1 \approx 5.79 \cdot 10^{-4}$ .

For  $m = 2$ ,  $h = 1/4$ ,  $(x_0, \dots, x_4) = (0, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 1)$ ,  $\dots I \approx h/3(y_0 + 4y_1 + 2y_2 + 4y_3 + y_4) \approx 1.71831884192175$ , giving the error  $\approx 3.70 \cdot 10^{-5}$ .

For  $m = 3$ ,  $h = 1/6$ ,  $I \approx 1.71828916992083$ , error  $\approx 7.34 \cdot 10^{-6}$ .

## 2 Exercise 5.2.11

Find the degree of precision of the following approximation for  $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx$ :

First of all, let us evaluate the integral of a monomial  $x^n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ :

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^n dx = \left[ \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \right]_{x=-1}^{x=1} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for odd } n, \\ 2/(n+1), & \text{for even } n. \end{cases}$$

(a)  $f(1) + f(-1)$ :

Let us apply the quadrature to the monomial  $x^n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ :

$$1^n + (-1)^n = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for odd } n, \\ 2, & \text{for even } n, \end{cases}$$

Therefore the quadrature agrees with the integral for  $n = 0, 1$  (and all odd  $n$ ), and its degree of precision is 1. (One could also observe that this is trapezoid quadrature on  $[-1, 1]$ , which is known to be exact for polynomials up to degree 1.)

(b)  $2/3[f(-1) + f(0) + f(1)]$ . We check the quadrature on monomials of increasing degree:

$$2/3[(-1)^n + 0^n + (-1)^n] = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{for } n = 0, \\ 0, & \text{for odd } n, \\ 4/3, & \text{for even } n > 0, \end{cases}$$

which agrees with the integral for  $n = 0, 1$  (and odd  $n$ ). Thus degree of precision is 1.

(c) We check the quadrature on monomials of increasing degree:

$$[(-1/\sqrt{3})^n + (1/\sqrt{3})^n] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for odd } n, \\ 2/3^{n/2}, & \text{for even } n, \end{cases}$$

which agrees with the integral for  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$  (and odd  $n$ ). Thus degree of precision is 3. (This is an example of Gaussian quadrature, which are exact for polynomials of degree up to  $2n - 1$  when  $n$  points are used.)

### 3 Exercise 5.2.16

Use the fact that the error term of Boole's Rule (see Exercise 5.2.15) is proportional to  $f^{(6)}(c)$  to find the exact error term.

**Solution**

We apply the quadrature to the monomial  $x^6$ , for which  $f^{(6)}(c) \equiv 6!$ , for all  $c$ . Thus

$$\int_0^{4h} x^6 dx = \left[ \frac{x^7}{7} \right]_{x=0}^{x=4h} = \frac{4^7 h^7}{7} = \frac{2h}{45} (7 \cdot 0^6 + 32 \cdot h^6 + 12 \cdot (2h)^6 + 32 \cdot (3h)^6 + 7 \cdot (4h)^6) + C6!$$

and we are interested in finding  $C$ .

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In [1]: from sympy import *
init_printing()
h,C=symbols('h C')
integral = (4*h)**7/7
quadrature = 2*h/45*(32*h**6 + 12*(2*h)**6 + 32*(3*h)**6 + 7*(4*h)**6)
simplify(integral-quadrature)
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Out [1]:

$$-\frac{128h^7}{21}$$

Thus  $C = -128h^7/(21 \cdot 6!) = -8h^7/945$

## 4 Exercise 5.4.1

Apply Adaptive Quadrature by hand, using the Trapezoid Rule with tolerance  $TOL = 0.05$  to approximate the integrals. Find the approximation error.

### Solution

(a) In this case,  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $b_0 = 1$ .

We begin with  $n = 1$  interval,  $a = a_0$ ,  $b = b_0$ . We will use  $S[a, b]$  to denote the Trapezoid quadrature applied on the interval  $[a, b]$ .

$c = (a+b)/2$ ,  $S[a, b] = (0^2+1^2)/2 = 1/2$ ,  $S[a, c] = (0^2+(1/2)^2)/4 = 1/16$ ,  $S[c, b] = ((1/2)^2+1^2)/4 = 5/16$ .  $|S[a, b] - S[a, c] - S[c, b]| = 1/8 = 0.125 < 3 \cdot 0.05 \cdot ((b-a)/(b_0-a_0)) = 0.15$ . Thus we stop with the approximation  $S[a, c] + S[c, b] = 3/8 = 0.375$  and an error estimate  $-(S[a, b] - S[a, c] - S[c, b])/3 = -1/24 \approx -0.0417$ .

The actual integration error is  $\int_0^1 x^2 - 3/8 = 1/3 - 3/8 = -1/24$ . Our estimate is exact because  $f''$  is constant in this case, thus the approximate equation (5.38) in the book is actually exact.

(b)  $f(x) = \cos(x)$ ,  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $b_0 = \pi/2$ .

$S[0, \pi/2] = (1+0)/2 = 1/2$ ,  $S[0, \pi/4] = (1+1/\sqrt{2})/4 \approx 0.42678$ ,  $S[\pi/4, \pi/2] = (1/\sqrt{2}+0)/4 \approx 0.17678$ .  $|S[a, b] - S[a, c] - S[c, b]| = |1/4 - 1/(2\sqrt{2})| \approx 0.104 < 3 \cdot 0.05 \cdot 1 = 0.15$ . Thus we stop with the approximation  $S[a, c] + S[c, b] = 1/4 + 1/(2\sqrt{2}) \approx 0.60355$  and an error estimate  $-(S[a, b] - S[a, c] - S[c, b])/3 = 1/(6\sqrt{2}) - 1/12 \approx 0.0345$ , whereas the actual integration error is  $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos(x) - 1/4 - 1/(2\sqrt{2}) = 1 - 1/4 - 1/(2\sqrt{2}) \approx 0.396$ .

Thus the adaptive quadrature underestimates the error in this case. The problem is the assumption made in equation (5.38) is not realistic in this case.

(c) In this case,  $f(x) = \exp(x)$ ,  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $b_0 = 1$ .

$S[0, 1] = (1+e)/2 \approx 1.85914$ ,  $S[0, 0.5] = (1+\exp(0.5))/4 \approx 0.66218$ ,  $S[0.5, 1] = (\exp(0.5) + \exp(1))/4 \approx 1.09175$ .  $|S[a, b] - S[a, c] - S[c, b]| \approx 0.1052 < 3 \cdot 0.05 \cdot ((b-a)/(b_0-a_0)) = 0.15$ . Thus we stop with the approximation  $S[a, c] + S[c, b] \approx 1.75393$  and an error estimate  $-(S[a, b] - S[a, c] - S[c, b])/3 \approx -0.035$ .

The actual integration error is  $\int_0^1 \exp(x) - (S[a, c] + S[c, b]) \approx -0.036$ . Our estimate is quite good in this case.

## 5 Exercise 5.4.4

Develop an Adaptive Quadrature method for rule (5.28).

### Solution

Let  $c = (a+b)/2$ ,  $h = b-a$  and apply the quadrature on  $[a, b]$ ,  $[a, c]$ , and  $[c, b]$  (we use the same notation as in the book):

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = S[a, b] + \frac{14h^5}{45} f^{(4)}(c_1), \quad c_1 \in [a, b],$$

$$\int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx = S[a, c] + S[c, b] + \frac{14(h/2)^5}{45} f^{(4)}(c_2) + \frac{14(h/2)^5}{45} f^{(4)}(c_3), \quad c_2 \in [a, c], c_3 \in [c, b].$$

Further assuming that  $f^{(4)}(c_1) \approx f^{(4)}(c_2) \approx f^{(4)}(c_3)$  we obtain:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = S[a, b] + \frac{14h^5}{45} f^{(4)}(c_1),$$

$$\int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx \approx S[a, c] + S[c, b] + \frac{1}{16} \frac{14h^5}{45} f^{(4)}(c_1).$$

We can now subtract the second equation from the first to obtain:

$$S[a, b] - S[a, c] - S[c, b] \approx 15 \frac{1}{16} \frac{14h^5}{45} f^{(4)}(c_1).$$

Thus the number  $S[a, b] - S[a, c] - S[c, b]$  gives an approximation to 15 times the error of the quadrature  $S[a, c] + S[c, b]$ .

The rest is exactly the same as for other quadratures; one stops subdividing the interval when  $|S[a, b] - S[a, c] - S[c, b]| < 15 \cdot TOL \cdot (b - a) / (b_{\text{orig}} - a_{\text{orig}})$  and returns  $S[a, c] + S[c, b]$  as the approximation of the integral over the interval  $[a, b]$ .

## 6 Exercise 5.5.1

Approximate the integrals using  $n = 2$  Gaussian Quadrature. Compare with the correct value and give the approximation error.

### Solution

Gaussian Quadrature with  $n = 2$  is defined by the points  $x_{1,2} = \pm 1/\sqrt{3}$ ,  $w_{1,2} = 1$ .

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In [2]: x1 = -1/sqrt(3)
        x2 = 1/sqrt(3)
        w1 = 1
        w2 = 1
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(a)

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In [3]: from sympy import *
        init_printing()
        x=symbols('x')
        f=Lambda(x,x**3+2*x)

        # Exact integral
        integrate(f(x),(x,-1,1))
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Out [3]:

0

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In [4]: # Numerical quadrature
        f(x1)*w1 + f(x2)*w2
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Out [4]:

0

Thus the error is 0, which agrees with the theory for Gaussian Quadratures being exact for polynomials up to degree  $2n - 1$ .

(b)

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In [5]: f=Lambda(x,x**4)

        # Exact integral
        integrate(f(x),(x,-1,1))
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Out [5]:

$\frac{2}{5}$

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In [6]: # Numerical quadrature
        f(x1)*w1 + f(x2)*w2
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Out [6]:

$\frac{2}{9}$

In [7]: # Approximation error  
2/5-2/9

Out[7]:

0.17777777777777778

(c)

In [8]: f=Lambda(x,exp(x))  
  
# Exact integral  
integrate(f(x),(x,-1,1))

Out[8]:

$$-\frac{1}{e} + e$$

In [9]: # Numerical quadrature  
f(x1)\*w1 + f(x2)\*w2

Out[9]:

$$e^{-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}} + e^{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}}$$

In [10]: # Approximation error  
N(integrate(f(x),(x,-1,1))-(f(x1)\*w1 + f(x2)\*w2))

Out[10]:

0.00770629937787234

(d)

In [11]: f=Lambda(x,cos(pi\*x))  
  
# Exact integral  
integrate(f(x),(x,-1,1))

Out[11]:

0

In [12]: # Numerical quadrature  
f(x1)\*w1 + f(x2)\*w2

Out[12]:

$$2 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}\pi}{3}\right)$$

In [13]: # Approximation error  
N(0-2\*cos(sqrt(3)\*pi/3))

Out[13]:

0.481237029038818

## 7 Exercise 5.5.7

Show that the Legendre polynomials  $p_1(x) = x$  and  $p_2(x) = x^2 - 1/3$  are orthogonal on  $[-1, 1]$ .

**Solution**  $\int_{-1}^1 p_1(x)p_2(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 (x^3 - x/3) dx = 0$  because  $x^3 - x/3$  is an odd function.

## 8 Exercise 5.5.8

Compute Legendre polynomials up to degree 3.

**Solution**

Legendre polynomials are given by the expression

$$p_i(x) = \frac{1}{2^i i!} \frac{d}{dx^i} [(x^2 - 1)^i].$$

Thus

$$p_0(x) = 1,$$

$$p_1(x) = 1/2[(x^2 - 1)]' = x,$$

$$p_2(x) = 1/(4 \cdot 2)[(x^2 - 1)^2]'' = 1/8[x^4 - 2x^2 + 1]'' = 1/8[12x^2 - 4] = 3/2(x^2 - 3),$$

$$p_3(x) = 1/(8 \cdot 6)[(x^2 - 1)^3]''' = 1/48[x^6 - 3x^4 + 3x^2 - 1]''' = 1/48[120x^3 - 72x] = 5/2[x^3 - 3/5x].$$

## 9 Exercise 5.5.9

Verify the coefficients  $c_i$  and  $x_i$  in Table 5.1 for degree  $n = 3$ .

**Solution**

We have computed  $p_3(x) = 5/2x(x^2 - 3/5)$  in Exercise 5.5.8. This immediately implies that  $p_3(0) = p_3(\pm\sqrt{3/5}) = 0$  confirming the roots listed in Table 5.1.

The coefficients  $c_i$  are obtained by integrating the Lagrange polynomials. For example,

$$L_2(x) = \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_3)}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_2 - x_3)} = \frac{(x + \sqrt{3/5})(x - \sqrt{3/5})}{(0 + \sqrt{3/5})(0 - \sqrt{3/5})} = 1 - \frac{5}{3}x^2,$$

and therefore

$$c_2 = \int_{-1}^1 [1 - 5/3x^2] dx = [x - 5/9x^3]_{x=-1}^{x=1} = 2 - 10/9 = 8/9.$$

Similarly

$$L_{1,3}(x) = \frac{(x - 0)(x \mp \sqrt{3/5})}{(\mp\sqrt{3/5} - 0)(\mp\sqrt{3/5} \mp \sqrt{3/5})} = \frac{x(x \mp \sqrt{3/5})}{2 \cdot 3/5},$$

and therefore

$$c_{1,3} = \frac{5}{6} \int_{-1}^1 [x^2 \mp x\sqrt{3/5}] dx = \frac{5}{6} [x^3/3 \mp \sqrt{3/5}x^2/2]_{x=-1}^{x=1} = \frac{5}{6} \frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{9}.$$

## 10 Computer exercise 5.2.8

**Answers:**

(a) 1.547866

(b) 1.277978

(c) 1.277978

## 11 Computer exercise 5.2.10

See the file `uniform_refinement.m` available on the wiki. Adapt the code to use Simpson's rule instead of Trapezoid.