MA633L-Numerical Analysis

Lecture 34 : Numerical Integration - Newton-Cotes

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Open Newton-Cotes Formula

The general (n + 1)-points closed Newton-Cotes formula using nodes $x_i = x_0 + ih$, for $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots n$ where $x_0 = a, x_n = b, h = (b - a)/n$ is

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx \cong \sum_{i=0}^{n} \left[\int_{x_0}^{x_n} \ell_i(x)dx \right] f(x_i) \cong \sum_{i=0}^{n} A_i f(x_i)$$
(1)

- The open Newton-Cotes formula do not include the endpoints [*a*, *b*] as nodes.
- They use only interior nodes.
- The numerical approximation for open Newton-Cotes formula is same as

 (1), but, x_i ∈ (a, b).
- In order to use the same formula (1), we redefine the points by spacing as follows: x₋₁ = a, x₀ = a + h, x_{n+1} = b, x_i = x₀ + ih for each i = 0, 1, 2, · · · , n where h = (b − a)/(n + 2).



For the midpoint formula, we take n = 0, then $x_{-1} = a$, $x_0 = (a + b)/2$, $x_1 = b$. Therefore, the interior point is only $x_0 = (a + b)/2$. When we work on the interval [0, 1], change of intervals and method of undetermined coefficients, we obtain that

$$\int_{0}^{1} f(x)dx \cong A_{0}f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \tag{2}$$

By the method of undetermined coefficients, we evaluate them on 1.

$$f(x) = 1 : \int_0^1 dx = A_0 \implies A_0 = 1$$



The resulting formula is

$$\int_0^1 f(x)dx \approx f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

By (??), we obtain that

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = (b-a)\int_{0}^{1} f(\lambda(u))du \cong (b-a)A_{0}f\left(\lambda\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)$$
$$\approx (b-a)f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$

If h = (b - a)/2, then

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx \approx 2hf(a+h)$$



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Theorem 1 (Error in Midpoint Rule)

If $f \in C^2[a,b]$, then the error in Midpoint rule is given by

$$\frac{(b-a)^3}{24}f''(\xi)$$

Proof: By Taylor polynomial about (a + b)/2 for each $x \in (a, b)$ is given by

$$f(x) = f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}f''(\xi)\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2$$

Integrating on both sides we obtain that

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)(b-a) + \frac{1}{2}f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\left[\left(b-\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{2} - \left(a-\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{2}\right] + \frac{1}{6}f''(\xi)\left[\left(b-\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{3} - \left(a-\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{3}\right] = f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)(b-a) + \frac{1}{3}f''(\xi)\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)^{3}$$

Hence the proof.



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For the Two-point formula, we take n = 1, then $x_{-1} = a, x_0 = (a + b)/3, x_0 = 2(a + b)/3, x_2 = b$. Therefore, the interior points are only $x_0 = (a + b)/3$ and $x_1 = 2(a + b)/3$. When we work on the interval [0, 1], change of intervals and method of undetermined coefficients, we obtain that

$$\int_0^1 f(x)dx \cong A_0 f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + A_1 f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \tag{4}$$

By the method of undetermined coefficients, we evaluate them on $\{1, x\}$.

$$f(x) = 1 : \int_0^1 dx = A_0 + A_1 \implies A_0 + A_1 = 1$$

$$f(x) = x : \int_0^1 x dx = A_0 \frac{1}{3} + A_1 \frac{2}{3} \implies \frac{1}{3} A_0 + \frac{2}{3} A_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Solving for A_0, A_1 , we obtain that $A_0 = 1/2, A_1 = 1/2$.



The resulting formula is

$$\int_0^1 f(x)dx \approx \frac{1}{2}f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \frac{1}{2}f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

By (??), we obtain that

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = (b-a)\int_{0}^{1} f(\lambda(u))du$$
$$\cong (b-a)A_{0}f\left(\lambda\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right) + (b-a)A_{1}f\left(\lambda\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\right)$$
$$\approx \frac{(b-a)}{2}\left[f\left(a+\frac{b-a}{3}\right) + f\left(a+2\frac{b-a}{3}\right)\right]$$



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If h = (b - a)/3, then

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx \approx \frac{3h}{2}[f(a+h) + f(a+2h)]$$





Theorem 2 (Error in Two-point Newton-Cotes Open Rule) If $f \in C^2[a, b]$, then the error in Two-point rule is given by

$$\frac{(b-a)^3}{36}f''(\xi)$$

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

Example 3 Evaluate

 $\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx$

using Midpoint rule.

$$a = 0, b = 1, \frac{a+b}{2} = 0.5, f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = 0.7788$$
$$\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx = (1-0)f(0.5) = 0.7788$$



Example 4

Using Two-Point Newton-Cotes open rule, the following numerical integration can be obtained.

$$\int_{0}^{2} x^{2} dx = \frac{3-0}{2} \left[\frac{4}{9} + \frac{16}{9}\right] = \frac{10}{3}, \qquad E_{t} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\int_{0}^{3} \frac{1}{1+x} dx = \frac{3-0}{2} \left[0.5 + \frac{1}{3}\right] = 1.25, \qquad E_{t} = 0.1363$$

$$\int_{0}^{3} \sqrt{1+x^{2}} dx = \frac{3-0}{2} \left[\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}\right] = 5.0673, \quad E_{t} = -0.5853$$

$$\int_{0}^{3} e^{x} dx = \frac{3-0}{2} \left[e + e^{2}\right] = 15.16, \qquad E_{t} = 3.9246$$



Gaussian Quadrature

Using the change of interval $\lambda: [-1,1] \rightarrow [a,b]$ as

$$\lambda(x) = \frac{1}{2}(b-a)x + \frac{1}{2}(a+b)$$

we obtain that

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$$\begin{aligned} \int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx &= \frac{b-a}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} f(\lambda(u))du \\ \int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx &\approx \frac{b-a}{2} \left[f\left(\lambda\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\right) + f\left(\lambda\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\right) \right] \\ \Rightarrow \int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx &\approx \frac{b-a}{2} \left[f\left(\frac{a-b}{2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{2}(a+b)\right) + f\left(\frac{b-a}{2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{2}(a+b)\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$



Example



Example 5

Determine the coefficients A_0,A_1,A_2 when the interval is $\left[-2,2\right]$ and the points are -1,0 and 1.

$$\int_{-2}^{2} f(x)dx \cong A_0 f(-1) + A_1 f(0) + A_2 f(1)$$
(6)

Example

We use the polynomials $\{1,x,x^2\}$ to determine the coefficients

$$f(x) = 1 : \int_{-2}^{2} dx = A_0 + A_1 + A_2 \implies A_0 + A_1 + A_2 = 4$$
$$f(x) = x : \int_{-2}^{2} x dx = -A_0 + A_2 = 0 \implies A_0 = A_2$$
$$f(x) = x^2 : \int_{-2}^{2} x^2 dx = A_0 + A_2 = \frac{16}{3}$$
$$\implies A_0 = A_2 = \frac{8}{3} \implies A_1 = -\frac{4}{3}$$



Example

Therefore,

$$\int_{-2}^{2} f(x)dx \cong \frac{8}{3}f(-1) - \frac{4}{3}f(0) + \frac{8}{3}f(1)$$

Verify! that the above formula produces exact values for all quadratic polynomials.



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When n = 0, open Newton-Cotes formula provides Midpoint rule. Similarly, when n = 1, it yields the two-point Newton-Cotes open rule. When n = 3, the following three point Newton-Cotes open rule is obtained

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx \approx \frac{4h}{3} [2f(a+h) - f(a+2h) + 2f(a+3h)]$$

with error as

$$E_3(t) = \frac{14}{45}h^5 f^{(4)}(\xi), \xi \in (a,b)$$

When n = 4, we obtain the following four-point Newton-Cotes open rule

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx \approx \frac{5h}{24} [11f(a+h) + f(a+2h) + f(a+3h) + 11f(a+4h)]$$

where the error is

$$E_4(t) = \frac{95}{144}h^5 f^{(4)}(\xi), \xi \in (a, b)$$



When n = 5, we obtain the following five-point Newton-Cotes open rule

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx \approx \frac{6h}{20} [11f(a+h) - 14f(a+2h) + 26f(a+3h) - 14f(a+4h) + 11f(a+5h)] + 26f(a+3h) - 14f(a+4h) + 11f(a+5h)] = 0$$

where the error is

$$E_5(t) = -\frac{41}{140}h^7 f^{(6)}(\xi), \xi \in (a, b)$$

The following theorem gives the general error term for an (n + 1)-points closed Newton-Cotes formula.



Theorem 6

Suppose that $\sum_{i=0}^{n} A_i f(x_i)$ denotes the open Newton-Cotes formula with $x_{-1} = a, x_{n+1} = b, x_0 = a+h, x_i = x_0+ih, i = 0, 1, 2, \cdots, n$ where h = (b-a)/(n+2). There exists $\xi \in (a, b)$ for which

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = \sum_{i=0}^{n} A_{i}f(x_{i}) + E_{n}(t)$$

where the error is given by

$$E_n(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{h^{n+3}}{(n+2)!} f^{(n+2)}(\xi) \int_{-1}^{n+1} t^2(t-1)\cdots(t-n)dt & n \text{ is even, } f \in C^{n+2} \\ \frac{h^{n+2}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi) \int_{-1}^{n+1} t(t-1)\cdots(t-n)dt & n \text{ is odd, } f \in C^{n+1} \end{cases}$$





- The Newton-Cotes formulas are generally unsuitable for use over large integration intervals.
- High-degree formulas would be required and the values of these formulas are difficult to obtain.
- Also, the Newton-Cotes formulas are based on interpolation polynomials that use equally spaced nodes, a procedure that is inaccurate over large intervals because of the oscillatory nature of high-degree polynomials,
- On the other hand, piecewise approach to numerical integration uses the low-order Newton-Cotes formulas.
- These are the techniques most often applied.



Theorem 7

Suppose that $c \in [a, b]$, then

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = \int_{a}^{c} f(x)dx + \int_{c}^{b} f(x)dx$$

If we subdivide the interval into n equal subintervals by points $x_0 = a, x_1 = a + h, x_2 = a + 2h, \dots, x_i = a + ih, \dots, x_n = b$ with spacing h = (b - a)/n. Then by integration property, we have

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





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Then we can apply the basic rules in each subinterval $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$, that is,

$$\int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f(x) dx = \sum_{j=0}^m A_j f(x_j)$$

where *m* is the number of points considered in the Newton-Cotes rule in the interval $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$. The general composite Newton-Cotes formula is given by

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{m} A_{ij}f(x_{ij})$$
(8)

The composite trapezoidal rule is obtained by keeping the m = 2 in (8). That is,

$$\int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{2} [f(x_i) + f(x_{i+1})]$$

and

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx \approx \frac{h}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} [f(x_{i}) + f(x_{i+1})]$$
(9)



For each interval $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$, the error is given by

$$E_t^i = -\frac{h^3}{12} f''(\xi_i)$$

Therefore, the error of the composite trapezoidal rule is obtained as

$$E_t = -\frac{h^3}{12} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f''(\xi_i) = O(h^2)$$

The last equation is obtained by using the reason that

$$-\frac{h^3}{12}\sum_{i=0}^{n-1}f''(\xi_i) = -\frac{h^2}{12}(b-a)\sum_{i=0}^{n-1}\frac{1}{n}f''(\xi_i) = -\frac{b-a}{12}h^2f''(\zeta)$$

for some $\zeta \in (a, b)$.



The composite trapezoidal rule can also be written as

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx \approx h \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(x_i) + \frac{h}{2} [f(a) + f(b)]$$
(10)



Example 8

If the composite trapezoidal rule is to be used to compute

$$\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx$$

with an error of at most $\frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-4}$, how many points should be used? Solution The error formula is

$$-\frac{b-a}{12}h^2f''(\zeta)$$

Now,

$$f''(x) = (4x^2 - 2)e^{-x^2}$$

Therefore,





To have an error of at most $\frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-4}$, we must choose h such that

$$-\frac{1-0}{12}h^2 2 \le \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-4} \implies h \le 0.01733$$

As h = 1/n, we need at least 59 or more points to obtain the desired accuracy.





The composite Simpson's 1/3 rule is obtained by keeping the m = 3 in (8).

$$\int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{3} [f(x_i) + 4f\left(\frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right) + f(x_{i+1})]$$

*Now choose n such that n is divisible by 2, then

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx \approx \frac{h}{3} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} [f(x_{i}) + 4f\left(\frac{x_{i} + x_{i+1}}{2}\right) + f(x_{i+1})]$$
(11)

For each interval $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$, the error is given by

$$E_t^i = -\frac{h^5}{90}f^{(4)}(\xi_i)$$



Therefore, the error of the composite Simpson's rule is obtained as

$$E_t = -\frac{h^5}{90} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f^{(4)}(\xi_i) = O(h^4)$$

When n is divisible by 2, the composite Simpson's 1/3 rule can also be written as

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx \approx 4\sum_{i=1}^{n/2} [f(a+(2i-1)h)] + 4\sum_{i=1}^{(n-2)/2} [f(a+2ih)] + \frac{h}{3} [f(a)+f(b)]$$
(12)



Example 9

The calculation of work is an important equation in science and engineering. The general formula is given by

 $Work = Force \times Distance$

Although, this formula seems to be simple, when apply this to realistic problem, we obtain a complicated function. For example, when the force varies during the course of calculation which results in

$$W = \int_{x_0}^{x_n} F(x) dx$$



When the angle between the force and direction of the movement also varies as a function of position, we obtain that

$$W = \int_{x_0}^{x_n} F(x) \cos(\theta(x)) dx$$

The following table shows the force and angle as a function of position x.

x	0	5	10	15	20	25	30
F(x), N	0.0	9.0	13.0	14.0	10.5	12.0	5.0
$\theta(x), rad$	0.50	1.40	0.75	0.90	1.30	1.48	1.50

Evaluate W using the Simpson's 1/3 rule and composite Simpson's 1/3 rules



Solution:

By Simpson's rule, we have h = (30 - 0)/2

$$W = \frac{15}{3} [F(0)\cos(\theta(0)) + 4F(15)\cos(\theta(0.9)) + F(30)\cos(\theta(1.50))]$$

= 5[0 + 34.81 + 0.3537] = 175.82

By composite Simpson's 1/3 rule, we have h = (30 - 0)/6

$$W = \frac{5}{3} [F(0)\cos(\theta(0)) + 4F(5)\cos(\theta(1.4)) + F(10)\cos(\theta(0.75))] + \frac{5}{3} [F(10)\cos(\theta(0.75)) + 4F(15)\cos(\theta(0.90)) + F(20)\cos(\theta(1.30))] + \frac{5}{3} [F(20)\cos(\theta(1.30)) + 4F(25)\cos(\theta(1.48)) + F(30)\cos(\theta(1.50))] = 117.13$$



Composite Midpoint Rule



Let $f \in c^2[a, b]$, *n* be even, h = (b - a)/(n + 2) and $x_i = a + (i + 1)h$ for each $i = -1, 0, \dots, n + 1$. Then the composite midpoint rule is given by

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx \approx 2h \sum_{i=0}^{n/2} f(x_{2i})$$
(13)

The error of the composite midpoint rule is given by

$$\frac{b-a}{6}h^2f''(\zeta), \zeta \in (a,b)$$



- The idea behind Romberg integration is to successfully use the trapezoidal rule with increasing intervals and stop as soon as the two successive approximations agree to each other by a desired accuracy.
- The Romberg algorithm produces a triangular array of numbers, all of which are numerical estimates of the definite integral

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$$



The array is denoted by the following notation

The first column of this table is obtained by employing trapezoidal rule recursively by decreasing values of the step size.



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The value R(n,0) is obtained by applying the trapezoidal rule with 2^n equal subintervals. The value of R(0,0) is obtained with one trapezoid

$$R(0,0) = \frac{1}{2}(b-a)[f(a) + f(b)]$$
(14)

Similarly, R(1,0) is obtained with two trapezoids

$$R(1,0) = \frac{1}{4}(b-a)[f(a) + f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)] + \frac{1}{4}(b-a)[f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b)]$$

= $\frac{1}{4}(b-a)[f(a) + f(b)] + \frac{1}{2}(b-a)f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$
= $\frac{1}{2}R(0,0) + \frac{1}{2}(b-a)f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$

In particular, the value of R(n,0) is obtained by

$$R(n,0) = \frac{1}{2}R(n-1,0) + h\sum_{k=1}^{2^{n-1}} f(a+(2k-1)h)$$

The general R(m, n) is generated by the following extrapolation formula

$$R(n,m) = R(n,m-1) + \frac{1}{4^m - 1} [R(n,m-1) - R(n-1,m-1)]$$
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This formula is obtained from Richardson extrapolation.



We can stop this recursive computation with an accuracy of ϵ , when

$$|R(n,n) - R(n-1,n-1)| < \epsilon$$

The error of the Romberg integration is given $O(h^{2m+2})$.



Example 10

Using the Romberg integration, obtain the result of

$$\int_0^1 \frac{4}{1+x^2} dx$$

with n = 5

 3.000000

 3.099999
 3.133333

 3.131176
 3.141568
 3.142117

 3.138988
 3.141592
 3.141594
 3.141585

 3.140941
 3.141592
 3.141592
 3.141592



Example 11 Using the Romberg integration, obtain the result of $\int_{1}^{1.5} x^{2} \ln x dx$ with n = 20.228071 $0.201225 \quad 0.1922453$ $0.1944945 \quad 0.1922585 \quad 0.1922593$



- Romberg integration applied to a function f on the interval [a, b] relies on the assumption that the Composite Trapezoidal rule has an error term that can be expressed $O(h^2)$, that is, we must have $f \in C^{2m+2}[a, b]$ for the m^{th} row to be generated.
- General-purpose algorithms using Romberg integration include a check at each stage to ensure that this assumption is fulfilled.
- These methods are known as cautious Romberg algorithms.
- This algorithm takes less time to compute and it is not difficult to write the algorithm, however, it can not deal with unequally spaced intervals.



Thanks

Doubts and Suggestions

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