

Outline

1. Trapezoid and Midpoint rules.
2. Review of Simpson.
3. Error in Simpson.
4. Type 1 indefinite integrals.

1. Overestimates / Underestimates for Trapezoid and Midpoint

- Concavity is the important property of $f(x)$.

Concavity of $f(x)$	Trapezoid Rule	Midpoint Rule
$f(x)$ is concave down on (a,b)	Under-estimate of $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ 	Over-estimate of $\int_a^b f(x)dx$
$f(x)$ is concave up on (a,b)	Over-estimate of $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ 	Under-estimate of $\int_a^b f(x)dx$

2. Review of Simpson

$$S_{2N} = \frac{1}{3} T_N + \frac{2}{3} M_N$$

Example

Estimate $\int_1^4 e^{x^2} dx$ using
Simpson's rule and 100
rectangles.

Solution

$N=50$

Midpoint = 1138813.643

Trapezoid = 1170636.855

Simpson = 1149421.38.

$N=100$

3. Error Bound for Simpson's Method

$$|\text{Error}| \leq \frac{M \cdot (b-a)^5}{180 \cdot N^4}$$

(a, b) interval integral is over.

$N = \#$ of rectangles.

$M = \text{maximum of } |f^{(4)}(x)|$
over interval $[a, b]$.

Example

How many rectangles do you need to estimate $\int_1^4 e^{x^2} dx$ with an error less than 0.00001?

Solution

$$\text{Error} \leq \frac{M \cdot (b-a)^5}{180 \cdot N^4} < 0.00001$$

$$a = 1 \quad b = 4 \quad f(x) = e^{x^2}$$

Find M .

Calculate N .

To find M :

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 16x^4 e^{x^2} + 48x^2 e^{x^2} + 8e^{x^2}$$

$$\text{Use } M = 4.333 \times 10^{10}$$

$$\frac{(4.333 \times 10^{10})(4-1)^5}{180 \cdot N^4} < 0.00001$$

$$N > \left(\frac{(4.333 \times 10^{10})(4-1)^5}{(180)(0.00001)} \right)^{1/4}$$

$$N > 8746. \text{ (Round up.)}$$

Use at least 8746 rectangles.

Note: ① Simpson's rule
always uses an
even number of
rectangles.

② When rounding an
error calculation for
Simpson's rule, round
up to the nearest
even whole number.

4. Type 1 Improper Integrals.

- Integrals that have $+\infty$ or $-\infty$ as one of the limits of integration.

e.g. $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx.$

- Is the area finite (integral converges) or infinite (integral diverges) ?

Example

Does $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$ converge or diverge?

Solution

Express integral using limits.

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^a \frac{1}{x^2} dx$$

Calculate anti-derivative

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{x} \right]_1^a$$

Plug in limits of integration

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{a} - \frac{-1}{1}$$

Take limit as $a \rightarrow \infty$.

$$= 1$$

Integral converges.

Example

Does $\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^3} dx$ converge or diverge?

Solution

Express using integral limit notation.

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^3} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^a \frac{1}{x^3} dx$$

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{-x^{-2}}{2} \right]_2^a$$

Find anti-derivative

Evaluate at limits of integration

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{a^{-2}}{2} - \left(-\frac{2^{-2}}{2} \right) \right)$$

$\rightarrow 0$ $\rightarrow \frac{1}{8}$

$= \frac{1}{8}$ Integral converges.

Useful Integrals

p-integrals:

$$\int_c^{\infty} \frac{k}{x^p} dx$$

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positive #

Converges
for $p > 1$

Diverges
for $p \leq 1$

Exponential functions.

$$\int_c^{\infty} e^{kx} dx$$

↑
positive #

Converges
 $k < 0$

Diverges
for $k \geq 0$