

# Composite quadratures

One can divide a long interval  $[a, b]$  into short ones and apply a quadrature rule on each

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_{N-1} < x_N = b$$



Take equally spaced pts

$$\text{spacing } h = \frac{b-a}{N}$$

$$x_i = a + ih, \quad i=0, \dots, N$$

Apply trapezoid rule on  $[x_i, x_{i+1}] \quad i=0, \dots, N-1$

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

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{2} (f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \dots + 2f(x_{N-1}) + f(x_N))$$

Composite trapezoid rule.

$$\text{error} \leq \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \max_{x \in [x_i, x_{i+1}]} |f''(x)| \cdot \frac{1}{12} h^3$$

$$\leq \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f''(x)| \cdot \frac{1}{12} h^3 N$$

$$= \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f''(x)| \cdot \frac{1}{12} h^2 (b-a)$$

$\rightarrow$  second order accuracy

Composite Simpson's rule (assume  $N$  is even)

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

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{3} (f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + 4f(x_3) + 2f(x_4) + \dots + 2f(x_{N-2}) + 4f(x_{N-1}) + f(x_N))$$

$$\text{error} \leq \max_{x \in [a,b]} |f^{(4)}(x)| \cdot \frac{1}{90} h^5 \cdot \frac{N}{2}$$

$$= \max_{x \in [a,b]} |f^{(4)}(x)| \cdot \frac{1}{180} h^4 (b-a)$$

↳ 4-th order accuracy

## 7.3 Gaussian quadrature

Idea: for a quadrature

$$\int_a^b f(x) w(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=0}^n A_i f(x_i) \quad (*) \quad (w(x) > 0 \text{ is a weight function})$$

try to choose  $A_0, \dots, A_n, x_0, \dots, x_n$  to make it exact for

deg  $\leq \underline{2n+1}$  polynomials  $2n+2$

Ex  $[a, b] = [-1, 1]$ ,  $w(x) = 1$ ,  $n=1$

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3} x^3 \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$f(x) = 1 : \quad 2 = A_0 \cdot 1 + A_1 \cdot 1$$

$$f(x) = x : \quad 0 = A_0 x_0 + A_1 x_1$$

$$f(x) = x^2 : \quad \frac{2}{3} = A_0 x_0^2 + A_1 x_1^2$$

$$f(x) = x^3 : \quad 0 = A_0 x_0^3 + A_1 x_1^3$$

Assume  $x_1 = -x_0$ ,  $A_1 = A_0$

$$\text{then } A_0 = 1, \quad \frac{2}{3} = 2 x_0^2$$

$$x_0^2 = \frac{1}{3} \quad x_0 = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{take } x_0 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx \approx 1 \cdot f\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + 1 \cdot f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

Thm Let  $q$  be a nonzero polynomial of degree  $n+1$  that is w-orthogonal to  $\Pi_n$  (space of poly. w/  $\deg \leq n$ ), i.e.

$$\int_a^b q(x) f(x) w(x) dx = 0 \quad \forall f \in \Pi_n$$

Then

- $q$  has  $n+1$  distinct zeros in  $(a, b)$  (denoted  $x_0, \dots, x_n$ )
- By choosing  $A_i$  properly, the quadrature (\*) is exact for poly. w/  $\deg \leq 2n+1$

(this quadrature is called Gaussian quadrature)

Proof ① We claim that  $q$  changes sign at least  $n+1$  times on  $[a, b]$

Suppose not, then  $q$  changes sign  $r$  times w/  $1 \leq r \leq n$

↑  
by orthogonality  
against  $f \equiv 1$ .

$$\exists a = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_r < t_{r+1} = b$$

so that  $q$  has one sign in each  $(t_i, t_{i+1})$

Consider  $p(x) = \prod_{i=1}^r (x - t_i) \in \Pi_n$ . Then  $p \cdot q$  has one sign on  $[a, b]$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b p(x) q(x) w(x) dx \neq 0 \quad \text{contradiction to orthogonality between } p \text{ and } q$$

The claim implies that  $q$  has at least  $n+1$  distinct zeros in  $(a, b)$

Since  $\deg(q) = n+1$ ,  $q$  has  $n+1$  distinct simple zeros in  $(a, b)$

② Choose  $A_i$  so that (\*) is exact for  $\deg \leq n$  poly.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } f \in \Pi_n, \int_a^b f(x) w(x) dx &= \int_a^b \sum_{i=0}^n f(x_i) l_i(x) w(x) dx \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n f(x_i) \underbrace{\int_a^b l_i(x) w(x) dx}_{A_i} \end{aligned}$$

③ Prove that (\*) is exact for any  $f \in \Pi_{2n+1}$

$$f = q p + r \quad \text{where} \quad \deg(p) \leq n, \deg(r) \leq n$$

$\uparrow$   $\deg \leq 2n+1$       $\uparrow$   $\deg = n+1$

$$f(x_i) = \underbrace{q(x_i)}_{=0} p(x_i) + r(x_i) = r(x_i)$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) w(x) dx = \int_a^b (q(x) p(x) + r(x)) w(x) dx = \int_a^b r(x) w(x) dx$$

$$\int_a^b q \cdot p w dx = 0 \quad \text{by orthogonality}$$

by ②

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{\hat{n}} A_i r(x_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{\hat{n}} A_i f(x_i)$$

- The polynomial  $q_{n+1}$  for various  $n$  can be obtained by Gram-Schmidt on  $\{1, x, x^2, \dots\}$  "orthogonal polynomials"  $q_0, q_1, \dots$

Ex  $[a, b] = [-1, 1]$ ,  $w(x) = 1$

$$q_0 = 1$$

$$q_1 = x - \frac{\int_{-1}^1 x \cdot q_0 dx}{\int_{-1}^1 q_0 \cdot q_0 dx} q_0 = x$$

$$q_2 = x^2 - \frac{\int_{-1}^1 x^2 \cdot q_0 dx}{\int_{-1}^1 q_0 \cdot q_0 dx} q_0 - \frac{\int_{-1}^1 x^2 \cdot q_1 dx}{\int_{-1}^1 q_1 \cdot q_1 dx} q_1 = x^2 - \frac{1}{3}$$

for  $n=1$ , the Gaussian quadrature nodes are  $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

"Legendre polynomials"