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Approximation Techniques

Last week.

Improper Integrals with unbounded integrand

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{y^2} dy \text{ diverges}$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} dy \text{ converges}$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{y^2} dy = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0^+} \int_c^1 \frac{1}{y^2} dy + \int_{-1}^{-c} \frac{1}{y^2} dy$$

$$+ \lim_{c \rightarrow 0^-} \int_{-1}^c \frac{1}{y^2} dy$$

(Last class)

$\rightarrow \infty$

Infinite Intervals

$$\int_a^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$$

\rightarrow 1) f is continuous on $[a, \infty)$ then

$$\int_a^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

provided
limit
exists.

2) f is continuous on $(-\infty, b]$ then.

$$\int_{-\infty}^b f(x) dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^b f(x) dx \quad \text{given limit exists.}$$

3) If f is continuous on $(-\infty, \infty)$, then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^c f(x) dx + \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_c^b f(x) dx$$

Can be replaced by any real number c .

Examples:

$$\int_0^{\infty} \sin \theta d\theta = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} -\cos \theta \Big|_0^b =$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} -\cos(b) + \cos(0)$$

$$= -\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \cos(b) + 1$$

↳ This limit does not exist

Thus $\int_0^{\infty} \sin \theta d\theta$ diverges.

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$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t e^{-t^2} dt$$

Substituting



$$\int_a^0 t e^{-t^2} dt = - \int_{-a^2}^0 e^u \frac{du}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}(e^0 - e^{-a^2}) = -\frac{1}{2}(1 - e^{-a^2})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(e^{-a^2} - 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} -t^2 &= u \\ -2t dt &= du \\ \Rightarrow t dt &= -\frac{du}{2} \\ t=0 & \quad u=0 \\ t=a & \quad u=-a^2 \\ t=b & \quad u=-b^2 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting

Similarly

$$\int_0^b t e^{-t^2} dt = - \int_0^{-b^2} e^u \frac{du}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}(e^{-b^2} - 1) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - e^{-b^2})$$

Now.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t e^{-t^2} dt = \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^0 t e^{-t^2} dt$$

$$+ \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b t e^{-t^2} dt$$

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{2}(e^{-a^2} - 1)$$

$$a \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$+ \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2}(1 - e^{-b^2})$$

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$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{2}(e^{-a^2}) - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$- \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2}(e^{-b^2})$$

~~$\frac{a^2 \rightarrow \infty}{-a^2}$~~

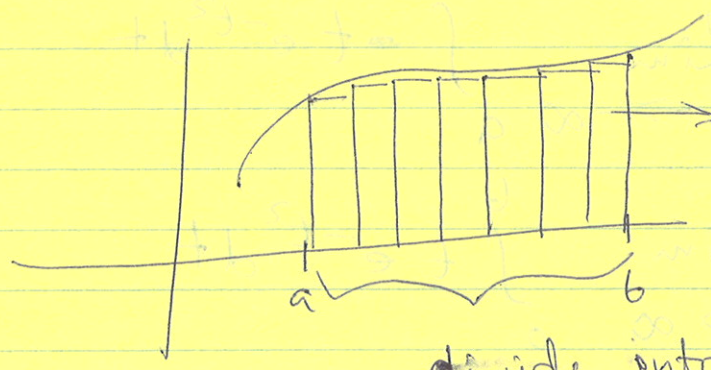
$$\begin{aligned} a^2 &\rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow -a^2 \rightarrow -\infty \Rightarrow e^{-a^2} \rightarrow 0 \\ b^2 &\rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow -b^2 \rightarrow -\infty \Rightarrow e^{-b^2} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t e^{-t^2} dt = 0$$

Numerical Integrations

Full circle back to Riemann Sum.



approximate each chunk by rectangles.

divide into chunks.

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There are many functions we cannot integrate

$$\int e^{-x^2} dx$$

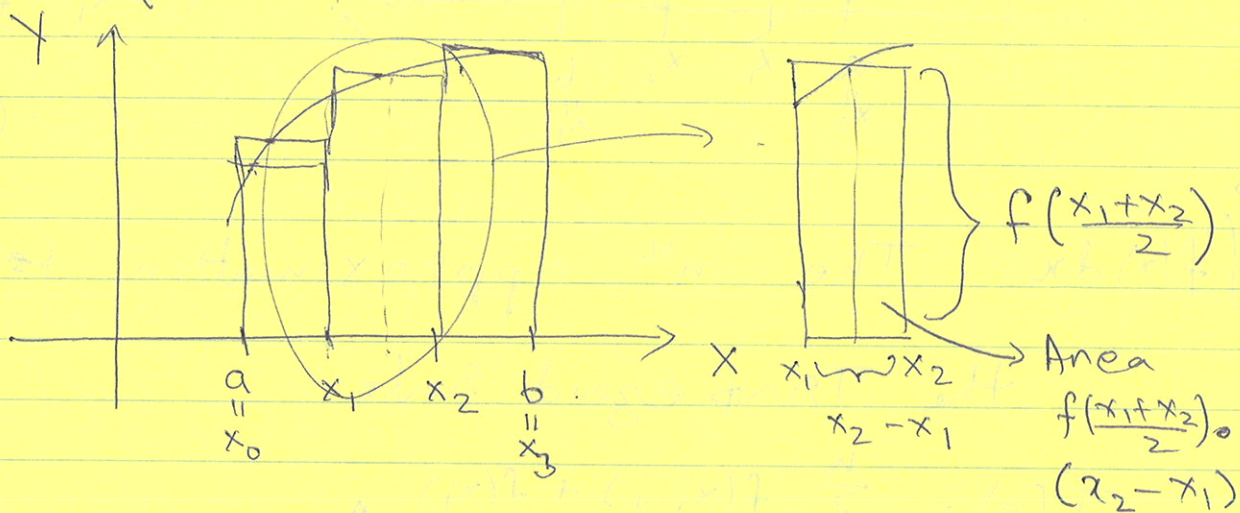
$$\int \sqrt{\sin x} dx$$

Best way out

Three Techniques

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Approximate

1) Midpoint Rule (Midpoint Riemann Sums)



$$\int_a^b f(x) dx$$

The n^{th} approximation by midpoint rule is.

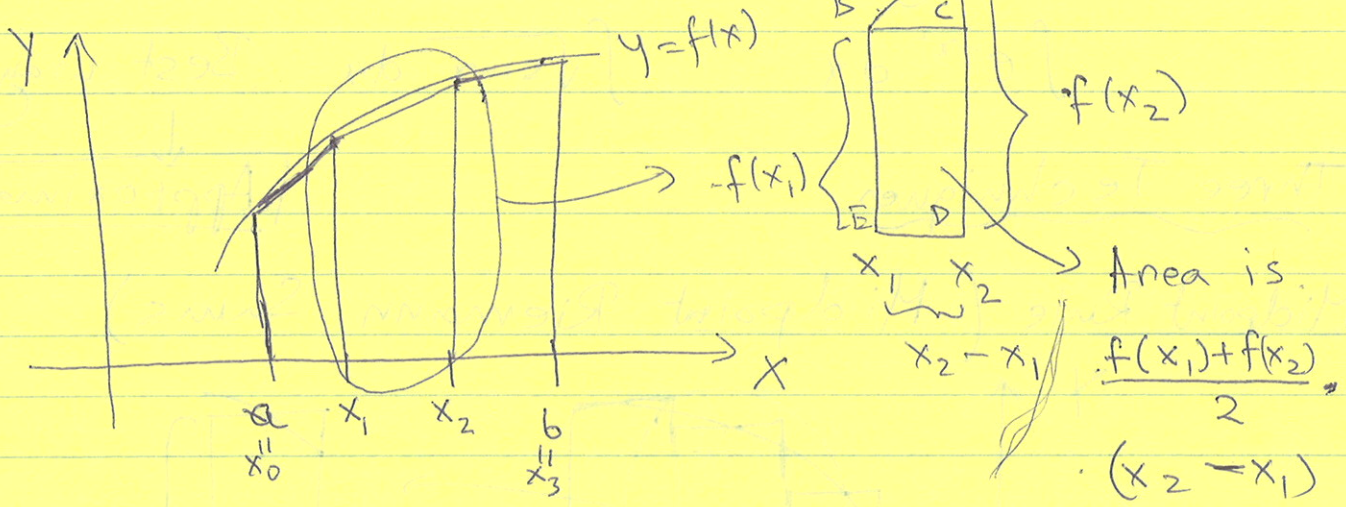
$$M(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n f\left(\frac{x_{i-1} + x_i}{2}\right) \Delta x$$

$$= \Delta x \left[f\left(\frac{x_0 + x_1}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}\right) + \dots + f\left(\frac{x_{n-1} + x_n}{2}\right) \right]$$

where $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$ and

$x_i = a + i\Delta x$ for $i=0, \dots, n$.

Examples: Trapezoid rule



$\int_a^b f(x) dx$. The n^{th} approximation is by the Trapezoid rule.

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{f(x_{i-1}) + f(x_i)}{2} \Delta x$$

$$= \Delta x \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) f(x_0) + \overbrace{f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_{n-1})}^{\text{All others!}} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) f(x_n) \right]$$

where $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$ and $x_i = a + i \Delta x$ for $i = 0, \dots, n$.

Error: $\left| \left(\int_a^b f(x) dx \right) - (\text{Approximation}) \right|$ (Absolute error)

$$\frac{\left| \left(\int_a^b f(x) dx \right) - (\text{Approximation}) \right|}{\left(\int_a^b f(x) dx \right)}$$

(Relative error)

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Example: $\int_0^1 x^3 dx$ by Trapezoid rule with

$n=3$. Find the relative error.

$$\Delta x = \frac{1-0}{3} = \frac{1}{3}. \quad \left(\frac{b-a}{n} \right) \quad (\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n})$$

$$x_0 = 0 \quad ; \quad x_1 = 0 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \quad ; \quad x_2 = 0 + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$x_3 = 0 + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 1 \quad [x_i = a + i \Delta x]$$

$$T(3) = \Delta x \left[\frac{1}{2} f(x_0) + f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_{n-1}) + \frac{1}{2} f(x_n) \right]$$

$$= \Delta x \left[\frac{1}{2} f(x_0) + f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \frac{1}{2} f(x_3) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{1}{2} (x_0)^3 + x_1^3 + x_2^3 + \frac{1}{2} x_3^3 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{1}{2} (0)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{2} (1)^3 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{1}{27} + \frac{8}{27} + \frac{1}{2} \right] = \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{6} = \boxed{\frac{5}{18}}$$

$$\int_0^1 x^3 dx = \frac{x^4}{4} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{4}$$

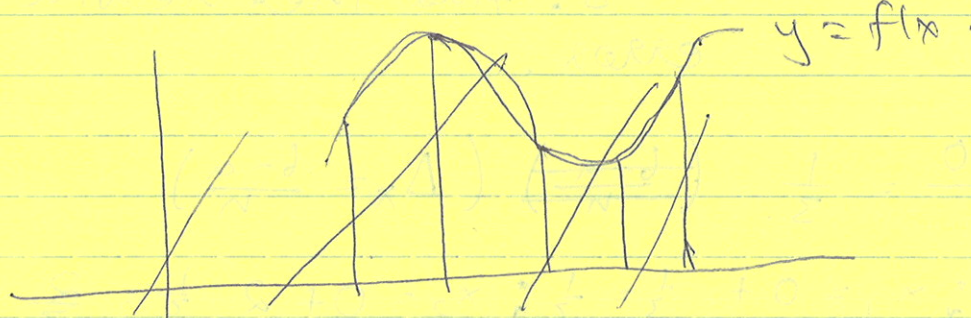
Approximation

$$\text{Relative error} = \frac{\left| \int_0^1 x^3 dx - T(3) \right|}{\int_0^1 x^3 dx} = \frac{\left| \frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{18} \right|}{\frac{1}{4}} = \boxed{\frac{1}{9}}$$

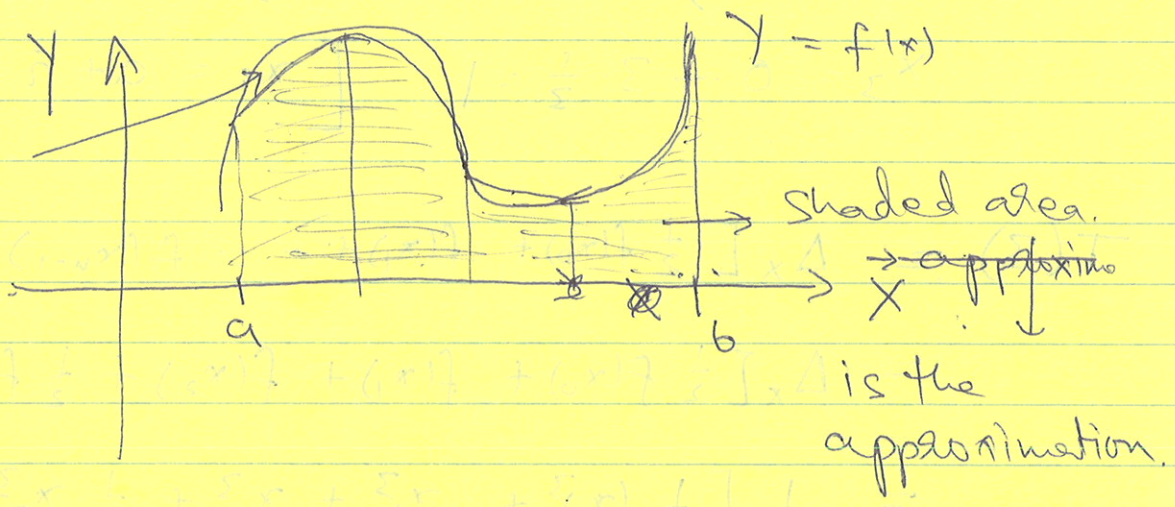
(Kepler, Simpson \rightarrow Divinity)
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3) Simpson's Rule - piecewise quadratic approximation



unshaded area is the error



shaded area is the approximation

n is even

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx$$

n^{th} approximation is by Simpson's Rule.

$$S(n) = \frac{\Delta x}{3} [f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + 4f(x_3) + \dots + 2f(x_{n-2}) + 4f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)]$$

where n is even

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$$

$$x_i = a + i \Delta x \text{ for } i = 0, \dots, n$$

Coefficients are (1, 4, 2, 4, 2, ..., 2, 4, 1)