Math 128A: Worksheet #8

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with n nodes $x_1 < \cdots < x_n$ and n weights $c_1, \ldots, c_n$.

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(a) We want to ensure that $\int_0^1 x^j\,dx = \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i x_i^j$ for $0 \le j \le n-1$.

Now, $\int_0^1 x^j\,dx = \frac{x^{j+1}}{j+1}\Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{j+1}$, so we need $\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i x_i^j = c_1 x_1^j + \ldots + c_n x_n^j = \frac{1}{j+1}$ for $0 \le j \le n-1$.

We can write this as the following matrix equation:

$$A\vec{c} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^0 & x_2^0 & \cdots & x_n^0 \\ x_1^1 & x_2^1 & \cdots & x_n^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_1^{n-1} & x_2^{n-1} & \cdots & x_n^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{n} \end{pmatrix}$$

This matrix equation has a solution for $c_1, \ldots, c_n$ as long as the matrix A is ~~nonsingular~~ invertible.

Now, notice that the rows of A are linearly independent: let $b_0, \ldots, b_{n-1}$ be coefficients s.t.

$$b_0(x_1^0, \ldots, x_n^0) + b_1(x_1^1, \ldots, x_n^1) + \cdots + b_{n-1}(x_1^{n-1}, \ldots, x_n^{n-1}) = (0, \ldots, 0) \leftarrow \text{want to show } b_0 = b_1 = \ldots = b_{n-1} = 0$$

Then,

$$(\underbrace{b_0 x_1^0 + b_1 x_1^1 + \ldots + b_{n-1} x_1^{n-1}}_{=P(x_1)}, b_0 x_2^0 + b_1 x_2^1 + \cdots + b_{n-1} x_2^{n-1}, \ldots, \underbrace{b_0 x_n^0 + b_1 x_n^1 + \ldots + b_{n-1} x_n^{n-1}}_{=P(x_n)}) = (0, 0, \ldots, 0)$$

Letting $P(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + \ldots + b_{n-1} x^{n-1}$, we see that $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ are all roots of P, which are all distinct. However, P is a polynomial of degree at most $(n-1)$, so it must be the zero polynomial. Thus, $b_0 = b_1 = \ldots = b_{n-1} = 0$. Hence, the rows of A are linearly independent.

Thus, A is invertible, and choosing

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{n} \end{pmatrix},$$

we have that the method has degree of precision at least $n-1$.

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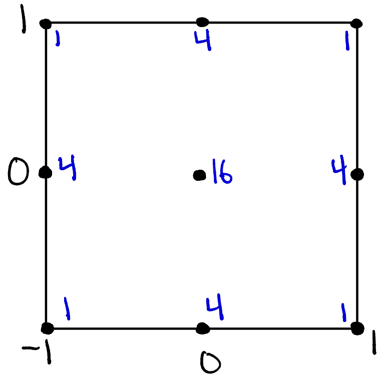
(b) This was a homework question. The highest degree of precision is $2n-1$, which is achieved by Gaussian quadrature (you can transform the integral $\int_0^1 f(x)dx$ to an integral $\int_{-1}^1 f(\frac{t+1}{2})\frac{1}{2}dt$). Indeed, this is the highest possible degree of precision. Let $\int_0^1 f(x)dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i f(x_i)$ be an arbitrary integration rule (so $c_1, \ldots, c_n$, $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ are arbitrary). Now, consider $P(x) = (x-x_1)^2 \cdots (x-x_n)^2$, which has degree $= 2n$. Then, $\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i P(x_i) = 0$ since $P(x_i)=0$ for each i. On the other hand, $P(x) \geq 0$ $\forall x$, and $P(x) > 0$ on any open interval excluding $x_1, \ldots, x_n$. Thus, $\int_0^1 P(x)dx > 0$, so $\int_0^1 P(x)dx \neq \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i P(x_i)$, so the integration rule is not exact for $P(x)$. Since P has degree $2n$, the degree of precision for the integration rule can be at most $2n-1$.

Problem 2. Approximate the integral

$$\int_{-1}^{1}\int_{-1}^{1}(x^2+y^2)\,dx\,dy$$

using the composite trapezoidal rule with $n=2$ subintervals in both the x and y direction.

Woops, did this first w/ Simpson's rule. Trapezoidal rule on next page.



Let $f(x,y)=x^2+y^2$. Since $n=m=2$, $h=\frac{1-(-1)}{2}=1$, $k=\frac{1-(-1)}{2}=1$. Then,

$$\int_{-1}^{1}\int_{-1}^{1}(x^2+y^2)\,dx\,dy=\int_{-1}^{1}\int_{-1}^{1}f(x,y)\,dx\,dy$$

$$\approx \frac{hk}{9}\Big(f(-1,-1)+4f(0,-1)+f(1,-1)+4f(-1,0)+16f(0,0)+4f(1,0)+f(-1,1)+4f(0,1)+f(1,1)\Big)$$

$$=\frac{1\cdot 1}{9}\left(2+4\cdot 1+2+4\cdot 1+16\cdot 0+4\cdot 1+2+4\cdot 1+2\right)$$

$$=\frac{1}{9}\left(8+8+8\right)=\frac{24}{9}=\frac{8}{3}=2.66667$$

This is actually exact. The error term is given by

$$E=-\frac{(d-c)(b-a)}{180}\left[h^4\frac{\partial^4 f}{\partial x^4}(\eta,\mu)+k^4\frac{\partial^4 f}{\partial y^4}(\eta',\mu')\right]$$

Here, $\frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4}f(x,y)=0$ and $\frac{\partial^4}{\partial y^4}f(x,y)=0$, so $E=0$.

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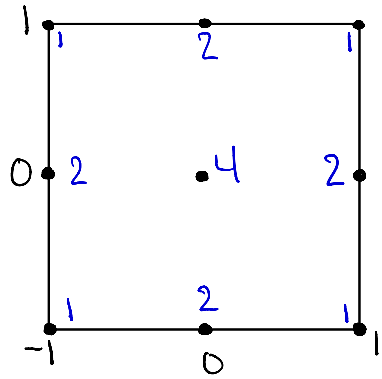


Let $f(x,y) = x^2+y^2$. Since $n=m=2$, $h = \frac{1-(-1)}{2} = 1$, $k = \frac{1-(-1)}{2} = 1$. Then,

$$\int_{-1}^{1}\int_{-1}^{1}(x^2+y^2)\,dx\,dy = \int_{-1}^{1}\int_{-1}^{1} f(x,y)\,dx\,dy$$

$$\approx \frac{hk}{4}\Big(f(-1,-1)+2f(0,-1)+f(1,-1)+2f(-1,0)+4f(0,0)+2f(1,0)+f(-1,1)+2f(0,1)+f(1,1)\Big)$$

$$= \frac{1\cdot 1}{4}\big(2+2\cdot 1+2+2\cdot 1+4\cdot 0+2\cdot 1+2+2\cdot 1+2\big)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}\big(6+4+6\big) = \frac{16}{4} = 4$$

This is <u>not</u> exact. The error term is given by

$$E = -\frac{(d-c)(b-a)}{12}\left[h^2\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(\eta,\mu) + k^2\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(\eta',\mu')\right]$$

Here, $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}f(x,y) = 2$ and $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}f(x,y) = 2$, so $E = -\frac{(d-c)(b-a)}{12}\left[h^2\cdot 2 + k^2\cdot 2\right] = -\frac{(2)(2)}{12}\left[2\cdot 1 + 2\cdot 1\right]$

$$= -\frac{16}{12} = -\frac{4}{3}.$$

Thus, $\int_{-1}^{1}\int_{-1}^{1}(x^2+y^2)\,dx\,dy = 4 - \frac{4}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$, which agrees with our result using Simpson's rule.

Problem 3. (a) The error term of approximating the integral $\int_a^b f(x)\,dx$ using composite Simpson's rule is given by

$$-\frac{b-a}{180}h^4 f^{(4)}(\mu)$$

where h denotes the length of the subintervals into which $[a,b]$ is divided. In order to compute an approximation of the integral via composite Simpson's rule we need to evaluate the function f a certain number of times. Call this number N. Express N in terms of h. How does the error depend on N?

(b) The error term for approximating the double integral $\int_a^b \int_c^d f(x,y)\,dx\,dy$ using double Simpson's rule is given by

$$-\frac{(d-c)(b-a)}{180}h^4\left(\frac{\partial^4 f}{\partial x^4}f(\eta,\mu)+\frac{\partial^4 f}{\partial y^4}f(\eta',\mu')\right).$$

$n=4$

$N=5.$

Here the length of the subintervals in both x and y direction is given by h. Again, let N denote the number of times we need to evaluate f in order too compute the approximation. Repeat the same exercise. Express N in terms of h and the error in terms of N.

(c) What do you observe? What problem might we encounter when integrating a function $f(x_1,\ldots,x_n)$ on a high dimensional domain?

(a) When in one-dimension, we have that $h=\frac{b-a}{n}$, where n is the # of subintervals. The number of points evaluated at is $N=n+1$, so $N=\frac{b-a}{h}+1$, or $h=\frac{b-a}{N-1}$.

Then, the error is given by

$$E=-\frac{(b-a)}{180}\left(\frac{b-a}{N-1}\right)^4 f^{(4)}(\mu)=-\frac{(b-a)^5}{180}\frac{1}{(N-1)^4}f^{(4)}(\mu),$$

so $E=\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N^4}\right)$.

(b). When in two-dimensions, we have that $h=\frac{b-a}{n_1}=\frac{d-c}{n_2}$, where n_1 is the # of interval in the x-direction and n_2 is the # of intervals in the y-direction. Then, the number of points in the x-direction is $N_1=n_1+1$ and the number of points in the y-direction is $N_2=n_2+1$. Thus, the total # of points on the grid is $N=N_1\cdot N_2=\left(\frac{b-a}{h}+1\right)\left(\frac{d-c}{h}+1\right)$. Thus,

$$h=\frac{b-a}{N_1-1}=\frac{d-c}{N_2-1}=\sqrt{\left(\frac{b-a}{N_1-1}\right)\left(\frac{d-c}{N_2-1}\right)}=\sqrt{\frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{N_1N_2-N_1-N_2+1}}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\sqrt{\frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{1-(N_1+N_2-1)/N}}$$

Hence,

$$E=\frac{-(d-c)(b-a)}{180}\frac{1}{N^2}\left(\frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{1-(N_1+N_2-1)/N}\right)^2\left(\frac{\partial^4 f}{\partial x^4}(\eta,\mu)+\frac{\partial^4 f}{\partial y^4}(\eta',\mu')\right)$$

Thus, $E=\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N^2}\right)$

(c) Since in 1-d the error is $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N^4}\right)$ and in 2-d the error is $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N^2}\right)$, the error in 2-d decreases much slower with the number of points N at which we evaluate. Thus, you need to do a lot more computation in the 2-d case to get the same error.

This becomes even slower in higher dimensions n, as the error becomes $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N^{4/n}}\right)$.

Problem 4 (4.8, #9-ish)**.** Use Algorithm 4.4 (Simpson's Double Integral) with $n = m = 14$ to approximate

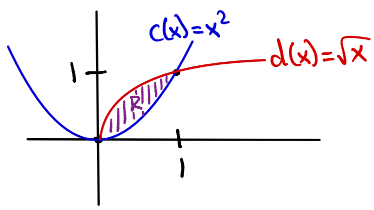
$$\int\int_R e^{-(x+y)}\, dA$$

for the region R in the plane bounded by the curves $y = x^2$ and $y = \sqrt{x}$.

First, we want to figure out R by finding where x^2 and $\sqrt{x}$ intersect:

$$\sqrt{x} = x^2$$
$$x = x^4$$
$$0 = x^4 - x = x(x^3-1) = x(x-1)(x^2+x+1)$$

This occurs when $x=0$ and $x=1$. Then,



MATLAB demo: use simpsondouble.m with $f(x,y) = e^{-(x+y)}$,
$c(x) = x^2$, $d(x) = \sqrt{x}$, $a=0$, $b=1$, $n=m=14$.

Then, $\iint_R e^{-(x+y)}\, dy\, dx \approx 0.1479103$

According to Mathematica, $\iint_R e^{-(x+y)}\, dy\, dx = 0.14947753$