

CS 3331 Numerical Methods

Lecture 10: Numerical Differentiation and
Integration

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Outline

- Differentiation
 - Finite difference methods
 - Richardson extrapolation
- Integration
 - Newton-Cotes methods
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Differentiation

Two points formula LVF pp.426

- Given function values $\dots, f(x_{i-1}), f(x_i), f(x_{i+1}), \dots$

- Forward difference

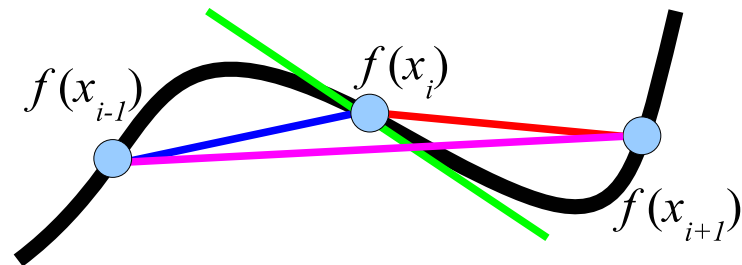
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- Backward difference

$$f'(x_i) \approx \frac{f(x_{i-1}) - f(x_i)}{x_{i-1} - x_i}$$

- Central difference

$$f'(x_i) \approx \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1}))}{x_{i+1} - x_{i-1}}$$



Measure the accuracy LVF pp.428

- Suppose $x_{i+1} = x_i + h$ and $x_{i-1} = x_i - h$.
- Taylor expansion $f(x + h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2}f''(\eta)$
 - Forward difference $f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + hf'(x_i) + \frac{h^2}{2}f''(\eta)$
$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = [f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)]/h - \frac{h}{2}f''(\eta)$$
 - Backward difference $f(x_{i-1}) = f(x_i) - hf'(x_i) + \frac{h^2}{2}f''(\eta)$
$$\Rightarrow f'(x) \approx [f(x_{i-1}) - f(x_i)]/(-h) + \frac{h}{2}f''(\eta)$$
 - Suppose $|f''(x)|$ is bounded, then the error of forward and backward difference is $O(h)$.

- $f(x + h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2}f''(x) + \frac{h^3}{6}f'''(\eta)$

$$\begin{cases} f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + hf'(x_i) + \frac{h^2}{2}f''(x_i) + \frac{h^3}{6}f'''(\eta_1), & (1); \\ f(x_{i-1}) = f(x_i) - hf'(x_i) + \frac{h^2}{2}f''(x_i) - \frac{h^3}{6}f'''(\eta_2), & (2). \end{cases}$$

– Central difference : (1)-(2)

$$f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1}) = 2hf'(x_i) + \frac{h^3}{6}(f'''(\eta_1) - f'''(\eta_2))$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1})}{2h} + \frac{h^2}{12}(f'''(\eta_1) - f'''(\eta_2))$$

– If $|f'''|$ is bounded, the error of central difference is $O(h^2)$

Three points formula LVF pp.426,429

- Given $f(x_{i-1}), f(x_i), f(x_{i+1})$. The three point formula uses quadratic polynomial to approximate the derivative.

– Forward:

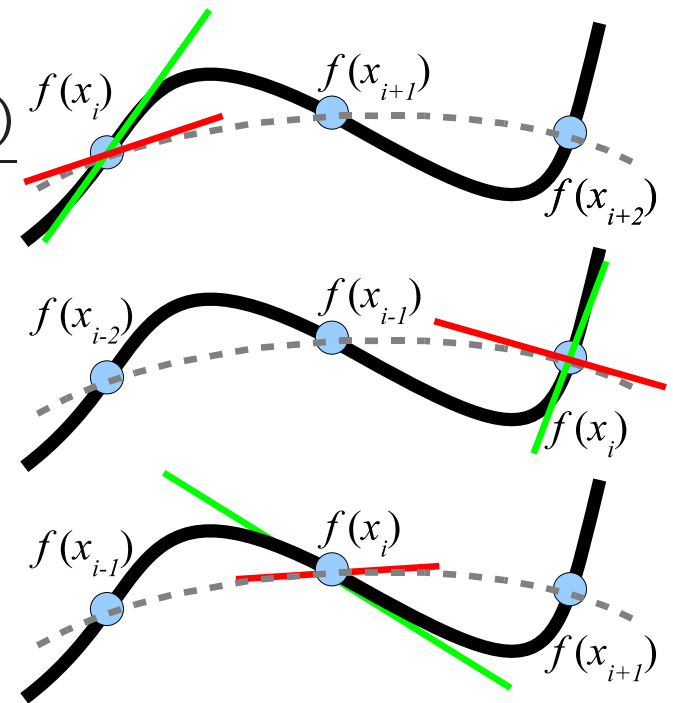
$$f'(x_i) \approx \frac{-f(x_{i+2}) + 4f(x_{i+1}) - 3f(x_i)}{x_{i+2} - x_i}$$

– Backward:

$$f'(x_i) \approx \frac{3f(x_i) - 4f(x_{i-1}) + f(x_{i-2})}{x_i - x_{i-2}}$$

– Central:

$$f'(x_i) \approx \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1}))}{x_{i+1} - x_{i-1}}$$



Suppose $h = x_{i+2} - x_{i+1} = x_{i+1} - x_i = x_i - x_{i-1} = x_{i-1} - x_{i-2}$

$$p(x) = \frac{(x-x_2)(x-x_3)f(x_1)}{(x_1-x_2)(x_1-x_3)} + \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_3)f(x_2)}{(x_2-x_1)(x_2-x_3)} + \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)f(x_3)}{(x_3-x_1)(x_3-x_2)}$$

$$p'(x) = \frac{(2x-x_2-x_3)f(x_1)}{(x_1-x_2)(x_1-x_3)} + \frac{(2x-x_1-x_3)f(x_2)}{(x_2-x_1)(x_2-x_3)} + \frac{(2x-x_1-x_2)f(x_3)}{(x_3-x_1)(x_3-x_2)}$$

Forward formula $x_1 = x_i, x_2 = x_{i+1}, x_3 = x_{i+2}$

$$p'(x_1) = \frac{(2x_1-x_2-x_3)f(x_1)}{(x_1-x_2)(x_1-x_3)} + \frac{(x_1-x_3)f(x_2)}{(x_2-x_1)(x_2-x_3)} + \frac{(x_1-x_2)f(x_3)}{(x_3-x_1)(x_3-x_2)}$$

$$= \frac{-3f(x_1)}{2h} + \frac{2f(x_2)}{h} + \frac{-f(x_3)}{2h} = \frac{-3f(x_1) + 4f(x_2) - f(x_3)}{2h}$$

Backward formula $x_1 = x_{i-2}, x_2 = x_{i-1}, x_3 = x_i$

$$p'(x_3) = \frac{(x_3-x_2)f(x_1)}{(x_1-x_2)(x_1-x_3)} + \frac{(x_3-x_1)f(x_2)}{(x_2-x_1)(x_2-x_3)} + \frac{(2x_3-x_1-x_2)f(x_3)}{(x_3-x_1)(x_3-x_2)}$$

$$= \frac{f(x_1)}{2h} + \frac{2f(x_2)}{-h} + \frac{3f(x_3)}{2h} = \frac{f(x_1) - 4f(x_2) + 3f(x_3)}{2h}$$

Central formula $x_1 = x_{i-1}, x_2 = x_i, x_3 = x_{i+1}$

$$\begin{aligned} p'(x_2) &= \frac{(x_2 - x_3)f(x_1)}{(x_1 - x_2)(x_1 - x_3)} + \frac{(2x_2 - x_1 - x_3)f(x_2)}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_2 - x_3)} + \frac{(x_2 - x_1)f(x_3)}{(x_3 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2)} \\ &= \frac{-f(x_1)}{2h} + \frac{f(x_3)}{2h} = \frac{f(x_3) - f(x_1)}{2h} \end{aligned}$$

Second derivative

$$\begin{cases} f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + hf'(x_i) + \frac{h^2}{2}f''(x_i) + \frac{h^3}{6}f'''(x) + O(h^4 f^{(4)}), & (1); \\ f(x_{i-1}) = f(x_i) - hf'(x_i) + \frac{h^2}{2}f''(x_i) - \frac{h^3}{6}f'''(x) + O(h^4 f^{(4)}), & (2). \end{cases}$$

- From (1)+(2), $f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_{i-1}) = 2f(x) + h^2 f''(x) + O(h^4 f^{(4)})$

$$f''(x) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - 2f(x_i) + f(x_{i-1}))}{h^2} + O(h^2 f^{(4)})$$

Richardson extrapolation LVF pp.432

- Example, the central difference

$$f'(x) = D(h) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} - \frac{h^2}{6}f'''(x) + O(h^4)$$

- Half the step,

$$f'(x) = D(h/2) = \frac{f(x+h/2) - f(x-h/2)}{h} - \frac{h^2}{24}f'''(x) + O(h^4)$$

- Richardson extrapolation

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= [4D(h/2) - D(h)]/3 \\ &= \frac{8[f(x + \frac{h}{2}) - f(x - \frac{h}{2})] - [f(x + h) - f(x - h)]}{12h} + O(h^4) \end{aligned}$$

Numerical Integration

Newton–Cote formula LVF pp.434

- Use polynomials to approximate functions by interpolating function values at equidistant points.
- Closed formula: interpolate end points
 - Linear polynomial: Trapezoid rule
 - Quadratic polynomial: Simpson's rule
- Open formula: interpolate mid points (no end points)
 - Constant polynomial: midpoint rule
 - Linear polynomial: two point formula
 - Quadratic polynomial: three point formula

Error of interpolation LVF pp.295

- What is the error when using a polynomial to approximate a function $f(x)$ by interpolating n points $(x_1, f(x_1)), \dots, (x_n, f(x_n))$?
 - $f(x)$ has n continuous derivatives.
 - For some η in the interval containing x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n

$$|f(t) - p(t)| \leq \frac{(t - x_1) \cdots (t - x_n)}{n!} f^{(n)}(\eta)$$

- If $f(x)$ is a polynomial of degree less than n , the interpolation will be exact, so is the integration $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b p(x) dx$.

Trapezoid rule LVF pp.434

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \frac{b-a}{2}[f(a) + f(b)]$$

- Approximate $f(x)$ by $p(x) = \frac{x-b}{a-b}f(a) + \frac{x-a}{b-a}f(b)$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b \frac{x-b}{a-b}f(a)dx &= \frac{f(a)}{a-b} \int_a^b (x-b)dx = \frac{f(a)}{a-b} \left[\frac{x^2}{2} - bx \right] \Big|_a^b \\ &= \frac{f(a)}{2(a-b)} [b^2 - 2b^2 - a^2 - 2ab] = \frac{b-a}{2}f(a)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b \frac{x-a}{b-a}f(b)dx &= \frac{f(b)}{b-a} \int_a^b (x-a)dx = \frac{f(b)}{b-a} \left[\frac{x^2}{2} - ax \right] \Big|_a^b \\ &= \frac{f(b)}{2(b-a)} [b^2 - 2ab - a^2 + 2a^2] = \frac{b-a}{2}f(b)\end{aligned}$$

- Error of trapezoid rule

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b (f(x) - p(x)) dx &= 1/2 \int_a^b f''(\eta)(x-a)(x-b) dx \\ &= \frac{f''(\eta)}{2} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - (a+b)\frac{x^2}{2} + abx \right] \Big|_a^b = -\frac{(b-a)^3}{12} f''(\eta) \end{aligned}$$

- Composite integration: equally divide $b-a$ into n subintervals. Let $h = \frac{b-a}{n}$, $a = x_0, b = x_n, x_k = a + kh$ for $k = 1, \dots, n-1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &= \int_a^{x_1} f(x) dx + \dots + \int_{x_{n-1}}^b f(x) dx \\ &\approx \frac{h}{2} [f(a) + f(x_1)] + \dots + \frac{h}{2} [f(x_{n-1}) + f(b)] \\ &= \frac{h}{2} [f(a) + 2f(x_1) + \dots + 2f(x_{n-1}) + f(b)] \end{aligned}$$

Error of composite trapezoid: $-\frac{(b-a)h^2}{12} f''(\eta)$

Simpson's rule LVF pp.438

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \frac{b-a}{6} [f(a) + 4f(\frac{a+b}{2}) + f(b)]$$

- Let $c = (a+b)/2$, and approximate $f(x)$ by

$$p(x) = \frac{(x-b)(x-c)}{(a-b)(a-c)}f(a) + \frac{(x-a)(x-b)}{(c-a)(c-b)}f(c) + \frac{(x-a)(x-c)}{(b-a)(b-c)}f(b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \frac{(x-b)(x-c)}{(a-b)(a-c)}f(a)dx &= (b-a)\frac{f(a)}{6} \\ \int_a^b \frac{(x-a)(x-b)}{(c-a)(c-b)}f(c)dx &= (b-a)\frac{4f(c)}{6} \\ \int_a^b \frac{(x-a)(x-c)}{(b-a)(b-c)}f(b)dx &= (b-a)\frac{f(b)}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Error of Simpson's rule

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_a^b (f(x) - p(x)) dx &= \frac{1}{4!} \int_a^b f^{(4)}(\eta)(x-a)(x-c)(x-b) dx \\
 &= \frac{f^{(4)}(\eta)}{24} \left[\frac{x^4}{4} - (a+c+b)\frac{x^3}{3} + (ab+bc+ac)\frac{x^2}{2} - abcx \right] \Big|_a^b \\
 &= -\frac{(b-a)^5}{2880} f^{(4)}(\eta)
 \end{aligned}$$

Composite rule: The same setting as trapezoid rule

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_a^b f(x) dx &= \int_a^{x_2} f(x) dx + \int_{x_2}^{x_4} f(x) dx + \dots + \int_{x_{n-2}}^b f(x) dx \\
 &\approx \frac{h}{3} [f(a) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)] + \dots + \frac{h}{3} [f(x_{n-2}) + 4f(x_{n-1}) + f(b)] \\
 &= \frac{h}{3} [f(a) + 4f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \dots + 2f(x_{n-2}) + 4f(x_{n-1}) + f(b)]
 \end{aligned}$$

Error of composite rule: $-\frac{(b-a)h^4}{180} f^{(4)}(\eta)$

Midpoint rule LVF pp.444

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx (b-a)f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{Error of midpoint rule } \int_a^b f(x)dx - (b-a)f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = \frac{(b-a)^3}{24}f''(\eta)$$

- Let $c = \frac{a+b}{2}$, $p(x) = f'(c)(x-c) + f(c) \Rightarrow \int_a^b p(x)dx = (b-a)f(c)$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x)dx - (b-a)f(c) &= \int_a^b (f(x) - p(x))dx \\ &= \int_a^b \frac{(x-c)^2}{2}f''(\eta)dx \\ &= \frac{f''(\eta)}{2} \frac{(x-c)^3}{3} \Big|_a^b = \frac{(b-a)^3}{24}f''(\eta) \end{aligned}$$

Other formulas LVF pp.445

- Two point formula: $x_1 = \frac{2a+b}{3}, x_2 = \frac{a+2b}{3}$

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \frac{b-a}{2} [f(x_1) + f(x_2)]$$

– Error: $\frac{(b-a)^3}{36} f''(\eta)$

- Three point formula: $x_1 = \frac{3a+b}{4}, x_2 = \frac{2a+2b}{4}, x_3 = \frac{a+3b}{4}$

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \frac{b-a}{3} [2f(x_1) + f(x_2) + 2f(x_3)]$$

– Error: $\frac{14(b-a)^5}{46080} f^{(4)}(\eta)$

Extrapolation acceleration LVF pp.446

- Trapezoid rule: $I_T = \frac{b-a}{2}[f(a)+f(b)] = \int_a^b f(x)dx + \frac{(b-a)^3}{12}f''(a) + O((b-a)^4)$
- Midpoint rule : $I_M = (b-a)f(\frac{a+b}{2}) = \int_a^b f(x)dx - \frac{(b-a)^3}{24}f''(a) + O((b-a)^4)$
- The method $(2I_M + I_T)/3 = \int_a^b f(x)dx + O((b-a)^4)$.
 - which is the Simpson's rule:

$$\frac{2I_M + I_T}{3} = \frac{1}{6}[f(a) + 4f(\frac{a+b}{2}) + f(b)]$$

Romberg integration LVF pp.446

- Let $b - a = h$
 - 1 interval: $I_1 = \int_a^b f(x)dx + \frac{h^3}{12}f''(a) + O(h^5)$
 - 2 intervals: $I_2 = \int_a^b f(x)dx + \frac{h^3}{4*12}f''(a) + O(h^5)$
 - 4 intervals: $I_4 = \int_a^b f(x)dx + \frac{h^3}{16*12}f''(a) + O(h^5)$
- Romberg integral $R_{11} = (4I_2 - I_1)/3$, which has error $O(h^5)$
 - $R_{12} = (4I_4 - I_2)/3$ also has error $O(h^5)$
 - $R_{21} = (16R_{12} - R_{11})/15$ has error $O(h^7)$
- In general, $R_{k1} = \frac{2^{k+2}R_{k-1,2} - R_{k-1,1}}{2^{k+2} - 1}$ has error $O(h^{2k+1})$

Gaussian Quadrature

Idea of Gaussian quadrature LVF pp.452

- Usually $\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx c_1f(x_1) \cdots + c_nf(x_n)$ gives n degrees of freedom, if x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n are fixed.
- If x_1, \dots, x_n are allowed to change, they add another n degrees of freedom.
- For example, $\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx c_1f(a) + c_2f(b)$ can only approximate $f(x) = \alpha_1x + \alpha_0$ exactly. But

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx c_1f(x_1) + c_2f(x_2)$$

can approximate $f(x) = \alpha_3x^3 + \alpha_2x^2 + \alpha_1x + \alpha_0$ exactly.

- Let $[a, b] = [-1, 1]$.

$$\int_{-1}^1 1 dx = 2 = c_1 + c_2$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 x dx = 0 = c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = 2/3 = c_1 x_1^2 + c_2 x_2^2$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^3 dx = 0 = c_1 x_1^3 + c_2 x_2^3$$

Solution is $c_1 = c_2 = 1, x_1 = -1/\sqrt{3}, x_2 = 1/\sqrt{3}$

- $f(-1/\sqrt{3}) + f(1/\sqrt{3})$ can exactly approximate

$$\int_{-1}^1 [\alpha_3 x^3 + \alpha_2 x^2 + \alpha_1 x + \alpha_0] dx$$

- $\int_a^b f(x) dx - \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) = O((b-a)^{2n+1})$

Change intervals LVF pp.452

- If the integration is over $[a, b]$, then use changing variable

$$x = \frac{b-a}{2}z + \frac{a+b}{2} \text{ and } dx = \frac{b-a}{2}dz$$

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \frac{b-a}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f\left(\frac{b-a}{2}z + \frac{a+b}{2}\right) dz$$

- Gaussian quadrature rule becomes

$$\frac{b-a}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n f\left(\frac{b-a}{2}x_i + \frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$

Gauss-Legendre quadrature LVF pp.452

- For any polynomial $f(x)$ of degree equal or less than $2n - 1$, find x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n such that

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x)dx = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i f(x_i)$$

- It is a difficult problem to solve x_i and c_i directly (nonlinear).
- The solution of x_i "happens" to be the zeros of the n th degree Legendre polynomial, P_n , and choose c_i such that the integration of polynomials of degree $< n$ are exact,

$$c_i = \int_{-1}^1 \prod_{j=1, j \neq i}^n \frac{(x - x_j)}{(x_i - x_j)} dx$$

- Why? Any polynomial $f(x)$ of degree $2n - 1$ can be represented as $f(x) = p_n(x)q(x) + r(x)$, where $q(x)$ and $r(x)$ are of degree less than n .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i=1}^n c_i f(x_i) &= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i [p_n(x_i)q(x_i) + r(x_i)] && // \text{ direct substitution.} \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i r(x_i) && // p_n(x_i) = 0 \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 r(x) dx && // \text{ degree of } r(x) < n \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 [p_n(x)q(x) + r(x)] dx && // p_n \text{ orthogonal to } q \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx && // \text{ direct substitution.}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Error is $\frac{\langle p_n, p_n \rangle}{(2n)!} f^{(2n)}(\eta)$