

Numerical Integration

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Definitions

Improper integrals

⇒ Integrals whose integrand is unbounded.

- 1)
- $f(x)$ is defined on $(a, b]$;
 - $f(x)$ is unbounded in the neighbourhood of $x = a$.

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{r \rightarrow a^+} \int_r^b f(x) dx$$

- 2)
- $f(x)$ is defined on $[a, b] \setminus \{c\}$;
 - $f(x)$ is unbounded in the vicinity of $x = c$, with $a < c < b$.

The *Cauchy Principal Value* of the integral is defined by the limit

$$P \int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\int_a^{c-r} f(x) dx + \int_{c+r}^b f(x) dx \right]$$

Change of variable

Sometimes it is possible to find a change of variable that eliminates the singularity.

Example 1

$$g(x) \in C[0,1]$$

$$I = \int_0^1 x^{-\frac{1}{n}} g(x) dx \quad n \geq 2$$

The change of variable $t^n = x$ transforms the integral into

$$I = n \int_0^1 t^{n-2} g(t^n) dt \quad \text{which is proper.}$$

But (example 2)

$$I = \int_0^1 \log(x) \cdot g(x) dx \quad \text{with} \quad t = -\log x$$

becomes

$$I = - \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-t} g(e^{-t}) dt$$

Infinite range of integration

Elimination of the singularity

General ideas: subtract from the singular integrand $f(x)$ a function $g(x)$.

- ♦ $g(x)$ integral is known in closed form;
- ♦ $f(x) - g(x)$ is no longer singular.

This means that $g(x)$ has to mimic the behaviour of $f(x)$ closely to its singular point.

Example

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\cos x}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{\cos x - 1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = 2 + \int_0^1 \frac{\cos x - 1}{\sqrt{x}} dx.$$

But

$$\cos x - 1 \approx -\frac{x^2}{2}$$

near $x = 0$, so the last integrand is now in $C[0,1]$

Ignoring the singularity

It is also possible to avoid the integrand singularities and apply the standard quadrature rules.

We want to compute

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx ,$$

where $f(x)$ is unbounded in the neighbourhood of $x = 0$.

- ◆ Then we set $f(0) = 0$ (or any other value) and use any sequence of rules.
- ◆ Another option: use a sequence of rules that do not involve the value of $f(x)$ at $x = 0$.

Ignoring the singularity

Example 1

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}} = 2$$

| | | | | |
|-------------|--------|--|-----------------|---------|
| 32 × S | 1.8427 | | G ₂ | 1.65068 |
| 64 × S | 1.8887 | | G ₃ | 1.75086 |
| 128 × S | 1.9213 | | G ₄ | 1.80634 |
| 256 × S | 1.9444 | | G ₁₀ | 1.91706 |
| 512 × S | 1.9606 | | G ₁₆ | 1.94722 |
| 1024 × S | 1.9721 | | G ₃₂ | 1.97321 |
| S = Simpson | | | G = Gauss | |

But the method of ‘ignoring the singularity’ may not work if the integrand is oscillatory

Example 2

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} \sin \frac{1}{x} dx = \frac{1}{2} \left(\pi - 2 \int_0^1 \frac{\sin x}{x} dx \right) = .624713$$

| | | |
|-------------|--|---------|
| 32 × S | | 2.3123 |
| 64 × S | | 1.6946 |
| 128 × S | | -0.6083 |
| 256 × S | | 1.2181 |
| 512 × S | | 0.7215 |
| 1024 × S | | 0.3178 |
| S = Simpson | | |



No patterns of convergence is discernible from this computations

Ignoring the singularity

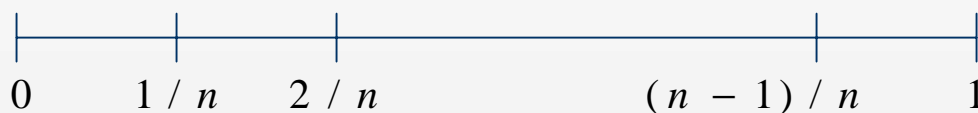
However let R designate a fixed m -point rule of approximate integration in $[0, 1]$

$$R(f) = \sum_{k=1}^m w_k f(x_k)$$

with $0 \leq x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_m \leq 1$, $w_k > 0$, $\sum_{k=1}^m w_k = 1$,

and let R_n designate the compound rule that arises by applying R to each of the subintervals

$[0, 1/n]$, $[1/n, 2/n]$, ..., $[(n-1)/n, 1]$, then



Theorem

If $f(x)$ is a monotonic increasing integrable singular function with a singularity at $x = 0$, then

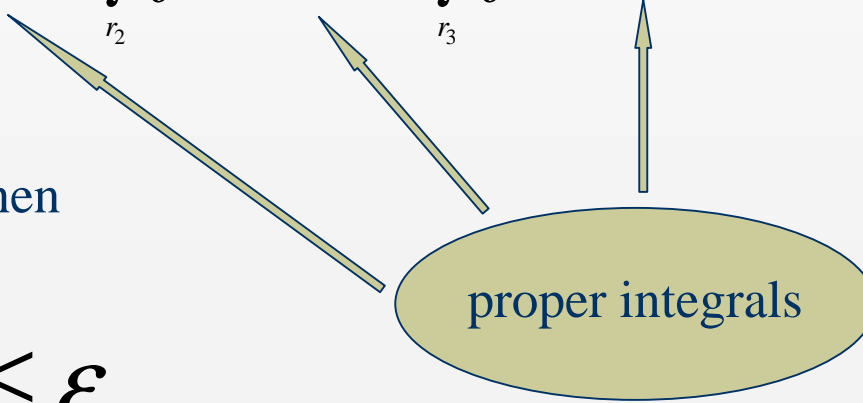
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(f) = \int_0^1 f(x) dx.$$

Proceeding to the limit

Integral to be evaluated:

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx$$

- ◆ $f(x)$ is continuous in $0 < x \leq 1$ (may be unbounded in $x = 0$).
- ◆ $1 > r_1 > r_2 > \dots$ is a sequence of points that converges to 0 (e.g. $r_n = 2^{-n}$).

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \int_{r_1}^1 f(x) dx + \int_{r_2}^{r_1} f(x) dx + \int_{r_3}^{r_2} f(x) dx + \dots$$


The evaluation is terminated when

$$\left| \int_{r_n}^{r_{n+1}} f(x) dx \right| \leq \varepsilon$$

Truncation of the interval

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \int_0^r f(x) dx + \int_r^1 f(x) dx$$

Then, if

$$\left| \int_0^r f(x) dx \right| \leq \varepsilon$$

we can simply evaluate the proper integral

$$\int_r^1 f(x) dx$$

Example

$$I = \int_0^1 \frac{g(x)}{x^{\frac{1}{2}} + x^{\frac{1}{3}}} dx \quad \text{with } g \text{ bounded in } [0,1], \text{ e.g. } |g(x)| \leq 1$$

But in $[0,1]$

$$\left| \frac{g(x)}{x^{\frac{1}{2}} + x^{\frac{1}{3}}} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \left| \int_0^r \frac{g(x)}{x^{\frac{1}{2}} + x^{\frac{1}{3}}} dx \right| \leq \int_0^r \frac{dx}{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}} = r^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

And, if we take $r \leq 10^{-6}$, we get an accuracy of 10^{-3}

Integration Formulas of Interpolatory Type

Consider the integral

$$\int_0^1 w(x) f(x) dx$$

where $w(x)$ is a function with a singularity in the neighbourhood of $x=0$, but such that

$$\int_0^1 w(x) x^k dx \quad \text{exist for } k = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

The, for a given sequence of abscissas $0 < x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n \leq 1$, we can determine weights w_i such that

$$\int_0^1 w(x) p(x) dx = \sum_{i=0}^n w_i p(x_i)$$

whenever $p \in P_n$.

This leads to the approximate integration formula

$$\int_0^1 w(x) f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=0}^n w_i f(x_i)$$

Integration Formulas of Interpolatory Type

Example

$$w(x) = x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad x_0 = \frac{1}{3}, \quad x_1 = \frac{2}{3}, \quad x_2 = 1.$$

$$w_1 + w_2 + w_3 = \int_0^1 x^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx = 2,$$

$$\frac{w_1}{3} + \frac{2w_2}{3} + w_3 = \int_0^1 x^{-\frac{1}{2}} x dx = \frac{2}{3},$$

$$\frac{w_1}{9} + \frac{4w_2}{9} + w_3 = \int_0^1 x^{-\frac{1}{2}} x^2 dx = \frac{2}{5}.$$

This leads to the rule

$$\int_0^1 x^{-\frac{1}{2}} f(x) dx \approx \frac{14}{5} f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) - \frac{8}{5} f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \frac{4}{5} f(1).$$

Integration Formulas of Gauss Type

Singularities may be accommodated by means of Gauss-type formulas. The integral is written in the form

$$I = \int_a^b w(x) f(x) dx ,$$

where $w(x)$ is a fixed positive weight function. The moments

$$\int_a^b w(x) x^n dx \quad \text{exist for } n = 0, 1, \dots$$

but $w(x)$ may have one or more singularities in the interval $[a, b]$

The corresponding orthonormal polynomials are $p_n(x)$ and their zeros are

$$a < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n < b$$

Then w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n (positive constants) can be found such that

$$\int_a^b w(x) p(x) dx = \sum_{k=1}^n w_k p(x_k)$$

$$\int_a^b w(x) f(x) dx \approx \sum_{k=1}^n w_k f(x_k)$$

Integration Formulas of Gauss Type

We want to compute the integral

$$I = \int_0^1 \text{Log}(x) f(x) dx,$$

- $f(x)$ is regular in $[0,1]$

We need

$G_n(x)$ polynomials orthonormal to $\text{Log}(x)$ in $[0,1]$.

To get them, we must solve

$$I_n = \int_0^1 -\text{Log}(x)(x^n) dx.$$

- $x = e^{-y}$
- integration by parts

$$I_m = \frac{1}{m+1} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(m+1)y} dy = \frac{1}{(m+1)^2}$$

Integration Formulas of Gauss Type

$$\int_0^1 -\log(x) G_i G_j dx = \delta_{ij}$$

• Polynomials

• Points

• Weights

$$G_0 = 1,$$

$$G_1 = \frac{12}{\sqrt{7}} \left(x - \frac{1}{4} \right);$$

0.25

1

$$G_2 = \frac{5(252x^2 - 180x + 17)}{12\sqrt{7}};$$

0.602277

0.281461

0.112009

0.718539

$$G_3 = \frac{7(258800x^3 - 310500x^2 - 92016x - 4679)}{9\sqrt{10849}\sqrt{647}};$$

0.063891

0.513405

0.368997

0.391980

0.766880

0.094615

...

Integration Formulas of Gauss Type

• Example

$$I = \int_0^1 -\frac{\text{Log}(x)}{1+x} dx = \frac{\pi}{12} = 0.8224670.$$

n=3

$$I_{\text{computed}} = 0.8224485$$

$$I_{\text{exact}} - I_{\text{computed}} = 185 \cdot 10^{-7}$$

Numerical Evaluation of the Cauchy Principal Value

Reduction of the CPV to one-sided improper integral is possible.

$f(x)$ unbounded in $x = c$ with $a < c < b$.

Suppose that $P \int_a^b f(x) dx$ exists.

$$P \int_a^b f(x) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left[\int_a^{c-r} f(x) dx + \int_{c+r}^b f(x) dx \right]$$

Consider $c = 0$ and $b = a$.

Decompose $f(x)$ in its odd and even parts

Odd

Even

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{2} [f(x) - f(-x)]$$

$$h(x) = \frac{1}{2} [f(x) + f(-x)]$$

Numerical Evaluation of the Cauchy Principal Value

$$\int_{-a}^{-r} f(x) dx + \int_r^a f(x) dx =$$
$$\int_{-a}^{-r} g(x) dx + \int_r^a g(x) dx + \int_{-a}^{-r} h(x) dx + \int_r^a h(x) dx =$$
$$2 \int_r^a h(x) dx.$$

Therefore

$$P \int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 2 \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \int_r^a h(x) dx.$$

Numerical Evaluation of the Cauchy Principal Value

Example1

$$P \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$h(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x} \right) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad P \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{x} = 0$$

Example2

$$P \int_{-1}^1 \frac{e^x}{x} dx$$

$$h(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{e^x}{x} + \frac{e^{-x}}{-x} \right) = \frac{1}{x} \sinh(x)$$

$$P \int_{-1}^1 \frac{e^x}{x} dx = 2 \int_0^1 \frac{\sinh(x)}{x} dx$$

Numerical Evaluation of the Cauchy Principal Value

The method of subtracting the singularity may also be used.

$$I(x) = P \int_a^b \frac{f(t)}{t-x} dt, \quad a < x < b$$

$$I(x) = \int_a^b \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t-x} dt + f(x) P \int_a^b \frac{dt}{t-x} =$$

$$\int_a^b \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t-x} dt + f(x) \log \frac{b-x}{x-a}.$$

Hilbert
transform of
 $f(x)$

Consider the function

$$\phi(t, x) = \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t-x} \quad t \neq x,$$

$$\phi(x, x) = f'(x) \quad t = x.$$

and solve

$$\int_a^b \phi(t, x) dt$$

* Interpolatory-type and Gauss-type formulas have been developed for Cauchy Principal Value integrals.

Numerical Evaluation of the Cauchy Principal Value

It may be useful to consider

$$\int_{x-h}^{x+h} \phi(t, x) dt = \int_{-h}^h \frac{f(t+x) - f(x)}{t} dt.$$

If $f(x)$ can be expanded in a Taylor series at $t = x$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x-h}^{x+h} \phi(t, x) dt &= \int_{-h}^h \left(f'(x) + \frac{t f''(x)}{2!} + \frac{t^2 f'''(x)}{3!} + \dots \right) dt \\ &= 2hf'(x) + \frac{h^3 f'''(x)}{9} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Indefinite Integration

We want to compute

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt \quad a \leq x \leq b$$

or the more complicated

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f(x, t) dt \quad a \leq x \leq b$$

Two choices

- Regard the $F(x)$ as a definite integral over a variable range;
- Regard $F(x)$ as the solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dF}{dx} = f(x), \quad F(a) = 0.$$

The simplest approach:

- divide the interval of integration $a \leq x \leq b$ into a set of subintervals;
- apply a rule of approximate integration to each subinterval.

Simpson's rule is widely used

Indefinite Integration via Differential Equations

We can use familiar rules. Consider, for example, the classical Runge-Kutta method for the solution of

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x, y) \quad y(x_0) = y_0.$$

The relevant formulas are

$$y_{m+1} = y_m + \frac{h}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4),$$

$$k_1 = g(x_m, y_m), \quad k_2 = g\left(x_m + \frac{h}{2}, y_m + \frac{hk_1}{2}\right),$$

$$k_3 = g\left(x_m + \frac{h}{2}, y_m + \frac{hk_2}{2}\right), \quad k_4 = g(x_m + h, y_m + hk_3).$$

A general multistep method for indefinite integration would consist in computing the value of the integral at the next step, y_{n+1} in terms of the values of the integral previously computed, y_n, y_{n-1}, \dots , and in terms of the values of the integrand, $f(x_{n+1}), f(x_n), f(x_{n-1}), \dots$

Indefinite Integration-Approximation Theory

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt \quad a \leq x \leq b \quad -\infty < a < b < \infty$$

Suppose we can approximate $f(x)$ with

$$f(x) = \phi_0(x) + \phi_1(x) + \dots + \phi_n(x) + \varepsilon(x) \quad a \leq x \leq b,$$

$$|\varepsilon(x)| \leq \varepsilon \quad a \leq x \leq b,$$

and that

$$\psi_i(x) = \int_a^x \phi_i(t) dt$$

is simple to calculate.

Then

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt = \psi_0(x) + \psi_1(x) + \dots + \psi_n(x) + \eta(x),$$

with

$$|\eta(x)| = \left| \int_a^x \varepsilon(t) dt \right| \leq (b - a)\varepsilon.$$

Indefinite Integration-Approximation Theory

Chebyshev Polynomials

$$T_n(x) = \cos(n \cdot \arccos x) = x^n + \binom{n}{2} x^{n-2} (x^2 - 1) + \dots$$

$$n = 0, 1, \dots, \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

or

$$T_0(x) = 1, \quad T_1(x) = x,$$

$$T_{n+1}(x) = 2xT_n(x) - T_{n-1}(x), \quad n = 2, 3, \dots,$$

If the function $f(x)$ satisfies a Lipschitz condition in $[-1, 1]$, it can be expanded in an uniformly convergent series of Chebishev polynomials.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} a_0 + a_1 T_1(x) + a_2 T_2(x) + \dots$$

Indefinite Integration-Approximation Theory

Orthogonality

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{T_m(x)T_n(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \begin{cases} \pi, & m = n = 0, \\ \frac{\pi}{2}, & m = n \neq 0, \\ 0, & m \neq n. \end{cases}$$

The coefficients of the series are given by

$$a_r = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(x)T_r(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f(\cos \vartheta) \cos r \vartheta d\vartheta$$

For many functions the sequence a_0, a_1, \dots decreases to zero rapidly. So

$$\int f(t) dt = \frac{a_0}{2} T_1(x) + \frac{a_1}{4} T_2(x) + \sum_{r=2} \frac{a_r}{2} \left(\frac{T_{r+1}(x)}{r+1} - \frac{T_{r-1}(x)}{r-1} \right) + cons$$