

Part 1:

Gaussian quadrature

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Key idea

The idea behind Gaussian quadrature is to approximate the integral of the desired function, $f(x)$, in terms of the weighted sum of the function evaluated at some systematically chosen points.

$$
\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^n C_i f(x_i)
$$

Although this looks almost exactly the same as the previously considered techniques, the key difference is how we obtained the values of x_i and C_i .

When the locations x_i are prespecified, this approach yields the best possible result.

Attention: the function should be a known function, such that we can evaluate $f(x_i)$ at any given point.

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 \int_a $\int_{0}^{b} f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^{n}$ $\sum_{i=1}^{n} C_i f(x_i)$ If *n* points are used, 2*n* parameters are available: x_i ($i = 1, 2, ..., n$) and $C_i (i = 1, 2, ..., n).$ With 2n parameters it is possible to fit a polynomial of degree $2n - 1$. Gaussian integration (or Gaussian quadrature) produces higher

Additional degree of freedom

accuracy than the Newton-Cotes formulas with the same number of function evaluations.

If the function to integrate is not smooth, then Gaussian quadrature may give lower accuracy

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Procedure

1. Gaussian quadrature formulas are obtained by choosing the n values of x_i and C_i so that the integral of a polynomial of degree 2*n* − 1 is exact, i.e. if $f(x) \approx P_{2n-1}(x)$ then

$$
\int_{a}^{b} P_{2n-1}(x)dx = \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_{i}P_{2n-1}(x_{i})
$$

2. Use these same values of $\{x_i, C_i\}$ for any other smooth function.

Gaussian quadrature for n=2 (2n-1=3) ! ! $P_3(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3$ Left-hand side \int_a $(a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3) dx = \begin{cases} a_0 x + a_1 \frac{x^2}{2} + a_2 \frac{x^3}{3} + a_3 \frac{x^4}{4} \end{cases}$ Φ_{a} $\frac{b}{\cdot}$ = $= a_0 (b - a) + a_1 \left(\frac{b^2 - a^2}{2}\right) + a_2 \left(\frac{b^3 - a^3}{2}\right) + a_3 \left(\frac{b^4 - a^4}{4}\right)$ Right-hand side $C_1P_3(x_1) + C_2P_3(x_2) = C_1(a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_1^2 + a_3x_1^3) + C_2(a_0 + a_1x_2 + a_2x_2^2 + a_3x_2^3)$ $= a_0(C_1 + C_2) + a_1(C_1x_1 + C_2x_2) + a_2(C_1x_1^2 + C_2x_2^2) + a_3(C_1x_1^3 + C_2x_2^3)$ Next, we want to match the left-hand side (LHS) and the right-hand side (RHS) 6 $P_{2n-1}(x)dx = \sum_{i=1}^{n}$ $\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i P_{2n-1}(x_i)$

Parameterization

Gaussian quadrature is typically written in terms of a parameter t , defined via

$$
x = \frac{b-a}{2}t + \frac{b+a}{2}.
$$

This replaces the integration range from $x \in [a, b]$ to $t \in [-1, +1]$.

If we define $F(t) \equiv f[x(t)]$ and redefine C_i as $C_i \Rightarrow C_i(b-a)/2$ then the Gaussian quadrature can be written as

$$
\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = \frac{b-a}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} F(t) dt = \frac{b-a}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_{i} F(t_{i})
$$

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There is no inherent advantage of this form, since they are mathematically identical, but it is common in the literature.

Gaussian quadrature parameters

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We can summarize the values for $\{t_i, C_i\}$ polynomials of second, third

Example: 8-point Gaussian quadrature C++ 12 /* Numerical integration of f(x) on [a,b] method: Gauss (8 points using symmetry) input: f - a single argument real function a,b - the two end-points (interval of integration) output: r - result of integration */ double gauss8(double(*f)(double), double a, double b) { const int n = 4;
double ti[n] = {0.1834346424, 0.5255324099,
0.7966664774, 0.9602898564};
double ci[n] = {0.3626837833, 0.3137066488,
0.2223810344, 0.1012285362}; double r, m, c; r = 0.0; m = (b-a)/2.0; c = (b+a)/2.0; for (int i = 1; i <= n; i=i+1) {r=r+ci[i-1]*(f(m*(-1.0)*ti[i-1]+c)+f(m*ti[i-1]+c)); } r = r*m; return r; }

Automatic integration

"The aim of an automatic integration scheme is to relieve the person who has to compute an integral of any need to think."

Davis P. J., and P. Rabinowitz, Methods of Numerical Integration (Dover, 2nd edition) (2007)

- While any desired accuracy (within round-off limits) can be obtained by taking smaller and smaller increments, this approach is generally undesirable, since evaluation of the integrand function $f(x)$ is the most time-consuming portion of the calculation.
- Imagine that you do not know how many intervals are needed to achieve convergence.

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Automatic integration from user perspective

User-friendly routines where the user enters

- 1. the limits of integration
- 2. the routine for computation of $f(x)$,
- 3. the tolerance ε
- 4. the upper bound N for the number of functional computations.

Then the program exits either

- a) with the computed value which is correct within the ε
- b) or with a statement that the upper bound N was attained but the tolerance was not achieved, and the computed result may be the "best" value of the integral determined by the program.

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Objectives of automatic integration

Get a value I of the integral, which is allegedly correct to within the tolerance, that is,

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\left|I - \int_{a}^{b} f(x) \, dx\right| \leq \varepsilon
$$

or

$$
\frac{\left|I - \int_a^b f(x)dx\right|}{\int_a^b |f(x)|dx} \le \varepsilon
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or both
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$$
\left|I - \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx\right| \le \max\left(\varepsilon_{abs}, \varepsilon_{rel} \middle| \int_{a}^{b} |f(x)| dx\right|)
$$
\nwhere ε_{abs} and ε_{rel} are absolute and relative tolerances, respectively.

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Efficiency

One of goals of automatic integration is to achieve the desired accuracy with the minimum number of integrand function evaluations

Therefore it is wise to choose rules of integration in such a way that all or almost all the information gathered at the nth stage is not discarded but is used in forming the $(n + 1)$ th stage.

Examples of this are the trapezoidal rules using $2^k + 1$ points, the Gauss-Kronrod sequence, the generalized composite Newton-Cotes rules, i.e., rules in which a particular Newton-Cotes integration rule (usually closed and containing an odd number of points) is used in each subinterval of a general partition of the interval of integration.

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Two possibilities for automatic integration

- 1. The non-adaptive schemes: the integration points are chosen in a fixed manner which is independent of the nature of the integrand, although the number of these points depends on the integrand continue to subdivide all subintervals, say by half, until overall error estimate falls below desired tolerance Not an inefficient way, but easy to implement.
- 2. The adaptive schemes: the points at which the integration is carried out are chosen in a manner that is dependent on the nature of the integrand – the domain of integration is selectively refined to reflect behavior of particular integrand function on a specific subinterval. Generally very efficient, but implementation can be challenging

General exit criterion for automatic integration Assume $I_1(f)$, $I_2(f)$, ... $I_n(f)$, $I_{n+1}(f)$ are iterative refinements of the integral, then the program exits and prints out the value $I_{(n+1)}(f)$. If the upper bound N is achieved without a "yes" to the criterion, the program selects the value of n for which $|I_{n+1}(f) - I_n(f)| = c_n$ is minimum, and prints out both $I_n(f)$ and the difference c_n . 20

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Required qualities of automatic integration

The qualities required of an automatic integrator are efficiency, reliability, and robustness.

Efficiency is usually measured by either the amount of computer time or the number of integrand evaluations required to calculate a set of integrals.

A **reliable** program is one that if it exits successfully, then we are reasonably certain that the magnitude of the actual error does not exceed the requested tolerance.

Robustness which means that the program will integrate correctly a broad range of integrals with an occasional failure.

It is virtually impossible to satisfy to highest degree all three qualities in one program.

The non-adaptive schemes

Generally increasing number of interval and compare results, for example for $I(h)$, $I(h/2)$, $I(h/4)$... till the tolerance is achieved as $|I(h/n) - I(h/2n)| \leq \varepsilon$, where *h* the initial size of the intervals, and $n = 1, 2...$

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Example: eps=10-8

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Suppose that an automatic integration scheme is applied to a function $f(x)$ over an interval [a, b] with a given error tolerance ε and exits with an indication of failure. What is one to do next?

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- 1. Increase, if possible, the number of functional evaluations allowed.
- 2. Raise the error tolerance ε .
- 3. Subdivide the interval $[a, b]$ into two or more subintervals, preferably in a random manner, and apply the integration scheme separately on each subinterval.
- 4. Try a different automatic integration scheme, perhaps one with special features suitable for the integrand in question.
- 5. Try to locate the interior singularities of the integrand and integrate between them, thus converting interior singularities to endpoint singularities which are much more tractable.

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Libraries

All respected numerical libraries have routines for adaptive integration.

Adaptive programs can be found also at

https://ww2.odu.edu/~agodunov/computing.html

Fortran:

adaptive integration based on Simpson rule (simpson2.f90), based on Gauss quadratures (gauss2.f90), adaptive integration using recursive calls (gaussA.f90), adaptive integration based on Newton-Cotes quadrature (quanc8.f)

$C++$

adaptive integration based on Newton-Cotes quadrature (quanc8.cpp) Matlab

adaptive integration based on Newton-Cotes quadrature (quanc8.m)

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Improper integrals: Type 1 – Infinite interval

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\int_0^\infty f(x)dx \qquad \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(x)dx
$$

There several tricks one could use to treat

- 1. Transform variable of integration so that the new interval is finite: example: use $y = \exp(-x)$, then $[0, \infty]$ goes into $[1,0]$ (but –do not introduce singularities)
- 2. Replace infinite limits of integration by carefully chosen finite values, or use approach to the limit

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- 3. Use asymptotic behavior (if possible) to evaluate the "tail" contribution.
- 4. Use nonlinear quadrature rules designed for infinite intervals

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Example: Using asymptotic behavior

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\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2 + 1} dx = \int_0^a \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2 + 1} dx + \int_a^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2 + 1} dx
$$

for $a \gg 1$ we use the asymptotic behavior of the function

 \int_a $\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2+1} dx \approx \int_{a}$ $\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2} dx = \int_{a}$ \degree 1 $\frac{1}{x^2}dx = \frac{2}{\sqrt{a}}$

Then

$$
\int_0^\infty \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2 + 1} dx \approx \int_0^a \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2 + 1} dx + \frac{2}{\sqrt{a}}.
$$

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Improper integrals: Type 3 – integrable singularity
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$$
\int_{a}^{b} \frac{f(x)}{x - c} dx \qquad a \leq c \leq b
$$
\nMethod 1.
\nwrite $f(x) = g(x) + h(x)$ where $g(x)$ can be integrated numerically, and $h(x)$ can be done analytically
\nExample: problem at $x = 0$
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$$
f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(1 + x^2)}}
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$$
f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(1 + x^2)}} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x(1 + x^2)}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}
$$

Improper integrals: Type 3 – integrable singularity \int_a $\int f(x)$ $\int \frac{f(x)}{x - c} dx$ $a \leq c \leq b$ Method 2. write $f(x) = \rho(x)h(x)$ where $\rho(x)$ is one of known functions for a quadrature, like Gauss-Christoffel, Jacobi, Chebyshev, … Method 3: Using non-standard quadrature rules allowing explicitly for the singularity

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PV\int_{-a}^{a} f(x)dx = \int_{-a}^{a} (f(x) + f(-x))dx
$$

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Other cases

- Integration of periodic functions*
- Slowly convergent integrals
- Singular integrals
- Integrating tabular data
- Contour integrals
- Indefinite integrals (integration via differential equations)

*see also Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)

Part 4:

Multidimensional integration

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Before actually integrating … Try to make it easier to integrate numerically

1. Change of order of integration

2. Change of variables

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Principal challenges The difficulty of integration is greatly increased when passing from one dimension to several dimensions.

- 1. The behavior of functions of several variables can be considerably more complicated than that of functions of one variable
- 2. it usually takes much more time to evaluate a function of several variables.

As the dimension becomes higher, more and more points are necessary for successful approximation, and even with current computing speeds the number of functional evaluations may be an important consideration. The necessity for economization has, in fact, led to approximate integration by Monte Carlo methods.

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Principal strategies for nD integration 1. Use automatic one-dimensional quadrature routine for each

- dimension, one for outer integral another for inner integral, etc.
- 2. Use Monte Carlo method
- 3. For 2D integrals it's possible to use cubature integration (e.g. cubature trapezoid rule as a product of one-dimensional rules)

Some numerical libraries have routines for 2D and 3D integration For example, Matlab has integral2, integral3.

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A course of actions

- 1. Plot the function A picture is worth a thousand words
- 2. Analyze the function: smooth or oscillating, functions with singularities, narrow peaks, …
- 3. Analyze the type of integral (regular, improper, …)
- 4. Can you transform the integral to a simpler form?
- 5. Select a method that fits the function and the integral
- 6. Always test any program for integration before using for your calculations.

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