

Computational Physics

Basic Equations of MHD

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial (\rho \vec{v})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot [\rho \vec{v} \vec{v} - \vec{B} \vec{B} + P^*] = 0, \quad \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot [(E + P^*) \vec{v} - \vec{v} (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{v})] = 0,$$

$$P^* = P + \frac{\vec{B} \cdot \vec{B}}{2} \quad E = \frac{\rho}{\mu_0} + \rho \frac{(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v})}{2} + \frac{\vec{B} \cdot \vec{B}}{2}$$

What can a computer do? $+, -, \div, \times$

need to convert $\left\{ \frac{d}{dt}, \frac{\partial}{\partial q}, \vec{\nabla}, \vec{\nabla} \cdot, \vec{\nabla} \times \right\} \rightarrow +, -, \div, \times$

Basics \rightarrow Bit yes/no, True/False, 0/1

Byte \rightarrow 8 bits 8 yes or no

Single \rightarrow 32 bits, 4 bytes \rightarrow 7 digits $3.4 \cdot 10^{38}$

double \rightarrow 64 bits 8 bytes \rightarrow 15 digits $1.8 \cdot 10^{308}$

Example above $\rho, \vec{v}, \vec{B}, E, P \rightarrow$ 9 Variables 36 and 72 bytes to store

1 grid points

Problems are solved on grids

1D 512 array 36,864 bytes 1 time step, 36,864,000 bytes 1000 steps

2D \sim 18.9 gigabytes

3D \sim 9.7 Terabytes

gridding, data storage important AMR

$$0-0 \quad 1-1 \quad 2-10 \quad 3-11 \quad 8-1000$$

$$2^0 \quad 2^1+0 \quad 2^2+2^0 \quad 2^3+2^0$$

$$125_{10} \rightarrow 1 \cdot 10^2 + 2 \cdot 10^1 + 5 \cdot 10^0$$

$$125_2 \rightarrow 1111101 \rightarrow 2^6 + 2^5 + 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^2 + 0 + 2^0 = 64 + 32 + 16 + 8 + 4 + 0 + 1 = 125$$

Fractions? $\frac{1}{3} \approx .01010101$

$$0 + \frac{1}{2^2} + 0 + \frac{1}{2^4} + 0 + \frac{1}{2^6} + 0 + \frac{1}{2^8} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{64} + \frac{1}{256} = .332031$$

in Single

$\neq \frac{1}{3}$ rounding error. Only numbers

Of the form $\sum \frac{1}{2^n}$ are exact Error

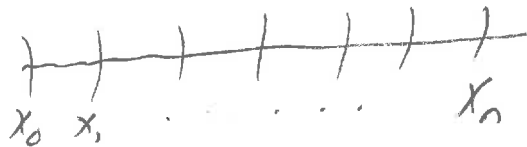
non integers are generally NOT exact.

Lets Start how to go from $\frac{dF}{dx}$ to +, -, \div , \times

$$\frac{dF}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x+h) - F(x)}{h} \quad \text{also} \quad \frac{F(x) - F(x-h)}{h}$$

just slope of tangent line

define a 1D grid



define $F(x_i)$ on grid $\frac{dF}{dx} \sim \frac{F(x+h) - F(x)}{h}$

where $h \neq 0$ clearly x_0 or x_n is lost

PS code $\frac{F(x) - \text{np.roll}(F(x), -1)}{h} \approx \frac{dF}{dx}$

board example x^2 10 grid points

Code example $h \downarrow$ still ugly at 0, have to be careful here. Problem $\frac{dF}{dx}$ not equal $\frac{F(x+h) - F(x)}{h}$ if $h=0$ in computer, $h=0 = \text{problem}$

how to construct approximations and Truncation error.

Start here. Taylor Expansions

$$F(x+h) = F(x) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} h + \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x^2} \frac{h^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{\partial^n F}{\partial x^n} \frac{h^n}{n!} \quad h \leftrightarrow \Delta x$$

$$\frac{F(x+h) - F(x)}{h} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \underbrace{\left[\frac{F'' h}{2!} + \dots + \frac{F^{(n)} h^{n-1}}{n!} \right]}_{\text{Truncation error}}$$

Approximation

Forward difference

$$F(x-h) = F(x) - F'(x)h + \frac{F''(x)h^2}{2!} - \frac{F'''(x)h^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{F^{(n)}(x)}{n!} (-h)^n$$

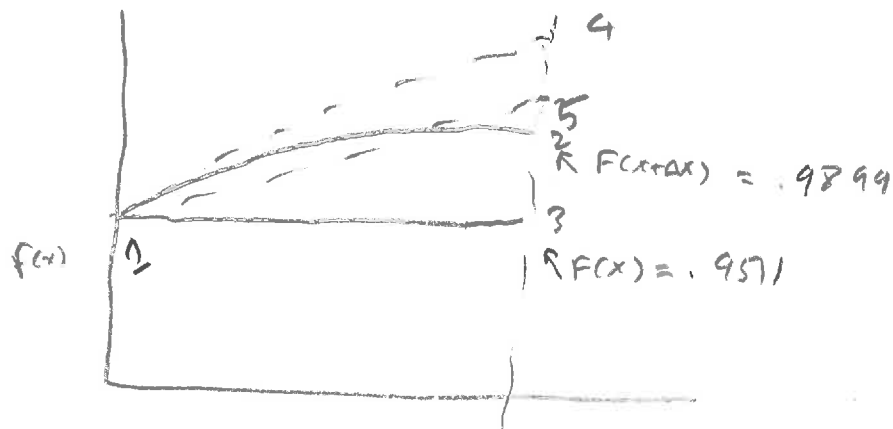
$$\frac{F(x) - F(x-h)}{h} = F'(x) - \frac{F''(x)h}{2!} + \frac{F'''(x)h^2}{3!} - \dots + \frac{F^{(n)}(x)}{n!} (-h)^{n-1}$$

backward difference

Example $F(x) = \sin(2\pi x)$

$$x = .2 \quad F(.2) = .9511$$

$$F(.22), \Delta x = .02 = .9899$$



$$2 = F(x+h) \quad 3. F(x) \quad 4. F(x) + F'(x)\Delta x \quad .9899 \quad .775\% \text{ error}$$

$$5 = F(x) + F'(x)\Delta x + \frac{F''(x)\Delta x^2}{2} = .9824 = .01\% \text{ error}$$

Truncation Error

$$\frac{dF}{dx} = \underbrace{\frac{F(x+h) - F(x)}{h}}_{\text{approximation}} - \underbrace{\left(\frac{F''}{2}h - \frac{F'''}{6}\frac{h^2}{6} + \dots \right)}_{\text{Truncation error}}$$

There is ALWAYS error

Can we do better?

A $F(x+\Delta x) = F(x) + F'(x)\Delta x + \frac{F''(x)\Delta x^2}{2} + \frac{F'''(x)\Delta x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{F^{(n)}(x)\Delta x^n}{n!}$

B $F(x-\Delta x) = F(x) - F'(x)\Delta x + \frac{F''(x)\Delta x^2}{2} - \frac{F'''(x)\Delta x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{F^{(n)}(x)(-\Delta x)^n}{n!}$

A-B = $2F'(x)\Delta x + O(\Delta x)^2$
 error $\sim \Delta x^2$ not Δx

Or $\frac{F(x+\Delta x) - F(x-\Delta x)}{2\Delta x} = \frac{dF}{dx} + O(\Delta x^2)$ Truncation error
 Central difference

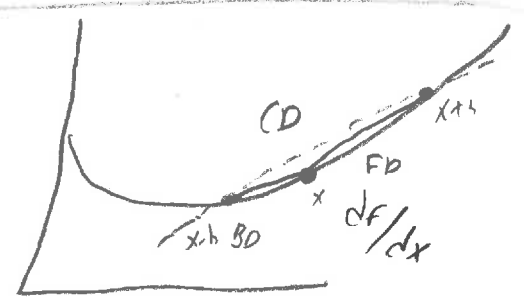
vs $\frac{F(x+\Delta x) - F(x)}{\Delta x} = \frac{dF}{dx} + O(\Delta x)$ Truncation error

$\Delta x = 1$ FD BD 1) error CD $\sim (1)^2$ error

4th order $F'(x) = \frac{-F(x+2h) + F(x+h) - 8F(x-h) + F(x-2h)}{12h} + O(h)^4$
 Truncation error

how to derive? Change $\Delta x \rightarrow 2\Delta x, 3\Delta x$ in A and B
 add subtract

Segue Newton's Method

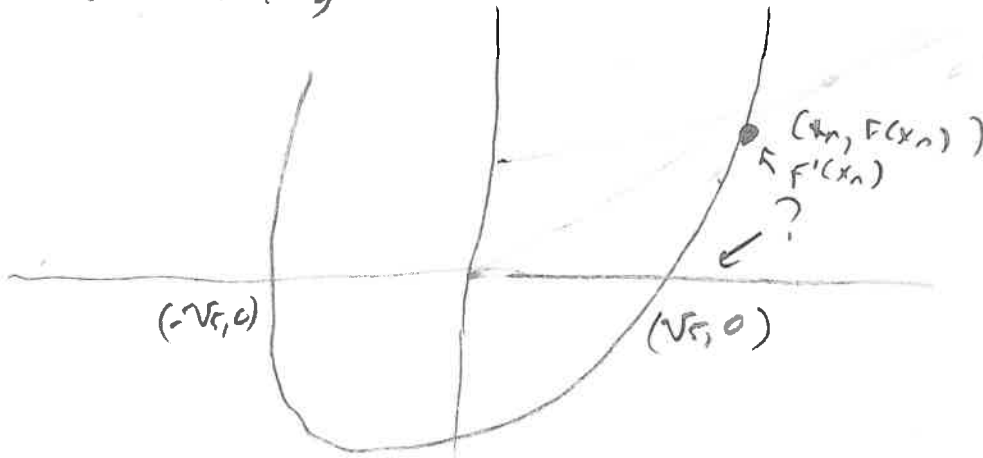


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$$x^2 = 5?$$

how about $x^2 - 5 = 0$

root finding



Point Slope Formula

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$m =$

$$y - F(x_n) = F'(x_n)(x - x_n)$$

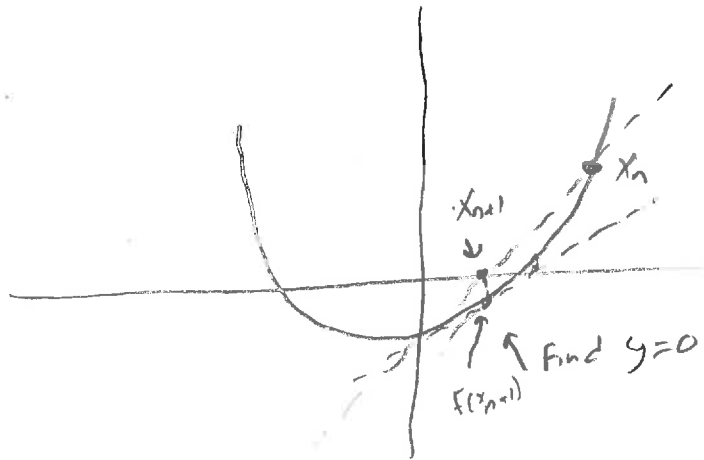
$$y = F'(x_n)(x - x_n) + F(x_n)$$

$$F'(x_n)(x - x_n) + F(x_n) = 0$$

\uparrow
 x_{n+1}

Solve $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{F(x_n)}{F'(x_n)}$

Iterate



guess root, The better the guess the faster the convergence,

$$x^2 = 5 \rightarrow f(x) = x^2 - 5 \quad \text{Answer} = 2.23607$$

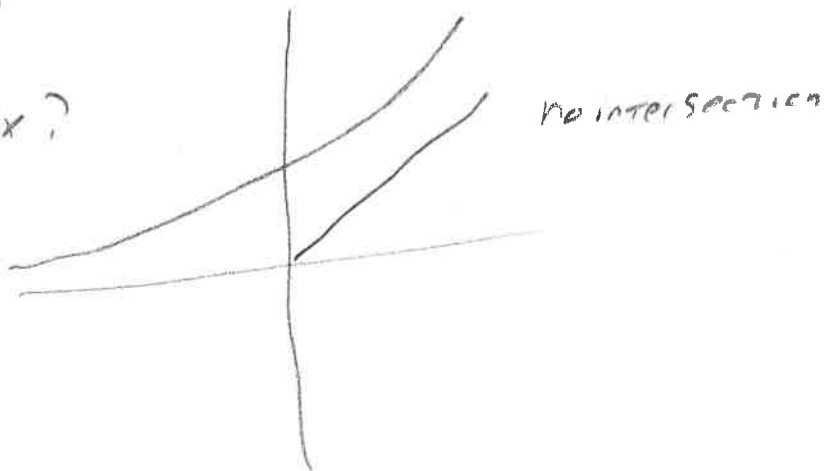
$$x = \pm\sqrt{5} \quad \sqrt{4} < \sqrt{5} < \sqrt{9} \quad \text{Try } 2.5 \text{ For } x_n$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = x_n - \frac{(x_n^2 - 5)}{(2x_n)} = 2.5 - \frac{2.5}{2} = 2.25$$
$$\frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = 1.0023$$

$$2.25 - \frac{0.13889}{2} = 2.23611 = x_{n+2} \quad \frac{x_{n+2}}{x_{n+1}} = 1.00002$$

good enough

Pathological $\rightarrow e^x = 2x$?



Next 2nd order derivatives, Partial derivatives,

Vector Operations,

2nd order: 2 ways (infinite actually)

2: Treat $\frac{df}{dx}$ as $g(x)$ and repeat or

Taylor Expansion again

$$F(x+\Delta x) \approx F(x) + F'(x)\Delta x + \frac{F''(x)(\Delta x)^2}{2} + \frac{F'''(x)(\Delta x)^3}{6} + \dots$$

$$F(x-\Delta x) \approx F(x) - F'(x)\Delta x + \frac{F''(x)(\Delta x)^2}{2} - \frac{F'''(x)(\Delta x)^3}{6} + \dots$$

$$F(x+\Delta x) + F(x-\Delta x) \approx 2F(x) + F''(x)(\Delta x)^2 + \dots$$

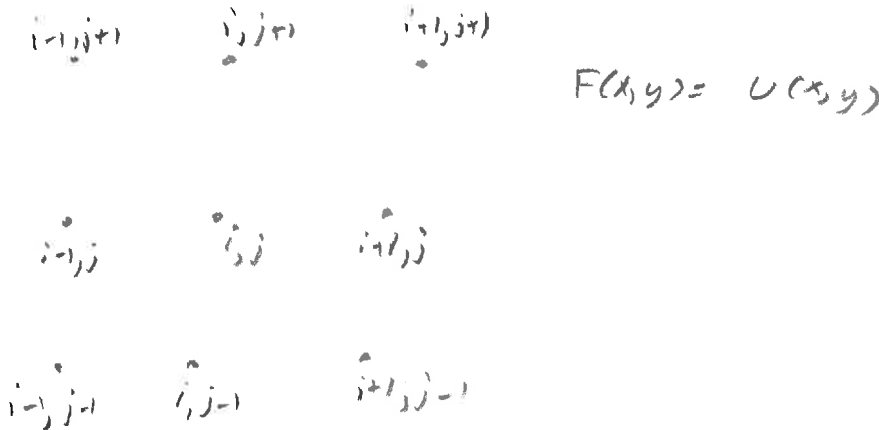
$$\frac{F(x+\Delta x) + F(x-\Delta x) - 2F(x)}{\Delta x^2} \approx F''(x)$$

Mixed Partial derivatives $\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x \partial y}$

Need a 2D Grid!

Now $F = F(x, y)$

going to switch notation now for convenience
also, assume $\Delta x = \Delta y$ harder otherwise.



$$\frac{\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)_{i+1,j}^1 - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)_{i-1,j}^2}{2 \Delta x} = \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}\right)_{i,j} + O(\Delta x^2)$$



↑ $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ at $i+1$
 use centered

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)_{i+1,j} = \frac{u_{i+1,j+1} - u_{i+1,j-1}}{2 \Delta y}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \text{ at } i-1 = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)_{i-1,j} = \frac{u_{i-1,j+1} - u_{i-1,j-1}}{2 \Delta y}$$

$$\text{So } \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}\right)_{i,j} = \frac{u_{i+1,j+1}^2 - u_{i+1,j-1} - u_{i-1,j+1} + u_{i-1,j-1}^4}{4 \Delta x \Delta y} + O[(\Delta x)^2, (\Delta y)^2]$$



We will return to the topic of mixed and 2nd order derivatives later for now, you should be starting to see how we numerically compute

$$\vec{\nabla} T, \nabla^2 T, \nabla \cdot \vec{A}, \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Ex} \rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} &= \begin{pmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{pmatrix} \text{Ex } \vec{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} \\
 \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} &= \left(\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} \right) \hat{k} \\
 &= \text{r.p. gradient } (A_z, dx) \\
 &\quad - \text{r.p. gradient } (A_x, dz)
 \end{aligned}$$

We've come further than you think!

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{1D heat conduction}$$

↑
Time marching

FD good

BD/CD No good

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \sim \frac{T_i^{n+1} - T_i^n}{\Delta t} \quad \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \right)_i \sim \frac{T_{i+1}^n - 2T_i^n + T_{i-1}^n}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} = 0 = \left[\frac{T_i^{n+1} - T_i^n}{\Delta t} - \alpha \frac{(T_{i+1}^n - 2T_i^n + T_{i-1}^n)}{(\Delta x)^2} \right] \quad \text{Solve}$$

$$\text{Truncation error} \rightarrow \left[-\left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} \right)_i \frac{\Delta t}{2} + \alpha \left(\frac{\partial^4 T}{\partial x^4} \right)_i \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{12} + \dots \right] \quad (11)$$

1st order in time 2nd order in space.

All you need is appending and a for loop.

LATER !!!

Integ rails

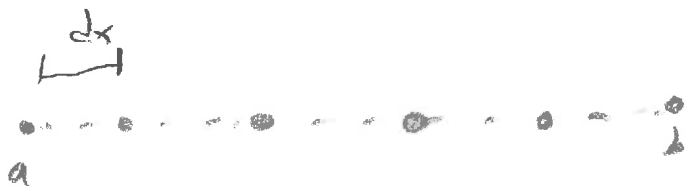
$\int f(x) dx$? No

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx, \quad \int_0^x f(x) dx = G(x), \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx, \quad \int_c^{b(x)} \int_{a(x)} f(x, y) dx dy$$

Yes

Fundamentally

$$\lim_{dx \rightarrow 0} \sum f(x) dx = \int f(x) dx$$



define $f(x) = x^2$

$$\int_0^1 x^2 dx = \left. \frac{x^3}{3} \right|_0^1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

Let's do this by hand

With $n = 10$ 1.9% accuracy. We can do better but later.

How about $G(x) = \int_0^x f(x) dx$?



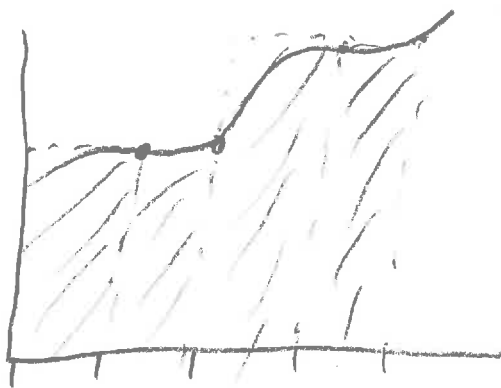
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OUT = np.zeros(Len(x))
G(x) = For i in range (0,num)
        OUT[i] = sum [F[0:i], dx)
return OUT
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iterate

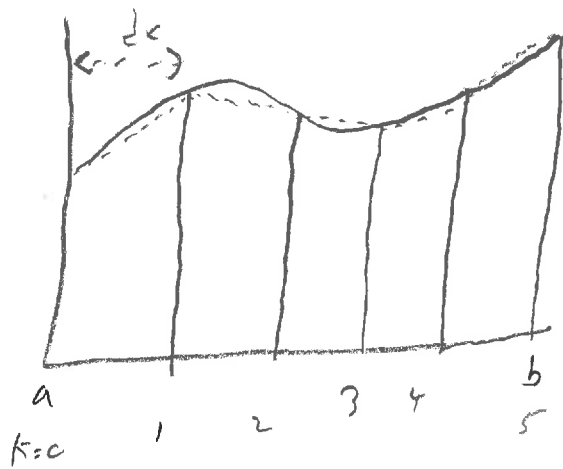
(Can we do better?)

$$\int \sim \sum f(x) dx$$

Squares



Trapezoidal Rule



book example

$$A_k = \frac{1}{2} dx [F(a + (k-1)dx) + F(a + kdx)]$$

$$N = 10 \quad k \in \{1, 10\}$$

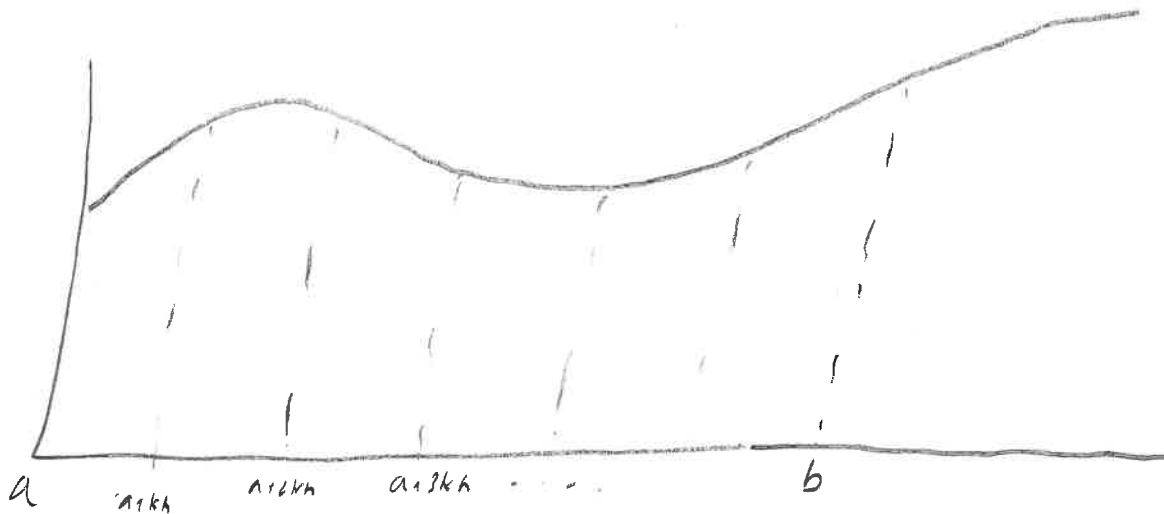
$$I(a, b) \approx \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{2} dx [F(a + (k-1)dx) + F(a + kdx)]$$

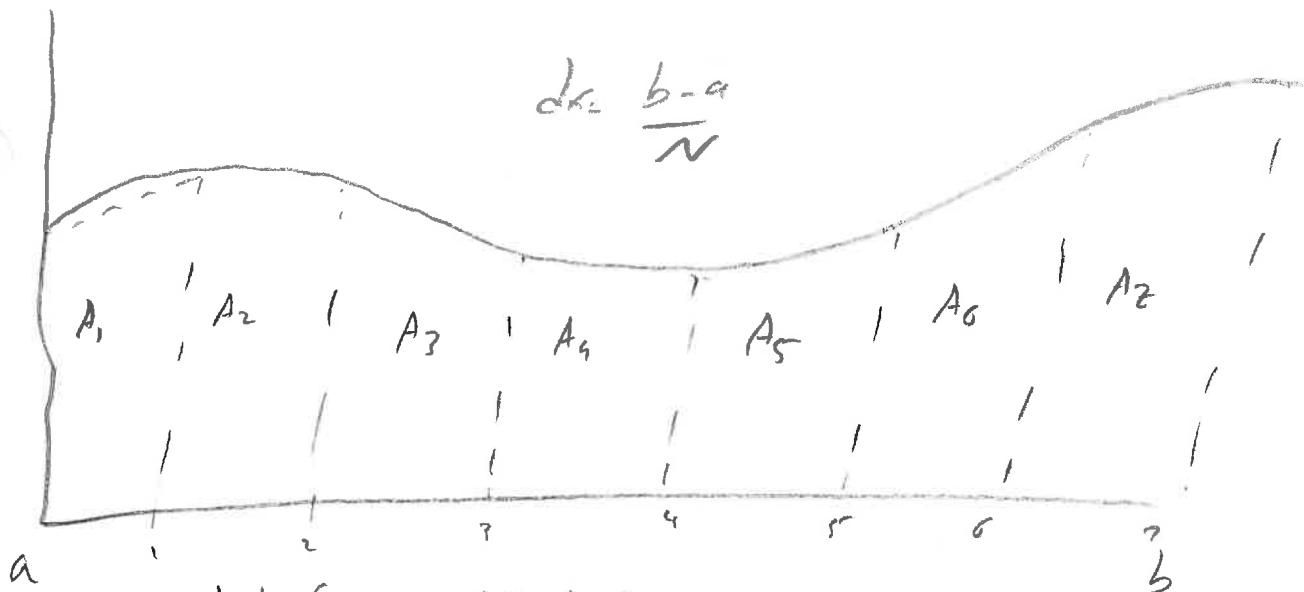
$$= \frac{1}{2} dx [F(a) + 2F(a+h) + 2F(a+2h) + \dots]$$

$$= dx \left[\frac{1}{2} F(a) + \frac{1}{2} F(b) + \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} F(a+kh) \right]$$

How about $I(a, x)$?

Trickier, let's be careful





$$A_1 = \frac{1}{2} dx (F(a) + F(a+dx))$$

$$A_2 = \frac{1}{2} dx (F(a+dx) + F(a+2dx))$$

$$A_3 = \frac{1}{2} dx (F(a+2dx) + F(a+3dx))$$

$$A_7 = \frac{1}{2} dx (F(a+6dx) + F(b))$$

$$I(a, x) = dx \left[\frac{1}{2} F(a) + \frac{1}{2} F(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} F(a+kdx) \right]$$

$$I(a) = \frac{1}{2} F(a)$$

$$I(1) = \frac{1}{2} (F(a) + F(a+dx))$$

can be made with non constant dx

Need IF statements

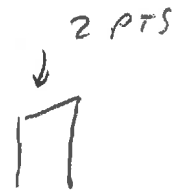
Next Simple, Romberg integration, improper integrals, infinite limits

OK

$$\int F(x) dx$$

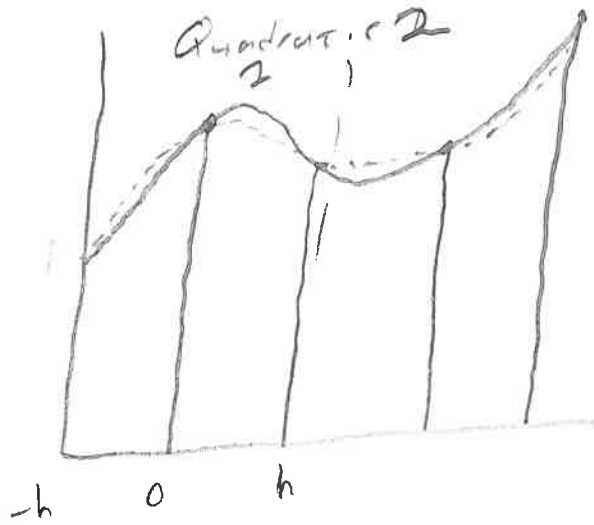


Trapezoid



3?

SIMPSON'S RULE



$$Ax^2 + Bx + C = F(x)$$

$$F(h) = Ah^2 + Bh + C$$

$$F(0) = C$$

$$F(-h) = Ah^2 - Bh + C$$

$$A = \frac{1}{h^2} \left[\frac{1}{2} F(-h) - F(0) + \frac{1}{2} F(h) \right],$$

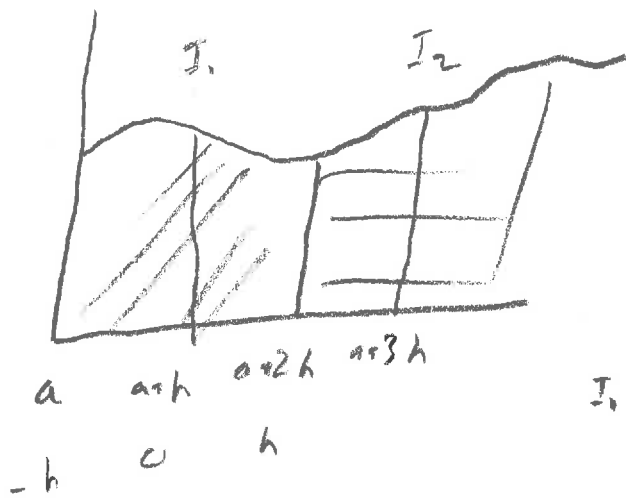
$$B = \frac{1}{2h} [F(h) - F(-h)], \quad C = F(0)$$

$$\int_{-h}^h (Ax^2 + Bx + C) dx = \frac{2}{3} Ah^3 + 2Ch = \frac{1}{3} h [F(-h) + 4F(0) + F(h)]$$

$I(a, x)$ Start at $x = a$



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$$\frac{1}{3} h [f(a-h) + 4f(a) + f(a+h)]$$



$$I_1 = \frac{1}{3} h [f(a) + 4f(a+h) + f(a+2h)]$$

$$I_2 = \frac{1}{3} h [f(a+2h) + 4f(a+3h) + f(a+4h)]$$

$$I(a, x) = \frac{1}{3} h \left[f(a) + f(x) + 4 \sum_{k=1}^{N/2} f(a + (2k-1)h) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{N/2-1} f(a + 2kh) \right]$$

$$\text{or } = \frac{1}{3} h \left[f(a) + f(x) + 4 \sum_{\substack{k \text{ odd} \\ 1 \dots N-1}} f(a + kh) + 2 \sum_{\substack{k \text{ even} \\ 2 \dots N-2}} f(a + kh) \right]$$

Code $I(a, x)$

Note even = a [2: num: 2] then 4 * sum(even)
 odd = a [1: num: 2] then 2 * sum(odd)

MUCH Faster.

For loops suck

