

# 1 Questions to be handed in on integration:

Read about this material here: [integration](#).

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To get started, we load `Gadfly` so that we can make plots, and load the `Roots` package for `D`:

```
using Gadfly          # ignore any warnings
using Roots           # for D and fzero
using SymPy
```

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## 1.0.1 Quick background Read the notes for more detail

In many cases, the task of evaluating a definite integral is made easy by the fundamental theorem of calculus which says that for a continuous function  $f$  that the following holds for any of its antiderivatives,  $F$ :

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = F(b) - F(a).$$

That is the definite integral is found by evaluating a related function at the endpoints,  $a$  and  $b$ .

The `SymPy` package can compute many antiderivatives using a version of the Risch algorithm that works for *elementary functions*. For example. The area between 0 and 1 of the function  $x^2$  is found with

```
x = Sym("x")
f(x) = x^2
integrate(f(x), x, 0, 1)
```

Of course, this could be done directly, as an antiderivative is just  $x^3/3$ :

```
F(x) = x^3/3
F(1) - F(0)
```

However, this only works *if* there is a known antiderivative  $F(x)$ . If not, what to do?

In this case, we can appeal to the definition of the definite integral. For continuous, non-negative  $f(x)$ , the definite integral is the area under the graph of  $f$  over the interval  $[a, b]$ . This area can be directly *approximated* using Riemann sums, or some other approximation scheme.

Imagine one didn't know,  $F$ . Then the Riemann approximation can help. The following pattern will compute the sum using right-hand endpoints:

```
f(x) = x^2
a, b, n = 0, 1, 5      # 5 partitions of [0,1] requested
delta = (b - a)/n      # size of partition
xs = a + (1:n) * delta
fxs = [f(x) for x in xs]
sum(fxs * delta)        # a new function 'sum' to add up values in a container
```

That isn't very close to  $1/3$ . But we only took  $n = 5$ . Bigger  $n$ s mean better approximations:

```
f(x) = x^2
a, b, n = 0, 1, 50_000      # 50,000 partitions of [0,1] requested
delta = (b - a)/n
xs = a + (1:n) * delta
fxs = [f(x) for x in xs]
sum(fxs * delta)
```

Note that only the first two lines need changing to adjust to a new problem. This makes it easy to wrap this in a function:

```
function riemann(f, a, b, n)
    delta = (b - a)/n
    xs = a + (1:n) * delta
    fxs = [f(x) for x in xs]
    sum(fxs * delta)
end
riemann(f, 0, 1, 50_000)
```

The Riemann sum is very slow to converge here. There are faster algorithms both mathematically and computationally. We will discuss two: the trapezoid rule, which replaces rectangles with trapezoids. Below we need both the left and right endpoints to compute the area of the trapezoid:

```
function trapezoid(f, a, b, n)
    delta = (b - a)/n
    x = a + (0:n) * delta
    trap(l,r) = (1/2)*(f(l) + f(r))
    ys = [trap(l,r) for (l,r) in zip(x[1:end-1], x[2:end])]
    sum(ys * delta)
end
trapezoid(f, 0, 1, 5000)
```

As well, we have Simpson's rule, which put a parabola at the top of the rectangle. Again, we need both left and right endpoints of each interval to compute:

```
function simpsons(f, a, b, n)
    delta = (b - a)/n
    x = a + (0:n) * delta
    simp(l,r) = (f(l) + 4f((l+r)/2) + f(r))/6
    ys = [simp(l,r) for (l,r) in zip(x[1:end-1], x[2:end])]
    sum(ys * delta)
end
simpsons(f, 0, 1, 500)
```

Base julia provides the `quadgk` function which uses a different approach altogether. It is used quite easily:

```
f(x) = x^2
ans, err = quadgk(f, 0, 1)
```

This function returns two values, an answer and an estimated maximum possible error. The ans is the first number, clearly it is 1/3, and the estimated maximum error is the second. In this case it is small ( $10^{-17}$ ) and is basically 0.

### 1.0.2 Questions

- Let  $g(x) = x^4 + 10x^2 - 60x + 71$ . Find the integral  $\int_0^1 g(x)dx$  exactly using the fundamental theorem of calculus.
- For  $f(x) = x/\sqrt{g(x)}$  (for  $g(x)$  from the last problem) estimate the following using 1000 Riemann sums:

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

- Let  $f(x) = \sin(\pi x^2)$ . Estimate  $\int_0^1 f(x)dx$  using 20 Riemann sums
- For the same  $f(x)$ , compare your estimate with 20 Riemann sums to that with 20,000 Riemann sums. How many digits after the decimal point do they agree?

**Left Riemann** The left Riemann sum uses left-hand endpoints, not right-hand ones. In the pattern above, this simply uses

```
xs = a + (0:n-1) * delta
instead of xs = a + (1:n) * delta.
```

- For  $f(x) = e^x$  use the left Riemann sum with  $n = 10,000$  to estimate  $\int_0^1 f(x)dx$ .
- The left and right Riemann sums for an increasing function are also lower and upper bounds for the answer. Find the difference between the left and right Riemann sum for  $\int_0^1 e^x dx$  when  $n = 10,000$ . (Use your last answer.) What is the approximate value 1/100, 1/1000, 1/10000, or 1/100000?

## trapezoid, Simpson's

- The answer to  $\int_0^1 e^x dx$  is simply  $e^1 - e^0 = e - 1$ . Compare the error of the trapezoid method when  $n = 10,000$ .
- The answer to  $\int_0^1 e^x dx$  is simply  $e^1 - e^0 = e - 1$ . Compare the error of the Simpson's method when  $n = 10,000$ .

(The error for Riemann sums is like  $1/n$ , the error for trapezoid sums is  $1/n^2$  and that for Simpson's is  $1/n^4$ .)

## 1.1 quadgk

- Use `quadgk` to find  $\int_{-3}^3 (1+x^2)^{-1} dx$ . What is the answer? What is the estimated maximum error?

### 1.1.1 Improper integrals

An *improper integral* is one which involves infinity one of few ways:

- one or both limits is infinite
- the function  $f$  has a vertical asymptote in the interval  $[a, b]$  (e.g.,  $f(x) = 1/x$  on  $[0, 1]$ ).

For these cases, the fundamental theorem of calculus does not apply, but the definite integral can be defined in terms of limiting values over sub-ranges. (For example,  $\lim_M \int_0^M e^{-x} dx = \int_0^\infty e^{-x} dx$ .)

Kahan (in a very interesting article about integration on a calcalculator) goes on to add these as troubling:

- the integrand oscillates infinitely rapidly in the interval  $[a, b]$  (e.g.,  $f(x) = \sin(1/x)$  on  $[-1, 1]$ ).
- the integrand or its first derivative changes wildly within a relatively narrow subinterval or oscillates frequently.

The `quadgk` function can handle these cases well, as we see through some examples

- The integral  $\int_0^1 1/\sqrt{x} dx$  is an improper integral that is defined. What is the value?
- The integral  $\int_0^1 x^{-2} dx$  is an improper integral that is not defined. How does `julia` report the error?

- The integral  $\int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx$  is important in probability theory and many other areas. Compute its value with `quadgk`. (`Inf` is infinity.)
- The function  $\sin(1/x)$  has no limit at 0, but the integral  $\int_0^1 \sin(1/x) dx$  can be defined in terms of a limit. What is the value estimated by `quadgk`? Any thoughts on why this integral may take so long to be computed?
- Define

$$f(u) = \frac{\sqrt{u}}{u-1} - \frac{1}{\log u}$$

The improper integral  $\int_0^1 f(u) du$  is defined. What is the value? What is the estimated error? Is this consistent with a value of 0.03649 plus or minus 0.00000007?

## 1.2 Applications

We discuss two applications of the integral. The first is a formula for a volume of revolution. For cylindrically symmetric volume, such as a drinking glass, if the radius as a function of height is given by  $r(h)$ , the the volume is  $\int_a^b \pi r(h)^2 dh$ .

Next is the length of the graph of  $f(x)$  over the interval  $[a, b]$ . This is  $\int_a^b \sqrt{1 + f'(x)^2} dx$ .

For example, the arc-length of the sine curve over  $[0, 2\pi]$  can be found with

```
using Roots          # for D
f(x) = sin(x)
g(x) = sqrt(1 + D(f)(x)^2)
quadgk(g, 0, 2pi)
```

### 1.2.1 arc length

- A stage manager is setting up chairs in a shape given by a parabola. She computes that the shape is given (in feet) by  $g(x) = 10x^2$  for  $-5 < x < 5$ . If each chair takes approximately 2 feet, about how many chairs will be needed?
- The function  $f(x) = x^2 - (1/8) \log(x)$  is called a pursuit curve, as it comes from solving how an efficient person would track someone running away from them on the  $y$  axis. What is the length of the curve between  $1/10$  and  $10$ ?

### 1.2.2 glass half full

- A glass is formed as a volume of revolution with radius as a function of height given the equation  $r(h) = 2 + (h/20)^4$ . The volume as a function of height  $b$  is given by  $V(b) = \int_0^b \pi r(h)^2 dh$ . Find  $V(25)$ .
- Find a value of  $b$  so that  $V(b) = 455$ .
- Now find a value of  $b$  for which  $V(b) = 455/2$ . This height will have half the volume as the height just found. Compare the two values. Is the ratio of smallest to largest  $1/2$ , more than  $1/2$  or less?