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# NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

**For Third-Year Students**

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## Non-linear Equation

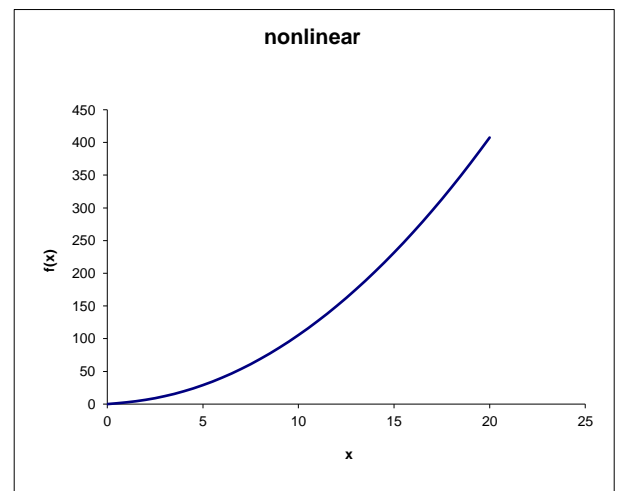
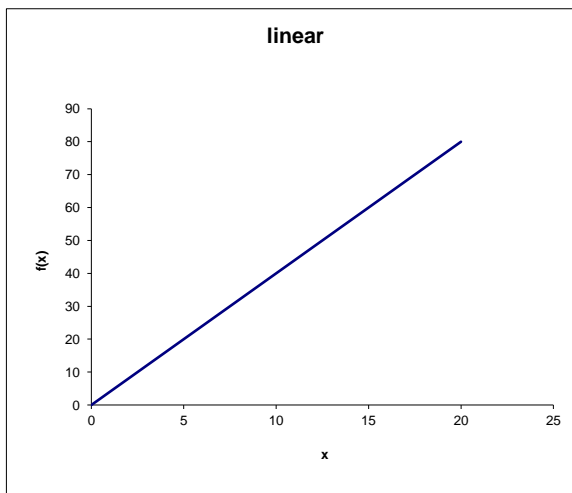
Recall that a **linear equation** can take the form

$$ax + by + c = 0$$

any **equation** that **cannot be written in this form** and has the **degree larger than one but not less than 2** is **nonlinear**. Such as

- logarithmic,
- trigonometric,
- exponential or
- power function of **parameters** or **variables**,

It **forms a curve** and if the **value of the degree increases**, the **curvature of the graph increases**



The **general representation** of **nonlinear equations** is;

$$a x^2 + b y^2 + c = 0$$

Where  $x$  and  $y$  are the **variables** and  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are the **constant values**.

## Solution of Nonlinear Equations

Given a **function**  $f(x)$ , we seek the **value** of  $x$  for which  $f(x) = 0$ . **Solution**  $x$  is called a **root of equation**, or **zero of function**  $f(x)$ . Thus, the **problem** is known as **root or zero finding**.

### Root of Equations

The general form of **quadratic equation** is:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

the **value** of  $x$ , can be find by using the **quadratic formula**

$$x_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

These **values** of  $x$  are called the “**roots**” of **equation**. They **represent** the **values** of  $x$  that **make equation equal** to **zero**. Thus, we **can define** the **root** of an **equation** as the **value** of  $x$  that **makes**  $f(x) = 0$ . For this reason, **roots** are **sometimes called** the **zeros** of the **equation**.

Although the **quadratic formula** is **handy** for **solving equation**, there are **many other functions** for which the **root cannot** be **determined** so **easily**. For these cases, the **numerical methods** provide **efficient means** to **obtain the answer**.

### Finding for Roots of Nonlinear Equations

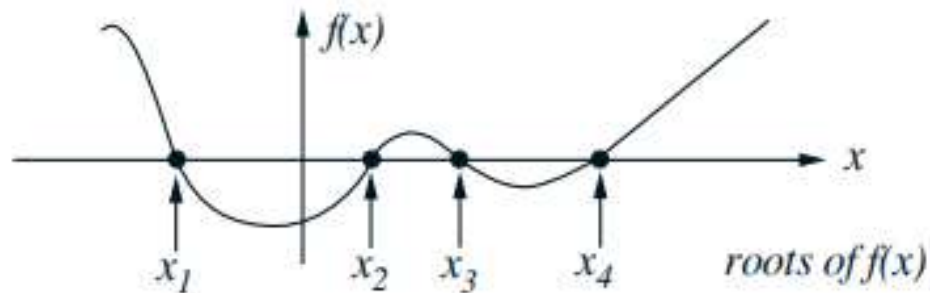
Consider the **problem** of **finding** the **roots** of the **nonlinear equation**  $f(x) = 0$ , which is a **scalar function** of a **single independent variable**,  $x$ , using **numerical techniques**. Since the **roots** of a **nonlinear equation**,  $f(x) = 0$ , **cannot** in general be **expressed** in **closed form**, an **approximate methods** must use to **solve the problem**.

Usually, **iterative techniques** are used to start from an **initial approximation** to a root, and **produce a sequence of approximations**, which **converge toward a root**. **Convergence to a root is usually possible provided** that the function  $f(x) = 0$  is **sufficiently smooth** and the **initial approximation is close enough to the root**.

Consider the equation

$$f(x) = 0$$

**Roots of equation  $f(x) = 0$**  are the values of  $x$  which satisfy  $f(x) = 0$ , also referred to as the **zeros of an equation**



### Notes on root finding

- **Roots of equations** can be **either real or complex** such that  $x = a$  is a **real number** and  $x = a + ib$  is a **complex number**, where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$
- A **large variety of root finding algorithms** exist,
- **Each algorithm** has **advantages and disadvantages**, **possible restrictions**, etc.

## Numerical Methods of Roots Finding of Nonlinear Equations

Numerical methods for finding Roots of the Nonlinear Equations are:

- **Bracketting Methods**
  - **Bisection Method**
  - **False Position (Regula Falsi)**
- **Graphical Method**
- **Open Methods**
  - **Newton-Raphson**
  - **Secant Method**

## Noncomputer Methods for Determining Roots

Before the advent of digital computers, there were several ways to find the roots of algebraic and transcendental equations. For some cases, the quadratic formula. Although there were equations that could be solved directly, there were many more that could not. For example, even an apparently simple function such as

$$f(x) = e^{-x} - x$$

cannot be solved analytically. In such instances, the only alternative is an approximate solution technique.

One method to obtain an approximate solution is to plot the function and determine where it crosses the  $x$  axis. This point, which represents the  $x$  value for which  $f(x) = 0$ , is the root.

Although graphical methods are useful for obtaining rough estimates of roots, they are limited because of their lack of precision. An alternative approach is to use trial and error. This “technique” consists of guessing a value of  $x$  and evaluating whether  $f(x) = 0$ . If not (as is almost always the case), another guess is made, and  $f(x)$  is again

**evaluated to determine whether the new value provides a better estimate of the root. The process is repeated until a guess is obtained that results in an  $f(x)$  that is close to zero.**

**Such haphazard methods are obviously inefficient and inadequate for the requirements of engineering practice. There are techniques represent alternatives that are also approximate but employ systematic strategies to home in on the true root. The combination of these systematic methods and computers makes the solution of most applied roots-of-equations problems a simple and efficient task.**

## **Bracketing Methods**

**The techniques for finding the roots of equations deals that exploit the fact that a function typically changes sign in the vicinity of a root are called bracketing methods because two initial guesses for the root are required. As the name implies, these guesses must “bracket,” or be on either side of, the root. These methods employ different strategies to systematically reduce the width of the bracket to find the correct answer.**

**As a prelude to these techniques, graphical methods for depicting functions and their roots. Beyond their utility for providing rough guesses, graphical techniques are also useful for visualizing the properties of the functions and the behavior of the various numerical methods.**

### **1. Graphical Methods**

**A simple method for obtaining an estimate of the root of the equation  $f(x) = 0$  is to make a plot of the function and observe where it crosses the  $x$  axis. This point, which represents the  $x$  value for which  $f(x) = 0$ , provides a rough approximation of the root.**

## The Graphical Approach

**Graphical techniques** are of **limited practical value** because they are not precise. However, **graphical methods** can be **utilized** to obtain **rough estimates of roots**. These **estimates** can be **employed** as **starting guesses** for **numerical methods**.

Aside from **providing rough estimates** of the **root**, **graphical interpretations** are **important tools** for **understanding the properties** of the **functions** and **anticipating the pitfalls** of the **numerical methods**. For example, **Figures below** show a **number of ways** in which **roots can occur** in an **interval** prescribed by a **lower bound  $x_l$**  and an **upper bound  $x_u$** .

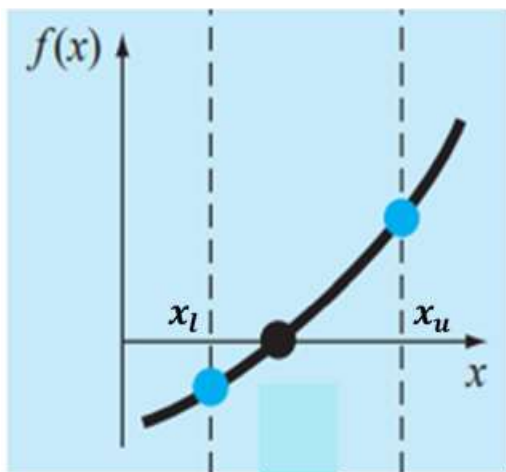


Figure 1.

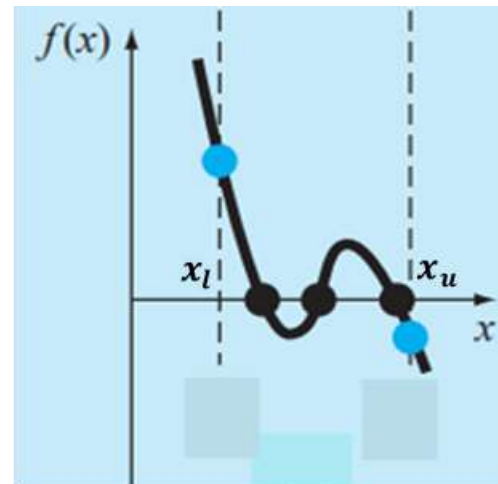


Figure 2.

**Figure 1** and **2** depicts the case where a **single root** is **bracketed** by **negative** and **positive values** of function  $f(x)$ . In general,

- If  $f(x_l)$  and  $f(x_u)$  have **opposite signs**, then there are **an odd number** of **roots** in the **interval** as shown by **Figures 1** and **2**. In **Figures**  $f(x_l)$  and  $f(x_u)$  are **on opposite sides** of the  $x$  axis, and **three roots (odd number)** occur **between the interval**.

- if  $f(x_l)$  and  $f(x_u)$  have the same sign, as shown in **Figures 3** and **4**, then there are either no roots or an even number (two) of roots between the values.

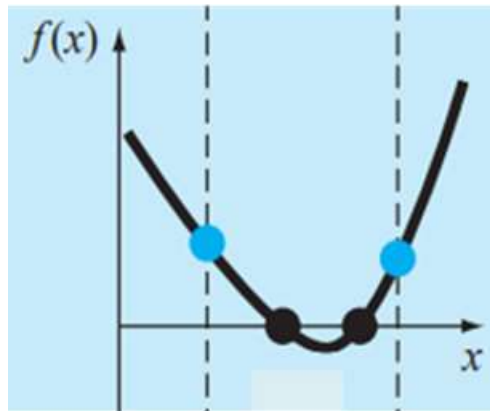


Figure 3.

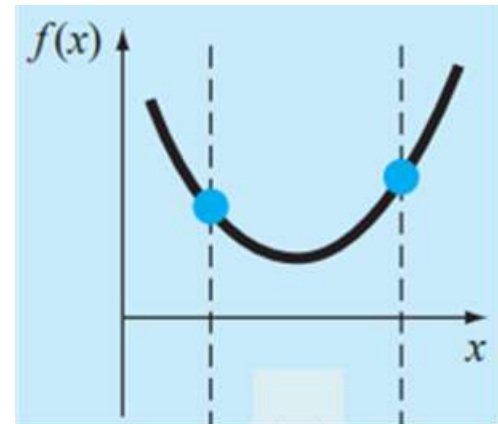


Figure 4.

Although these generalizations are usually true, there are cases where they do not hold. For example, **Tangential** and **discontinuous** functions can violate these principles.

**Tangential function** in **Figure 5** which is **tangential** to the  $x$ -axis has an even number of root of intersection  $x$ -axis although the **end points** are of **opposite signs**. Also, **discontinuous function** in **Figure 6** has an even number of roots although the **end points** of opposite sign.

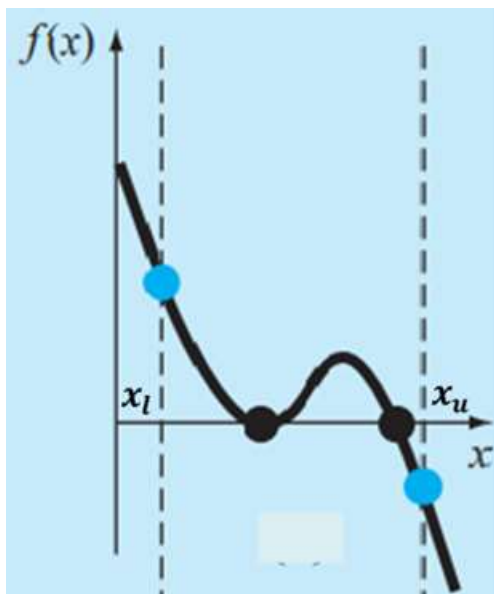


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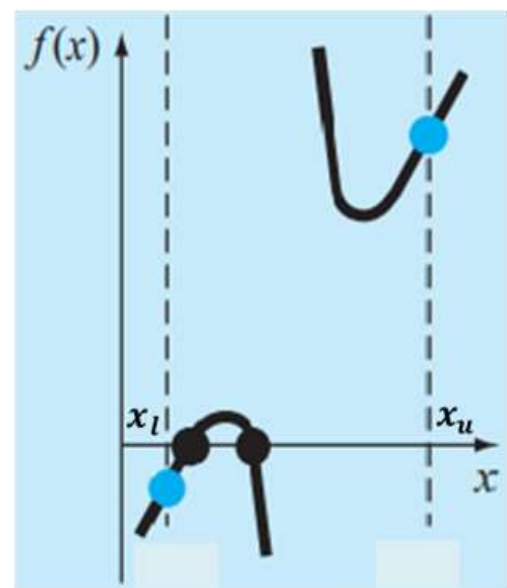


Figure 6.

An **example** of a **function** that is **tangential** to the **axis** is the **cubic equation**:

$$f(x) = (x - 2)(x - 2)(x - 4)$$

Notice that  $x = 2$  makes two terms in this polynomial equal to zero. Mathematically,  $x = 2$  is called a **multiple root**.

The **existence** of cases illustrated in **Figures 5 and 6** makes it **difficult** to **develop general computer algorithms guaranteed** to **locate** all the **roots** in an **interval**. However, when **used in conjunction** with **graphical approaches**, the **methods for solving many roots of equations problems** are **extremely useful** confronted routinely by **engineers and applied mathematicians**

**Example** : Use the **graphical approach** to **determine** the **friction factor** needed for a **parachutist of mass  $m = 68.1$  kg** to **have a velocity of 40 m/s** after **freefalling for time  $t = 10$  s**. Where, the **parachutist's velocity derived from Newton's second law** is

$$v = \frac{mg}{c} \left( 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{c}{m}\right)t} \right)$$

**Solution**:

To solve this **problem using numerical methods**, it is **conventional** to **re-express velocity equation** by **subtracting the dependent variable  $v$**  from **both sides** of the **equation** to have

$$f(c) = \frac{mg}{c} \left( 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{c}{m}\right)t} \right) - v$$

Therefore, the **value of friction factor  $c$**  that **makes the function  $f(c) = 0$**  is the **root of the equation**. This **value also represents the drag solves the design problem**.

Applying **known parameters**:

$m = 68.1 \text{ kg}$ ,  $v = 40 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $t = 10 \text{ s}$ , and  $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ ,  
yields

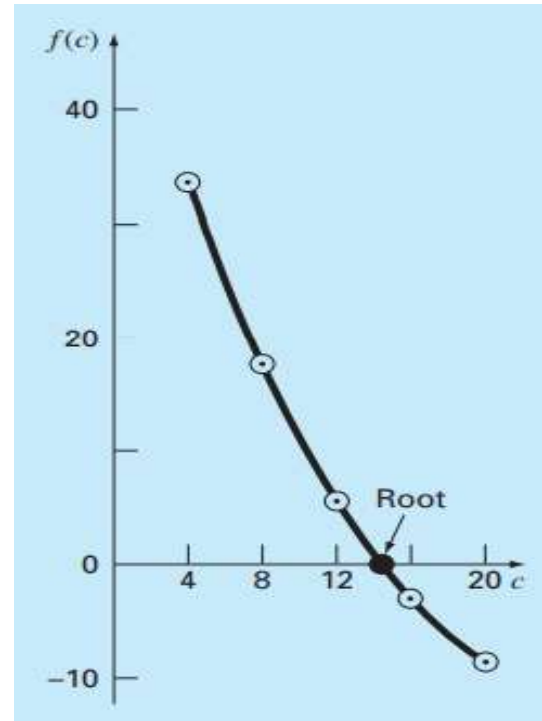
$$f(c) = \frac{68.1 \times 9.81}{c} \left( 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{c}{68.1}\right) \times 10} \right) - 40$$

$$\Rightarrow f(c) = \frac{668.06}{c} (1 - e^{-0.15c}) - 40$$

Various values of  $c$  can be substituted into the right-hand side of this equation to compute  $f(c)$  and plot the obtained points as shown in figure below.

$c$	$f(c)$
4	34.190
8	17.712
12	6.114
16	-2.23
20	-8.368

The resulting curve crosses the  $c$ -axis between 12 and 16. Visual inspection of the plot provides a rough estimate of the root of 14.75.



The validity of the graphical estimate can be checked by substituting  $c = 14.75$  into equation of  $f(c)$  to give

$$f(14.75) = \frac{668.06}{14.75} (1 - e^{-0.146843 \times 14.75}) - 40 = 0.059$$

which is close to zero.

It can also be checked by substituting ( $c = 14.75$ ) into equation of the parachutist's velocity using the known parameter values to have:

$$v = \frac{68.1 \times 9.81}{14.75} \left( 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{14.75}{68.1}\right) \times 10} \right) = 40.059 \text{ m/s}$$

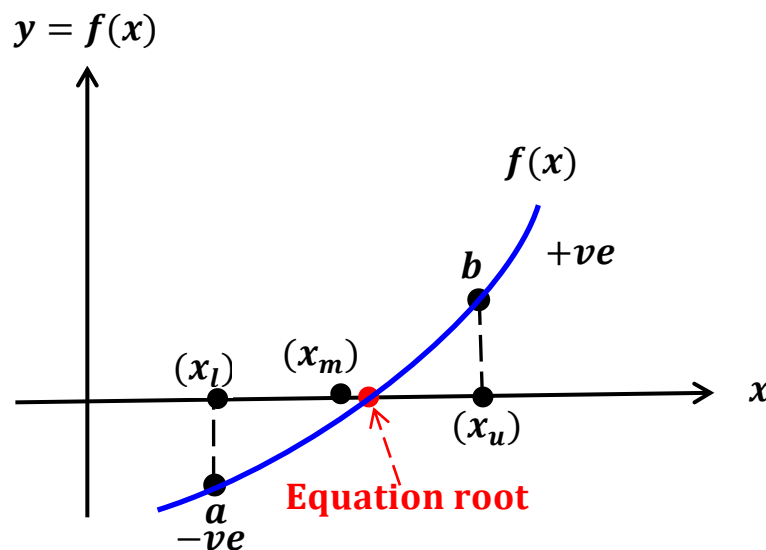
which is very close to the desired fall velocity of 40 m/s.

## → Bisection Method for Finding Roots of Nonlinear Equations

The bisection method is a straightforward technique to find numerical solutions of an equation with one unknown. Among all the numerical methods, the bisection method is the simplest one to solve the transcendental equation.

The bisection method, is an approximation method which is also called binary chopping, binary search method, interval halving, or Bolzano's method. It is one type of incremental search method in which the interval is always divided in half. If a function changes sign over an interval, the function value at the midpoint is evaluated. The location of the root is then determined as lying at the midpoint of the subinterval within which the sign change occurs. The process is repeated to obtain refined estimates.

Consider the function  $f(x)$  shown in figure, which is defined on the closed interval  $[a, b]$  given with  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$  of different signs.



By the **intermediate theorem**, there is a **point** ( $x_m$ ) **belong** to the **interval**  $[a, b]$  for which  $f(x) = 0$ .

From the **figures**, it **has observed** that  $f(x)$  **changed sign** on **opposite sides** of the **root**. In general, if  $f(x)$  is **real** and **continuous** in the **interval** from  $a$  as **lower bound** ( $x_l$ ) to  $b$  as **upper bound** ( $x_u$ ), and  $f(x_l)$  and  $f(x_u)$  have **opposite signs**, that is,

$$f(x_l) f(x_u) < 0$$

then **there is at least one real root** between  $x_l$  and  $x_u$ .

### **Bisection Method Algorithm**

A **simple algorithm** for the **bisection calculation** is:

1. **Choose two points**, ( $x_l$ ) as a **lower bound** and ( $x_u$ ) as a **upper bound** such that  $x_l < x_u$  as **guesses** for the **root** such that the **function changes sign** over the **interval**. This can be checked by **ensuring** that

$$f(x_l) \cdot f(x_u) < 0$$

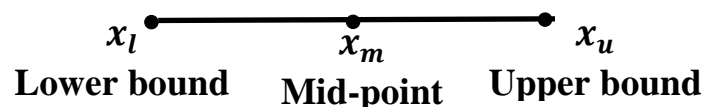
then **bracket the root** because of it is **calling bracket method**

2. **Find the midpoint**  $x_m$  between **these two points** such that

$$x_m = \frac{x_l + x_u}{2}$$

as **an estimate** of the **root**.

3. **Evaluate**  $f(x_l)$ ,  $f(x_m)$ , and  $f(x_u)$  to **determine** in which **subinterval** the **root** lies, and **consider** the **product**:



- i. If  $f(x_l)f(x_m) < 0$ ; Then  $x_l = x_l$  and  $x_u = x_m$ , and the root must lie in the interval  $[x_l, x_m]$ .
- ii. If the product  $f(x_l)f(x_m) > 0$ : Then  $x_l = x_m$  and  $x_u = x_u$ , and the root must lie in the interval  $[x_m, x_u]$ .
- iii. If  $f(x_l)f(x_m) = 0$ ; Then  $x_m$  is the root of the equation and stop the process

4. Repeat the process and find the new estimate of  $x_m$  by

$$x_m = \frac{x_l + x_u}{2}$$

5. Find the absolute relative approximate error by

$$|\epsilon_a| = \left| \frac{x_m^{new} - x_m^{old}}{x_m^{new}} \right| \times 100$$

Where,  $x_m^{new}$  – estimated root from present iteration  
 $x_m^{old}$  – estimated root from previous iteration

6. Check if  $|\epsilon_a| < \epsilon_s$ : compare the absolute relative approximate error  $|\epsilon_a|$  with the pre-specified relative error tolerance  $\epsilon_s$ .

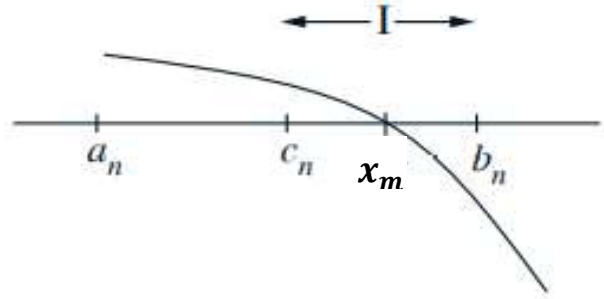
If  $|\epsilon_a| > \epsilon_s$ , then go back to Step 2 to repeat the process, else stop the algorithm.

7. Go back to step 3 and repeat the process until a certain level of convergence has been achieved.

**Note** one should also check whether the number of iterations is more than the maximum number of iterations allowed. If so, one needs to stop the algorithm.

- Interval size,  $I$ , after  $n$  steps

$$I = \frac{b_n - a_n}{2} = \frac{b_1 - a_1}{2^n}$$



- The interval size at any given iteration also corresponds to the maximum error in  $x_m$ , therefore

$$E_n \leq \frac{b_1 - a_1}{2^n}$$

- If wishing to limit the error to  $\varepsilon$

$$\varepsilon \leq \frac{b_1 - a_1}{2^n} \Rightarrow 2^n \leq \frac{b_1 - a_1}{\varepsilon} \Rightarrow n \geq \frac{\ln\left(\frac{b_1 - a_1}{\varepsilon}\right)}{\ln 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow n \geq 1.443 \ln\left(\frac{b_1 - a_1}{\varepsilon}\right)$$

Iterations must be applied to ensure the level of convergence

**Example:** Use the bisection method to determine the root of the equation  $x^2 - 3 = 0$  for  $x \in [1, 2]$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^2 - 3 = 0$$

First of all defining the lower bound  $x_l$  and upper bound  $x_u$  guesses for the root, so  $x_l = 1$  and  $x_u = 2$ .

Then **check whether** the function  $f(x)$  is **changing sign**, by **evaluating** its **value** at  $x_l = 1$  and  $x_u = 2$

$$f(x_l = 1) = 1^2 - 3 = -2 < 0$$

$$f(x_u = 2) = 2^2 - 3 = 1 > 0$$

The **given function** is **continuous** because it **has value** in the **interval**  $[1, 2]$ , and is **changing sign** over the interval, so the **root lies** in this **interval** and **can be checked** by **ensuring** that

$$f(x_l) f(x_u) < 0$$

$$f(x_l) f(x_u) = -2 \times 1 = -2 < 0$$

Since the **function** is **continuous**, and is **changing the sign** between **1** and **2**, then **there should** be **at least one root** between **1** and **2**. So, we have to **established** that the **lower** and **upper limit** which are **given** for the **root** of the **equation** are **valid**. That is the **first important thing** which we **have to do whenever** we are **going to apply bisection method**. So let's go ahead and **do iteration one**:

**Iteration 1:**

Let " $x_m$ " be the **midpoint** of the **interval** i.e.

$$x_m = \frac{1 + 2}{2} = 1.5$$

To **determine** in **which subinterval** the **root lies**, make the **following evaluation**:

- **If**  $f(x_l) f(x_m) < 0$  the **root lies** in the **lower subinterval**.  
Therefore, set  $x_l = x_l$  and  $x_u = x_m$  and **return** to **step 2**.
- **If**  $f(x_l) f(x_m) > 0$  the **root lies** in the **upper subinterval**.  
Therefore, set  $x_l = x_m$  and  $x_u = x_u$  and **return** to **step 2**.
- **If**  $f(x_l) f(x_m) = 0$  the **root is**  $x_m$  **stop** the **computation**

Therefore, the **value** of the **function** at “ $x_m$ ” is:

$$f(x_m) = (1.5)^2 - 3 = 2.25 - 3 = -0.75 < 0$$

$$f(x_l) f(x_m) = -2 \times -0.75 = 1.5 > 0$$

The **function** is **not changing** the **sign** between  $x_l$  which is **1** and  $x_m$  which is **1.5**, so the **root cannot** be **between 1** and **1.5**, thus it **has to** be **between 1.5** and **2** because that is the **upper limit** is **2**, the **lower limit** is **1** and  $x_m$  is **1.5**. The **new interval** is **[1.5, 2]** and that **reduce** the **interval** which is **happening** in the **bisection method**. So this is the **end** of the **first iteration**. So  $x_l = 1$  is **replaced** with  $x_m = 1.5$  for the **next iterations**, and the **new interval** will be **[1.5, 2]**.

**Iteration 2:**

$$x_m = \frac{1.5 + 2}{2} = 1.75$$

$$f(x_l = 1.5) = (1.5)^2 - 3 = 2.25 - 3 = -0.75 < 0$$

$$f(x_m = 1.75) = (1.75)^2 - 3 = 0.0625 - 3 = 0.0625 > 0$$

$$f(x_l) f(x_m) = -0.75 \times 0.0625 = -0.0029 < 0$$

The **function** is **changing** the **sign** between  $x_l$  which is **1.5** and  $x_m$  which is **1.75**, so the **root has to** be **between 1.5** and **1.75**. So, the **new interval** is **[1.5, 1.75]**

The **relative approximate error** between the **old value** and **new value** is:

$$|\epsilon_a| = \left| \frac{x_m^{new} - x_m^{old}}{x_m^{new}} \right| \times 100$$

$$|\epsilon_a| = \left| \frac{1.75 - 1.5}{1.75} \right| \times 100 \cong 14\%$$

Compare the absolute relative approximate error  $|\epsilon_a|$  with the pre-specified relative error tolerance  $\epsilon_s$  which is:

$$x = \sqrt{3} = 1.7320508 \dots \text{ and } -1.7320508 \dots$$

If  $|\epsilon_a| > \epsilon_s$ , then go to **Step 3**, else stop the algorithm

The iterations for the given functions are listed in the following table:

Iterations	$x_l$	$x_u$	$x_m$	$f(x_l)$	$f(x_u)$	$f(x_m)$
1	1	2	1.5	-2	1	-0.75
2	1.5	2	1.75	-0.75	1	0.0625
3	1.5	1.75	1.625	-0.75	0.0625	-0.359
4	1.625	1.75	1.6875	-0.3594	0.0625	-0.1523
5	1.6875	1.75	1.7188	-0.1523	0.0625	-0.0457
6	1.7188	1.75	1.7344	-0.0457	0.0625	0.0081
7	1.7188	1.7344	1.7266	-0.0457	0.0081	-0.0189

**Note** one should also check whether the number of iterations is more than the maximum number of iterations allowed. If so, one needs to stop the algorithm.

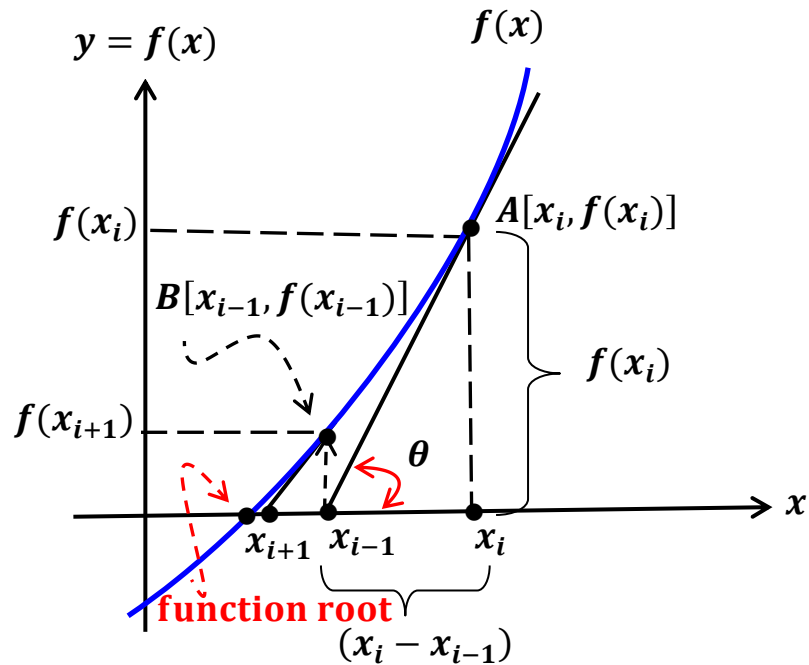
So, at the seventh iteration, we get the final interval [1.7266, 1.7344]

Hence, 1.7344 is the approximated solution.

### → Newton-Raphson Method of Solving Nonlinear Equations

Newton-Raphson method is a method of finding the root of a nonlinear equation.

To **develop** or **derive** the **formula** of **Newton-Raphson method** for **finding** the **root** of the **nonlinear equation**  $f(x) = 0$ , suppose we have the **function**  $f(x)$  shown in figure



Starting with some **initial guess point**  $A[x_i, f(x_i)]$  and **draw** the **tangent** at this **particular point**. **Extending** this **tangent** we will **find out** that is **crossing** the  $x$ -axis at **point**  $x_{i-1}$ . Then **go back** to the **function** to have **new guess point**  $B[x_{i+1}, f(x_{i+1})]$  and **again draw tangent** at this **point**. **Keeping on drawing tangents**, it is seen that **this tangent** is **eventually going to pass very close** to the **zero** of the **function**  $f(x)$ , or to the **root** where  $f(x) = 0$ , and this is what the **basis** of the **Newton-Raphson method** is. **Continually draw the tangents** and see **where it crosses** the  $x$ -axis and **use it as new estimate** of the **root**.

Suppose that the **angle** of the **tangent to the function**  $f(x)$  is  $\theta$ , then from the figure we have,

$$\tan \theta = \frac{f(x_i)}{x_i - x_{i+1}}$$

Since the **slope** of the **tangent line** at a **point on the function** is **equal** to the **derivative** of the **function** at the **same point**, thus we have

$$\tan \theta = f'(x_i)$$

so,

$$\Rightarrow f'(x_i) = \tan \theta = \frac{f(x_i)}{x_i - x_{i+1}}$$

From this equation we can write

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

This equation is called the **Newton-Raphson formula** for finding the root of an equation.

### **Newton-Raphson Method Algorithm**

The **algorithm** for **finding** the **root** of the **equation**  $f(x) = 0$  is:

- i. Calculate  $f'(x)$  symbolically.
- ii. Choose an initial guess ( $x_0$ ).
- iii. Applying Newton-Raphson formula

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$$

- iv. Find the absolute value of relative approximate error,

$$|\epsilon_a| = \left| \frac{x_1 - x_0}{x_1} \right| \times 100$$

- v. Check if relative approximate error,  $|\epsilon_a|$  less than or equal to pre-specified tolerance,  $\epsilon_s$

$$|\epsilon_a| \leq \epsilon_s$$

- If  $|\epsilon_a| \leq \epsilon_s$ , then the process has to be stopped
- If not, then repeat this process again

**Example:** Use the **Newton-Raphson method** to find the root of the equation  $x^3 = 20$  with initial guess  $x_0 = 3$  and conduct three iterations.

**Solution:**

The first thing which have to understand that the **Newton-Raphson method** is written for the case of  $f(x) = 0$ , so re-write the function in the form

$$f(x) = x^3 - 20 = 0$$

The general form of the **Newton-Raphson method** is:

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

**Iteration 1:**

Start with  $i = 0$ , and  $x_0 = 3$ , we have

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} = x_0 - \frac{x_0^3 - 20}{3x_0^2}$$

$x_0 = 3$ :

$$\Rightarrow f(x_0) = x_0^3 - 20 \Rightarrow f(3) = 3^3 - 20 = 3^3 - 20 = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x_0) = 3x^2 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 3x^2 = 3 \times 3^2 = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = 3 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} = 3 - \frac{7}{27} = 2.741$$

The absolute relative approximate error is:

$$|\epsilon_a| = \left| \frac{x_1 - x_0}{x_1} \right| \times 100 = \left| \frac{2.741 - 3}{2.741} \right| \times 100 = 9.45 \%$$

**Iteration 2:**  $i = 1$

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} = x_1 - \frac{x_1^3 - 20}{3x_1^2} = 2.741 - \frac{(2.741)^3 - 20}{3 \cdot (2.741)^2} = 2.715$$

$$|\epsilon_a| = \left| \frac{x_2 - x_1}{x_2} \right| \times 100 = \left| \frac{2.715 - 2.741}{2.715} \right| \times 100 = 0.96 \%$$

Because the  $|\varepsilon_a| < 5$ , the number 2 is the correct significant digit in answer since it is less than 5.

**Iteration 3:**  $i = 2$

$$x_3 = x_2 - \frac{f(x_2)}{f'(x_2)} = x_2 - \frac{x_2^3 - 20}{3x_2^2} = 2.715 - \frac{(2.715)^3 - 20}{3 \cdot (2.715)^2} = 2.714$$

$$|\varepsilon_a| = \left| \frac{x_3 - x_2}{x_3} \right| \times 100 = \left| \frac{2.714 - 2.715}{2.714} \right| \times 100 = 0.009 < 0.05 \%$$

If we look at the **absolute relative approximate error**, we find out that is going from

$$9.45 \% \Rightarrow 0.96 \% \Rightarrow 0.009$$

So the **Newton-Raphson method** is **converging very fast** to the **root**, and it is **less than 5 %** and **less than 0.5 %** and **less than 0.05 %** which means that **at least three significant digits** are correct in the **solution** because for **one significant to be correct** it needs **at least 5 %**, and for **two 0.5 %** and for **three 0.05 %**. So, we can **trust in 2** and **trust in 7** and **trust in 1**. So we get **three significant digits** which are **at least correct** in the **root** of the equation:

$$x^3 - 20 = 0$$

### → **Secant Method of Solving Nonlinear Equations**

The **Newton-Raphson method** of solving a **nonlinear equation**  $f(x) = 0$  is given by the **iterative formula**

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

One of the **drawbacks** of the **Newton-Raphson method** is that you **have to evaluate the derivative** of the **function**. However, this **process still a laborious process**, and **even intractable** if the **function is derived as part**

of a **numerical scheme**. To **overcome these drawbacks**, the **derivative** of the **function,  $f(x)$**  is **approximated** as

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

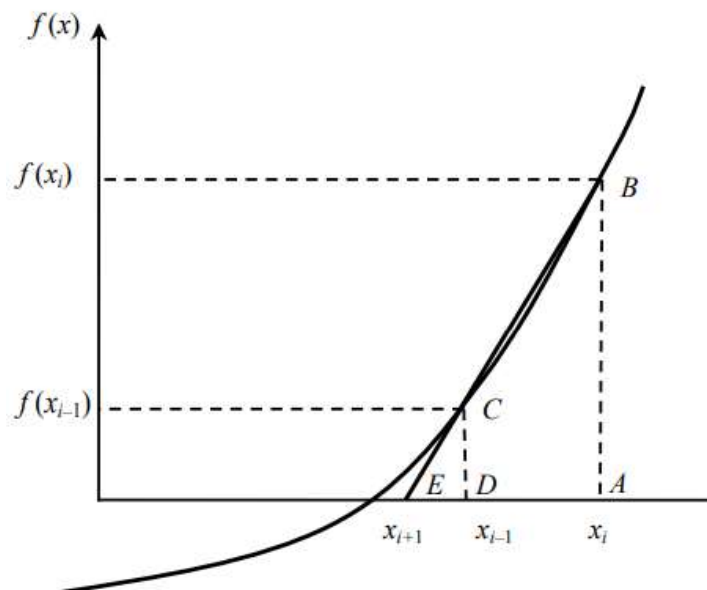
**Substituting** this equation **into Newton-Raphson formula** gives

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

This equation is called the **secant method**. This **method** now **requires two initial guesses**, but **unlike the bisection method**, the **two initial guesses do not need to bracket the root of the equation**. The **secant method is an open method** and **may or may not converge**.

However, when **secant method converges**, it will **typically converge faster** than the **bisection method**. However, since the **derivative is approximated** as given by above equation, it **typically converges slower** than the **Newton-Raphson method**.

The **secant method** can also be **derived from geometry**, as shown in figure below.



Taking two initial guesses,  $x_{i-1}$  and  $x_i$ , one draws a straight line between  $f(x_i)$  and  $f(x_{i-1})$  passing through the  $x$ -axis at  $x_{i+1}$ .  $ABE$  and  $DCE$  are similar triangles. Hence

$$\frac{AB}{AE} = \frac{DC}{DE} \Rightarrow \frac{f(x_i)}{x_i - x_{i+1}} = \frac{f(x_{i-1})}{x_{i-1} - x_{i+1}}$$

On rearranging, the **secant method** is given as

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

### Secant Method Algorithm

The **algorithm** for **finding** the **root** of the **equation**  $f(x) = 0$  is:

- i. Choose  $i = 1$ .
- ii. Start with guesses  $(x_{i-1}, x_i)$ .
- iii. Use secant method formula.
- iv. Find the absolute value of relative approximate error,

$$|\epsilon_a| = \left| \frac{x_{i+1} - x_i}{x_{i+1}} \right| \times 100$$

- v. Check if relative approximate error,  $|\epsilon_a|$  less than or equal to pre-specified tolerance,  $\epsilon_s$

$$|\epsilon_a| \leq \epsilon_s$$

- If  $|\epsilon_a| \leq \epsilon_s$ , then the **process** has to be **stopped**.
- If **not**, then **repeat** this **process** **again**

**Example:** Use the **secant method** to find the estimate of the root of the equation  $x^3 = 20$  with initial guesses  $x_0 = 4$  and  $x_1 = 5.5$ , after two iterations.

**Solution:**

Re-write the equation in the form  $f(x) = 0$  as follows:

$$f(x) = x^3 - 20 = 0$$

Applying the formula for the secant method

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

**Iteration 1:**

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)(x_1 - x_0)}{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}$$

where  $x_1 = 5.5$  and  $x_0 = 4$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = 5.5 - \frac{[(5.5)^3 - 20](5.5 - 4)}{[(5.5)^3 - 20] - [(4)^3 - 20]} = 3.353$$

$$|\varepsilon_a| = \left| \frac{x_2 - x_1}{x_2} \right| \times 100 = \left| \frac{3.353 - 5.5}{3.353} \right| \times 100 = 63.92 \%$$

**Iteration 2:**

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

where  $x_1 = 5.5$  and  $x_2 = 3.353$

$$\Rightarrow x_3 = 3.353 - \frac{[(3.353)^3 - 20](3.353 - 5.5)}{[(3.353)^3 - 20] - [(5.5)^3 - 20]} = 3.059$$

$$|\varepsilon_a| = \left| \frac{x_3 - x_2}{x_3} \right| \times 100 = \left| \frac{3.059 - 3.353}{3.059} \right| \times 100 = 9.691 \%$$

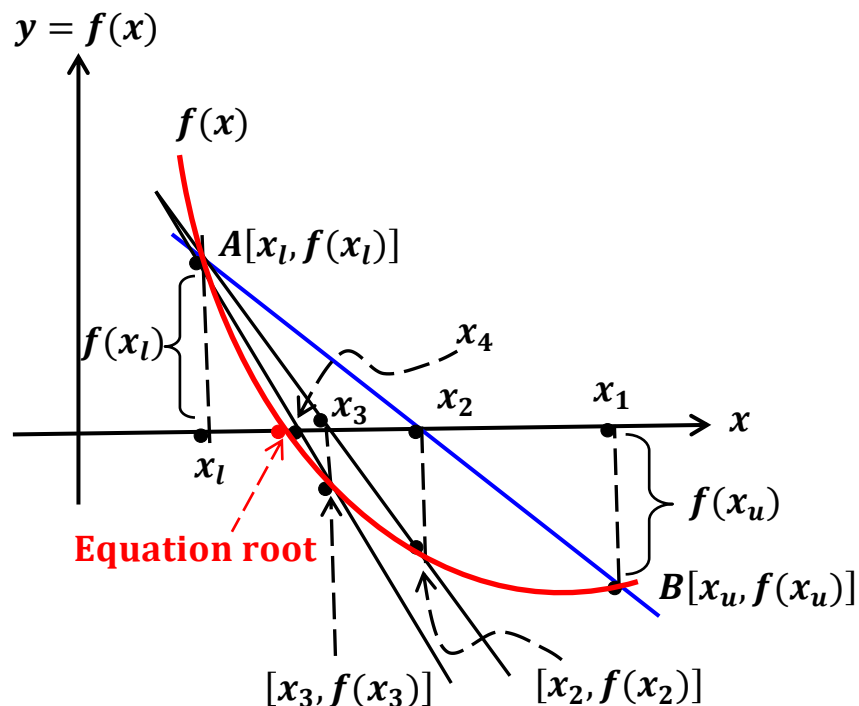
## → False-Position Method of Solving a Nonlinear Equation

The **false-position method** is very similar to **bisection method**. However, the **next iteration point** is **not midpoint** of the interval  $[A, B]$  but the **intersection of  $x$ -axis with the line secant through these two points**;  $A[x_l, f(x_l)]$  and  $B[x_u, f(x_u)]$ .

The **false-position method** is used to estimate the root by **finding the point** at which a **line drawn** between  $x_l$  and  $x_u$  **crosses the  $x$ -axis**. That is, performing **linear interpolation** between  $x_l$  and  $x_u$  to **find the approximate root**.

Like the **bisection method**, the **false-position method** will always **converge**, and generally it will **converge faster than the bisection method**. Unfortunately, this **general rule is not always true**, and sometimes the **bisection method converges faster than the false-position method**.

To **get the formula** for the **false-position method**, consider the **function  $f(x)$**  drawn in the **figure**.



Recall that the **equation** of the **line** between the **two points**  $A[x_l, f(x_l)]$  and  $B[x_u, f(x_u)]$ , which is **given by**

$$\frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \quad \text{or} \quad y - y_1 = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} (x - x_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_r - f(x_l) = \frac{f(x_u) - f(x_l)}{x_u - x_l} (x_r - x_l)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_r = f(x_l) + \frac{f(x_u) - f(x_l)}{x_u - x_l} (x_r - x_l)$$

Hence, **the intersection** of **this line** with the **x-axis**, where  $y_r = \mathbf{0}$ , then the equation will be as

$$\mathbf{0} = f(x_l) + \frac{f(x_u) - f(x_l)}{x_u - x_l} (x_r - x_l)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_r - x_l) \frac{f(x_u) - f(x_l)}{x_u - x_l} = -f(x_l)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_r - x_l) = \frac{-f(x_l)}{\frac{f(x_u) - f(x_l)}{x_u - x_l}} = -f(x_l) \frac{x_u - x_l}{f(x_u) - f(x_l)}$$

This leads directly to

$$x_r = x_l - f(x_l) \frac{x_u - x_l}{f(x_u) - f(x_l)}$$

This is the **formula** for the **false-position method**.

The **next predicted root**  $x_r$  would be **closer** to the **equation root** as shown in the figure. The **false-position method** takes **advantage** of this **observation mathematically** by **drawing a secant** from the **function value** at  $x_l$  to the **function value** at  $x_u$ , and **estimates the root** as where it **crosses the x-axis**. Thus, the **new upper** and **lower bounds** are then **established**, and the **procedure is repeated until the convergence is achieved such that the new lower and upper bounds are sufficiently close to each other**.

## False-Position Algorithm

The steps to apply the false-position method to find the root of the equation  $f(x) = 0$  are as follows.

1. Choose  $x_l$  and  $x_u$  as two guesses for the root such that

$$f(x_l) \cdot f(x_u) < 0$$

or in other words,  $f(x)$  changes sign between  $x_l$  and  $x_u$  .

2. Estimate the root  $x_r$  of the equation  $f(x) = 0$  as

$$x_r = x_l - f(x_l) \frac{x_u - x_l}{f(x_u) - f(x_l)}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{x_0 f(x_1) - x_1 f(x_0)}{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}$$

3. Check the following:

- i. If the product  $f(x_r)f(x_u) < 0$ ; Then  $x_l = x_r$  and  $x_u = x_u$ , the root must lie in the interval  $[x_l, x_r]$ .
- ii. If the product  $f(x_r)f(x_u) > 0$ : Then  $x_l = x_l$  and  $x_u = x_r$ , the root must lie in the interval  $[x_r, x_u]$ .
- iii. If  $f(x_r)f(x_u) = 0$  ; Then  $x_r$  is the root of the equation and stop the process

4. Repeat the process to find the new estimate of the root  $x_{r1}$  by

$$x_{r1} = x_r - f(x_r) \frac{x_u - x_r}{f(x_u) - f(x_r)}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{x_0 f(x_1) - x_1 f(x_0)}{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}$$

5. Find the step size  $\epsilon_s$  and absolute relative approximate error  $|\epsilon_a|$  by

$$|\epsilon_s| = |x_r^{new} - x_r^{old}|$$

$$|\epsilon_a| = \left| \frac{x_r^{new} - x_r^{old}}{x_r^{new}} \right|$$

Where

$x_r^{new}$  – estimated root from present iteration

$x_r^{old}$  – estimated root from previous iteration

Compare the absolute relative approximate error  $|\epsilon_a|$  with the pre-specified relative error tolerance  $\epsilon_s$ :

- If  $|\epsilon_a| < \epsilon_s$ ; stop the process
  - If  $|\epsilon_a| > \epsilon_s$ , then go back to Step 2 and repeat the process.
6. Go back to step 2 and repeat the process until a certain level of convergence has been achieved.
- **Note** one should also check whether the number of iterations is more than the maximum number of iterations allowed. If so, one needs to terminate the algorithm.
  - **Note** that the false-position and bisection algorithms are quite similar. The only difference is the formula used to calculate the new estimate of the root  $x_r$  as shown in steps 2 and 4.

**Example 1:** Use a False-Position Method (Regula Falsi Method) to find the root of the nonlinear equation

$$f(x) = x^2 - 3,$$

if  $\epsilon_s = 0.01$ ,  $\epsilon_a = 0.01$ , and start with the interval  $[1, 2]$ .

**Solution:**

Rewrite the equation in the form

$$f(x) = x^2 - 3 = 0$$

Let  $x_l = 1$  and  $x_u = 2$

**Check if the function changes sign** to ensure that the **root lies** between the **lower** and **upper bounds** by applying the **rule**

$$f(x_l) \cdot f(x_u) < 0$$

$$f(x_l) = f(1) = 1^2 - 3 = -2 \quad \text{and} \quad f(x_u) = f(2) = 2^2 - 3 = 1$$

$$f(x_l) \cdot f(x_u) = f(1) \cdot f(2) = -2 \times 1 = -2 < 0$$

Thus, the root lies between  $x_l = 1$  and  $x_u = 2$ .

**Iteration 1:**

**Applying False-Position Method** by using its formula

$$x_r = x_l - f(x_l) \cdot \frac{x_u - x_l}{f(x_u) - f(x_l)} = 1 - f(1) \cdot \frac{2 - 1}{f(2) - f(1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_r = 1 - (-2) \cdot \frac{2 - 1}{1 - (-2)} = 1.6667$$

$$f(x_l) \cdot f(x_u) = f(x_r) \cdot f(x_u) < 0$$

$$f(1.6667) = (1.6667)^2 - 3 = -0.2221$$

$$f(x_r) \cdot f(x_u) = f(1.6667) \cdot f(2) = -0.2221 \times 1 = -0.2221 < 0$$

Thus, the root lies between  $x_l = x_r = 1.6667$  and  $x_u = 2$ .

$$\varepsilon_{step} = |x_r - x_l| = |0.6667 - 1| = 0.6667 > 0.01$$

$$|\varepsilon_a| = \left| \frac{x_r^{new} - x_r^{old}}{x_r^{new}} \right| = \left| \frac{1.6667 - 1}{1.6667} \right| = 0.40 > 0.01$$

**Iteration 2:**

$$x_l = x_r = 1.6667 \text{ and } x_u = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{r1} &= x_r - f(x_r) \cdot \frac{x_u - x_r}{f(x_u) - f(x_r)} \\ &= 1.6667 - (-0.2221) \cdot \frac{2 - 1.6667}{1 - (-0.2221)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow x_{r1} &= 1.7273 \\ f(x_{r1}) \cdot f(x_u) &< 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x_{r1}) = f(1.7273) = (1.7273)^2 - 3 = -0.0164$$

$$f(x_{r1}) \cdot f(x_u) = -0.0164 \times 1 = -0.0164 < 0$$

Thus, the root lies between  $x_l = x_{r1} = 1.7273$  and  $x_u = 2$ .

$$\varepsilon_{step} = |x_{r1} - x_r| = |1.7273 - 1.6667| = 0.0606 > 0.01$$

$$|\varepsilon_a| = \left| \frac{x_r^{new} - x_r^{old}}{x_r^{new}} \right| = \left| \frac{1.7273 - 1.6667}{1.7273} \right| = 0.035 > 0.01$$

**Iteration 3:**

$$x_l = x_{r1} = 1.7273 \text{ and } x_u = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{r2} &= x_{r1} - f(x_{r1}) \cdot \frac{x_u - x_{r1}}{f(x_u) - f(x_{r1})} \\ &= 1.7273 - (-0.0164) \cdot \frac{2 - 1.7273}{1 - (-0.0164)} = 1.7317 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x_{r2}) \cdot f(x_u) < 0$$

$$f(1.7317) = (1.7317)^2 - 3 = -0.0012$$

$$f(x_{r2}) \cdot f(x_u) = -0.0012 \times 1 = -0.0012 < 0$$

Thus, the root lies between  $x_l = x_{r2} = 1.7317$  and  $x_u = 2$ .

$$\varepsilon_{step} = |x_{r2} - x_{r1}| = |1.7317 - 1.7273| = 0.0044 < 0.01$$

$$|\varepsilon_a| = \left| \frac{x_r^{new} - x_r^{old}}{x_r^{new}} \right| = \left| \frac{1.7317 - 1.7273}{1.7317} \right| = 0.0025 < 0.01$$

Thus, with the **third iteration**, the last step **1.7273**  $\Rightarrow$  **1.7317** has step size and  $|\varepsilon_a| = 0.0025$  less than **0.01**, and therefore  $x_{r2} = 1.7317$  is an **approximation** of the root.

Or **finding** the solution by **making a table** and **insert all** the **obtained results** such as

$x_l$	$x_u$	$f(x_l)$	$f(x_u)$	$x_r$	$f(x_r)$	Update	Step Size
1	2	-2	1	1.6667	-0.2221	$x_l = x_r$	0.6667
1.6667	2	-0.2221	1	1.7273	-0.0164	$x_l = x_{r1}$	0.0606
1.7273	2	-0.0164	1	1.7317	-0.0012	$x_l = x_{r2}$	0.0044

**Example 2:** Use a **False-Position Method** to find the root of the equation

$$f(x) = e^x(3.2 \sin x - 0.5 \cos x),$$

on the interval  $[3, 4]$ , the time with  $\varepsilon_s = 0.001$ ,  $\varepsilon_a = 0.001$

**Solution:**

Let  $x_l = 3$  and  $x_u = 5$

**Check** if the **function changes sign** and the **root lies** between the **lower** and **upper bounds** by applying the **rule**

$$f(x_l) \cdot f(x_u) < 0$$

$$f(x_l) = f(3) = e^3(3.2 \sin 3 - 0.5 \cos 3) = 0.0471 \quad \text{and}$$

$$f(x_u) = f(5) = e^5(3.2 \sin 5 - 0.5 \cos 5) = -0.0384$$

$$f(x_l) \cdot f(x_u) = f(3) \cdot f(5) = 0.0471 \times -0.0384 = -2 < 0$$

Thus, the root lies between  $x_l = 3$  and  $x_u = 5$ .

$i$	$x_l$	$x_u$	$f(x_l)$	$f(x_u)$	$x_r$	$f(x_r)$	Update	Step Size
1	3	4	0.0471	-0.0384	3.5513	-0.0234	$x_u = x_r$	0.4487
2	3	3.5513	0.0471	-0.0234	3.3683	-0.008	$x_u = x_{r1}$	0.1830
3	3	3.3683	0.0471	-0.008	3.3149	-0.0022	$x_u = x_{r2}$	0.0534
4	3	3.3149	0.0471	-0.0022	3.3010	-0.0005	$x_u = x_{r3}$	0.0139
5	3	3.3010	0.0471	-0.0005	3.2978	-0.0002	$x_u = x_{r4}$	0.0032
6	3	3.2978	0.0471	-0.0002	3.2969	-0.00004	$x_u = x_{r5}$	0.0009

Thus, after the sixth iteration, the final step,  $3.2978 \Rightarrow 3.2969$  has step size **0.0009** and  $|\epsilon_a| = 0.0003$  less than the given **0.001** and therefore  $x_{r5} = 3.2969$  is the **approximation** of the root.

## → Fixed Point Iteration Method

To find the **approximate solutions** of the equation

$$f(x) = 0$$

First **rewrite** the equation in the form

$$x = g(x)$$

in such a way that any solution of this equation, which is a **fixed point** of  $g$ , is a **solution** of the equation  $f(x) = 0$ .

The **algorithm** starts from any point  $x_0$  and then to **use** the iteration with an **initial guess**  $x_0$  chosen, compute a sequence

$$x_{n+1} = g(x_n) \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

If the **function**  $f(x)$  is **continuous** and  $(x_n)$  **converges** to some  $l_0$  then it is clear that  $l_0$  is a **fixed point** of  $g$  and hence it is a **solution** of the equation  $f(x)$ . Moreover,  $x_n$  (for a **large**  $n$ ) can be **considered** as an **approximate solution** of the equation  $f(x) = 0$ .

**Example:** Find the root of the equation  $x^3 - 7x + 2 = 0$  using **Fixed Point Method**. if  $\epsilon_s = 0.0001$ .

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = x^3 - 7x + 2 = 0$$

To **determine** the **interval** between which the **root** is **lying**, **guess** the **lower** and **upper bound** as follows:

$x$	$f(x)$
-2	+8
-1	+8
0	+2
+1	-4

Thus,  $[0, 1]$  is the **interval** between which the **root** is **lying**

**Rewrite equation in the form**

$$7x = x^3 + 2 \Rightarrow x = \frac{x^3 + 2}{7}$$

Next, **define the process** by

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n^3 + 2}{7}$$

$$x_n = 0 \Rightarrow x_{0+1} = \frac{x_0^3 + 2}{7} \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{0^3 + 2}{7} = \frac{2}{7} = 0.286$$

$$x_n = 1 \Rightarrow x_{1+1} = \frac{x_1^3 + 2}{7} \Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{(0.286)^3 + 2}{7} = \frac{2}{7} = 0.2891$$

$$\varepsilon_s = |x_n^{new} - x_n^{old}| = |0.289 - 0.286| = 0.003$$

$$x_n = 2 \Rightarrow x_{2+1} = \frac{x_2^3 + 2}{7} \Rightarrow x_3 = \frac{(0.2891)^3 + 2}{7} = \frac{2}{7} = 0.2892$$

$$\varepsilon_s = |x_n^{new} - x_n^{old}| = |0.2892 - 0.2891| = 0.0001$$

Thus,  $x_3 = 0.2892$  is **an approximation** of the root.

## System of nonlinear equations

A system of nonlinear equations is a system of equations containing at least one equation that is of degree larger than one. It is a system of two or more equations in two or more variables containing at least one equation that is not linear.

A system of nonlinear equations has the form

$$f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) = 0$$

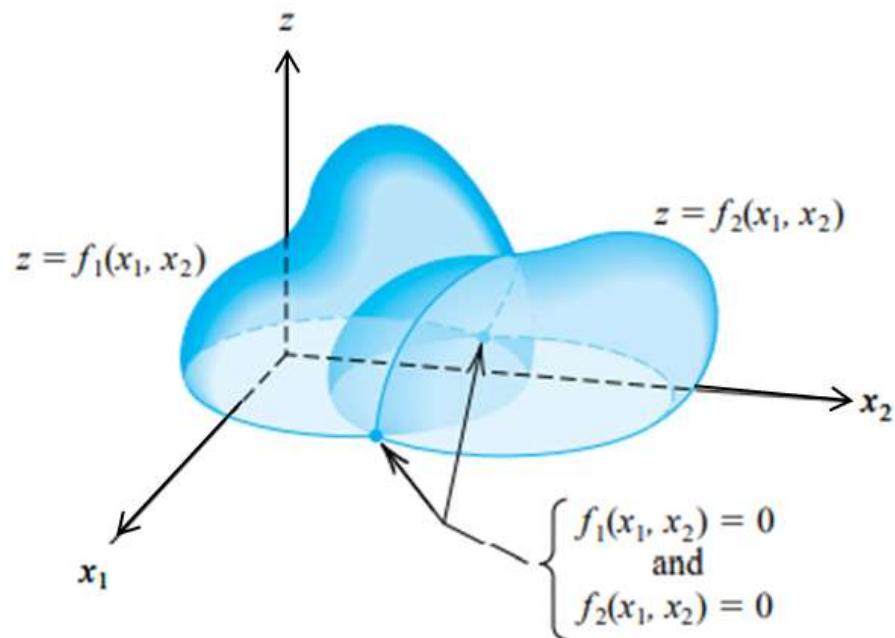
$$f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) = 0$$

$$f_3(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) = 0$$

$$\vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots$$

$$f_n(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) = 0$$

A geometric representation of a nonlinear system when  $n = 2$  is given in the figure.



A general system of  $n$  nonlinear equations in  $n$  unknowns can be alternatively represented by defining a function  $F$ , by

$$F(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) = [f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n), f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n), f_3(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n), \dots, f_n(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)]^t$$

the **nonlinear system** assumes the form

$$F(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) = 0$$

The **functions**  $f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_n$  are the **coordinate functions** of  $F$ .

The **substitution method** used for **linear systems** is the **same method** used for **nonlinear systems**. **Solve one equation** for **one variable** and then **substitute** the **result** into the **second equation** to **solve** for **another variable**, and so on. There is, however, a **variation** in the **possible outcomes**.

An example is:

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - 6x + 9 &= 0 \\x - \cos x &= 25 \\e^x + \ln x^2 - x \cos x &= 0\end{aligned}$$

The **techniques** of **solution** that have been **used** were **analytic** and the obtained **results** were **precise** and **tailored** to the **type** of **equation**

There is a **crucial difference** between the **analytic** and **numerical approach**. With the **analytic** approach which **starts** with **discussion** of **domain** of  $f$ , and then **solve** the **equation** using a **type-tailored method**. Finally, **check whether** the **solution belongs** to the **domain** of  $f$ .

However, in the **numerical approach**, first of all **must roughly localize** the **solution** and then either **narrow** the **respective interval** or **approach** the **solution using iteration**. Thus, the **methods** of **calculation** in **numerical approach** are **divided** into **two groups**:

- i. **Narrowing** the **interval** or
- ii. **Iteration** from a **given estimate**.

## **Methods for Solving a System of Nonlinear Equations**

- **Solve** a system that represents the intersection of a **parabola** and a **line** using substitution.
- **Solve** a system that represents the intersection of a **circle** and a **line** using substitution.
- **Solve** a system that represents the intersection of a **circle** and an **ellipse** using elimination.

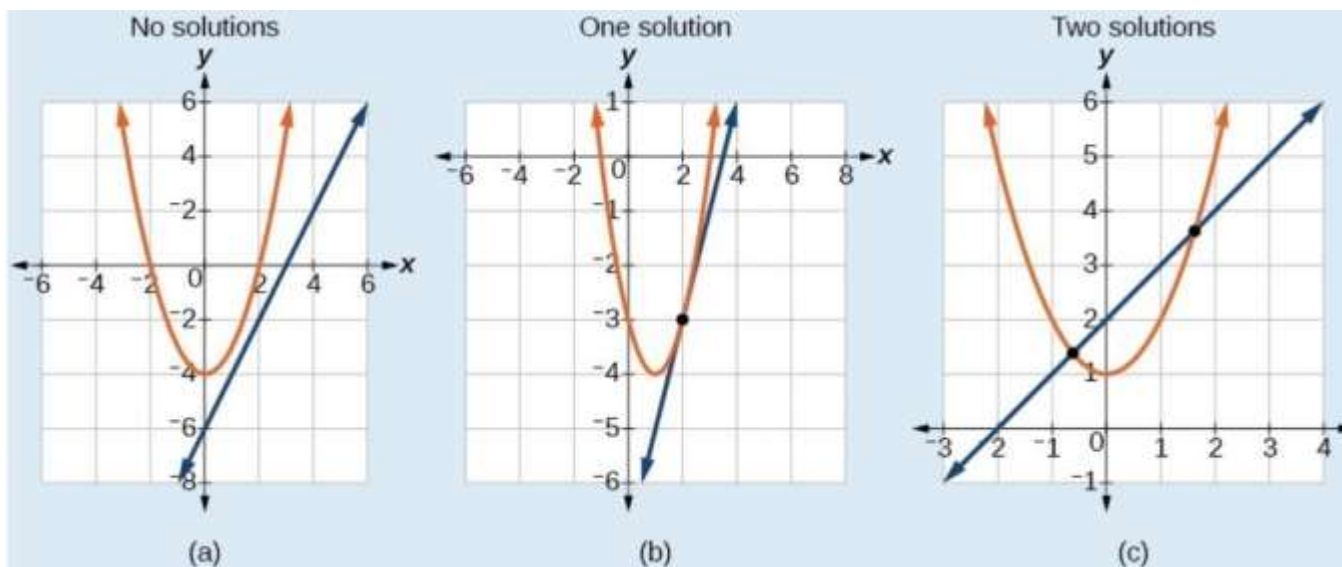
### **→ Intersection of a Parabola and a Line**

There are **three possible types** of solutions for a system of nonlinear equations involving a **parabola** and a **line**.

### **Possible Types of Solutions for the Points of Intersection of a Parabola and a Line**

The **graphs** below illustrate possible solution sets for a system of equations involving a **parabola** and a **line**.

- No solution**: The line will **never intersect** the **parabola** (Figure a).
- One solution**: The line is **tangent** to the **parabola** and **intersects** the parabola at exactly **one point** (Figure b).
- Two solutions**: The line crosses on the **inside** of the **parabola** and **intersects** the **parabola** at **two points** (Figure c).



➤ **Procedure of Finding the Solution of a System of Equations Containing a Line and a Parabola**

1. **Solve** the **linear equation** for one of the variables.
2. **Substitute** the expression obtained in **step one** into the **parabola equation**.
3. **Solve** for the remaining variable.
4. **Check** obtained solutions in both equations.

**Example 1:** Solve the system of equations

$$x - y = -1$$

$$y = x^2 + 1$$

**Solution:**

Solve the **first equation** for  $x$ :

$$x - y = -1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = y - 1$$

**substitute** the resulting expression **into** the **second equation**:

$$y = x^2 + 1 = (y - 1)^2 + 1 = y^2 - 2y + 1 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 3y + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow (y - 2)(y - 1) = 0$$

Solving for  $y$  gives:  $y = 2$  and  $y = 1$

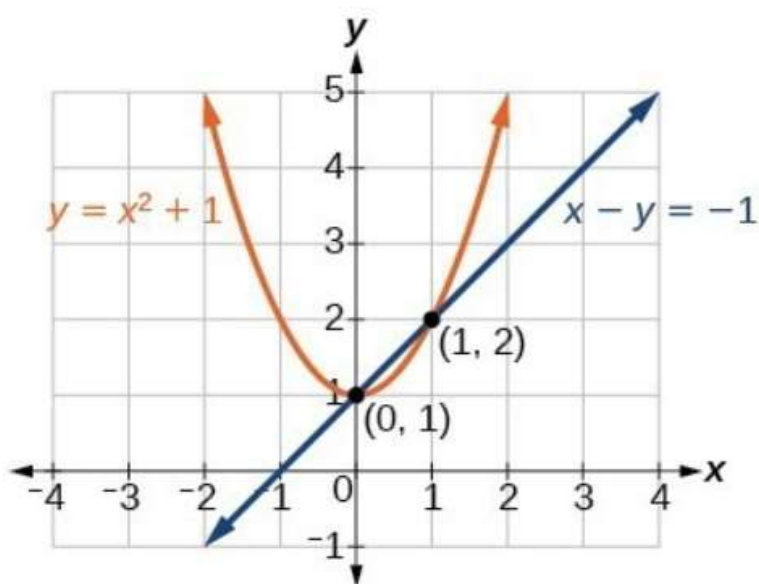
Substitute each value for  $y$  into the first equation to solve for  $x$ :

$$y = 2 \Rightarrow x = y - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1$$

$$y = 1 \Rightarrow x = y - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

The solutions are:  $(1, 2)$  and  $(0, 1)$

which can be verified by substituting these  $(x, y)$  values into both of the original equations



**Example 2:** Solve the given system of equations by substitution.

$$3x - y = -2$$

$$2x^2 - y = 0$$

**Solution:**

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \text{ and } (2, 8)$$

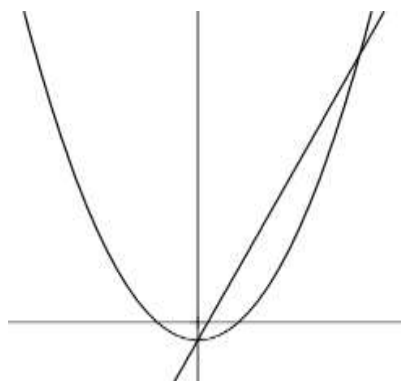
**Example 3:** Find the solution to the **system** of linear **equations** given by

$$y = 4x - 1$$

$$y = x^2 - 1$$

**Solution:**

$(4, 15)$  and  $(0, -1)$



### → Intersection of a Circle and a Line

Just as with a **parabola** and a **line**, there are **three possible outcomes** when solving a system of equations representing a circle and a line.

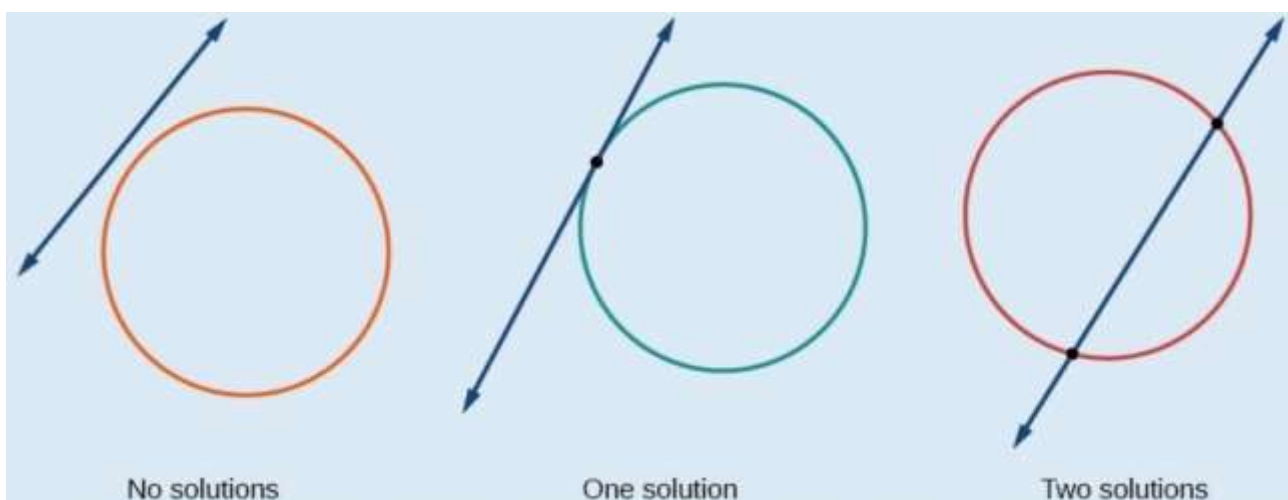
### Possible Types of Solutions for the Points of Intersection of a Circle and a Line

The **graphs** below **illustrate possible solution sets** for a **system** of equations involving a **circle** and a **line**.

(a) No solution: The **line does not intersect** the **circle**.

(b) One solution: The **line is tangent** to the **circle** and **intersects** the **circle** at **exactly one point**.

(c) Two solutions: The **line crosses** the **circle** and **intersects** the **circle** at **two points**.



➤ **Procedure of Finding the Solution of a System of Equations Containing a Line and a Circle**

1. **Solve** the **linear equation** for one of the **variables**.
2. **Substitute** the **expression obtained** in **step one** into the **circle equation**.
3. **Solve** for the **remaining variable**.
4. **Check** obtained solutions in both equations.

**Example 4:** Find the intersection of the given circle and the given line by substitution

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + y^2 &= 5 \\y &= 3x - 5\end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

Substitute  $y = 3x - 5$  into the equation for the circle, yields

$$x^2 + y^2 = x^2 + (3x - 5)^2 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 9x^2 - 30x + 25 = 5 \Rightarrow 10x^2 - 30x + 20 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 10(x^2 - 3x + 2) = 0$$

**Factor** and **solve** for  $x$ , yields

$$(x - 2)(x - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2 \text{ and } x = 1$$

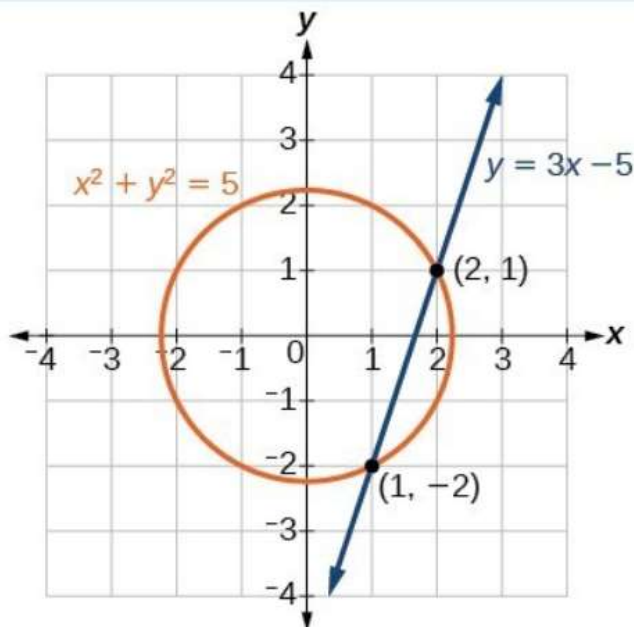
**Substitute** the values of  $x$  into the equation for  $y$ , we have

$$x = 2 \Rightarrow y = 3(2) - 5 = 1$$

$$x = 1 \Rightarrow y = 3(1) - 5 = -2$$

The **line intersects** the **circle** at two points:  $(2, 1)$  and  $(1, -2)$ ,

which can be **verified** by **substituting** these values into **both** of the **original equations**.



**Example 5:** Solve the system of nonlinear equations

$$x^2 + y^2 = 10$$

$$x - 3y = -10$$

**Solution:**

$$(-1, 3)$$

**Example 6:** Solve the following system of non-linear equations

$$(x - 10)^2 + (y - 8)^2 = 100$$

$$-3x + y = 8$$

**Solution:**

$$(0, 8) \text{ and } (2, 14)$$

### **Solving a System of Nonlinear Equations Using Elimination**

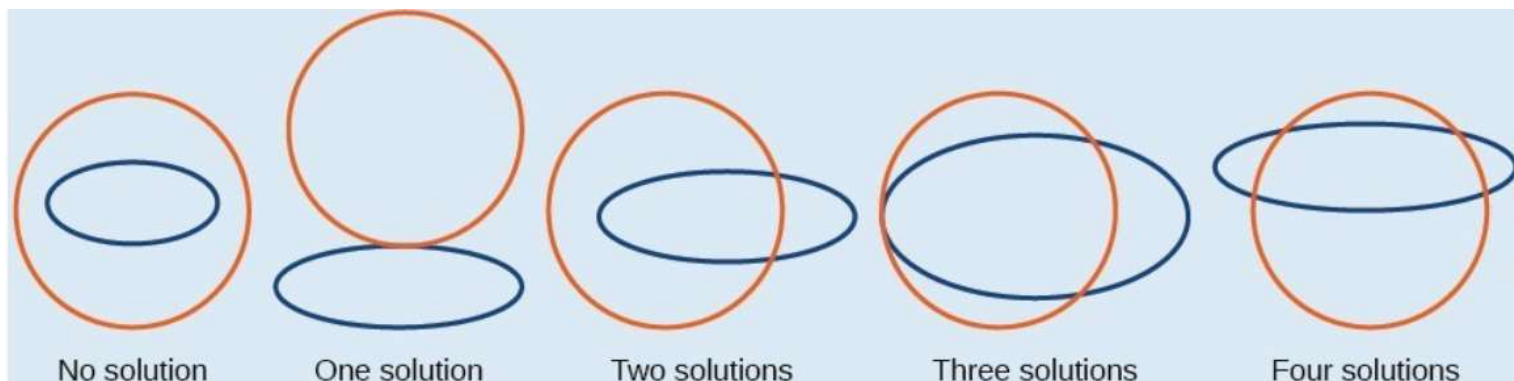
It has seen that **substitution** is often the **preferred method** when a **system of equations** includes a **linear equation** and a **nonlinear equation**. However, when **both equations** in the system **have like variables** of the **second degree**, solving them using **elimination** by **addition** is often easier

**than substitution.** Generally, **elimination** is a **far simpler method** when the system involves only **two equations in two variables** (a **two-by-two system**), rather than a **three-by-three system**, as there are **fewer steps**. As an example, it will be **investigated** the **possible types of solutions** when solving a system of equations representing a **circle and an ellipse**.

### **Possible Types of Solutions for the Points of Intersection of a Circle and a Line**

The **figures** below **illustrate possible solution sets** for a system of equations involving a **circle** and an **ellipse**.

- (a) **No solution**: The **circle** and **ellipse** do not intersect. One shape is **inside** the **other**, or the **circle** and the **ellipse** are a distance away from the other
- (b) **One solution**: The **circle** and **ellipse** are **tangent** to each other and intersect at **exactly one point**.
- (c) **Two solutions**: The **circle** and **ellipse** intersect at **two points**.
- (d) **Three solution**: The **circle** and **ellipse** intersect at **three points**.
- (e) **Four solution**: The **circle** and **ellipse** intersect at **four points**.



**Example 7:** Find the **solution** set of the given **system** of **nonlinear** equations

$$x^2 + y^2 = 26 \quad (1)$$

$$3x^2 + 25y^2 = 100 \quad (2)$$

**Solution:**

**Multiply** Eq. (1) by  $(-3)$  and **add** to the Eq. (2), yields

$$-3x^2 + -3y^2 = -78 \quad (1)$$

$$3x^2 + 25y^2 = 100 \quad (2)$$

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$$22y^2 = 22$$

Solve for  $y$ , we have

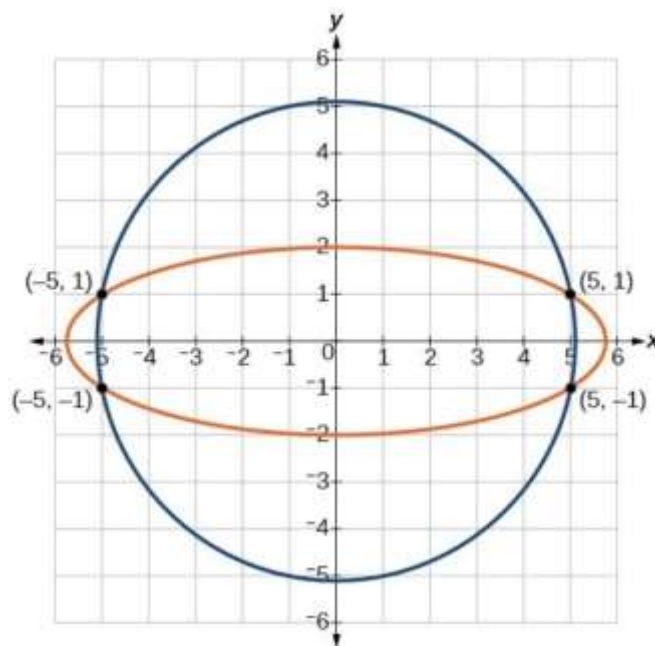
$$22y^2 = 22 \Rightarrow y^2 = 1 \Rightarrow y = \pm 1$$

Substitute  $y = \pm 1$  into one of the equations and solve for  $x$ , we get

$$x^2 + 1^2 = 26 \Rightarrow x^2 = 25 \Rightarrow x = \pm 5$$

$$x^2 + (-1)^2 = 26 \Rightarrow x^2 = 25 \Rightarrow x = \pm 5$$

Thus, there are **four solutions**



**Example 5:** Solve the following system of nonlinear equations

$$\begin{aligned}4x^2 + y^2 &= 13 \\ x^2 + y^2 &= 10\end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

$$(1, 3), (1, -3), (-1, 3), \text{ and } (-1, -3)$$

### **Iterative Methods for Solving System of nonlinear equations**

A system of nonlinear equations is a system of equations containing at least one equation that is of degree larger than one. It is a system of two or more equations in two or more variables containing at least one equation that is not linear.

A system of nonlinear equations has the form

$$\left. \begin{aligned}f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) &= 0 \\ f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) &= 0 \\ f_3(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) &= 0 \\ &\vdots \\ f_n(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) &= 0\end{aligned} \right\} \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

Algebraic and transcendental equations that do not fit this format are, For example,

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + xy &= 10 \\ y + 3xy^2 &= 57\end{aligned}$$

are two simultaneous nonlinear equations with two unknowns,  $x$  and  $y$ . They can be expressed in the form of Equation (1):

$$\begin{aligned}u(x, y) &= x^2 + xy - 10 = 0 \\ v(x, y) &= y + 3xy^2 - 57 = 0\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the **solution** would be the **values** of  $x$  and  $y$  that **make** the **functions**  $u(x, y)$  and  $v(x, y)$  **equal** to **zero**. Most methods for determining such solutions are extensions of the open methods for solving single equations such as **fixed-point iteration** and **Newton-Raphson iteration method**.

### → Fixed-Point Method for Solving a Nonlinear System

The **fixed-point-iteration method** can be **modified** to solve **two simultaneous, nonlinear equations**. This **method** is **illustrated** in the following example.

**Example:** Use **fixed-point iteration** to determine the **roots** of the following **two nonlinear equations**

$$x^2 + xy = 10$$

$$y + 3xy^2 = 57$$

Note that a **correct pair** of roots is  $x = 2$  and  $y = 3$ . **Initiate** the **computation** with **guesses** of  $x = 1.5$  and  $y = 3.5$ .

**Solution:**

Rewritten the equations in the form:

$$x = \frac{10 - x^2}{y}$$

$$y = 57 - 3xy^2$$

Using the **initial guesses**,  $x = 1.5$  and  $y = 3.5$ , yields

$$x_1 = \frac{10 - x_0^2}{y_0} = \frac{10 - (1.5)^2}{3.5} = 2.214$$

$$y_1 = 57 - 3x_0y_0^2 = 57 - 3(1.5)(3.5)^2 = -24.375$$

Thus, the **approach** seems to be **diverging**.

$$x_2 = \frac{10 - x_1^2}{y_1} = \frac{10 - (2.214)^2}{-24.375} = -0.209$$

$$y_2 = 57 - 3x_1y_1^2 = 57 - 3(2.214)(-24.375)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = 429.709$$

Obviously, the approach is deteriorating.

Now repeating the computation but with the original equations set up in a different format as follows:

$$x^2 + xy = 10 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{10 - xy}$$

$$y + 3xy^2 = 57 \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{\frac{57 - y}{3x}}$$

Applying the given initial guesses,  $x = 1.5$  and  $y = 3.5$ , yields

$$x_1 = \sqrt{10 - x_0y_0} = \sqrt{10 - (1.5)(3.5)} = 2.179$$

$$y_1 = \sqrt{\frac{57 - y_0}{3x_0}} = \sqrt{\frac{57 - (3.5)}{3(1.5)}} = 2.861$$

Now the results are more satisfactory

$$x_2 = \sqrt{10 - x_1y_1} = \sqrt{10 - (2.179)(2.861)} = 1.941$$

$$y_2 = \sqrt{\frac{57 - y_1}{3x_1}} = \sqrt{\frac{57 - (2.861)}{3(2.179)}} = 3.049$$

Thus, the method is converging on the true values of  $x = 2$  and  $y = 3$ .

Thus, **even** where the **convergence** is **possible**, **divergence** can **occur** if the initial guesses are **insufficiently close** to the **true solution**. So, it **can be concluded** that the **sufficient conditions** for **convergence** for the **two-equation case** are:

$$\left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right| < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \left| \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right| < 1$$

These **criteria** are **so restrictive** that **fixed-point iteration** has **limited utility** for **solving nonlinear systems**.

$$u(x, y) = x^2 + xy - 10$$

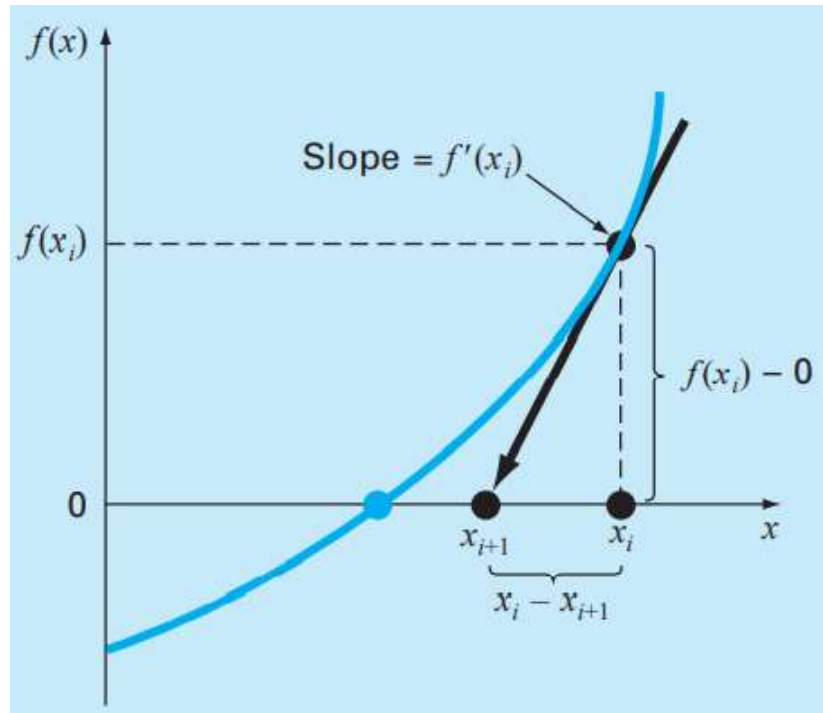
$$v(x, y) = y + 3xy^2 - 57$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right| = 2x + y + x = 3x + y = 3(1.5) + 3.5 = 8 > 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \left| \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right| &= 3y^2 + 1 + 6xy = 3(3.5)^2 + 1 + 6(1.5)(3.5) \\ &= 69.25 > 1 \end{aligned}$$

## ➔ Newton-Raphson Method for Solving a Nonlinear System

Recall that the **Newton-Raphson method** was **predicated** on **employing** the **derivative** (that is, the **slope**) of a **function** to **estimate** its **intercept with the axis** of the **independent variable** (that is, the **root** as shown in figure.



The estimate was based on a first-order Taylor series expansion

$$f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + (x_{i+1} - x_i) f'(x_i)$$

where  $x_i$  is the **initial guess** at the **root** and  $x_{i+1}$  is the **point** at which the **slope intercepts the  $x$  axis**. At this **intercept**,  $f(x_{i+1})$  by definition equals **zero** and equation can be **rearranged to yield**

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

which is the **single-equation form** of the **Newton-Raphson method**. The **multiequation form** is **derived** in an **identical manner**.

For the **two-variable case**, a **first-order Taylor series** can be **written** for **each nonlinear equation** as:

$$u_{i+1} = u_i + (x_{i+1} - x_i) \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} + (y_{i+1} - y_i) \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial y}$$

$$v_{i+1} = v_i + (x_{i+1} - x_i) \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x} + (y_{i+1} - y_i) \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial y}$$

Just as for the **single-equation**, the **root estimate corresponds to the values of  $x$  and  $y$** , where  $u_{i+1}$  and  $v_{i+1}$  **equal zero**. For this **situation, equations can be rearranged to give**

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} x_{i+1} + \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial y} y_{i+1} = -u_i + x_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} + y_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x} x_{i+1} + \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial y} y_{i+1} = -v_i + x_i \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x} + y_i \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial y}$$

Because **all values subscripted with  $i$ 's are known** (they **correspond to the latest guess or approximation**), the **only unknowns are  $x_{i+1}$  and  $y$** . Thus, **equations are of two linear equations with two unknowns**. Consequently, **algebraic manipulations** (for example, **Cramer's rule**) can be **employed to solve for**

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{u_i \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial y} - v_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial y}}{\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x}}$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i - \frac{v_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} - u_i \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x}}$$

The **denominator of each of these equations is formally referred to as the determinant of the Jacobian of the system**. **Equations are the two-equation of the Newton-Raphson method**. As in the **following example**, it can be **employed iteratively to home in on the roots of two simultaneous equations**.

**Example:** Use the **multiple-equation Newton-Raphson method** to **determine roots** of equations

$$x^2 + xy = 10$$

$$y + 3xy^2 = 57$$

Note that a **correct pair of roots** is  $x = 2$  and  $y = 3$ . **Initiate the computation** with **guesses** of  $x = 1.5$  and  $y = 3.5$ .

**Solution:**

First compute the **partial derivatives** and **evaluate them** at the **initial guesses** of  $x_0 = 1.5$  and  $y_0 = 3.5$ :

$$\frac{\partial u_0}{\partial x} = 2x_0 + y_0 = 2(1.5) + 3.5 = 6.5$$

$$\frac{\partial u_0}{\partial y} = x_0 = 1.5$$

$$\frac{\partial v_0}{\partial x} = 2y_0^2 = 3(3.5) = 36.75$$

$$\frac{\partial v_0}{\partial y} = 1 + 6x_0y_0 = 1 + 6(1.5)(3.5) = 32.5$$

Thus, the **determinant** of the **Jacobian** for the first **iteration** is:

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x} = 6.5(32.5) - 1.5(36.75) = 156.125$$

**Evaluate the functions** at the **initial guesses** as:

$$u_0 = x_0^2 + x_0y_0 - 10 = (1.5)^2 + (1.5)(3.5) - 10 = -2.5$$

$$v_0 = y_0 + 3x_0y_0^2 - 57 = (3.5) + 3(1.5)(3.5)^2 - 57 = 1.625$$

Substitute these **values** into **equations** of **Newton-Raphson method** to give

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{u_0 \frac{\partial v_0}{\partial y} - v_0 \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial y}}{\frac{\partial u_0}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v_0}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v_0}{\partial x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = 1.5 - \frac{(-2.5)(32.5) - (1.625)(1.5)}{156.125} = 2.036$$

$$y_1 = y_0 - \frac{v_0 \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial x} - u_0 \frac{\partial v_0}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial u_0}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v_0}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v_0}{\partial x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 = 3.5 - \frac{(1.625)(6.5) - (-2.5)(36.75)}{156.125} = 2.844$$

Thus, the results are converging to the true values of  $x = 2$  and  $y = 3$ . The **computation can be repeated until an acceptable accuracy is obtained.**

Just as with fixed-point iteration, the Newton-Raphson method will **often diverge** if the **initial guesses** are not sufficiently close to the **true roots**. Whereas **graphical methods** could be **employed to derive good guesses** for the **single-equation case**, **no such simple procedure** is **available** for the **multiequation method**. Although there are some **advanced approaches** for **obtaining acceptable first estimates**, often the **initial guesses** must be **obtained** on the **basis of trial and error** and **knowledge of the physical system being modeled**. The **two-equation Newton-Raphson approach** can be **generalized** to solve  $n$  **simultaneous equations**.

## Numerical Differentiation

In calculus the **derivative** of a function is **defined** as the **limit** of a **difference quotient**

$$f'(x) = \frac{df}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

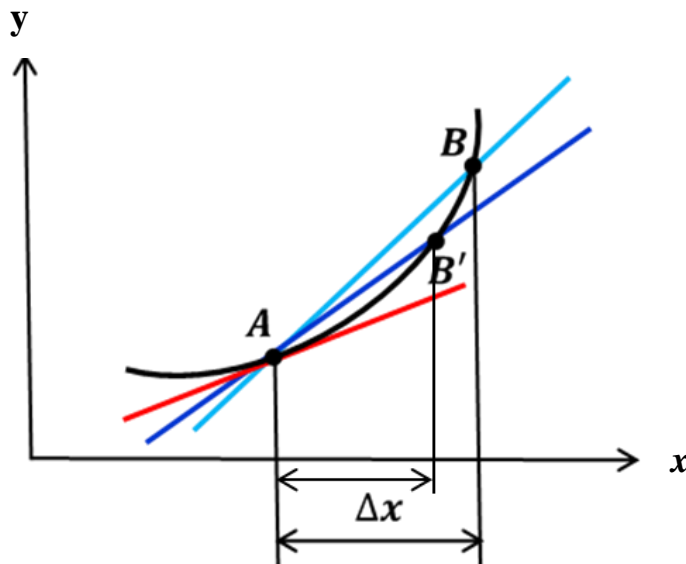
then **proceed** in **evaluating** a **few** of **these** **limits** as **examples**:

If  $f(x) = 4x^3 + 3x^2 + 6x - 7$  then  $f'(x) = \frac{df}{dx} = 12x^2 + 6x + 6$

If  $f(x) = 5\cos(3x)$  then  $f'(x) = \frac{df}{dx} = -15\sin(3x)$

If  $f(x) = 7e^{2.1x}$  then  $f'(x) = \frac{df}{dx} = 14.7e^{2.1x}$

In calculus, the **value** of the **derivative** for **some** **value** of the **independent variable**, say  $x = x_0$ , **gives** the **slope** of the **line** which is **tangent** to the **curve** represented by the function itself at the **point**  $x = x_0$ . This is **geometrically** shown in the **graph** below.



Notice that the **process** of the **limit** is also **shown** with  $\Delta x$  representing the **horizontal distance** between the two points  $A$  and  $B$  of the **secant** line  $AB$ .

- The **light blue** line is a **secant**  $AB$  of the **curve** with a **large**  $\Delta x$ ,
- The **darker blue** line is **another** **secant**  $AB'$  with **smaller**  $\Delta x$  and
- The **red** line is the **tangent** ( a **secant** with  $\Delta x$  equal to zero).

There are **many instances** when the **analytic calculation** of the **derivative** of a **given function** is **not possible**. This may occur when the **function under consideration** is **not one of the standard functions**. Trying to **evaluate the derivative** by **mimicking the process** of the **limit numerically**. Use the **secant** to **represent the tangent** (and its **slope produces the value of the derivative**). **Taking progressively closer points** (smaller  $\Delta x$ ) **until the value of the slope stops changing significantly**.

It can be seen that as the **two intersection points** get **closer**, the **secant** will look more like a **tangent**.

**How supposed to move the points so that they get close together?**

Depending on the **answer to this question** there are **three different formulas** for the **numerical calculation of derivative**.

- If **fix** the **point A** and keep **bringing the point B** closer to the **left**, then will obtain the **forward derivative** at **point A**.
- If **fix** the **point B** and keep **moving point A** closer then will obtain the **backward derivative** at **point B**.
- If **fix** the **middle point** of the **interval between point A and point B** and keep **bringing both point A and B** closer to the **center**, then will obtain the **central derivative** at the **midpoint between point A and point B**.

### **Taylor Series Review**

If **expand function  $f$**  around  $x_i$  and  $f$  is  $(n + 1)$  – **times continuously differentiable** on an **open interval** containing  $x_i$ , **Taylor's theorem** with the **remainder term** says that if  $x_{i+1}$  is **another point** in this interval, then:

$$f(x_{i+1}) \cong f(x_i) + f'(x_i) \frac{\Delta x}{1!} + f''(x_i) \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} + f'''(x_i) \frac{\Delta x^3}{3!} + \dots + f^{(n)}(x_i) \frac{\Delta x^n}{n!} + R_n$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1! &= 1 \times 1 = 1 \\
 2! &= 1 \times 2 = 2 \\
 3! &= 1 \times 2 \times 3 = 6 \\
 &\vdots \\
 n! &= 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \cdots \times n
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$R_n = f^{(n+1)}(\xi) \frac{(\Delta x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

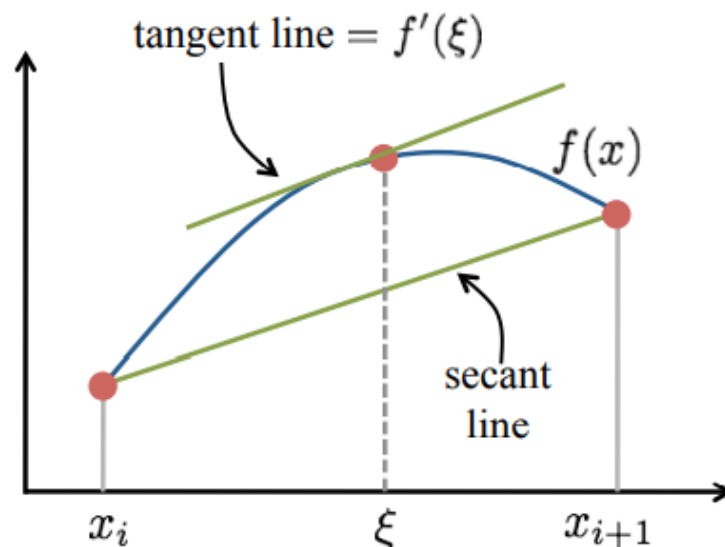
$\xi$ : is a **number** in the **open interval** between  $x_i$  and  $x_{i+1}$ .

$$\Delta x = h = x_{i+1} - x_i$$

$$f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i + \Delta x) = f(x_i + h)$$

### Mean Value Theorem

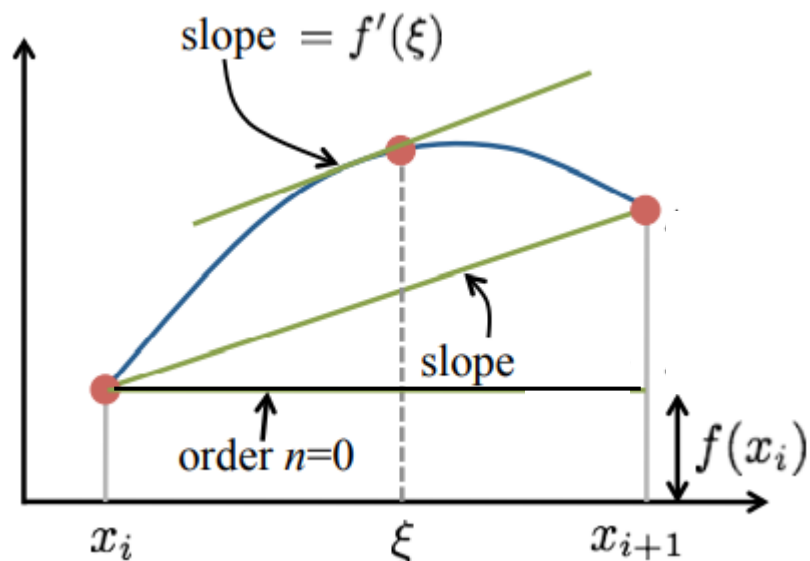
The appearance of  $\xi$ , a point between  $x_i$  and  $x_{i+1}$ , suggests that **there is a connection between this result and the Mean Value Theorem**, which **states** that given a **planar arc between two endpoints**, there is **at least one point** at which the **tangent** to the **arc** is **parallel** to the **secant** through its **endpoints**(see figure below).



If a function  $f$  is **continuous** on  $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$  and **differentiable** on  $(x_i, x_{i+1})$ , then there **exists a point**  $\xi$  such that:

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

## Mean Value Theorem and Taylor's Theorem



Back to the Taylor series, for  $n = 0$ :

$$f(x_{i+1}) \cong f(x_i) + R_0$$

where:  $R_0 = f'(\xi)\Delta x$  and  $\Delta x = h = x_{i+1} - x_i$

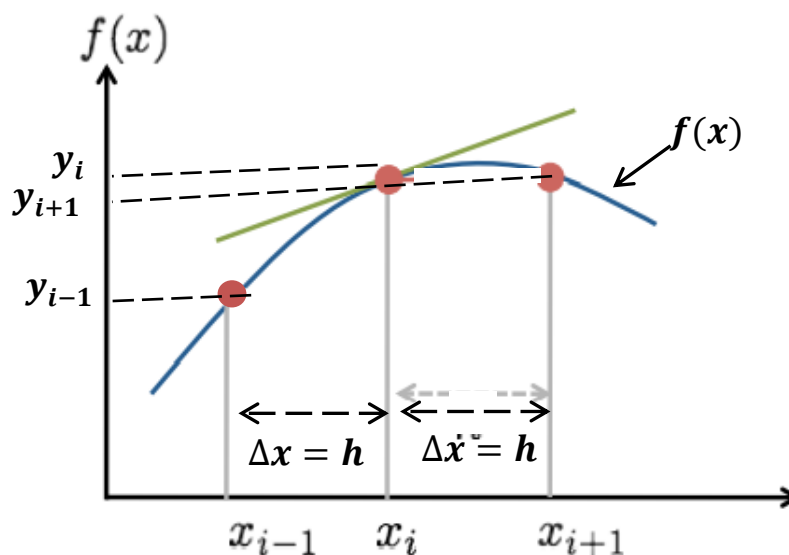
Then

$$f(x_{i+1}) \cong f(x_i) + f'(\xi)(x_{i+1} - x_i)$$

Where  $\xi$  is between  $x_i$  and  $x_{i+1}$ . This is the **Mean Value Theorem**, which is used to prove Taylor's theorem. Also can regard a Taylor expansion as an extension of the Mean Value Theorem.

## Approximation of First Order Derivative

Let choose **three points** on the curve of the function  $f(x)$  as shown in the figure



point  $i$  :  $x_i \rightarrow f_i = f(x_i)$

point  $i + 1$ :  $x_{i+1} \rightarrow f_{i+1} = f(x_{i+1})$

point  $i - 1$ :  $x_{i-1} \rightarrow f_{i-1} = f(x_{i-1})$

## 1. By Forward Difference

Truncating the Taylor series after the first derivative yields

$$f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + f'(x_i)\Delta x$$

Rearranging equation gives

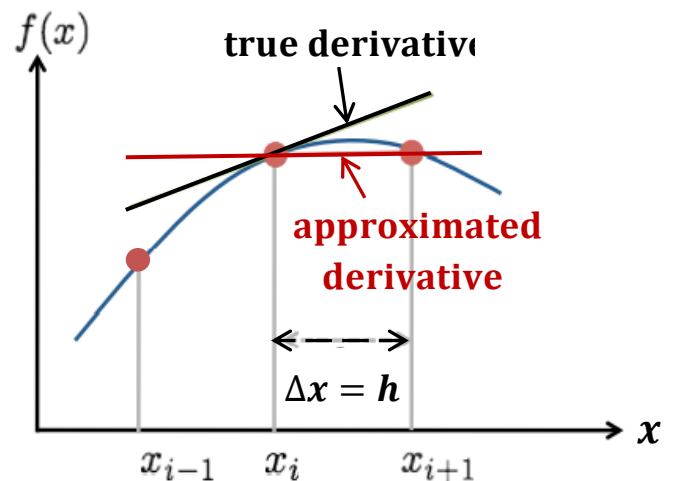
$$f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)}{\Delta x}$$

Forward difference is the

slope of the line that connects

points  $[x_i, f(x_i)]$  and

$[x_{i+1}, f(x_{i+1})]$



## 2. By Backward Difference

The Taylor series can be

expanded backward to

calculate a previous

value on the basis of

a present value.

$$\Delta x = x_i - x_{i-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{i-1} = x_i - \Delta x$$

$$f(x_{i-1}) = f(x_i - \Delta x)$$

$$f(x_{i-1}) \cong f(x_i) - f'(x_i)\Delta x +$$

Truncating the expansion after

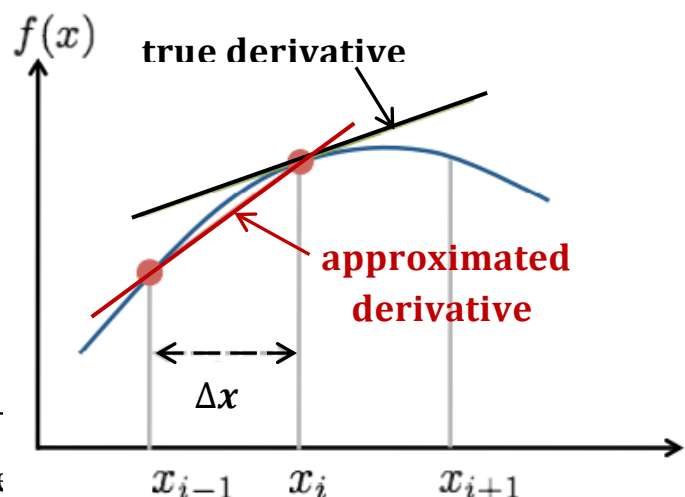
$$f(x_{i-1}) \cong f(x_i) - f'(x_i)\Delta x$$

Rearranging the equation gives

$$f'(x_i) \cong \frac{f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})}{\Delta x}$$

Backward difference is the slope of the line that connects points

$[x_{i-1}, f(x_{i-1})]$  and  $[x_i, f(x_i)]$



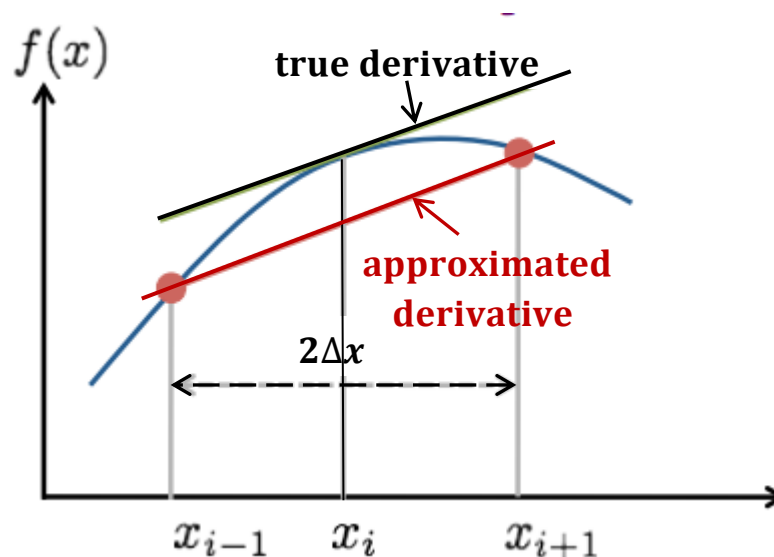
### 3. By Central Difference

The **third way** to approximate the first derivative is by subtracting backward difference from forward difference

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_{i+1}) &\cong f(x_i) + f'(x_i)\Delta x + f''(x_i)\frac{\Delta x^2}{2} + f'''(x_i)\frac{\Delta x^3}{6} + \dots \\ f(x_{i-1}) &\cong f(x_i) - f'(x_i)\Delta x + f''(x_i)\frac{\Delta x^2}{2} - f'''(x_i)\frac{\Delta x^3}{6} + \dots \end{aligned}$$


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$$f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1}) = 2f'(x_i)\Delta x + 2f'''(x_i)\frac{\Delta x^3}{6} + \dots$$



Truncating the expansion after the first derivative yields

$$f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1}) \cong 2f'(x_i)\Delta x$$

Rearranging the equation gives

$$f'(x_i) \cong \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1})}{2\Delta x}$$

Central difference is the slope of the line that connects points  $[x_{i-1}, f(x_{i-1})]$  and  $[x_{i+1}, f(x_{i+1})]$

The following table lists difference formulas, of various accuracy, that can be used for approximating first derivatives:

Method	Formula
Two-point forward difference	$f'(x_i) = \frac{1}{\Delta x} [f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)]$
Three-point forward difference	$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2 \Delta x} [-3f(x_i) + 4f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i+2})]$
Two-point backward difference	$f'(x_i) = \frac{1}{\Delta x} [f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})]$
Three-point backward difference	$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2 \Delta x} [f(x_{i-2}) - 4f(x_{i-1}) + 3f(x_i)]$
Two-point central difference	$f'(x_i) = \frac{1}{2\Delta x} [f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1})]$
Four-point central difference	$f'(x) = \frac{f(x_{i-2}) - 8f(x_{i-1}) + 8f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i+2}))}{12 \Delta x}$

All these **three formulas give approximations to the derivative** at the **point  $x_i$** . It can be shown that the **third formula is more accurate** than the others as follows:

**Example 9:** Approximate the derivative of the function

$$f(x) = x^2 + 2x \text{ at } x = 3$$

using the **Forward**, **Backward**, and **Central Difference method** and step size 1.

**Solution:**

$$x_i = 3 \text{ and } \Delta x = 1, \text{ so}$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + \Delta x = 3 + 1 = 4$$

$$x_{i-1} = x_i - \Delta x = 3 - 1 = 2$$

The values of the corresponding functions are:

$$f(x_{i-1}) = f(2) = 2^2 + 2(2) = 8$$

$$f(x_i) = f(3) = 3^2 + 2(3) = 15$$

$$f(x_{i+1}) = f(4) = 4^2 + 2(4) = 24$$

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

$$f'(3) \approx \frac{f(4) - f(3)}{1} = \frac{24 - 15}{1} = 9$$

$$\text{BDA: } f'(x_i) \approx \frac{f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})}{\Delta x}$$

$$f'(3) \approx \frac{f(3) - f(2)}{1} = \frac{15 - 8}{1} = 7$$

$$\text{CDA: } f'(x_i) \approx \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1}))}{2\Delta x}$$

$$f'(3) \approx \frac{f(4) - f(2)}{2 \times 1} = \frac{24 - 8}{2} = 8$$

The actual value of the function is:

$$f(x) = x^2 + 2x \Rightarrow f'(x) = 2x + 2 \Rightarrow f'(3) = 2 \times 3 + 2 = 8$$

**Example 10:** Consider the table given below which lists the values of a function  $f(x)$  for various values of  $x$  ranging from  $x = -1.0$  to  $x = +2.0$  at uniform increments of  $0.25$ .

$x$	$f(x)$
-1.0	-0.841
-0.75	-0.682
-0.50	-0.479
-0.25	-0.247
-0.00	-0.00
+0.25	+0.247
+0.50	+0.479
+0.75	+0.682
+1.00	+0.841
+1.25	+0.949
+1.50	+0.997
+1.75	+0.984
+2.00	+0.909

Use Forward, Backward, and Central Difference method to find the approximate derivative at point  $x = 0.5$ .

**Solution:**

- The Forward Difference Approximation (FDA) at point  $x_i = 0.5$  is:

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)}{\Delta x} = \frac{0.682 - 0.479}{0.25} = 0.812$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = \frac{0.682 - 0.479}{0.25} = 0.812$$

- The **Backward Difference Approximation (BDA)** at point  $x_i = 0.5$  is:

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})}{\Delta x} = \frac{0.479 - 0.247}{0.25} = 0.928$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(x - \Delta x)}{\Delta x} = \frac{0.479 - 0.247}{0.25} = 0.928$$

- The **Central Difference Approximation (CDA)** at point  $x_i = 0.5$  is:

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1})}{2\Delta x} = \frac{0.682 - 0.247}{2 \times 0.25} = 0.870$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x - \Delta x)}{2\Delta x} = \frac{0.682 - 0.247}{2 \times 0.25} = 0.870$$

- Notice that **all three** are **different**. Also, the **central difference** is the **average** of the **other two**.

$$\frac{0.812 + 0.928}{2} = 0.87$$

This is **NOT a coincidence**.

- Also notice that at the points  $x = -1.0$  and  $x = +2.0$  (the **end points of interval**) cannot be calculated more than a **single approximation**.

If the **calculation** of the **derivative** at **all points** of the **table**, then a **spreadsheet** is **very appropriate** for this type of problem. Enter the table to a **sheet** and then can use the **formulas** to **generate three more columns**, which will contain the **approximations** to the **derivative**.

$x$	$f(x)$	Forward	Backward	Central
-1.0	-0.841	0.636		
-0.75	-0.682	0.812	0.636	0.724
-0.50	-0.479	0.928	0.812	0.870
-0.25	-0.247	0.988	0.928	0.958
-0.00	-0.00	0.988	0.988	0.988
$x_{i-1}$ +0.25	+0.247	0.928	0.988	0.958
$x_i$ +0.50	+0.479	0.812	0.928	0.870
$x_{i+1}$ +0.75	+0.682	0.636	0.812	0.724
+1.00	+0.841	0.432	0.636	0.534
+1.25	+0.949	0.192	0.432	0.312
+1.50	+0.997	-0.052	0.192	0.070
+1.75	+0.984	-0.300	-0.052	-0.176
+2.00	+0.909		-0.300	

**Example 10:** Using Three – Point Forward Difference, Backward Difference, and Central Difference Formula to find solution  $f'(1.10)$ .

$x$	1	1.05	1.10	1.15	1.20	1.25	1.30
$f(x)$	1	1.02470	1.04881	1.07238	1.09545	1.11803	1.14018

**Solution:**

**Three – Point Forward Difference Formula:**

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2 \Delta x} [-3f(x_i) + 4f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i+2})]$$

From the table it is evident that the values ranging from 1.0 to  $x = 1.30$  at uniform increments of 0.05. Thus,

$$\Delta x = 0.05$$

Then,

$$f'(1.10) = \frac{1}{2(0.05)} [-3f(1.10) + 4f(1.15) - f\{1.10 + 2(0.05)\}]$$

$$f'(1.10) = \frac{1}{0.10} [-3f(1.10) + 4f(1.15) - f(1.20)]$$

$$f'(1.10) = \frac{1}{0.10} [-3(1.04881) + 4(1.07238) - (1.09545)]$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(1.10) = 0.4764$$

**Three – Point Backward Difference Formula:**

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2 \Delta x} [f(x_{i-2}) - 4f(x_{i-1}) + 3f(x_i)]$$

$$f'(1.10) = \frac{1}{2(0.05)} [f\{1.10 - 2(0.05)\} - 4f(1.10 - 0.05) + 3f(1.10)]$$

$$f'(1.10) = \frac{1}{0.10} [f(1) - 4f(1.05) + 3f(1.10)]$$

$$f'(1.10) = \frac{1}{0.10} [1 - 4(1.0247) + 3f(1.04881)] = 0.4763$$

**Three – Point Central Difference Formula:**

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2 \Delta x} [f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1})]$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2(0.05)} [f(1.10 + 0.05) - f(1.10 - 0.05)]$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{0.10} [f(1.15) - f(1.05)] = \frac{1}{0.10} [1.07238 - 1.0247]$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(1.10) = 0.4768$$

**Example 12:** Use Three – Point Forward Difference, Backward Difference, and Central Difference Formula to find solution of  $f'(2.5)$  if  $h = 0.5$  of the function

$$f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 4$$

Also find the exact value of  $f'(x)$  and absolute error for each estimation.

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 4 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 6x^2 + 2x$$

Exact value of  $f'(2.5)$  is:

$$f'(2.5) = 6(2.5)^2 + 2(2.5) = 42.5$$

**Three – Point Forward Difference Formula:**

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2 \Delta x} [-3f(x_i) + 4f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i+2})]$$

**Three – Point Backward Difference Formula:**

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2 \Delta x} [f(x_{i-2}) - 4f(x_{i-1}) + 3f(x_i)]$$

**Three – Point Central Difference Formula:**

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2 \Delta x} [f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1})]$$

From the formula for each method it is clear to find  $f'(2.5)$ , the points that needed are:

$$x_i = 2.5$$

$$x_{i+1} = 2.5 + 0.5 = 3$$

$$x_{i+2} = 2.5 + 2(0.5) = 3.5$$

$$x_{i-1} = 2.5 - 0.5 = 2$$

$$x_{i-2} = 2.5 - 2(0.5) = 1.5$$

Thus, it is needed to find:

$$f(x_i) = f(2.5) = 2(2.5)^3 + (2.5)^2 - 4 = 33.5$$

$$f(x_{i+1}) = f(3) = 2(3)^3 + (3)^2 - 4 = 59$$

$$f(x_{i+2}) = f(3.5) = 2(3.5)^3 + (3.5)^2 - 4 = 94$$

$$f(x_{i-1}) = f(2) = 2(2)^3 + (2)^2 - 4 = 16$$

$$f(x_{i-2}) = f(1.5) = 2(1.5)^3 + (1.5)^2 - 4 = 5$$

$x$	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5
$f(x)$	5	16	33.5	59	94

**Three – Point Forward Difference Formula:**

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2 \Delta x} [-3f(x_i) + 4f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i+2})]$$

$$f'(2.5) = \frac{1}{2 (0.5)} [-3(33.5) + 4(59) - (94)] = 41.5$$

**Absolute error**

$$\varepsilon = |\text{Exact value} - \text{Approximated value}|$$

$$\varepsilon = |42.5 - 41.5| = 1$$

**Three – Point Backward Difference Formula:**

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2 \Delta x} [f(x_{i-2}) - 4f(x_{i-1}) + 3f(x_i)]$$

$$f'(2.5) = \frac{1}{2 (0.5)} [5 - 4(16) + 3(33.5)] = 42.5$$

**Absolute error**

$$\varepsilon = |42.5 - 42.5| = 0$$

**Three – Point Central Difference Formula:**

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2 \Delta x} [f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1})]$$

$$f'(2.5) = \frac{1}{2 (0.5)} [59 - 16] = 43$$

**Absolute error:**

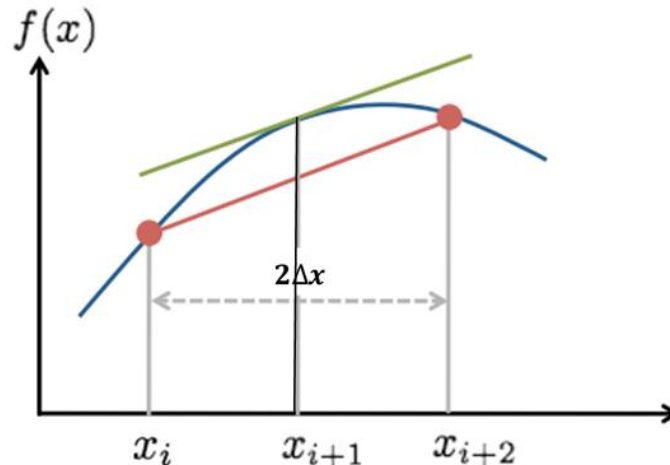
$$\varepsilon = |42.5 - 43| = 0.5$$

The same approach used to develop finite difference formulas for the first derivative can be used to develop expressions for higher-order derivatives.

## Approximation of Second Order Derivative

### 1. By Forward Difference

To approximate 2<sup>nd</sup> order derivatives, write a forward Taylor series expansion for  $f(x_{i+2})$  in terms of  $f(x_i)$ :



$$f(x_{i+2}) \cong f(x_i) + f'(x)(2\Delta x) + f''(x) \frac{(2\Delta x)^2}{2} + f'''(x) \frac{(2\Delta x)^3}{6} + \dots$$

Truncating the expansion after the second derivative gives

$$f(x_{i+2}) \cong f(x_i) + f'(x)(2\Delta x) + f''(x) \frac{(2\Delta x)^2}{2}$$

Rearranging yields

$$f(x_{i+2}) \cong f(x_i) + 2f'(x)(\Delta x) + 2f''(x)(\Delta x)^2$$

Truncating the forward difference after the second derivative and multiplying by 2 yields

$$2f(x_{i+1}) \cong 2f(x_i) + 2f'(x)\Delta x + f''(x)(\Delta x)^2$$

Subtracting from above equation yields

$$f(x_{i+2}) - 2f(x_{i+1}) \cong -f(x_i) + f''(x)(\Delta x)^2$$

Rearranging the equation yields

$$f''(x) \cong \frac{f(x_i) - 2f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_{i+2})}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

### 2. By Backward Difference

The same manipulations can be employed to derive a 2<sup>nd</sup> order backward difference:

$$f''(x) \cong \frac{f(x_i) - 2f(x_{i-1}) + f(x_{i-2})}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

### 3. By Central Difference

$$f''(x_i) \cong \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - 2f(x_i) + f(x_{i-1}))}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

As was the case with the first derivative approximations, the central difference is more accurate.

Approximations of higher derivatives  $f'''(x)$ ,  $f^{(4)}(x)$  etc. can be obtained in a similar manner. The following table lists difference formulas, of various accuracy, that can be used for numerical evaluation of second derivatives. The formulas can be used when the function that is being differentiated is specified as a set of discrete points with the independent variable equally spaced.

Method	Formula
Three-point forward difference	$f''(x_i) \cong \frac{f(x_i) - 2f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_{i+2}))}{(\Delta x)^2}$
Four-point forward difference	$f''(x_i) \cong \frac{2f(x_i) - 5f(x_{i+1}) + 4f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_{i+3}))}{(\Delta x)^2}$
Three-point backward difference	$f''(x_i) \cong \frac{f(x_{i-2}) - 2f(x_{i-1}) + f(x_i)}{(\Delta x)^2}$
Four-point backward difference	$f''(x_i) \cong \frac{-f(x_{i-3}) + 4f(x_{i-2}) - 5f(x_{i-1}) + 2f(x_i)}{(\Delta x)^2}$
Three-point central difference	$f''(x_i) \cong \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - 2f(x_i) + f(x_{i-1}))}{(\Delta x)^2}$
Five-point central difference	$f''(x_i) \cong \frac{-f(x_{i-2}) + 16f(x_{i-1}) - 30f(x_i) + 16f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i+2}))}{12(\Delta x)^2}$

**Example 13:** Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{2^x}{x}$ . Calculate the second derivative at  $x = 2$  numerically with the three-point central difference formula using points  $x = 1.8, x = 2$ , and  $x = 2.2$ . Then compare the results with the exact (analytical) derivative.

**Solution:**

- Analytical differentiation:

The second derivative of the function  $f(x) = \frac{2^x}{x}$  is:

$$f'(x) = \frac{2^x \times 1 - x (\ln 2) 2^x}{x^2} = \frac{2^x}{x^2} - \ln 2 \frac{2^x}{x}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{(2x) \times 2^x - x^2 (\ln 2) 2^x}{x^4} - \ln 2 \left( \frac{2^x}{x^2} - \ln 2 \frac{2^x}{x} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f''(x) = (\ln 2)^2 \frac{2^x}{x} - 2 (\ln 2) \frac{2^x}{x^2} + 2 \frac{2^x}{x^3}$$

and the **value** of the **second derivative** at  $x = 2$  is:

$$\Rightarrow f''(2) = 0.57462$$

- **Numerical differentiation:**

The **numerical differentiation** can be **done by** using the **three-point central difference formula**

$$f''(x_i) \cong \frac{f(x_{i-1}) - 2f(x_i) + f(x_{i+1}))}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

where

$$x_{i-1} = x = 1.8,$$

$$x_i = x = 2, \text{ and}$$

$$x_{i+1} = x = 2.2$$

$$\Delta x = x_{i+1} - x_i = 2.2 - 2 = 0.2$$

and the **values** of the **corresponding functions** are:

$$f(x_{i-1}) = f(1.8) = \frac{2^{1.8}}{1.8} = 1.9346$$

$$f(x_i) = f(2) = \frac{2^2}{2} = 2$$

$$f(x_{i+1}) = f(2.2) = \frac{2^{2.2}}{2.2} = 2.0885$$

**substituting** the **values** of the function at **points** in the **formula** gives

$$f''(x_i) \cong \frac{1.93456 - 2(2) + 2.08854}{(0.2)^2} = 0.5775$$

$$E_s = 0.5775 - 0.5746 = 0.0029$$

$$E_a = \frac{0.5775 - 0.5746}{0.57462} \times 100 = 0.5\%$$

The **result shows** that the **three-point central difference formula** gives a **quite accurate approximation** for the **value** of the **second derivative**.

## Runge – Kutta Methods

**Runge – Kutta method** is an effective and widely used method for solving the initial-value problems of differential equations. Runge – Kutta method can be used to construct high order accurate numerical method by functions' self without needing the high order derivatives of functions.

In numerical analysis, the Runge–Kutta methods (English: rʊŋə'kʊtə) are a family of implicit and explicit iterative methods, which include the Euler method, used in temporal discretization for the approximate solutions of simultaneous nonlinear equations. These methods were developed around 1900 by the German mathematicians Carl Runge and Wilhelm Kutta.

### Euler's Method

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If an initial value problem

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dt} = f(x, y). \quad y(x_0) = y_0 \quad (1)$$

cannot be solved **analytically**, it is necessary to resort to numerical methods to obtain useful approximations to a **solution of Equation (1)**.

If interesting in computing approximate values of the solution of the **Equation (1)** at **equally spaced points**  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = b$  in an interval  $[x_0, b]$ . Thus,

$$x_i = x_0 + ih, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

where 
$$h = \frac{b - x_0}{n}$$

Denoting the approximate values of the solution at these points by  $y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ ; thus,  $y_i$  is an approximation to  $y(x_i)$ . calling

$$e_i = y(x_i) - y_i$$

the **error at the  $ith$  step**. Because of the **initial condition**

$$y(x_0) = y_0$$

always will have  $e_0 = 0$ .

However, in general

$$e_i \neq 0 \quad i \text{ if } i > 0$$

Encountering **two sources of error** in applying a **numerical method** to solve an **initial value problem**:

The **formulas** defining the method are **based on** some sort of **approximation**. **Errors** due to the **inaccuracy** of the **approximation** are called **truncation errors**.

**Computers** do **arithmetic** with a **fixed number** of **digits**, and therefore **make errors** in **evaluating** the **formulas defining** the **numerical methods**. **Errors** due to the **computer's inability** to do **exact arithmetic** are called **roundoff errors**.

## 1. Euler method (1<sup>st</sup> order derivative)

The **simplest numerical method** for solving **Equation (1)** is **Euler's method**. This method is **so crude** that it is **seldom used** in **practice**; however, its simplicity makes it **useful** for **illustrative purposes**. **Euler's method** is **based on** the **assumption** that the **tangent line** to the **integral curve** of **Equation (1)** at  $[x_i, y(x_i)]$  **approximates** the **integral curve** over the **interval**  $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$ .

Since the **slope** of the **integral curve** of **Equation (1)** at  $[x_i, y(x_i)]$  is:

$$y'(x_i) = f[x_i, y(x_i)]$$

the **equation** of the **tangent line** to the **integral curve** at  $[x_i, y(x_i)]$  is:

$$y = y(x_i) + f[x_i, y(x_i)](x - x_i) \tag{2}$$

Setting  $x = x_{i+1} = x_i + h$ , yields

$$y_{i+1} = y(x_i) + hf[x_i, y(x_i)] \quad (3)$$

as an approximation to  $y(x_{i+1})$ .

Since  $y(x_0) = y_0$  is known, Equation (3) can be used with  $i = 0$  to compute

$$y_1 = y_0 + hf(x_0, y_0)$$

However, setting  $i = 1$  in Equation (3) yields

$$y_2 = y_1 + hf(x_1, y_1)$$

Having computed  $y_2$ , can compute

$$y_3 = y_2 + hf(x_2, y_2)$$

In general, Euler's method starts with the known value  $y(x_0) = y_0$  and computes  $y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n$  successively by with the formula

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(x_i, y_i) \quad 0 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

The next example illustrates the computational procedure indicated in Euler's method.

**Example 1:** Find  $y(0.2)$  for

$$y' = \frac{x - y}{2}, \quad y(0) = 1$$

with step length 0.1 using Euler method.

**Solution:**

**Given:**  $y' = f(x, y) = \frac{x-y}{2}$  ,  $y(0) = 1$  ,  $h = 0.1$  ,  $y(0.2) = ?$

$$y_1 = y_0 + hf(x_0, y_0) = 1 + 0.1f(0, 1) = 1 + 0.1 \left( \frac{0-1}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 = 1 - 0.05 = 0.95$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + hf(x_1, y_1) = 0.95 + 0.1f(0.1, 0.95)$$

$$= 0.95 + 0.1 \left( \frac{0.1 - 0.95}{2} \right) = 0.95 + 0.1 \cdot (-0.425)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = 0.95 - 0.0425 = 0.9075$$

$$\therefore y(0, 2) = 0.9075$$

**Example 2:** Use Euler's method with  $h = 0.1$  to find approximate values for the solution of the initial value problem

$$y' + 2y = x^3 e^{-2x} , y(0) = 1 \text{ at } x = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3$$

**Solution:**

Rewriting equation as

$$y' = -2y + x^3 e^{-2x} , y(0) = 1$$

which is the form

$$f(x, y) = -2y + x^3 e^{-2x} , x_0 = 0 \text{ and } y_0 = 1$$

**Euler method**

$$y_1 = y_0 + hf(x_0, y_0) = 1 + (0.1)f(0, 1) = 1 + (0.1)(-2) = 0.8$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + hf(x_1, y_1) = 0.8 + (0.1)f(0.1, 0.8)$$

$$= 0.8 + (0.1)[-2(0.8) + (0.1)^3 e^{-2(0.1)}] = 0.6401$$

$$y_3 = y_2 + hf(x_2, y_2) = 0.6401 + (0.1)f(0.1, 0.6401)$$

$$= 0.6401 + (0.1)[-2(0.6401) + (0.2)^3 e^{-2(0.2)}] = 0.5126$$

$$y_4 = y_3 + hf(x_3, y_3) = 0.5126 + (0.1)f(0.3, 0.5126)$$

$$= 0.5126 + (0.1)[-2(0.5126) + (0.3)^3 e^{-2(0.3)}] = 0.46496$$

## 2. Euler method (2<sup>nd</sup> order derivative)

$$y_1 = y_0 + hf(x_0 + y_0 + z_0)$$

**Example 1:** Find  $y(0.1)$  for

$$y'' = 1 + 2xy - x^2z, \quad x_0 = 0, \quad y_0 = 1, \quad y'_0 = 0, \quad z_0 = 0$$

with step size 0.1 using Euler method (2<sup>nd</sup> order derivative)

**Solution:**

Put  $\frac{dy}{dx} = z$  and differentiate with respect to  $x$ , yields

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

Thus, the system of equations is:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = z = f(x, y, z)$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = 1 + 2xy - x^2z = g(x, y, z)$$

**Euler method for second order differential equation:**

$$y_1 = y_0 + hf(x_0 + y_0 + z_0) = 1 + 0.1f(0, 1, 0)$$

$$= 1 + 0.1[1 + 2(0)(1) - 0^3(0)] = 1.1$$

$$\therefore y(0.1) = 1.1$$

### Runge–Kutta Methods

The most widely known member of the Runge – Kutta family is generally referred to as "RK4", the "classic Runge – Kutta method" or simply as "the Runge – Kutta method".

Let an initial value problem be specified as follows:

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y). \quad y(t_0) = y_0$$

Here  $\mathbf{y}$  is an **unknown function** (scalar or vector) of **time  $t$** , from which **would like to approximate**; we are told that  $\frac{dy}{dt}$ , the **rate** at which  $\mathbf{y}$  changes, is a **function** of  $t$  and of  $\mathbf{y}$  itself. At the initial time  $t_0$  the corresponding  $\mathbf{y}$  value is  $\mathbf{y}_0$ . The function  $f$  and the **initial conditions**  $t_0, \mathbf{y}_0$  are given.

Now picking a **step – size  $h > 0$**  and **define**:

$$\mathbf{y}_{n+1} = \mathbf{y}_n + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)h$$

$$t_{n+1} = t_n + h$$

for  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , using

$$k_1 = f(t_n, \mathbf{y}_n),$$

$$k_2 = f\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, \mathbf{y}_n + h\frac{k_1}{2}\right),$$

$$k_3 = f\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, \mathbf{y}_n + h\frac{k_2}{2}\right),$$

$$k_4 = f\left(t_n + h, \mathbf{y}_n + hk_3\right).$$

Here  $\mathbf{y}_{n+1}$  is the "**RK4**" approximation of  $\mathbf{y}(t_{n+1})$ , and the **next value** ( $\mathbf{y}_{n+1}$ ) is determined by the **present value** ( $\mathbf{y}_n$ ) **plus the weighted average of four increments**, where **each increment** is the **product** of the **size of the interval**, ( $h$ ), and an **estimated slope** specified by **function( $f$ )** on the **right – hand side** of the **different equation**

- $k_1$  is the **slope** at the **beginning** of the **interval**, using  $\mathbf{y}$  (**Euler's method**);
- $k_2$  is the **slope** at the **midpoint** of the **interval**, using  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $k_1$  ;
- $k_3$  is again the **slope** at the **midpoint**, but now using  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $k_2$ ;
- $k_4$  is the **slope** at the **end** of the **interval**, using  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $k_3$ .

In **averaging** the **four slopes**, **greater weight** is **given** to the **slopes** at the **midpoint**. If  $f$  is **independent** of  $\mathbf{y}$ , so that the **differential equation** is **equivalent** to a **simple integral**, then **RK4** is **Simpson's rule**.

The **RK4 method** is a **fourth – order method**, meaning that the **local truncation error** is on the order of  $O(h^5)$ , while the **total accumulated error** is on the order of  $O(h^4)$ .

In many practical applications the function  $f$  is independent of  $t$  (so called **autonomous system**, or **time – invariant system**, especially in physics), and their increments are not computed at all and not passed to function  $f$ , with only the final formula for  $t_{n+1}$  used.

### Explicit Runge–Kutta methods

The family of **explicit Runge–Kutta methods** is a generalization of the **RK4 method**. It is given by

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \sum_{i=1}^s b_i k_i$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(t_n, y_n), \\ k_2 &= f[t_n + c_2 h, y_n + h(a_{21} k_1)], \\ k_3 &= f[t_n + c_3 h, y_n + h(a_{31} k_1 + a_{32} k_2)], \\ &\vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \\ k_s &= f[t_n + c_s h, y_n + h(a_{s1} k_1 + a_{s2} k_2 + \dots + a_{s,s-1} k_{s-1})], \end{aligned}$$

To specify a particular method, one needs to provide the integer  $s$  (the number of stages), and the coefficients  $a_{ij}$  (for  $1 \leq j \leq S$ ),  $b_i$  (for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, S$ ) and  $c_i$  (for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, S$ ). The matrix  $[a_{ij}]$  is called the **Runge – Kutta matrix**, while the  $b_i$  and  $c_i$  are known as the **weights** and the **nodes**. These data are usually arranged in a mnemonic device, known as a **Butcher tableau** (after **John C. Butcher**):

<b>0</b>					
$c_2$	$a_{21}$				
$c_3$	$a_{31}$	$a_{32}$			
$\vdots$	$\vdots$		$\ddots$		
$c_S$	$a_{S1}$	$a_{S2}$	$\cdots$	$a_{S,S-1}$	
	$b_1$	$b_2$	$\cdots$	$b_{S-1}$	$b_S$

A **Taylor series expansion** shows that the **Runge–Kutta method** is **consistent** if and only if

$$\sum_{i=1}^S b_i = 1$$

There are also **accompanying requirements** if one requires the **method** to have a **certain order  $p$** , meaning that the **local truncation error** is  $O(h^{p+1})$ . These can be derived from the **definition** of the **truncation error itself**. For example, a **two-stage method** has **order 2** if

$$b_1 + b_2 = 1 \quad , \quad b_2 c_2 = \frac{1}{2} \quad , \quad \text{and} \quad b_2 a_{21} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Note that a **popular condition** for **determining coefficients** is:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} = c_i \quad \text{for} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, S$$

This condition alone, however, is neither sufficient nor necessary for consistency.

In general, if an **explicit  $S$  – stage Runge–Kutta method** has order  $p$ , then it can be proven that the **number of stages** must satisfy  $S \geq p$ , and if  $p \geq 5$ , then  $S \geq p + 1$ . However, it is **not known whether these bounds** are **sharp** in **all cases**; for example, all **known methods** of **order 8** have at least **11 stages**, though it is **possible** that there are **methods** with **fewer stages**. (The **bound above** suggests that there could be a **method with 9 stages**; but it could also be that the **bound is simply not sharp**.)

Indeed, it is an **open problem** what the **precise minimum number** of **stages  $S$**  is for an **explicit Runge–Kutta method** to have order  $p$  in those cases where no methods have yet been discovered that satisfy the bounds above with equality. Some values which are known are:

$p$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
min $S$	1	2	3	4	6	7	9	11

The **provable bounds above** then imply that cannot find methods of orders  $p = 1, 2, \dots, 6$  that **require fewer stages** than the **methods** for these orders. However, it is **conceivable** that **might find** a **method** of order  $p = 7$  that **has only 8 stages**, whereas the only **ones known** today have at **least 9 stages** as shown in the table.

**Example:** The **RK4 method** falls in this **framework** its **tableau** is:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
 0 & & & & \\
 \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & & & \\
 \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & & \\
 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \\
 \hline
 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6}
 \end{array}$$

A **slight variation** of "the" **Runge – Kutta method** is also due to **Kutta** in **1901** and is **called** the **3/8 – rule**. The **primary advantage** this method has is that almost all of the **error coefficients** are **smaller than** in the **popular method**, but it **requires slightly more FLOPs** (floating-point operations) per **time step**. Its **Butcher tableau** is:

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc}
 0 & & & \\
 1 & 1 & & \\
 \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & & \\
 2 & \frac{1}{3} & 1 & \\
 \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & & \\
 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\
 \hline
 & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{3}{8} & \frac{3}{8} & \frac{1}{8}
 \end{array}$$

However, the simplest **Runge – Kutta method** is the (**forward**) **Euler method**, given by the formula

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(t_n, y_n)$$

This is the **only consistent explicit Runge – Kutta method** with **one stage**. The corresponding tableau is:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 0 & \\
 \hline
 & 1
 \end{array}$$

**Example 1:** Find  $y(0.2)$  for

$$y' = \frac{x - y}{2}, \quad x_0 = 0, \quad y(0) = 1$$

with step length **0.1** using **Runge – Kutta 2 method** (1<sup>st</sup> order derivative).

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given: } y' = f(x, y) = \frac{x - y}{2}, \quad x_0 = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad h = 0.1, \quad y(0.2) = ?$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{k_1 + k_2}{2}$$

**# Method – 1: Using formula**

$$k_2 = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_1)$$

**Second order R – K method**

$$k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0) = 0.1f(0, 1) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.5) = -0.05$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_2 &= hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_1) = 0.1f[0 + 0.1, 1 + (-0.05)] \\
 &= 0.1f(0.1, 0.95) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.425) = -0.0425
 \end{aligned}$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{k_1 + k_2}{2} = 1 + \frac{-0.05 + (-0.0425)}{2} = 1 - 0.04625 = 0.9538$$

$$y_1 = 0.9538$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + \frac{k_1 + k_2}{2}$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_1, y_1) = 0.1f(0.1, 0.9538) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.4269) = -0.0427$$

$$k_2 = hf(x_1 + h, y_1 + k_1) = 0.1f[0.1 + 0.1, 0.9538 + (-0.0427)] \\ = 0.1f(0.2, 0.9111) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.3555) = -0.0356$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + \frac{k_1 + k_2}{2} = 0.9538 + \frac{-0.0427 + (-0.0356)}{2}$$

$$y_2 = 0.9538 - 0.0391 = 0.9146$$

$$y_3 = y_2 + \frac{k_1 + k_2}{2}$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_2, y_2) = 0.1f(0.2, 0.9146) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.3573) = -0.0357$$

$$k_2 = hf(x_2 + h, y_2 + k_1) = 0.1f[0.2 + 0.1, 0.9146 + (-0.0357)] \\ = 0.1f(0.3, 0.8789) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.2895) = -0.02895$$

$$y_3 = y_2 + \frac{k_1 + k_2}{2} = 0.9146 + \frac{-0.0357 + (-0.0289)}{2}$$

$$y_3 = 0.9146 - 0.0323 = 0.8823$$

$$\therefore y(0.2) = 0.83823$$

### # Method – 2: Using formula

$$y_1 = y_0 + k_2$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}\right)$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0)$$

### Second order R – K method

$$y_1 = y_0 + k_2$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0) = 0.1f(0, 1) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.5) = -0.05$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}\right) = 0.1f\left[0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1 + \left(-\frac{0.05}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$= 0.1f(0.05, 0.975) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.4625) = -0.04625$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + k_2 = 1 + (-0.0462) = 0.9538$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + k_2$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_1, y_1) = 0.1f(0.1, 0.9538) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.4269) = -0.0427$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}\right) = 0.1f\left[0.1 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 0.9538 + \left(-\frac{0.0427}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$= 0.1f(0.15, 0.9324) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.43912) = -0.0391$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + k_2 = 0.9538 + (-0.0391) = 0.9146$$

$$y_3 = y_2 + k_2$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_2, y_2) = 0.1f(0.2, 0.9146) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.3573) = -0.0357$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_2 + \frac{h}{2}, y_2 + \frac{k_1}{2}\right) = 0.1f\left[0.2 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 0.9146 + \left(-\frac{0.0357}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$= 0.1f(0.25, 0.8968) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.3234) = -0.0323$$

$$y_3 = y_2 + k_2 = 0.9146 + (-0.0323) = 0.8823$$

### #Third order R – K method

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3)$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0)$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}\right)$$

$$k_3 = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + 2k_2 - k_1)$$

**Example 2:** Find  $y(0.2)$  for

$$y' = \frac{x-y}{2}, \quad x_0 = 0, \quad y(0) = 1$$

with step length 0.1 using Runge – Kutta 3 method (1<sup>st</sup> order derivative).

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given: } y' = f(x, y) = \frac{x-y}{2}, \quad x_0 = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad h = 0.1, \quad y(0.2) = ?$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3)$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0) = 0.1f(0, 1) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.5) = -0.05$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}\right) = 0.1f\left[0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1 + \left(-\frac{0.05}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$= 0.1f(0.05, 0.975) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.4625) = -0.04625$$

$$k_3 = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + 2k_2 - k_1)$$

$$= 0.1f[0 + 0.1, 1 + 2(-0.04625) - (-0.05)]$$

$$= 0.1f[0.1, 1 + 2(-0.04625) - (-0.05)] = 0.1f(0.1, 0.9574)$$

$$= 0.1 \cdot (-0.42875) = -0.04288$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{6}[-0.05 + 4(-0.04625) + (-0.04288)] = 0.95369$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3)$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_1, y_1) = 0.1f(0.1, 0.9537) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.4268) = -0.0427$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_1 + \frac{h}{2}, y_1 + \frac{k_1}{2}\right) = 0.1f\left[0.1 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 0.9537 + \left(-\frac{0.0427}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$= 0.1f(0.15, 0.9324) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.3912) = -0.03912$$

$$k_3 = hf(x_1 + h, y_1 + 2k_2 - k_1)$$

$$= 0.1f[0.1 + 0.1, 0.9537 + 2(-0.03912) - (-0.0427)]$$

$$= 0.1f(0.2, 0.91814) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.0359) = -0.0359$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3)$$

$$= 0.9537 + \frac{1}{6}[-0.0427 + 4(-0.0391) + (-0.0359)] = 0.91451$$

$$y_3 = y_2 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3)$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_2, y_2) = 0.1f(0.2, 0.9145) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.35725) = -0.0357$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_2 + \frac{h}{2}, y_2 + \frac{k_1}{2}\right) = 0.1f\left[0.2 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 0.9145 + \left(-\frac{0.0357}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$= 0.1f(0.25, 0.8967) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.3233) = -0.0323$$

$$\begin{aligned}
k_3 &= hf(x_2 + h, y_2 + 2k_2 - k_1) \\
&= 0.1f[0.2 + 0.1, 0.9145 + 2(-0.0323) - (-0.0357)] \\
&= 0.1f(0.3, 0.8856) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.2928) = -0.0293
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
y_3 &= y_2 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3) \\
&= 0.9145 + \frac{1}{6}[-0.0357 + 4(-0.0323) + (-0.0293)] = 0.8823
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore y(0.2) = 0.8823$$

### #Forth order R – K method

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0)$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}\right)$$

$$k_3 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_2}{2}\right)$$

$$k_4 = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3)$$

**Example 2:** Find  $y(0.2)$  for

$$y' = \frac{x - y}{2}, \quad x_0 = 0, \quad y(0) = 1$$

with step length 0.1 using Runge – Kutta 4 method (1<sup>st</sup> order derivative).

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given: } y' = f(x, y) = \frac{x - y}{2}, \quad x_0 = 0, y(0) = 1, h = 0.1, \quad y(0.2) = ?$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0) = 0.1f(0, 1) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.5) = -0.05$$

$$\begin{aligned}
k_2 &= hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}\right) = 0.1f\left[0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1 + \left(-\frac{0.05}{2}\right)\right] \\
&= 0.1f(0.05, 0.975) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.4625) = -0.0463
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{k}_3 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_2}{2}\right) = 0.1f\left[0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1 + \left(-\frac{0.0463}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$= 0.1f(0.05, 0.9769) = 0.1(-0.46344) = -0.0463$$

$$\mathbf{k}_4 = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3) = 0.1[0 + 0.1, 1 + (-0.0463)]$$

$$= 0.1f(0.1, 0.9537) = 0.1(-0.4268) = -0.0427$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{6}[-0.05 + 2(-0.0463) + 2(-0.0463) + (-0.427)]$$

$$y_1 = 0.9537$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$\mathbf{k}_1 = hf(x_1, y_1) = 0.1f(0.1, 0.9537) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.4268) = -0.0427$$

$$\mathbf{k}_2 = hf\left(x_1 + \frac{h}{2}, y_1 + \frac{k_1}{2}\right) = 0.1f\left[0.1 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 0.9537 + \left(-\frac{0.0427}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$= 0.1f(0.15, 0.9323) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.3912) = -0.0391$$

$$\mathbf{k}_3 = hf\left(x_1 + \frac{h}{2}, y_1 + \frac{k_2}{2}\right) = 0.1f\left[0.1 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 0.9537 + \left(-\frac{0.0391}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$= 0.1f(0.15, 0.9341) = 0.1(-0.3921) = -0.0392$$

$$\mathbf{k}_4 = hf(x_1 + h, y_1 + k_3) = 0.1[0.1 + 0.1, 0.9537 + (-0.0392)]$$

$$= 0.1f(0.2, 0.9145) = 0.1(-0.3572) = -0.0357$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$= 0.9537 + \frac{1}{6}[-0.0427 + 2(-0.0391) + 2(-0.0392) + (-0.0357)]$$

$$y_2 = 0.91451$$

$$y_3 = y_2 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$\mathbf{k}_1 = hf(x_2, y_2) = 0.1f(0.2, 0.91451) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.35725) = -0.0357$$

$$\mathbf{k}_2 = hf\left(x_2 + \frac{h}{2}, y_2 + \frac{k_1}{2}\right) = 0.1f\left[0.2 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 0.91451 + \left(-\frac{0.0357}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$= 0.1f(0.25, 0.73589) = 0.1 \cdot (-0.48589) = -0.0486$$

$$\mathbf{k}_3 = hf\left(x_2 + \frac{h}{2}, y_2 + \frac{k_2}{2}\right) = 0.1f\left[0.2 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 0.91451 + \left(-\frac{0.0486}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$= 0.1f(0.25, 0.6716) = 0.1(-0.4216) = -0.0422$$

$$\mathbf{k}_4 = hf(x_2 + h, y_2 + k_3) = 0.1[0.2 + 0.1, 0.9145 + (-0.0392)]$$

$$= 0.1f(0.3, 0.8753) = 0.1(-0.5753) = -0.05753$$

$$y_3 = y_2 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$= 0.9145 + \frac{1}{6}[-0.0357 + 2(-0.0486) + 2(-0.0422) + (-0.05753)]$$

$$y_3 = 0.7824$$

### Second – order methods with two stages

An **example** of a **second – order method** with **two stages** is provided by the **midpoint method**

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + hf\left[t_n + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}hf(t_n, y_n)\right]$$

The **corresponding tableau** is:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \hline & 0 \quad 1 \end{array}$$

The **midpoint method** is **not** the **only second-order Runge – Kutta method** with **two stages**; there is a family of such methods, parameterized by  $\alpha$  and given by the formula

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h\left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{2\alpha}\right)f(t_n, y_n) + \frac{1}{2\alpha}f\{(t_n + \alpha h, y_n + \alpha hf(t_n, y_n))\}\right]$$

Its **Bucher tableau** is:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & \\ \alpha & \alpha \\ \hline & \left(1 - \frac{1}{2\alpha}\right) \quad \frac{1}{2\alpha} \end{array}$$

In this family,

- $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  gives the **midpoint method**
- $\alpha = 1$  is **Heun's method**
- $\alpha = \frac{2}{3}$  is **Ralston's method**

### Use

As an **example**, consider the **two-stage second – order Runge – Kutta method** with  $\alpha = \frac{2}{3}$ , also **known** as **Ralston method**. It is **given** by the **tableau**

0	
$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$
$\frac{3}{3}$	$\frac{3}{3}$
	$\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$

with the corresponding equations

$$k_1 = f(t_n, y_n),$$

$$k_2 = f\left[t_n + \frac{2}{3}h, y_n + \frac{2}{3}hk_1\right],$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h\left(\frac{1}{4}k_1 + \frac{3}{4}k_2\right)$$

The method is **used** to solve the **initial – value problem**

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \tan(y) + 1, \quad y_0 = 1, t \in (1, 1.1)$$

with **step size**  $h = 0.025$ , so the **method needs** to take **four steps**.

The **method proceeds** as follows:

$$t_0 = 1:$$

$$y_0 = 1$$

$$t_1 = 1.025:$$

$$y_0 = 1$$

$$k_1 = 2.557407725$$

$$k_2 = f\left(t_0 + \frac{2}{3}h, y_0 + \frac{2}{3}hk_1\right) = 2.7138981400$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + h\left(\frac{1}{4}k_1 + \frac{3}{4}k_2\right) = 1.066869388$$

$t_2 = 1.05$ :

$$y_1 = 1.066869388$$

$$k_1 = 2.813524695$$

$$k_2 = f\left(t_1 + \frac{2}{3}h, y_1 + \frac{2}{3}hk_1\right)$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + h\left(\frac{1}{4}k_1 + \frac{3}{4}k_2\right) = 1.141332181$$

$t_3 = 1.075$ :

$$y_2 = 1.141332181$$

$$k_1 = 3.183536647$$

$$k_2 = f\left(t_2 + \frac{2}{3}h, y_2 + \frac{2}{3}hk_1\right) = 2.7138981400$$

$$y_3 = y_2 + h\left(\frac{1}{4}k_1 + \frac{3}{4}k_2\right) = 1.227417567$$

$t_4 = 1.1$ :

$$y_3 = 1.227417567$$

$$k_1 = 3.796866512$$

$$k_2 = f\left(t_3 + \frac{2}{3}h, y_3 + \frac{2}{3}hk_1\right) = 2.7138981400$$

$$y_4 = y_3 + h\left(\frac{1}{4}k_1 + \frac{3}{4}k_2\right) = 1.335079087$$

## Second Order R – K Method (Second Order Differential Equation)

### # Method – 1:

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{k_1 + k_2}{2}$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

$$k_2 = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_1, z_0 + l_1)$$

$$l_1 = hg(x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

$$l_2 = hg(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_1, z_0 + l_1)$$

### # Method – 2:

$$y_1 = y_0 + k_2$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_1}{2}\right)$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

$$l_1 = hg(x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

$$l_2 = hg\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_1}{2}\right)$$

**Example:** Find  $y(0.1)$  for

$$y'' = 1 + 2xy - x^2z$$

using the initial conditions,  $x_0 = 0$ ,  $y_0 = 1$ , and  $z_0 = 0$  with step length **0.1** using **Runge – Kutta 2 method (2<sup>nd</sup> order derivative)**.

**Solution:**

The Given equation is:  $y'' = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 1 + 2xy - x^2z$

Put  $\frac{dy}{dx} = z$  and differentiate with respect to  $x$ , yields  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{dz}{dx}$

Thus, the given **equation** becomes:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{dz}{dx} = 1 + 2xy - x^2z$$

with  $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0, x_0 = 0, h = 0.1, y(0.1) = ?$

Thus, the system of equations is:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = z = f(x, y, z)$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = 1 + 2xy - x^2z = g(x, y, z)$$

# Method – 1: Using formula

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{k_1 + k_2}{2}$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (0.1)f(0, 1, 0) = (0.1) \cdot (0) = 0$$

$$k_2 = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_1, z_0 + l_1)$$

$$l_1 = hg(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (0.1)g(0, 1, 0)$$

$$= (0.1)[1 + 2(0)(1) - (0)^2(0)] = 0.1$$

$$\Rightarrow k_2 = (0.1)f(0 + 0.1, 1 + 0, 0 + 0.1) = (0.1)f(0.1, 1, 0.1)$$

$$= (0.1)(0.1) = 0.01$$

$$l_2 = hg(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_1, z_0 + l_1) = (0.1)g(0 + 0.1, 1 + 0, 0 + 0.1)$$

$$= (0.1)g(0.1, 1, 0.1) = (0.1)[1 + 2(0.1)(1) - (0.1)^2(0.1)]$$

$$= (0.1)(1 + 0.2 - 0.001) = (0.1)(1.199) = 0.1199$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 = y_0 + \frac{k_1 + k_2}{2} = 1 + \frac{0 + 0.01}{2} = 1.005$$

$$\therefore y(0.1) = 1.005$$

# Method – 2: Using formula

$$y_1 = y_0 + k_2$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_1}{2}\right)$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (0.1)f(0, 1, 0) = (0.1) \cdot (0) = 0$$

$$l_1 = hg(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (0.1)g(0, 1, 0)$$

$$= (0.1)[1 + 2(0)(1) - (0)^2(0)] = 0.1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow k_2 &= (0.1)f\left(0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1 + \frac{0}{2}, 0 + \frac{0.1}{2}\right) = (0.1)f(0.05, 1, 0.05) \\ &= (0.1)(0.05) = 0.005 \\ l_2 &= hg\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_1}{2}\right) = (0.1)f\left(0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1 + \frac{0}{2}, 0 + \frac{0.1}{2}\right) \\ &= (0.1)g(0.05, 1, 0.05) = (0.1)[1 + 2(0.05)(1) - (0.05)^2(0.05)] \\ &= (0.1)(1.099875) = 0.10998751 \\ \Rightarrow y_1 &= y_0 + k_2 = 1 + 0.005 = 1.005 \\ \therefore y(0.1) &= 1.005 \end{aligned}$$

### Third Order R – K Method (Second Order Differential Equation)

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3)$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

$$l_1 = hg(x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_1}{2}\right)$$

$$l_2 = hg\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_1}{2}\right)$$

$$k_3 = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + 2k_2 - k_1, z_0 + 2l_2 - l_1)$$

$$l_3 = hg(x_0 + h, y_0 + 2k_2 - k_1, z_0 + 2l_2 - l_1)$$

**Example:** Find  $y(0.1)$  for

$$y'' = 1 + 2xy - x^2z$$

using the initial conditions,  $x_0 = 0$ ,  $y_0 = 1$ , and  $z_0 = 0$  with step length  $0.1$  using **Runge – Kutta 3 method (2<sup>nd</sup> order derivative)**.

**Solution:**

The Given equation is:  $y'' = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 1 + 2xy - x^2z$

Put  $\frac{dy}{dx} = z$  and differentiate with respect to  $x$ , yields  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{dz}{dx}$

Thus, the given **equation** becomes:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{dz}{dx} = 1 + 2xy - x^2z$$

with  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ ,  $x_0 = 0$ ,  $h = 0.1$ ,  $y(0.1) = ?$

Thus, the system of equations is:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = z = f(x, y, z)$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = 1 + 2xy - x^2z = g(x, y, z)$$

### Third Order R – K Method

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3)$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (0.1)f(0, 1, 0) = (0.1) \cdot (0) = 0$$

$$l_1 = hg(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (0.1)g(0, 1, 0)$$

$$= (0.1)[1 + 2(0)(1) - (0)^2(0)] = 0.1$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_1}{2}\right) = (0.1)f\left(0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1 + \frac{0}{2}, 0 + \frac{0.1}{2}\right)$$

$$= (0.1)(0.05) = 0.005$$

$$l_2 = hg\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_1}{2}\right) = (0.1)g\left(0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1 + \frac{0}{2}, 0 + \frac{0.1}{2}\right)$$

$$= (0.1)g(0.05, 1, 0.05) = (0.1)[1 + 2(0.05)(1) - (0.05)^2(0.05)]$$

$$= (0.1)(1.099875) = 0.10998751$$

$$k_3 = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + 2k_2 - k_1, z_0 + 2l_2 - l_1)$$

$$= (0.1)[0 + 0.1, 1 + 2(0.005) - 0, 0 + 2(0.10999) - 0.1]$$

$$= (0.1)(0.1, 1.01, 0.11998) = (0.1)(0.12) = 0.012$$

$$l_3 = hg(x_0 + h, y_0 + 2k_2 - k_1, z_0 + 2l_2 - l_1)$$

$$= (0.1)g[0 + 0.1, 1 + 2(0.005) - 0, 0 + 2(0.10999) - 0.1]$$

$$= (0.1)g(0.1, 1.01, 0.11998)$$

$$= (0.1)[1 + 2(0.1)(1.01) - (0.1)^2(0.12)] = (0.1)(1.20202)$$

$$= 0.1202$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 = y_0 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{6}[0 + 4(0.005) + 0.012] = 1.0053$$

$$\therefore y(0.1) = 1.005$$

### Fourth Order R – K Method for 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Differential Equation)

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

$$l_1 = hg(x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_1}{2}\right)$$

$$l_2 = hg\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_1}{2}\right)$$

$$k_3 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_2}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_2}{2}\right)$$

$$l_3 = hg\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_2}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_2}{2}\right)$$

$$k_4 = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3, z_0 + l_3)$$

$$l_4 = hg(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3, z_0 + l_3)$$

**Example:** Find  $y(0.1)$  for

$$y'' = 1 + 2xy - x^2z$$

using the initial conditions,  $x_0 = 0$ ,  $y_0 = 1$ , and  $z_0 = 0$  with step length  $0.1$  using **Runge – Kutta 4 method (2<sup>nd</sup> order derivative)**.

**Solution:**

The Given equation is:  $y'' = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 1 + 2xy - x^2z$

Put  $\frac{dy}{dx} = z$  and differentiate with respect to  $x$ , yields  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{dz}{dx}$

Thus, the given **equation** becomes:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{dz}{dx} = 1 + 2xy - x^2z$$

with  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ ,  $x_0 = 0$ ,  $h = 0.1$ ,  $y(0.1) = ?$

Thus, the system of equations is:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = z = f(x, y, z)$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = 1 + 2xy - x^2z = g(x, y, z)$$

**Fourth Order R – K Method for 2<sup>nd</sup> order differential equation)**

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (0.1)f(0, 1, 0) = (0.1) \cdot (0) = 0$$

$$l_1 = hg(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (0.1)g(0, 1, 0)$$

$$= (0.1)[1 + 2(0)(1) - (0)^2(0)] = 0.1$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_1}{2}\right) = (0.1)f\left(0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1 + \frac{0}{2}, 0 + \frac{0.1}{2}\right)$$

$$= (0.1)(0.05) = 0.005$$

$$l_2 = hg\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_1}{2}\right) = (0.1)g\left(0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1 + \frac{0}{2}, 0 + \frac{0.1}{2}\right)$$

$$= (0.1)g(0.05, 1, 0.05) = (0.1)[1 + 2(0.05)(1) - (0.05)^2(0.05)]$$

$$= (0.1)(1.099875) = 0.10998751 = 0.11$$

$$k_3 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_2}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_2}{2}\right)$$

$$= (0.1)f\left(0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1 + \frac{0.005}{2}, 0 + \frac{0.11}{2}\right)$$

$$= (0.1)f(0.05, 1.0025, 0.055) = (0.1)(0.055) = 0.0055$$

$$l_3 = hg\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_2}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_2}{2}\right)$$

$$= (0.1)g\left(0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1 + \frac{0.005}{2}, 0 + \frac{0.11}{2}\right)$$

$$= (0.1)g(0.05, 1.0025, 0.055)$$

$$= (0.1)[1 + 2(0.05)(1.0025) - (0.05)^2(0.055)]$$

$$= (0.1)(1.1001) = 0.11$$

$$k_4 = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3, z_0 + l_3)$$

$$= (0.1)f(0 + 0.1, 1 + 0.0055, 0 + 0.11)$$

$$= (0.1)f(0.1, 1.0055, 0.11) = (0.1)(0.11) = 0.011$$

$$l_4 = hg(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3, z_0 + l_3) =$$

$$= (0.1)g(0 + 0.1, 1 + 0.0055, 0 + 0.11)$$

$$= (0.1)g(0.1, 1.0055, 0.11) = (0.1)$$

$$= (0.1)[1 + 2(0.1)(1.0025) - (0.1)^2(0.055)]$$

$$= (0.1)(1.9995) = 0.12$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 = y_0 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{6}[0 + 2(0.005) + 2(0.0055) + 0.011] = 1.0053$$

$$\therefore y(0.1) = 1.005$$

## Numerical Integration

The **area under curve** is **one of the common most application** for “**Numerical Integration**” because the “**Analytical Methods**” are **difficult solution** or **there’s no solution** in this way.

It is known that a **definite integral** of the form

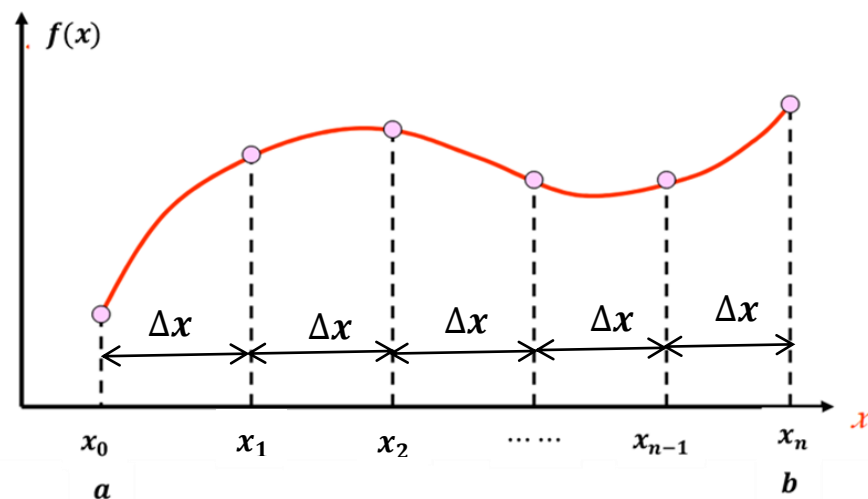
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx$$

**Represents the area under the curve**

$$y = f(x)$$

**enclosed between the limits  $x = a$  and  $x = b$ .**

Thus, the **goal** is to **approximate** the **definite integral** of a **function  $f(x)$**  over the **interval  $[a, b]$**  by **evaluating** the **function  $f(x)$**  at a **finite number of sample points**. Thus, the **process of finding the approximation to the definite Integral** is known as **Numerical Integration**.



Let  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be **given set of observations**, and let  $y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  be the **corresponding values** for the **curve  $y = f(x)$** .

Suppose that  $a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_m < b$ .

A formula of the form:

$$Q[f] = \sum_{k=0}^m w_k f(x_k) = w_0 f(x_0) + w_1 f(x_1) + \cdots + w_m f(x_m)$$

with the property that:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = Q[f] + E[f]$$

is called a numerical integration or quadrature formula.

- The term  $E[f]$  is called the truncation error for integration.
- The values  $\{x_k\}_{k=0}^m$  are called the quadrature nodes and
- $\{w_k\}_{k=0}^m$  are called weights.

### Closed Newton-Cotes Quadrature Formulas

The Newton – Cotes Integration formulas are the most numerical integration schemes. They are based on the strategy of replacing a complicated function or tabulated data with an approximating function that is easy to integrate:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f_n(x) dx$$

$$f_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i f(x_i) = a_0 f(x_0) + a_1 f(x_1) + \cdots + a_n f(x_n)$$

where

$$x_n = x_0 + n \Delta x \quad . \quad n = \text{number of subintervals} = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta x = \frac{x_n - x_0}{n}$$

are equally spaced nodes and

$$f_n = f(x_n).$$

The first four closed Newton-Cotes quadrature formulas are:

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} (f_0 + f_1) \text{ --- the Trapezoidal Rule}$$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} (f_0 + 4f_1 + f_2) \text{ --- the Simpson's 1/3 Rule}$$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_3} f(x) dx \approx \frac{3\Delta x}{8} (f_0 + 3f_1 + 3f_2 + f_3) \text{ the Simpson's 3/8 Rule}$$

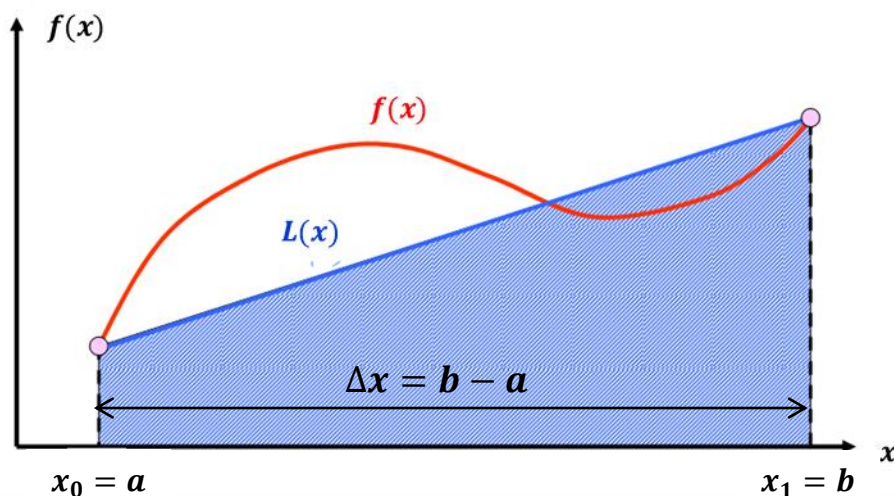
$$\int_{x_0}^{x_4} f(x) dx \approx \frac{2\Delta x}{45} (7f_0 + 32f_1 + 12f_2 + 32f_3 + 7f_4) \text{ the Boole's Rule}$$

### ★ Trapezoidal Rule

$$I = \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(x_0) + 2\{f(x_1) + f(x_2) + f(x_3) + \dots + f(x_{n-1})\} + f(x_n)]$$

Here  $n$  is a number of intervals, and

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n} . \text{ when } n = 1 \Rightarrow \Delta x = b - a$$



**Lagrange Interpolation:**

$$L(x) = \frac{x - x_1}{x_0 - x_1} f(x_0) + \frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0} f(x_1)$$

Let  $a = x_0$  ,  $b = x_1$  ,  $\Delta x = b - a$

$$\xi = \frac{x - a}{b - a} \quad , \quad d\xi = \frac{dx}{\Delta x}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = a \Rightarrow \xi = \frac{x - a}{b - a} = \frac{a - a}{b - a} = 0 \\ x = b \Rightarrow \xi = \frac{x - a}{b - a} = \frac{b - a}{b - a} = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow L(\xi) = (1 - \xi)f(a) + (\xi) f(b)$$

**Integrating to obtain the rule:**

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \int_a^b L(x) dx = \Delta x \int_0^1 L(\xi) d\xi \\ &= \Delta x f(a) \int_0^1 (1 - \xi) d\xi + \Delta x f(b) \int_0^1 \xi d\xi \\ &= \Delta x f(a) \left( \xi - \frac{\xi^2}{2} \right) \Big|_0^1 + \Delta x f(b) \frac{\xi^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow I \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(a) + f(b)]$$

**Example 1: Evaluate the integral by using Trapezoidal method**

$$\int_0^4 x e^{2x} dx$$

**Solution:**

- The exact solution is:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^4 x e^{2x} dx &= \int u dv = uv - \int v du = \left| \begin{array}{l} u = x \Rightarrow du = dx \\ dv = e^{2x} dx \Rightarrow v = \frac{e^{2x}}{2} \end{array} \right| \\ &= x \frac{e^{2x}}{2} - \int_0^4 \frac{e^{2x}}{2} dx = \left[ \frac{1}{2} x e^{2x} - \frac{e^{2x}}{4} \right]_0^4 \\ &= \left[ \frac{x}{2} e^{2x} - \frac{1}{4} e^{2x} \right]_0^4 = \frac{1}{4} e^{2x} (2x - 1) \Big|_0^4 \\ &= 5216.93 \end{aligned}$$

- Trapezoidal Rule:

$$\text{Let } a = x_0 = 0 \quad .b = x_1 = 4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta x = x_1 - x_0 = 4 - 0 = 4$$

$$I = \int_0^4 x e^{2x} dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(x_0) + f(x_1)] \approx \frac{4}{2} [f(0) + f(4)]$$

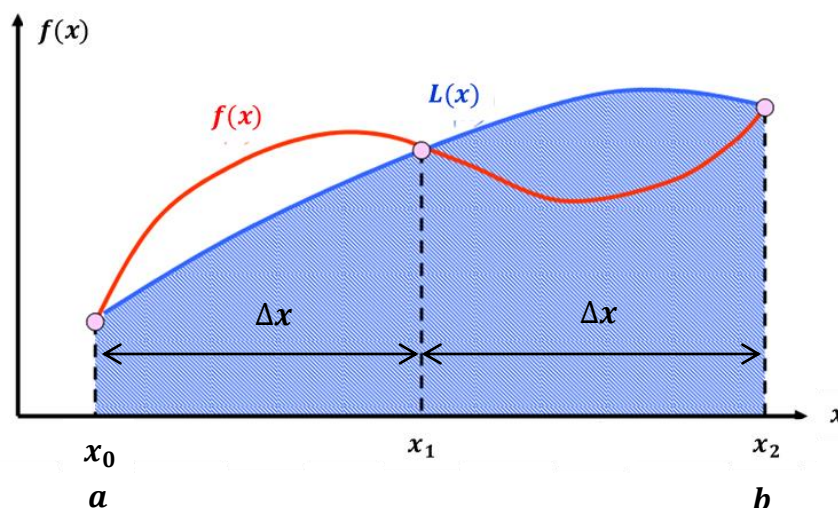
$$= 2(0 + 4e^8) = 23847.66$$

$$\varepsilon_a = \left| \frac{5216.926 - 23847.66}{5216.926} \right| \times 100\% = 357.12\%$$

### ★ Simpson`s 1/3 rd Rule

Approximate the function by a parabola

$$I = \frac{\Delta x}{3} [(f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2))]$$



### Lagrange Interpolation:

$$L(x) = \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_2)}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)} f(x_0) + \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_2)}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)} f(x_1) + \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_1)}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)} f(x_2)$$

$$\text{Let } a = x_0, \quad b = x_2, \quad \Delta x = \frac{b - a}{2} = x_1 - x_0 = x_2 - x_1$$

$$x_1 = \frac{a + b}{2} = x_0 + \Delta x, \quad x_2 = \frac{a + b}{2} = x_0 + 2\Delta x = x_1 + \Delta x$$

$$\xi = \frac{x - x_1}{\Delta x}, \quad d\xi = \frac{dx}{\Delta x}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = x_0 & \Rightarrow & \xi = -1 \\ x = x_1 & \Rightarrow & \xi = 0 \\ x = x_2 & \Rightarrow & \xi = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow L(\xi) = \frac{\xi(1 - \xi)}{2} f(x_0) + (1 - \xi^2) f(x_1) + \frac{\xi(\xi + 1)}{2} f(x_2)$$

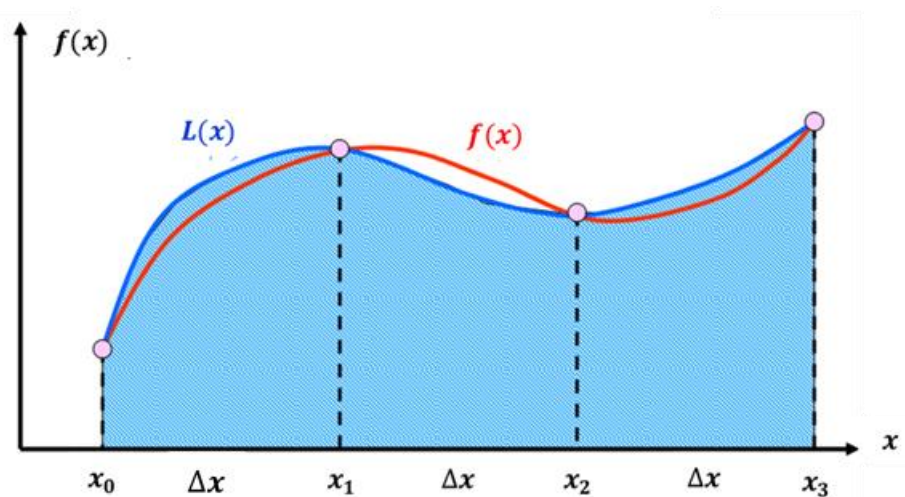
**Integrating to obtain the rule:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \Delta x \int_{-1}^1 L(\xi) d\xi \\
 &= f(x_0) \frac{\Delta x}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \xi(\xi - 1) d\xi + f(x_1) \Delta x \int_{-1}^1 (1 - \xi^2) d\xi \\
 &\quad + f(x_2) \frac{\Delta x}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \xi(\xi + 1) d\xi \\
 &= f(x_0) \frac{\Delta x}{2} \left( \frac{\xi^3}{3} - \frac{\xi^2}{2} \right) \Big|_{-1}^1 + f(x_1) \Delta x \left( \xi - \frac{\xi^3}{3} \right) \Big|_{-1}^1 \\
 &\quad + f(x_2) \frac{\Delta x}{2} \left( \frac{\xi^3}{3} + \frac{\xi^2}{2} \right) \Big|_{-1}^1 \\
 &\Rightarrow I = \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} [f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)]
 \end{aligned}$$

### ★ Simpson`s 3/8 th Rule

Approximate by a cubic polynomial

$$I \approx \frac{3}{8} \Delta x [f(x_0) + 3f(x_1) + 3f(x_2) + f(x_3)]$$



**Lagrange Interpolation:**

$$\begin{aligned}
L(x) &= \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)(x-x_3)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)(x_0-x_3)} f(x_0) \\
&+ \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)(x-x_3)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)(x_1-x_3)} f(x_1) \\
&+ \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_3)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)(x_2-x_3)} f(x_2) \\
&+ \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_3-x_0)(x_3-x_1)(x_3-x_2)} f(x_3)
\end{aligned}$$

**Integrating to obtain the rule:**

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \int_a^b L(x) dx \quad , \quad \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{3} \\
\Rightarrow I &= \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{3\Delta x}{8} [f(x_0) + 3f(x_1) + 3f(x_2) + f(x_3)]
\end{aligned}$$

**Note the 3/8 in the formula, and hence the name of method as the Simpson's 3/8 rule.**

**Example 2: Evaluate the following integral using Simpson 1/3 and Simpson 3/8 rule and then compare with exact value**

$$\int_0^4 x e^{2x} dx$$

**Solution:**

The **exact solution** is:

$$\int_0^4 x e^{2x} dx = \left[ \frac{x}{2} e^{2x} - \frac{1}{4} e^{2x} \right]_0^4 = \frac{1}{4} e^{2x} (2x - 1) \Big|_0^4 = 5216.93$$

- Simpson 1/3 rule

$$I = \int_0^4 x e^{2x} dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} [f(0) + 4f(2) + f(4)]$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{4 - 0}{2} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^4 x e^{2x} dx = \frac{2}{3} [0 + 4(2e^4) + 4e^4] = 8240.41$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{5216.93 - 8240.41}{5216.93} = -57.96\%$$

- Simpson 3/8 rule

$$I = \int_0^4 x e^{2x} dx \approx \frac{3\Delta x}{8} \left[ f(0) + 3f\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) + 3f\left(\frac{8}{3}\right) + f(4) \right]$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{4 - 0}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow I \approx \frac{3\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)}{8} [0 + 3(19.18922) + 3(552.33933) + 11923.832]$$

$$= 6819.21$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{5216.93 - 6819.21}{5216.93} = -30.71\%$$

**Example 3:** A certain fluid has volume ( $0.08 \text{ m}^3$ ) is expansion reversibly in a cylinder behind a piston according to a law  $PV = 0.25$  to become ( $0.09 \text{ m}^3$ ), where ( $P$ ) pressure in ( $kPa$ ) and ( $V$ ) volume in ( $\text{m}^3$ ). Find by Trapezoidal Rule work done from

$$W = \int_{V_1}^{V_2} P dV \text{ and } n = 5.$$

**Solution:**

By numerical integration:

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n} = \frac{0.09 - 0.08}{5} = 0.002$$

$V_0 = 0.08$	$P_0 = f(V_0) = \frac{0.25}{V_0} = \frac{0.25}{0.08} = 3.125$
$V_1 = V_0 + 0.002$ $= 0.082$	$P_1 = f(V_1) = \frac{0.25}{V_1} = \frac{0.25}{0.082} = 3.0487$
$V_2 = V_1 + 0.002$ $= 0.084$	$P_2 = f(V_2) = \frac{0.25}{V_2} = \frac{0.25}{0.084} = 2.9762$
$V_3 = V_2 + 0.002$ $= 0.086$	$P_3 = f(V_3) = \frac{0.25}{V_3} = \frac{0.25}{0.086} = 2.907$
$V_4 = V_3 + 0.002$ $= 0.088$	$P_4 = f(V_4) = \frac{0.25}{V_4} = \frac{0.25}{0.088} = 2.841$
$V_5 = V_4 + 0.002$ $= 0.09$	$P_5 = f(V_5) = \frac{0.25}{V_5} = \frac{0.25}{0.09} = 2.7777$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I = W &= \int_{V_1}^{V_2} P dV \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} [P_0 + 2(P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + P_4) + P_5] \\
 &\approx \frac{0.002}{2} [3.125 + 2(3.0487 + 2.9762 + 2.907 + 2.841) \\
 &\quad + 2.7777] \\
 &\Rightarrow W = 0.02944 \text{ kJ}
 \end{aligned}$$

The exact solution is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= \int_{V_1}^{V_2} P dV = \int_{0.08}^{0.09} \frac{0.25}{V} dV = 0.25 [\ln V]_{0.08}^{0.09} = 0.02944 \text{ kJ} \\
 \varepsilon &= \frac{0.02944 - 0.02944}{0.02944} = 0\%
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 4:** The vertical distance covered by a rocket from  $x = 8$  to  $x = 30$  seconds is given by

$$s = \int_8^{30} \left[ 2000 \ln \left( \frac{140000}{140000 - 2100x} \right) - 9.8x \right] dx$$

Use Simpson 3/8 rule to find the approximate value of the integral.

**Solution:**

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n} = \frac{30 - 8}{3} = 7.3333$$

$$I \approx \frac{3}{8} \Delta x [f(x_0) + 3f(x_1) + 3f(x_2) + f(x_3)]$$

$$x_0 = a = 8$$

$$f(x_0) = 2000 \ln\left(\frac{140000}{140000 - 2100 \times 8}\right) - 9.8 \times 8 = 177.2667$$

$$x_1 = x_0 + \Delta x = 8 + 7.3333 = 15.3333$$

$$f(x_1) = 2000 \ln\left(\frac{140000}{140000 - 2100 \times 15.3333}\right) - 9.8 \times 15.3333 \\ = 372.4629$$

$$x_2 = x_0 + 2\Delta x = 8 + 2(7.3333) = 22.6666$$

$$f(x_2) = 2000 \ln\left(\frac{140000}{140000 - 2100 \times 22.6666}\right) - 9.8 \times 22.6666 \\ = 608.8976$$

$$x_3 = x_0 + 3\Delta x = 8 + 3(7.3333) = 30$$

$$f(x_3) = 2000 \ln\left(\frac{140000}{140000 - 2100 \times 30}\right) - 9.8 \times 30 = 901.6740$$

Substituting these values into the formula for Simpson 3/8 rule, yields

$$I \approx \frac{3}{8} \times 7.3333 \times (177.2667 + 3 \times 372.4629 + 3 \times 608.8976 \\ + 901.6740) \approx 11063.31$$

The exact answer can be computed as

$$I_{exact} = 11061.34 \\ \varepsilon = \frac{11061.34 - 11063.31}{11061.34} = -178.098\%$$

## ★ The Boole`s Rule

Boole's rule is a method of numerical integration to approximate an integral

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_4} f(x) dx$$

by using the values of the function  $f(x)$  at five equally spaced points  $x_0$ .

$$x_1 = x_0 + \Delta x .$$

$$x_2 = x_0 + 2\Delta x .$$

$$x_3 = x_0 + 3\Delta x .$$

$$x_4 = x_0 + 4\Delta x$$

It expressed as

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_4} f(x) dx \approx \frac{2\Delta x}{45} [7f(x_0) + 32f(x_1) + 12f(x_2) + 32f(x_3) + 7f(x_4)]$$

it is applicable only when the number of subintervals is a multiple of 4 ( $n = 4, 8, 12, \dots$ ). Thus dividing the range into four equal parts.

**Example 5:** Apply the various quadrature formulas to evaluate the integration of the function

$$f(x) = 1 + e^{-x} \sin(4x)$$

over the interval  $[0, 2]$  with equally spaced quadrature nodes

$$x_0 = 0, \quad x_1 = 0.5, \quad x_2 = 1, \quad x_3 = 1.5, \quad x_4 = 2$$

**Solution:**

The step size is:

$$\Delta x = x_1 - x_0 = 0.5 - 0 = 0.5$$

and the corresponding function values are:

$$f_0 = f(0) = 1 + e^{-0} \sin(4 \times 0) = 1$$

$$f_1 = f(0.5) = 1 + e^{-0.5} \sin(4 \times 0.5) = 1.55152$$

$$f_2 = f(1) = 1 + e^{-1} \sin(4 \times 1) = 0.72159$$

$$f_3 = f(1.5) = 1 + e^{-1.5} \sin(4 \times 1.5) = 0.93765$$

$$f_4 = f(2) = 1 + e^{-2} \sin(4 \times 2) = 1.13390$$

➤ **The Trapezoidal Rule**

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) dx &= \int_0^{0.5} f(x) dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} (f_0 + f_1) = \frac{0.5}{2} (1 + 1.55152) \\ &\approx 0.63788\end{aligned}$$

➤ **The Simpson's 1/3 Rule**

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx &= \int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} (f_0 + 4f_1 + f_2) \\ &= \frac{0.5}{3} [1 + 4(1.55152) + 0.72159] = 1.32128\end{aligned}$$

➤ **The Simpson's 3/8 Rule**

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{x_0}^{x_3} f(x) dx &= \int_0^{1.5} f(x) dx \approx \frac{3\Delta x}{8} (f_0 + 3f_1 + 3f_2 + f_3) \\ &= \frac{3(0.5)}{8} (1 + 3(1.55152) + 3(0.72159) + 0.93765) \\ &= 1.64193\end{aligned}$$

➤ **The Boole's Rule**

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{x_0}^{x_4} f(x) dx &= \int_0^2 f(x) dx \approx \frac{2\Delta x}{45} (7f_0 + 32f_1 + 12f_2 + 32f_3 + 7f_4) \\ &= \frac{2(0.5)}{45} [7(1) + 32(1.55152) + 12(0.72159) \\ &\quad + 32(0.93765) + 7(1.1339)] = 2.29444\end{aligned}$$

In this **example** the **quadrature rules** with  $\Delta x = 0.5$  have been **applied**.

If the **endpoints** of the interval  $[a, b]$  are **held fixed**, the **step size** **must be adjusted** for each rule as follows:

$$\Delta x = h = b - a \quad \text{For trapezoidal rule}$$

$$\Delta x = h = \frac{b - a}{2} \quad \text{For Simpson's } 1/3 \text{ rule}$$

$$\Delta x = h = \frac{b - a}{3} \quad \text{For Simpson's } \frac{3}{8} \text{ rule, and}$$

$$\Delta x = h = \frac{b - a}{4} \quad \text{For Boole's rule}$$

The next example illustrates this point.

**Example 6:** Evaluate the integration of the function

$$f(x) = 1 + e^{-x} \sin(4x)$$

over the interval  $[a, b] = [0, 1]$  by applying the various quadrature formulas.

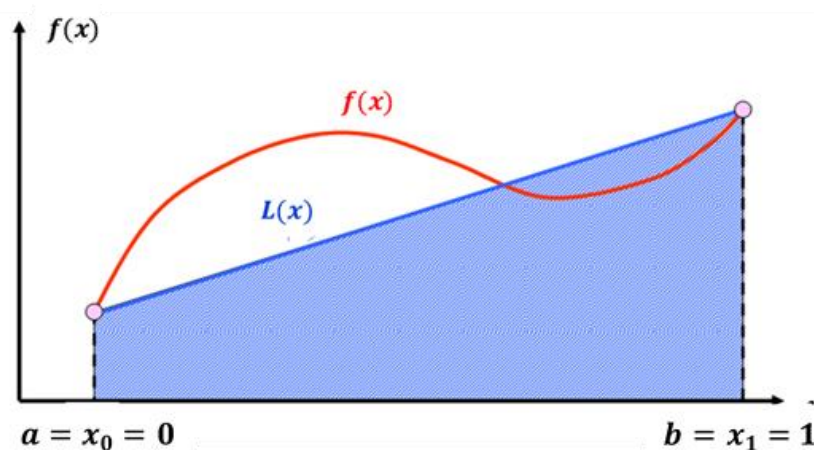
**Solution:**

➤ For the **trapezoidal rule**, where

$$a = x_0 = 0 \quad , \quad b = x_1 = 1$$

The step size is:

$$\Delta x = b - a = 1 - 0 = 1$$



$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) dx = \int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} (f_0 + f_1)$$

The values of the corresponding function are:

$$f_0 = f(0) = 1 + e^{-0} \sin(4 \times 0) = 1$$

$$f_1 = f(1) = 1 + e^{-1} \sin(4 \times 1) = 0.72159$$

Thus,

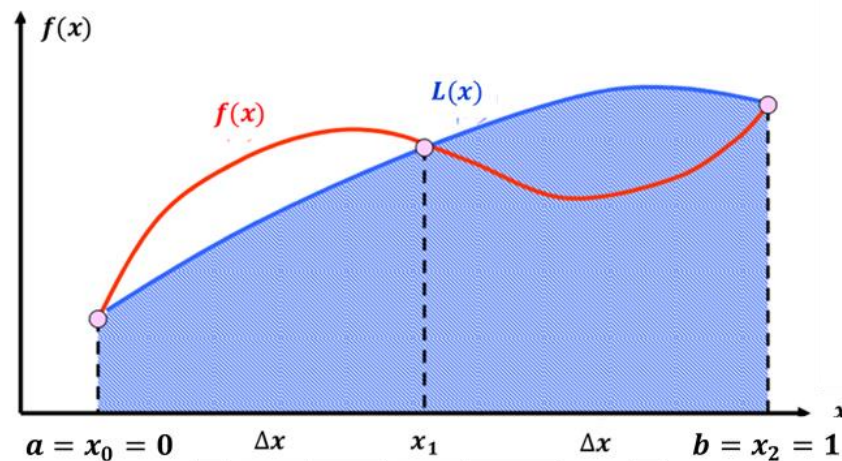
$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} (f_0 + f_1) = \frac{1}{2} (1 + 1.55152) \approx 0.86079$$

➤ For the Simpson's 1/3 rule, where

$$a = x_0, \quad b = x_2, \quad x_1 = \frac{b-a}{2}$$

The step size is:

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{2} = \frac{1-0}{2} = 0.5$$



$$\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx = \int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} (f_0 + 4f_1 + f_2)$$

The values of the corresponding function are:

$$f_0 = f(0) = 1 + e^{-0} \sin(4 \times 0) = 1$$

$$f_1 = f(0.5) = 1 + e^{-0.5} \sin(4 \times 0.5) = 1.55152$$

$$f_2 = f(1) = 1 + e^{-1} \sin(4 \times 1) = 0.72159$$

Thus,

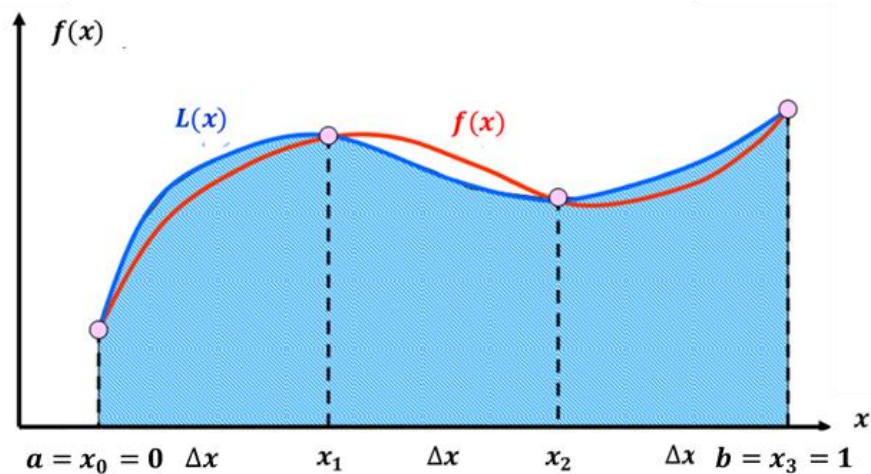
$$\begin{aligned}\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx &= \int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} (f_0 + 4f_1 + f_2) \\ &= \frac{0.5}{3} [1 + 4(1.55152) + 0.72159] = 1.32128\end{aligned}$$

➤ For the Simpson's 3/8 rule, where

$$a = x_0 = 0 \quad , \quad b = x_3 = 1$$

The step size is:

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{3} = \frac{1 - 0}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$



$$\int_{x_0}^{x_3} f(x) dx = \int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx \frac{3\Delta x}{8} (f_0 + 3f_1 + 3f_2 + f_3)$$

The values of the corresponding function are:

$$f_0 = f(0) = 1 + e^{-0} \sin(4 \times 0) = 1$$

$$f_1 = f(1/3) = 1 + e^{-1/3} \sin(4 \times 1/3) = 1.69642$$

$$f_2 = f(2/3) = 1 + e^{-2/3} \sin(4 \times 2/3) = 1.23447$$

$$f_3 = f(1) = 1 + e^{-1} \sin(4 \times 1) = 0.72159$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{x_0}^{x_3} f(x) dx &= \int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx \frac{3\Delta x}{8} (f_0 + 3f_1 + 3f_2 + f_3) \\
&= \frac{3(1/3)}{8} (1 + 3(1.69642) + 3(1.23447) + 0.72159) \\
&= 1.3144
\end{aligned}$$

➤ For the **Boole's rule**

Since this rule is **applicable only** when the **number of subintervals** is a **multiple of 4** ( $n = 4, 8, 12, \dots$ ). Thus **dividing the range**  $[0, 1]$  into **four equal parts** by taking  $\Delta x = 1/4$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_4} f(x) dx = \int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx \frac{2\Delta x}{45} (7f_0 + 32f_1 + 12f_2 + 32f_3 + 7f_4)$$

The **corresponding function values** are:

$$f_0 = f(0) = 1 + e^{-0} \sin(4 \times 0) = 1$$

$$f_1 = f(1/4) = 1 + e^{-1/4} \sin(4 \times 1/4) = 1.65534$$

$$f_2 = f(1/2) = 1 + e^{-1/2} \sin(4 \times 1/2) = 1.55152$$

$$f_3 = f(3/4) = 1 + e^{-3/4} \sin(4 \times 3/4) = 1.06666$$

$$f_4 = f(1) = 1 + e^{-1} \sin(4 \times 1) = 0.72159$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \int_0^1 f(x) dx &\approx \frac{2(1/4)}{45} [7(1) + 32(1.65534) + 12(1.55152) \\
&\quad + 32(1.06666) + 7(0.72159)] = 1.30859
\end{aligned}$$

The **true value** of the **definite integral** is:

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \frac{21e - 4\cos(4) - \sin(4)}{17e} = 1.308251$$

The **approximation** from **Boole's rule** is the **best**,

## → Composite Integration

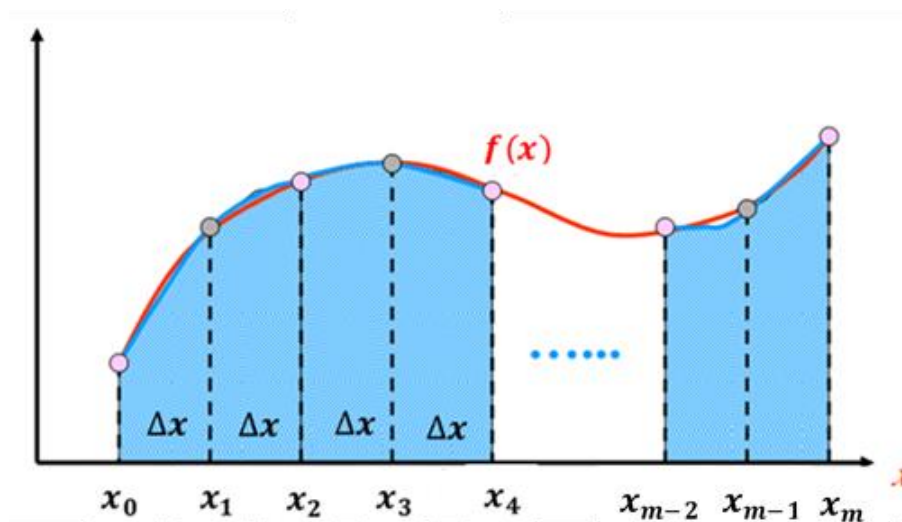
To make a fair comparison of quadrature methods, the same number of function evaluations in each method must be used. The final example is concerned with comparing integration over a fixed interval  $[a, b]$  using exactly five function evaluation  $f_k = f(x_k)$ , for  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$  for each method.

### ★ Composite Trapezoidal Rule

The trapezoidal rule when is applied on the many subintervals

$$[x_0, x_1], [x_1, x_2], [x_2, x_3], \dots, [x_{m-2}, x_{m-1}], [x_{m-1}, x_m]$$

it is called a composite trapezoidal rule.



The composite trapezoidal rule for  $n$  subintervals can be expressed as:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(x_0) + 2\{f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_{m-1})\} + f(x_m)]$$

Proof:

Suppose that the interval  $[a, b]$  is subdivided into subinterval  $[x_k, x_{k+1}]$  of width

$$\Delta x = h = \frac{b-a}{n} \quad \text{where } n = \text{number of subintervals}$$

by using equally spaced nodes

$$x_k = a + k\Delta x \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$$

Applying the trapezoidal rule over each subinterval and use the additive property of the integral for subintervals:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &= \int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) dx + \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x) dx + \dots + \int_{x_{m-1}}^{x_m} f(x) dx \\ &\approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(x_0) + f(x_1)] + \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(x_1) + f(x_2)] + \dots \\ &\quad + \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(x_{m-1}) + f(x_m)] \\ &\approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + 2f(x_i) + \dots + 2f(x_{m-1}) + f(x_m)] \\ &\approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(x_0) + 2\{f(x_1) + f(x_i) + \dots + f(x_{m-1})\} + f(x_m)] \end{aligned}$$

**Example 7:** Use the composite trapezoid rule to evaluate the integral

$$\int_0^4 x e^{2x} dx$$

**Solution:**

$$\triangleright n = 1, \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{4-0}{1} = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow I \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(0) + f(4)] = 23847.66$$

$$\varepsilon = -357.12\%$$

$$\triangleright n = 2, \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{4-0}{2} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow I \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(0) + 2f(2) + f(4)] = 12142.23$$

$$\varepsilon = -132.75\%$$

$$\triangleright n = 4, \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{4-0}{4} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow I \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(0) + 2f(1) + 2f(2) + 2f(3) + f(4)] = 7288.79$$

$$\varepsilon = -39.17\%$$

$$\triangleright n = 8, \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{4-0}{8} = 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow I \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(0) + 2f(0.5) + 2f(1) + 2f(1.5) + 2f(2) + 2f(2.5) \\ + 2f(3) + 2f(3.5) + f(4)] = 5764.76$$

$$\varepsilon = -10.50\%$$

$$\triangleright n = 16, \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{4-0}{16} = 0.25$$

$$\Rightarrow I \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(0) + 2f(0.25) + 2f(0.5) + \dots + 2f(3.5) + f(4)] \\ = 5355.95$$

$$\varepsilon = -2.66\%$$

**Example 8:** Use the composite trapezoidal rule with 11 sample points to compute an approximation to the integral of the function

$$f(x) = 2 + \sin(2\sqrt{x})$$

taken over [1,6].

**Solution:**

To generate 11 sample points, we use  $n = 10$  and

$$\Delta x = h = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{6-1}{10} = 0.5$$

$x$	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	6
$f(x)$	2.91	2.64	2.31	1.98	1.68	1.44	1.24	1.11	1.03	1.00	1.02

$$\int_1^6 f(x) dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(x_0) + 2\{f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_5)\} + f(x_6)] \\ \approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(1) + 2\{f(1.5) + f(2) + f(2.5) + f(3) \\ + f(3.5) + f(4) + f(4.5) + f(5) + f(5.5) \\ + f(x_6)\}] = 8.19386$$

## ❖ Composite Trapezoid Rule with Unequal Segments

**Example 9:** Use the composite trapezoid rule to evaluate the integral

$$\int_0^4 x e^{2x} dx$$

with  $(\Delta x)_1 = 2$ ,  $(\Delta x)_2 = 1$ ,  $(\Delta x)_3 = 0.5$ ,  $(\Delta x)_4 = 0.5$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^2 f(x) dx + \int_2^3 f(x) dx + \int_3^{3.5} f(x) dx + \int_{3.5}^4 f(x) dx \\ &\approx \frac{(\Delta x)_1}{2} [f(0) + f(2)] + \frac{(\Delta x)_2}{2} [f(2) + f(3)] \\ &\quad + \frac{(\Delta x)_3}{2} [f(3) + f(3.5)] + \frac{(\Delta x)_4}{2} [f(3.5) + f(4)] \\ &\approx \frac{2}{2} [0 + 2e^4] + \frac{1}{2} [2e^4 + 3e^6] + \frac{0.5}{2} [3e^6 + 3.5e^7] \\ &\quad + \frac{0.5}{2} [3.5e^7 + 4e^8] = 5971.58 \\ \varepsilon &= \frac{5216.93 - 5971.58}{5216.93} = -14.47\% \end{aligned}$$

## ★ Composite Simpson's Rule

Simpson's rule can also be used in same manner as for trapezoidal rule when is applied on the many subintervals it is called a composite Simpson rule.

Suppose that  $[a, b]$  is subdivided into  $n$  subintervals  $[x_k, x_{k+1}]$  of equal width

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n}$$

by using

$$x_k = a + i\Delta x \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 2$$

The composite Simpson rule for  $2m$  subintervals can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &\approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} [f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + 4f(x_3) + \dots \\ &\quad + 2f(x_{n-2}) + 4f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)] \\ &\approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} \left[ f(a) + 4 \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i=\text{odd}}}^{n-1} f(x_i) + 2 \sum_{\substack{i=2 \\ i=\text{even}}}^{n-2} f(x_i) + f(b) \right] \end{aligned}$$

When Simpson's rule is applied on the two subintervals  $[x_0, x_2]$  and  $[x_2, x_4]$ , can be expressed by

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x_0}^{x_4} f(x) dx &= \int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx + \int_{x_2}^{x_4} f(x) dx \\ &\approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} (f_0 + 4f_1 + f_2) + \frac{\Delta x}{3} (f_2 + 4f_3 + f_4) \\ &\approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} (f_0 + 4f_1 + 2f_2 + 4f_3 + f_4) \end{aligned}$$

**Example 10:** Use the composite Simpson's rule with 11 sample points to compute an approximation to the integral of the function

$$f(x) = 2 + \sin(2\sqrt{x})$$

over the interval  $[1,6]$ .

**Solution:**

To generate 11 sample points, use  $n = 10$  and

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{6-1}{10} = 0.5$$

$x$	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	6
$f(x)$	2.91	2.64	2.31	1.98	1.68	1.44	1.24	1.11	1.03	1.00	1.02

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &\approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} [f(1) + 4f(1.5) + 2f(2) + 4f(2.5) + 2f(3) \\ &\quad + 4f(3.5) + 2f(4) + 4f(4.5) + 2f(5) + 4f(5.5) \\ &\quad + f(6)] \end{aligned}$$

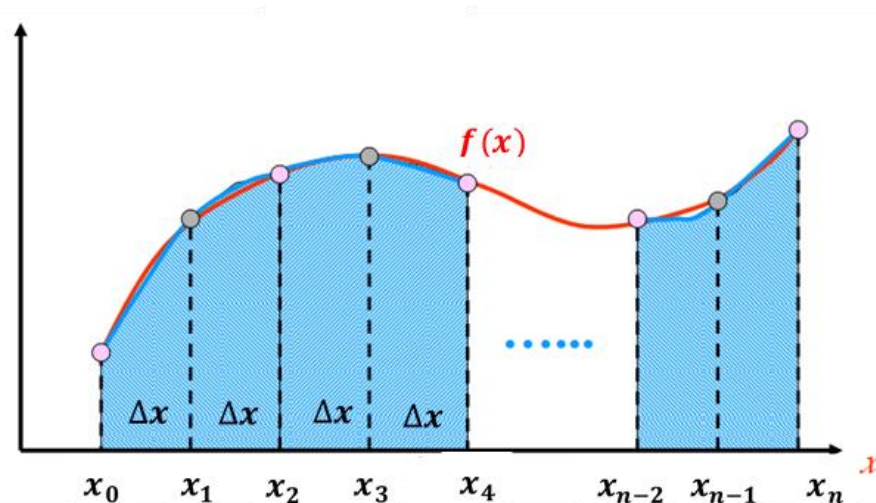
$$\text{or } \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} \left[ f(a) + 4 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(x_i) + 2 \sum_{i=2}^{n-2} f(x_i) + f(b) \right]$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^6 f(x) dx &\approx \frac{0.5}{3} [f(1) \\ &+ 4\{f(1.5) + f(2.5) + f(3.5) + f(4.5) + f(5.5)\} \\ &+ 2\{f(2) + f(3) + f(4) + f(5)\} + f(6)] = 8.18302 \end{aligned}$$

### ➤ Piecewise Quadratic approximations

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}, \quad n = \text{number of subintervals}$$



### ➤ Multiple applications of Simpson's rule

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &= \int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx + \int_{x_2}^{x_4} f(x) dx + \dots + \int_{x_{n-2}}^{x_n} f(x) dx \\ &\approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} [f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)] \\ &\quad + \frac{\Delta x}{3} [f(x_2) + 4f(x_3) + f(x_4)] + \dots \\ &\quad + \frac{\Delta x}{3} [f(x_{n-2}) + 4f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} [f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + 4f(x_3) + 2f(x_4) \\ &\quad + \dots + 4f(x_{2i-1}) + 2f(x_{2i}) + 4f(x_{2i+1}) \\ &\quad + \dots + 2f(x_{n-2}) + 4f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)] \end{aligned}$$

**Example 11:** Use composite Simpson`s rule to evaluate the integral

$$\int_0^4 x e^{2x} dx$$

with  $n = 2$ ,  $\Delta x = 2$  and  $n = 4$ ,  $\Delta x = 1$

**Solution:**

- $n = 2$ ,  $\Delta x = 2$

$$I \approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} [f(0) + 4f(2) + f(4)] = \frac{2}{3} [0 + 4(2e^4) + 4e^8]$$

$$= 8240.41$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{5216.93 - 8240.41}{5216.93} = -57.96\%$$

- $n = 4$ ,  $\Delta x = 1$

$$I \approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} [f(0) + 4f(1) + 2f(2) + 4f(3) + f(4)]$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} [0 + 4(e^2) + 2(2e^4) + 4(3e^6) + 4e^8]$$

$$= 5670.98$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{5216.93 - 5670.98}{5216.93} = -8.70\%$$

### ❖ Composite Simpson's Rule with Unequal Segments

**Example 12:** Use the composite trapezoid rule to evaluate the integral

$$\int_0^4 x e^{2x} dx$$

$$\text{with } (\Delta x)_1 = 1.5, (\Delta x)_2 = 0.5$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^3 f(x) dx + \int_3^4 f(x) dx \\ &\approx \frac{(\Delta x)_1}{3} [f(0) + 4f(1.5) + 2f(3)] \\ &\quad + \frac{(\Delta x)_2}{3} [f(3) + 4f(3.5) + 2f(4)] \\ &= \frac{1.5}{3} [0 + 4f(1.5 e^3) + 3 e^6] + \frac{0.5}{3} [3 e^6 + 4(3.5 e^7) + 4 e^8] \\ &= 5413.23 \end{aligned}$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{5216.93 - 5413.23}{5216.93} = -3.76\%$$

**Example 13:** Evaluate the integration of the function

$$f(x) = 1 + e^{-x} \sin(4x)$$

over the interval  $[a, b] = [0, 1]$ . Use exactly five function evaluations and compare the results from the composite trapezoidal rule and composite Simpson's rule.

**Solution:**

Since it is required five function evaluations, the uniform step size has to be:

$$\Delta x = 1/4.$$

The composite trapezoidal rule produces:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 f(x) dx &= \int_0^{1/4} f(x) dx \\ &\quad + \int_{1/4}^{1/2} f(x) dx + \int_{1/2}^{3/4} f(x) dx + \int_{3/4}^1 f(x) dx \\ &\approx \frac{\Delta x}{2} (f_0 + 2f_1 + 2f_2 + 2f_3 + f_4) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1/4}{2} \left[ f_0 + 2f\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 2f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2f\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + f(1) \right]$$

The corresponding function values are:

$$f_0 = f(0) = 1 + e^{-0} \sin(4 \times 0) = 1$$

$$f_1 = f(1/4) = 1 + e^{-1/4} \sin(4 \times 1/4) = 1.65534$$

$$f_2 = f(1/2) = 1 + e^{-1/2} \sin(4 \times 1/2) = 1.55152$$

$$f_3 = f(3/4) = 1 + e^{-3/4} \sin(4 \times 3/4) = 1.06666$$

$$f_4 = f(1) = 1 + e^{-1} \sin(4 \times 1) = 0.72159$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 f(x) dx &= \frac{1}{8} [1 + 2(1.65534) + 2(1.55152) + 2(1.06666) \\ &\quad + 0.72159] = 1.28358 \end{aligned}$$

➤ Using the composite Simpson's rule yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 f(x) dx &\approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} (f_0 + 4f_1 + 2f_2 + 4f_3 + f_4) \\ &= \frac{1/4}{3} \left[ f_0 + 4f\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 2f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 4f\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + f(1) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{12} [1 + 4(1.65534) + 2(1.55152) + 4(1.06666) \\ &\quad + 0.72159] = 1.30938 \end{aligned}$$

### ❖ Combined Simpson's-1/3 & Simpson's-3/8

**Example 14:** Integrate the data listed in the table by using Simpson's 1/3 rule and Simpson's 3/8 rules.

$i$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$x$	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7
$f(x)$	1.543	1.669	1.811	1.971	2.151	2.352	2.577	2.828

**Solution:**

8 abscissas (values of  $x$ )  $\Rightarrow n = 7$  subintervals. So

- Simpson's-1/3 rule cannot be used alone ( $n$  is not divisible by 2) or
- Simpson's-3/8 rule cannot be used alone ( $n$  is not divisible by 3).

However, in this problem can combine the methods by appropriately **dividing** the interval:

1. Using Simpson's-1/3 rule on interval [1.0, 1.4] (4 subintervals is divisible by 2), and
2. Using Simpson's-3/8 rule on interval [1.4, 1.7] (3 subintervals is divisible by 3).

This way **consistent accuracy** can be **obtained** on the **entire interval** [1.0, 1.7].

➤ Using Simpson's-1/3 rule on interval [1.0, 1.4],

(1.0  $\rightarrow$  1.2 and 1.2  $\rightarrow$  1.4) we have 4 subintervals i.e.  $n = 4$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n} = \frac{1.4 - 1.0}{4} = \frac{0.4}{4} = 0.1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{1.0}^{1.4} f(x) dx &\approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} [f(0) + 4f(1) + 2f(2) + 4f(3) + f(4)] \\ &= \frac{0.1}{3} [(1.543) + 4(1.669) + 2(1.811) + 4(1.971) + 2.151] \\ &= 0.7292 \end{aligned}$$

➤ Using Simpson's-3/8 rule on interval [1.4, 1.7],  $\Delta x = 0.1$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n} = \frac{1.7 - 1.4}{3} = \frac{0.3}{3} = 0.1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{1.4}^{1.7} f(x)dx &\approx \frac{3\Delta x}{8} [f(4) + 3f(5) + 3f(6) + f(7)] \\ &= \frac{3(0.1)}{8} [(2.151) + 3(2.352) + 3(2.577) + 2.828] \\ &= 0.74123\end{aligned}$$

Now **add** the **results**

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{1.0}^{1.7} f(x)dx &= \int_{1.0}^{1.4} f(x)dx + \int_{1.4}^{1.7} f(x)dx \\ &= 0.7292 + 0.74123 = 1.47043\end{aligned}$$

**NOTE:** Alternatively, Simpson's-3/8 rule could be used on interval [1.0, 1.3] and Simpson's-1/3 rule on interval [1.3, 1.7] to obtain a different approximation: 1.47044.

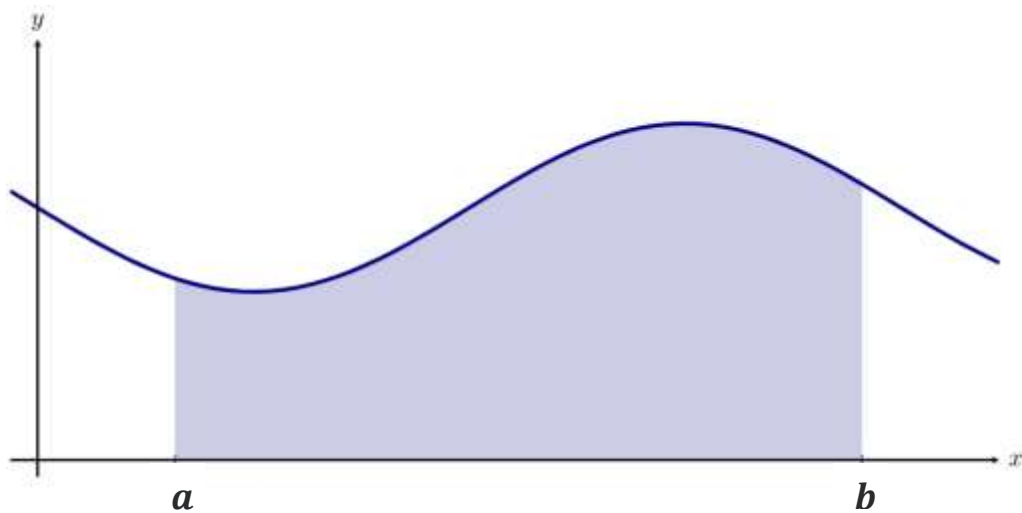
**BE CAREFUL:**

- Could use
  - Simpson's-1/3 rule on interval [1.0, 1.6] (6 subintervals is divisible by 2) and
  - the Trapezoidal rule on interval [1.6, 1.7], but why wouldn't we?
- Could also
  - use Simpson's-3/8 rule on interval [1.0, 1.6] (6 subintervals is divisible by 3) and
  - the Trapezoidal rule on interval [1.6, 1.7], but why wouldn't?
- If Even number of Intervals are there, it is preferred to use Simpson's  $\frac{1}{3}rd$  Rule (or) Trapezoidal Rule.
- If Number of Intervals is multiple of 3, then use Simpson's  $\frac{3}{8}th$  Rule (or) Trapezoidal Rule.
- If Odd number of Intervals are there, and which is not multiple of 3, then use Trapezoidal Rule.
- For any number of Intervals, the default Rule we can use is Trapezoidal

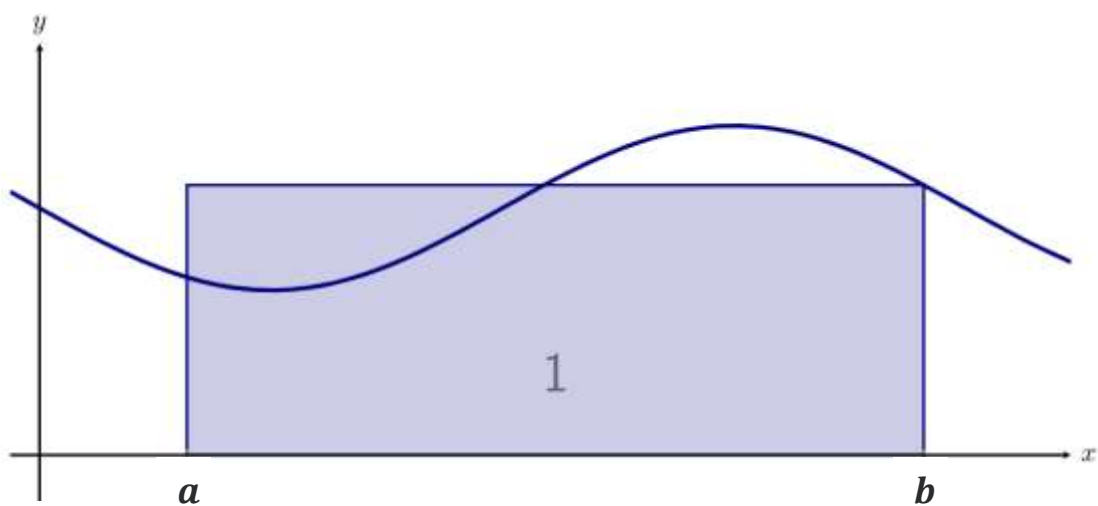
## Approximating Definite Integrals Using Rectangles

### ➤ Rectangles and areas

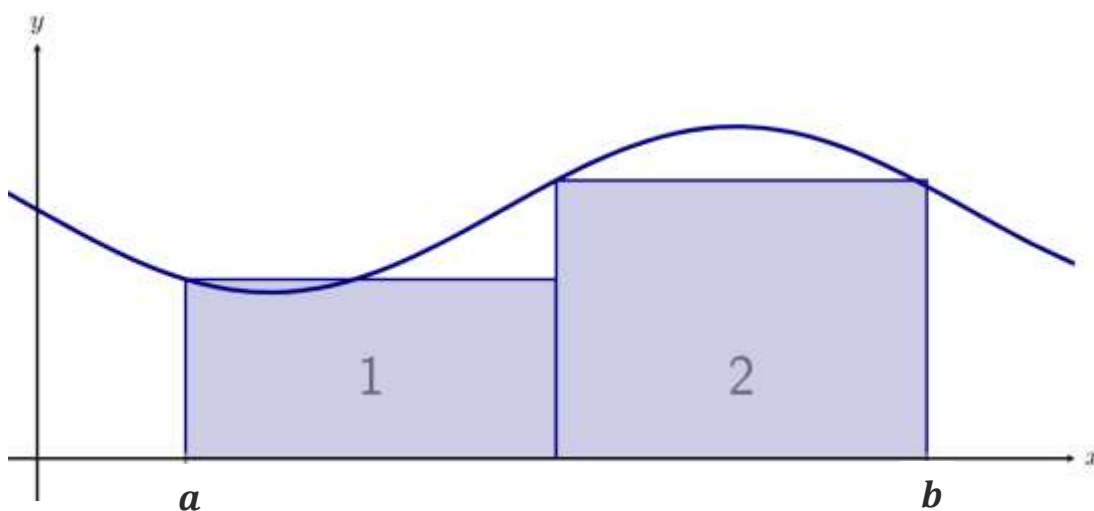
To compute the area between the curve  $y = f(x)$  and the horizontal axis on the interval  $[a, b]$ :



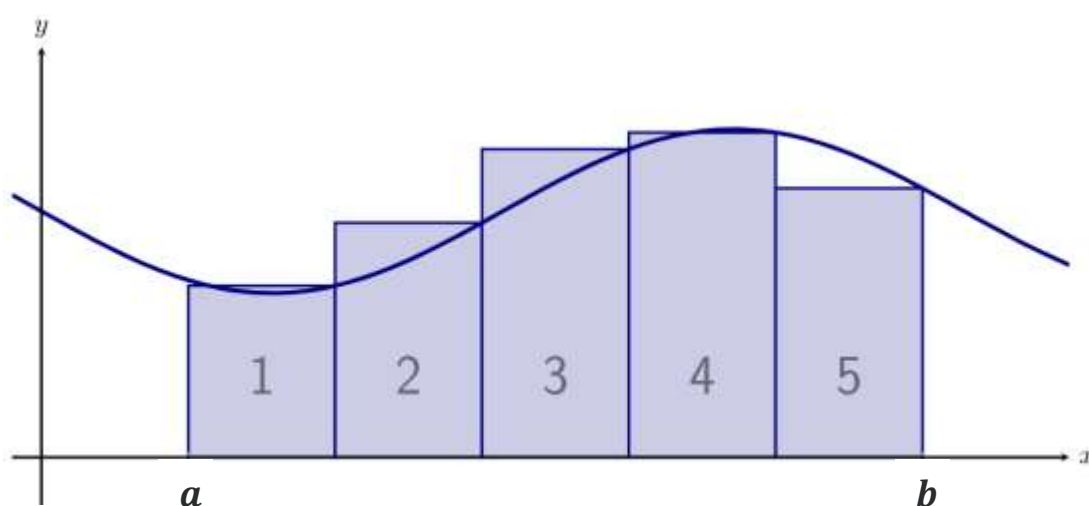
One way to do this would be to approximate the area with rectangles. With one rectangle a rough approximation will gotten:



Two rectangles might make a better approximation:

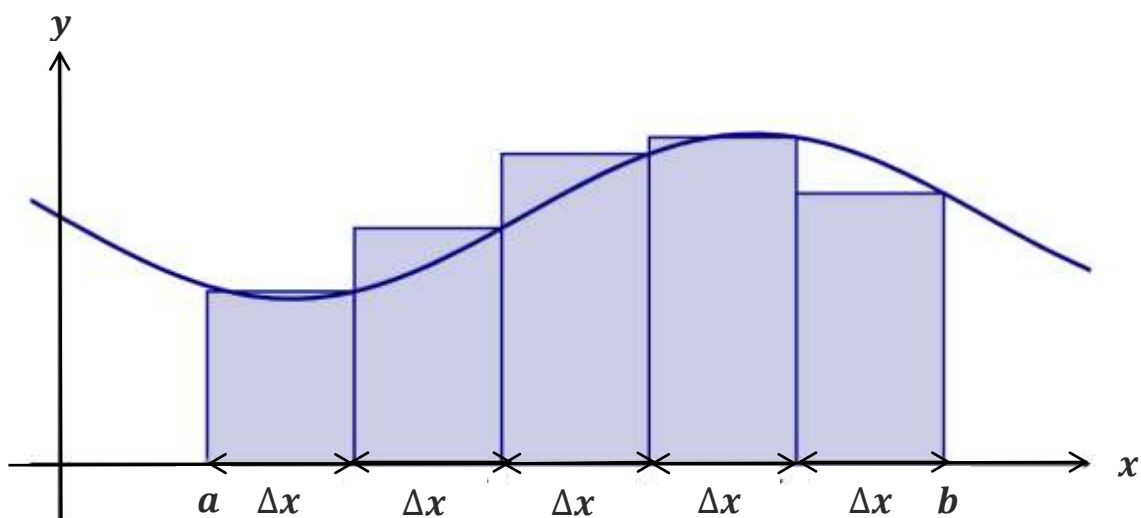


With even more, a closer, and closer, approximation will be gotten:



**Definition:** Approximating the **area between a curve** and the  **$x$  – axis** on the **interval  $[a, b]$** : with  **$n$  rectangles** of width  $\Delta x$ , then

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n}$$



**Q/** Suppose is wanted to approximate the area between the curve

$$y = x^2 + 1$$

and the  $x$  - **axis** on the interval  $[-1, 1]$ :, with **8 rectangles**. What is  $\Delta x$ ?

**Solution:**

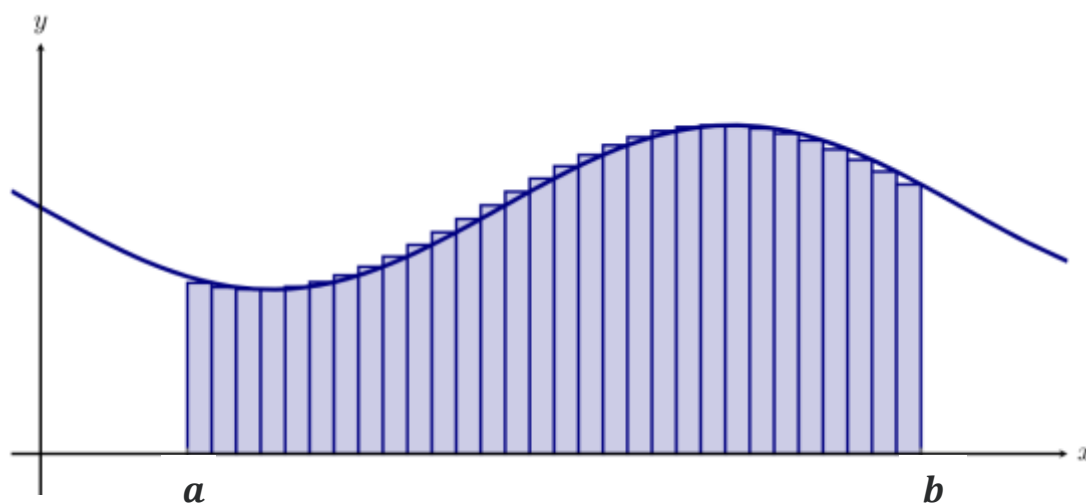
From the problem statement, it is given:

$$a = -1, \quad b = 1, \quad \text{and} \quad n = 8$$

Then,

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n} = \frac{1 - (-1)}{8} = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$$

As adding more rectangles, more closely approximating the area are obtained:

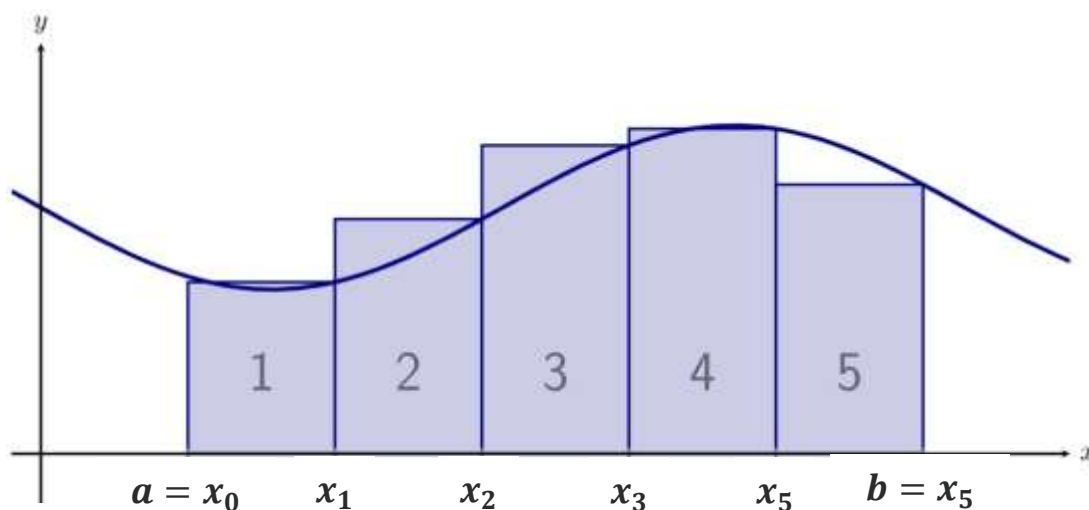


It could find the area exactly if could compute the limit as the width of the rectangles goes to zero and the number of rectangles goes to infinity.

**Definition:** For approximating an area with  $n$  rectangles, the **grid points**

$$x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$$

are the  $x$  - **coordinates** that determine the edges of the rectangles. In the graph below, the rectangles have been numbered to show the relation between the indices of the grid points and the  $i^{th}$  rectangle.



Note, if **approximating** the **area between a curve** and the **horizontal axis** on **interval  $[a, b]$**  with  **$n$  rectangles**, then it is always the case that

$$x = a \quad \text{and} \quad x_n = b$$

**Q/** If approximating the area between a curve and the horizontal axis with **11 rectangles**, how many grid points will be?

**Solution:**

They will be **12 grid points**, because for 2 – points will be one rectangle, for 3 – points, will be two rectangles and so on, as it illustrated in table below:

Number of points	Number of Rectangles
2	1
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	5
7	6
8	7
9	8
10	9
11	10
12	11

When  $n$  rectangles are used for **computing** the **area** under a curve, the **width of each rectangle** is:

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n}$$

It is clear that

$$\Delta x = x_i - x_{i-1} \quad \text{for} \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n.$$

But how to **determine** the **height** of the **rectangle**?

**Answer:**

Choosing a **sample point**  $x_i^*$  and evaluate the function at that point.

The value  $f = (x_i)$  **determines** the **height** of a **rectangle**.

**Definition:** Approximating an area with rectangles, a **sample point** is the  $x$  - **coordinate** that **determines** the **height** of  $i^{th}$  rectangle.

For  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$  a **sample point** is **denoted** as:

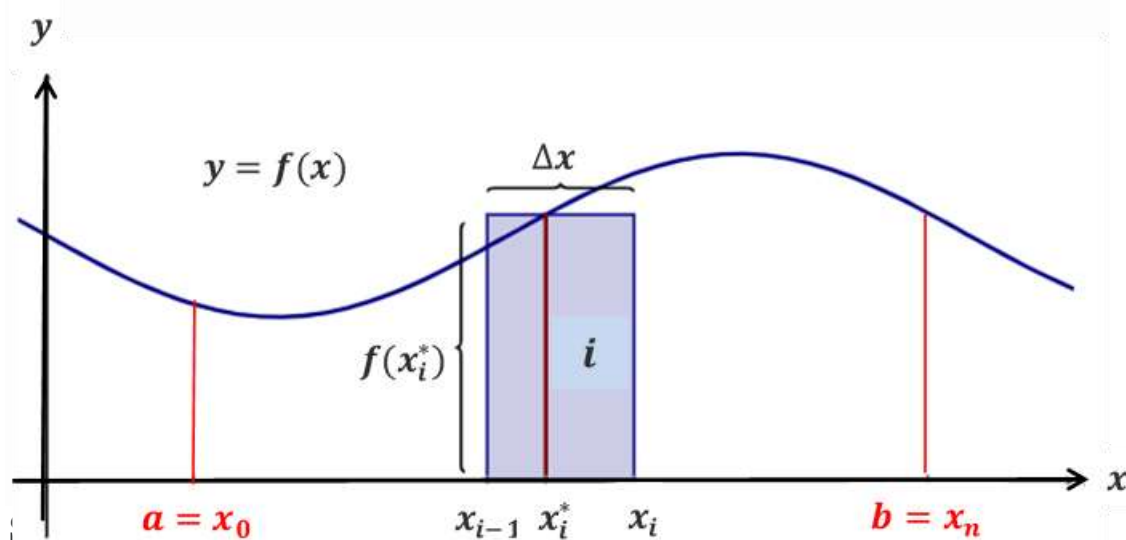
$$x_i$$

and the **value**

$$f = (x_i)$$

is the **height** of the  $i^{th}$  rectangle.

**Q/** What is the **area** of the  $i^{th}$  **rectangle** shown in the figure below?



$A = \Delta x$
$A = \Delta x f(x)$
$A = (x_i^*)f(x_i^*)$
$A = \Delta x f(x_i^*)$
$A = x f(x)$
$A = i \Delta i$
$A = f(x_i^*)(x_i - x_{i-1})$

There are **three options** for the **sample points** that can be considered.

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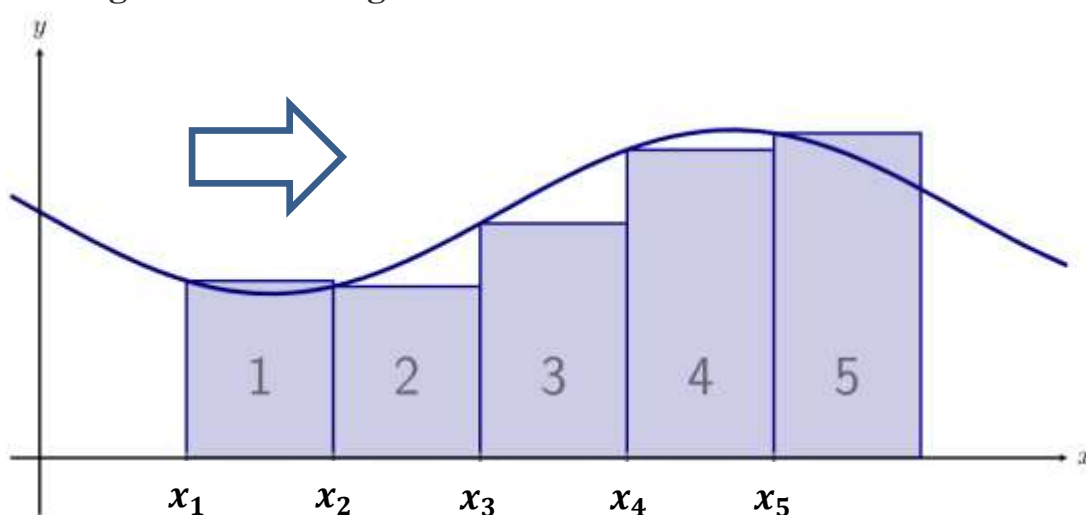
There are **three types** of **rectangles** when **approximating definite integrals**:

- **Left – endpoints,**
- **Right – endpoints, and**
- **Midpoint Rule.**

and **different results** they **do give**.

### 1. Rectangles defined by left – endpoints

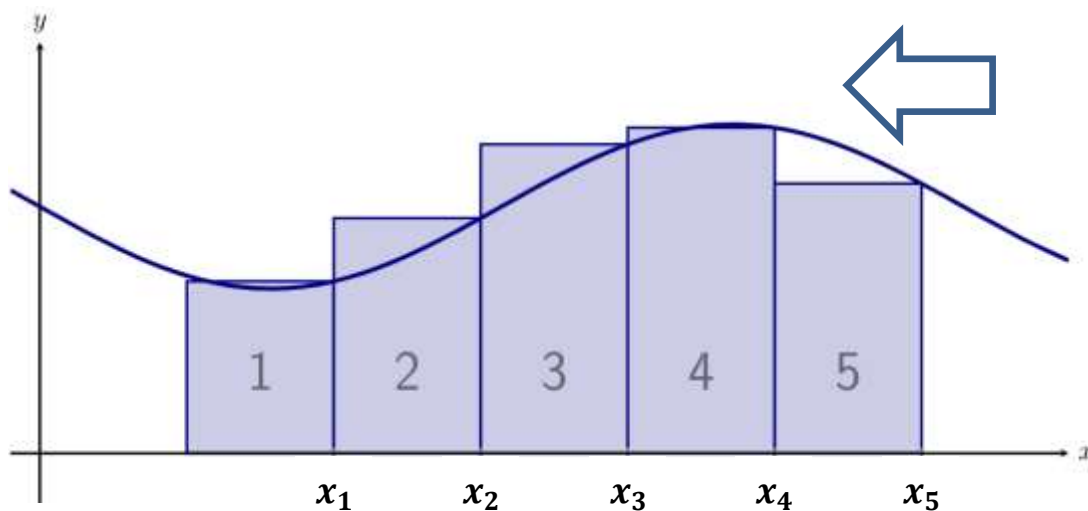
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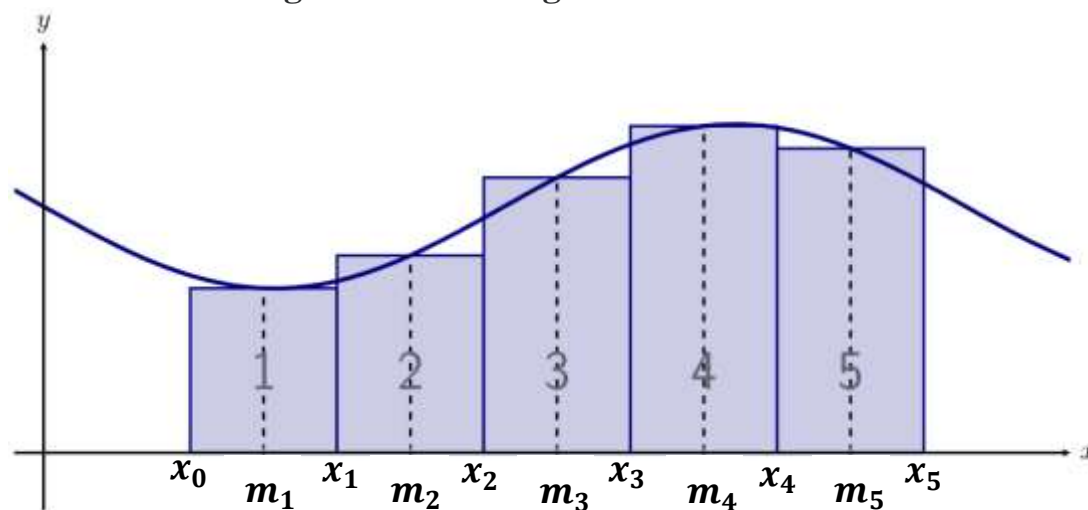
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## 3. Rectangles defined by midpoints

The **rectangles** can be **set up** so that the **midpoint** of the **base** determines the **height** of the **rectangle**.



where,

$$m = \frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}$$

The **midpoint** of the **base** of the  **$i$  rectangle** determines the **height** of the **rectangle**.

➤ **Riemann sums and approximating area**

Once identifying the rectangles, can compute approximations of some areas. If **approximating area** with  **$n$  rectangles**, then

$$\text{Area} = (\text{width of } i^{\text{th}} \text{ rectangle}) \times \sum_{i=1}^n (\text{height of } i^{\text{th}} \text{ rectangle})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area} = \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) = \Delta x [f(x_1) + f(x_2) + f(x_3) + \cdots + f(x_n)]$$

**Definition:** A sum of the form:

$$\Delta x \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) = \Delta x [f(x_1) + f(x_2) + f(x_3) + \cdots + f(x_n)]$$

is called a **Riemann sum**, pronounced “ree-mahn” sum.

A **Riemann sum** computes an **approximation** of the **area between a curve** and the  **$x$  – axis** on the **interval  $[a, b]$** . It can be defined in **several different ways** such as:

1. **Left – endpoints,**
2. **Right – endpoints, and**
3. **Midpoints.**

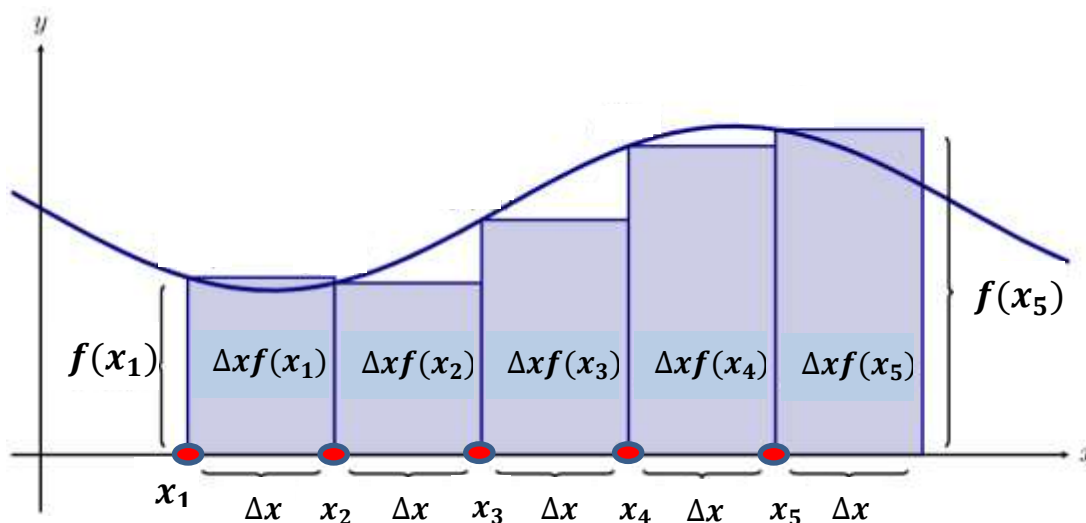
## Approximating Definite Integrals Using Left, Right, and Midpoint Riemann Sums with Uniform Partitions

Riemann sums are used to approximate the area under a curve. The areas of a series of  $n$  rectangles are summed in which the height of each rectangle is given by the right or left – hand side of the rectangle.

Riemann Sums require both the width and the height of a series of rectangles in order to compute and sum the areas.

### 1. Left Riemann Sums

It can be seen the **explicit connection** between a **Riemann sum** defined by **left – endpoints** and the **area between a curve and the  $x$  –axis** on the **interval  $[a, b]$** :



and here is the associated **Riemann sum**

$$\Delta x \sum_{i=1}^5 f(x_i) = \Delta x [f(x_1) + f(x_2) + f(x_3) + f(x_4) + f(x_n)]$$

**Steps for Approximating Using Left Riemann Sums are:**

**Step 1:** Calculate the width,  $\Delta x$ , of each of the rectangles needed for the Riemann sum. In case of uniform partitions, the width of each rectangle is equal. For  $n$  subintervals (or rectangles),

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n}$$

where  $a$  is the lower bound of the definite integral and  $b$  is the upper bound of the definite integral.

**Step 2:** Find the  $x$  – **coordinates** of the **left – hand side** of the rectangles,  $x_i$  using

$$x_i = a + (i - 1)\Delta x$$

for each of the  $n$  subintervals.

**Step 3:** The height of each rectangle is given by the function value at each point,  $f(i)$ . Therefore, the left Riemann Sum can be computed using the equation:

$$A = \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)$$

where  $\Delta x$  is the width of each of the  $n$  rectangles and  $f(x_i)$  is the height.

**Example 4:** Use a left Riemann sum with 3 equal subintervals to approximate the integral

$$\int_2^5 (x^2 - 6x + 10) dx$$

**Solution:**

**Step 1:** First, find the width of each of the rectangles,  $\Delta x$ . From the problem statement, it is given that  $n = 3$ ,  $a = 2$  and  $b = 5$ . Therefore,

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n} = \frac{5 - 2}{3} = 1$$

The width of each rectangle is 1.

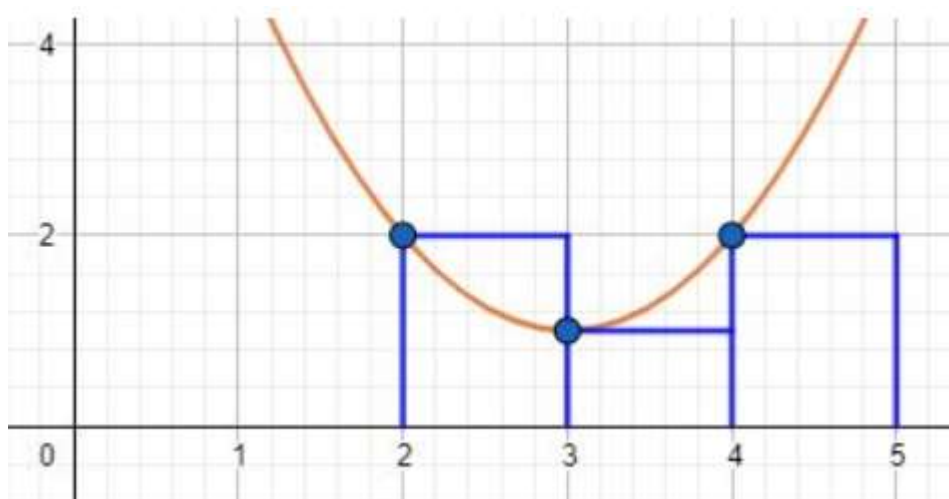
**Step 2:** Find the  $x$  - coordinates of the left - hand side of each rectangle  $x_i$ .

$$x_1 = a + \Delta x(i - 1) = 2 + (1) \times 0 = 2$$

$$x_2 = a + \Delta x(i - 1) = 2 + (1) \times 1 = 3$$

$$x_3 = a + \Delta x(i - 1) = 2 + (1) \times 2 = 4$$

**Step 3:** Now the  $x$ -coordinates of the left side of our rectangles are known, so the height of each rectangle with  $x_1$  can be determined. Already the width of each rectangle is determined to be  $\Delta x = 1$ . Graphically, our rectangles are the following:



$$\begin{aligned} A &= \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^4 f(x_i) = (1)[f(x_1) + f(x_2) + f(x_3)] \\ &= f(2) + f(3) + f(4) = 2 + 1 + 2 = 5 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 5:** Use the given table to compute the left Riemann Sum of the described function using 6 equal subintervals from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 3$ .

$x$	$y$
0	1
1/2	5/4
1	2
3/2	13/4
2	5
5/2	29/4
3	10

**Solution:**

**Step 1:** Determine the width of each of rectangles,  $\Delta x$ . From the problem statement, it is given that  $n = 6$ ,  $a = 0$  and  $b = 3$ . Therefore,

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n} = \frac{3 - 0}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

the width of each rectangle is:

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

**Step 2:** Find the  $x$  - coordinates of the left - hand side of the rectangles using the equation:  $x_i = a + (i - 1) \Delta x$

$$x_1 = a + (i - 1) \Delta x = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0 = 0$$

$$x_2 = a + (i - 1) \Delta x = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

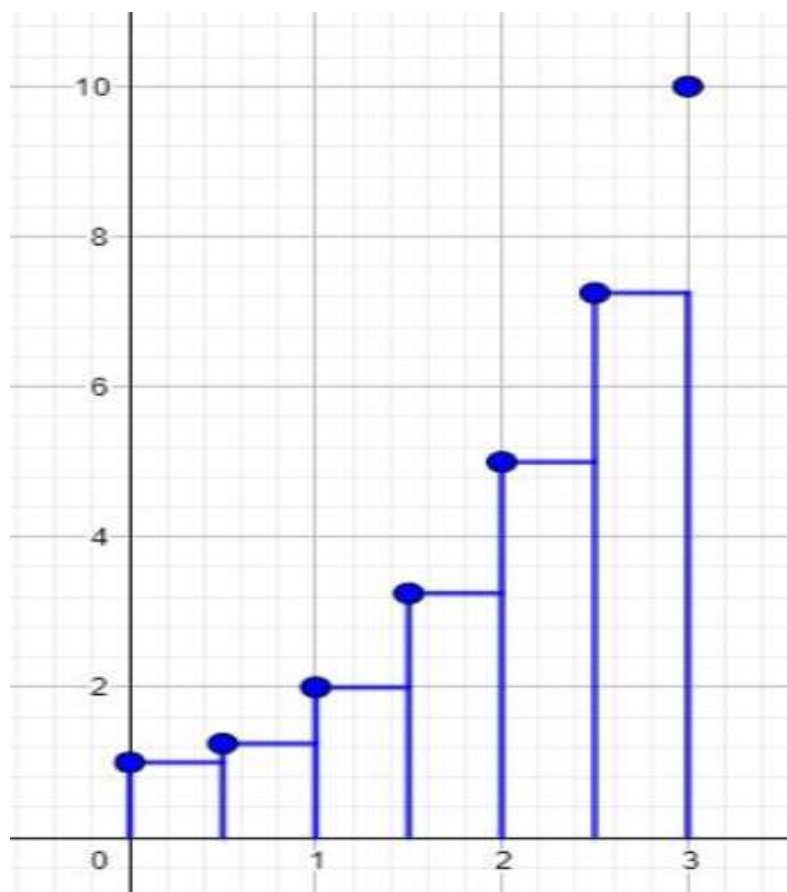
$$x_3 = a + (i - 1) \Delta x = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$$

$$x_4 = a + (i - 1) \Delta x = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 3 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$x_5 = a + (i - 1) \Delta x = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$$

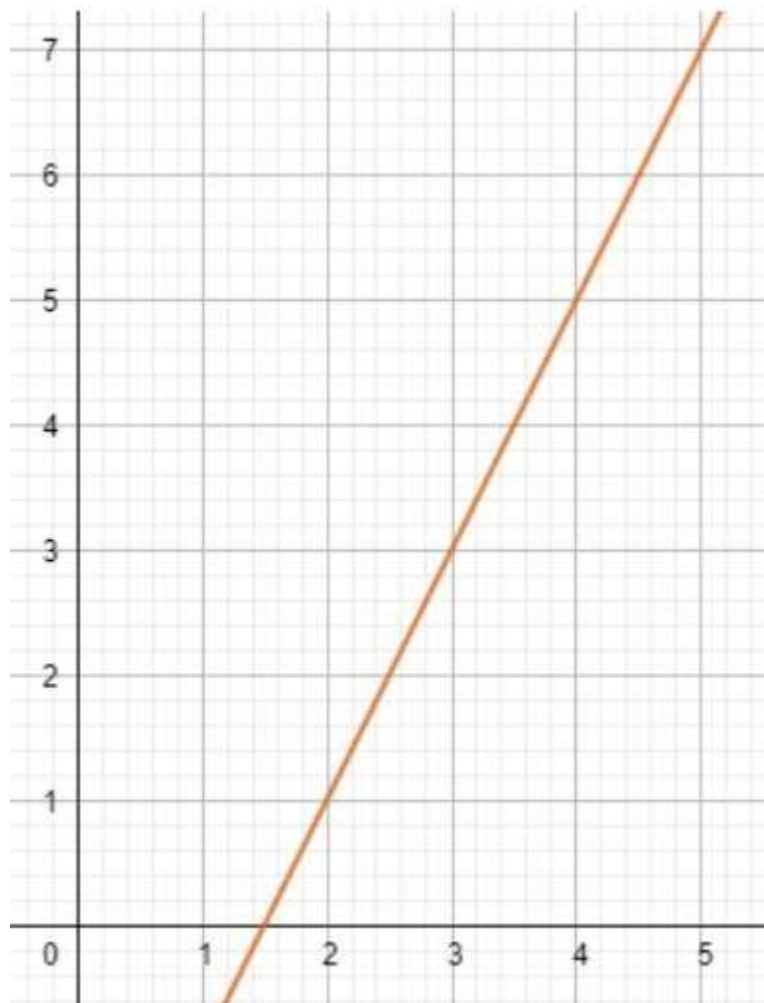
$$x_6 = a + (i - 1) \Delta x = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 5 = \frac{5}{2}$$

**Step 3:** Now having the locations of the left sides of the rectangles and their width, the rectangles can be drawn graphically, to have a better understanding of what will be calculated.



$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^4 f(x_i) \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) [f(x_1) + f(x_2) + f(x_3) + f(x_4) + f(x_5) + f(x_6)] \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[ f(0) + f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + f(1) + f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + f(2) + f\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) \right] \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[ 1 + \frac{5}{4} + 2 + \frac{13}{4} + 5 + \frac{29}{4} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{79}{4} = \frac{79}{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 6:** Approximate the area under the curve using left Riemann Sums and 3 equal subintervals from  $x = 2$  to  $x = 5$ .



**Solution:**

**Step 1:** Find the width of each of the rectangles,  $\Delta x$ . From the problem statement it is given that  $n = 3$ ,  $a = 2$  and  $b = 5$ . Therefore,

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n} = \frac{5 - 2}{3} = 1$$

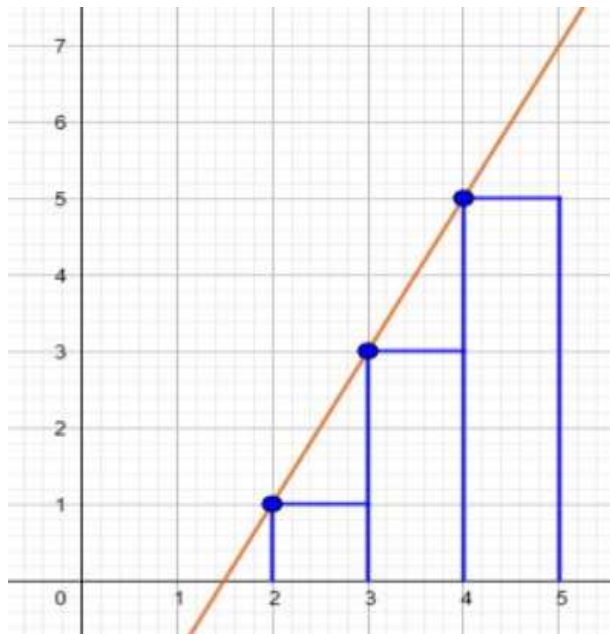
**Step 2:** Find the x - coordinates of the left - hand side of the rectangles using the equation:  $x_i = a + (i - 1) \Delta x$

$$x_1 = a + (i - 1) \Delta x = 2 + (0) \times (1) = 2$$

$$x_2 = a + (i - 1) \Delta x = 2 + (1) \times (1) = 3$$

$$x_3 = a + (i - 1) \Delta x = 2 + (2) \times (1) = 4$$

**Step 3:** Now having the  $x$  - coordinates of the left - hand side of the rectangles and their width, the rectangles can be drawn graphically, to aid a better understanding of what will be calculated.



$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^2 f(x_i) = (1)[f(x_1) + f(x_2) + f(x_3)] \\
 &= f(2) + f(3) + f(4) = 1 + 3 + 5 = 9
 \end{aligned}$$

## 2. Right Riemann Sums

Right Riemann sums are used to approximate the area under a curve. The areas of a series of  $n$  rectangles are summed in which the height of each rectangle is given by the right side of the rectangle. Depending on the curve, a right Riemann sum may be an under or over approximation of the actual area. The formula for a right Riemann sum is:

$$A = \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)$$

where  $\Delta x$  is the width of each of the  $n$  rectangles and  $f(x_i)$  is the height.

**Steps for Approximating Using Right Riemann Sums are:**

**Step 1:** Calculate the width,  $\Delta x$ , of each of the rectangles needed for the Riemann sum. In case of uniform partitions, the width of each rectangle is equal. For  $n$  subintervals (or rectangles),

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n}$$

where  $a$  is the lower bound of the definite integral and  $b$  is the upper bound of the definite integral.

**Step 2:** Locate the right endpoint of each of the rectangles referring to these endpoints as  $x_i$  and find the right endpoints using the equation

$$x_i = a + i \Delta x$$

**Step 3:** Compute the right Riemann sum.

**Example 1:** Approximate the following integral using a right Riemann sum and 4 equal subintervals.

$$\int_0^{12} (x^2 - 4x + 4) dx$$

**Solution:**

**Step 1:** First, find the width of each of the subintervals,  $\Delta x$ . From the problem statement, it is given that  $n = 4$ ,  $a = 0$  and  $b = 12$ . Therefore,

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n} = \frac{12 - 0}{4} = 3$$

**Step 2:** Find the locations of the right endpoints of the rectangles by finding  $x_i$  for each of the 4 rectangles.

$$x_1 = a + (1) \Delta x = 0 + (1) \times 3 = 3$$

$$x_2 = a + (2) \Delta x = 0 + (2) \times 3 = 6$$

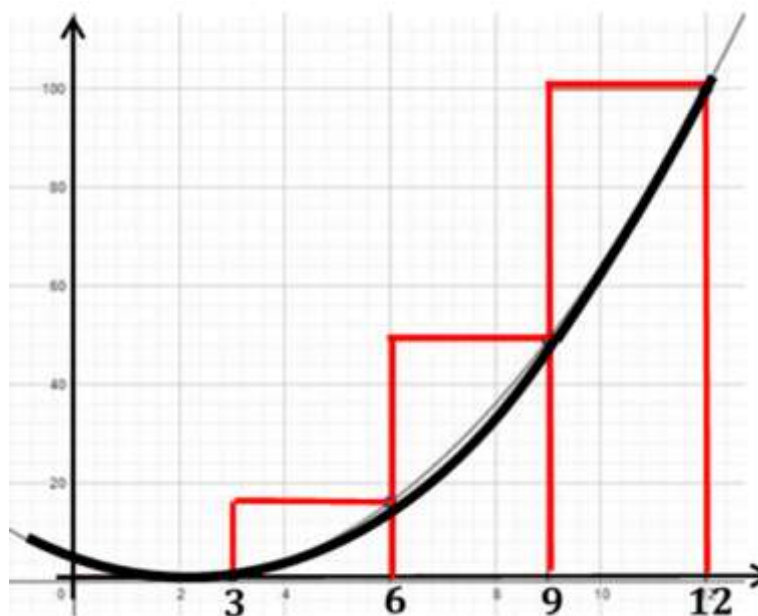
$$x_3 = a + (3) \Delta x = 0 + (3) \times 3 = 9$$

$$x_4 = a + (4) \Delta x = 0 + (4) \times 3 = 12$$

**Step 3:** Computing the right Riemann sum where the right endpoints are:

$$x_1 = 3, x_2 = 6, x_3 = 9, \text{ and } x_4 = 12.$$

The areas need to be summed are illustrated in the figure.



$$\begin{aligned} A &= \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^4 f(x_i) = 3[f(x_1) + f(x_2) + f(x_3) + f(x_4)] \\ &= 3[f(3) + f(6) + f(9) + f(12)] \\ &= 3(1 + 16 + 49 + 100) = 498 \end{aligned}$$

The **actual value** of the integral is:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{12} (x^2 - 4x + 4) dx &= \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} - 4 \frac{x^2}{2} + 4x \right]_0^{12} \\ &= 576 - 288 + 48 = 336 \\ \varepsilon &= |336 - 498| = 162 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2:** Approximate the area under the curve from  $x = 1$  to  $x = 6$  using 5 equal subintervals and the function information provided in the given table.

$x$	$y$
1	1
2	8
3	27
4	64
5	125
6	216

**Solution:**

**Step 1:** Find the width of each of the subintervals,  $\Delta x$ . From the problem statement, it is given that  $n = 5$ ,  $a = 1$  and  $b = 6$ . Therefore,

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n} = \frac{6 - 1}{5} = 1$$

**Step 2:** Find the locations of the right endpoints of the rectangles using the equation:  $x_i = a + i \Delta x$

$$x_1 = a + (1) \Delta x = 1 + (1) \times 1 = 2$$

$$x_2 = a + (2) \Delta x = 1 + (2) \times 1 = 3$$

$$x_3 = a + (3) \Delta x = 1 + (3) \times 1 = 4$$

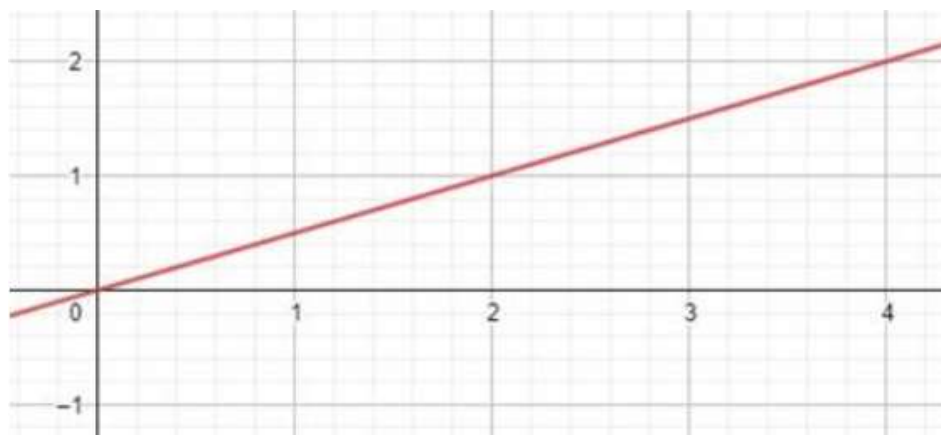
$$x_4 = a + (4) \Delta x = 1 + (4) \times 1 = 5$$

$$x_5 = a + (5) \Delta x = 1 + (5) \times 1 = 6$$

**Step 3:** Compute the right Riemann sum using the table to obtain the function values.

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^5 f(x_i) = (1)[f(x_1) + f(x_2) + f(x_3) + f(x_4) + f(x_5)] \\ &= 8 + 27 + 64 + 125 + 216 = 440 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3:** Use a right Riemann sum and 2 equal subintervals to approximate the area under the curve from  $x = 1$  to  $x = 6$  using the given graph.



**Solution:**

**Step 1:** Find the width of each of the rectangles,  $\Delta x$ . From the graph, it is evident that  $n = 2$ ,  $a = 0$  and  $b = 4$ . Therefore,

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n} = \frac{4 - 0}{2} = 2$$

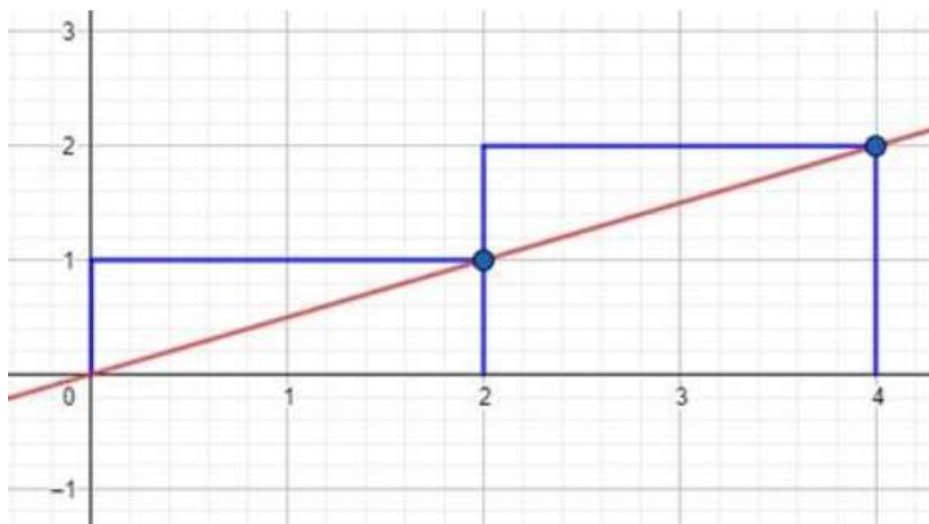
**Step 2:** Find the locations of the right endpoints of the rectangles using the equation:

$$x_i = a + i \Delta x$$

$$x_1 = a + (1) \Delta x = 0 + (1) \times 2 = 2$$

$$x_2 = a + (2) \Delta x = 0 + (2) \times 2 = 4$$

**Step 3:** Compute the right Riemann sum using the graph to obtain the function values.



$$A = \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^2 f(x_i) = (2)[f(x_1) + f(x_2)] = 2[1 + 2] = 6$$

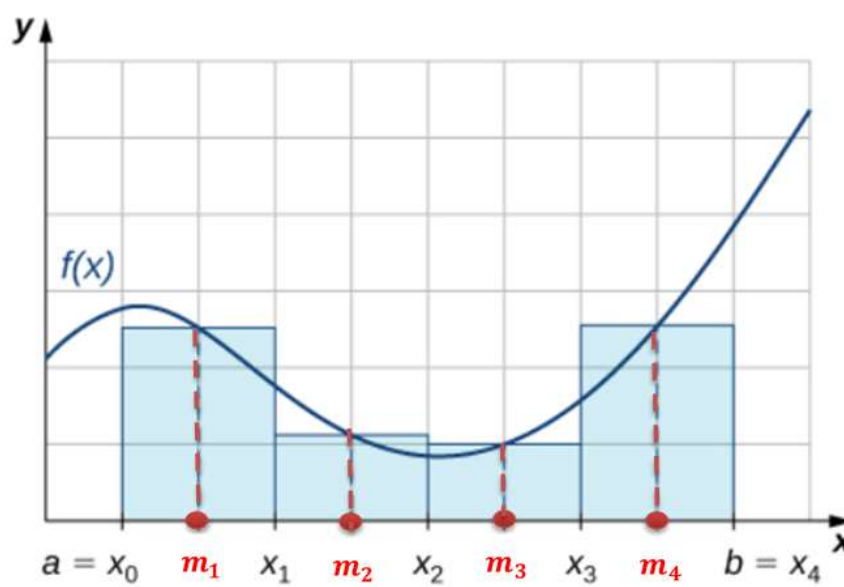
### 3. Midpoint Rule

Assume that  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ . Let  $n$  be a positive integer and

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n}$$

If  $[a, b]$  is divided into  $n$  subintervals, each of length  $\Delta x$ , and  $m_i$  is the **midpoint** of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  subinterval, then

$$M_n = \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^n f(m_i) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$



As it is shown from the Figure;

If  $f(x) \geq 0$  over  $[a, b]$ ,

then

$$\Delta x \sum_{i=1}^n f(m_i)$$

corresponds to the **sum** of the **areas** of **rectangles** approximating the area between the graph of  $f(x)$  and the  $x$  – **axis** over  $[a, b]$ . The graph shows the rectangles corresponding to  $M_n$  for a nonnegative function over a closed interval  $[a, b]$ .

**Example 1:** Use the **midpoint rule** to estimate the integral

$$\int_0^1 x^2 dx$$

using **4 subintervals**. Compare the result with **actual value** of this **integral**.

**Solution:**

Each subinterval has length:

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{4} = \frac{1 - 0}{4} = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$$

and the subintervals are:

$$\left[0, \frac{1}{4}\right], \quad \left[\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}\right], \quad \left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}\right], \quad \text{and} \quad \left[\frac{3}{4}, 1\right]$$

The **midpoints** of these **subintervals** are:

$$\left[\frac{1}{8}, \quad \frac{3}{8}, \quad \frac{5}{8}, \quad \frac{7}{8}\right]$$

Thus,

$$M_4 = \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^4 f(m_i) = \frac{1}{4} \left[ f\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) + f\left(\frac{3}{8}\right) + f\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) + f\left(\frac{7}{8}\right) \right]$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{64} + \frac{9}{64} + \frac{25}{64} + \frac{21}{64} \right) = \frac{21}{64}$$

The **actual value** is:

$$I = \int_0^1 x^2 dx = \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

The **error** in this approximation is:

$$\left| \frac{1}{3} - \frac{21}{64} \right| = \frac{1}{192} \approx 0.0052$$

**Example 2:** Use  $M_6$  to estimate the **length** of the **curve**  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$  on  $[1, 4]$ .

**Solution:**

The length of  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$  on  $[1, 4]$  is:

$$s = \int_1^4 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx$$

Since  $\frac{dy}{dx} = x$ , this integral becomes

$$s = \int_1^4 \sqrt{1 + x^2} dx$$

If  $[1, 4]$  is divided into **6 subintervals**, then each subinterval has length

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{6} = \frac{4 - 1}{6} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

and the midpoints of the subintervals are:

$$\frac{5}{4}, \quad \frac{7}{4}, \quad \frac{9}{4}, \quad \frac{11}{4}, \quad \frac{13}{4}, \quad \frac{15}{4}$$

If set  $f(x) = \sqrt{1 + x^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}M_6 &= \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^6 f(m_i) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{7}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{11}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{13}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{15}{4}\right) \right] \\&\approx \frac{1}{2} (1.6008 + 2.0156 + 2.4622 + 2.9262 + 3.4004 + 3.8810) \\&= 8.1431\end{aligned}$$

**HW:** Use the **midpoint rule** with **n = 2** to estimate

$$\int_1^2 \frac{1}{x} dx$$

**Hint:**  $\Delta x = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $m_1 = \frac{3}{4}$ , and  $m_2 = \frac{7}{4}$ , **Asw:**  $\frac{24}{35}$