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Numerical methods

Handouts for students

7. Numerical integration

- 7.1. Trapezoid formula
- 7.2. Simpson 1/3 formula
- 7.3. Simpson 3/8 formula

I. Introductory requirements

It is required to know the concepts of:

- indefinite integral;
 - definite integral;
- and be able to:
- calculate basic indefinite and definite integrals;
 - calculate differentials of functions;
 - find lower and upper bounds of a function defined in an interval.

II. Classes

Task 1. Calculate the following integrals analytically and using the quadrature formulae (use $n = 1$).

a) $\int_{-1}^5 (x + 1) dx$; b) $\int_{-2}^4 (x^3 - 3) dx$; c) $\int_{-3}^3 (2x - x^4) dx$.

Task 2. Calculate the following integrals analytically and using the quadrature formulae with $n = 1$ and $n = 2$. Compare the results and the actual errors with theoretical estimates of errors.

a) $\int_0^\pi \sin^2 x dx$,

b) $\int_{-2}^4 \frac{x^2 - 2}{x + 3} dx$.

Task 3. Using Simpson 1/3 formula or Simpson 3/8 formula evaluate three approximations of the value:

- a) $\ln 2$,
- b) $\arctan 3$.

III. Homework

Task 1. Use the quadrature formulae for the following integrals. Consider $n = 1$ and $n = 2$.

a) $\int_1^4 \left(x^2 - x - \frac{1}{x}\right) dx$, b) $\int_0^\pi x^2 \cos^2 x dx$, c) $\int_{-5}^1 \frac{x}{x-2} dx$.

Task 2. Evaluate the number of subintervals of the interval $[1, 2]$ that should be used in order to get the value of the following integral with an error not greater than:

a) 10^{-5} , b) 10^{-7} , c) 10^{-9} .

$$\int_1^2 \frac{1}{x} dx$$

Task 3. The risk of a head injury in a car accident can be evaluated using a *HIC* indicator (Head Injury Criterion). It is defined by a formula:

$$HIC = \max_{0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq T} (t_2 - t_1) \left(\frac{1}{t_2 - t_1} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} a(t) dt \right)^{2,5}$$

where $a(t)$ is a function that describes the inertia forces which induce the injury (it is proportional to acceleration), and T is the braking time of the car moving initially with the velocity of 50 km/h. Estimate the value of this index by performing the following steps:

- evaluate the mean value of the function $a(t)$ on the interval $[50, 110]$

$$a(t) = \frac{16\,400}{(t - 68)^2 + 400} + \frac{1\,480}{(t - 93)^2 + 18}$$

calculating integral of this function using Simpson 1/3 formula or Simpson 3/8 formula with $n = 2$ and dividing it by the length of this interval, i.e.

$$\bar{a} = \frac{1}{60} \int_{50}^{110} a(t) dt$$

(argument t of function $a(t)$ is in milliseconds);

- evaluate approximated value of *HIC* indicator calculating:

$$HIC \approx (\bar{a})^{2,5} \cdot 0,06$$

where 0,06 is the length of the window of integration in seconds;

- value of *HIC* above 1 000 indicate threat to a human life. Compare the above result with the value of the *HIC* indicator for a function $a_A(t)$, that describes the case of an airbag in the car:

$$a_A(t) = \frac{22\,000}{(t - 74)^2 + 500}$$

IV. Answers

Task 1.

a) $\int_1^4 \left(x^2 - x - \frac{1}{x}\right) dx = \frac{27}{2} - 2 \ln 2 \approx 12,1137$

| Formula | Trapezoid | Simpson 1/3 | Simpson 3/8 |
|---------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| $n = 1$ | $\frac{129}{8} = 16,125$ | $\frac{483}{40} = 12,075$ | $\frac{387}{32} = 12,094$ |
| $n = 2$ | $\frac{1\ 047}{80} = 13,088$ | $\frac{88\ 149}{7\ 280} = 12,108$ | $\frac{27\ 129}{2\ 240} = 12,111$ |

b) $\int_0^\pi x^2 \cos^2 x dx = \frac{\pi^3}{6} + \frac{\pi}{4} \approx 5,953111$

| Formula | Trapezoid | Simpson 1/3 | Simpson 3/8 |
|---------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| $n = 1$ | $\frac{\pi^3}{2} \approx 15,503$ | $\frac{\pi^3}{6} \approx 5,168$ | $\frac{17\pi^3}{96} \approx 5,490$ |
| $n = 2$ | $\frac{\pi^3}{4} \approx 7,752$ | $\frac{3\pi^3}{16} \approx 5,814$ | $\frac{73\pi^3}{384} \approx 5,894$ |

c) $\int_{-5}^1 \frac{x}{x-2} dx = 6 - 2 \ln 7 \approx 2,10818$

| Formula | Trapezoid | Simpson 1/3 | Simpson 3/8 |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| $n = 1$ | $-\frac{6}{7} \approx -0,857$ | $\frac{12}{7} \approx 1,714$ | $\frac{66}{35} \approx 1,886$ |
| $n = 2$ | $\frac{15}{14} \approx 1,071$ | $\frac{1\ 563}{770} \approx 2,03$ | $\frac{579}{280} \approx 2,068$ |

Task 2.

| Estimate of error | Trapezoid formula | Simpson 1/3 form. | Simpson 3/8 form. |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 10^{-5} | $n = 130$ | $n = 6$ | $n = 5$ |
| 10^{-7} | $n = 1\ 291$ | $n = 17$ | $n = 14$ |
| 10^{-9} | $n = 12\ 910$ | $n = 54$ | $n = 44$ |

Task 3.

| Formula | Simpson 1/3 | Simpson 3/8 |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Without an airbag | 571 | 688 |
| With an airbag | 297 | 297 |