

# Ch 04-4 Composite Numerical Integration

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- A Motivating Example
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- The Composite Trapezoidal & Midpoint Rules
- Comparing the Composite Simpson & Trapezoidal Rules

# Composite Numerical Integration: Motivating Example

## Application of Simpson's Rule

Use Simpson's rule to approximate

$$\int_0^4 e^x dx$$

and compare this to the results obtained by adding the Simpson's rule approximations for

$$\int_0^2 e^x dx \quad \text{and} \quad \int_2^4 e^x dx$$

and adding those for

$$\int_0^1 e^x dx, \quad \int_1^2 e^x dx, \quad \int_2^3 e^x dx \quad \text{and} \quad \int_3^4 e^x dx$$

# Composite Numerical Integration: Motivating Example

## Solution (1/3)

Simpson's rule on  $[0, 4]$  uses  $h = 2$  and gives

$$\int_0^4 e^x dx \approx \frac{2}{3}(e^0 + 4e^2 + e^4) = 56.76958.$$

The exact answer in this case is  $e^4 - e^0 = 53.59815$ , and the error  $-3.17143$  is far larger than we would normally accept.

# Composite Numerical Integration: Motivating Example

## Solution (2/3)

Applying Simpson's rule on each of the intervals  $[0, 2]$  and  $[2, 4]$  uses  $h = 1$  and gives

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^4 e^x dx &= \int_0^2 e^x dx + \int_2^4 e^x dx \\ &\approx \frac{1}{3} (e^0 + 4e + e^2) + \frac{1}{3} (e^2 + 4e^3 + e^4) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} (e^0 + 4e + 2e^2 + 4e^3 + e^4) \\ &= 53.86385\end{aligned}$$

The error has been reduced to  $-0.26570$ .

# Composite Numerical Integration: Motivating Example

## Solution (3/3)

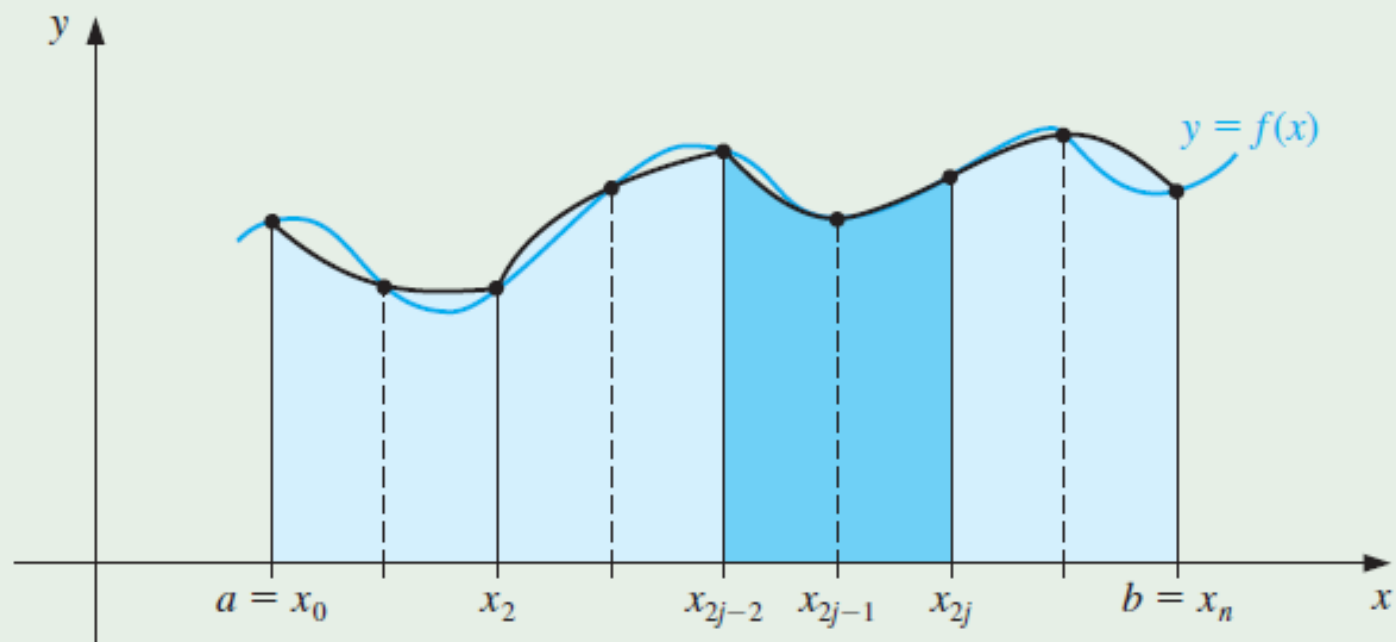
For the integrals on  $[0, 1]$ ,  $[1, 2]$ ,  $[2, 3]$ , and  $[3, 4]$  we use Simpson's rule four times with  $h = \frac{1}{2}$  giving

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^4 e^x dx &= \int_0^1 e^x dx + \int_1^2 e^x dx + \int_2^3 e^x dx + \int_3^4 e^x dx \\ &\approx \frac{1}{6} (e^0 + 4e^{1/2} + e) + \frac{1}{6} (e + 4e^{3/2} + e^2) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{6} (e^2 + 4e^{5/2} + e^3) + \frac{1}{6} (e^3 + 4e^{7/2} + e^4) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} (e^0 + 4e^{1/2} + 2e + 4e^{3/2} + 2e^2 + 4e^{5/2} + 2e^3 + 4e^{7/2} + e^4) \\ &= 53.61622.\end{aligned}$$

The error for this approximation has been reduced to  $-0.01807$ .

# Composite Numerical Integration: Simpson's Rule

To generalize this procedure for an arbitrary integral  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ , choose an even integer  $n$ . Subdivide the interval  $[a, b]$  into  $n$  subintervals, and apply Simpson's rule on each consecutive pair of subintervals.



# Composite Numerical Integration: Simpson's Rule

## Construct the Formula & Error Term

With  $h = (b - a)/n$  and  $x_j = a + jh$ , for each  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b f(x) dx &= \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \int_{x_{2j-2}}^{x_{2j}} f(x) dx \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \left\{ \frac{h}{3} [f(x_{2j-2}) + 4f(x_{2j-1}) + f(x_{2j})] - \frac{h^5}{90} f^{(4)}(\xi_j) \right\}\end{aligned}$$

for some  $\xi_j$  with  $x_{2j-2} < \xi_j < x_{2j}$ , provided that  $f \in C^4[a, b]$ .



## Composite Numerical Integration: Simpson's Rule

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \left\{ \frac{h}{3} [f(x_{2j-2}) + 4f(x_{2j-1}) + f(x_{2j})] - \frac{h^5}{90} f^{(4)}(\xi_j) \right\}$$

### Construct the Formula & Error Term (Cont'd)

Using the fact that for each  $j = 1, 2, \dots, (n/2) - 1$  we have  $f(x_{2j})$  appearing in the term corresponding to the interval  $[x_{2j-2}, x_{2j}]$  and also in the term corresponding to the interval  $[x_{2j}, x_{2j+2}]$ , we can reduce this sum to

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{h}{3} \left[ f(x_0) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{(n/2)-1} f(x_{2j}) + 4 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} f(x_{2j-1}) + f(x_n) \right] - \frac{h^5}{90} \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} f^{(4)}(\xi_j)$$

# Composite Numerical Integration: Simpson's Rule

## Construct the Formula & Error Term (Cont'd)

The error associated with this approximation is

$$E(f) = -\frac{h^5}{90} \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} f^{(4)}(\xi_j)$$

where  $x_{2j-2} < \xi_j < x_{2j}$ , for each  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n/2$ . If  $f \in C^4[a, b]$ , the Extreme Value Theorem [▶ See Theorem](#) implies that  $f^{(4)}$  assumes its maximum and minimum in  $[a, b]$ .

# Composite Numerical Integration: Simpson's Rule

## Construct the Formula & Error Term (Cont'd)

Since

$$\min_{x \in [a,b]} f^{(4)}(x) \leq f^{(4)}(\xi_j) \leq \max_{x \in [a,b]} f^{(4)}(x)$$

we have

$$\frac{n}{2} \min_{x \in [a,b]} f^{(4)}(x) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} f^{(4)}(\xi_j) \leq \frac{n}{2} \max_{x \in [a,b]} f^{(4)}(x)$$

and

$$\min_{x \in [a,b]} f^{(4)}(x) \leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} f^{(4)}(\xi_j) \leq \max_{x \in [a,b]} f^{(4)}(x)$$

# Composite Numerical Integration: Simpson's Rule

## Construct the Formula & Error Term (Cont'd)

By the Intermediate Value Theorem [▶ See Theorem](#) there is a  $\mu \in (a, b)$  such that

$$f^{(4)}(\mu) = \frac{2}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} f^{(4)}(\xi_j)$$

Thus

$$E(f) = -\frac{h^5}{90} \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} f^{(4)}(\xi_j) = -\frac{h^5}{180} n f^{(4)}(\mu)$$

or, since  $h = (b - a)/n$ ,

$$E(f) = -\frac{(b - a)}{180} h^4 f^{(4)}(\mu)$$

# Composite Numerical Integration: Simpson's Rule

These observations produce the following result.

## Theorem: Composite Simpson's Rule

Let  $f \in C^4[a, b]$ ,  $n$  be even,  $h = (b - a)/n$ , and  $x_j = a + jh$ , for each  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . There exists a  $\mu \in (a, b)$  for which the **Composite Simpson's rule** for  $n$  subintervals can be written with its error term as

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{h}{3} \left[ f(a) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{(n/2)-1} f(x_{2j}) + 4 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} f(x_{2j-1}) + f(b) \right] - \frac{b-a}{180} h^4 f^{(4)}(\mu)$$

# Composite Numerical Integration: Simpson's Rule

## Comments on the Formula & Error Term

- Notice that the error term for the Composite Simpson's rule is  $O(h^4)$ , whereas it was  $O(h^5)$  for the standard Simpson's rule.

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## Comments on the Formula & Error Term

- Notice that the error term for the Composite Simpson's rule is  $O(h^4)$ , whereas it was  $O(h^5)$  for the standard Simpson's rule.
- However, these rates are not comparable because, for the standard Simpson's rule, we have  $h$  fixed at  $h = (b - a)/2$ , but for Composite Simpson's rule we have  $h = (b - a)/n$ , for  $n$  an even integer.
- This permits us to considerably reduce the value of  $h$ .
- The following algorithm uses the Composite Simpson's rule on  $n$  subintervals. It is the **most frequently-used** general-purpose quadrature algorithm.

# Composite Integration: Simpson's Rule Algorithm

To approximate the integral  $I = \int_a^b f(x) dx$ :

INPUT endpoints  $a, b$ ; even positive integer  $n$   
OUTPUT approximation  $XI$  to  $I$   
Step 1 Set  $h = (b - a)/n$   
Step 2 Set  $XI0 = f(a) + f(b)$   
           $XI1 = 0$ ; (Summation of  $f(x_{2i-1})$ )  
           $XI2 = 0$ . (Summation of  $f(x_{2i})$ )  
Step 3 For  $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$  do Steps 4 and 5:  
          Step 4: Set  $X = a + ih$   
          Step 5: If  $i$  is even then set  $XI2 = XI2 + f(X)$   
                  else set  $XI1 = XI1 + f(X)$   
Step 6 Set  $XI = h(XI0 + 2 \cdot XI2 + 4 \cdot XI1)/3$   
Step 7 OUTPUT ( $XI$ )  
STOP

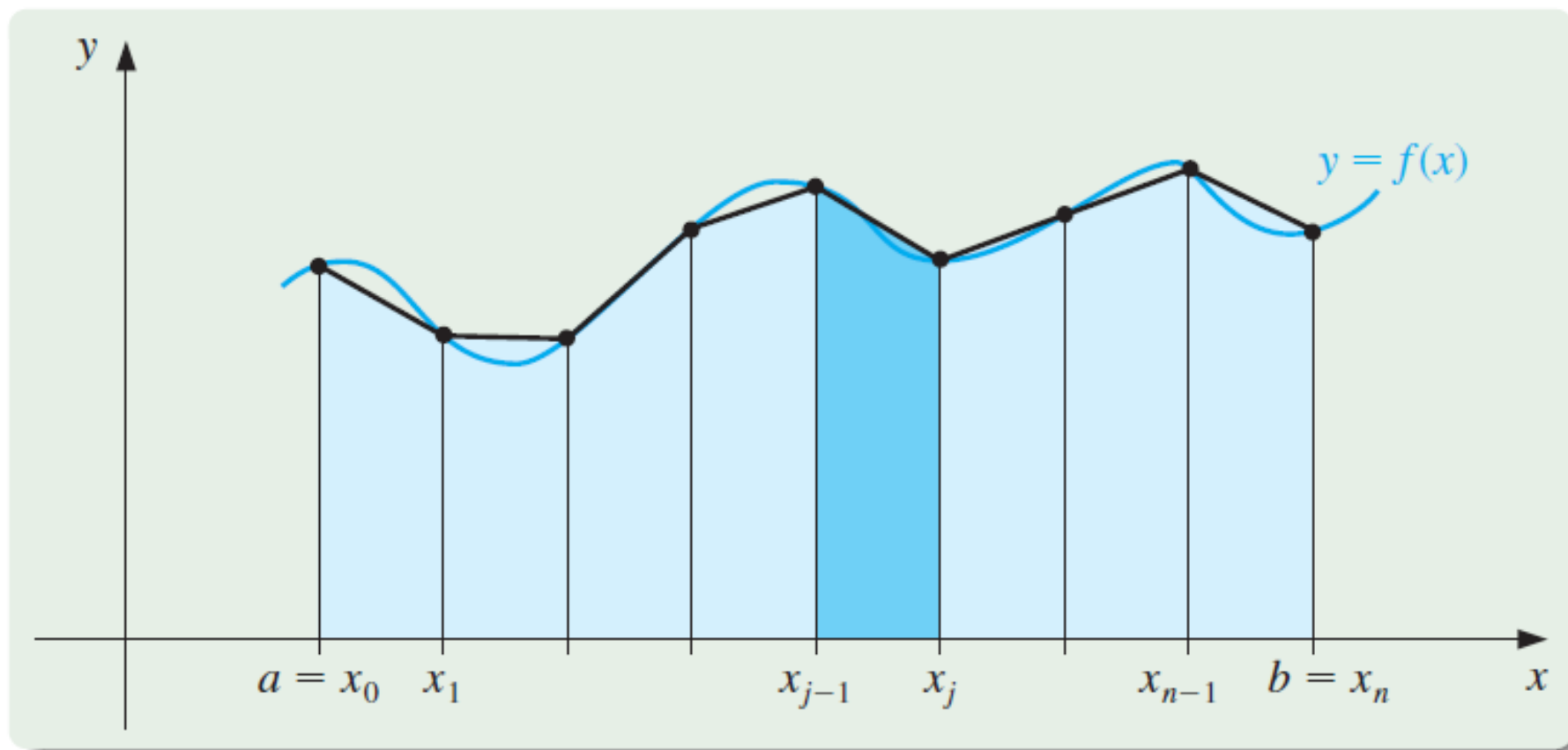


# Composite Integration: Trapezoidal & Midpoint Rules

## Preamble

- The subdivision approach can be applied to any of the Newton-Cotes formulas.
- The extensions of the Trapezoidal and Midpoint rules will be presented without proof.
- The Trapezoidal rule requires only one interval for each application, so the integer  $n$  can be either **odd or even**.
- For the Midpoint rule, however, the integer  $n$  must be **even**.

# Numerical Integration: Composite Trapezoidal Rule



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# Numerical Integration: Composite Trapezoidal Rule

## Theorem: Composite Trapezoidal Rule

Let  $f \in C^2[a, b]$ ,  $h = (b - a)/n$ , and  $x_j = a + jh$ , for each  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . There exists a  $\mu \in (a, b)$  for which the **Composite Trapezoidal Rule** for  $n$  subintervals can be written with its error term as

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{h}{2} \left[ f(a) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} f(x_j) + f(b) \right] - \frac{b-a}{12} h^2 f''(\mu)$$

# Numerical Integration: Composite Midpoint Rule

## Midpoint Rule (1-point open Newton-Cotes formula)

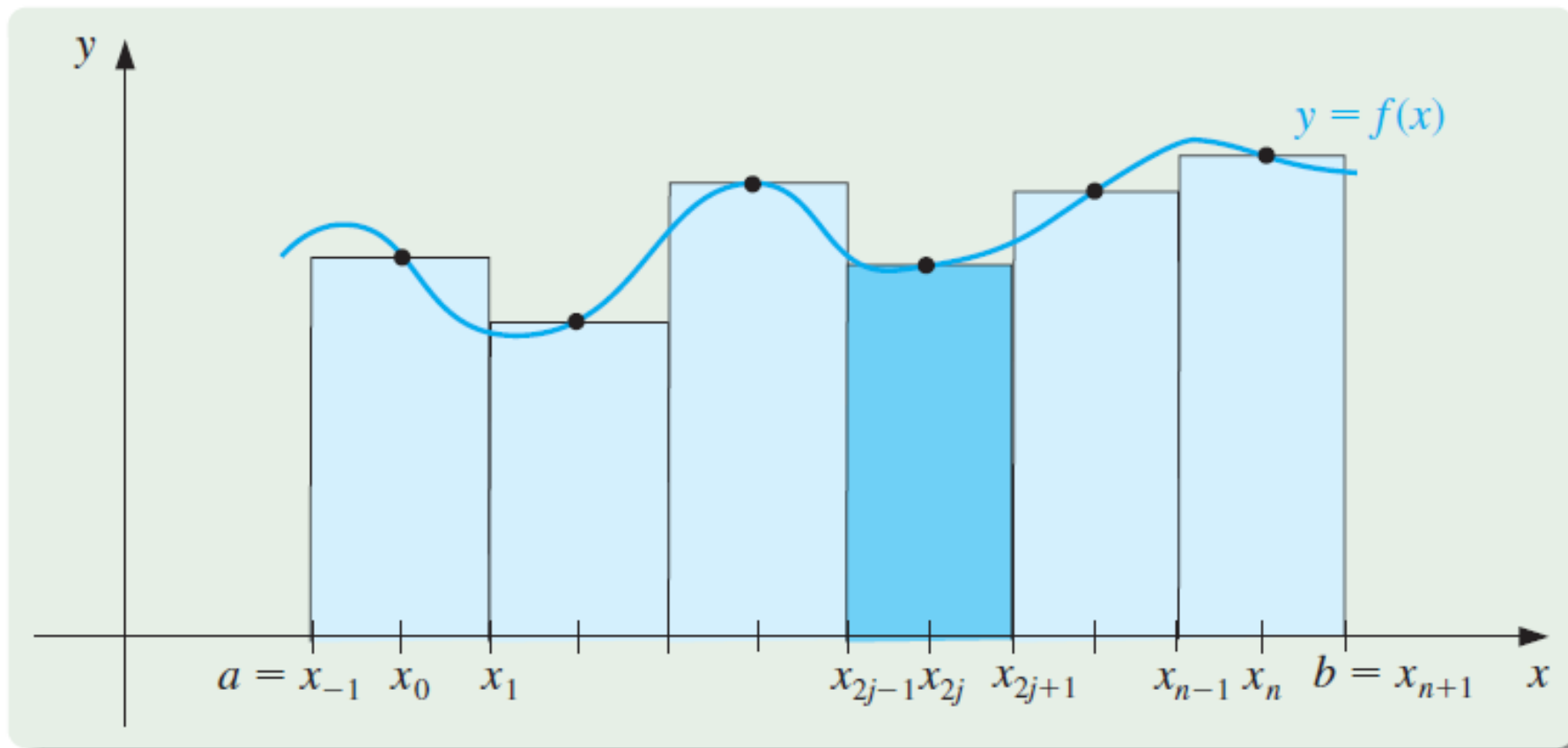
$$\int_{x_{-1}}^{x_1} f(x) dx = 2hf(x_0) + \frac{h^3}{3}f'''(\xi), \quad \text{where } x_{-1} < \xi < x_1$$

## Theorem: Composite Midpoint Rule

Let  $f \in C^2[a, b]$ ,  $n$  be even,  $h = (b - a)/(n + 2)$ , and  $x_j = a + (j + 1)h$  for each  $j = -1, 0, \dots, n + 1$ . There exists a  $\mu \in (a, b)$  for which the **Composite Midpoint rule** for  $n + 2$  subintervals can be written with its error term as

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = 2h \sum_{j=0}^{n/2} f(x_{2j}) + \frac{b - a}{6} h^2 f''(\mu)$$

# Numerical Integration: Composite Midpoint Rule



Note: The Midpoint Rule requires two intervals for each application, so the integer  $n$  must be **even**.

# Composite Numerical Integration: Example

## Example: Trapezoidal .v. Simpson's Rules

Determine values of  $h$  that will ensure an approximation error of less than 0.00002 when approximating  $\int_0^\pi \sin x \, dx$  and employing:

- (a) Composite Trapezoidal rule and
- (b) Composite Simpson's rule.

# Composite Numerical Integration: Example

## Solution (1/5)

The error form for the Composite Trapezoidal rule for  $f(x) = \sin x$  on  $[0, \pi]$  is

$$\left| \frac{\pi h^2}{12} f''(\mu) \right| = \left| \frac{\pi h^2}{12} (-\sin \mu) \right| = \frac{\pi h^2}{12} |\sin \mu|.$$

To ensure sufficient accuracy with this technique, we need to have

$$\frac{\pi h^2}{12} |\sin \mu| \leq \frac{\pi h^2}{12} < 0.00002.$$

## Composite Numerical Integration: Example

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### Solution (2/5)

Since  $h = \pi/n$  implies that  $n = \pi/h$ , we need

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\pi^3}{12n^2} &< 0.00002 \\ \Rightarrow n &> \left( \frac{\pi^3}{12(0.00002)} \right)^{1/2} \approx 359.44 \end{aligned}$$

and the Composite Trapezoidal rule requires  $n \geq 360$ .



# Composite Numerical Integration: Example

## Solution (3/5)

The error form for the Composite Simpson's rule for  $f(x) = \sin x$  on  $[0, \pi]$  is

$$\left| \frac{\pi h^4}{180} f^{(4)}(\mu) \right| = \left| \frac{\pi h^4}{180} \sin \mu \right| = \frac{\pi h^4}{180} |\sin \mu|$$

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## Composite Numerical Integration: Example

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### Solution (4/5)

Using again the fact that  $n = \pi/h$  gives

$$\frac{\pi^5}{180n^4} < 0.00002 \quad \Rightarrow \quad n > \left( \frac{\pi^5}{180(0.00002)} \right)^{1/4} \approx 17.07$$

So Composite Simpson's rule requires only  $n \geq 18$ .

# Composite Numerical Integration: Example

## Solution (5/5)

Composite Simpson's rule with  $n = 18$  gives

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\pi} \sin x \, dx &\approx \frac{\pi}{54} \left[ 2 \sum_{j=1}^8 \sin \left( \frac{j\pi}{9} \right) + 4 \sum_{j=1}^9 \sin \left( \frac{(2j-1)\pi}{18} \right) \right] \\ &= 2.0000104\end{aligned}$$

This is accurate to within about  $10^{-5}$  because the true value is  $-\cos(\pi) - (-\cos(0)) = 2$ .

## Composite Numerical Integration: Conclusion

- Composite Simpson's rule is the clear choice if you wish to minimize computation.
- For comparison purposes, consider the Composite Trapezoidal rule using  $h = \pi/18$  for the integral in the previous example.
- This approximation uses the same function evaluations as Composite Simpson's rule but the approximation in this case

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\pi} \sin x \, dx &\approx \frac{\pi}{36} \left[ 2 \sum_{j=1}^{17} \sin \left( \frac{j\pi}{18} \right) + \sin 0 + \sin \pi \right] \\ &= \frac{\pi}{36} \left[ 2 \sum_{j=1}^{17} \sin \left( \frac{j\pi}{18} \right) \right] = 1.9949205\end{aligned}$$

is accurate only to about  $5 \times 10^{-3}$ .