

Solution

WA2-1

## WA2 Error in the Trapezoidal Rule

$$(a) \quad n=1 \quad T_1(f) = \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) (f(a) + f(b)) \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_1(f) &= T_1(f) - I(f) \\ &= \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) (f(a) + f(b)) - \int_a^b f(x) dx \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

(b) Let  $R_1(f) = \int_a^b g(x) f'(x) dx$ . We want to find

$g$  so this equals (2). Integrate by parts  
with:  $v'(x) = f'(x)$        $u(x) = g(x)$   
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then:

$$\int_a^b g(x) f'(x) dx = g(b)f(b) - g(a)f(a) - \int_a^b g'(x) f(x) dx \quad (3)$$

Comparing with (2) we see  $g'(x) = 1$  so  $g(x) = x + C$  for a constant  $C$ . To fix  $C$  compare the first terms of (2) and (3):

$$(b+C)f(b) - (a+C)f(a) = \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) (f(a) + f(b))$$

We find:

$$b+C = \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \text{ and } -(a+C) = \frac{b-a}{2}$$

or

$$b+C = -(a+C) \Rightarrow C = -\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$

Let  $x_M = \frac{a+b}{2}$ . We get:

$$R_1(f) = \int_a^b (x - x_M) f'(x) dx \quad (4)$$

## WA2-2

(c) Integrate by parts in (4) with

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= f'(x) & v'(x) &= (x-x_M) \\ u'(x) &= f''(x) & v(x) &= \frac{1}{2}(x-x_M)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$R_1(f) = f'(x) \frac{1}{2}(x-x_M)^2 \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b \frac{1}{2}(x-x_M)^2 f''(x) dx \quad (5)$$

Evaluate the 1<sup>st</sup> term:

$$(b-x_M)^2 = \left( b - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right)^2$$

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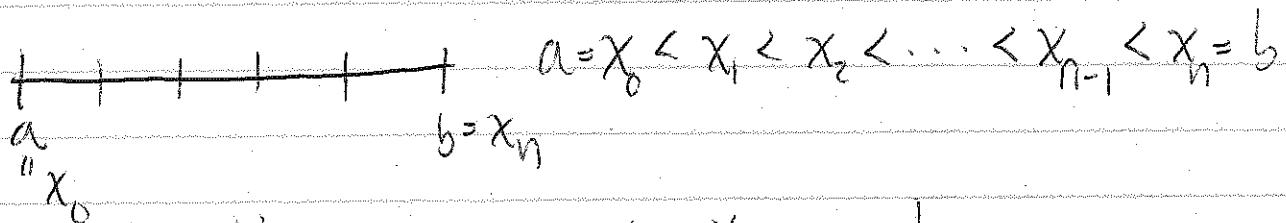
$$f'(x) \frac{1}{2}(x-x_M)^2 \Big|_a^b = (f'(b) - f'(a)) \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right)^2$$

$$= \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right)^2 \int_a^b f''(x) dx \quad (6)$$

Using (6) in (5) gives:

$$R_1(f) = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \left\{ \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right)^2 - (x-x_M)^2 \right\} f''(x) dx \quad (7)$$

(d)



Equal length:  $\Delta x_j = x_j - x_{j-1} = \frac{b-a}{n}$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{x_{j-1}}^{x_j} f(x) dx \quad (8a)$$

WA 2-3

Write  $T_n(f)$  as follows.  $\Delta x = \left(\frac{b-a}{n}\right)$

$$T_n(f) = \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(a) + 2f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \dots + 2f(x_{n-1}) + f(b)]$$

$$= \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(x_0) + f(x_1)] + \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(x_1) + f(x_2)] + \dots$$

$$+ \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)]$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(x_{j-1}) + f(x_j)] \quad (8b)$$

this is  $T_1(f)$  on interval  $[x_{j-1}, x_j]$

Apply the results of parts (a)-(c) to this with  $[a, b]$  there replaced by  $[x_{j-1}, x_j]$ :

$$R_1(f | [x_{j-1}, x_j]) = \int_{x_{j-1}}^{x_j} f(x) dx + T_1(f | [x_{j-1}, x_j])$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{x_{j-1}}^{x_j} \left\{ \left(\frac{b-a}{2n}\right)^2 - (x-x_m)^2 \right\} f''(x) dx$$

where

$x_m = (x_j + x_{j-1})/2$  is the midpoint.

Take the absolute value:

$$|R_1(f | [x_{j-1}, x_j])| \leq K_2(f) \frac{1}{2} \int_{x_{j-1}}^{x_j} \left| \left(\frac{b-a}{2n}\right)^2 - (x-x_m)^2 \right| dx$$

We can remove the absolute values since  $\frac{b-a}{2n} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta x_j$

and  $|x-x_m| \leq \frac{\Delta x_j}{2} \Rightarrow$  the difference is positive.

WAZ-4

$$\begin{aligned} |R_1(f)(x_{j-1}, x_j)| &\leq \frac{k_2(f)}{2} \left\{ \left( \frac{b-a}{2n} \right)^2 \Delta x_j - \frac{(x-x_M)^3}{3} \right\} \Big|_{x_{j-1}}^{x_j} \\ &\leq \frac{k_2(f)}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{b-a}{n} \right)^3 - \frac{1}{12} \left( \frac{b-a}{n} \right)^3 \right\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{12} k_2(f) \frac{(b-a)^3}{n^3} \end{aligned}$$

Finally, go back to (8a) - (8b) and sum:

$$\begin{aligned} |R_n(f)| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(x_{j-1}) + f(x_j)] - \int_{x_{j-1}}^{x_j} f(x) dx \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{12} k_2(f) \frac{(b-a)^3}{n^2} \end{aligned}$$

since the sum gives  $n$ . This is the result!