

Numerical Integration (Quadrature)

Math 426

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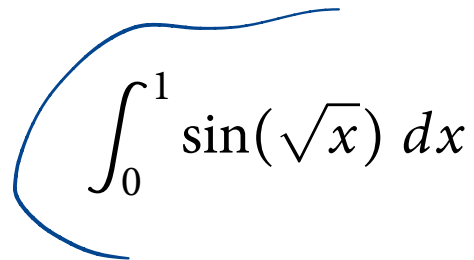
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An important part of this process will be to estimate the error

$$E = \left| \int_a^b f(x) dx - \int_a^b g(x) dx \right| = \left| \int_a^b (f(x) - g(x)) dx \right|$$

$$b - a = h$$

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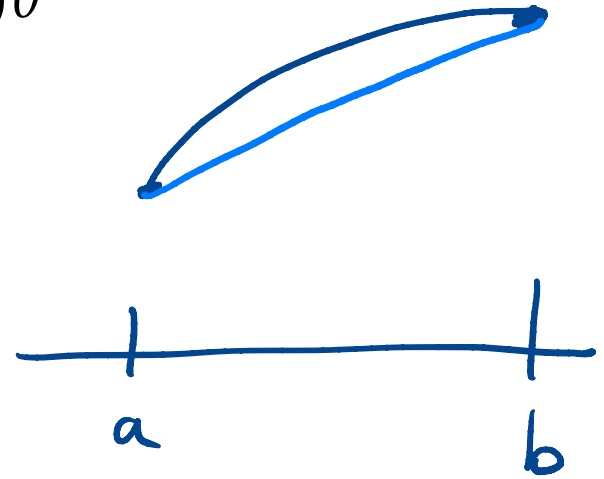
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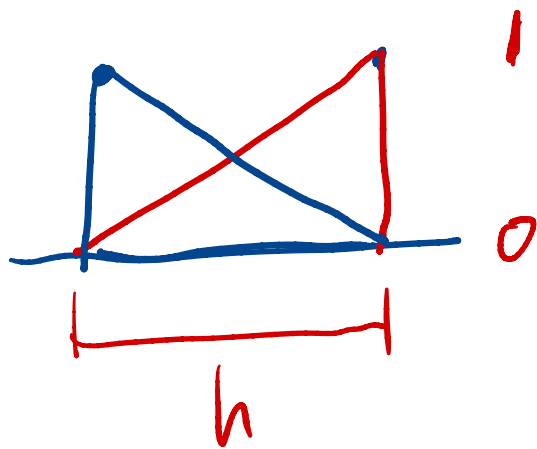


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Theorem
For integrals

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b (f(x) - g(x)) dx &= \int_a^b f''(\xi(x))(x-a)(x-b) dx \\ &= f''(c) \int_a^b (x-a)(x-b) dx\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds = f(c)$$

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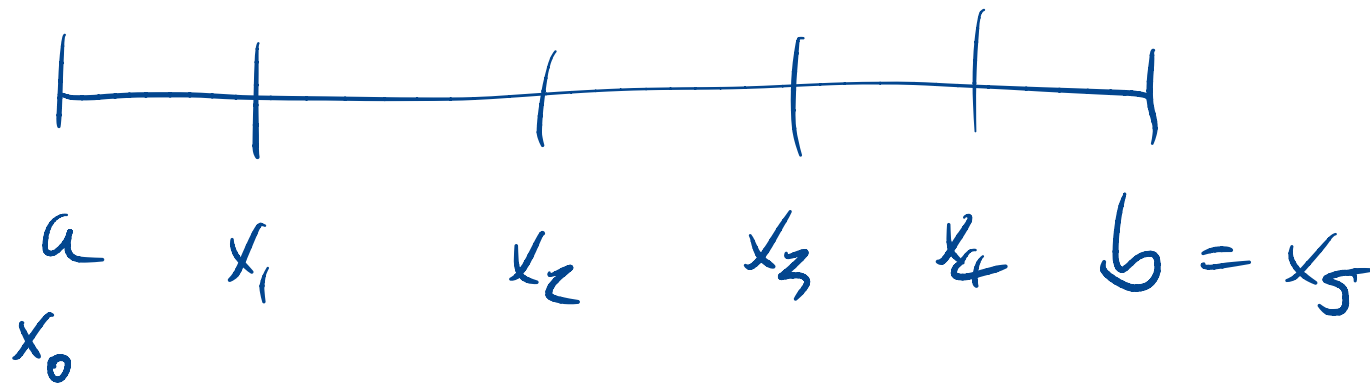
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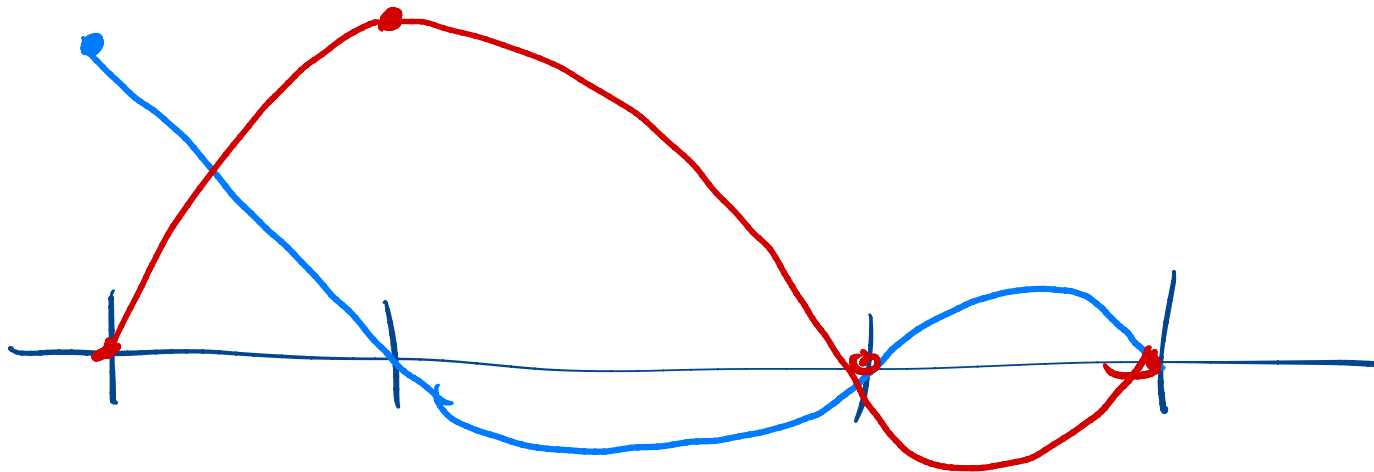


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$$h \left(\frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \right)$$

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$$\prod_{j \neq k} \frac{(x - x_j)}{(x_k - x_j)} = P_k(x)$$

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Pick your favorite $n + 1$ polynomials q_j to obtain ~~n~~ ^{$n+1$} equations

$$\sum_{k=0}^n q_j(x_k) A_k = \int_a^b q_j(x) dx.$$

Now solve for the A_k 's.

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$$q_0(x) = \theta^0(x) = 1$$

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$$= -\cos(x) \Big|_0^{\pi/2}$$

$$= -\cos(\pi/2) + \cos(0)$$

$$= 1$$

