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Today: Error of the d -dimensional left rectangle method.

Prop-n: Let $d \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $L \in (0, 1]$, $a < b$
 $f \in L^1([a, b]^d, \mathbb{R})$ (f is measurable and
 $\int_{[a, b]^d} |f(x)| dx < \infty$). Then

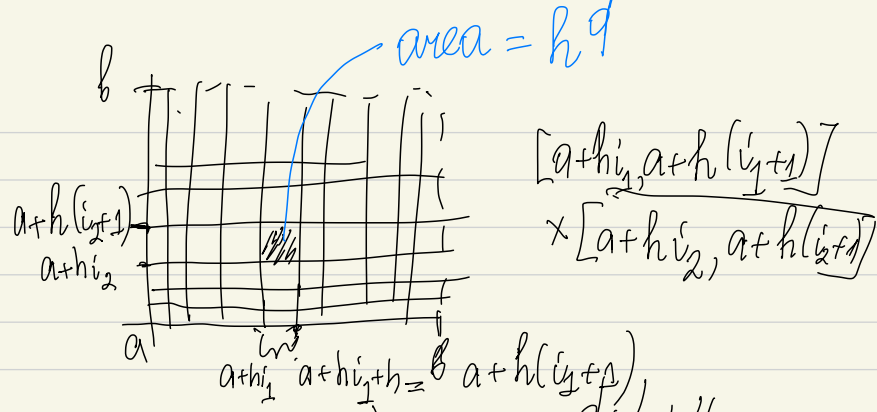
$$|R_{[a, b]^d}^n [f] - \int_{[a, b]^d} f(x) dx| \leq (b-a)^d \cdot \omega_f \left(\frac{(b-a) \sqrt{d}}{n} \right) \leq \frac{(b-a)^{d+d/2}}{n^2} \cdot \|f\|_\infty$$

$f \in C^d \Rightarrow$ convergence rate of $L \in (0, 1]$. Convergence rate up to 1

Proof: $\underline{1} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\underline{1} = (1, \dots, 1)$ and $h = \frac{b-a}{n}$. Then

$$|R_{[a, b]^d}^n - \int f(x) dx| = \left| h^d \sum_{\substack{i=(i_1, \dots, i_d) \\ \in \{0, 1, \dots, (n-1)\}^d}} f(a \cdot \underline{1} + h \cdot i) - \int_{[a, b]^d} f(x) dx \right|$$

$\sum_{i=(i_1, \dots, i_d)} \int_{[a+h i_1, a+h(i_1+1)] \times \dots} f(x) dx$



$$= \left| \sum_{\substack{i=(i_1, \dots, i_d) \\ \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}^d}} \int_{[a+h \cdot i, a+h \cdot (i+1)]} [f(a+h \cdot i) - f(x)] dx \right|$$

triangle inequality for $|\cdot| \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)|$

$$\leq \sum_{i=(i_1, \dots, i_d)} \int_{[x_1, \dots, x_d]} |f(a+h \cdot i) - f(x)| dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \omega_f(\|x-y\|) \\ &= \sup_{z_1, z_2} |f(z_1) - f(z_2)| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \|z_1 - z_2\| \leq \|x-y\| \\ & \geq |f(x) - f(y)| \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \sum_i \int \omega_f(\|a+h \cdot i - x\|) dx$$

$$a+h \cdot i - x = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a \\ \vdots \\ a \end{pmatrix} + h \begin{pmatrix} i_1 \\ \vdots \\ i_d \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a+h \cdot i_1 - x_1 \\ \vdots \\ a+h \cdot i_d - x_d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\| \dots \| = \sqrt{(a+h \cdot i_1 - x_1)^2 + \dots + (a+h \cdot i_d - x_d)^2} \leq \sqrt{(h)^2 + \dots + (h)^2} = h \cdot \sqrt{d}$$

w_f is non-decreasing \Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \sum_{\substack{0 \leq i_1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \leq i_d}}^1 \int w_f(h \cdot \sqrt{d}) dx = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq i_1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \leq i_d}} w_f(h \cdot \sqrt{d}) \cdot h^d = \\ &= h^d \cdot w_f(h \cdot \sqrt{d}) \cdot h^d = n^d \cdot \frac{(b-a)^d}{n^d} \cdot w_f(h \cdot \sqrt{d}) = (b-a)^d \cdot w_f(h \cdot \sqrt{d}) \\ &\leq (b-a)^d \cdot h^d \cdot (\sqrt{d})^d \cdot \|f\|_{C^2} = (b-a)^d \cdot \frac{(b-a)^d}{n^d} \cdot d^{d/2} \cdot \|f\|_{C^2} \\ &= \frac{(b-a)^{d+2} \cdot d^{d/2} \cdot \|f\|_{C^2}}{h^d} \quad \square \\ & \quad \quad \quad d \in (0, 1]. \end{aligned}$$

Q: Can we improve the rate 1 by assuming more regularity on f ?

Ans: No, $f \in C^\infty$ given by $f(x_1, \dots, x_d) = x_1$, $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\left| \mathbb{R}^n[f] - \int_{[0,1]^d} f(x) dx \right| = \frac{1}{2n} \quad \square$$

Trapezoidal method: the regularity of f improves the rate up to 2:

If $f \in L^1$ then

$$\left| \mathcal{P}_n^{[a,b]}[f] - \int_{[a,b]} f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^{1+d} \cdot \|f\|_{C^d}}{(2n)^d} \quad d \in [0, 1]$$

\rightarrow conv. rate up to order 1.

If $f \in C^1([a,b], \mathbb{R})$ then

$$\left| \mathcal{P}_n^{[a,b]}[f] - \int_{[a,b]} f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^{2+d} \cdot \|f'\|_{C^d}}{2^d \cdot n^{1+d}} \quad d \in [0, 1]$$

\rightarrow conv. rate up to 2.

Proof: Part of Sheet 3

Can we improve the rate 2? \Rightarrow Part of sheet 2, No.

$N = n^d$ - number of quadrature nodes

$$n = N^{1/d}$$

$$\left| \mathcal{R}_n^{[a,b]}[f] - \int_{[a,b]} f(x) dx \right| \leq C \cdot N^{-1/d} \cdot \|f\|_{C^d}$$

conv. rate $\frac{1}{d}$ w.r.t N

→ is small if d is large

N - # of evaluations of f we have to do in order to compute

\mathbb{R}^n

→ low speed of convergence if d is large (sparse grids)

→ Monte Carlo methods are better alternative in high dim-ns

Idea: Interpret the integral

$$\int_A f(x) dx, \quad A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d \text{ bounded, } f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ integrable}$$

as an expectation of a random variable:

$$\int_A f(x) dx = \lambda(A) \cdot \int f(x) \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{\lambda(A)}}_{\text{density of } \mathcal{U} \sim \mathcal{U}_A} dx = \lambda(A) \cdot \mathbb{E}[f(u)] =$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[\underbrace{\lambda(A) \cdot f(u)}_{= Y: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}}] = \mathbb{E}[Y]$$

Def. 1 A Random variable $X \in L^1(P; \mathbb{R})$ [$E[|X|] < \infty$] is said to be a Monte Carlo approximation of a constant $c \in \mathbb{R}$ if

$\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$, $Z_1, \dots, Z_N \in L^1$ iid,

$E[Z_1] = c$ and

$$X = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Z_i$$

Example:

$$\int_{-1}^1 \exp(\sqrt{|x|}) dx = 2 \cdot \int_0^1 \exp(\sqrt{x}) \cdot \frac{1}{2} dx$$
$$= E\left[2 \cdot \exp(\sqrt{|U|})\right], U \sim U_{(-1,1)}$$

Let $Y_1, \dots, Y_N \sim U_{(-1,1)}$ iid

then

$$\frac{2}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \exp(\sqrt{|Y_i|})$$

a Monte Carlo approx. of

$$\int_{-1}^1 \exp(\sqrt{|x|}) dx$$

is unbiased (X is unbiased w.r.t c)

$$E[X] = c$$

Remark: MC approximation is unbiased, i.e.

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = c$$

Proof: By the linearity of expectation:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[X] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N z_i\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E}[z_i] = \frac{1}{N} \cdot N \cdot c \\ &= c.\end{aligned}$$

Remark: In case of MC app-_n of variance one has 2 versions:

I is biased, \bar{I} is unbiased! However, they have the same conv. rate. \square

Convergence rate:

Theorem: $\mathbb{P}\{X_n \in L^2(P; \mathbb{R}), n \in \mathbb{N}$
 $[\mathbb{E}[|X_n|^2] < \infty]$ are iid.

$$\begin{aligned}\| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i - \mathbb{E}[X_1] \|_{L^2} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X_1)}}{\sqrt{N}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\|z\|_{L^2(P; \mathbb{R})} = \left(\mathbb{E}[|z|^2] \right)^{1/2} \right]$$

we have conv. rate of $\frac{1}{2}$.

Lemma: Let $X_1, \dots, X_N \in \mathcal{L}^2$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i\right) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \text{Var}(X_i) + \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \neq i}^N \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)\end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow If X_i 's are uncorrelated
($\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = 0$)

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^N \text{Var}(X_i)$$

Proof:

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_i X_i\right) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\sum_i X_i - \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_i X_i\right]\right)^2\right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\sum_i X_i - \sum_i \mathbb{E}[X_i]\right)^2\right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\sum_i (X_i - \mathbb{E}[X_i])\right)^2\right]$$

$$\left(\sum_i a_i\right)^2 = \sum_i \sum_j a_i \cdot a_j$$

$$= \sum_i \sum_j \underbrace{\mathbb{E}\left[(X_i - \mathbb{E}[X_i]) \cdot (X_j - \mathbb{E}[X_j])\right]}_{\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)}$$



Proof of the error rate of MC:

$$\mathbb{E}[X_1] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i\right] \Rightarrow$$

$$\| \cdot \|_{L^2}^2 = \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\frac{1}{N} \sum X_i - \mathbb{E}[X_1]\right|^2\right] =$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left|\frac{1}{N} \sum X_i - \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{N} \sum X_i\right]\right|^2\right] = \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum X_i\right)$$

$X_i, \text{ iid} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{N} X_i, \text{ i.i.d.}$ are also iid \Rightarrow uncorrelated

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{N} X_i\right) = N \cdot \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{N} X_1\right) = N \cdot \frac{1}{N^2} \cdot \text{Var}(X_1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \cdot \text{Var}(X_1) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \| \text{error} \|_{L^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \cdot \sqrt{\text{Var}(X_1)}$$

\rightarrow Next time: MC approx. of variance + Stochastic processes