

MA 428: Project 1: Numerical Integration - error term analysis

Reading: Section 6.5

Your presentation will focus on material on pages 472 – 475 (ignore the section on Periodic integrals). This section focusses on determining the number of subintervals that you need in order to achieve a given level of accuracy using both the composite Trapezoidal and Simpson's rules.

In your presentation:

1. Introduce the idea of composite Quadrature rules
2. Motivate the problem - i.e Think about why it is useful to figure out how many subintervals one needs to compute a given integral to a specified accuracy.
3. In addition answer the following questions:
 - (a) How is the error term in the error term used to determine the number of subintervals required to achieve a given level of accuracy. You may use Example 6.12 but you will need to implement and verify this using MATLAB.
 - (b) Do problem 17 in Section 6.5 (for Trapezoidal and Simpson's Rule) and include the results in your presentation – give the number of subintervals required for each method and comment on the difference between the 2 numbers.