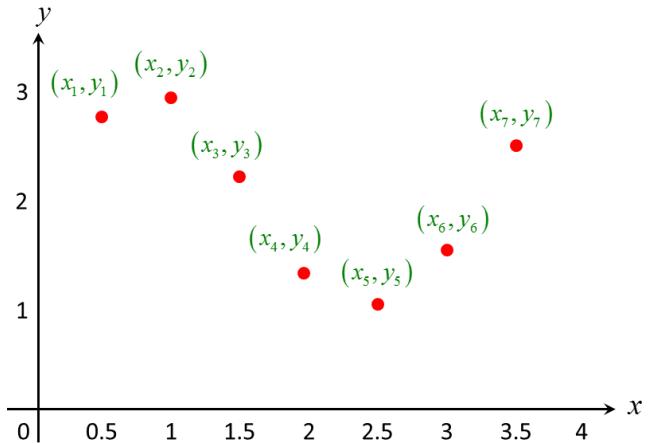




**Lecture Notes  
Week 6  
Numerical Calculus with Discrete Datasets**

Given the following data set:

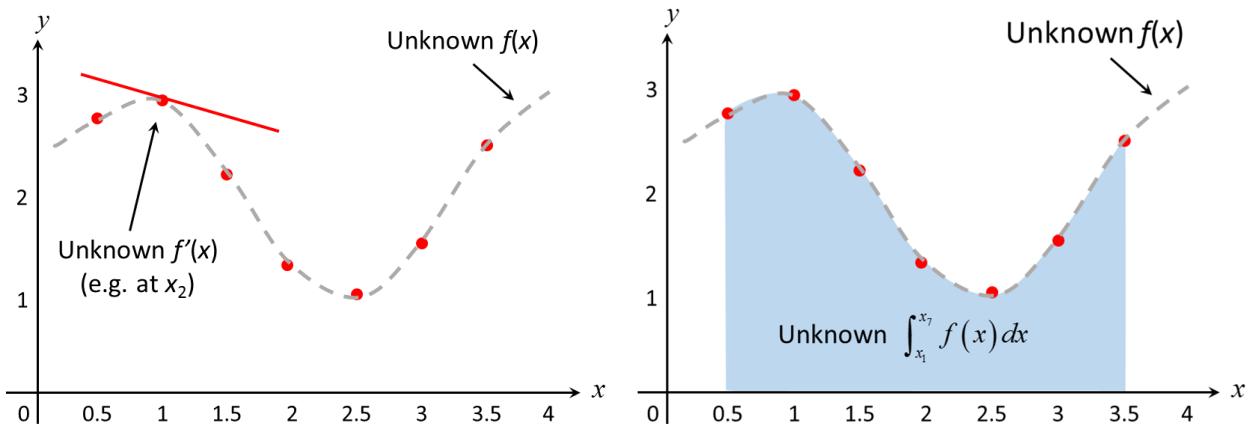
$x$	$y$
0.5	2.84
1	2.91
1.5	2.14
2	1.24
2.5	1.04
3	1.72
3.5	2.66



```
x = [.5      1       1.5     2       2.5     3       3.5];
y = [2.84   2.91   2.14   1.24   1.04   1.72   2.66];
```

Statements of Problem:

1. The underlying function  $f(x)$  is not known; only  $y_k = f(x_k)$  are known.
2. How can we estimate the derivative  $f'(x) = \frac{df(x)}{dx}$ , say at  $x_2$ , based on the discrete data set?
3. How can we estimate the integral  $\int_{x_1}^{x_7} f(x) dx$  based on the discrete data set?



## Numerical Differentiation — First-order Accuracy

Let's calculate the derivative at  $x_2$  (and later to other data points).

### Newton's Quotient as a Forward Difference

$$f'(x_2) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_2 + \Delta x) - f(x_2)}{\Delta x} \approx \frac{f(x_2 + \Delta x) - f(x_2)}{\Delta x} + O(\Delta x)$$

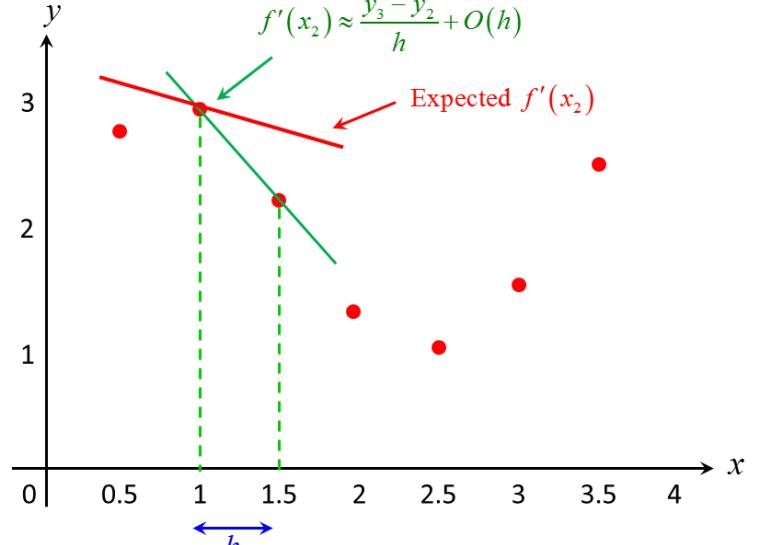
Not known for arbitrary  $\Delta x$

Choose  $\Delta x$  so that we can make use  $y_k = f(x_k)$

Choose  $\Delta x = h$ ,

$$f'(x_2) \approx \frac{f(x_2 + h) - f(x_2)}{h} = \frac{y_3 - y_2}{h}$$

Applicable to all data points except the last point (i.e.  $x_7$ ).



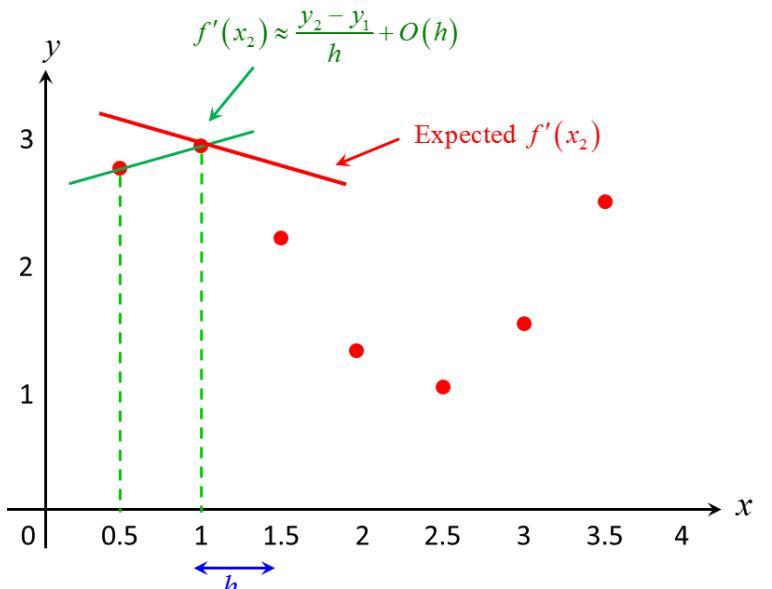
In Matlab,

```
dydx=zeros(1,7); h=x(2)-x(1);
dydx(1:end-1)=(y(2:end) - y(1:end-1))./h; dydx(end)=dydx(end-1);
>> dydx=[0.14 -1.54 -1.80 -0.40 1.36 1.88 1.88]
```

### Backward difference

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x_2) &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_2 - \Delta x)}{\Delta x} \\ &\approx \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_2 - h)}{h} + O(h) \\ &= \frac{y_2 - y_1}{h} \end{aligned}$$

Applicable to all data points except the first point (i.e.  $x_1$ ).



In Matlab,

```
dydx(2:end)=(y(2:end) - y(1:end-1))./h; dydx(1)=dydx(2);
>> dydx=[0.14 0.14 -1.54 -1.80 -0.40 1.36 1.88]
```

## Numerical Differentiation — Second-order Accuracy

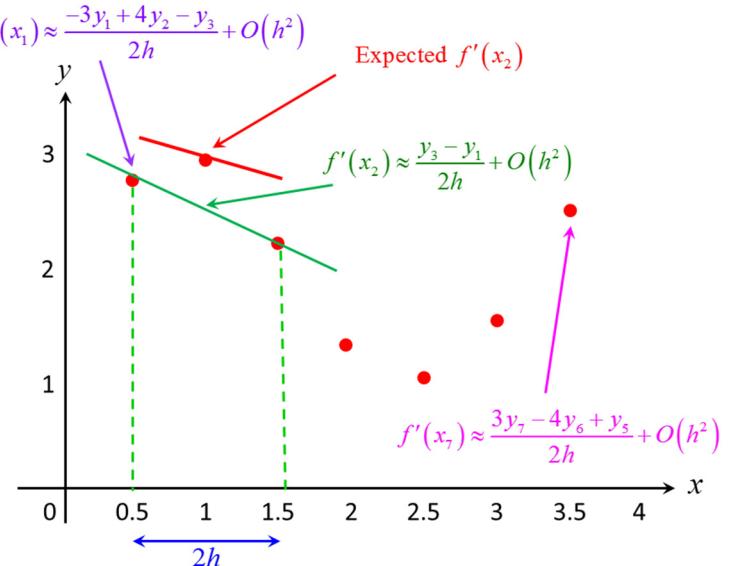
### Central difference

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x_2) &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_2 + \Delta x) - f(x_2 - \Delta x)}{2\Delta x} \\ &\approx \frac{f(x_2 + h) - f(x_2 - h)}{2h} + O(h^2) \\ &= \frac{y_3 - y_1}{2h} \end{aligned}$$

Applicable to all data points except the end-points (i.e.  $x_1$  and  $x_7$ ).

In Matlab,

```
dydx(2:end-1) = (y(3:end) - y(1:end-2)) ./ (2.*h);
```



### At the first point

From forward difference  $f'(x_1) \equiv D(h) = \frac{f(x_1 + h) - f(x_1)}{h} + O(h)$

Call this  $e_1 h$

Richardson extrapolation: Try two  $h$ 's

$$f'(x_1) = D(h) + e_1 h$$

$$f'(x_1) = D(2h) + 2e_1 h$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2f'(x_1) &= 2D(h) + 2e_1 h \\ -) \quad f'(x_1) &= D(2h) + 2e_1 h \\ \hline \Rightarrow f'(x_1) &= 2D(h) - D(2h) \\ &= \frac{-3f(x_1) + 4f(x_1 + h) - f(x_1 + 2h)}{2h} + O(h^2) \end{aligned}$$

In Matlab, `dydx(1) = (-3*y(1) + 4*y(2) - y(3)) ./ (2.*h);`

### At the end point

Richardson extrapolation using backward difference

$$f'(x_7) = \frac{3f(x_7) - 4f(x_7 - h) + f(x_7 - 2h)}{2h} + O(h^2)$$

In Matlab, `dydx(end) = (3.*y(end) - 4.*y(end-1) + y(end-2)) ./ (2.*h);`

```
>> dydx = [0.98 -0.70 -1.67 -1.10 0.48 1.62 2.14]
```

## Numerical Integration

### Riemann Sum

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_7} f(x) dx = \lim_{\substack{n \rightarrow \infty \\ \Delta x \rightarrow 0}} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k) \Delta x \approx \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k) \Delta x$$

Not known for arbitrary  $\Delta x$

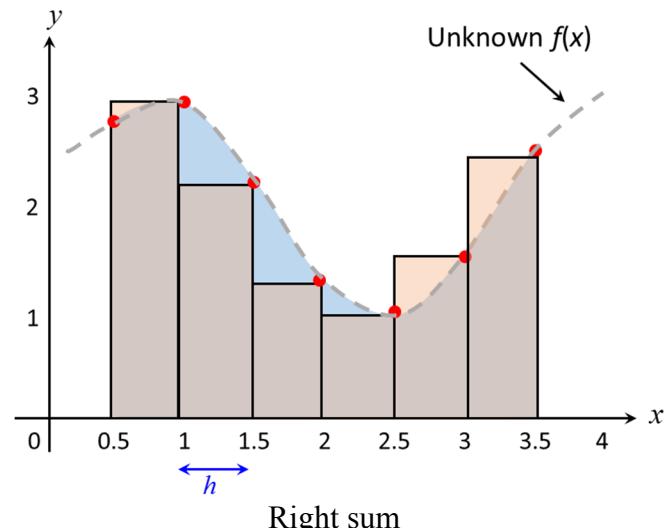
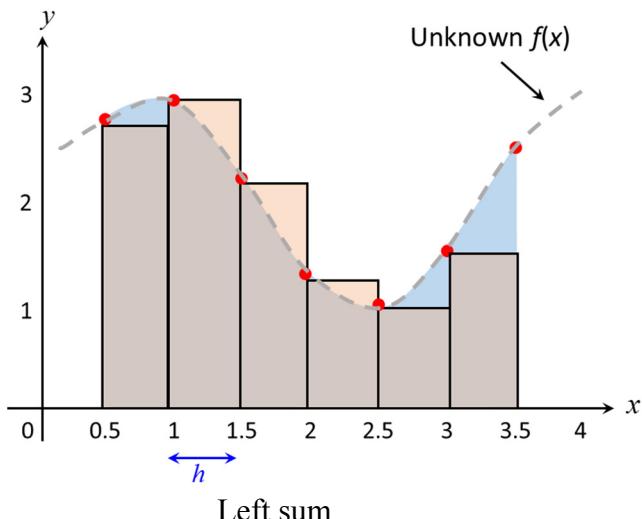
Choose  $\Delta x$  so that we can make use of  $y_k = f(x_k)$

### Right/Left Sums

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_7} f(x) dx \approx \sum f(x) h + O(h)$$

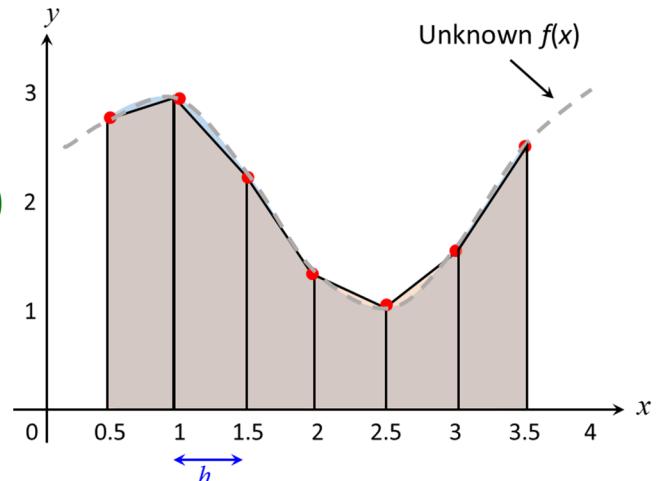
$$\text{Left sum} = \sum_{j=1}^6 f(x_j) h = y_1 h + y_2 h + \dots + y_6 h = \mathbf{h.*sum(y(1:end-1))} = 5.945$$

$$\text{Right sum} = \sum_{j=2}^7 f(x_j) h = y_2 h + y_3 h + \dots + y_7 h = \mathbf{h.*sum(y(2:end))} = 5.855$$



## Trapezoidal Rule

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{x_1}^{x_n} f(x) dx &\approx \sum_{j=1}^6 \frac{f(x_j) + f(x_{j+1})}{2} h + O(h^2) \\ &= h ./ 2 .* \text{sum}(y(1:\text{end}-1) + y(2:\text{end})) \\ &= \text{trapz}(x, y) \\ &= \text{Average of right and left sums} \\ &= 5.900\end{aligned}$$

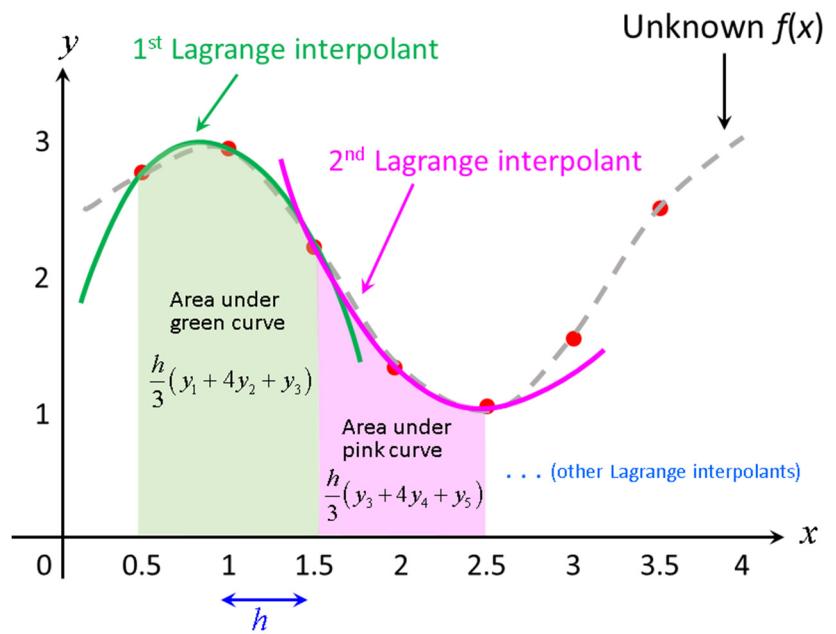


## Simpson's rule

1. Make a continuous curve between every three points using Lagrange interpolation.
2. Integrate the area under the Lagrange interpolant.

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_3} f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{3} [f(x_1) + 4f(x_2) + f(x_3)] = \frac{h}{3} (y_1 + 4y_2 + y_3) + O(h^4)$$

3. Do the same for all triplets.
4. Sum the areas under all triplets.



$$\begin{aligned}\int_{x_1}^{x_n} f(x) dx &= \left( \int_{x_1}^{x_3} + \int_{x_3}^{x_5} + \dots + \int_{x_{n-2}}^{x_n} \right) f(x) dx + O(h^4) \\ &= \sum_{j=1,3,\dots,n-2} \frac{h}{3} [f(x_j) + 4f(x_{j+1}) + f(x_{j+2})] \quad n \text{ must be odd} \\ &= h ./ 3 .* \text{sum}(y(1:2:\text{end}-2) + 4.*y(2:2:\text{end}-1) + y(3:2:\text{end})) \\ &= 5.890\end{aligned}$$

## Numerical Calculus for Known Functions

The above dataset was actually generated using  $f(x) = 2 + \sin(2x)$ .

1. At any  $x$ , e.g.  $x = x_2$ , the derivative can be calculated directly by

$$f'(x_2) = \frac{f(x_2 + \delta) - f(x_2 - \delta)}{2\delta}$$

with a “sufficiently” small  $\delta$ . In the video lectures, Prof. Brunton explained that

$$\delta \geq \sqrt[3]{\frac{3\epsilon}{\max|f'''|}}, \quad \epsilon = \text{machine precision} = 10^{-16}.$$

For this example,

$$|f'''(x)| = |-8\cos(2x)| \leq 8 \rightarrow \delta \geq \sqrt[3]{\frac{3\epsilon}{\max|f'''|}} = 3.3 \times 10^{-6}.$$

```
f = @(x) 2 + sin(2*x)
x = 0.5:.5:3.5;
del = 3.3e-6;
dydx = (f(x+del)-f(x-del))/(2*del);

>> dydx = 1.0806 -0.8323 -1.9800 -1.3073 0.5673 1.9203 1.5078
```

2. The integral can be calculated using Matlab’s **quad** function (e.g. up to an accuracy of  $10^{-4}$ ):

$$\int_{0.5}^{3.5} f(x) dx = \text{quad}(@(x) 2 + \sin(2.*x), 0.5, 3.5, 1e-4)$$
$$= 5.893$$

## Second derivatives at the interior points (See Prof. Brunton's video)

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x+h) &= f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2}f''(x) + \frac{h^3}{3!}f'''(x) + O(h^4) \\
 +) \quad f(x-h) &= f(x) - hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2}f''(x) - \frac{h^3}{3!}f'''(x) + O(h^4) \\
 \hline
 f''(x) &= \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{h^2} + O(h^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

```

d2ydx2(2:end-1) = ( y(1:end-2)-2.*y(2:end-1)+y(3:end) ) ./ (h.^2);

>> d2ydx2(2:end-1) = [-3.64 -0.56 3.03 3.84 1.12]

```

## Second derivatives at the end-points

Assume

$$\begin{aligned}
 h^2 f''(x) &= a_1 f(x) + a_2 f(x+h) + a_3 f(x+2h) + a_4 f(x+3h) \\
 &= a_1 f(x) \\
 &\quad + a_2 f(x) + a_2 h f'(x) + a_2 \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(x) + a_2 \frac{h^3}{3!} f'''(x) \\
 &\quad + a_3 f(x) + 2a_3 h f'(x) + a_3 \frac{(2h)^2}{2!} f''(x) + a_3 \frac{(2h)^3}{3!} f'''(x) \\
 &\quad + a_4 f(x) + 3a_4 h f'(x) + a_4 \frac{(3h)^2}{2!} f''(x) + a_4 \frac{(3h)^3}{3!} f'''(x) \\
 &\quad + O(h^4)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2^0 & 3^0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2^1 & 3^1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2^2 & 3^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2^3 & 3^3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f''(x) &= \frac{2f(x) - 5f(x+h) + 4f(x+2h) - f(x+3h)}{h^2} + O(h^2) \\
 &= \frac{2f(x) - 5f(x-h) + 4f(x-2h) - f(x-3h)}{h^2} + O(h^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

In Matlab,

```

d2ydx2(1) = (2.*y(1) - 5.*y(2) + 4.*y(3) - y(4)) ./ (h.^2);
d2ydx2(end) = (2.*y(end) - 5.*y(end-1) + 4.*y(end-2) - y(end-3)) ./ (h.^2);

```