

Parallelization of Definite Integration

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Abstract - Many areas of science and technology has shown a fast increase in many areas with the help of computational science. Efficient collaboration in interdisciplinary groups performed by computational scientists and engineers is in a growing demand. Courses on numerical analysis and parallel computing requires training such specialists includes. Definite integration is a method to find the area under the curve and to find definite integrals is very important in many fields. Sometimes finding definite integral can take a lot of time as the task is compute intensive and finding accurate and fast numeric result is very important. Hence, the role of parallelization comes in. Using PDC will divide the problem into sub-problems such that every sub-problem is independent of each other, hence increasing the computational speed till a great extent. In this research paper we present Parallel Numerical Methods which bridges the gap between theoretical aspects of numerical methods and issues of implementation for modern multicore and manycore systems. This research paper helps in the process of calculating the time difference between parallel and serial computing.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Basic difficulties in the field of computer science and engineering majorly includes numerical computation of a definite integral of a function. Therefore, to increase the efficiency of algorithm, substantial efforts have been made to find different methods to exploit the power of advanced computer architectures like multi-core computer. The motivation for parallelizing the integration formula originates from the fact that the evaluation of an integral over an interval can be obtained by dividing the interval into smaller subintervals, and then summing up the individual evaluations of the integral over the subintervals. This is equivalent to the evaluation of the integral over different subintervals on different processors, and later summing the results obtained from all of processors. Evaluation of numerical integrals in engineering problems can take a considerable amount of time.

Theoretically, we found that parallel algorithm can provides solution of numerical integration better and efficiently when the evaluation of function is time consuming. With the availability of parallel technologies and resources, it becomes essential to develop a parallel algorithm for numerical integration and to test the results and performance of algorithms.

In this paper following techniques will be used to calculate numerical integration:

- Gaussian Quadrature
- Simpsons 1/3 rule

2. ALGORITHM

Simpsons Rule:

Using the midpoint rule, we approximated regions of area under curves by taking rectangles. In simple words, we estimated the curve with piecewise constant functions. Using the trapezoidal rule, we estimate the area under the curve using piecewise linear functions. Using Simpson's rule, we estimate $\int f(x)dx$ a curve using piecewise linear functions. We divided the interval into an even number of sub intervals, each of them having equal width.

Over the first pair of subintervals we approximate $\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x)dx$ with $\int_{x_0}^{x_2} p(x)dx$, where $p(x)=Ax^2+Bx+C$ is the quadratic function passing through $(x_0,f(x_0)),(x_1,f(x_1)),(x_0,f(x_0)),(x_1,f(x_1))$ and $(x_2,f(x_2))$ (Figure 1).

Over the next pair of subintervals, we approximate $\int_{x_2}^{x_4} f(x) dx$ with the integral of another quadratic function passing through $(x_2, f(x_2)), (x_3, f(x_3)), (x_4, f(x_4))$. This process is continued with each upcoming pair of subintervals

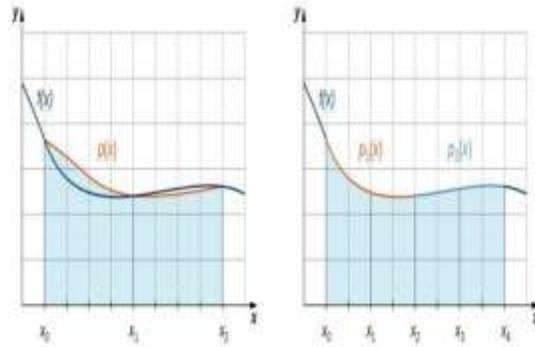


Figure 1 Defining area under curve

To understand the formula that we obtain for Simpson's rule, we begin by deriving a formula for this approximation over the first two subintervals. As we go through the derivation, we need to keep in mind the following relationships:

$$f(x_0) = p(x_0) = Ax^2_0 + Bx_0 + C$$

$$f(x_1) = p(x_1) = Ax^2_1 + Bx_1 + C$$

$$f(x_2) = p(x_2) = Ax^2_2 + Bx_2 + C$$

$x_2 - x_0 = 2\Delta x$, where Δx is the length of a subinterval.

$$x_2 + x_0 = 2x_1 \text{ since } x_1 = (x_2 + x_0)/2$$

Thus, $\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx$

$$\approx \int_{x_0}^{x_2} p(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{x_0}^{x_2} (Ax^2 + Bx + C) dx$$

$$= (Ax^3 + Bx^2 + Cx) \Big|_{x_0}^{x_2}$$

$$= A(x^3_2 - x^3_0) + B(x^2_2 - x^2_0) + C(x_2 - x_0)$$

$$= A(x_2 - x_0)(x^2_2 + x_2x_0 + x^2_0) + B(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 + x_0) + C(x_2 - x_0)$$

$$= (x_2 - x_0)[2A(x^2_2 + x_2x_0 + x^2_0) + 3B(x_2 + x_0) + 6C]$$

$$= \Delta x^3 [(Ax^2_2 + Bx_2 + C) + (Ax^2_0 + Bx_0 + C) + A(x_2 + x_0)^2 + 2B(x_2 + x_0) + 4C]$$

$$= \Delta x^3 [f(x_2) + f(x_0) + A(x_2 + x_0)^2 + 2B(x_2 + x_0) + 4C]$$

$$= \Delta x^3 [f(x_2) + f(x_0) + A(2x_1)^2 + 2B(2x_1) + 4C]$$

$$= \Delta x^3 [f(x_2) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_0)] \approx \int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{x_0}^{x_2} p(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{x_0}^{x_2} (Ax^2 + Bx + C) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (A3x^3 + B2x^2 + Cx) \int x^2 dx = A3(x^3 - x^3_0) + B2(x^2 - x^2_0) + C(x - x_0) \\
 &= A3(x^2 - x_0^2) \int (x^2 + x^2_0 + x^2_0) + B2(x^2 - x_0^2) \int (x^2 + x_0) + C(x^2 - x_0^2) \\
 &= x^2 - x_0^2 (2A(x^2 + x^2_0 + x^2_0) + 3B(x^2 + x_0) + 6C) \\
 &= \Delta x^3 (A(x^2 + Bx + C) + (Ax_0 + Bx_0 + C) + A(x^2 + 2x^2_0 + x^2_0)) \\
 &= \Delta x^3 (f(x^2) + f(x_0) + A(x^2 + x_0)^2 + 2B(x^2 + x_0) + 4C) = \Delta x^3 (f(x^2) \\
 &+ f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_0))
 \end{aligned}$$

Assume that $f(x)$ is continuous over

$[a, b]$. Let n be a positive even integer and $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$. Let $[a, b]$ be divided into n subintervals, each of length Δx , with endpoints at-

$P = \{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$. Set then we will get the following algorithm:

1. Given a function $f(x)$:
2. (Get user inputs)

Input

a, b = endpoints of interval n = number of intervals

(Do the integration)

3. Set $h = (b-a)/n$.
4. Set $sum = 0$.

5. Start For $i = 1$ to $n - 1$

Apply $x = a + h * i$.

If $i \% 2 = 0$

Next Change $sum = sum + 2 * f(x)$

Else

Set $sum = sum + 4 * f(x)$ End For

6. Set $sum = sum + f(a) + f(b)$

7. Set $ans = sum * (h/3)$.

8. End

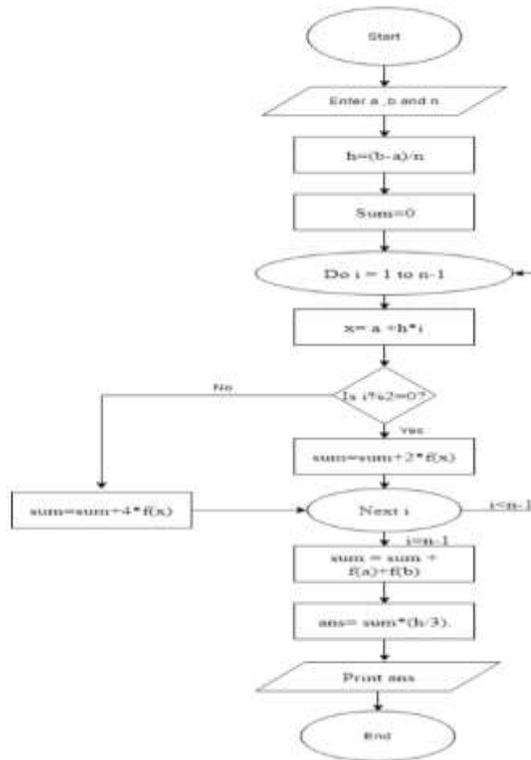


Figure 1 Flow chart for Simpson's rule algorithm

Gaussian Quadrature

Quadrature rule stated as a weighted sum of function values at specified points in a particular domain of integration, is basically an approximation based on the definite integral of a function in this rule a definite integral is first divided into n number of parts and then area is calculated for each part. The sum of area of each part results in approximate value of the definite integral. Greater the number of parts the graph is divided into means more accurate value and vice versa. The approx. value of a definite integral can be calculated using the following formula.

1. Given a function f(x): Formula of quadrature is given by

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = h/3(f_0 + f_n + 4 * \sum_{i=1,3,5}^{n-1} f_i + 2 * \sum_{i=2,4,6}^{n-2} f_i)$$

$$\int_b^a f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{i=n} (f((n-i-1) * a + i * b) / (n-1))$$

Algorithm:

1. Given a function f(x):
2. (Get user inputs)

Input

a,b=endpoints of interval

n=number of intervals

(Do the integration)

3. Set sum=0.
4. Begin For i= 1 to n -1
- Set $x = ((n-i-1)*a+(i)*b)/(n-1)$
- Set $sum=sum+f(x)$
- End For
4. Set $sum = (b-a)*sum/n$
5. Set $ans = sum$
6. End

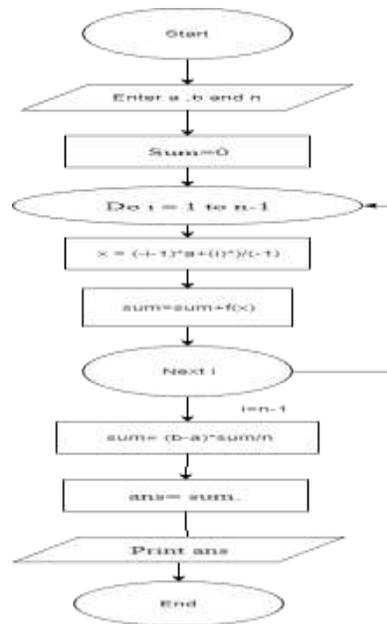


Figure 2. Flowchart for Gaussian Quadrature algorithm

3. APPLICATION OF NUMERICAL INTEGRATION

It helps to:

- Find the area.
- Locate the centroid.
- Find the arc length of a graph.
- Calculate the surface area of a solid.
- Calculate the volume of a figure.
- Solve for the work done.
- Solve the moment of inertia.

- It is also used to find Sectional area.
- Waterplane area.
- Submerged volume.
- Longitudinal center of floatation (LCF).
- Vertical center of buoyancy (VCB).

4. RESULT

Given two rules are beneficial to find the value of those definite integrals whose integration is either can't be found or is complicated. Parallel computation is faster when the calculation is big else for small calculations the parallel computation results in more time consuming when compared with serial computing. In our task to find integral we need to divide the graph in many parts to get more accurate value, so parallel computation is beneficial to us. Here for $f(x) = x^2$ a considerable change is seen in both the algorithms. Also, it can be seen that Simpson's rule is faster as compared to Gaussian quadratic rule.

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Estimate the integral of f(x) from A to B.

A      = 0.000000
B      = 10.000000
N      = 1000000000

Serial estimate quadratic rule = 333.3333334999726958
Parallel estimate quadratic rule = 333.3333334999906583

Serial estimate Simpson's rule = 333.3333329999380794
Parallel estimate Simpson's rule = 333.3333329999630905

Serial time quadratic rule = 16.729587 s
Parallel time quadratic rule = 4.511614 s

Serial time Simpson rule = 12.674537 s
Parallel time Simpson rule = 3.682120 s
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5. CONCLUSION

The Simpson method with smaller segmentation give better estimates with smaller errors than the Quadrature method. Simpson's rule takes less computation time than quadrature rule. Parallel computing with more iterations (smaller segments) takes less time than serial computation.

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