

Task: Given a table of some quantity q

i	0	1	2	...	n
x_i	0.00	0.51	1.05	...	x_n
q_i	0.00	0.22	0.25	...	q_n

compute approximations of $q(x)$

ie. easy to evaluate, derive,
integrate

$$q'(x)$$
$$\int_a^b q(x) dx$$

?

no find a simple (& reasonable) function
 $q(x)$ that matches the data

$$q(x_i) = q_i, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

Ex.: (2) find IP through $(x_0, y_0) = (1, 2)$

$$(x_1, y_1) = (3, 5)$$

$$(x_2, y_2) = (4, 4)$$

↖ same as Ex. (1)

with LI.

Compute the LFs:

$$\begin{aligned} L_0^2(x) &= \frac{x-x_1}{x_0-x_1} \cdot \frac{x-x_2}{x_0-x_2} = \frac{x-3}{1-3} \cdot \frac{x-4}{1-4} \\ &= \frac{1}{6}(x-3)(x-4) \end{aligned}$$

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Now inserting into the LI

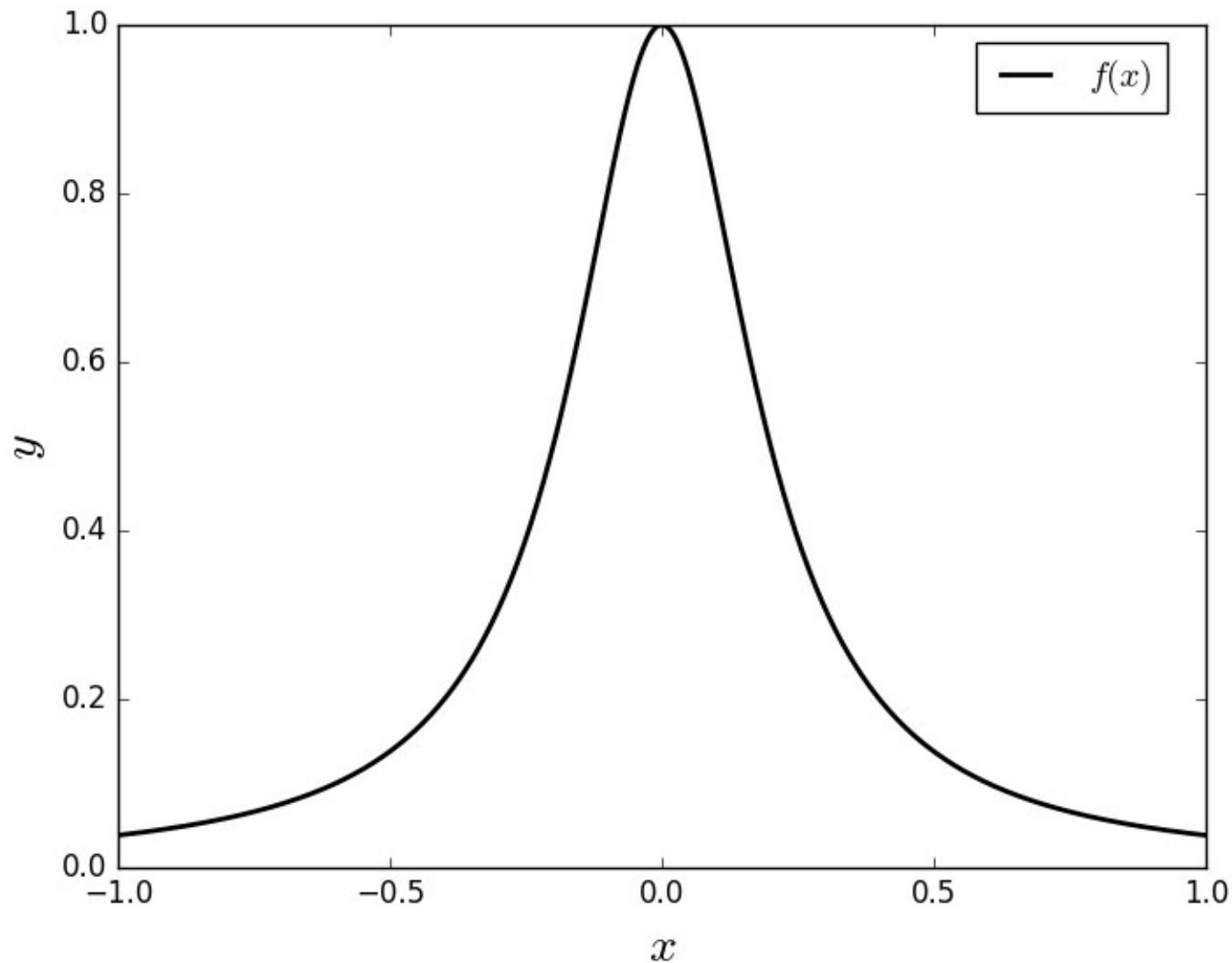
$$\begin{aligned} p_2(x) &= 2 \cdot L_0^2(x) + 5 \cdot L_1^2(x) + 4 \cdot L_2^2(x) \\ &= \dots = 2 + \frac{29}{6}x - \frac{5}{6}x^2 \end{aligned}$$

(like Ex. (1), indeed!)

Ex.: (3)

Runge's example

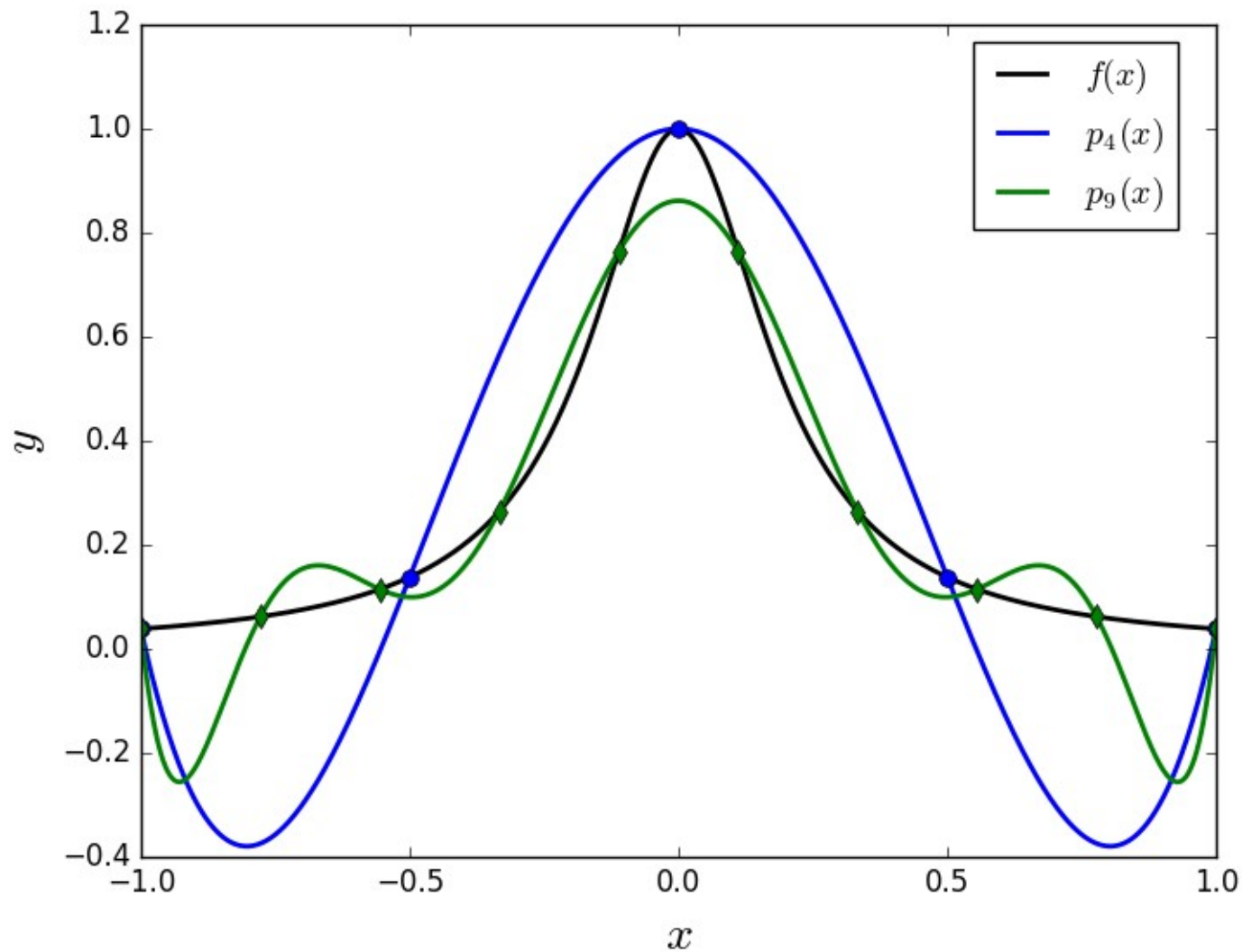
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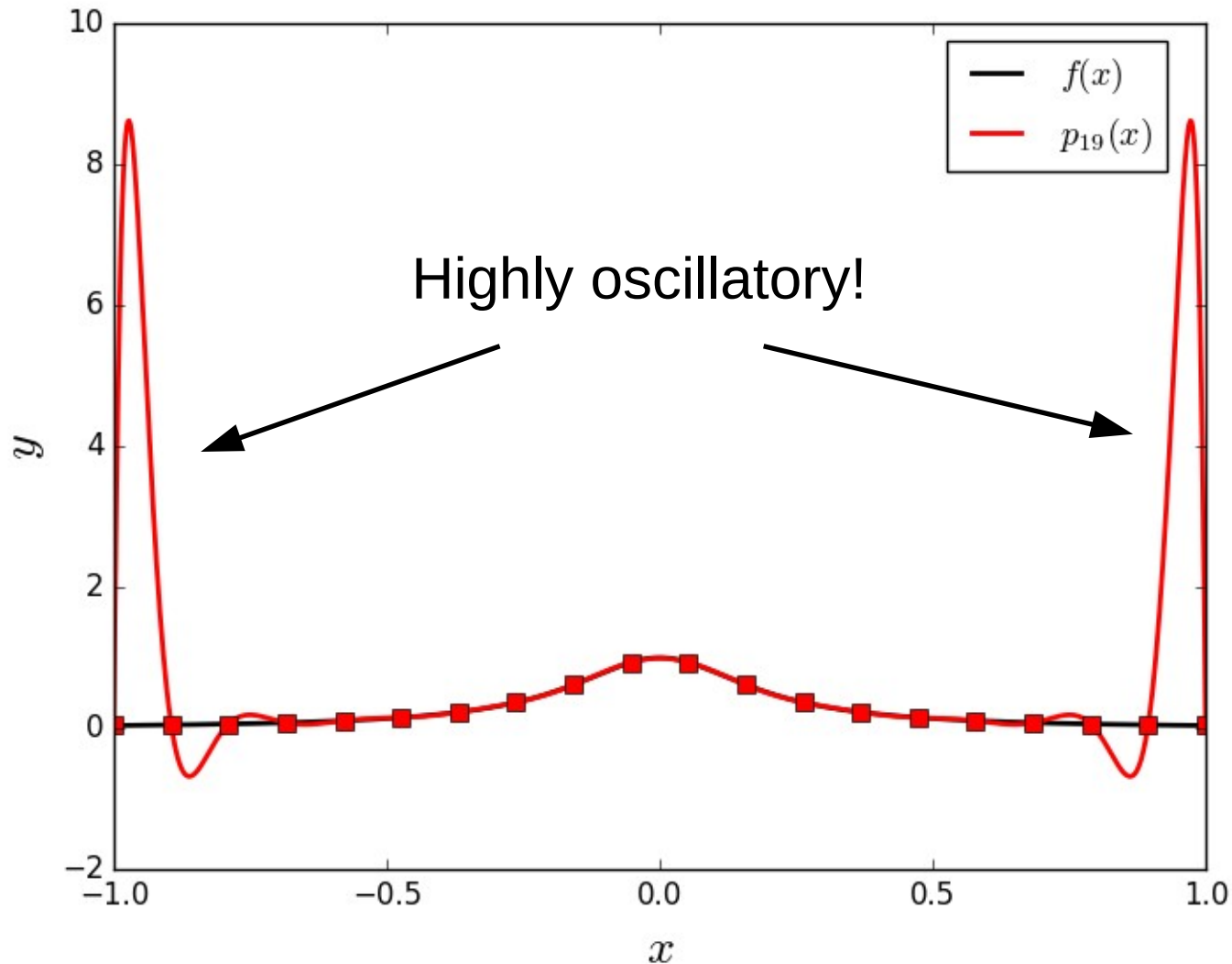
Equidistant: $x_j = -1 + \frac{2}{n}j$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$



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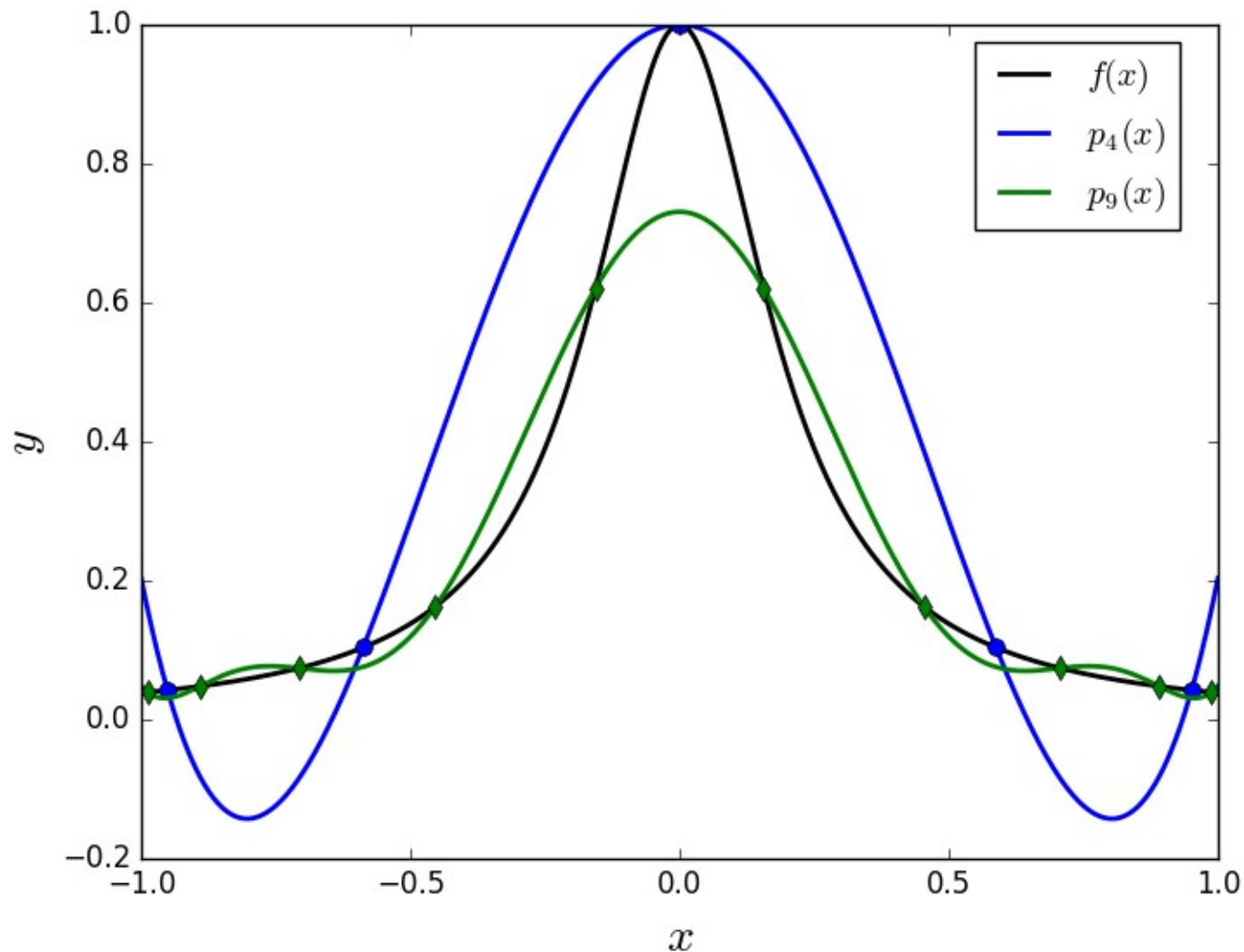
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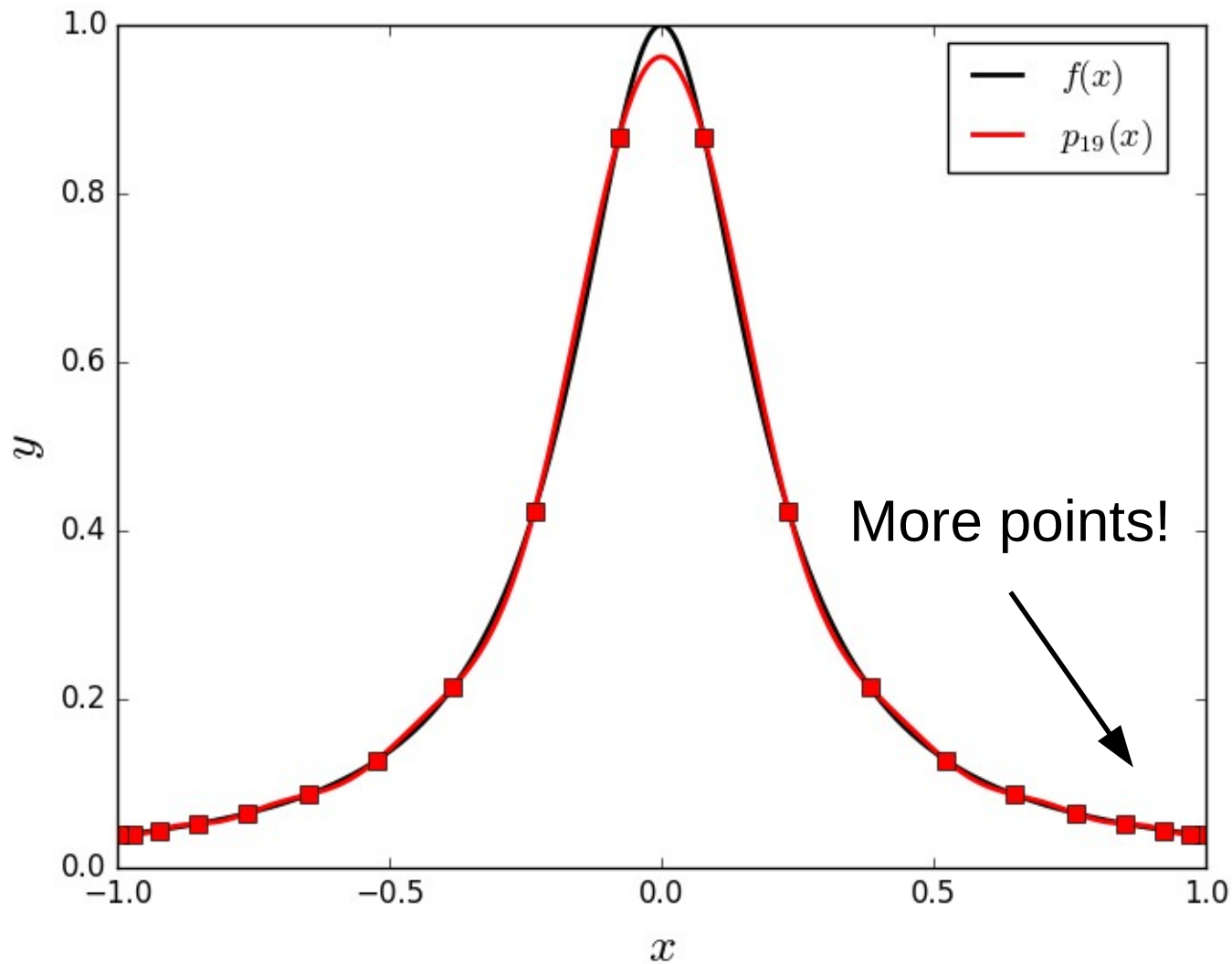
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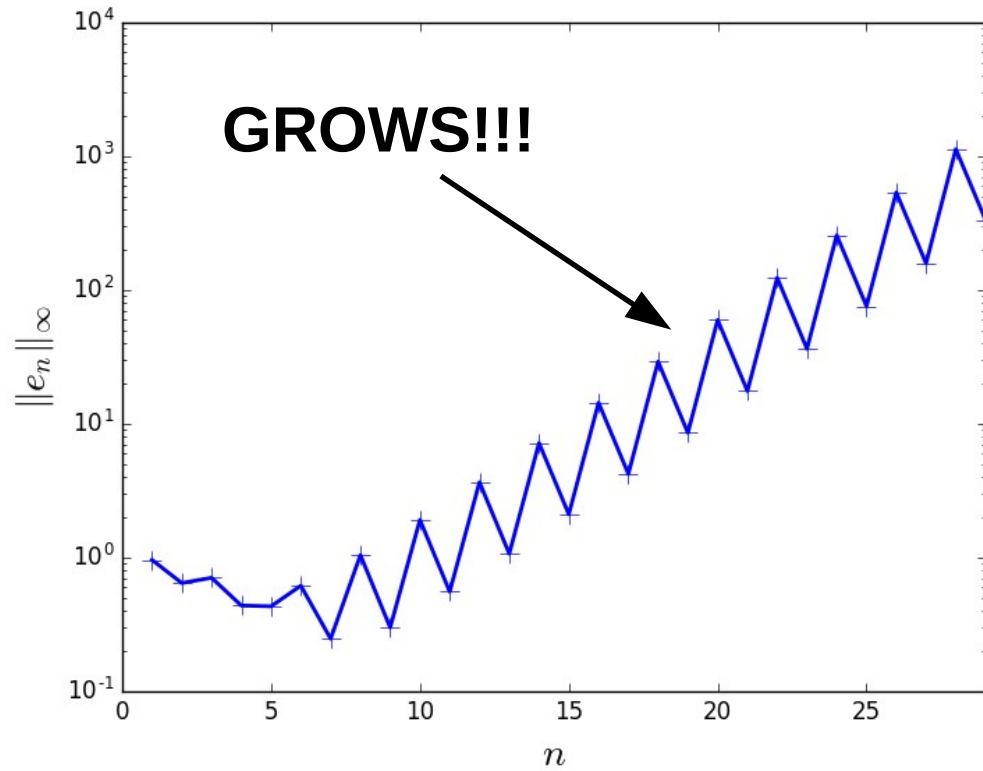
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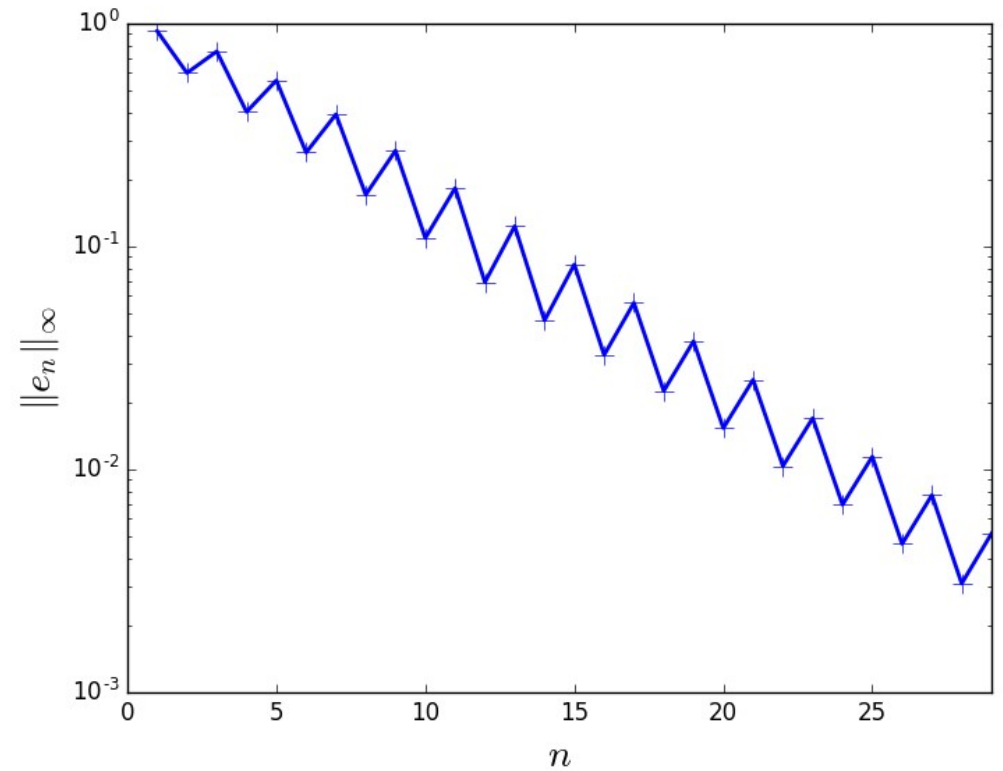
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Runge's example

Equidistant



Chebyshev

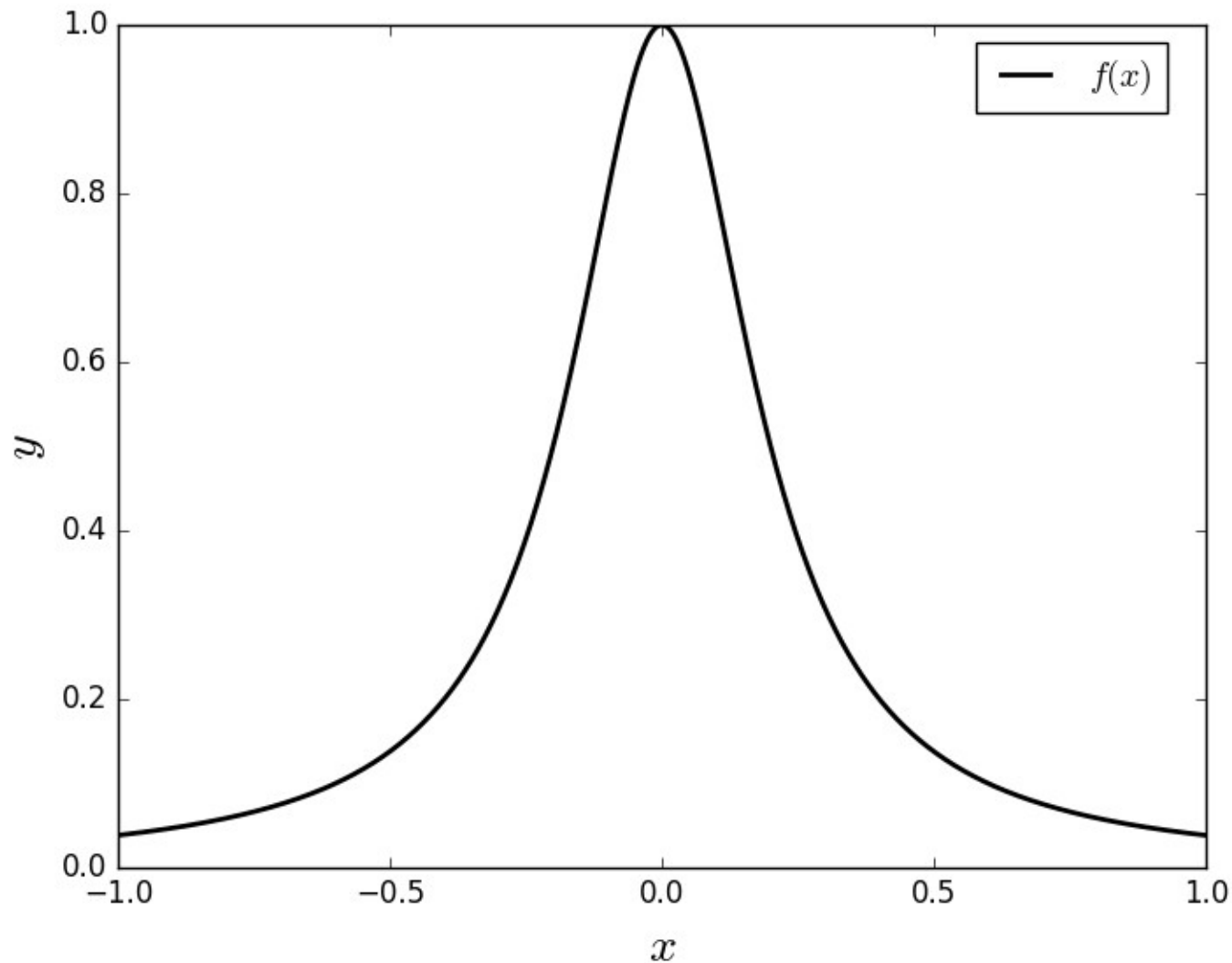


Interpolation error: $\|e_n\|_\infty = \|f - p_n\|_\infty$

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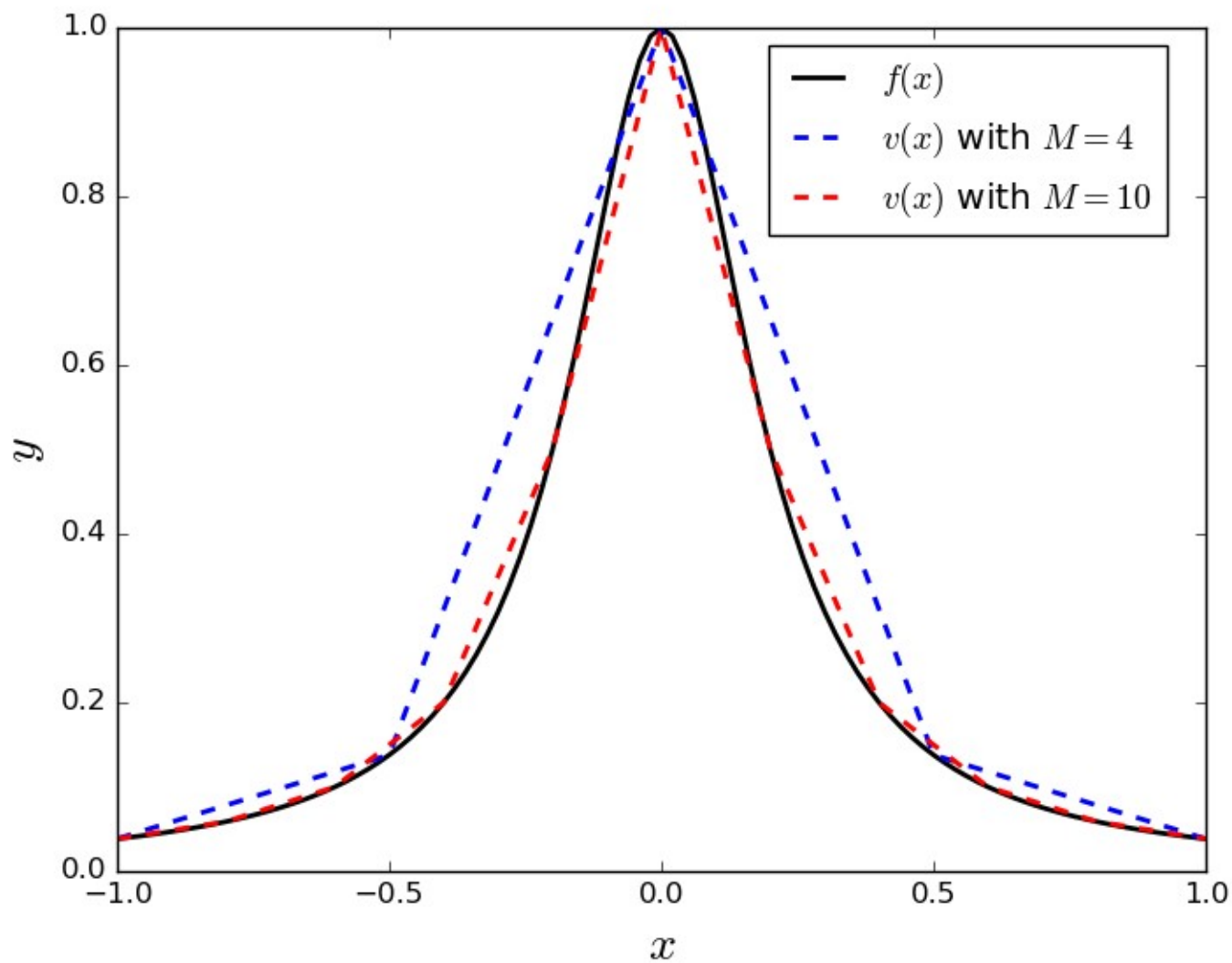
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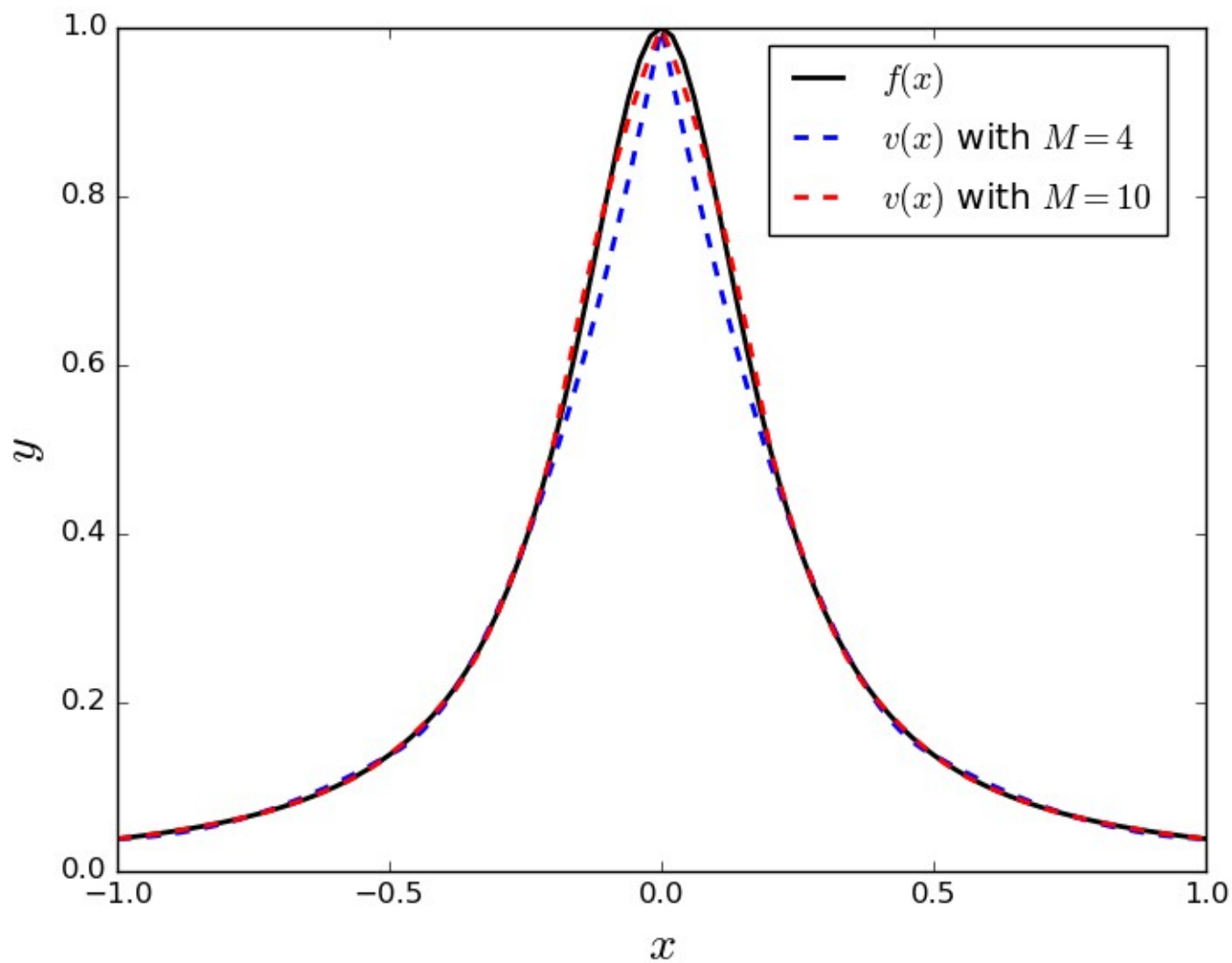
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Piecewise linear



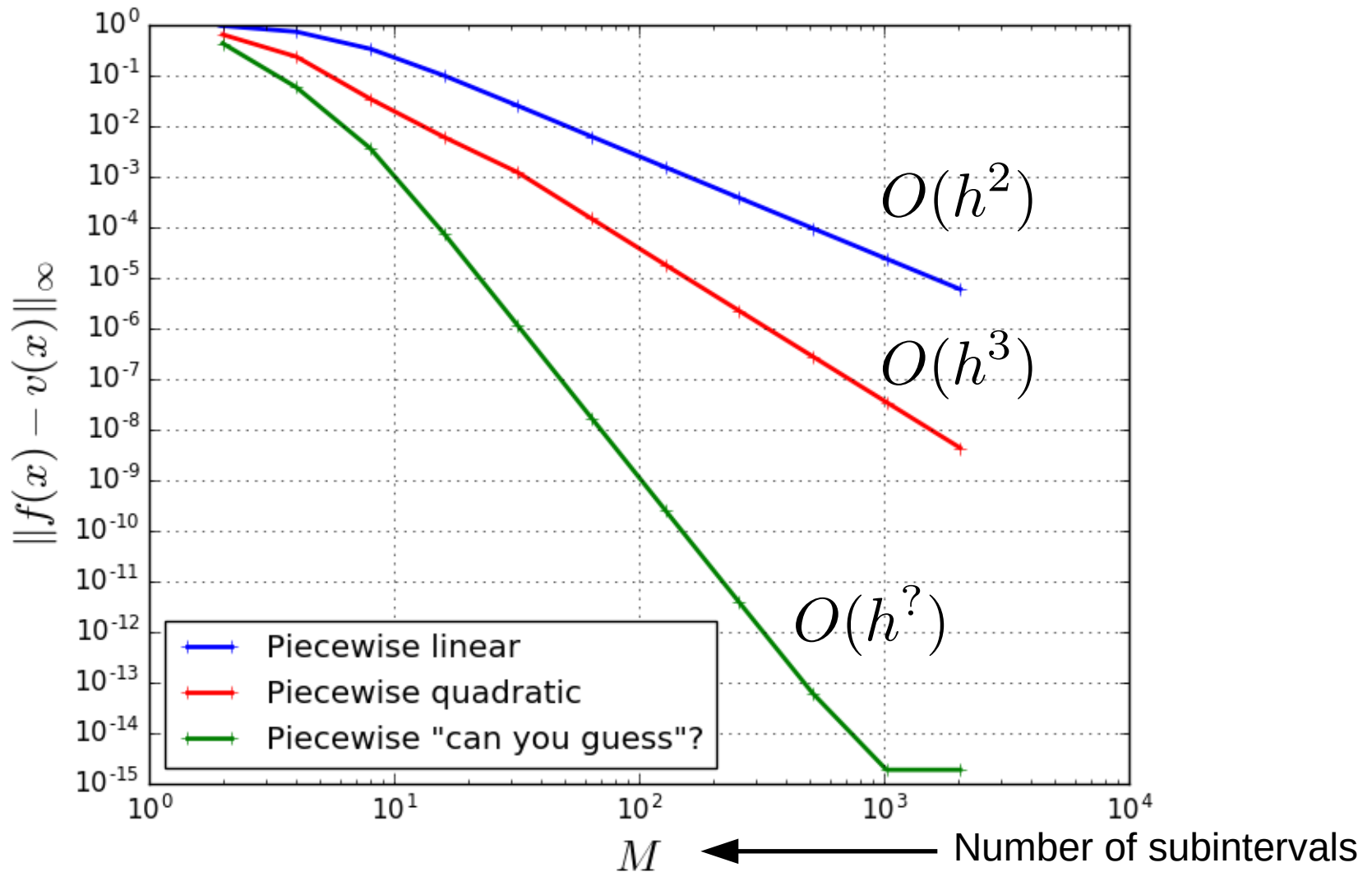
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Piecewise quadratic



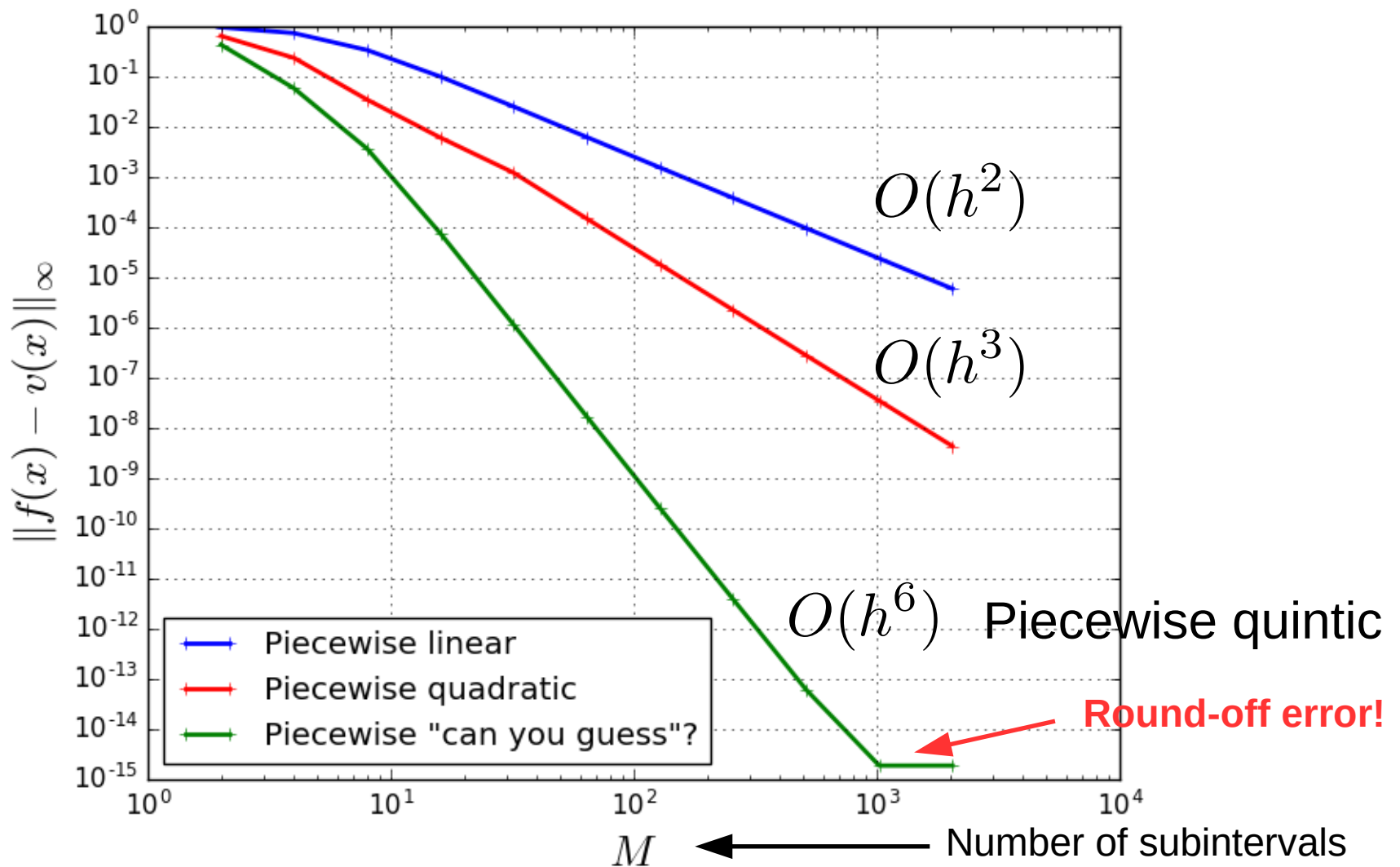
Runge's example

Piecewise interpolation error



Runge's example

Piecewise interpolation error



I.3 Numerical differentiation

We all know how to differentiate a function analytically...

However, sometimes there are reasons to do this numerically:

- very complicated function (error prone)
... e.g. quasi-Newton methods \rightsquigarrow Chap. 2
- function not known analytically
... e.g. numerical solution of differential equations \rightsquigarrow Chap. 3 & 4

Idea: Find IP $p[f|x_0, \dots, x_n]$ approx. the function $f(x)$ and compute

$$f(x) \approx p[f|x_0, \dots, x_n](x)$$

$$f'(x) \approx p'[f|x_0, \dots, x_n](x)$$

$$f''(x) \approx p''[f|x_0, \dots, x_n](x)$$

\vdots

So suppose we want to approx. the derivatives of a (sufficiently) smooth function

$$f: I = [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Let $p[f|x_0, \dots, x_n]$ be the IP, then

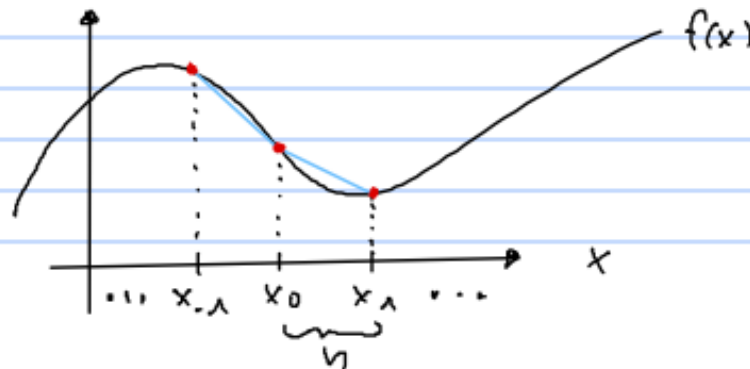
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^k f}{dx^k}(x) &\approx \frac{d^k}{dx^k} p[f|x_0, \dots, x_n](x) = \frac{d^k}{dx^k} \sum_{j=0}^n L_j^{\wedge}(x) \cdot f(x_j) \\ &\approx \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{d^k L_j^{\wedge}(x)}{dx^k} \cdot f(x_j) \end{aligned}$$

This general procedure leads to so-called finite difference (FD) approximations of derivatives.

Usually one uses equidistantly spaced nodes

$$x_j = x_0 + j \cdot h, \quad j \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{integers}$$

where h is a constant spacing between nodes.



The resulting formulas are usually evaluated at x_0 .

Using a linear IP:

$$f'(x_0) \approx p'[f|x_0, x_1](x_0) = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$$

$$= \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

(so-called forward FD)

$$f'(x_0) \approx p'[f|x_{-1}, x_0](x_0) = \frac{f(x_0) - f(x_{-1})}{x_0 - x_{-1}}$$

$$= \frac{f(x_0) - f(x_0-h)}{h}$$

(so-called backward FD)

What about approx. to f'' ?

Using a quadratic IP:

$$f'(x_0) \approx p'[f|x_{-1}, x_0, x_1] = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_{-1})}{x_1 - x_{-1}}$$

$$= \frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0-h)}{2h}$$

$$f''(x_0) \approx p''[f|x_{-1}, x_0, x_1] = \frac{f(x_1) - 2f(x_0) + f(x_{-1}))}{h^2}$$

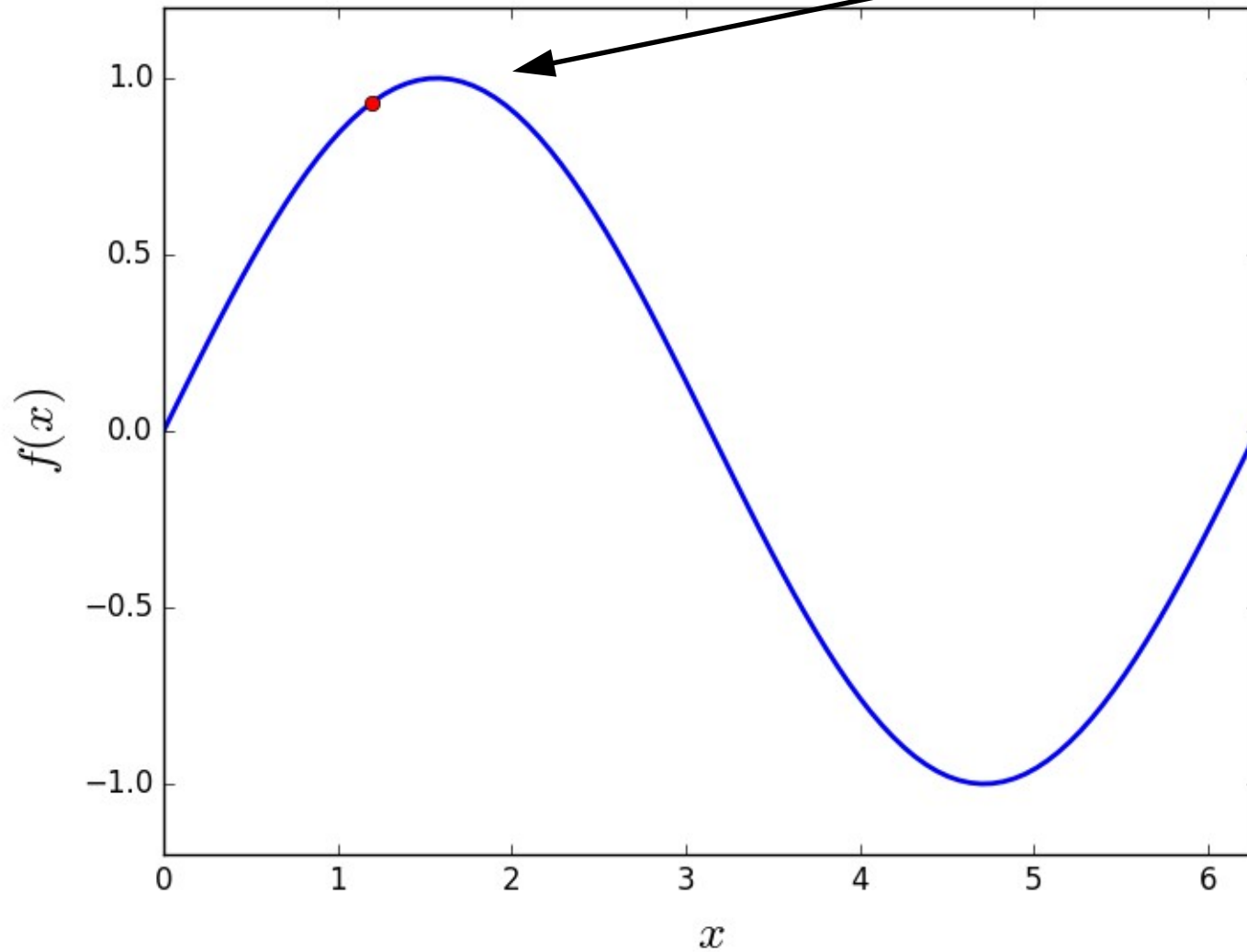
$$= \frac{f(x_0+h) - 2f(x_0) + f(x_0-h)}{h^2}$$

(so-called centered FD)

Ex.: (5)

Numerical Differentiation

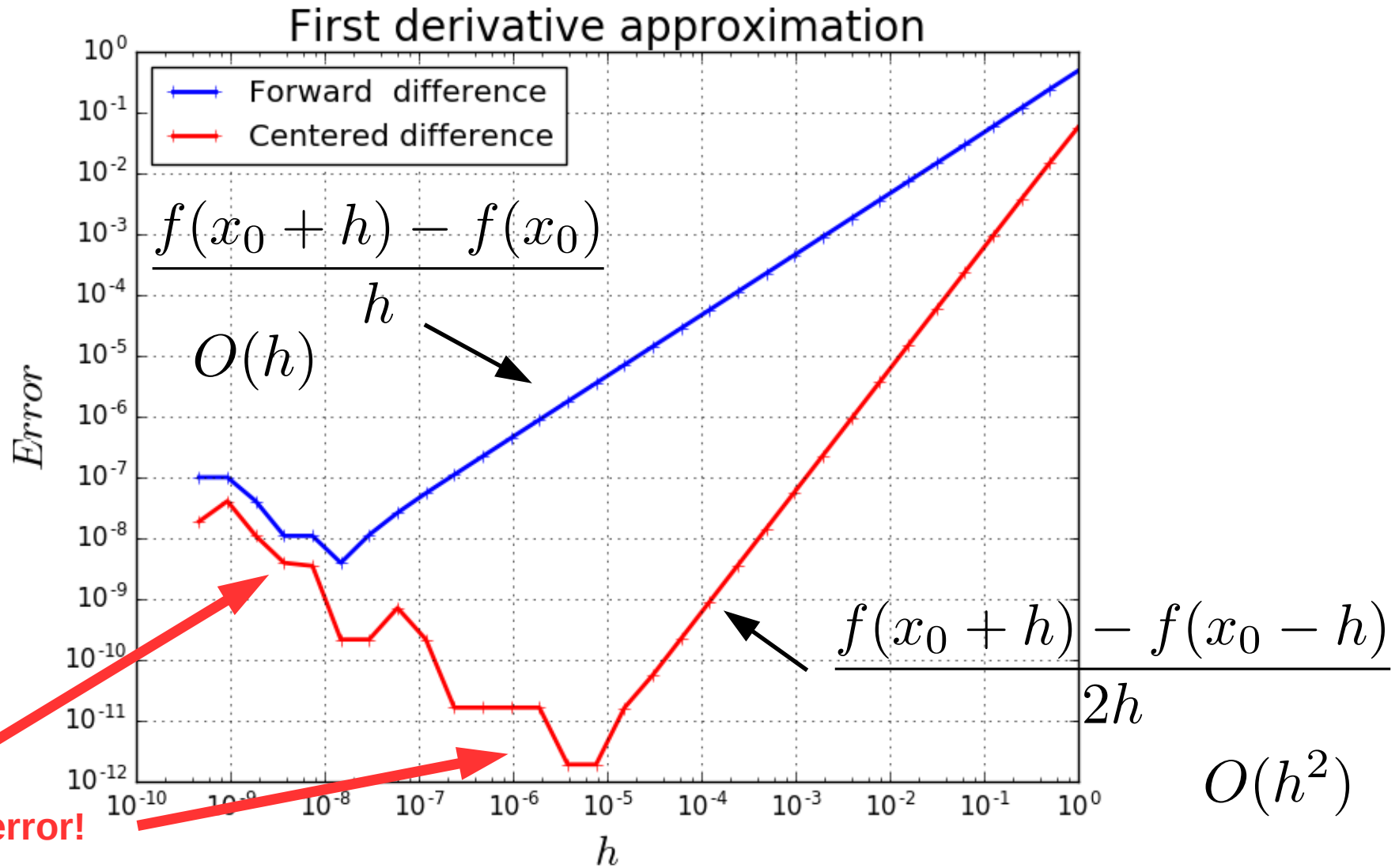
$$f(x) = \sin(x) \quad f'(x) = \cos(x) \quad f'(1.2) = \cos(1.2)$$



Ex.: (5)

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Numerical Differentiation

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + f'(x) \cdot h + \frac{f''(x)}{2} h^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(k)}(x)}{k!} h^k + \frac{f^{(k+1)}(\xi)}{(k+1)!} h^{k+1}$$

for some $\xi \in [x, x+h]$

remainder term (sometimes error term)

Ex.: (6) forward FD approx of f' :

$$\frac{f(x_0+h) - f(x_0)}{h} = \frac{\cancel{f(x_0)} + f'(x_0) \cdot h + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2} h^2 + \dots - \cancel{f(x_0)}}{h}$$

$$= f'(x_0) + \frac{h}{2} f''(x_0) + \dots ?$$

$$= f'(x_0) + \mathcal{O}(h)$$

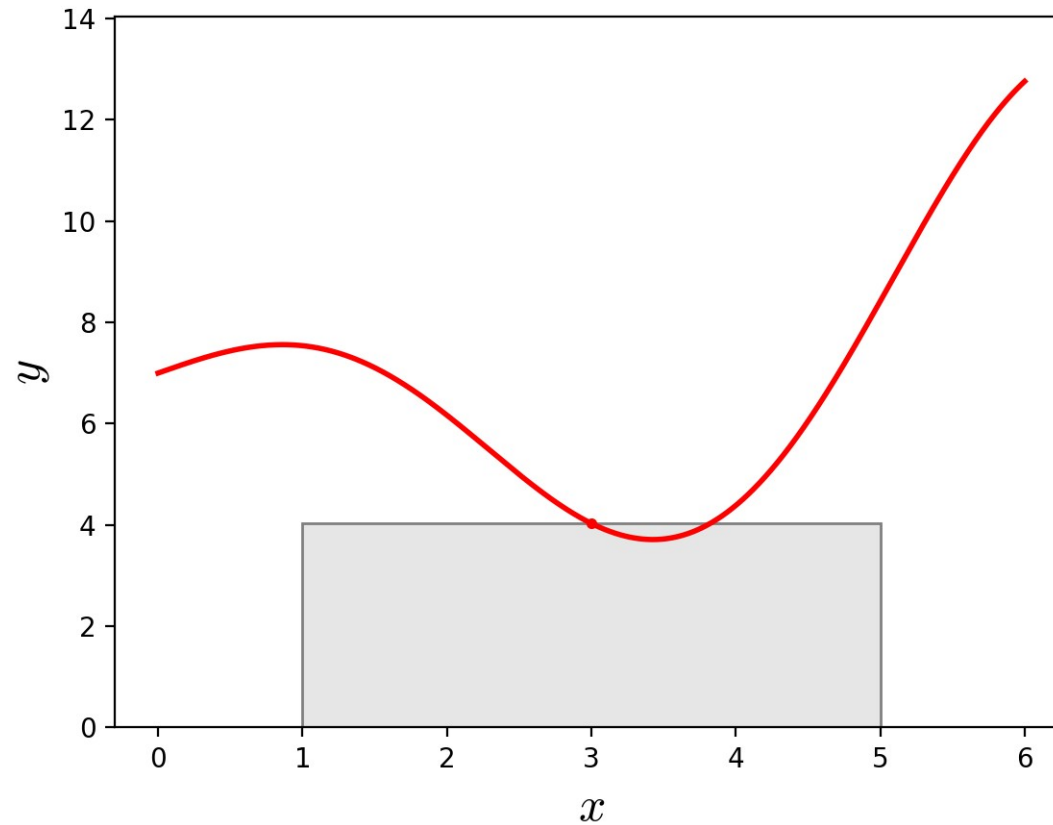
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So, for forward FD we have an order of accuracy of $r = 1$

Ex.: (7)

Midpoint rule

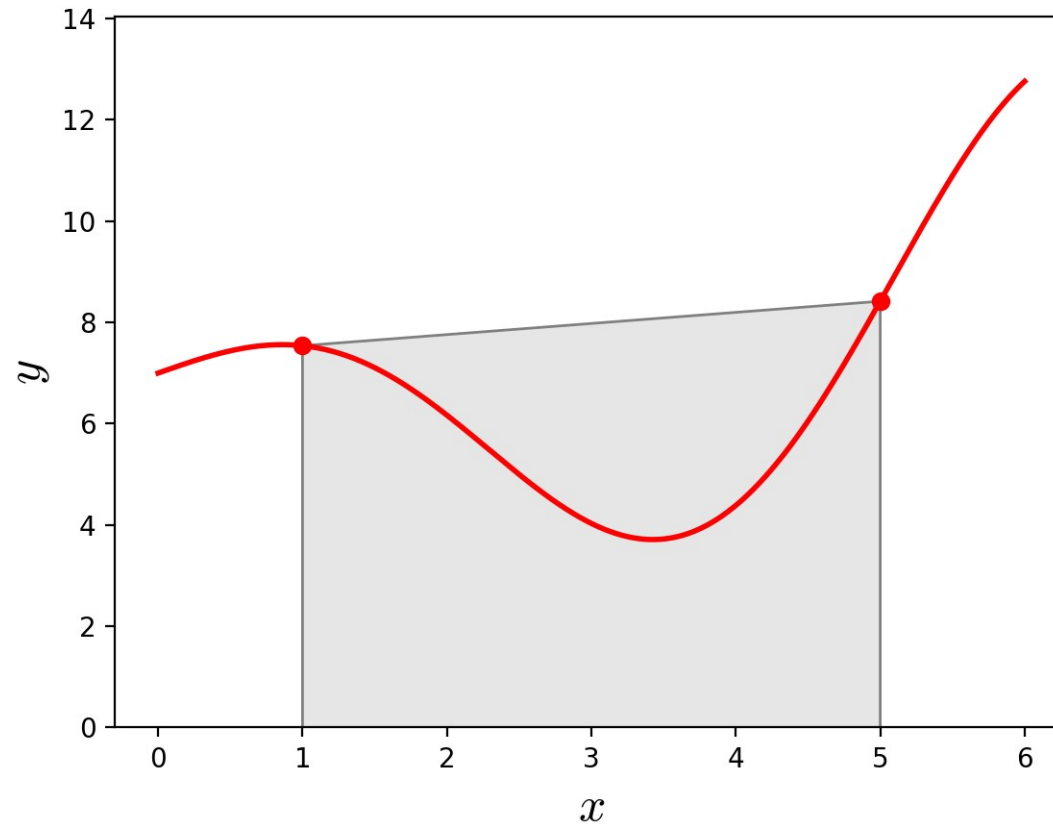
$$Q_0[f] = (b - a)f\left(\frac{a + b}{2}\right)$$



Ex.: (8)

Trapezoidal rule

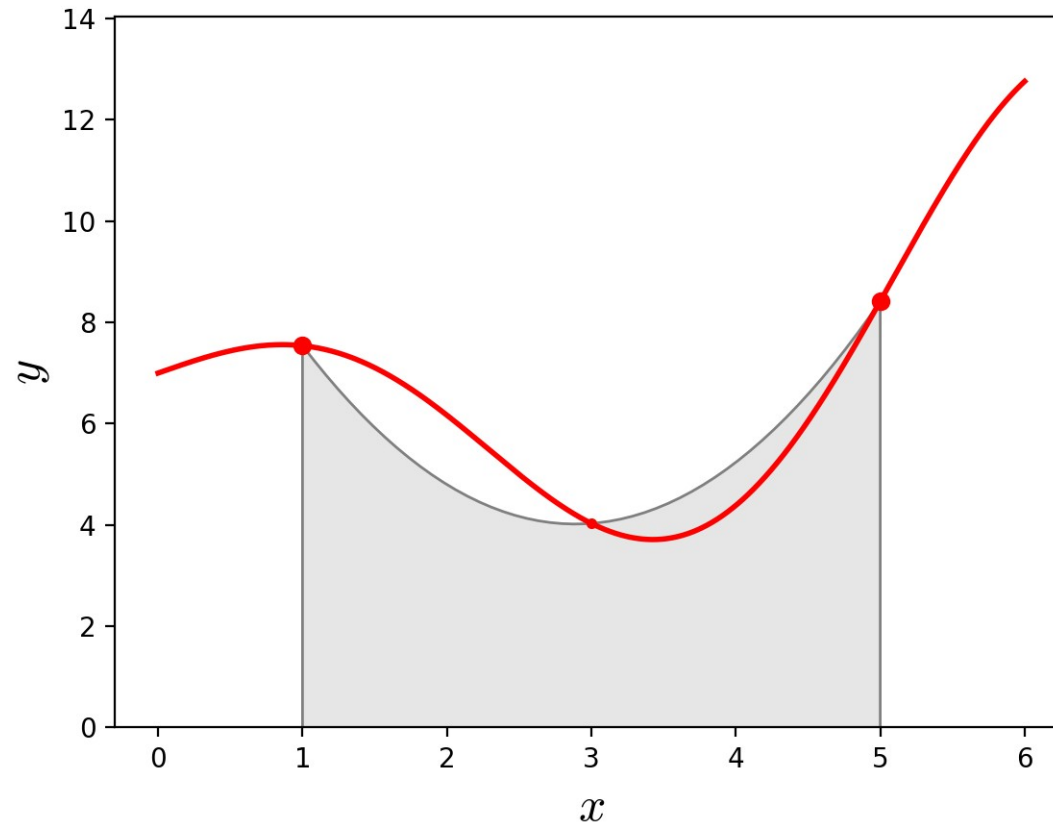
$$Q_1[f] = \frac{b-a}{2} (f(a) + f(b))$$



Ex.: (9)

Simpson rule

$$Q_2[f] = \frac{b-a}{6} \left(f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right)$$



Degree of exactness

Def.: the degree of exactness (DoE) q is defined as the maximum polynomial degree a

QR can integrate exactly

The property is easily check by comparing the exact value of the integral over a reference interval

$$I[x^k] = \int_0^1 x^k dx = \frac{x^{k+1}}{k+1} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{k+1}$$

with the result of the QR $Q[x^k]$

Example: DoE of Simpson rule $Q_2[f] = \frac{b-a}{6} \left(f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right)$

$$I[1] = 1 = Q_2[1] = \frac{1}{6} (1 + 1 + 1) = 1$$

$$I[x] = \frac{1}{2} = Q_2[x] = \frac{1}{6} (0 + 2 + 1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$I[x^2] = \frac{1}{3} = Q_2[x^2] = \frac{1}{6} (0 + 1 + 1) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$I[x^3] = \frac{1}{4} = Q_2[x^3] = \frac{1}{6} \left(0 + \frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$I[x^4] = \frac{1}{5} \neq Q_2[x^4] = \frac{1}{6} \left(0 + \frac{1}{4} + 1 \right) = \frac{5}{24}$$



$$q = 3$$

Composite quadrature rules

Divide the integration interval $I=[a, b]$ in N subintervals

$$I_j = [x_{j-1}, x_j], \quad j=1, 2, \dots, N$$

$$x_j = a + \underbrace{\frac{b-a}{N}}_h \cdot j, \quad j=0, 1, \dots, N$$

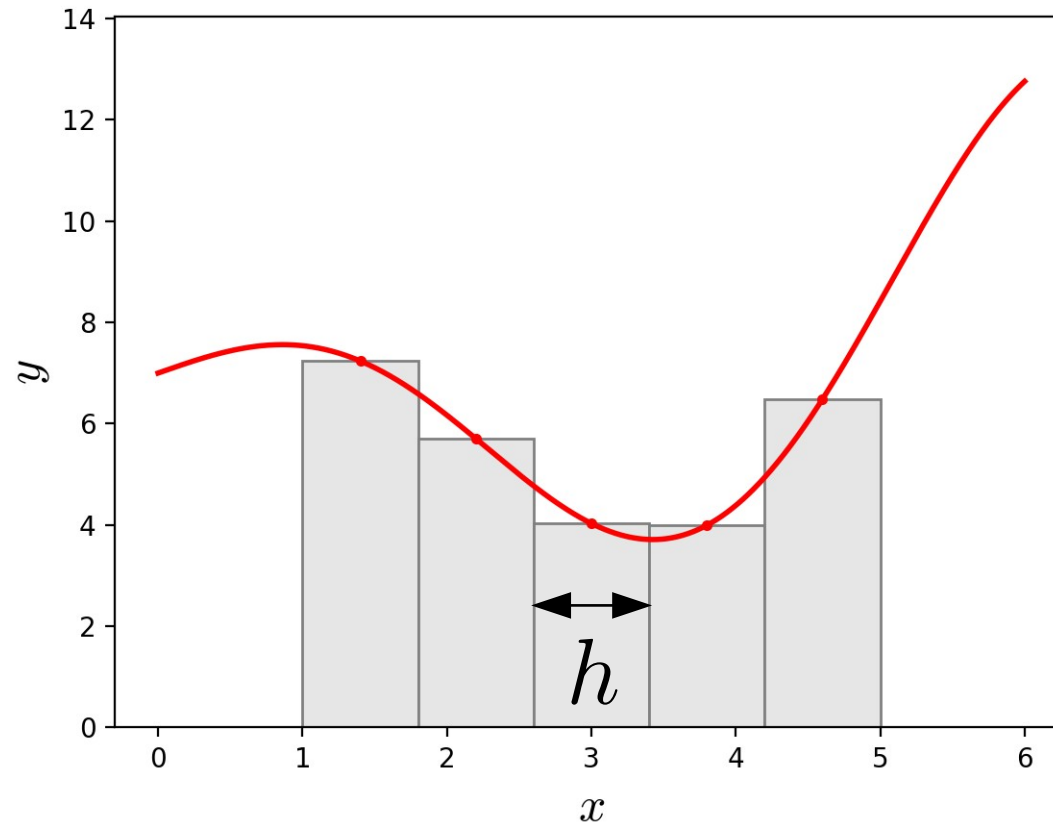
and apply a QR over each I_j .

This leads to so-called composite QR.

Ex.: (10)

Composite midpoint rule

$$Q_0^N[f] = h \sum_{k=1}^N f\left(\frac{x_{k-1} + x_k}{2}\right)$$

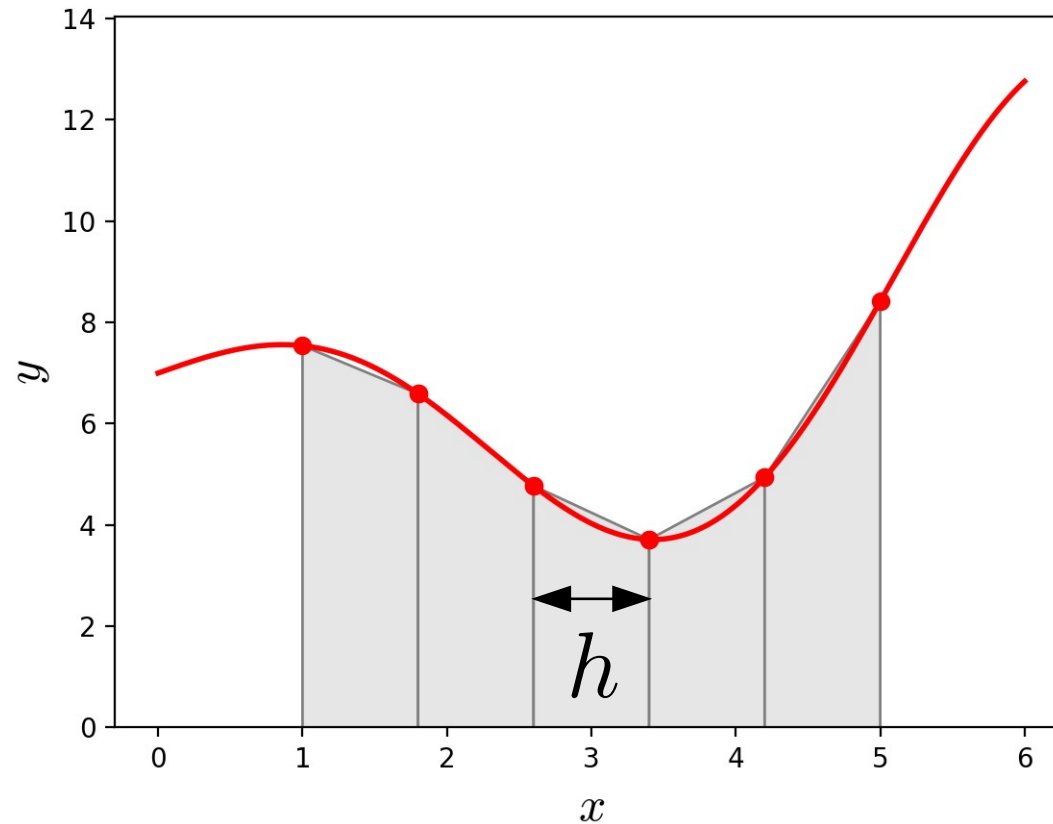


$$N = 5$$

Ex.: (11)

Composite trapezoidal rule

$$Q_1^N[f] = \frac{h}{2} \left(f(a) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} f(x_k) + f(b) \right)$$

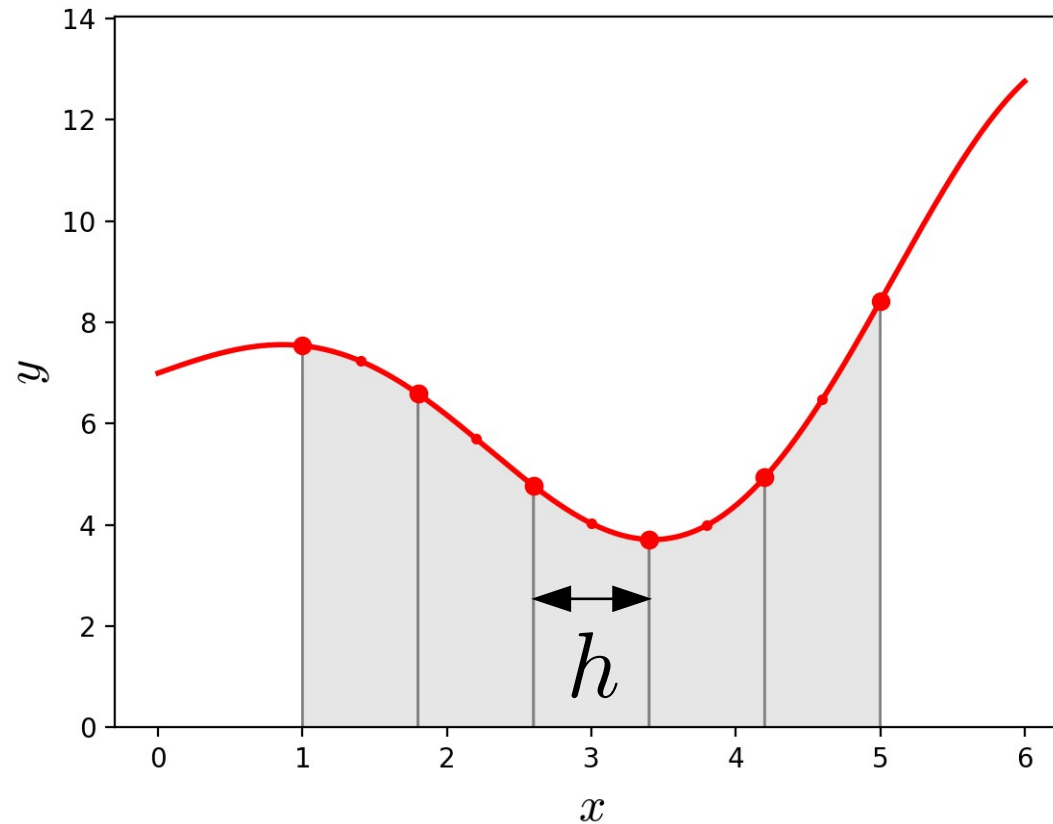


$$N = 5$$

Ex.: (12)

Composite Simpson rule

$$Q_1^N[f] = \frac{h}{6} \left(f(a) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} f(x_k) + 4 \sum_{k=1}^N f\left(\frac{x_{k-1} + x_k}{2}\right) + f(b) \right)$$



$$N = 5$$

The QE of a CQR is (obviously) the sum of QEs over each subinterval.

One can show that

$$E^N[f] = |Q_N^N[f] - I[f]|$$

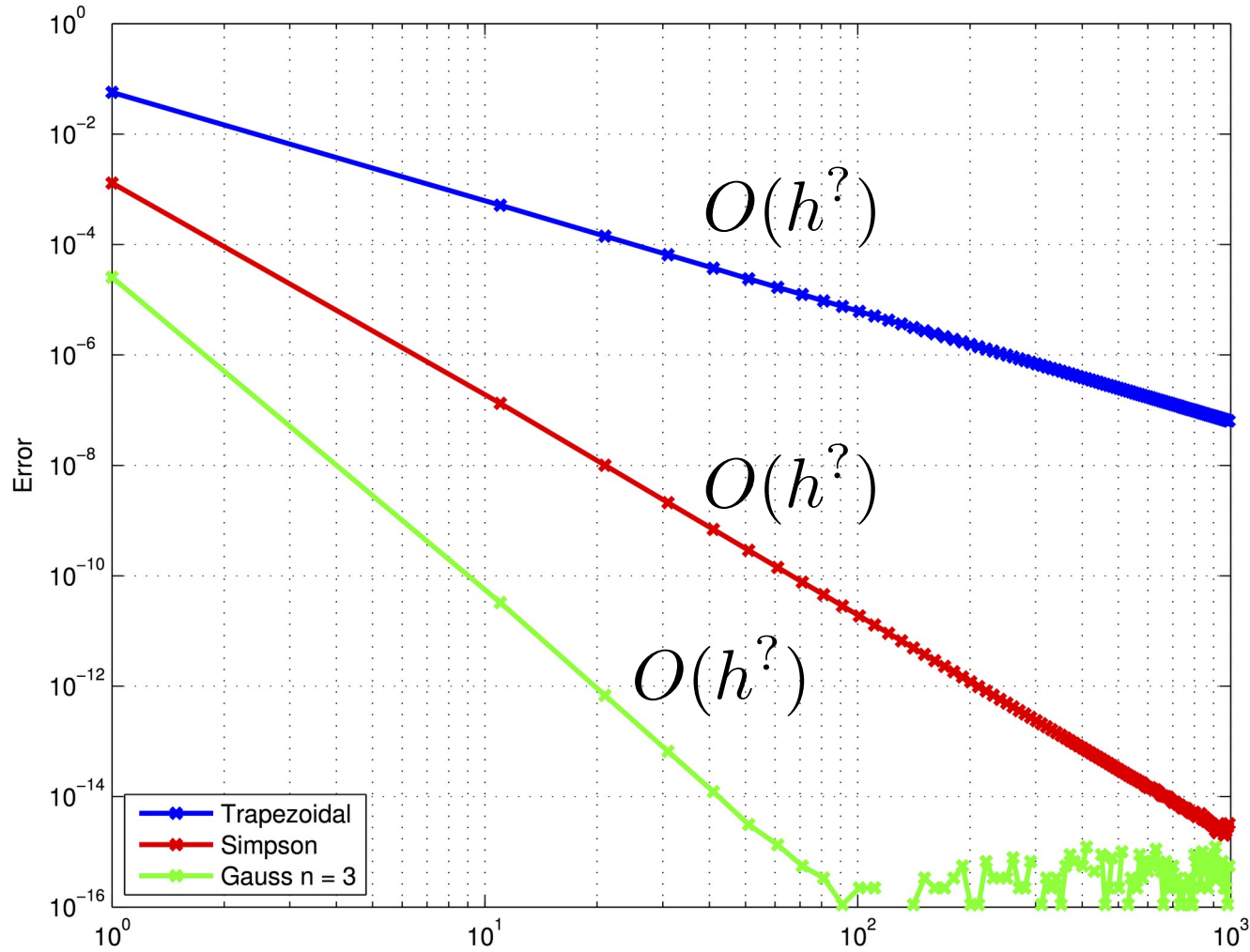
$$\leq \frac{\|f^{(q+1)}\|_\infty}{(q+1)!} (b-a) h^{q+1} = \frac{\|f^{(s)}\|_\infty}{s!} (b-a) h^s$$

↙ DoE ↙ order of accuracy

Ex.: (13)

Quadrature

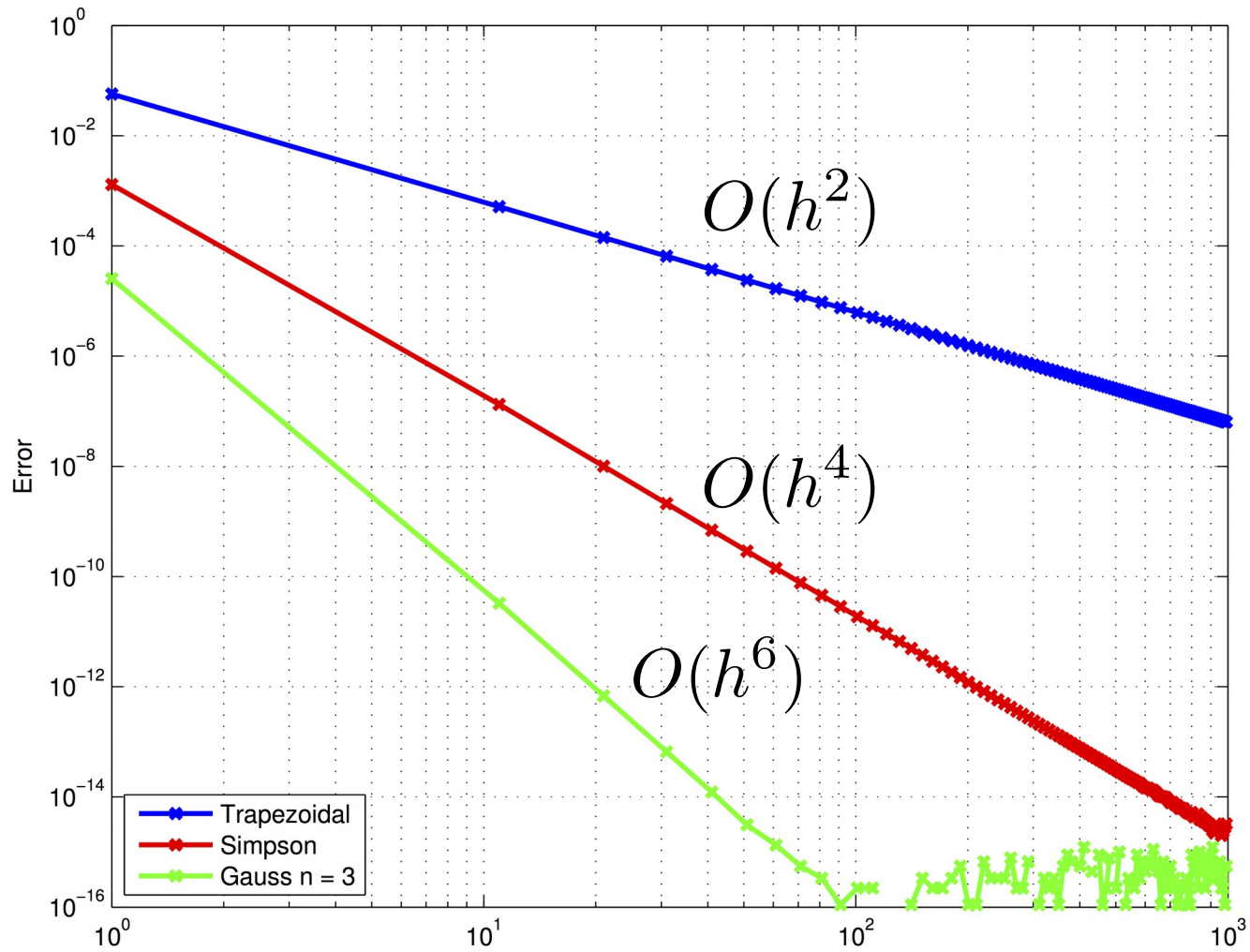
$$E^N[f] = |I[f] - Q^N[f]|$$



$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x} dx = \log(2)$$

Ex.: (13)

Quadrature



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