

**DIMENSIONALITY REDUCING MULTIPLE INTEGRALS  
BY ALPHA-DENSE CURVES**

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**Abstract:** We approximate the multiple integral of a non-negative real function  $f$  of class  $C^1$  on the unit cube  $[0, 1]^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , by a simple one on the interval  $[-1, 1]$  by using a technique of densification of the region of quadrature. The curve that densifies is an  $\alpha$ -dense curve called cosines curve. The integrand of the simple integral depends, as that of [8], on the Chebyshev polynomial of second kind. An estimation on the error generated by this reduction is also settled.

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### 1. Introduction

Given a real number  $\alpha \geq 0$ , an  $\alpha$ -dense curve (see [6]) in a subset  $K$  of finite diameter of a metric space  $(E, d)$  is a continuous mapping  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow E$  whose image, now on noted  $\gamma^*$ , is contained in  $K$  and the distance  $d(x, \gamma^*) \leq \alpha$  for any  $x \in K$ . In others words, an  $\alpha$ -dense curve in  $K$  is a Peano Continuum

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(a connected, locally connected and compact set)  $\gamma^*$  such that the Hausdorff distance (see [5]) from  $K$ ,  $d_{\mathcal{H}}(\gamma^*, K) \leq \alpha$ . For example, in the euclidean space  $R^{n+1}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , the cube  $K_c = I^n \times [0, c]$ , with  $I = [0, 1]$ ,  $c > 0$ , is densified by the curves

$$\gamma_c^{(m)} = (\gamma_1^{(m)}, \gamma_2^{(m)}, \dots, \gamma_n^{(m)}, \gamma_{n+1}^{(m)}) : I \rightarrow K_c$$

defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1^{(m)}(t) &= t, \\ \gamma_2^{(m)}(t) &= \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos m\pi t), \\ &\vdots \\ \gamma_n^{(m)}(t) &= \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos m^{n-1}\pi t), \\ \gamma_{n+1}^{(m)}(t) &= \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos m^n\pi t)c, \end{aligned}$$

for each positive integer  $m$ .

It is easy to check that for each  $m$  the curve  $\gamma_c^{(m)}$  has density  $\frac{1}{m}\Phi(n)$  in  $K_c$ , where  $\Phi(n)$  is a positive constant depending on  $n$  (for example,  $\Phi(1) = 1$ ,  $\Phi(2) = \sqrt{1 + \frac{\pi^2}{2^2}}$ , etc.). Therefore their densities go to 0 as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . In this case,  $K_c$  is said to be a densifiable set. Furthermore, as the length of  $\gamma_c^{(m)}$  is given by

$$L(\gamma_c^{(m)}) = \int_0^1 \left\| (\gamma_c^{(m)})'(t) \right\| dt,$$

$(\gamma_c^{(m)})'(t)$  being the tangent vector, we have

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} L(\gamma_c^{(m)}) \frac{1}{m^n} = c,$$

which implies that the volume of  $K_c$ , noted  $\text{vol}(K_c)$ , may be computed by the above limit. That is, the formula

$$\text{vol}(K_c) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} L(\gamma_c^{(m)}) \frac{1}{m^n} \tag{1}$$

follows (for more details see [7] and [8]).

Now, our purpose is to use the above formula for reducing the multiple integral of a non-negative real function  $f$  of class  $C^1$  on the unit cube  $[0, 1]^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , to a simple one on the interval  $[-1, 1]$ , as we shall see below. Furthermore,

the error of the approximation will be estimated as function depending on the integrand  $f$ , on the  $\alpha$ -dense curve that densifies  $I^n$  (by means of its densification parameter  $m$ ) and, of course, on the dimension  $n$ .

We shall see that this reductional technique is total in the sense that the final dimension es 1, so it may be compared with that of [4].

### 2. The Theorem of Approximation for the Cosines Curve

Since the above curves will be frequently used, we start with the following definition.

**Definition 1.** For each integer  $m \geq 1$ , the curve  $\Gamma_{I^n}^{(m)} : [0, 1] \rightarrow I^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , defined by  $\Gamma_{I^n}^{(m)}(t) = (\gamma_1^{(m)}(t), \gamma_2^{(m)}(t), \dots, \gamma_n^{(m)}(t))$  with  $\gamma_1^{(m)}(t) = t$  and  $\gamma_k^{(m)}(t) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos m^{k-1}\pi t)$ ,  $2 \leq k \leq n$ , will be called the cosines curve of the order  $m$  in the unit cube  $I^n = [0, 1]^n$  of  $R^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ .

Clearly, the cosines curve  $\Gamma_{I^n}^{(m)}(t)$  is a particular case of the preceding curves  $\gamma_c^{(m)}$  (it is enough to take  $c = 1$  and to change  $n$  by  $n - 1$ ). Therefore, the density of  $\Gamma_{I^n}^{(m)}(t)$  in  $I^n$ , for  $n \geq 2$ , is  $\frac{1}{m}\Phi(n - 1)$ . We can also extend that for the trivial case  $n = 1$  by defining  $\Gamma_I^{(m)}(t) \equiv t$ . Thus the density of this curve in  $I$ , formally written  $\frac{1}{m}\Phi(0)$ , is obviously 0, and consequently  $\Phi(0) = 0$ .

In [8] (Theorem 10, p. 63) we gave a reduction integral formula by using a polynomial curve, namely, the Chebyshev curve. Now the cosines curve, yields a similar result with a common peculiarity: the appearance of the Chebyshev polynomial of the second kind in the integrand.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f$  be a real non-negative function of class  $C^1$  on  $I^n$  and  $\Gamma_{I^n}^{(m)}$  the cosines curve of the order  $m$  in  $I^n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . Thus the integral

$$\int_{I^n} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n \tag{2}$$

may be approximated, for large enough  $m$ , by

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 |U_{m^{n-1}}(s)| f^*\left(\frac{\arccos s}{\pi}\right) ds, \tag{3}$$

where  $U_{m^{n-1}}(s)$  is the Chebyshev polynomial of the second kind of degree  $m^n - 1$  and  $f^* = f \circ \Gamma_{I^n}^{(m)}$ .

*Proof.* Since the cosines curve densifies any cube  $I^n \times [0, c]$  with arbitrary small density, by the continuity of  $f$ , it is clear that the curve

$$\gamma_f^{(m)}(t) = \left( t, \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos m\pi t), \dots, \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos m^{n-1}\pi t), \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos m^n\pi t)f^*(t) \right), \quad (4)$$

briefly noted  $(\Gamma_{I^n}^{(m)}(t), \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos m^n\pi t)f^*(t))$ , densifies the domain of quadrature

$$\mathcal{D}_f = \{(x, y) \in R^{n+1} : x \in I^n, 0 \leq y \leq f(x)\}$$

with arbitrary small density.

By approximating  $f$  by step functions, their integrals are determined by applying the formula that determines the volume of a cube, which has been exhibited in the Introduction. Hence for  $m$  enough large

$$\int_{I^n} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n \approx L(\gamma_f^{(m)}) \frac{1}{m^n} = \frac{1}{m^n} \int_0^1 \left\| (\gamma_f^{(m)})'(t) \right\| dt \\ = \frac{1}{m^n} \int_0^1 \left[ 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}m\pi \sin m\pi t\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2}m^{n-1}\pi \sin m^{n-1}\pi t\right)^2 + \right. \\ \left. \left( \left(\frac{1}{2}m^n\pi \sin m^n\pi t\right) f^*(t) + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos m^n\pi t) f^{*'}(t) \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} dt.$$

Noticing  $n$  is fixed, the above integral can be substituted by

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^1 |\sin m^n\pi t| f^*(t) dt. \quad (5)$$

Now, by the change of variable  $\pi t = \arccos s$  and according that the Chebyshev polynomial of second kind  $U_j(s) = \frac{(T_{j+1}(s))' - T_j'(s)}{2}$ , with  $T_k(s) = \cos(k \arccos s)$ ,  $k \geq 0$ ,  $s \in [-1, 1]$ , the Chebyshev polynomial of first kind, the integral (4) becomes

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 |U_{m^n-1}(s)| f^*\left(\frac{\arccos s}{\pi}\right) ds, \quad (6)$$

and so the proof is complete.  $\square$

### 3. The Precision of the Reduction

From the above theorem we have obtained the approximation formula

$$\int_{I^n} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n \approx \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^1 |\sin m^n\pi t| f^*(t) dt, \quad (7)$$

which allows us to reduce directly the multiple integral to a simple one, so the dimensional reduction is total. However it is necessary to estimate the error in the approximation, noted  $r_{m,f}^{(n)}$ , and defined by

$$r_{m,f}^{(n)} = \int_{I^n} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 |U_{m^{n-1}}(s)| f^*\left(\frac{\arccos s}{\pi}\right) ds,$$

or equivalently

$$r_{m,f}^{(n)} = \int_{I^n} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n - \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^1 |\sin m^n \pi t| f^*(t) dt. \tag{8}$$

Now we need the concept of algebraic precision.

**Definition 3.** Fixed the dimension  $n$ , we say that the formula of integral reduction (1) has algebraic precision of order  $k \geq 0$  if and only if the error  $r_{m,f}^{(n)} = 0$ , for all polynomial  $f$  of degree less or equal to  $k$  and for all positive integer  $m$ .

The first result on the algebraic precision of the formula of reduction (1) is established.

**Proposition 4.** For any dimension  $n$  the formula of integral reduction has algebraic precision of order 0. Furthermore, in dimension 1 the formula has algebraic precision of order 1.

*Proof.* Noticing for all positive integers  $m, n$  the integral

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^1 |\sin m^n \pi t| dt = 1,$$

the error vanishes for any  $f$  constant. Hence the first part is proved. For the second part, assume without loss of generality that  $f(t) = t$ . Thus

$$\int t \sin m\pi t dt = \frac{\sin m\pi t}{m^2\pi^2} - \frac{t \cos m\pi t}{m\pi}$$

and since  $\frac{\sin m\pi t}{m^2\pi^2}$  vanishes for any value of  $t$  belonging to the set  $\{0, \frac{1}{m}, \frac{2}{m}, \dots, \frac{m}{m}\}$ , the integral

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^1 |\sin m\pi t| f^*(t) dt &= \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^1 t |\sin m\pi t| dt \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m (-1)^{i-1} \int_{\frac{i-1}{m}}^{\frac{i}{m}} t \sin m\pi t dt = \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m (-1)^{i-1} \left[ -\frac{t \cos m\pi t}{m\pi} \right]_{\frac{i-1}{m}}^{\frac{i}{m}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m^2} \sum_{i=1}^m (2i-1) = \frac{1}{2}. \quad (9)$$

As trivially  $\int_I f(t)dt = \frac{1}{2}$ , from (1) the error  $r_{m,f}^{(1)} = 0$ , for any  $m$ . This proves that the formula has algebraic precision of order, at least 1.

Taking now  $f(t) = t^2$ , a primitive

$$\int t^2 \sin(m\pi t) dt = 2t \frac{\sin m\pi t}{m^2\pi^2} - \frac{t^2 \cos m\pi t}{m\pi} + \frac{2 \cos m\pi t}{m^3\pi^3},$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^1 |\sin m\pi t| f^*(t) dt &= \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m (-1)^{i-1} \left[ \frac{2 \cos m\pi t}{m^3\pi^3} - \frac{t^2 \cos m\pi t}{m\pi} \right]_{\frac{i-1}{m}}^{\frac{i}{m}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{i^2 + (i-1)^2}{m^2} - \frac{4}{m^2\pi^2} \right) = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{\pi^2 - 12}{6m^2\pi^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

On the other hand, as  $\int_I f(x)dx = \frac{1}{3}$ , (2) implies that the error  $r_{m,f}^{(1)} = \frac{12-\pi^2}{6m^2\pi^2} = O(\frac{1}{m^2})$ . Consequently, the formula has algebraic precision of order 1, as claimed.  $\square$

The general estimation of the error is given in the following result.

**Theorem 5.** *For any dimension  $n$ , the error in the integral reduction formula is an  $O(\frac{1}{m})$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $m$  be a positive integer, express the simple integral as the sum

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^1 |\sin m^n \pi t| f^*(t) dt = \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m^n} \int_{\frac{i-1}{m^n}}^{\frac{i}{m^n}} (-1)^{i-1} (\sin m^n \pi t) f^*(t) dt. \quad (11)$$

Now, since for each  $1 \leq i \leq m^n$  the function  $(-1)^{i-1} (\sin m^n \pi t)$  is non-negative on the interval  $[\frac{i-1}{m^n}, \frac{i}{m^n}]$ , by applying the first mean value for integrals, (1) is equal to

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m^n} f^*(\xi_i) \int_{\frac{i-1}{m^n}}^{\frac{i}{m^n}} (-1)^{i-1} (\sin m^n \pi t) dt, \quad (12)$$

with  $\xi_i \in [\frac{i-1}{m^n}, \frac{i}{m^n}]$ .

Noticing that, for all  $1 \leq i \leq m^n$ , the integral  $\int_{\frac{i-1}{m^n}}^{\frac{i}{m^n}} (-1)^{i-1} (\sin m^n \pi t) dt = \frac{2}{m^n \pi}$ , by substituting that in (2) we are led to

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^1 |\sin m^n \pi t| f^*(t) dt = \frac{1}{m^n} \sum_{i=1}^{m^n} f^*(\xi_i). \tag{13}$$

On the other hand, from the additivity of the integral,

$$\int_{I^n} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n = \sum_{i=1}^{m^n} \text{Vol}(I_i^n) f(X_i), \tag{14}$$

for some points  $X_i$  belonging to  $I_i^n$ , where  $I_i^n$  denotes the  $i$ -th-subcube,  $1 \leq i \leq m^n$ , of a partition of the unit cube  $I^n$  and  $\text{Vol}(I_i^n)$  is the measure of its length, area, volume, etc.

For  $n = 1$  the cosines curve is  $\Gamma_I^{(m)}(t) \equiv t$ , with  $t \in I$ . The subintervals of the partition of  $I$  are taken as  $I_i^1 = [\frac{i-1}{m}, \frac{i}{m}]$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , so  $\text{Vol}(I_i^1) = \frac{1}{m}$  and the points  $X_i, \xi_i \in I_i^1$ . Thus, from (3), (4) and using the Mean Value Theorem, the error is

$$\left| r_{m,f}^{(n)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{m} \|f\|_1 \sum_{i=1}^m |X_i - \xi_i| \leq \frac{1}{m} \|f\|_1,$$

where  $\|f\|_1 \equiv \sup\{|f(x)| : x \in I\} + \sup\{|f'(x)| : x \in I\}$ . Therefore, in this case, the theorem follows.

Now, one assumes  $n \geq 2$  and  $m$  even. Take a partition of  $I^n$  formed by subcubes  $I_i^n$  obtained by dividing each edge of  $I^n$ , except the last, in  $m$  equal subintervals  $[0, \frac{1}{m}]$ ,  $[\frac{1}{m}, \frac{2}{m}]$ , ...,  $[\frac{m-1}{m}, \frac{m}{m}]$ . The last edge is divided in the subintervals  $[\frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \pi \frac{i-1}{m}), \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \pi \frac{i}{m})]$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . These subcubes  $I_i^n$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m^n$ , are arranged following the trajectory of the cosines curve  $\Gamma_{I^n}^{(m)}$ , considered as a physical motion, where  $t$  would be the time. Then, for each  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$ ,

$$\text{Vol}(I_i^n) = \frac{1}{m^{n-1}} a_i, \tag{15}$$

where

$$a_i = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos \pi \frac{i}{m}) - \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos \pi \frac{i-1}{m}) = \sin \pi \frac{2i-1}{2m} \sin \frac{\pi}{2m}. \tag{16}$$

Observe that  $\text{Vol}(I_i^n) = \text{Vol}(I_{m^n-(i-1)}^n)$ , for  $\frac{m}{2} + 1 \leq i \leq m$ , and all is symmetrically repeated from  $m$ . Therefore, it is enough to examine the error

$$r_{m,f}^{(n)} = \frac{1}{m^{n-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{m^n} (a_i f(X_i) - \frac{1}{m} f^*(\xi_i)) = \frac{1}{m^{n-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{m^n} (a_i f(X_i) - \frac{1}{m} f(Y_i)), \tag{17}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$ , where  $Y_i \equiv \Gamma_{I^n}^{(m)}(\xi_i)$ .

First we note that the point  $Y_i = (y_{i,1}, y_{i,2}, \dots, y_{i,n}) \in I_i^n$  for any  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2}$ . Indeed,

$$y_{i,1} = \xi_i \in \left[ \frac{i-1}{m^n}, \frac{i}{m^n} \right] \subset \left[ 0, \frac{1}{m} \right],$$

and since the function  $g(x) = x - \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2} x \geq 0$  for  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} y_{i,k} &= \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos m^{k-1} \pi \xi_i) \in \left[ \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \pi \frac{i-1}{m^{n-k+1}}), \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \pi \frac{i}{m^{n-k+1}}) \right] \\ &\subset \left[ 0, \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{i}{m^{n-k+1}} \right] \subset \left[ 0, \frac{i}{m^{n-k+1}} \right] \subset \left[ 0, \frac{1}{m} \right], \end{aligned}$$

for all  $2 \leq k \leq n-1$ . Finally,

$$y_{i,n} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos m^{n-1} \pi \xi_i) \in \left[ \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \pi \frac{i-1}{m}), \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \pi \frac{i}{m}) \right],$$

therefore,  $Y_i \in I_i^n$ , as claimed. Now, (7) is rewritten as

$$r_{m,f}^{(n)} = \frac{1}{m^{n-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{m^n} \left[ a_i (f(X_i) - f(Y_i)) + (a_i - \frac{1}{m}) f(Y_i) \right]. \quad (18)$$

The Mean Value Theorem (see [3]) applied to  $f$ , turns (8) in

$$r_{m,f}^{(n)} = \frac{1}{m^{n-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{m^n} \left[ a_i \nabla f(Z_i) \cdot (X_i - Y_i) + (a_i - \frac{1}{m}) f(Y_i) \right], \quad (19)$$

where  $\nabla f(Z_i)$  denotes the gradient of  $f$  at a point  $Z_i$  of the linear segment determined by the points  $X_i, Y_i$ , and the dot ( $\cdot$ ) represents the usual inner product in  $R^n$ . Now let us write

$$r_{m,f}^{(n)} = s_{m,f}^{(n)} + t_{m,f}^{(n)}, \quad (20)$$

where

$$s_{m,f}^{(n)} = \frac{1}{m^{n-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{m^n} a_i \nabla f(Z_i) \cdot (X_i - Y_i); \quad t_{m,f}^{(n)} = \frac{1}{m^{n-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{m^n} (a_i - \frac{1}{m}) f(Y_i).$$

By the Cauchy inequality,

$$\left| s_{m,f}^{(n)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{m^{n-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{m^n} a_i \|\nabla f(Z_i)\| \|X_i - Y_i\|. \quad (21)$$



Whenever the space  $\mathcal{C}^1(I^n; R)$  is equipped with the norm

$$\|f\|_1 = \sup_{U \in I^n} |f(U)| + \sup_{V \in I^n} \|\nabla f(V)\|, \quad (22)$$

(21) involves

$$\left| s_{m,f}^{(n)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{m^{n-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{m^n} a_i \|f\|_1 \|X_i - Y_i\|. \quad (23)$$

Noticing the symmetry of the subcubes, (13) can be rewritten as

$$\left| s_{m,f}^{(n)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{m^{n-1}} 2m^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{m}{2}} a_i \|f\|_1 \|X_i - Y_i\| = 2 \|f\|_1 \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{m}{2}} a_i \|X_i - Y_i\|. \quad (24)$$

Because of

$$\begin{aligned} \|X_i - Y_i\| &\leq \left[ (n-1) \frac{1}{m^2} + a_i^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \left[ (n-1) \frac{1}{m^2} + \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2m} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}, \\ \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m}{2} \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{m}{2}} a_i &= \frac{1}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

from (24) it follows

$$\left| s_{m,f}^{(n)} \right| \leq \|f\|_1 \left[ (n-1) \frac{1}{m^2} + \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2m} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = O\left(\frac{1}{m}\right). \quad (25)$$

On the other hand the second summand of (20)

$$\begin{aligned} t_{m,f}^{(n)} &= \frac{1}{m^{n-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{m^n} \left( a_i - \frac{1}{m} \right) f(Y_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{m^{n-1}} \left[ \begin{aligned} &\sum_{i=1}^{\frac{m}{2}} \left( a_i - \frac{1}{m} \right) f(Y_i) + \\ &+ \sum_{i=\frac{m}{2}+1}^m \left( a_i - \frac{1}{m} \right) f(Y_i) \\ &+ \sum_{i=m+1}^{m+\frac{m}{2}} \left( a_i - \frac{1}{m} \right) f(Y_i) + \dots \end{aligned} \right]. \quad (26) \end{aligned}$$

Now, each summand of the above expression, e.g.  $\sum_{i=1}^{\frac{m}{2}} \left( a_i - \frac{1}{m} \right) f(Y_i)$ , is transformed by the summation parts Abel formula in

$$b_{\frac{m}{2}+1} f(Y_{\frac{m}{2}+1}) - b_1 f(Y_1) - \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{m}{2}} b_{i+1} \Delta f(Y_i), \quad (27)$$

by defining the sequence  $b_i \equiv \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \pi \frac{i-1}{m}) - \frac{i}{m}$ , and  $\Delta$  denoting the difference operator, i.e.,  $\Delta f(Y_i) \equiv f(Y_{i+1}) - f(Y_i)$ . Thus, by (17) and repeating the preceding reasoning for the boundeness of  $s_{m,f}^{(n)}$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\frac{m}{2}} (a_i - \frac{1}{m}) f(Y_i) = \frac{1}{m} f(Y_1) - \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{m}{2}} b_{i+1} [f(Y_{i+1}) - f(Y_i)] = O(\frac{1}{m}). \quad (28)$$

Therefore, from (16)  $t_{m,f}^{(n)} = O(\frac{1}{m})$  and taking into account (10) and (15), the error

$$r_{m,f}^{(n)} = O(\frac{1}{m}),$$

which completes the proof of the theorem. □

#### 4. Numerical Approach

We have implemented in programming language *C* some routines for applying the above reductional technique consisting of substituting the multiple integral

$$\int_{I^n} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n,$$

by

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^1 |\sin m^n \pi t| f^*(t) dt$$

and to compute this one by the Simpson method. We have obtained the following numerical results.

**Example 1.**  $\iiint_{I^3} xyz dx dy dz = 0,125$ , which approximation by the method is

$m = 1$	0,229166666666665
$m = 2$	0,125000000000003
$m = 3$	0,131228585931315
$m = 4$	0,124999989472422
$m = 5$	0,127106312029298
$m = 10$	0,125000000676531

**Example 2.** The probability integral

$$\frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{3}} \int_{I^2} \exp \left[ -\frac{2}{3} (x^2 - xy + y^2) \right] dx dy \approx 0,1377$$

is approximated by

$m = 1$	0,150819759377466
$m = 2$	0,137928841413040
$m = 3$	0,138507516885383
$m = 4$	0,137731879675459
$m = 5$	0,137978987126065
$m = 10$	0,137697787718432

Finally in dimension  $n = 5$ .

**Example 3.**  $\int_{I^5} x_1x_2x_3x_4x_5 dx_1dx_2dx_3dx_4dx_5 = 0,03125$ , approximated by

$m = 1$	0,150781250000001
$m = 2$	0,031249999999999
$m = 3$	0,032866488667339
$m = 4$	0,031250002482228
$m = 5$	0,031778737692331
$m = 14$	0,031250000000003

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