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Integrate the data using Simpson's-1/3 and Simpson's-3/8 Rules.

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
x_i	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4 2.151	1.5	1.6	1.7	
f_i	1.543	1.669	1.811	1.971	2.151	2.352	2.577	2.828	

NOTE: 8 abscissas $\Rightarrow n=7$ subintervals. So we cannot use Simpson's-1/3 rule alone (n is not divisible by 2) or Simpson's-3/8 rule alone (n is not divisible by 3).

However, in this problem we can combine the methods by appropriately dividing the interval:

- 1. We'll use Simpson's-1/3 rule on interval [1.0, 1.4] (4 subintervals is divisible by 2), and
- 2. we'll use Simpson's-3/8 rule on interval [1.4,1.7] (3 subintervals is divisible by 3).

This way we obtain consistent accuracy $O(h^4)$ on the entire interval [1.0, 1.7].

1. Use Simpson's-1/3 rule on interval [1.0, 1.4]. h = 0.1

$$\int_{1.0}^{1.4} f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{3} \Big[f_0 + 4f_1 + 2f_2 + 4f_3 + f_4 \Big]$$

$$= \frac{0.1}{3} \Big[1.543 + 4(1.669) + 2(1.811) + 4(1.971) + 2.151 \Big]$$

$$= 0.729200.$$

2. Use Simpson's-3/8 rule on interval [1.4, 1.7]. h = 0.1

$$\int_{1.4}^{1.7} f(x) dx \approx \frac{3h}{8} \Big[f_4 + 3f_5 + 3f_6 + f_7 \Big]$$

$$= \frac{3(0.1)}{8} \Big[2.151 + 3(2.352) + 3(2.577) + 2.828 \Big]$$

$$= 0.741225.$$

3. Now add the results.

$$\begin{split} \int_{1.0}^{1.7} f(x) \, dx & \approx & \int_{1.0}^{1.4} f(x) \, dx \, + \, \int_{1.4}^{1.7} f(x) \, dx \\ & = & 1.470425 \, . \end{split}$$

NOTE: Alternatively, we could have used Simpson's-3/8 rule on interval [1.0, 1.3] and Simpson's-1/3 rule on interval [1.3, 1.7]. We would obtain a different approximation: $1.470441\overline{6}$.

BE CAREFUL:

- We could use Simpson's-1/3 rule on interval [1.0, 1.6] (6 subintervals is divisible by 2) and the Trapezoidal rule on interval [1.6, 1.7], but why wouldn't we?
- We could also use Simpson's-3/8 rule on interval [1.0, 1.6] (6 subintervals is divisible by 3) and the Trapezoidal rule on interval [1.6, 1.7], but why wouldn't we?