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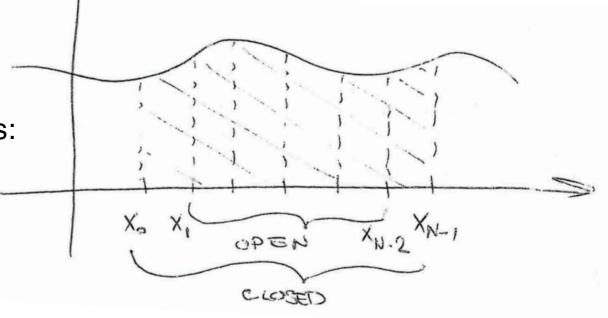
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Within this approach, there are two families of methods:

- 1) CLOSED formulas make use of f<sub>0</sub> and f<sub>N-1</sub>
- 2) **OPEN** formulas do not make use of  $f_0$  and  $f_{N-1}$ , i.e., they use  $f_1, \dots f_{N-2}$ .



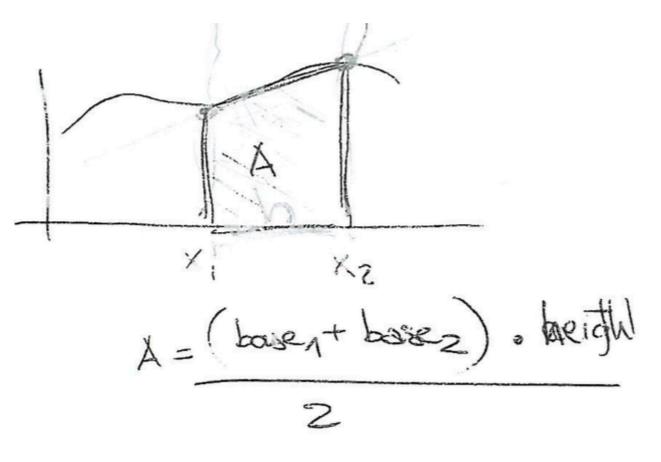
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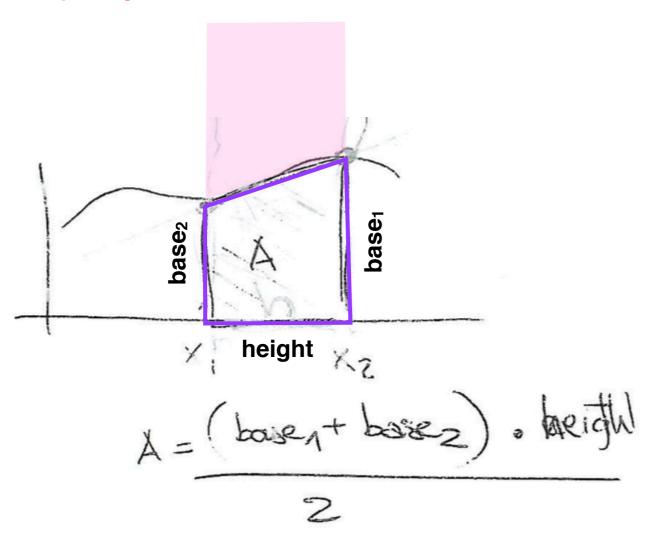
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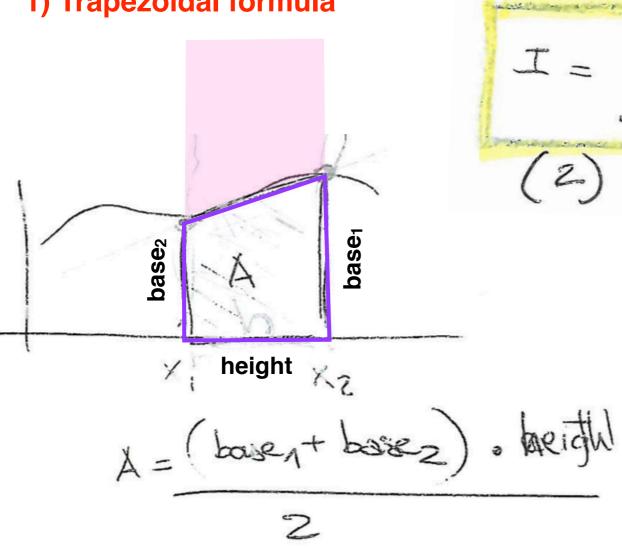
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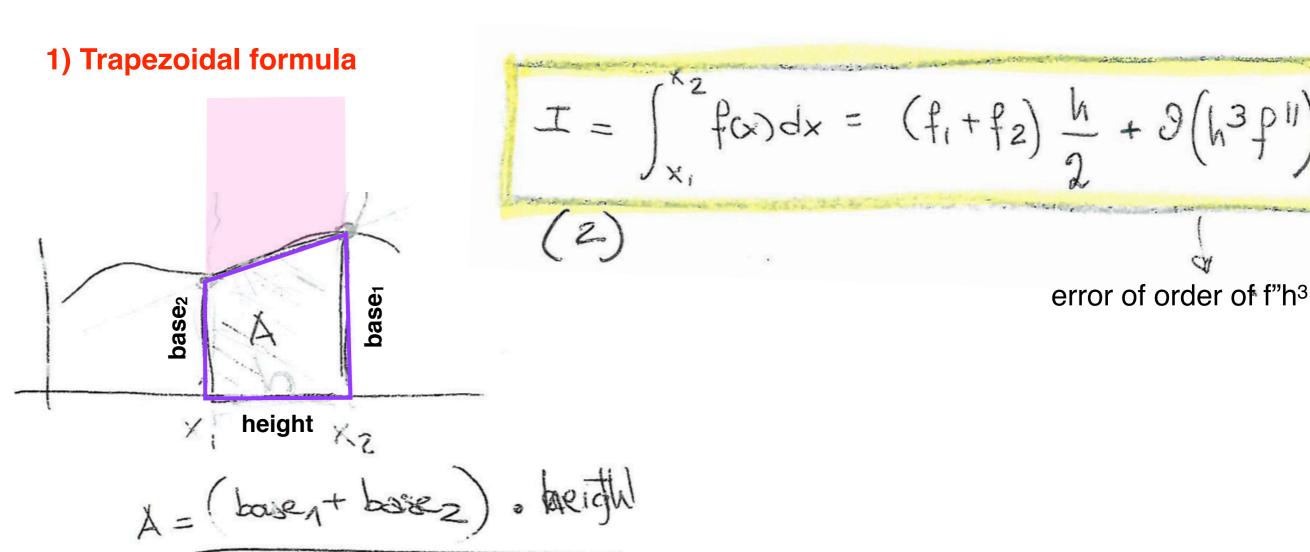




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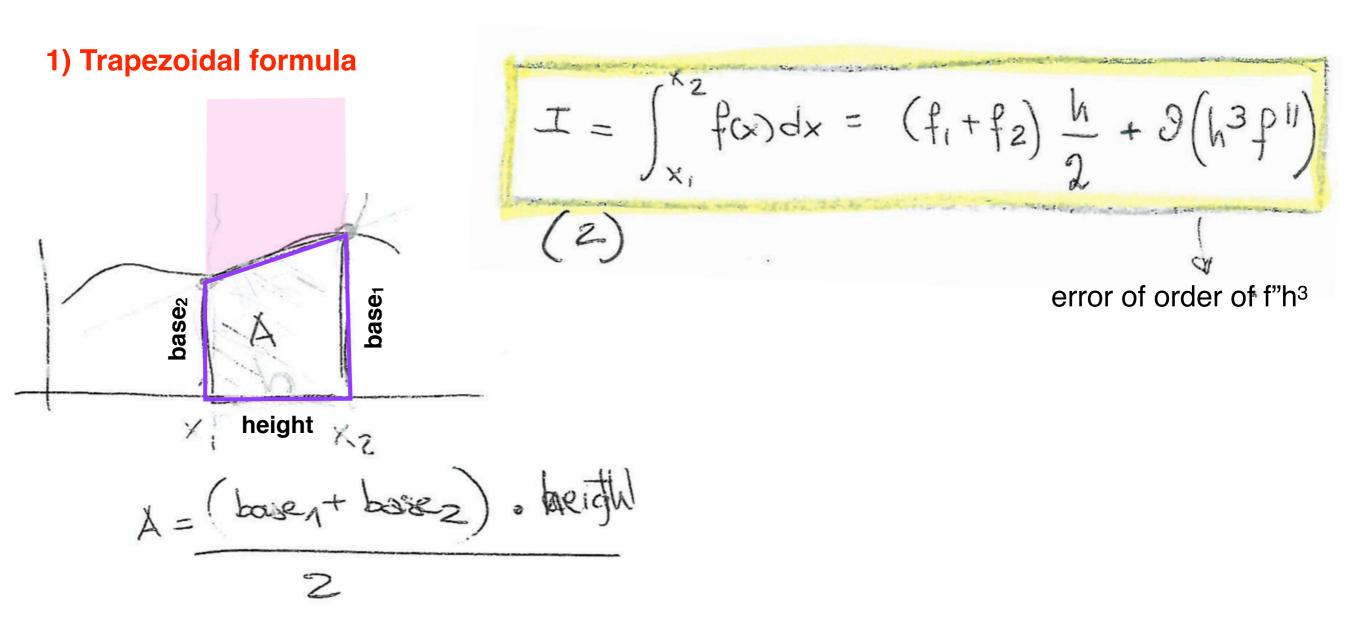
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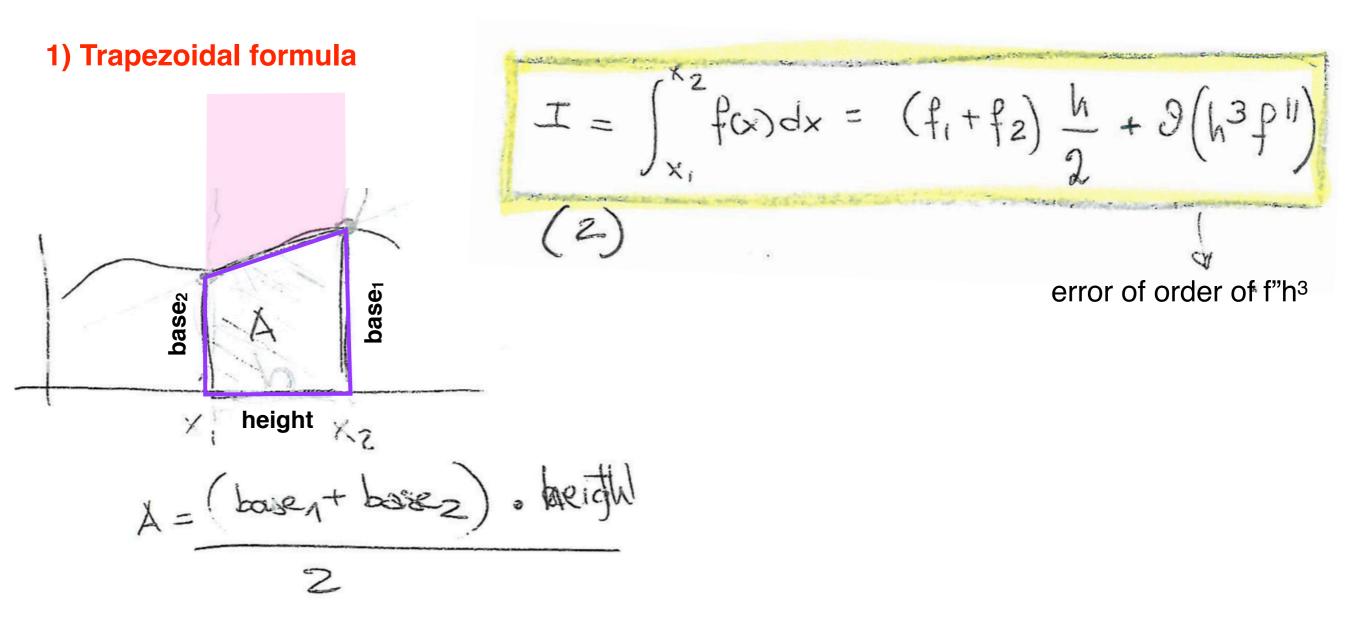
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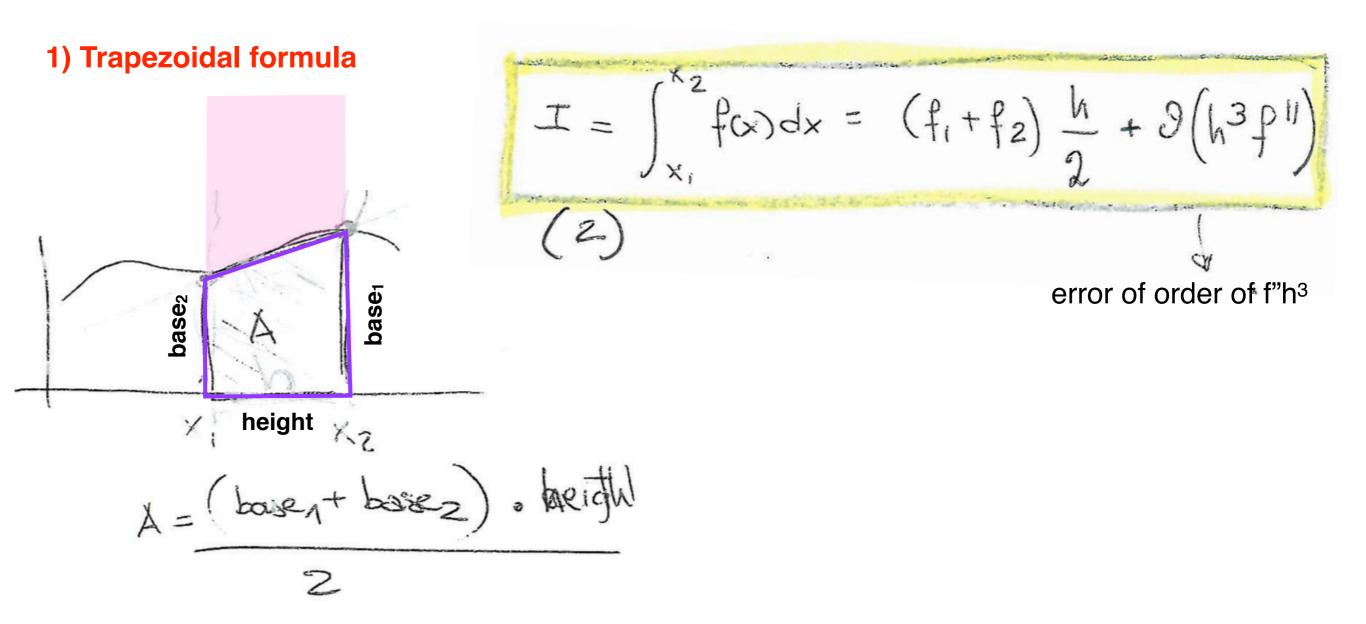


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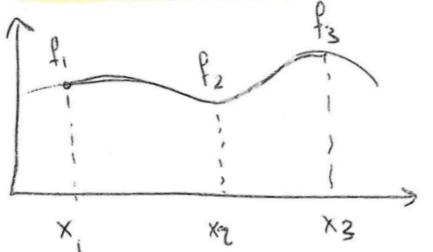
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# 2) Simpson formula

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Taylor expand f(x) around  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$ , trying to get rid of all the error that you can and you end up with this formula.

This is exact for a polynomial of order 3 included, because there is cancellation of error, i.e., we have chosen our coefficients so as to remove the O(h4) error term.

Q: How about a 4 point formula?

A: in this case, there is no cancellation of terms and I get Simpson's 3/8 formula:

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_3} f(x)dx = h \left[ \frac{3}{8} f_0 + \frac{9}{8} f_1 + \frac{9}{8} f_2 + \frac{3}{8} f_3 \right] + O(h^5 f^{(4)})$$
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NOTE 1: in general, (4) is more accurate than (3) because usually  $f^{(4)}$  is smaller than f", unless for some pathological function (at fixed h).

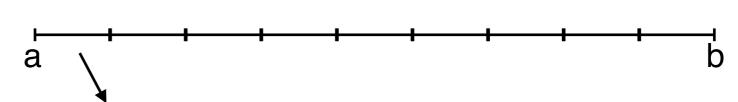
NOTE 2: because both (3) and (4) have errors ~O(h<sup>5</sup>), Simpson's formula with 3 points is generally more efficient.

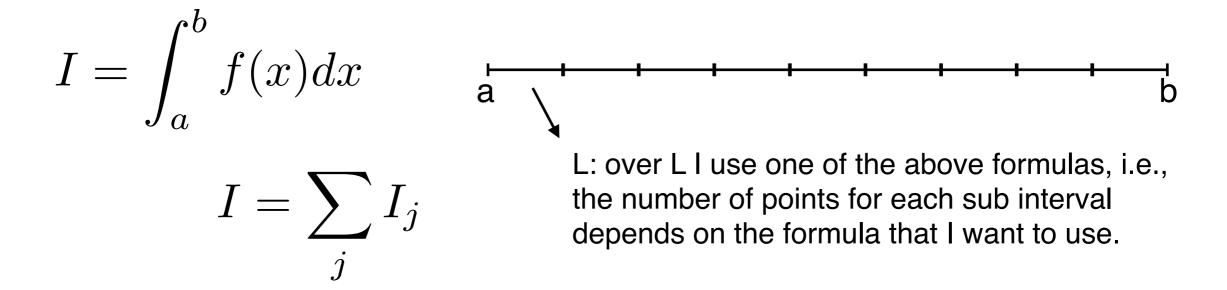
# 5) Bode's formula: with 5 points

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_4} f(x)dx = h \left[ \frac{14}{45} f_0 + \frac{64}{45} f_1 + \frac{24}{45} f_2 + \frac{64}{45} f_3 + \frac{14}{45} f_4 \right] + O(h^7 f^{(6)})$$

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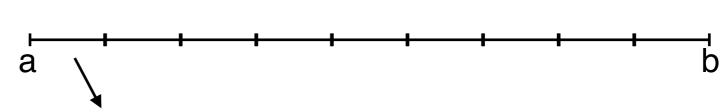
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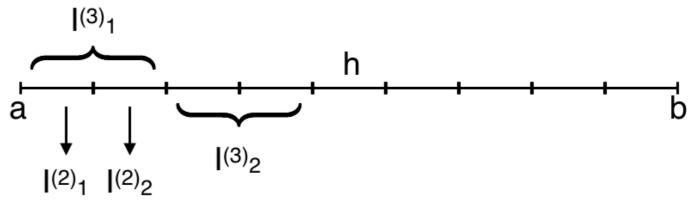
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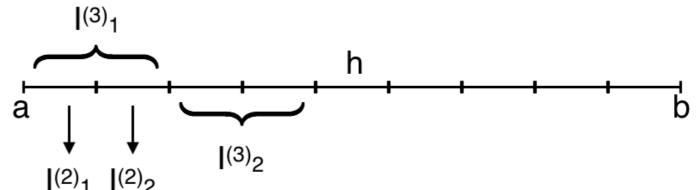
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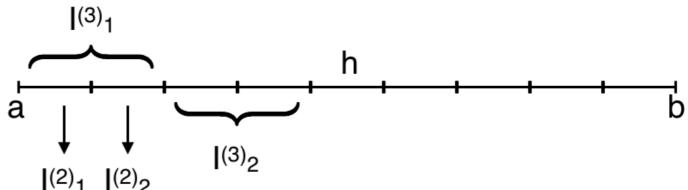
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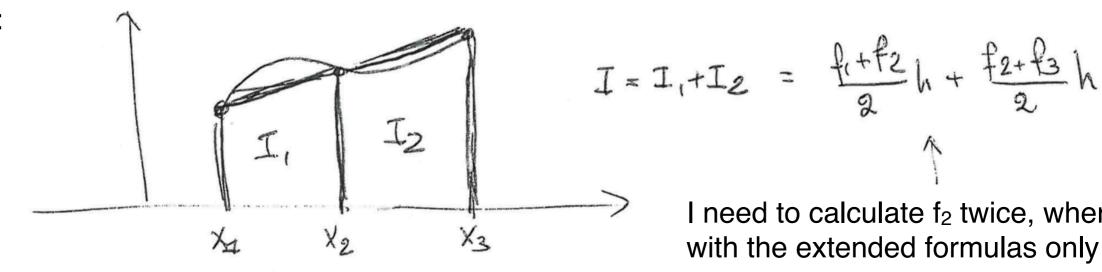
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 and so on...

Following this logic, we can write extended formulas

Q: Why are these extended formulas useful?

A: They allow us to forget about the number of points and minimize computational cost.

Example:



I need to calculate f<sub>2</sub> twice, whereas with the extended formulas only once.

## 6) Extended trapezoidal rule (\*)

$$\int_{x_{1}}^{x_{N}} f(x) dx = h \left[ \frac{1}{2}f_{1} + f_{2} + ... + f_{N-1} + \frac{1}{2}f_{N} \right] + O\left( \frac{3}{N^{\alpha}} \cdot f'' \right)$$

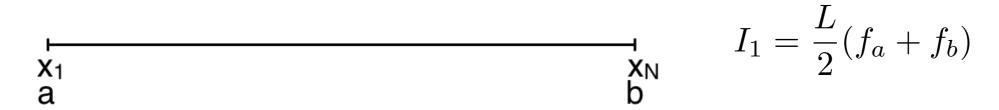
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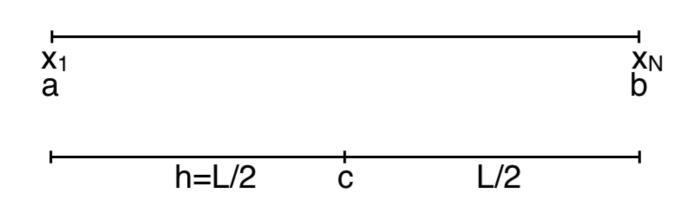
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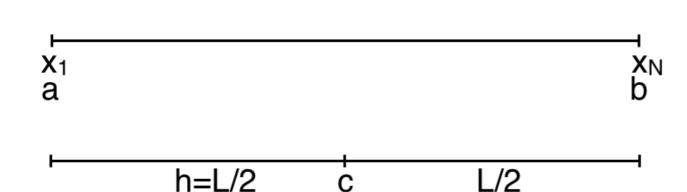
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**In Num. Rec., there is QTRAP:** this is the TRAPZD implementation until some specific degree of accuracy is achieved.

In Num. Rec., QSIMP is the integration routine to be preferred.

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not call it improper, we call it IMPOSSIBLE! No amount of clever algorithms will return a meaningful answer to an ill-posed problem!!

#### **Midpoint formula:**

## Open extended formula:

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_N} f(x)dx = h\left[\frac{55}{24}f_2 - \frac{1}{6}f_3 + \frac{11}{8}f_4 + f_5 + f_6 + \dots + f_{N-5} + f_{N-4} + \frac{11}{8}f_{N-3} - \frac{1}{6}f_{N-2} + \frac{55}{24}f_{N-1}\right] + O(1/N^4)$$