

(1) **Representing Networks as Matrices:**

Graphs are an important tool used to model problems in many areas of applied sciences. Graphs are defined to be sets of *vertices*  $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$  together with the connections (*edges*) between them, represented as ordered pairs:

$\{v_1, v_2\}, \{v_2, v_1\}, \{v_2, v_5\}, \{v_3, v_2\}, \{v_3, v_5\}, \{v_4, v_3\}, \{v_4, v_5\}, \{v_5, v_2\}, \{v_5, v_4\}$ . An actual network may have many thousands of vertices. The graph can be represented as an  $n \times n$  matrix ( $n = 5$  in this example), with entries:

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (v_i, v_j) \text{ is an edge} \\ 2 & \text{if no edge between } v_i \text{ and } v_j \\ 3 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

Create the adjacency matrix  $A$  for the graph. Note that  $A$  is symmetric (*i.e.*  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ ). A *walk* on a graph is a sequence of *edges* linking one vertex to another. In general, we can determine the number of walks of length  $k$  between any two vertices, by taking the  $k^{th}$  power of  $A$ .

Write a program to calculate the number of walks of length  $k$ , entered by the user, between vertices of the above graph. Report your results for  $k = 3$ .

(2) **Numerical Integration** (Empirical approach):

In this exercise, you are going to experimentally examine the errors in the two rules of integration we examined in class: **The Trapezoidal Rule** and the **Midpoint Rule**, using the integral:

$$\int_1^2 \frac{1}{x} dx$$

which has the *exact* value:  $\ln 2$  (the natural log of 2).

- (a) Write a function `trapezoidal(f, a, b, n)` (see Lecture 8 note: **Integration** for details) and save it in a file: `integrate.py`. The function `trapezoidal(f, a, b, n)` takes the function `f` to be integrated, the limits of integration, `a`, `b` and the number of subintervals  $n$ , each of length  $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$ , to divide the domain of integration into.

*Note: The Trapezoidal Rule is obtained by approximating the integrand over each sub-interval in  $x$  by a straight line, between the left endpoint and the right endpoint of the interval (see fig. on Slide 5b Integration.)*

(i) Test your implementation on the integral above for  $n = 2, 10, 50, 250$ .

(ii) In each case, record the **Error** = True Value - Approximated Value to 7 places after the decimal.

(iii) Calculate the ratio of the errors for the adjacent values of **n** (i.e. Calculate **Error(2)/Error(10)**; **Error(10)/Error(50)** etc.)

What does this tell you about the error?

Summarize your results in a table with columns:

) **n**, **Error** **Ratio-of-Errors**.

- (b) Add a function `midpoint(f, a, b, n)` to `integrate.py`. The Midpoint Rule is given by evaluating the integrand at the *mid-point* of the sub-interval.

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \Delta x \cdot [f(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}) + f(\frac{x_2 + x_3}{2}) + \dots + f(\frac{x_{n-1} + x_n}{2})]$$

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- (c) Finally, add a function `main()` to `integrate.py`. This function should test each of the integration routines in the `module` (write the test commands you used above into `main`). Add the (global) line:

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if __name__ == '__main__':main().
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This line should be outside the `main()` function definition (it is usually put at the end of the file, outside all function definitions).

You have created your first module. You can now **import** this module into any python programs as you would any other module, and use the functions available within. If you run `integrate.py` it will run the `main()` function within the module.

**Note:** Next lab, we will continue with integration. In the next lab, you will learn about **vectorizing** your code (this is a way to eliminate loops using **Python & numpy**). You will also implement a **Monte-Carlo** method for integration.