PH20018 Programming Skills: Coursework 1

1. Basic elements of C syntax

(a) -> Fc Centrijusal Fo Earth (R-1)

```
(b)
         f(r) {a = GM/r^2 - Gm/(R-r)^2 - w^2r //this is the function made 1(a)
              return a
         RoundTo5SigFig(Number) {
              N = Log10(Number)
              N = floor(N)
              Number = Number* (10^{(5-N)})
              Number = round(Number)
              Number = Number * (10^{(-5+N)})
              Return Number
        MAIN {
         INPUT r1 which is first value of r
                                                  how to choose these?
         INPUT r2 which is second value of r
         DO
              COMPUTE r3 using r3=r2-f(r2) * [(r2-r1)/(f(r2)-f(r1))] //secant
                                                                        method
r1 = r2 and r2 = r3?
              SET r3=r2//MUST be in this order otherwise r2 will be deleted.
              UNTIL (RoundTo5SigFig(r1)==RoundTo5SigFig(r2))
         // use round because there could be some small differences between
         //r1 and r2 and it wont stop even though we only want answer to 5
         //sig figs.
         OUTPUT r3
         }
         (c)
         When x1 is 3 and x2 if 5 the correct answer appears. 3.2605x10^8m
```

the used c-code should appear also in the report

```
This code uses the secant method to calculate the Lagrangian point
Clease enter the value for xl

Social Now enter the value for xl

The 1 x is 5m and the y is 1.59802e+13
The 2 x is 5m and the y is 1.59802e+13
The 3 x is 6.125m and the y value is 1.6628e+13
The 4 x is 1.29719m and the y value is 1.6628e+13
The 4 x is 1.9557m and the y value is 1.6628e+13
The 6 x is 1.9557m and the y value is 1.8781e+12
The 7 x is 19.2979m and the y value is 1.0717e+12
The 7 x is 19.2979m and the y value is 1.0717e+12
The 8 x is 25.5684m and the y value is 1.0717e+12
The 10 x is 55.64276m and the y value is 1.4781e+11
The 11 x is 55.4675m and the y value is 1.4781e+11
The 11 x is 55.4675m and the y value is 1.486+111
The 11 x is 136.156m and the y value is 1.2656+10
The 13 x is 138.156m and the y value is 2.0889e+10
The 13 x is 138.156m and the y value is 2.0889e+10
The 15 x is 138.156m and the y value is 2.0858e+10
The 15 x is 138.156m and the y value is 2.0858e+10
The 15 x is 22.4445m and the y value is 3.6656+10
The 16 x is 242.445m and the y value is 3.6656+10
The 17 x is 523.611 and the y value is 1.1256+10
The 17 x is 523.611 and the y value is 1.2526+109
The 20 x is 716.626m and the y value is 1.2526+109
The 20 x is 716.626m and the y value is 1.2526+109
The 20 x is 716.626m and the y value is 1.2526+109
The 20 x is 7356-256m and the y value is 1.2526+109
The 20 x is 7356-256m and the y value is 1.2526+109
The 20 x is 7356-256m and the y value is 1.2526+109
The 20 x is 7356-256m and the y value is 1.2526+109
The 20 x is 7356-256m and the y value is 1.2526+109
The 20 x is 7356-256m and the y value is 1.2526+109
The 20 x is 7356-256m and the y value is 1.3356+109
The 20 x is 7356-256m and the y value is 1.3356+109
The 20 x is 7356-256m and the y value is 1.3356+109
The 27 x is 2545-256m and the y value is 1.3356+109
The 27 x is 7356-256m and the y value is 1.3356+109
The 27 x is 7356-256m and the y value is 1.3526+109
The 27 x is 7356-256m and the y value is 1.3526+109
The 27 x is 7356-256m and the y value is 1.3526+109
Th
                                 This code uses the secant method to calculate the Lagrangian point
                               Please enter the value for x1
```

If 0 is entered there is an error or if the number is too close to 0.

```
This code uses the secant method to calculate the Lagrangian point
Please enter the value for x1
x1 and x2 must be different! And not ZERO or too close to ZERO!! (and a an actual number)
```

Infinite loops cannot be avoided so a limit of 1000 is set

```
The 1002 	ext{ x is -nanm} and the 	ext{y value is -nan}
loop has exceeded limit of x1000
Try another x1 and x2 value.
```

Also because of rounding error, it could assume there is no change in x for large values. So it produces an error message in this case.

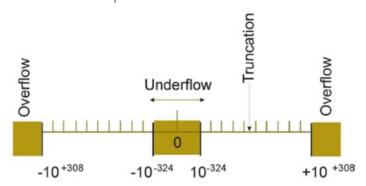
```
Welcome!
This code uses the secant method to calculate the Lagrangian point
Please enter the value for x1
3333334444444
Good! Now enter the value of x2
3
The 1 x is 3.33333e+12m and the y is -23.6208
The 2 x is 3m and the y is 4.43005e+13
The 3 x is 3.33333e+12m and the y value is -23.621
The 4 x is 3.33333e+12m and the y value is -23.621
The value of the lagrange point is 3.3333e+12m From Earth, in the dire ction from the Earth to the Moon
The number of iterations is low, maybe try changing the starting value s.
If the value is too close to 0, the secant method can fail due to roun ding error.
Or maybe you already entered the correct value for the root!
Or x1 or x2 could be too big!
```

bit more discussion about the design of the program, could also have bit more discussion about the testing

17 points

2. Program design

(a) Discuss the limits on numerical precision imposed by the representation of real numbers in a computer



what defines the precision?

When numbers are too big(overflow), too negative(overflow), too close to zero(underflow), irrational(truncation) or are repeating decimal(truncation) then they cannot be truly stored in memory. This can lead to rounding error. An example of this is if you divide 10/3, and then multiply the answer by 3 you will get 9.9999. These errors can carry on and accumulate in long processes. Coders must be aware of these and take precaution when needed. There are ways of helping with rounding errors. One way is by using larger variable types such as double float. However, they come with the drawback of slower programs. And they still experience the same issues.

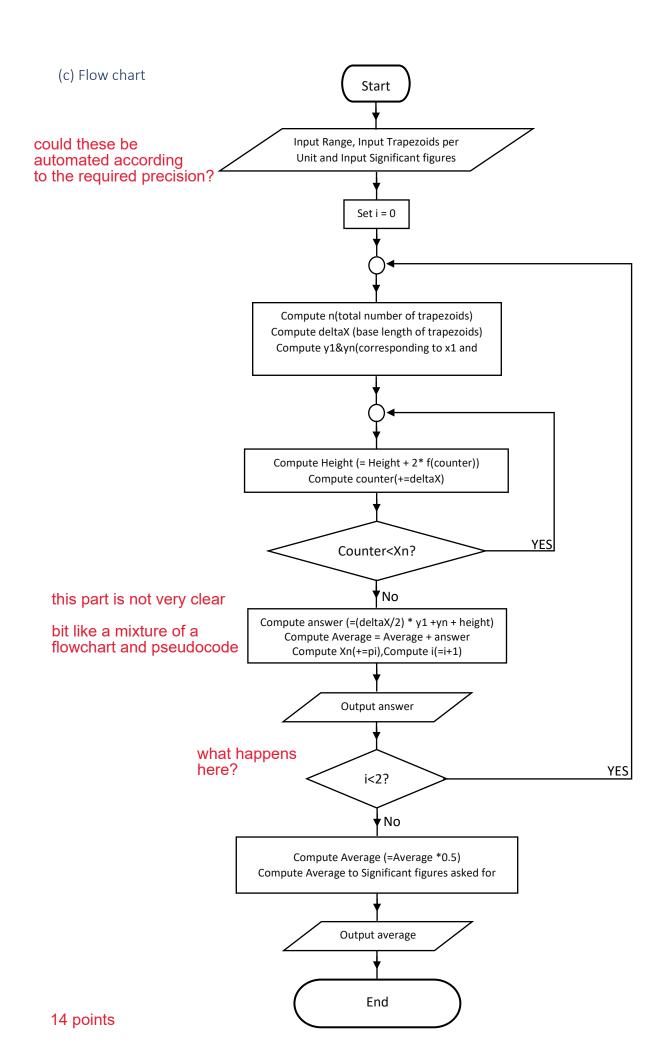
(b) What conclusions about the nature of the numerical integration problem can one draw from inspection of the equation?

When 0 is entered into the equation, there is no "answer". 0 divided by 0 is not a valid. But in our case, we will have to assume the answer is 0. Sin(x)/sqrt(x) also goes above and below zero. Like a sign graph. This is a problem because the integral would also increase then decrease in value around why this is a point. In this it is heading towards the $(pi/2)^{1/2}$. The larger the value the closer it gets to this value. This integral also has a period of 2 pi. However, to get close to the value, very large values would have to be used. graph would be helpful

a problem?

This can be shown by this example. say we integrate from 0 to 1000000. Sqrt(10000000) is 1000, so the $\sin(x)/\operatorname{sgrt}(x)$ would still oscillate by 1/1000=0.001. Which, when you include the error of the trapezium method underestimating the area under the graph, will add up.





3. C programming and debugging

Integral of Sin(x)/sqrt(x) from 0 to inf is 1.253314

	Input	Output	screenshot	Notes
1.	Xn=10000 No trapezoids per unit =1000 Sigfigs=6	1.25331	Lets start by entering the value you wish to integrate to. 10000 Now how many trapezoids would you like to make per a unit. eg Entering 10 would give trapazoids 0.1 in base (x axis). 1000 How many sigfigs? 6 The integral from 0 to 10000 is 1.26283 The integral from 0 to 10003.1 is 1.24379 The answer is heading towards the value 1.25331	The average is correct to 6 sigfigs. This is very good. However, 6 sigfigs is the max
2.	Xn=1 No trapezoids per unit =100 Sigfigs=6	0.62033	Lets start by entering the value you wish to integrate to. Now how many trapezoids would you like to make per a unit. eg Entering 10 would give trapazoids 0.1 in base (x axis). 100 How many sigfigs? 6 The integral from 0 to 1 is 0.62033 The integral you have chosen to integrate to is less then pi. Average not used.	This value is also very close to true value. The real value is 0.620537
3.	Xn=1 No trapezoids per unit =1000 Sigfigs=6	0.62053	Lets start by entering the value you wish to integrate to. 1 Now how many trapezoids would you like to make per a unit. eg Entering 10 would give trapazoids 0.1 in base (x axis). 1000 How many sigfigs? 6 The integral from 0 to 1 is 0.62053 The integral you have chosen to integrate to is less then pi. Average not used.	This value is 0.00001 off.
4.	Xn=0	Error message	Lets start by entering the value you wish to integrate to. O Xn is too small or negative which is invalid.	If value you wish to integrate to is 0, error message is displayed.
5.	Xn=0 No trapezoids per unit =.2	Error message	Lets start by entering the value you wish to integrate to. 30 Now how many trapezoids would you like to make per a unit. eg Entering 10 would give trapazoids 0.1 in base (x axis)2 Thats too small!(<1) Need atleast 1 Trapeziod.	Error message when invalid trapezoid per unit entered
6.	Xn=100 No trapezoids per unit =10 Sigfigs=.2	Error message	Lets start by entering the value you wish to integrate to. 1000 Now how many trapezoids would you like to make per a unit. eg Entering 10 would give trapazoids 0.1 in base (x axis). 100 How many sigfigs? 0 sigfigs must be more than 1.	Error message when invalid sig figs entered.
7.	Xn=100 No trapezoids per unit =10 Sigfigs=10	Error message	Lets start by entering the value you wish to integrate to. 100 Now how many trapezoids would you like to make per a unit. eg Entering 10 would give trapazoids 0.1 in base (x axis). 100 How many sigfigs? 10 sigfigs must be less then 8.	Error message when too large of sigfig entered
8.	Xn=1000 No trapezoids per unit =1000 Sigfigs=4	1.253	Lets start by entering the value you wish to integrate to. 1000 Now how many trapezoids would you like to make per a unit. eg Entering 10 would give trapazoids 0.1 in base (x axis). 1000 How many sigfigs? 4 The integral from 0 to 1000 is 1.236 The integral from 0 to 1003.14 is 1.271 The answer is heading towards the value 1.253	Correct answer. To 4 sigfigs.
9.	Xn=1000 No trapezoids per unit =1000 Sigfigs=2	1.3	Lets start by entering the value you wish to integrate to. 1000 Now how many trapezoids would you like to make per a unit. eg Entering 10 would give trapazoids 0.1 in base (x axis). 1000 1000 How many sigfigs? 2 The integral from 0 to 1000 is 1.2 The integral from 0 to 1003.14 is 1.3 The answer is heading towards the value 1.3	Correct answer
10.	Xn=100 No trapezoids per unit =10 Sigfigs=1	1	Lets start by entering the value you wish to integrate to. 100 Now how many trapezoids would you like to make per a unit. eg Entering 10 would give trapazoids 0.1 in base (x axis). 10 How many sigfigs? The integral from 0 to 100 is 1 The integral from 0 to 103.142 is 1 The answer is heading towards the value 1	Correct answer
11.	Xn=10000000 No trapezoids per unit =1000 Sigfigs=6	1.25331	Lets start by entering the value you wish to integrate to. 1000000 Now how many trapezoids would you like to make per a unit. eg Entering 10 would give trapazoids 0.1 in base (x axis). 1000 How many sigfigs? 6 The integral from 0 to 1e+06 is 1.25237 The integral from 0 to 1e+06 is 1.25424 The answer is heading towards the value 1.25331	Correct. Same answer as first test

The program outputs the answer to the correct significant figure. For the definite integral the answer is correct to 6 significant figures as shown by test 1. From above you can see it produces the correct results. When I was first making the code, I didn't take the average of 2 points. This made the code very slow. I tried to take the integral from 0 to 1000000, but even this was not very accurate as it would be off by 0.001. I changed the program to take 2 integrals that are pi apart. Then finds the average.

Explain bit more

Taking the average gives the correct integral to 6 significant figures. This is a massive improvement. This can be seen in test 11. Where, with out the average, the answer would be 1.25237, and after the average it is 1.25331. You get the same results from test 1, except test 1 is instant and test 11 takes about minutes to complete. I chose to allow my user to pick significant figures to determine how accurate they want the answer. The answer is given to the correct significant figures as shown in the tests (8,9,10). There are also error messages in place for when the user enters values that do not make sense. E.g. the integral from 0 to 0.

good that you carried out some tests

bit more discussion about the design of the program

some automation would be useful, e.g. for the step size, since you should not expect that the user knows what type of values to input

32 points

total score 63