

Chapter #5 Practice questions

Question 1

(A) Use the forward, backward and central difference formulas to approximate the first derivative of the function $f(x) = e^x$ at $x = 2$, take $h = 0.1$

(B) **For the function $f(x) = x \ln x$, approximate $f''(x)$ at $x = 1$, using the second order central difference formula, with $h = 0.1$**

a. $f(x) = \ln x, x_0 = 1.0, h = 0.4$

b. $f(x) = x + e^x, x_0 = 0.0, h = 0.4$

c. $f(x) = 2^x \sin x, x_0 = 1.05, h = 0.4$

d. $f(x) = x^3 \cos x, x_0 = 2.3, h = 0.4$

Question

Approximate the following integrals using trapezoidal and Simpson's rules, $n=2$

a. $\int_{0.5}^1 x^4 dx$

b. $\int_1^{1.5} x^2 \ln x dx$

c. $\int_0^1 x^2 e^{-x} dx$

d. $\int_1^{1.6} \frac{2x}{x^2 - 4} dx$

Question 2

a. Use the Trapezoidal rule with step size $\Delta x = 1$ to approximate the integral $\int_0^4 f(x)dx$ where a table of values for the function $f(x)$ is given below.

b.

Consider the integral

$$\int_0^2 (2x + 3) dx.$$

- (a) Evaluate this integral exactly.
- (b) Using the Trapezoidal Rule with $n = 4$ find an approximation to the integral.
- (c) Explain your answer in part (b). **Hint:** Consider the error.

Question 3

Approximate the following integrals using trapezoidal and Simpson's rules, $n=4$

a. $\int_{0.5}^1 x^4 dx$

b. $\int_1^{1.5} x^2 \ln x dx$

c. $\int_0^1 x^2 e^{-x} dx$

d. $\int_1^{1.6} \frac{2x}{x^2 - 4} dx$

Question 4

Use Simpson's rule with step size $\Delta x = 1$ to approximate the integral $\int_0^4 f(x)dx$ where a table of values for the function $f(x)$ is given below.

x	0	1	2	3	4
$f(x)$	2	1	2	3	5

Question 5

Recall that the error E_T in the trapezoidal rule for approximating $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ satisfies

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - T_n \right| = |E_T| \leq \frac{K(b-a)^3}{12n^2} \quad \text{whenever } |f''(x)| \leq K \text{ for all } a \leq x \leq b.$$

Use the above error bound to determine a value of n for which the trapezoidal approximation to

$$\ln 3 = \int_1^3 \frac{1}{x} dx \text{ has an error } |E_T| \leq \frac{1}{3}10^{-4}.$$

Question 6

Determine the values of n and h required to approximate

$$\int_0^2 \frac{1}{x+4} dx$$

to within 10^{-5} and compute the approximation. Use

a. Composite Trapezoidal rule.

b. Composite Simpson's rule.

Suppose that $f(0) = 1$, $f(0.5) = 2.5$, $f(1) = 2$, and $f(0.25) = f(0.75) = \alpha$. Find α if the Composite Trapezoidal rule with $n = 4$ gives the value 1.75 for $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$.

Use the trapezoidal rule with step size $\Delta x = 2$ to approximate the integral $\int_0^4 f(x)dx$ where the graph of the function $f(x)$ is given below.

