Assignment #9

Due Thursday, 16 November at the start of class

Please read sections 5.6–5.8 of the textbook (J. Epperson, *An Intro. to Numerical Methods and Analysis*, 2nd edition).

Section 5.6, pages 297–299: I recommend doing exercise **1 (a),(b)** at the command line, so that you become familiar with the numbers. Then do **P11** below, so that you have a tested code. Then do exercise **2 (a),(e)** using your code.

- Exercise 1. Do parts (a),(b) only.
- Exercise 2. Do parts (a),(e) only.
- Exercise 11.
- Exercise 13.
- Exercise 15.

P11. Write a code gauss 4.m with first line

function
$$I = gauss4(f,a,b)$$

which applies n=4 point Gauss quadrature to approximate $\int_a^b f(x) dx$. There are two things you will need from the book, first being the change of interval formula from the bottom of page 294 (and exercise 15 above), i.e.

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = \frac{b-a}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} f\left(a + \frac{b-a}{2}(z+1)\right) dz.$$

The second thing is that you will need the n=4 nodes and weights from Table 5.5 on page 289. Test your code on integrals of the form

$$\int_a^b x^k \, dx$$

for several different combinations of $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and integers k = 0, ..., 7. The code should get all of these exact. Then test on $\int_a^b x^8 dx$; it should *not* be exact. (*Thus confirm that your implementation works* and *has the promised degree of precision* p = 2n - 1 = 7.)

P12. This problem asks you to implement the "Romberg integration" described in class. Recall that Romberg's idea was to extrapolate the results of the composite trapezoid rule to otherwise-unattainable h = 0 spacing. Recall that trap.m is posted online:

(You can also use trapol.m.) For the integral $\int_a^b f(x)\,dx$, it computes the composite trapezoid rule with n subintervals: $T_n(f) = \operatorname{trap}(f, a, b, n)$.

Write a new code romberg.m which does *K*-level Romberg integration:

$$z = romberg(f,a,b,K)$$

It does K composite trapezoid rule applications by calling trap.m:

$$T_2(f), T_4(f), \ldots, T_{2^K}(f).$$

It also calculates the corresponding spacings,

$$h_1, h_2, \ldots, h_K$$
.

Then it uses polyfit to compute the polynomial p which goes through the "data"

$$(h_1^2, T_2(f)), (h_2^2, T_4(f)), \dots, (h_K^2, T_{2K}(f)).$$

Then it evaluates this polynomial at zero to give the result:

$$z = p(0)$$
.

Compare accuracy of gauss4 (f, 0, 2) to trap (f, 0, 2, 2^K) and romberg (f, 0, 2, K) for K = 2, 3, 4, 5, on the integral

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

(*Start by computing the exact value of this integral.*) Compare both the accuracy and the number of function evaluations in a table.

(The table should have 9 rows, one for each calculation, and columns for the absolute errors and the number of f evaluations.)

PP13. EXTRA CREDIT.

Explain how to optimize romberg.m to

- eliminate all redundant function evaluations, so that it does exactly $2^K + 1$ function evaluations *in total*, just like $T_{2^K}(f)$ itself, and
- minimize the amount of arithmetic in the extrapolation stage.

For the second optimization you may want to use divided differences. (*Do not call* polyfit *or any other polynomial interpolation code.*)

Then implement your method and check it produces the same results as romberg.m.