1. Derive a quadrature based on the cubic Hermite interpolating polynomial with data f(a), f(b), f'(a), and f'(b). Derive an upper bound on the error.

Using the Hermite-Lagrange basis, we can construct our cubic Hermite polynomial as

$$p(x) = f(a)H_a(x) + f(b)H_b(x) + f'(a)K_a(x) + f'(b)K_b(x)$$

where

$$H_a(x) = \left(1 - 2(x - a)\frac{1}{a - b}\right) \frac{(x - b)^2}{(a - b)^2}$$

$$H_b(x) = \left(1 - 2(x - b)\frac{1}{b - a}\right) \frac{(x - a)^2}{(b - a)^2}$$

$$K_a(x) = (x - a)\frac{(x - b)^2}{(a - b)^2}$$

$$K_b(x) = (x - b)\frac{(x - a)^2}{(b - a)^2}.$$

Now, integrating p(x) over our interval, [a, b], we obtain our quadrature as

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx \approx \int_{a}^{b} p(x) dx$$

$$= f(a) \int_{a}^{b} H_{a}(x) dx + f(b) \int_{a}^{b} H_{b}(x) dx + f'(a) \int_{a}^{b} K_{a}(x) dx + f'(b) \int_{a}^{b} K_{b}(x) dx$$

$$= f(a) \frac{b-a}{2} + f(b) \frac{b-a}{2} + f'(a) \frac{(a-b)^{2}}{12} - f'(b) \frac{(a-b)^{2}}{12}$$

$$= \left[(f(a) + f(b)) \frac{b-a}{2} + (f'(a) - f'(b)) \frac{(a-b)^{2}}{12} \right].$$

Now, assuming $f \in C^4[a, b]$, we can get an error bound for this quadrature by integrating the Hermite interpolant error as

$$E = \int_{a}^{b} |f(x) - p(x)| \, dx = \int_{a}^{b} \left| \frac{f^{(4)}(\eta_{x})}{4!} (x - a)^{2} (x - b)^{2} \right| \, dx \qquad \text{for some } \eta_{x} \in [a, b]$$

$$\leq \frac{M}{24} \int_{a}^{b} (x - a)^{2} (x - b)^{2} \, dx \qquad \text{where } M = \max_{\eta \in [a, b]} |f^{(4)}(\eta)|$$

$$= \frac{M}{24} (\frac{(b - a)^{5}}{30})$$

$$= \frac{M(b - a)^{5}}{720}.$$

2. Assume the error in an integration formula has the asymptotic expansion

$$I - I_n = \frac{C_1}{n\sqrt{n}} + \frac{C_2}{n^2} + \frac{C_3}{n^2\sqrt{n}} + \cdots$$

Generalize the Richardson extrapolation process to obtain an estimate of I with an error on the order $\frac{1}{n^2\sqrt{n}}$. Assume that three values $I_n, I_{n/2}$, and $I_{n/4}$ have been computed.

From the error formula, we have the three equations

$$I = I_n + \frac{C_1}{n\sqrt{n}} + \frac{C_2}{n^2} + \frac{C_3}{n^2\sqrt{n}} + \cdots$$
 (1)

$$I = I_{n/2} + 2\sqrt{2}\frac{C_1}{n\sqrt{n}} + 4\frac{C_2}{n^2} + 4\sqrt{2}\frac{C_3}{n^2\sqrt{n}} + \cdots$$
 (2)

$$I = I_{n/4} + 8\frac{C_1}{n\sqrt{n}} + 16\frac{C_2}{n^2} + 32\frac{C_3}{n^2\sqrt{n}} + \cdots$$
 (3)

Using these three equations, we want to eliminate the C_1 and C_2 error terms which we can do by reducing

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2\sqrt{2} & 8 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -8\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 2(\sqrt{2}+2) \end{pmatrix}$$

which tells us that

$$8\sqrt{2}(1) - 2(\sqrt{2} + 2)(2) + (3)$$

will eliminate our desired error terms. So, we have the equation

$$(8\sqrt{2} - 2(\sqrt{2} + 2) + 1)I = 8\sqrt{2}I_n - 2(\sqrt{2} + 2)I_{n/2} + I_{n/4} + (16 - 8\sqrt{2})\frac{C_3}{n^2\sqrt{n}}$$

which implies

$$I = \frac{8\sqrt{2}I_n - 2(\sqrt{2} + 2)I_{n/2} + I_{n/4}}{8\sqrt{2} - 2(\sqrt{2} + 2) + 1} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2\sqrt{n}}\right).$$

So if we use the integration formula I' defined as

$$I' = \frac{8\sqrt{2}I_n - 2(\sqrt{2} + 2)I_{n/2} + I_{n/4}}{8\sqrt{2} - 2(\sqrt{2} + 2) + 1}$$

we get our desired error

$$I - I' = O\left(\frac{1}{n^2 \sqrt{n}}\right).$$

3. Let $n \geq 0$.

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(i) Give a formula for the Gauss quadrature points $x_j, j = 0, ..., n$, needed for the weight function $w(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ on the interval [-1, 1].

First, note that the Chebysheb polynomials are orthogonal under the given weight function. So, to find our nodes, x_j , we need to find the roots of the n+1 Chebyshev polynomial which is given by

$$T_{n+1}(x) = \cos((n+1)\arccos(x)).$$

To find the roots of T_{n+1} , we need

$$(n+1)\arccos(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} + j\pi$$

for any integer j. So, we must have

$$x_j = \cos\left(\frac{\left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi}{n+1}\right).$$

So we don't have overlapping x_j , restrict j to j = 0, ..., n.

(ii) Show that for positive integers n,

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n} \cos((2j+1)\theta) = \frac{\sin((2n+2)\theta)}{2\sin(\theta)},$$

unless θ is a multiple of π . What is the value of the sum when θ is a multiple of π ? To begin showing our sum, note that from a product-to-sum identity, we have

$$2\sin(\theta)\cos((2j+1)\theta) = \sin((2j+2)\theta) - \sin(2j\theta).$$

Using this identity, we have the telescoping sum

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n} 2\sin(\theta)\cos((2j+1)\theta) = +\sin(2\theta) - 0$$

$$+\sin(4\theta) - \sin(2\theta)$$

$$+\sin(6\theta) - \sin(4\theta)$$

$$+\cdots$$

$$+\sin(2n\theta) - \sin((2n-2)\theta)$$

$$+\sin((2n+2)\theta) - \sin((2n\theta))$$

$$= \sin((2n+2)\theta)$$

which implies

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n} 2\sin(\theta)\cos((2j+1)\theta) = \sin((2n+2)\theta)$$

or solving for our desired sum,

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n} \cos((2j+1)\theta) = \frac{\sin((2n+2)\theta)}{2\sin(\theta)}$$