

Assignment 5

1. Consider the integral

$$\int_1^e \ln(x) dx.$$

(a) Find the exact value of the integral.

(Hint: from the table of integrals: $\int \ln(x) dx = x \ln(x) - x$.)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^e \ln(x) dx &= x \ln(x) - x \Big|_1^e = (e \ln(e) - e) - (1 \cdot \ln(1) - 1) \\ &= e \ln(e) - \ln(1) + 1 - e \\ &= e(1) - 0 + 1 - e = \boxed{1} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Approximate the integral using the trapezoidal rule, with three significant digits.

$$x_1 = 1; \quad 1+h=e \Rightarrow h=e-1 \quad f' = \frac{1}{x}; \quad f'' = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\int_1^e \ln(x) dx = \frac{e-1}{2} \cdot \ln(1) + \frac{e-1}{2} \cdot \ln(e) - \frac{(e-1)^3}{12} \cdot -\frac{1}{\xi^2}$$

$$\int_1^e \ln(x) dx \approx \frac{e-1}{2} \approx \boxed{0.859}$$

(c) Find an upper bound for the absolute error using the error formula of the trapezoidal rule, and compare it to the actual absolute error.

$$\max \left\{ \left| -\frac{1}{x^2} \right| \right\} \mid 1 \leq x \leq e \quad \text{happens @ } x=1 \Rightarrow |f''(\xi)| \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{|Error| \leq \frac{(e-1)^3}{12} \approx 0.423}$$

$$\text{Absolute Error} = |1 - 0.859| = 0.141 < 0.423$$

2. Repeat Exercise 1 using Simpson's rule. You may skip Part a.

(b) Approximate the integral using the Simpson's rule, with three significant digits.

$$x_1 = 1 ; 1 + 2h = e \Rightarrow h = \frac{e-1}{2} \quad f''' = \frac{2}{x^3} ; f^{(4)} = \frac{-6}{x^4}$$

$$\int_1^e \ln(x) dx \approx \frac{e-1}{6} \cdot \ln(1) + \frac{2(e-1)}{3} \ln\left(1 + \frac{e-1}{2}\right) + \frac{e-1}{6} \ln(e)$$

$$\int_1^e \ln(x) dx \approx \frac{2(e-1)}{3} \ln\left(\frac{e+1}{2}\right) + \frac{e-1}{6} \approx \boxed{0.997}$$

(c) Find an upper bound for the absolute error using the error formula of the Simpson's rule, and compare it to the actual absolute error.

$$\max \left\{ \left| \frac{-6}{x^4} \right| \mid 1 \leq x \leq e \right\} \text{ happens @ } x=1 \Rightarrow |f^{(4)}(\xi)| \leq 6$$

$$\Rightarrow |\epsilon_{\text{error}}| \leq \frac{6}{90} \cdot \left(\frac{e-1}{2}\right)^5 \approx 0.031$$

$$\text{Absolute } \epsilon_{\text{error}} = |1 - 0.997| = 0.003 < 0.031$$

3. Repeat Exercise 1 using the midpoint rule. You may skip Part a.

(b) Approximate the integral using the midpoint rule, with three significant digits.

$$x_1 - h = 1 ; x_1 = \frac{1+e}{2} ; h = \frac{1+e}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{e-1}{2} \quad f'' = \frac{-1}{x^2}$$

$$\int_1^e \ln(x) dx \approx (e-1) \cdot \ln\left(\frac{1+e}{2}\right) \approx \boxed{1.066}$$

(c) Find an upper bound for the absolute error using the error formula of the midpoint rule, and compare it to the actual absolute error.

$$\text{From 1.c, } |f''(\xi)| \leq 1 \mid 1 \leq x \leq e$$

$$\Rightarrow |\epsilon_{\text{error}}| \leq \left| \frac{\left(\frac{e-1}{2}\right)^3}{3} \right| \approx 0.211$$

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$$\text{Absolute Error} = |1 - 1.066| = 0.066 < 0.211$$

4. (From the book)

13. The Trapezoidal rule applied to $\int_0^2 f(x) dx$ gives the value 4, and Simpson's rule gives the value 2. What is $f(1)$?

$$\frac{h}{2} (f(x_0) + f(x_1)) = 4 = \frac{2}{2} (f(0) + f(2)) = f(0) + f(2)$$

$$\frac{h}{3} (f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)) = 2 = \frac{2}{3} (f(0) + f(1) + f(2))$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 = 4 + f(1) \Rightarrow \boxed{-1 = f(1)}$$

5. (From the book)

14. The Trapezoidal rule applied to $\int_0^2 f(x) dx$ gives the value 5, and the Midpoint rule gives the value 4. What value does Simpson's rule give?

$$\frac{h}{2} (f(x_0) + f(x_1)) = 5 = \frac{2}{2} (f(0) + f(2)) = f(0) + f(2)$$

$$h \cdot f\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) = 4 = 2 \cdot f\left(\frac{2}{2}\right) = 2f(1) \Rightarrow f(1) = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

$$\frac{h}{3} (f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)) = \frac{2}{3} (f(0) + f(1) + f(2))$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} (5 + 2) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 7 = \boxed{\frac{14}{3}}$$

6. (From the book)

20. Let $h = (b-a)/3$, $x_0 = a$, $x_1 = a+h$, and $x_2 = b$. Find the degree of precision of the quadrature formula $a+h = \frac{3a}{3} + \frac{b-a}{3} = \frac{b+2a}{3}$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{9}{4} h f(x_1) + \frac{3}{4} h f(x_2).$$

$$\int_a^b dx = x \Big|_a^b = b-a = \frac{9}{12} (b-a) + \frac{3}{12} (b-a) \quad \checkmark \quad \boxed{r \geq 0}$$

$$\int_a^b x dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_a^b = \frac{b^2-a^2}{2} = \frac{9}{12} (b-a) \left(\frac{b+2a}{3} \right) + \frac{3}{12} (b-a)(b)$$

$$\Rightarrow 6(b^2-a^2) = 3(b^2+2ab-ab-2a^2) + 3(b^2-ab)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b^2-2a^2 = (b^2+b^2) + (ab-ab) - (2a^2) \quad \checkmark \quad \boxed{r \geq 1}$$

$$\int_a^b x^2 dx = \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_a^b = \frac{b^3-a^3}{3} = \frac{9}{12} (b-a) \left(\frac{b+2a}{3} \right)^2 + \frac{3}{12} (b-a)(b)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(b^3-a^3) = (b-a)(b^2+4ab+4a^2) + 3(b-a)(b^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4b^3-4a^3 = (b^3+4ab^2+4a^2b) - (b^2a+4a^2b+4a^3) + 3(b^3-ab^2) \quad \boxed{r \geq 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4b^3-4a^3 = (b^3+3b^3) + (4ab^2-ab^2-3ab^2) + (4a^2b-4a^2b) - (4a^3) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\int_a^b x^3 dx = \frac{x^4}{4} \Big|_a^b = \frac{b^4-a^4}{4} = \frac{9}{12} (b-a) \left(\frac{b+2a}{3} \right)^3 + \frac{3}{12} (b-a)(b^3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(b^4-a^4) = \frac{(b-a)(8a^3+12a^2b+6ab^2+b^3)}{3} + 3(b^4-ab^3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 9b^4-9a^4 = (8a^3b+12a^2b^2+6ab^3+b^4) - (8a^4+12a^3b+6a^2b^2+ab^3) + (9b^4-9ab^3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 9b^4-9a^4 = (b^4+9b^4) + (6ab^3-ab^3-9ab^3) + (12a^2b^2-6a^2b^2) + (8a^3b-12a^3b) - (8a^4)$$

$9b^4 - 9a^4 = 10b^4 - 4ab^3 + 6a^2b^2 - 4a^3b - 8a^4$ As $a \neq b$, this is a contradiction,
thus error exists and our degree of precision is $\boxed{r=2}$

7. (From the book)

22. The quadrature formula $\int_0^2 f(x) dx = c_0 f(0) + c_1 f(1) + c_2 f(2)$ is exact for all polynomials of degree less than or equal to two. Determine c_0 , c_1 , and c_2 .

$$\int_0^2 dx = x \Big|_0^2 = 2 - 0 = 2 = c_0 + c_1 + c_2$$

$$\int_0^2 x dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^2 = \frac{2^2}{2} - \frac{0^2}{2} = 2 = c_0(0) + c_1(1) + c_2(2) = c_1 + 2c_2$$

$$\int_0^2 x^2 dx = \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_0^2 = \frac{2^3}{3} - \frac{0^3}{3} = \frac{8}{3} = c_0(0^2) + c_1(1^2) + c_2(2^2) = c_1 + 4c_2$$

$$\cancel{c_1} - \cancel{c_1} + 4c_2 - 2c_2 = 2c_2 = \frac{8}{3} - 2 = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \boxed{c_2 = \frac{1}{3}}$$

$$2 = c_1 + \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \boxed{c_1 = \frac{4}{3}} \quad 2 = c_0 + \frac{5}{3} \Rightarrow \boxed{c_0 = \frac{1}{3}}$$

8. (From the book)

24. Find the constants x_0 , x_1 , and c_1 so that the quadrature formula

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} f(x_0) + c_1 f(x_1)$$

has the highest possible degree of precision.

$$\int_0^1 dx = x \Big|_0^1 = 1 - 0 = 1 = \frac{1}{2} + c_1 \Rightarrow \boxed{c_1 = \frac{1}{2}} \quad \boxed{r \geq 0}$$

$$\int_0^1 x dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1^2}{2} - \frac{0^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} x_0 + c_1 x_1 = \frac{1}{2} (x_0 + x_1) \Rightarrow 1 = x_0 + x_1, \quad \boxed{r \geq 1}$$

$$\int_0^1 x^2 dx = \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1^3}{3} - \frac{0^3}{3} = \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{2} x_0^2 + c_1 x_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} (x_0^2 + x_1^2) \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3} = x_0^2 + x_1^2, \quad \boxed{r \geq 2}$$

$$2 = x_0^2 + x_1^2 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{2} = 1 - 2x_1 + 2x_1^2$$

$$g = (x - x_0)^4; \quad g' = 4(x - x_0)^3; \quad g'' = 12(x - x_0)^2; \quad g^{(3)} = 24(x - x_0); \quad g^{(4)} = 24$$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_2} (x - x_0)^4 = \int_0^h u^4 du = \frac{u^5}{5} \Big|_0^h = \frac{h^5}{5} = \frac{32h^5}{5} = \frac{h}{3} (0 + 4h^4 + 16h^4) + 24K$$

$$\frac{32h^5}{5} - \frac{4h^5}{3} - \frac{16h^5}{3} = 24K$$

$$h^5 \left(\frac{96}{15} - \frac{20}{15} - \frac{80}{15} \right) = 24K; \quad \frac{-4h^5}{360} = K \Rightarrow \boxed{K = -\frac{h^5}{90}}$$

$$\text{Thus we have } \int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{3} (f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)) - \frac{h^5}{90} f^{(4)}(\xi)$$