

# Computation of the Error Function through integral using Trapezoidal int.

## Exercise 5.3

Things I know:

Trapezoidal rule

$$I(a,b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$A_k = \frac{1}{2} h [f(a + (k-1)h) + f(a + kh)]$$

$$h = \frac{(b-a)}{N}$$

$$E(x) = \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$$

Define the function to integrate

Define the trapezoidal integration

Set up all the constants used

Evaluate the sum for the integral  $I(a,b)$  term by term in this case  $x=0$  to  $x=3$  in steps of 0.1 by creating a for loop.

Plot the graph

# Heat capacity of a solid

Exercise 5.9

Know  $C_v = 9V\rho k_B \left(\frac{T}{\Theta_0}\right)^3 \int_0^{\Theta_0/T} \frac{x^4 e^x}{(e^x - 1)^2} dx$

$V$  = volume

$\rho$  = # of density of atoms

$\Theta_0$  = Debye temp.

Start by defining the function to integrate (in this case the integral in the right end of the equation)

$k_B$  = Boltzmann's const. =  $1.380649 \times 10^{-23}$  J/K

Define the function to calculate  $C_v$

Define the constants given in the problem

Define the integration limits

Evaluate integral using trapezoidal rule so define  $h$ ,  $s$ , & create a loop that will evaluate the integral term by term

Calculate  $C_v$  by using multiplying the constants time the obtained integral

Create a list of the temperature from 5 to 500 K

Plot the graph