

## 2nd PC-Assignment

Wednesday 20 May from 15:30-17:00 hours

Suppose you wish to approximate the integral  $I(a, b) \equiv \int_a^b f(x) dx$ .

Consider the following numerical integration algorithm:

```
 $R_{1,1} = (b - a) \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}$ 
for  $j=2,3,\dots,n$  do
   $h_j = \frac{b-a}{2^{j-1}}$ 
   $S = 0$ 
  for  $i=1,\dots,2^{j-2}$  do
     $S = S + f(a + (2i - 1)h_j)$ 
  end
   $R_{j1} = \frac{1}{2}R_{j-1,1} + h_j S$ 
  for  $k=2,\dots,j$  do
     $R_{jk} = \frac{4^{k-1}R_{j,k-1} - R_{j-1,k-1}}{4^{k-1} - 1}$ 
  end
end
```

The algorithm generates a triangular set of values:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & R_{11} & & & & \\ & & R_{21} & R_{22} & & & \\ & & R_{31} & R_{32} & R_{33} & & \\ & & \vdots & & & \ddots & \\ & R_{n1} & R_{n2} & \dots & \dots & R_{nn} & \end{array}$$

and  $R_{nn}$  can be used as the final numerical approximation for the analytic integral  $I(a, b)$ .

You are asked to approximate

$$\int_0^{4 \log(2) + 2 \log(5)} \frac{1}{2} e^{-x/2} dx = \frac{95}{100}$$

Write one R-script that codes the following:

1. `f <- function(x)` that calculates  $\frac{1}{2}e^{-x/2}$ .
  - The function  $f(x)$  is the probability density function of  $X \sim \chi^2(2)$ .
  - The upper bound  $4 \log(2) + 2 \log(5)$  is the 95th percentile.
2. `NumInt <- function(f,a,b,n)` that implements the algorithm shown above for interval  $[a, b]$  and  $n$  iterations.
  - You may use an  $n \times n$  matrix for  $R$  and the function should return  $R_{nn}$

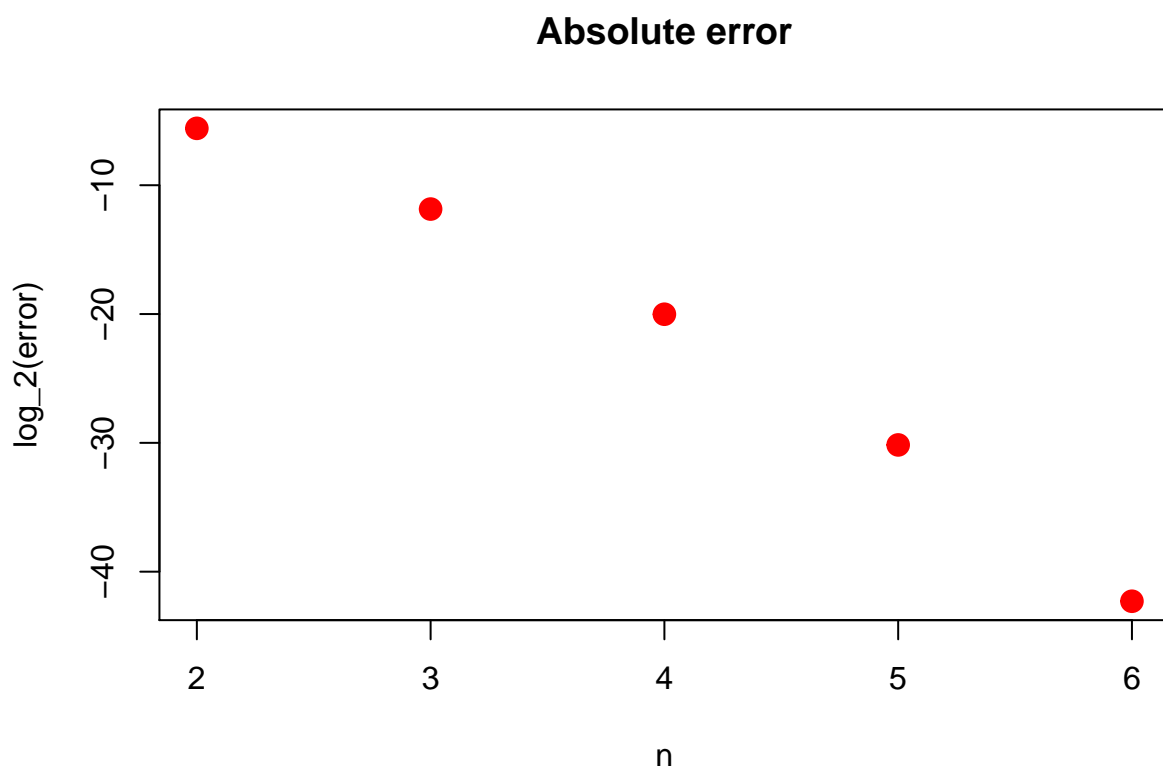
3. Generate a table for  $n = 2, \dots, 6$  that shows on one line (i)  $n$  (ii) the true value of the integral [10 decimals] (iii) its approximation [10 decimals] (iv) the absolute error [13 decimals]
4. Generate a plot with  $n$  on the horizontal axis and  $\log_2(error)$  on the vertical axis, i.e. the logarithm of the error in base 2 [with red solid circles].
5. Using  $n = 6$ , determine the value for  $b$  such that  $\int_0^b \frac{1}{2}e^{-x/2} dx = 99/100$ . Use R's build-in function `uniroot()`. Consult its help page for more info about this function.
  - This value of  $b$  is the 99th percentile.
  - Display this value in 4 decimals (see Output).
  - Consult the help file to see how to use and call `uniroot`.
  - Use the interval  $[8, 10]$  to be searched for the root.
  - Note that `uniroot`'s help file reads:  $f$  will be called as  $f(x, \dots)$  for a numeric value of  $x$ . Hence, it might be handy to use the following function:
 

```
NumInt2 <- function(b,a,f,n){ NumInt(f,a,b,n)-0.99 }
```

 in which also the order of the arguments is different from `NumInt`!

## 6. General remarks

- Put everything in one file and do not make use of other functions outside the script.
- Download the template from Canvas and enter your name and student number at the first line.
- When finished, upload your file (PC2.R) to canvas. In case of emergency (Canvas not available), you can also email the file to [uvapna@gmail.com](mailto:uvapna@gmail.com)
- For full credits, your output needs to be the same as shown on the next page (apart from small rounding-off errors):



n=2:	True area=0.9500000000	Approx=0.9708305483	Error=0.0208305482757
n=3:	True area=0.9500000000	Approx=0.9502707543	Error=0.0002707543032
n=4:	True area=0.9500000000	Approx=0.9500009430	Error=0.0000009430111
n=5:	True area=0.9500000000	Approx=0.9500000008	Error=0.0000000008335
n=6:	True area=0.9500000000	Approx=0.9500000000	Error=0.0000000000002

For n=6 and b=9.2103:  $I(0,b)=0.99$ .