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MATLAB as an Engineer's Problem Solving Tool

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1 Introduction

This introductory MATLAB laboratory course equips students with fundamental skills in scientific computing. Through hands-on exercises, students will gain proficiency in:

- Matrix algebra: Manipulating and analyzing numerical data represented as matrices
- Function creation: Defining and implementing custom functions for specific math equations
- Data visualization: Generating informative plots and graphs to interpret results
- Computational optimization: Employing techniques to improve the efficiency of numerical algorithms

By applying these acquired skills, students will develop a technical report that clearly communicates the purpose, methodology, and outcomes of the MatLab program. This report will showcase his or her understanding of MATLAB and its capabilities in solving scientific and engineering problems.

2 Matrices and Arrays

Listing 1: Matrix Multiplication

```
1 clear;
2 clc;
3 % Matrix Multiplication
4 % Declare A Matrix (3 x 1 Matrix)
5 A = [sqrt(2); 1; exp(pi)];
6 % Declare B Matrix (1 x 3 Matrix)
7 B = [3;5;7];
8 % Convert A Matrix from a column to a row vector and multiple with column
9 % vector b to get scalar value C
10 C = A.' * B;
11 display(C);
```

C = 171.2275

3 Scripts

Listing 2: Matrix Multiplication using a For Loop

```

1 clear;
2 clc;
3 % Matrix Multiplication
4 % Declare A Matrix (3 x 1 Matrix)
5 A = [sqrt(2); 1; exp(pi)];
6 % Declare B Matrix (1 x 3 Matrix)
7 B = [3;5;7];
8 % Set D to zero to start the for loop
9 D = 0;
10 % Assumes both vector A and B are of the same length
11 for i = 1:length(A)
12     D = D + A(i)*B(i); % Add previous D value (sum of previous ith
13                        % elements) to the current ith element multiplication
14 end
15 display(D);

```

The for loop and the matrix multiplication arrive at the same result. However, matrix multiplication requires less code and is less computationally intensive than the for loop. $C = 171.2275$

4 More Advanced Scripts

4.1 $f(x_i)$ Function

Listing 3: $f(x_i)$ Function

```

1 % Input column vector x and an output column vector y where the i-th element
  % of the output vector is  $y(i) = f(x(i))$ 
2 function [y] = fx(x)
3     y = cos(x) ./ (1 + exp(3 * x)); % Outcolumn is calculated use vector
  % multiplication
4 end

```

4.2 Plot $f(x_i)$

Listing 4: Plot Function for $f(x_i)$

```

1 function plot_export(N, title_text, filename) % Input N for the number
  % spacings between the elements, title_text for the name of the plots, and

```

```

    the filename in order to export the plot. Note each plot must have a
    unique filename
2  x = linspace(0, 5, N + 1);
3  y = fx(x);
4  plot(x, y); % Creates the line plot
5  grid on;
6  title(title_text, 'Interpreter', 'latex'); % Adds title to the plot. Adding $$
    between the text, and adding 'Interpreter', 'latex' to the matlab
    function, creates text with LaTeX formatting. Alternatively you may use
    title('title_name').
7  xlabel('$X$', 'Interpreter', 'latex'); % Adds xlabel to the plot. Adding $$
    between the text, and adding 'Interpreter', 'latex' to the matlab
    function, creates text with LaTeX formatting. Alternatively you may use
    xlabel('X').
8  ylabel('$f(x)$', 'Interpreter', 'latex'); % Adds ylabel to the plot. Adding $$
    between the text, and adding 'Interpreter', 'latex' to the matlab
    function, creates text with LaTeX formatting. Alternatively you may use
    ylabel('Y').
9  grid on;
10 fig = gcf; % Obtains current graphic in matlab
11 exportgraphics(fig, append(filename, '.pdf'), 'ContentType', 'vector'); %
    Exports plot as a vector pdf image. (Requires R2020a or later)
12 end

```

Listing 5: Code to run function for $f(x_i)$

```

1  clear;
2  clc;
3  % This code automatically calculates, labels, and plots
4  N = [200, 5, 10]; % Declare the N that will be ran
5  for i = N % iterate through given N for example i = 200
6      title_text = ['$f(x)$ vs $X$'] [append('$N = ', string(i), '$') ]; %
        Create the the title for each i. Convert the integer to a string and
        add it to the title
7      filename = append('Fig/fx_', string(i)); % Add number to the filename to
        ensure each plot has a unique filename
8      plot_export(i, title_text, filename); % With i, title_text, and filename
        determined run and export documentex each plot. Vector pdf plots
        should be in the same folder as the code location ready to be
        inserted to a tex document
9  end

```

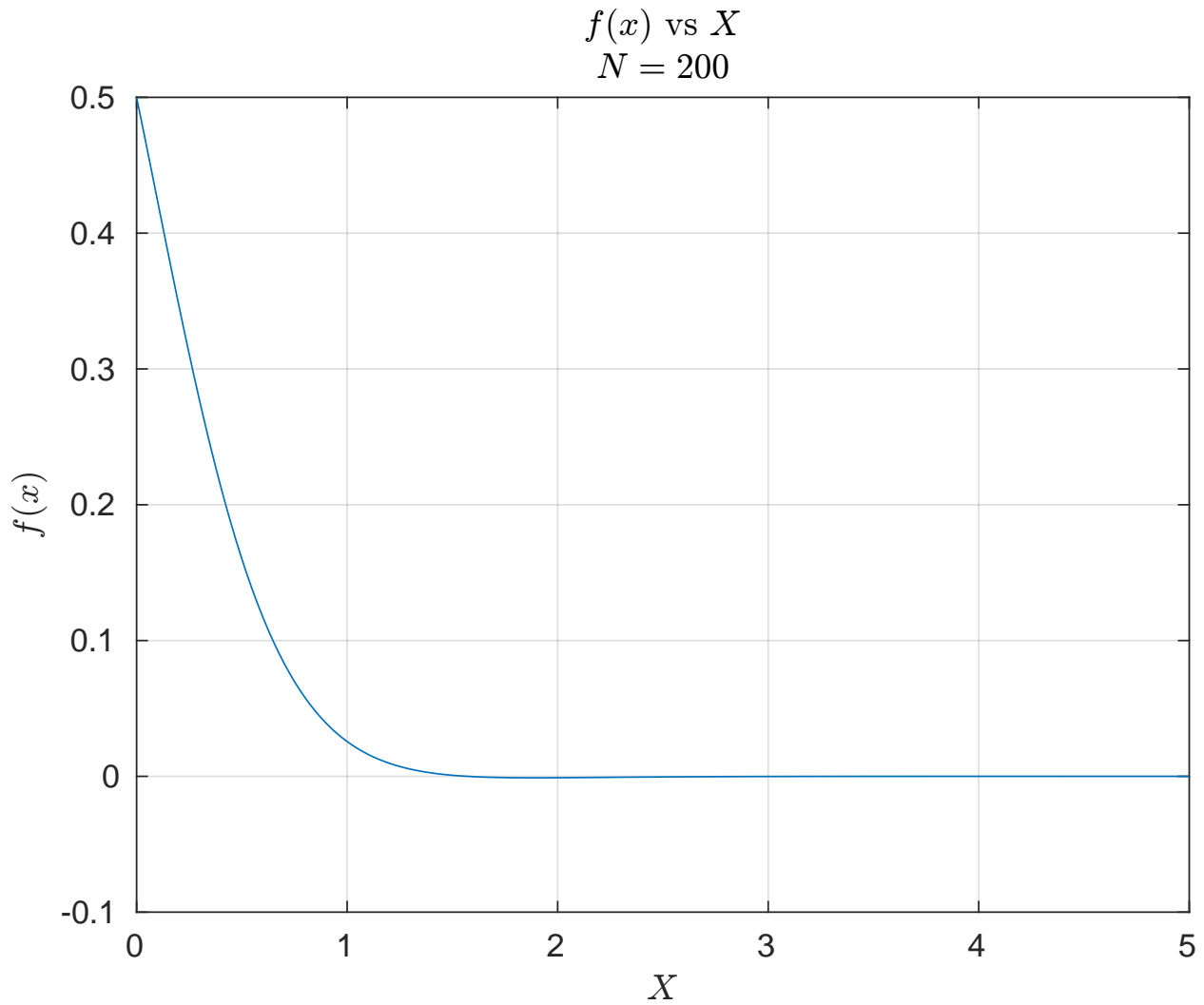


Figure 1: $f(x_i) = \frac{\cos(x_i)}{1+e^{3x_i}}$ for $N = 200$

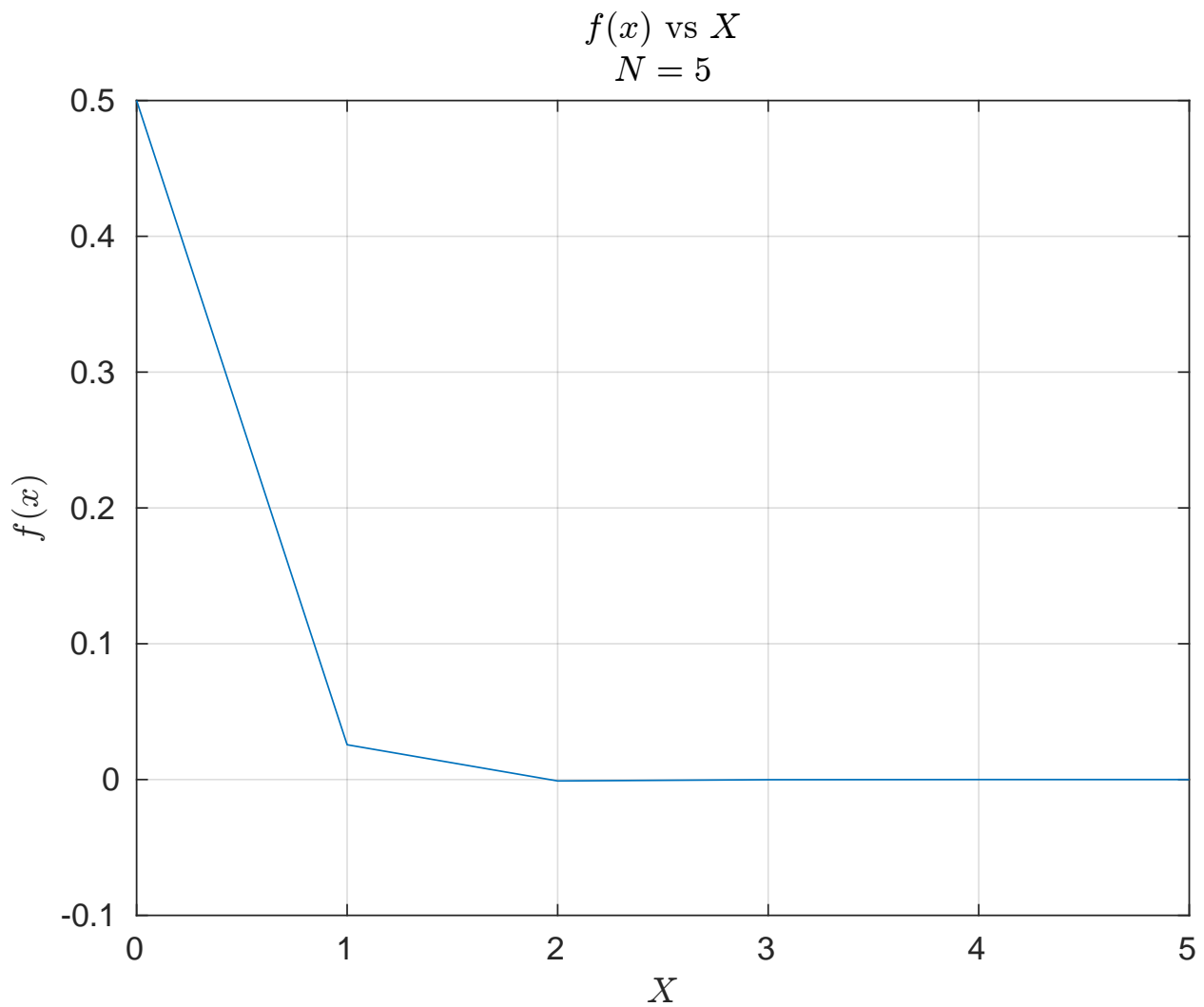


Figure 2: $f(x_i) = \frac{\cos(x_i)}{1+e^{3x_i}}$ for $N = 5$

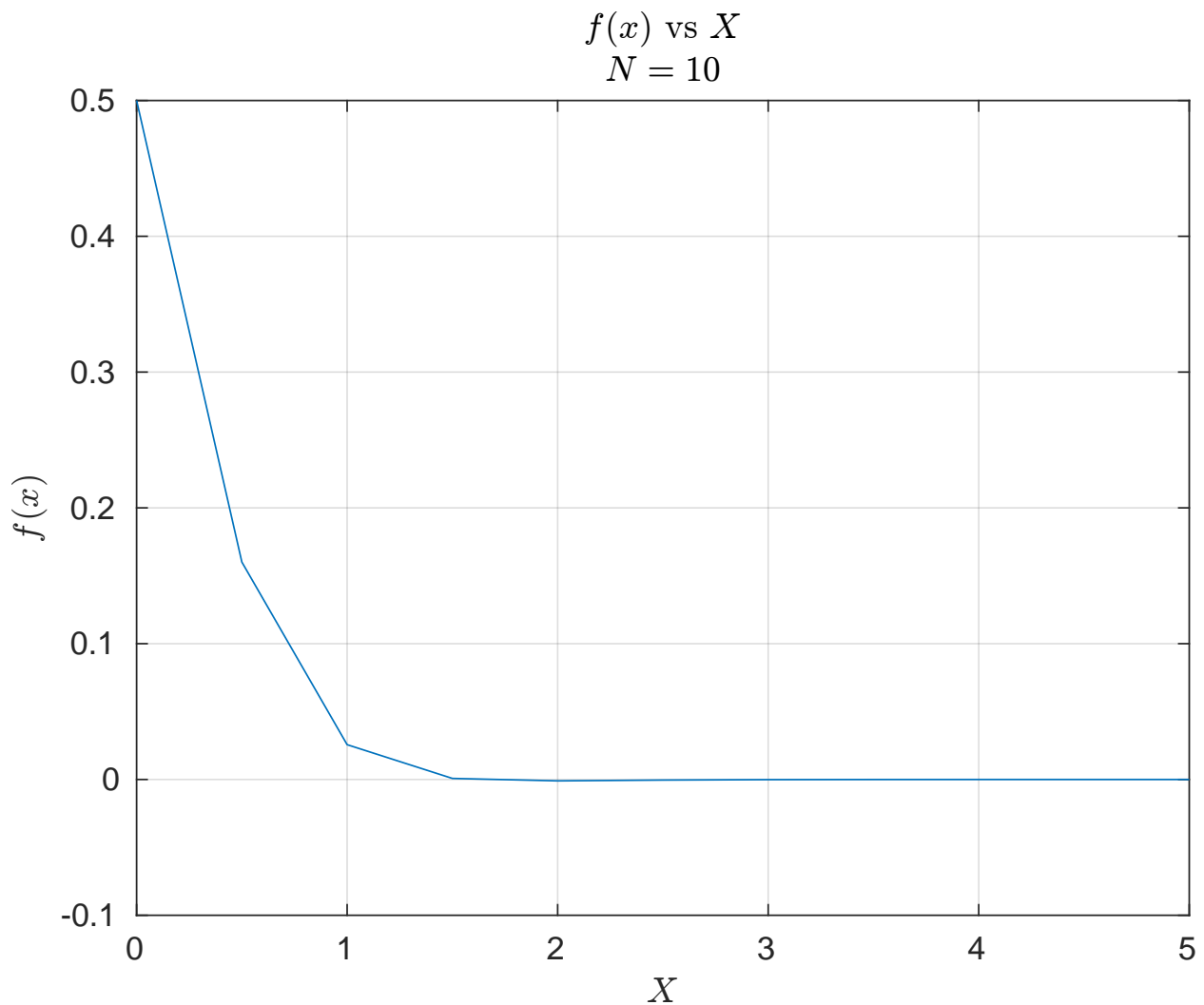


Figure 3: $f(x_i) = \frac{\cos(x_i)}{1+e^{3x_i}}$ for $N = 10$

Increasing the number of points ($N+1$) within the fixed sized region $[0,5]$ for x decreases the space between points, which enhances the resolution. Figure 1 exhibits a high domain resolution, resulting in a smooth and continuous plot devoid of discernible edges. Figures 2 and 3 conversely, demonstrate the effects of a lower domain resolution, characterized by visually apparent edges and a less refined plot appearance.

5 Area under the Curve

5.1 Standard Integration

Listing 6: $\int_0^5 \frac{\cos(x)}{1+e^{3x}} dx$

```

1 clear;
2 clc;
3 % Find the integral using quad
4 Q = quad(@fx, 0, 5); % Function, lower bound, upper bound

```

$$\int_0^5 \frac{\cos(x)}{1+e^{3x}} dx \approx 0.201$$

5.2 Riemann Integral Approximation Equations

5.2.1 Right Rectangular Approximation

Listing 7: $\int_0^5 \frac{\cos(x)}{1+e^{3x}} dx$

```

1 clear;
2 clc;
3 for i = [25, 250]
4     N = i; % 5 rectangles for every integer value
5     dx = 5/N; % divide by the range
6     x_bar = dx:dx:5; % x domain for bar plot.
7     y_bar = fx(x_bar); % range for bar plot
8     x_line = 0:1/1000:5; % Add a high resolution domain
9     y_line = fx(x_line); % range for scatter plot
10    bar(x_bar-dx/2, y_bar, 1, 'green'); % Creates the bar plot
11    hold on; % Add a second line to the plot
12    plot(x_line, y_line, 'red'); % Creates the scatter plot
13    title(['Right rectangular approximation $Q_{2}$'] [append('$N = ',
        string(i), '$')]], 'Interpreter', 'latex'); % Adds title to the plot.
        Adding $$ between the text, and adding 'Interpreter', 'latex' to the
        matlab function, creates text with LaTeX formatting
14    xlabel('$X$', 'Interpreter', 'latex'); % Adds xlabel to the plot. Adding
        $$ between the text, and adding 'Interpreter', 'latex' to the matlab
        function, creates text with LaTeX formatting

```

```
15 ylabel('$y$', 'Interpreter', 'latex'); % Adds ylabel to the plot. Adding  
    $$ between the text, and adding 'Interpreter', 'latex' to the matlab  
    function, creates text with LaTeX formatting  
16 legend('$Q_{2}$', '$f(x)$', 'Interpreter', 'latex'); % Adds legend to the  
    plot. Adding $$ between the text, and adding 'Interpreter', 'latex'  
    to the matlab function, creates text with LaTeX formatting  
17 grid on;  
18 fig = gcf; % Obtains current graphic in matlab  
19 exportgraphics(fig, append('Fig/q2_bar_plot_', string(i) , '.pdf'), '  
    ContentType', 'vector'); % Exports plot as a vector pdf image. (  
    Requires R2020a or later)  
20 end
```

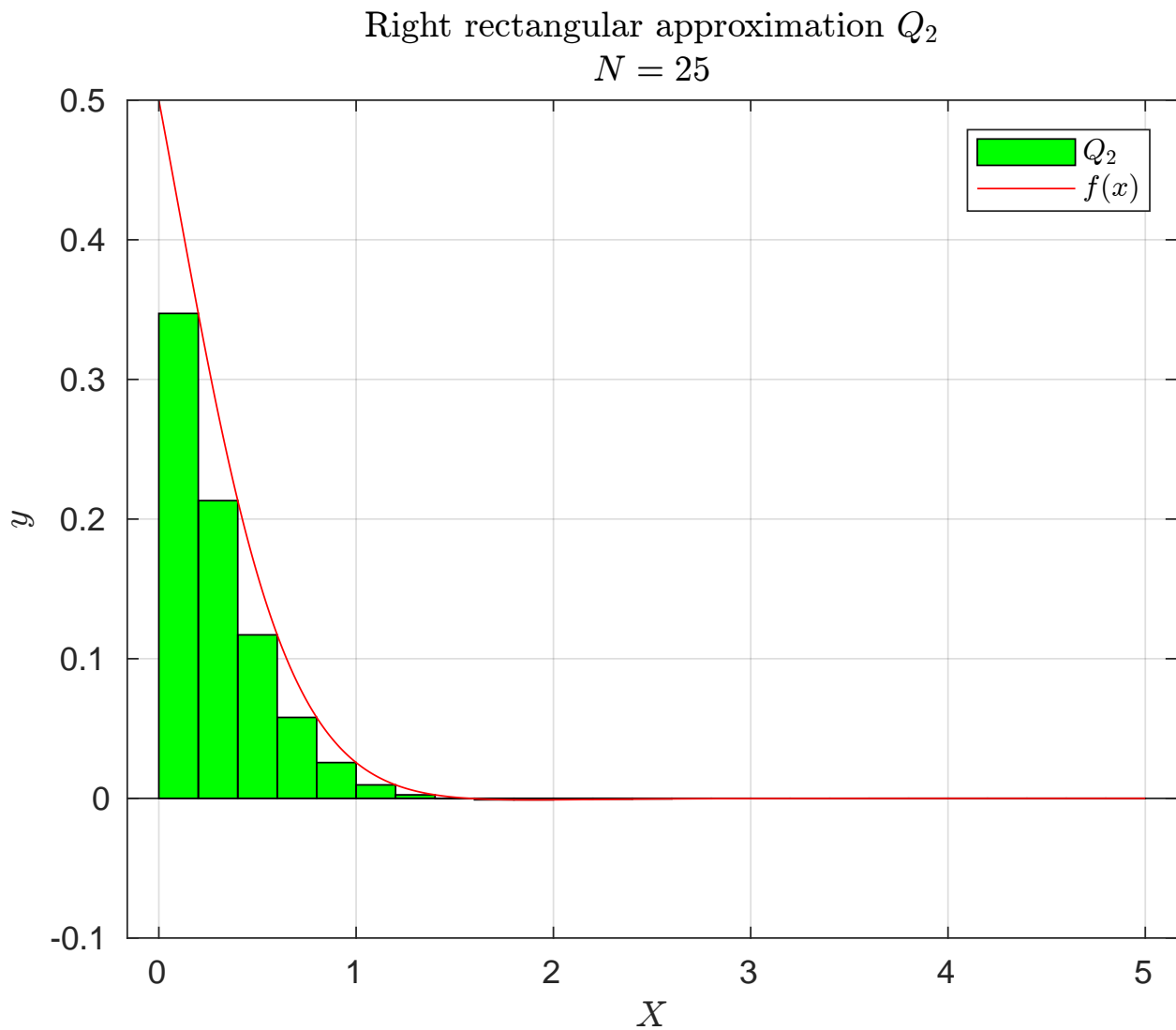


Figure 4: Right rectangular approximation for Q_2 for $N = 25$

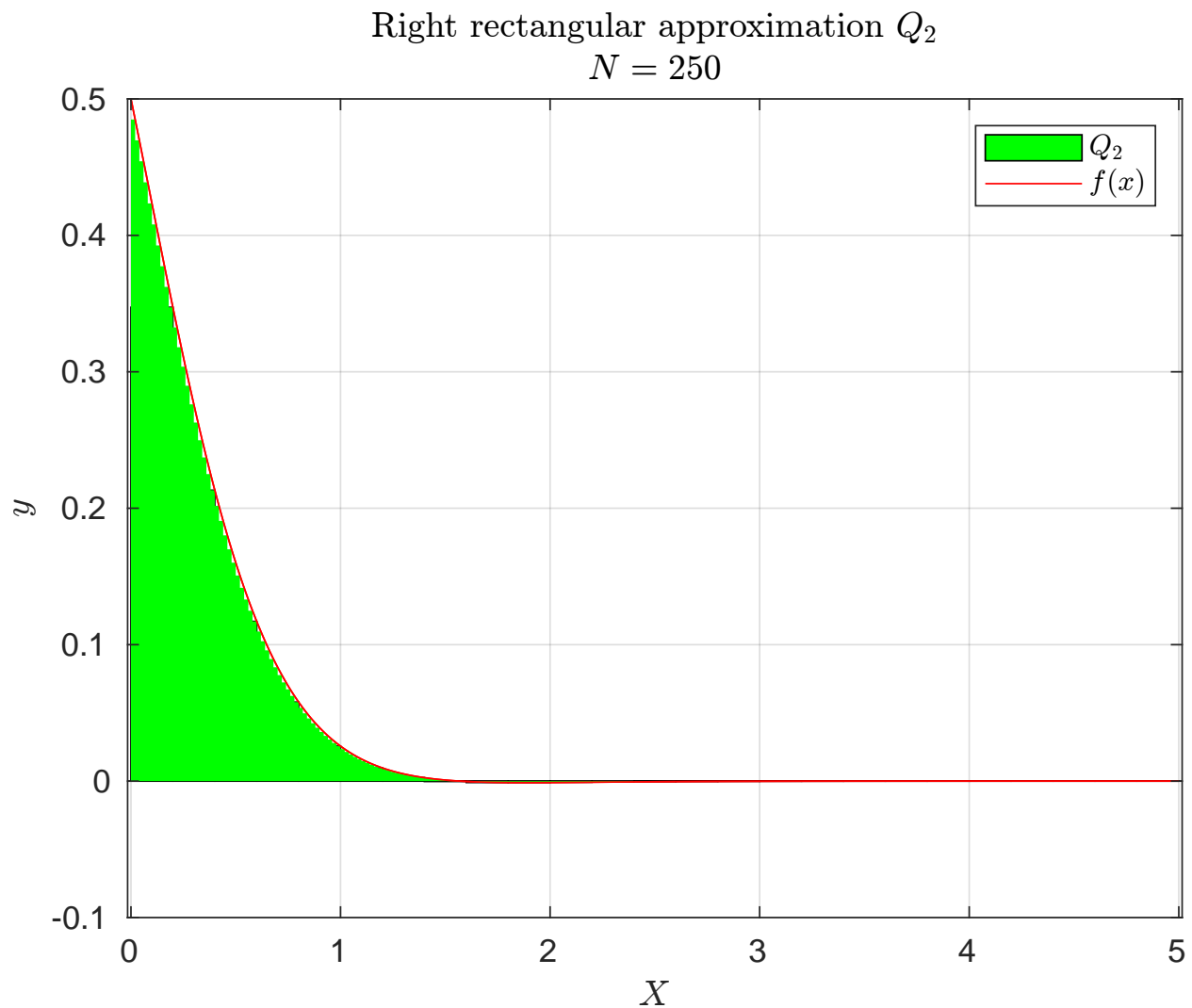


Figure 5: Right rectangular approximation for Q_2 for $N = 250$

5.2.2 Tradeoffs

Decreasing dx increases the resolution of the domain and the accuracy of the approximation. However, a higher resolution requires more computational power. This is akin to higher resolution images requiring more space.

5.2.3 Trapezoidal approximation derivation

Given that the area of the first rectangle can be calculated:

$$f(x_0) dx_0 + 0.5(f(x_1) - f(x_0)) dx_0$$

$$f(x_0) dx_0 + \frac{f(x_1)}{2} dx_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{2} dx_0$$

This means that the next area can be approximated:

$$f(x_1) dx_1 + \frac{f(x_2)}{2} dx_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{2} dx_1$$

This can continue so forth until the N-th area can be approximated as:

$$f(x_{N-1}) dx_{N-1} + \frac{f(x_N)}{2} dx_{N-1} - \frac{f(x_{N-1})}{2} dx_{N-1}$$

Summing these terms up yields the equation Q_3

$$Q_3 = f(x_0) \frac{dx_0}{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} f(x_i) dx_i + f(x_N) \frac{dx_{N-1}}{2}$$

5.2.4 $Q_3 = \frac{Q_1 + Q_2}{2}$

Given that:

$$Q_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} f(x_i) dx_i$$

$$Q_2 = \sum_{i=2}^N f(x_i) dx_{i-1}$$

$$Q_3 = f(x_1) \frac{dx_1}{2} + \sum_{i=2}^{N-1} f(x_i) dx_i + f(x_N) \frac{dx_{N-1}}{2}$$

All dx_i are equal to each other. Substituting in Q_1 and Q_2 in to Q_3 gives:

$$Q_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} f(x_i) dx_i + \sum_{i=2}^N f(x_i) dx_{i-1} \right)$$

$$Q_3 = f(x_1) \frac{dx_1}{2} + \sum_{i=2}^{N-1} f(x_i) dx_i + f(x_N) \frac{dx_{N-1}}{2}$$

5.2.5 Q_1 and Q vs N

Listing 8: Q_1 Function

```
1 function Q_1 = q1_sum(N)
2 dx = (5-0)/(N-1);
3 x = 0:dx:5;
4 y = fx(x);
5 A = [ones(N-1, 1); 0];
6 Q_1 = y*A*dx;
7 end
```

Listing 9: Plot Q_1 and Q vs N

```
1 clear;
2 clc;
3 % N starts at 2 and ends at 200
4 N = 2:1:200;
5 % Domain for Q1
6 Q_1N = zeros(1, length(N));
7 % Populate each ith value with the future q1 N calculation
8 for i = N
9     Q_1N(i-1) = q1_sum(i);
10 end
11 % Create the domain for for the integral calculation
12 Q_N = ones(1, length(N));
13 % Find the integral using quad
14 Q = quad(@fx, 0, 5); % Function, lower bound, upper bound
15 % Create a vector of size N with the same Q value for each
16 % value
17 Q_N = Q_N*Q;
18 % Create the domain for for error calculation
19 Q_1error = zeros(1, length(N));
20 % Subtract the summation from the actual value to calculate the error
21 Q_1error = Q_1N - Q_N;
22 % Declare the figure
23 figure;
24 % Declare the subplot
25 % First subplot
26 subplot(2, 1, 1);
27 % Plot the approximation
```

```
28 plot(N, Q_1N, 'blue');
29 hold on;
30 % Plot the integral line
31 plot(N, Q_N, 'red');
32 % Add title
33 title('$Q_{1}$ and $Q$ vs $N$', 'Interpreter', 'latex');
34 % Add x axis label
35 xlabel('$N$', 'Interpreter', 'latex');
36 % Add y axis label
37 ylabel('$Q_{1}$ and $Q$', 'Interpreter', 'latex');
38 grid on;
39 % Add legend
40 legend('$Q_{1}$', '$Q$', 'Interpreter', 'latex');
41 % Second subplot
42 subplot(2, 1, 2);
43 % Plot the error line in a seprate subplot
44 plot(N, Q_1error, 'blue');
45 title('$Q_{1}$ Error vs $N$', 'Interpreter', 'latex');
46 % Add x axis label
47 xlabel('$N$', 'Interpreter', 'latex');
48 % Add y axis label
49 ylabel('Error', 'Interpreter', 'latex');
50 grid on;
51 fig = gcf; % Obtains current graphic in matlab
52 exportgraphics(fig, 'Fig/q1_sum_error_plot.pdf', 'ContentType', 'vector'); %
    Exports plot as a vector pdf image. (Requires R2020a or later)
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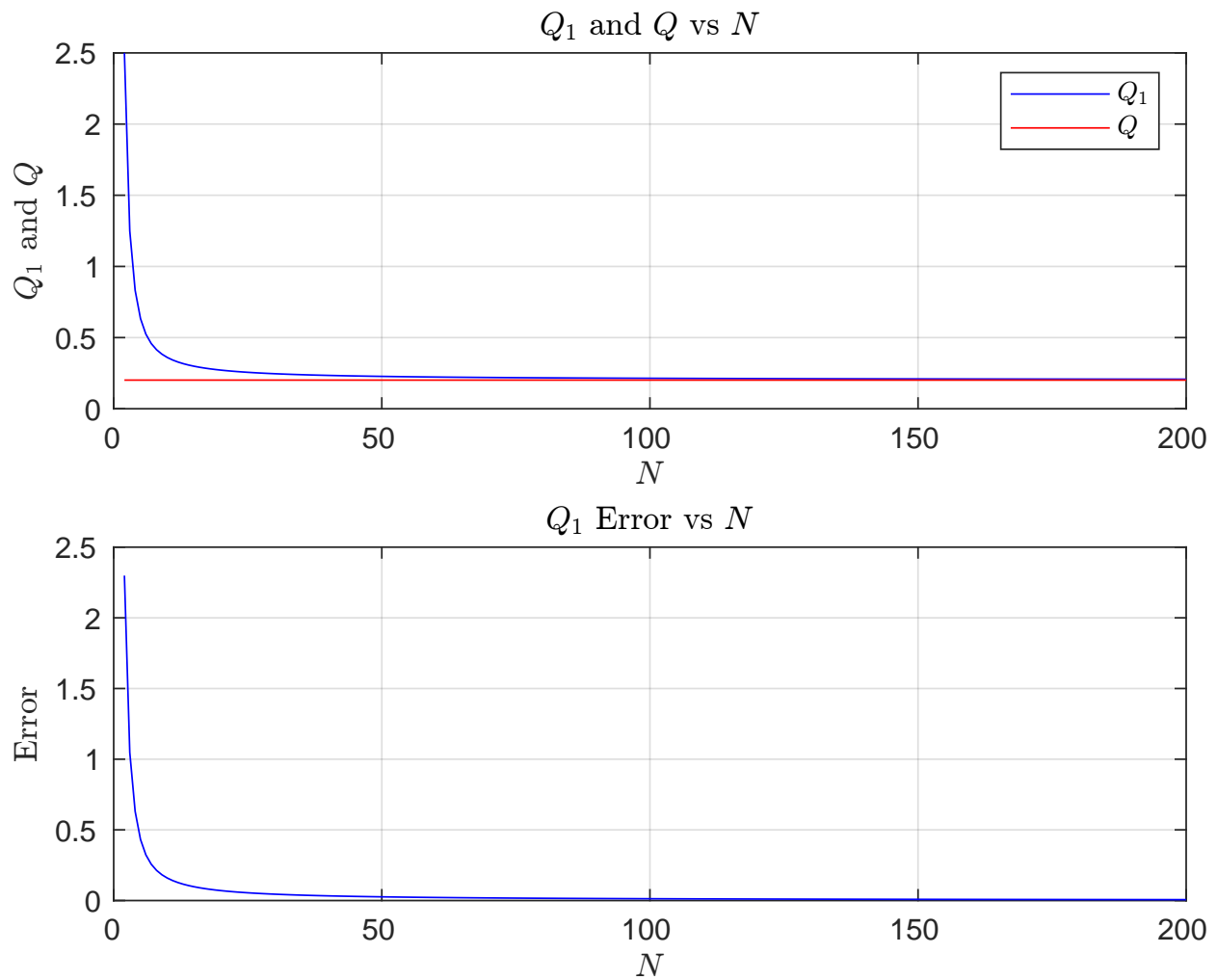



Figure 6: Q_1 and Q vs N and the % Error for Q_1

Q_1 in Figure 6 converges to Q at around $N \approx 75$

5.2.6 Q_3 and Q vs N

Listing 10: Q_3 Function

```

1 function Q_3 = q3_sum(N)
2 dx = (5-0)/(N-1);
3 x = 0:dx:5;
4 y = fx(x);
5 A = [0.5; ones(N-2, 1); 0.5];
6 Q_3 = y*A*dx;
7 end

```

Listing 11: Plot Q_3 and Q vs N

```

1 clear;
2 clc;
3 % N starts at 2 and ends at 200
4 N = 2:1:200;
5 % Domain for Q1
6 Q_3N = zeros(1, length(N));
7 % Populate each ith value with the furutre q1 N calculation
8 for i = N
9     Q_3N(i-1) = q2_sum(i);
10 end
11 % Create the domain for for the integral calcualtion
12 Q_N = ones(1, length(N));
13 % Find the integral using quad
14 Q = quad(@fx, 0, 5); % Function, lower bound, upper bound
15 % Convert the integral value from a scalar value to line of a constant
16 % value
17 Q_N = Q_N*Q;
18 % Create the domain for for error calculation
19 Q_3error = zeros(1, length(N));
20 % Subtract the summation from the actual value to calculate the error
21 Q_3error = Q_3N - Q_N;
22 % Declare the first figure
23 figure(1);
24 % Declare the subplot
25 % First subplot
26 subplot(2, 1, 1);
27 % Plot the approximation

```

```
28 plot(N, Q_3N, 'blue');
29 hold on;
30 % Plot the integral line
31 plot(N, Q_N, 'red');
32 % Add title
33 title('$Q_{3}$ and $Q$ vs $N$', 'Interpreter', 'latex');
34 % Add x axis label
35 xlabel('$N$', 'Interpreter', 'latex');
36 % Add y axis label
37 ylabel('$Q_{3}$ and $Q$', 'Interpreter', 'latex');
38 % Add legend
39 legend('$Q_{3}$', '$Q$', 'Interpreter', 'latex' );
40 grid on;
41 % Second subplot
42 subplot(2, 1, 2);
43 % Plot the error line in a seprate subplot
44 plot(N, Q_3error, 'blue');
45 title('$Q_{3}$ Error vs $N$', 'Interpreter', 'latex');
46 % Add x axis label
47 xlabel('$N$', 'Interpreter', 'latex');
48 % Add y axis label
49 ylabel('Error', 'Interpreter', 'latex');
50 grid on;
51 fig = gcf; % Obtains current graphic in matlab
52 exportgraphics(fig, 'Fig/q3-sum_error_plot.pdf', 'ContentType', 'vector'); %
    Exports plot as a vector pdf image. (Requires R2020a or later)
53
54 %Plot Q1 and Q3 Error
55 % Declare the second figure
56 figure(2);
57 % Domain for Q1
58 Q_1N = zeros(1, length(N));
59 % Populate each ith value with the future q1 N calculation
60 for i = N
61     Q_1N(i-1) = q1_sum(i);
62 end
63 % Create the domain for for the integral calculation
64 Q_N = ones(1, length(N));
65 % Find the integral using quad
66 Q = quad(@fx, 0, 5); % Function, lower bound, upper bound
```

```
67 % Create a vector of size N with the same Q value for each
68 % value
69 Q_N = Q_N*Q;
70 % Create the domain for for error calculation
71 Q_1error = zeros(1, length(N));
72 % Subtract the summation from the actual value to calculate the error
73 Q_1error = Q_1N - Q_N;
74 % Plot the lines
75 plot(N, Q_1error, 'red', N, Q_3error, 'blue');
76 % Add title
77 title('$Q_{1}$ and $Q_{3}$','Interpreter','latex');
78 % Add x axis label
79 xlabel('$N$', 'Interpreter','latex');
80 % Add y axis label
81 ylabel('$Q_{1}$ and $Q_{3}$','Interpreter','latex');
82 % Add legend
83 legend('$Q_{1}$', '$Q_{3}$', 'Interpreter','latex' );
84 grid on;
85 fig = gcf; % Obtains current graphic in matlab
86 exportgraphics(fig, 'Fig/q1_q3_error_plot.pdf','ContentType','vector'); %
    Exports plot as a vector pdf image. (Requires R2020a or later)
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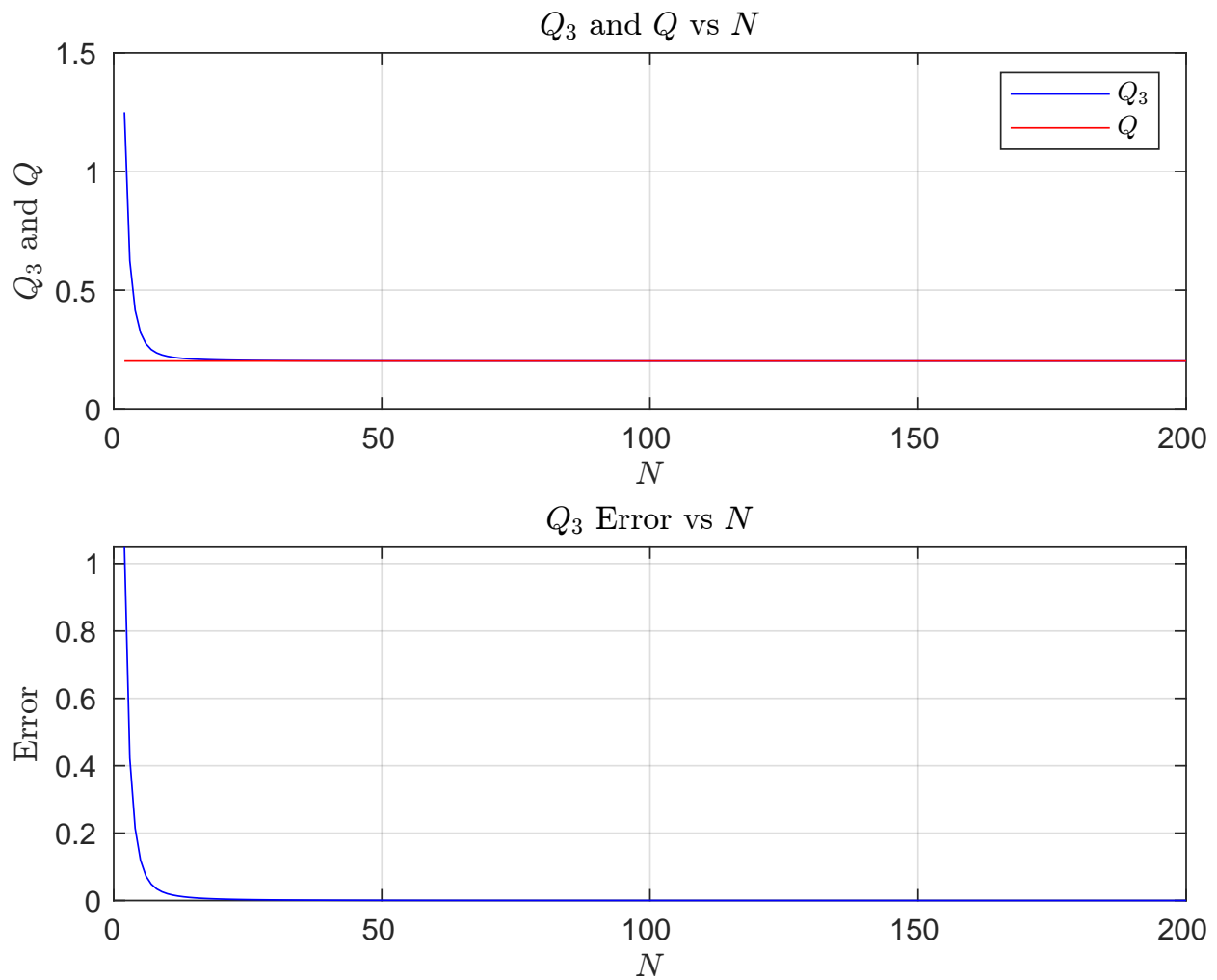


Figure 7: Q_3 and Q vs N and the % Error for Q_2

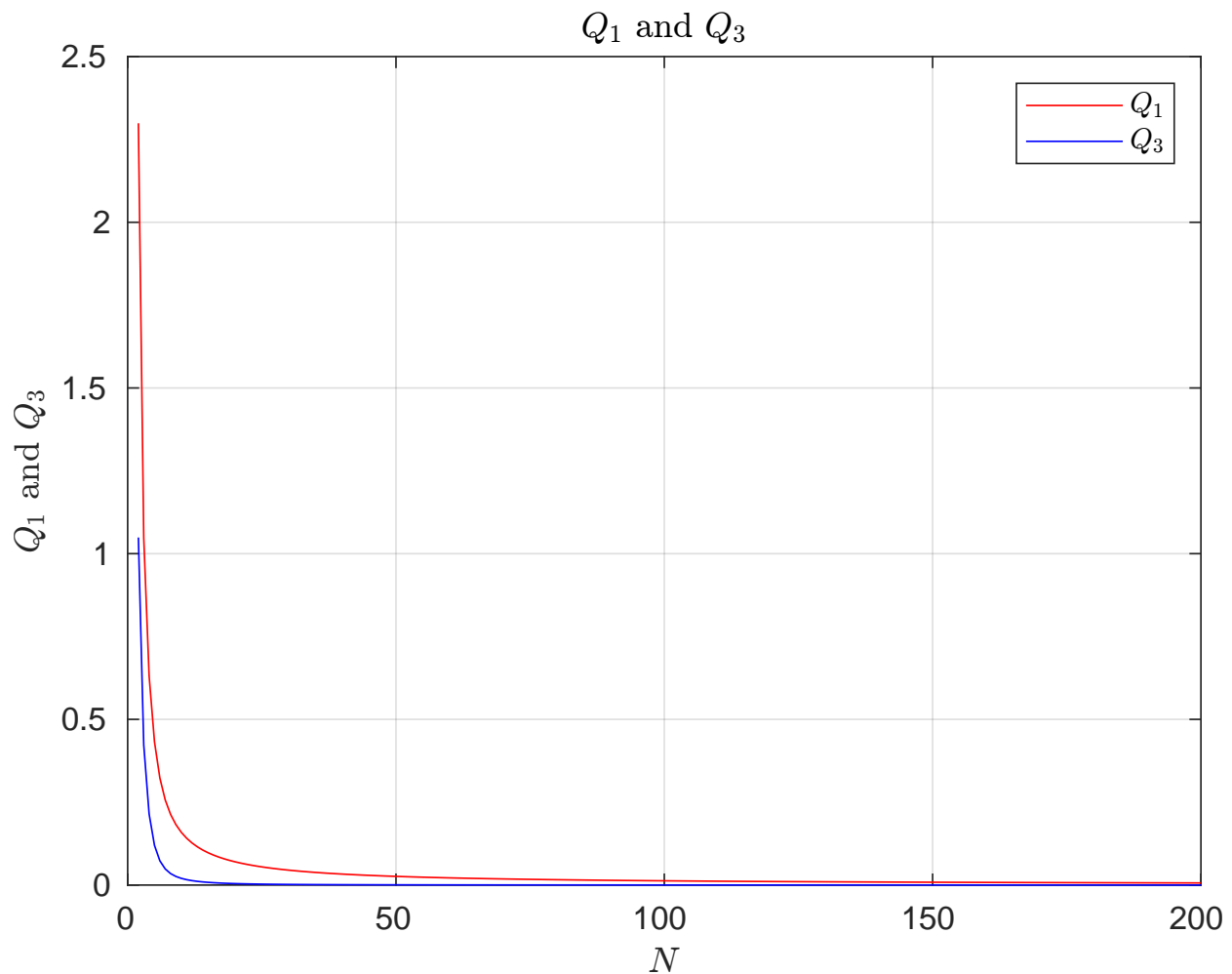


Figure 8: Error Comparison of Q_1 and Q_3

Q_3 in Figure 7 converges to Q at around $N = 25$. Q_3 converges to Q at a faster rate compared to Q_1 as shown in Figure 8.

6 Conclusion

This laboratory exercise showcases MATLAB's versatility across diverse scientific and engineering domains. It notably highlights the fundamental concept of trade-offs in engineering. Riemann summation serves as a poignant example, empowering students to grapple with the delicate balance between accuracy and computational efficiency: a fundamental skill for effective engineering design.