

# Lab # 4 Solutions

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# Problem 1

Write a function called `trapzoid(f, a, b, n)` that implements the composite trapezoidal rule. Your function should take as input the name of the function to integrate, `f`, the endpoints of the interval of integration, `a` and `b`, and the number of points `n` of subintervals to divide the integral of integration into. Use the function to approximate the following integrals with values of `n` = 10, 20, 50, 100, and 200. In each case indicate the error. Also, make sure your implementation of the trapezoidal rule does not evaluate the function being integrated more than once at each  $x$  value.

(a)  $\int_0^\pi \sin x \, dx$

The exact value is

$$(-\cos x) \Big|_0^\pi = (-\cos(\pi)) - (-\cos(0)) = 1 - (-1) = 2$$

The error is bounded by  $|E_T| \leq \frac{K(b-a)^3}{12n^2}$ , where  $a = 0$ ,  $b = \pi$ , and

$$K = \left| \max_{x \in (0, \pi)} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \sin x \right| = 1. \text{ So, } E_T \leq \frac{\pi^3}{12n^2}$$

$n$	$T_n$	Error Bound	Actual Error
10	1.9835235375	$\frac{\pi^3}{12(10)^2} = 0.025838564$	0.016476462500000001
20	1.9958859727	$\frac{\pi^3}{12(20)^2} = 0.006459641$	0.0041140272999999989
50	1.9993419831	$\frac{\pi^3}{12(50)^2} = 0.001033543$	0.00065801689999998914
100	1.9998355039	$\frac{\pi^3}{12(100)^2} = 0.000258386$	0.00016449610000002224
200	1.9999588765	$\frac{\pi^3}{12(200)^2} = 6.459640975 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.112349999996212 \times 10^{-5}$

(b)  $\int_0^\pi \cos x \, dx$

The exact value is

$$(\sin x) \Big|_0^\pi = (\sin(\pi)) - (\sin(0)) = 0 - 0 = 0$$

The error is bounded by  $|E_T| \leq \frac{K(b-a)^3}{12n^2}$ , where  $a = 0$ ,  $b = \pi$ , and

$$K = \left| \max_{x \in (0, \pi)} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \cos x \right| = 1. \text{ So, } E_T \leq \frac{\pi^3}{12n^2}$$

$n$	$T_n$	Error Bound	Actual Error
10	$3.885781 \times 10^{-16}$	$\frac{\pi^3}{12(10)^2} = 0.025838564$	$3.885781 \times 10^{-16}$
20	$1.665335 \times 10^{-16}$	$\frac{\pi^3}{12(20)^2} = 0.006459641$	$1.665335 \times 10^{-16}$
50	$-2.775558 \times 10^{-17}$	$\frac{\pi^3}{12(50)^2} = 0.001033543$	$2.775558 \times 10^{-17}$
100	$-4.093947 \times 10^{-16}$	$\frac{\pi^3}{12(100)^2} = 0.000258386$	$4.093947 \times 10^{-16}$
200	$6.591949 \times 10^{-17}$	$\frac{\pi^3}{12(200)^2} = 6.459640975 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.591949 \times 10^{-17}$

(c)  $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin x \, dx$

The exact value is

$$(-\cos x) \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = (-\cos(\frac{\pi}{2})) - (-\cos(0)) = 0 - (-1) = 1$$

The error is bounded by  $|E_T| \leq \frac{K(b-a)^3}{12n^2}$ , where  $a = 0$ ,  $b = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , and

$$K = \left| \max_{x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \sin x \right| = 1. \text{ So, } E_T \leq \frac{\pi^3}{96n^2}$$

$n$	$T_n$	Error Bound	Actual Error
10	0.9979430	$\frac{\pi^3}{96(10)^2} = 0.00322982$	0.002057
20	0.9994859	$\frac{\pi^3}{96(20)^2} = 0.000807455$	0.0005141
50	0.9999178	$\frac{\pi^3}{96(50)^2} = 0.000129193$	$8.220000 \times 10^{-5}$
100	0.9999794	$\frac{\pi^3}{96(100)^2} = 3.229820488 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.060000 \times 10^{-5}$
200	0.9999949	$\frac{\pi^3}{96(200)^2} = 8.074551219 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.100000 \times 10^{-6}$

(d)  $\int_0^{\ln 3} e^x \, dx$

The exact value is

$$(e^x) \Big|_0^{\ln 3} = (e^{\ln 3}) - (e^0) = 3 - 1 = 2$$

The error is bounded by  $|E_T| \leq \frac{K(b-a)^3}{12n^2}$ , where  $a = 0$ ,  $b = \ln 3$ , and

$$K = \left| \max_{x \in (0, \ln 3)} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} e^x \right| = 3. \text{ So, } E_T \leq \frac{(\ln 3)^3}{4n^2}$$

$n$	$T_n$	Error Bound	Actual Error
10	2.0020111771	$\frac{(\ln 3)^3}{4(10)^2} = 0.003314922$	0.0020111771
20	2.0005028701	$\frac{(\ln 3)^3}{4(20)^2} = 0.000828731$	0.0005028701
50	2.0000804626	$\frac{(\ln 3)^3}{4(50)^2} = 0.000132597$	$8.04626 \times 10^{-5}$
100	2.0000201158	$\frac{(\ln 3)^3}{4(100)^2} = 3.3149224 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.01158 \times 10^{-5}$
200	2.0000050290	$\frac{(\ln 3)^3}{4(200)^2} = 8.287306001 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.0290 \times 10^{-6}$

The following Python code was used to generate the above approximations:

```

1 from __future__ import division
2 from math import sin, cos, pi, exp, log
3
4 def irange(start, stop, step):
5     r = start
6     while r <= stop:
7         yield r
8         r += step
9
10 def trap_area(b_1, b_2, h):
11     return (1/2)*(b_1 + b_2)*h
12
13 def comp_trap_rule(f, a, b, n):
14     h = (b-a)/n
15
16     y_values = [f(a + i*h) for i in irange(0, n, 1)]
17
18     approx = 0
19     for i in xrange(0, len(y_values) - 1):
20         approx += trap_area(y_values[i], y_values[i+1], h)
21     return approx
22
23 def problem_1():
24     for n in [10, 20, 50, 100, 200]:
25         print "\n      n = %d" % n
26         a = comp_trap_rule(sin, 0, pi, n)
27         b = comp_trap_rule(cos, 0, pi, n)
28         c = comp_trap_rule(sin, 0, (pi/2), n)
29         d = comp_trap_rule(exp, 0, log(3), n)

```

```

30     print "          a = %.10e" % a
31     print "          b = %.10e" % b
32     print "          c = %.10e" % c
33     print "          d = %.10e" % d
34
35 problem_1()

```

Listing 1: Problem 1 source code

The following is the output of the above Python code:

```

1      n = 10
2          a = 1.9835235375e+00
3          b = 3.8857805862e-16
4          c = 9.9794298635e-01
5          d = 2.0020111771e+00
6
7      n = 20
8          a = 1.9958859727e+00
9          b = 1.6653345369e-16
10         c = 9.9948590525e-01
11         d = 2.0005028701e+00
12
13     n = 50
14         a = 1.9993419831e+00
15         b = -2.7755575616e-17
16         c = 9.9991775194e-01
17         d = 2.0000804626e+00
18
19     n = 100
20         a = 1.9998355039e+00
21         b = -4.0939474033e-16
22         c = 9.9997943824e-01
23         d = 2.0000201158e+00
24
25     n = 200
26         a = 1.9999588765e+00
27         b = 6.5919492087e-17
28         c = 9.9999485958e-01
29         d = 2.0000050290e+00

```

## Problem 2

Write a function `midpoint(f, a, b, n)` that implements the composite midpoint rule. Your function should take as input the name of the function to integrate, `f`, the endpoints of the interval of integration, `a` and `b`, and the number of points `n` of subintervals to divide the integral of integration into. Use the function to approximate the same integrals as in **Problem 1** with values of `n` = 10, 20, and 50. In each case indicate the error.

(a)  $\int_0^\pi \sin x \, dx$

The error is bounded by  $|E_M| \leq \frac{K(b-a)^3}{24n^2}$ , where  $a = 0$ ,  $b = \pi$ , and

$$K = \left| \max_{x \in (0, \pi)} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \sin x \right| = 1. \text{ So, } E_T \leq \frac{\pi^3}{24n^2}$$

$n$	$M_n$	Error Bound	Actual Error
10	2.0082484079	$\frac{\pi^3}{24(10)^2} = 0.012919282$	0.0082484079
20	2.0020576483	$\frac{\pi^3}{24(20)^2} = 0.00322982$	0.0020576483
50	2.0003290247	$\frac{\pi^3}{24(50)^2} = 0.000516771$	0.0003290247

(b)  $\int_0^\pi \cos x \, dx$

The error is bounded by  $|E_M| \leq \frac{K(b-a)^3}{24n^2}$ , where  $a = 0$ ,  $b = \pi$ , and

$$K = \left| \max_{x \in (0, \pi)} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \cos x \right| = 1. \text{ So, } E_T \leq \frac{\pi^3}{24n^2}$$

$n$	$M_n$	Error Bound	Actual Error
10	$-5.5511151231 \times 10^{-17}$	$\frac{\pi^3}{24(10)^2} = 0.012919282$	$5.5511151231 \times 10^{-17}$
20	$-1.3877787808 \times 10^{-16}$	$\frac{\pi^3}{24(20)^2} = 0.00322982$	$1.3877787808 \times 10^{-16}$
50	$3.0531133177 \times 10^{-16}$	$\frac{\pi^3}{24(50)^2} = 0.000516771$	$3.0531133177 \times 10^{-16}$

(c)  $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin x \, dx$

The error is bounded by  $|E_M| \leq \frac{K(b-a)^3}{24n^2}$ , where  $a = 0$ ,  $b = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , and

$$K = \left| \max_{x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \sin x \right| = 1. \text{ So, } E_T \leq \frac{\pi^3}{192n^2}$$

$n$	$M_n$	Error Bound	Actual Error
10	1.0010288241	$\frac{\pi^3}{192(10)^2} = 0.00161491$	0.0010288241
20	1.0002570672	$\frac{\pi^3}{192(20)^2} = 0.000403728$	0.0002570672
50	1.0000411245	$\frac{\pi^3}{192(50)^2} = 6.4596 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.11245 \times 10^{-5}$

(d)  $\int_0^{\ln 3} e^x dx$

The error is bounded by  $|E_M| \leq \frac{K(b-a)^3}{24n^2}$ , where  $a = 0$ ,  $b = \ln 3$ , and

$$K = \left| \max_{x \in (0, \ln 3)} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} e^x \right| = 3. \text{ So, } E_T \leq \frac{(\ln 3)^3}{8n^2}$$

$n$	$M_n$	Error Bound	Actual Error
10	1.9989945632	$\frac{(\ln 3)^3}{8(10)^2} = 0.001657461$	0.0010054368
20	1.9997485744	$\frac{(\ln 3)^3}{8(20)^2} = 0.000414365$	0.0002514256
50	1.9999597689	$\frac{(\ln 3)^3}{8(50)^2} = 6.6298 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.02311 \times 10^{-5}$

The following Python code was used to generate the above approximations:

```

1 from __future__ import division
2 from math import sin, cos, pi, exp, log
3
4 def rect_area(b, h):
5     return b*h
6
7 def comp_mdpt_rule(f, a, b, n):
8     h = (b-a)/n
9
10    approx = 0
11    for i in xrange(0, n):
12        approx += rect_area(h, f(a + i*h + (1/2)*h))
13    return approx

```

```

14
15 def problem_2():
16     for n in [10, 20, 50]:
17         print "\n      n = %d" % n
18         a = comp_mdpt_rule(sin, 0, pi, n)
19         b = comp_mdpt_rule(cos, 0, pi, n)
20         c = comp_mdpt_rule(sin, 0, (pi/2), n)
21         d = comp_mdpt_rule(exp, 0, log(3), n)
22         print "          a = %.10e" % a
23         print "          b = %.10e" % b
24         print "          c = %.10e" % c
25         print "          d = %.10e" % d
26
27
28 problem_2()

```

Listing 2: Problem 2 source code

The following is the output of the above Python code:

```

1      n = 10
2      a = 2.0082484079e+00
3      b = -5.5511151231e-17
4      c = 1.0010288241e+00
5      d = 1.9989945632e+00
6
7      n = 20
8      a = 2.0020576483e+00
9      b = -1.3877787808e-16
10     c = 1.0002570672e+00
11     d = 1.9997485744e+00
12
13     n = 50
14     a = 2.0003290247e+00
15     b = 3.0531133177e-16
16     c = 1.0000411245e+00
17     d = 1.9999597689e+00

```



### Problem 3

Write a function `midpoint(f, a, b, n)` that implements the composite midpoint rule. Your function should take as input the name of the function to integrate, `f`, the endpoints of the interval of integration, `a` and `b`, and the number of points `n` of subintervals to divide the integral of integration into. Use the function to approximate the same integrals as in **Problem 1** with values of `n` = 10, 20, and 50. In each case indicate the error.

(a)  $\int_0^\pi \sin x \, dx$

The error is bounded by  $|E_S| \leq \frac{K(b-a)^5}{180n^4}$ , where  $a = 0$ ,  $b = \pi$ , and  $K = \left| \max_{x \in (0, \pi)} \frac{d^4}{dx^4} \sin x \right| = 1$ . So,  $E_T \leq \frac{\pi^5}{180n^4}$

$n$	$S_n$	Error Bound	Actual Error
10	2.0001095173	$\frac{\pi^5}{180(10)^4} = 0.000170011$	0.0001095173
20	2.0000067844	$\frac{\pi^5}{180(20)^4} = 1.06256835 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.7844 \times 10^{-6}$
50	2.0000001733	$\frac{\pi^5}{180(50)^4} = 2.720174976 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.733 \times 10^{-7}$
100	2.0000000108	$\frac{\pi^5}{180(100)^4} = 1.70010936 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.08 \times 10^{-8}$
200	2.0000000007	$\frac{\pi^5}{180(200)^4} = 1.06256835 \times 10^{-9}$	$7 \times 10^{-10}$

(b)  $\int_0^\pi \cos x \, dx$

The error is bounded by  $|E_S| \leq \frac{K(b-a)^5}{180n^4}$ , where  $a = 0$ ,  $b = \pi$ , and  $K = \left| \max_{x \in (0, \pi)} \frac{d^4}{dx^4} \cos x \right| = 1$ . So,  $E_S \leq \frac{\pi^5}{180n^4}$

$n$	$S_n$	Error Bound	Actual Error
10	0.0000000000	$\frac{\pi^5}{180(10)^4} = 0.000170011$	0.0000000000
20	$3.3306690739 \times 10^{-16}$	$\frac{\pi^5}{180(20)^4} = 1.06256835 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.3306690739 \times 10^{-16}$
50	$-8.3266726847 \times 10^{-17}$	$\frac{\pi^5}{180(50)^4} = 2.720174976 \times 10^{-7}$	$8.3266726847 \times 10^{-17}$
100	$-5.2735593670 \times 10^{-16}$	$\frac{\pi^5}{180(100)^4} = 1.70010936 \times 10^{-8}$	$5.2735593670 \times 10^{-16}$
200	$6.9388939039 \times 10^{-18}$	$\frac{\pi^5}{180(200)^4} = 1.06256835 \times 10^{-9}$	$6.9388939039 \times 10^{-18}$

(c)  $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin x \, dx$

The error is bounded by  $|E_S| \leq \frac{K(b-a)^5}{180n^4}$ , where  $a = 0$ ,  $b = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , and  
 $K = \left| \max_{x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})} \frac{d^4}{dx^4} \sin x \right| = 1$ . So,  $E_S \leq \frac{\pi^5}{5760n^4}$

$n$	$S_n$	Error Bound	Actual Error
10	1.000003392220900	$\frac{\pi^5}{5760(10)^4} = 5.31284175 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.392220900 \times 10^{-6}$
20	1.000000211546591	$\frac{\pi^5}{5760(20)^4} = 3.320526094 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.11546591 \times 10^{-7}$
50	1.0000000005412252	$\frac{\pi^5}{5760(50)^4} = 8.5005468 \times 10^{-9}$	$5.412252 \times 10^{-9}$
100	1.0000000000338236	$\frac{\pi^5}{5760(100)^4} = 5.3128417 \times 10^{-10}$	$3.38236 \times 10^{-10}$
200	1.0000000000021139	$\frac{\pi^5}{5760(200)^4} = 3.3205261 \times 10^{-11}$	$2.1139 \times 10^{-11}$

(d)  $\int_0^{\ln 3} e^x \, dx$

The error is bounded by  $|E_S| \leq \frac{K(b-a)^5}{180n^4}$ , where  $a = 0$ ,  $b = \ln 3$ , and

$$K = \left| \max_{x \in (0, \ln 3)} \frac{d^4}{dx^4} e^x \right| = 3. \text{ So, } E_T \leq \frac{(\ln 3)^5}{60n^4}$$

$n$	$S_n$	Error Bound	Actual Error
10	2.000001616261506	$\frac{(\ln 3)^5}{60(10)^4} = 2.667294764 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.616261506 \times 10^{-6}$
20	2.000000101125187	$\frac{(\ln 3)^5}{60(20)^4} = 1.667059228 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.01125187 \times 10^{-7}$
50	2.000000002589586	$\frac{(\ln 3)^5}{60(50)^4} = 4.267671623 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.589586 \times 10^{-9}$
100	2.000000000161856	$\frac{(\ln 3)^5}{60(100)^4} = 2.6672948 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.61856 \times 10^{-10}$
200	2.000000000010117	$\frac{(\ln 3)^5}{60(200)^4} = 1.6670592 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.0117 \times 10^{-11}$

The following Python code was used to generate the above approximations:

```

1 from __future__ import division
2 from math import sin, cos, pi, exp, log
3
4 def rect_area(b, h):
5     return b*h
6
7 def trap_area(b_1, b_2, h):
8     return (1/2)*(b_1 + b_2)*h
9
10 def simp_rule(f, a, b):
11     M = rect_area(f((a+b)/2), (b-a))
12     T = trap_area(f(a), f(b), (b-a))
13     return (2*M + T)/3
14
15 def comp_simp_rule(f, a, b, n):
16     h = (b-a)/n
17
18     approx = 0
19     for i in xrange(0, int(n/2)):
20         approx += simp_rule(f, a+(2*i*h), a+((2*i+2)*h))
21     return approx
22
23 def problem_3():
24     for n in [10, 20, 50, 100, 200]:
25         print "\n      n = %d" % n
26         a = comp_simp_rule(sin, 0, pi, n)
27         b = comp_simp_rule(cos, 0, pi, n)
28         c = comp_simp_rule(sin, 0, (pi/2), n)
29         d = comp_simp_rule(exp, 0, log(3), n)
30         print "          a = %.10e" % a
31         print "          b = %.10e" % b
32         print "          c = %.10e" % c
33         print "          d = %.10e" % d
34

```

## Listing 3: Problem 3 source code

The following is the output of the above Python code:

```
1      n = 10
2          a = 2.0001095173e+00
3          b = 0.0000000000e+00
4          c = 1.000003392220900e+00
5          d = 2.000001616261506e+00
6
7      n = 20
8          a = 2.0000067844e+00
9          b = 3.3306690739e-16
10         c = 1.000000211546591e+00
11         d = 2.000000101125187e+00
12
13     n = 50
14         a = 2.0000001733e+00
15         b = -8.3266726847e-17
16         c = 1.000000005412252e+00
17         d = 2.000000002589586e+00
18
19     n = 100
20         a = 2.0000000108e+00
21         b = -5.2735593670e-16
22         c = 1.000000000338236e+00
23         d = 2.000000000161856e+00
24
25     n = 200
26         a = 2.0000000007e+00
27         b = 6.9388939039e-18
28         c = 1.00000000021139e+00
29         d = 2.00000000010117e+00
```

## Problem 4

Write a function `Dfwd(f, x, h=1e-6)` that implements the 1st order finite difference approximation of the derivative

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

Use this formula to approximate the derivative of the following functions at the specified values of  $x$  for  $h = 0.1, 0.05, 0.01$ , and  $0.001$  and calculate the error and the error bound. Present your results for each function in a table like the one for the previous problems:

- (a)  $f(x) = e^x$  at  $x = 0$ . The exact value is

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= e^x \\ f'(0) &= e^0 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

The error is bounded by  $|E| \leq \frac{hK}{2}$ , where  $K = \max_{x \in (0, h)} |f''(x)|$ . Since  $f''(x) = e^x$  is an increasing positive function,  $K = e^h$ . So,  $E \leq \frac{he^h}{2}$

$h$	$\sim f'(0)$	Error Bound	Actual Error
0.1	1.0517091808	$\frac{0.1e^{0.1}}{2} = 0.0552585$	0.0517091808
0.05	1.0254219275	$\frac{0.051e^{0.05}}{2} = 0.026281777$	0.0254219275
0.01	1.0050167084	$\frac{0.01e^{0.01}}{2} = 0.00505025$	0.0050167084
0.001	1.0005001667	$\frac{0.001e^{0.001}}{2} = 0.000500500$	0.0005001667

- (b)  $f(x) = e^{-2x^2}$  at  $x = 0$ . The exact value is

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= -4x e^{-2x^2} \\ f'(0) &= -4(0) e^0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The error is bounded by  $|E| \leq \frac{hK}{2}$ , where  $K = \max_{x \in (0, h)} |f''(x)|$ . Since  $f''(x) = 4e^{-2x^2}(4x^2 - 1)$  is an increasing negative function on  $(0, h)$  (for the  $h$ 's we are considering),  $K = |f''(0)| = 4$ . So,  $E \leq 2h$

$h$	$\sim f'(0)$	Error Bound	Actual Error
0.1	-0.19801326693	$2(0.1) = 0.2$	0.19801326693
0.05	-0.099750416146	$2(0.05) = 0.1$	0.099750416146
0.01	-0.019998000133	$2(0.01) = 0.02$	0.019998000133
0.001	-0.0019999980000	$2(0.001) = 0.002$	0.0019999980000

(c)  $f(x) = \cos x$  at  $x = 2\pi$ . The exact value is

$$f'(x) = -\sin x$$

$$f'(0) = -\sin 0 = 0$$

The error is bounded by  $|E| \leq \frac{hK}{2}$ , where  $K = \max_{x \in (2\pi, 2\pi+h)} |f''(x)|$ . Since  $f''(x) = -\cos x$  is an increasing negative function on  $(2\pi, 2\pi + h)$  (for the  $h$ 's we are considering),  $K = |f''(0)| = 1$ . So,  $E \leq \frac{h}{2}$

$h$	$\sim f'(0)$	Error Bound	Actual Error
0.1	-0.049958347220	$\frac{0.1}{2} = 0.05$	0.049958347220
0.05	-0.024994792101	$\frac{0.05}{2} = 0.025$	0.024994792101
0.01	-0.0049999583335	$\frac{0.01}{2} = 0.005$	0.0049999583335
0.001	-0.0004999995833	$\frac{0.001}{2} = 0.0005$	0.0004999995833

(d)  $f(x) = \ln x$  at  $x = 1$ . The exact value is

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$f'(1) = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

The error is bounded by  $|E| \leq \frac{hK}{2}$ , where  $K = \max_{x \in (1, 1+h)} |f''(x)|$ . Since  $f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$  is an increasing negative function on  $(1, 1 + h)$ ,  $K = |f''(1)| = 1$ . So,  $E \leq \frac{h}{2}$

$h$	$\sim f'(0)$	Error Bound	Actual Error
0.1	0.95310179804	$\frac{0.1}{2} = 0.05$	0.04689820196
0.05	0.97580328339	$\frac{0.05}{2} = 0.025$	0.02419671661
0.01	0.99503308532	$\frac{0.01}{2} = 0.005$	0.00496691468
0.001	0.99950033308	$\frac{0.001}{2} = 0.0005$	0.00049966692

The following Python code was used to generate the above approximations:

```

1 from __future__ import division
2 from math import cos, pi, exp, log
3
4 def first_order_deriv_approx(f, x, h=1e-6):
5     return (f(x+h) - f(x))/h
6
7 def exp_4b(x):
8     return exp(-2*(x**2))
9
10 def problem_4():
11     for h in [0.1, 0.05, 0.01, 0.001]:
12         print "\n      h = %.3f" % h
13         a = first_order_deriv_approx(exp, 0, h)
14         b = first_order_deriv_approx(exp_4b, 0, h)
15         c = first_order_deriv_approx(cos, 2*pi, h)
16         d = first_order_deriv_approx(log, 1, h)
17         print "          a = %.10e" % a
18         print "          b = %.10e" % b
19         print "          c = %.10e" % c
20         print "          d = %.10e" % d
21
22 problem_4()

```

Listing 4: Problem 3 source code

The following is the output of the above Python code:

```

1      h = 0.100
2          a = 1.0517091808e+00
3          b = -1.9801326693e-01
4          c = -4.9958347220e-02
5          d = 9.5310179804e-01
6
7      h = 0.050
8          a = 1.0254219275e+00
9          b = -9.9750416146e-02
10         c = -2.4994792101e-02

```

```
11         d = 9.7580328339e-01
12
13     h = 0.010
14         a = 1.0050167084e+00
15         b = -1.9998000133e-02
16         c = -4.9999583335e-03
17         d = 9.9503308532e-01
18
19     h = 0.001
20         a = 1.0005001667e+00
21         b = -1.9999980000e-03
22         c = -4.9999995833e-04
23         d = 9.9950033308e-01
```



## Problem 5

Repeat **Problem 4** for the 2nd order centered difference

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}$$

- (a)  $f(x) = e^x$  at  $x = 0$ . The error is bounded by  $|E| \leq \frac{h^2 K}{6}$ , where  $K = \max_{x \in (-h, h)} |f'''(x)|$ .

Since  $f'''(x) = e^x$  is an increasing positive function,  $K = e^h$ . So,  $E \leq \frac{h^2 e^h}{6}$

$h$	$\sim f'(0)$	Error Bound	Actual Error
0.1	1.001667500198441	$\frac{0.1^2 e^{0.1}}{6} = 0.00184195$	0.001667500198441
0.05	1.000416718753101	$\frac{0.051^2 e^{0.05}}{6} = 0.0004380296$	0.000416718753101
0.01	1.000016666749992	$\frac{0.01^2 e^{0.01}}{6} = 1.6834169 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.6666749992 \times 10^{-5}$
0.001	1.000000166666681	$\frac{0.001^2 e^{0.001}}{6} = 1.668334 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.66666681 \times 10^{-7}$

- (b)  $f(x) = e^{-2x^2}$  at  $x = 0$ . The error is bounded by  $|E| \leq \frac{h^2 K}{6}$ , where  $K = \max_{x \in (-h, h)} |f'''(x)|$ .

Since  $f'''(x) = -16xe^{-2x^2}(4x^2 - 3)$  is an increasing positive function on  $(0, h)$  (for the  $h$ 's we are considering) and  $f'''(x)$  is odd,  $K = |f'''(h)|$ . So,  $E \leq \frac{-8h^3(4h^2 - 3)e^{-2h^2}}{3}$

$h$	$\sim f'(0)$	Error Bound	Actual Error
0.1	0.0000000000	$\frac{-8(0.1)^3(4(0.1)^2 - 3)e^{-2(0.1)^2}}{3} = 0.00773703486$	0.0000000000000000
0.05	0.0000000000	$\frac{-8(0.05)^3(4(0.05)^2 - 3)e^{-2(0.05)^2}}{3} = 0.40435377$	0.0000000000000000
0.01	0.0000000000	$\frac{-8(0.01)^3(4(0.01)^2 - 3)e^{-2(0.01)^2}}{3} = 7.9973337 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0000000000000000
0.001	0.0000000000	$\frac{-8(0.001)^3(4(0.001)^2 - 3)e^{-2(0.001)^2}}{3} = 7.99997 \times 10^{-9}$	0.0000000000000000

- (c)  $f(x) = \cos x$  at  $x = 2\pi$ . The error is bounded by  $|E| \leq \frac{h^2 K}{6}$ , where  $K = \max_{x \in (2\pi-h, 2\pi+h)} |f'''(x)|$ . Since  $f'''(x) = \sin x$  is an increasing negative function on  $(2\pi, 2\pi + h)$  (for the  $h$ 's we are considering) and  $f'''(x)$  is odd and  $2\pi$ -periodic,  $K = |f'''(2\pi + h)| = \sin(h)$ . So,  $E \leq \frac{h^2 \sin h}{6}$

$h$	$\sim f'(0)$	Error Bound	Actual Error
0.1	0.0000000000000000	$\frac{(0.1)^2 \sin(0.1)}{6} = 0.000166389$	0.0000000000000000
0.05	0.0000000000000000	$\frac{(0.05)^2 \sin(0.05)}{6} = 2.082465386 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0000000000000000
0.01	0.0000000000000000	$\frac{(0.01)^2 \sin(0.01)}{6} = 1.666638889 \times 10^{-7}$	0.0000000000000000
0.001	0.0000000000000000	$\frac{(0.001)^2 \sin(0.001)}{6} = 1.666666 \times 10^{-10}$	0.0000000000000000

- (d)  $f(x) = \ln x$  as  $x = 1$ . The error is bounded by  $|E| \leq \frac{h^2 K}{6}$ , where  $K = \max_{x \in (1-h, 1+h)} |f'''(x)|$ . Since  $f'''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3}$  is a decreasing positive function on  $(1-h, 1+h)$  (for the  $h$ 's we are considering),  $K = |f'''(1-h)|$ . So,  $E \leq \frac{h^2}{3(1-h)^3}$

$h$	$\sim f'(0)$	Error Bound	Actual Error
0.1	1.003353477310756	$\frac{(0.1)^2}{3(1-(0.1))^3} = 0.00457247$	0.003353477310756
0.05	1.000834585569826	$\frac{(0.05)^2}{3(1-(0.05))^3} = 0.00097195898$	0.000834585569826
0.01	1.000033335333477	$\frac{(0.01)^2}{3(1-(0.01))^3} = 3.43536717 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.3335333477 \times 10^{-5}$
0.001	1.000000333333479	$\frac{(0.001)^2}{3(1-(0.001))^3} = 3.3433534 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.33333479 \times 10^{-7}$

The following Python code was used to generate the above approximations:

```

1 from __future__ import division
2 from math import cos, pi, exp, log
3
4 def second_order_deriv_approx(f, x, h=1e-6):
5     return (f(x+h) - f(x-h))/(2*h)
6
7 def exp_4b(x):
8     return exp(-2*(x**2))
9
10 def problem_5():
11     for h in [0.1, 0.05, 0.01, 0.001]:
12         print "\n      h = %.3f" % h
13         a = second_order_deriv_approx(exp, 0, h)
14         b = second_order_deriv_approx(exp_4b, 0, h)
15         c = second_order_deriv_approx(cos, 2*pi, h)
16         d = second_order_deriv_approx(log, 1, h)
17         print "          a = %.15e" % a

```

```

18     print "          b = %.15e" % b
19     print "          c = %.15e" % c
20     print "          d = %.15e" % d
21
22 problem_5()

```

Listing 5: Problem 3 source code

The following is the output of the above Python code:

```

1      h = 0.100
2          a = 1.001667500198441e+00
3          b = 0.000000000000000e+00
4          c = 0.000000000000000e+00
5          d = 1.003353477310756e+00
6
7      h = 0.050
8          a = 1.000416718753101e+00
9          b = 0.000000000000000e+00
10         c = 0.000000000000000e+00
11         d = 1.000834585569826e+00
12
13     h = 0.010
14         a = 1.000016666749992e+00
15         b = 0.000000000000000e+00
16         c = 0.000000000000000e+00
17         d = 1.000033335333477e+00
18
19     h = 0.001
20         a = 1.000000166666681e+00
21         b = 0.000000000000000e+00
22         c = 0.000000000000000e+00
23         d = 1.000000333333479e+00

```

## Problem 6

A particle moves along a trajectory in the  $xy$  plane such that at time  $t$  the object has position  $(x(t), y(t))$ . The velocity vector of the particle can be approximated by

$$v(t) \approx \left( \frac{x(t + \Delta t) - x(t)}{\Delta t}, \frac{y(t + \Delta t) - y(t)}{\Delta t} \right)$$

and its acceleration by

$$a(t) \approx \left( \frac{x(t + \Delta t) - 2x(t) + x(t - \Delta t))}{\Delta t^2}, \frac{y(t + \Delta t) - 2y(t) + y(t - \Delta t))}{\Delta t^2} \right)$$

Write a function `kinematics(x, y, t, dt=1.0e-6)` that approximates the velocity and acceleration of a particle with position vector  $(\cos 2\pi t, \sin 2\pi t)$  for  $t = 0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}$ , and  $dt = 0.1, 0.05$ , and  $0.01$ . Calculate the error in the approximations. Display your results in a table.

The actual solutions are:

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= x'(t) = (-2\pi \sin(2\pi t), 2\pi \cos(2\pi t)) \\ \implies v(0) &= (0, 2\pi) \\ v\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) &= (-2\pi, 0) \\ v\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= (0, -2\pi) \\ v\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) &= (2\pi, 0) \\ a(t) &= v'(t) = (-4\pi^2 \cos(2\pi t), -4\pi^2 \sin(2\pi t)) \\ \implies a(0) &= (-4\pi^2, 0) \\ a\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) &= (0, -4\pi^2) \\ a\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= (4\pi^2, 0) \\ a\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) &= (0, 4\pi^2) \end{aligned}$$

t	dt	Approximate Velocity	Velocity Error	Velocity Error Magnitude
0	0.1	(−1.90983, 5.87785)	(1.90983, 0.4053353)	1.95236967
	0.05	(−0.978870, 6.18034)	(0.978870, 0.1028453)	0.9842579
	0.01	(−0.197327, 6.27905)	(0.197327, 0.0041353)	0.1973703
$\frac{1}{4}$	0.1	(−5.87785, −1.90983)	(0.4053353, 1.90983)	1.95236967
	0.05	(−6.18034, −0.978870)	(0.1028453, 0.978870)	0.9842579
	0.01	(−6.27905, −0.197327)	(0.0041353, 0.197327)	0.1973703
$\frac{1}{2}$	0.1	(1.90983, −5.87785)	(1.90983, 0.4053353)	1.95236967
	0.05	(0.978870, −6.180340)	(0.978870, 0.1028453)	0.9842579
	0.01	(0.197327, −6.27905)	(0.197327, 0.0041353)	0.1973703
$\frac{3}{4}$	0.1	(5.87785, 1.90983)	(0.4053353, 1.90983)	1.95236967
	0.05	(6.180340, 0.978870)	(0.1028453, 0.978870)	0.9842579
	0.01	(6.27905, 0.197327)	(0.0041353, 0.197327)	0.1973703

t	dt	Approximate Acceleration	Acceleration Error	Acceleration Error Magnitude
0	0.1	$(-38.196601, 0.0000000)$	$(1.281816, 0.0000000)$	1.281816
	0.05	$(-39.154787, 0.0000000)$	$(0.3236306, 0.0000000)$	0.3236306
	0.01	$(-39.465431, 0.0000000)$	$(0.0129866, 0.0000000)$	0.0129866
$\frac{1}{4}$	0.1	$(1.11 \times 10^{-14}, -38.196601)$	$(1.11 \times 10^{-14}, 1.281816)$	1.281816
	0.05	$(0.0000000000, -39.154787)$	$(0.0000000, 0.3236306)$	0.3236306
	0.01	$(-1.39 \times 10^{-13}, -39.465431)$	$(-1.39 \times 10^{-13}, 0.0129866)$	0.0129866
$\frac{1}{2}$	0.1	$(38.196601, 0.0000000)$	$(1.281816, 0.0000000)$	1.281816
	0.05	$(39.154787, -1.78 \times 10^{-13})$	$(0.3236306, -1.78 \times 10^{-13})$	0.3236306
	0.01	$(39.465431, 0.0000000)$	$(0.0129866, 0.0000000)$	0.0129866
$\frac{3}{4}$	0.1	$(0.0000000, 38.196601)$	$(0.0000000, 1.281816)$	1.281816
	0.05	$(2.22 \times 10^{-14}, 39.154787)$	$(2.22 \times 10^{-14}, 0.3236306)$	0.3236306
	0.01	$(0.0000000, 39.465431)$	$(0.0000000, 0.0129866)$	0.0129866

The following Python code was used to generate the above approximations:

```

1 from __future__ import division
2 from math import cos, pi, exp, log
3
4 def first_order_deriv_approx(f, x, h=1e-6):
5     return (f(x+h) - f(x))/h
6
7 def kin_cos(t):
8     return cos(2*pi*t)
9
10 def kin_sin(t):
11     return sin(2*pi*t)
12
13 def kinematics(x, y, t, dt=1.0e-6):
14     x_vel = first_order_deriv_approx(x, t, dt)
15     y_vel = first_order_deriv_approx(y, t, dt)
16     vel = (x_vel, y_vel)
17
18     x_acc = (x(t+dt) - 2*x(t) + x(t-dt))/(dt**2)

```

```

19     y_acc = (y(t+dt) - 2*y(t) + y(t-dt))/(dt**2)
20     acc = (x_acc, y_acc)
21
22     return (vel, acc)
23 def problem_6():
24     for t in [0, (1/4), (1/2), (3/4)]:
25         print "\n      t = %.2f" % t
26         for dt in [0.1, 0.05, 0.01]:
27             print "\n          dt = %.2f" % dt
28             (vel, acc) = kinematics(kin_cos, kin_sin, t, dt)
29             print "                vel = (%.10e, %.10e)" % (vel[0], vel[1])
30             print "                acc = (%.10e, %.10e)" % (acc[0], acc[1])
31
32 problem_6()

```

Listing 6: Problem 3 source code

The following is the output of the above Python code:

```

1      t = 0.00
2
3      dt = 0.10
4          vel = (-1.9098300563e+00, 5.8778525229e+00)
5          acc = (-3.8196601125e+01, 0.0000000000e+00)
6
7      dt = 0.05
8          vel = (-9.7886967410e-01, 6.1803398875e+00)
9          acc = (-3.9154786964e+01, 0.0000000000e+00)
10
11     dt = 0.01
12         vel = (-1.9732715717e-01, 6.2790519529e+00)
13         acc = (-3.9465431435e+01, 0.0000000000e+00)
14
15     t = 0.25
16
17     dt = 0.10
18         vel = (-5.8778525229e+00, -1.9098300563e+00)
19         acc = (1.1102230246e-14, -3.8196601125e+01)
20
21     dt = 0.05
22         vel = (-6.1803398875e+00, -9.7886967410e-01)
23         acc = (0.0000000000e+00, -3.9154786964e+01)
24
25     dt = 0.01
26         vel = (-6.2790519529e+00, -1.9732715717e-01)
27         acc = (-1.3877787808e-13, -3.9465431435e+01)
28
29     t = 0.50
30

```

```

31     dt = 0.10
32     vel = (1.9098300563e+00, -5.8778525229e+00)
33     acc = (3.8196601125e+01, 0.0000000000e+00)
34
35     dt = 0.05
36     vel = (9.7886967410e-01, -6.1803398875e+00)
37     acc = (3.9154786964e+01, -1.7763568394e-13)
38
39     dt = 0.01
40     vel = (1.9732715717e-01, -6.2790519529e+00)
41     acc = (3.9465431435e+01, 0.0000000000e+00)
42
43     t = 0.75
44
45     dt = 0.10
46     vel = (5.8778525229e+00, 1.9098300563e+00)
47     acc = (0.0000000000e+00, 3.8196601125e+01)
48
49     dt = 0.05
50     vel = (6.1803398875e+00, 9.7886967410e-01)
51     acc = (2.2204460493e-14, 3.9154786964e+01)
52
53     dt = 0.01
54     vel = (6.2790519529e+00, 1.9732715717e-01)
55     acc = (0.0000000000e+00, 3.9465431435e+01)

```