

**Math 151A**

**HW #7, due on Friday, November 29, 2024 at 11:59pm PST.**

[1] Approximate the following integrals using Trapezoidal rule.

(a)  $\int_0^1 x^2 e^{-x} dx$

(b)  $\int_1^{1.6} \frac{2x}{x^2-4} dx$

[2] 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  $f(1)$ ?

[3] [*Composite quadrature rules*]

Use the Composite Trapezoidal and Composite Simpson's rules to approximate the integral

$$\int_1^2 x \ln(x) dx$$

with  $n = 4$  subintervals. What are the relative errors? (*Hint*: to compute the true value of the integral, integrate by parts.)

[4] Using Intermediate Value Theorem show that the error for Composite Simpson's Rule can be estimated by:

$$\left| \frac{h^5}{90} \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} f^{(4)}(\xi_j) \right| \leq \frac{h^4}{180} (b-a) |f^{(4)}(\xi)|$$

*Hint*: Use similar steps as for the error in composite Trapezoidal rule.

[5] [*Computational cost as a function of error tolerance*]

Recall from lecture that the error in the Composite Trapezoidal Rule (CTR) using  $n$  subintervals of width  $h$  is given by

$$\frac{-h^2}{12} (b-a) f''(\mu) \tag{1}$$

for some  $\mu \in (a, b)$ .

- (a) Determine the values of  $n$  and  $h$  that are sufficient to approximate

$$\int_1^2 x \ln(x) dx \quad (2)$$

to within an error tolerance of  $\tau = 10^{-5}$ ; that is, determine  $n$  and  $h$  so that the error when applying the CTR to (2) is smaller (in absolute value) than  $\tau$ .

- (b) Repeat part (a) for the case of Composite Simpson's Rule.

[6] Find constants  $a, b, c, d$  such that the quadrature rule below has degree of precision 3.

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = a f(-1) + b f(1) + c f'(-1) + d f'(1)$$

[7] **Computational exercise** Consider the nonlinear equation for  $x$ :

$$\int_0^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^2/2} dt = 0.45.$$

Note that  $t$  is just a 'dummy' variable of integration.

- (a) Define

$$f(x) := \int_0^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^2/2} dt - 0.45.$$

Using the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, write down Newton's method applied to  $f$ .

- (b) Each step of Newton's method derived in (a) requires of an evaluation of  $f(x)$ . Rewrite the method you derived in (a) using Composite Trapezoidal Rule to estimate  $f(x)$ . Indicate with  $N$  the number of subintervals.
- (c) Implement in MATLAB the method derived in part (b) to find the solution  $x$  to the equation  $f(x) = 0$ ; terminate the iteration when the *residual* is smaller than  $\tau = 10^{-5}$ . Use  $x_0 = 0.5$  as an initial guess and  $N = 50$  for composite trapezoidal rule.