Computational physics: Exercises 2

The normal function (normalized to total area 1) with mean value zero and sigma 1 is

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

Evaluate $\int_{-t}^{t} f(x)dx$ where t = 1,2,3,4,5 with precision $\varepsilon = 10^{-7}$

using the trapezoidal and Simpson rule. Compare convergence speed. Compare values with these values:

| 1 | 0.68268949 |
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| 2 | 0.95449974 |
| 3 | 0.99730020 |
| 4 | 0.99993666 |
| 5 | 0.99999943 |

When using an observable which is normally distributed, the probability to find the observable outside t from the mean value is P = 1 - value(t)