

**Question 1** (40%, each of the 3 sub-questions below are worth 15%,15% and 10% respectively).

A definite integral can be computed numerically by the trapezoidal approximation,

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \frac{h}{2}(f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + \dots + 2f(x_{N-1}) + f(x_N)),$$

where  $h = (b - a)/N$  and where  $x_n = a + nh$  for  $n = 0, 1, \dots, N$ . Write a class called DefInt to compute the trapezoidal approximation for a given function  $f$ .

The class should contain the following functionality.

1. Private members to hold the values of the integration limits  $a, b$  and a pointer to the function  $f$ . The function  $f$  should be implemented as a function with one float input argument and return a float.
2. A constructor function such that the integration limits and the pointer to the function  $f$  can be initiated at the time of creating an object of the class e.g.

`DefInt MyInt(a, b, f);`

3. A public function `ByTrapezoid()` taking  $N$  as an argument and returning the trapezoidal approximation to the integral when called by,

`MyInt.ByTrapezoid(N);`

**Question 2** (30%, each of the 3 cases below are worth 10% each).  
Using a use case explain how:

- (a) Function pointers
- (b) Virtual functions, and
- (c) Function templates,

are used in C++. Use C++ code to illustrate your answers. **Hint:** You may use the trapezoidal approximation in Question 1 to illustrate your answers.

**Question 3** (30%, each of the 2 subquestions below carry equal marks).

- (a) Explain (without writing C++ code) how Monte Carlo can be used to compute the Greeks in option pricing. You may explain your answer using an example.
- (b) Describe an appropriate variance reduction technique for an Arithmetic Asian option.

**Answer 1.**

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class DefInt
{
    private:
        double a,b;
        double (*f)(double x);
    public:
        DefInt(double a_, double b_, double (*f_)(double x))
            {a=a_; b=b_; f=f_;}
        double ByTrapezoid(int N);
        double BySimpson(int N);
};

double DefInt::ByTrapezoid(int N)
{
    double h=(b-a)/N;
    double Result=0.5*f(a);
    for (int n=1; n<N; n++) Result+=f(a+n*h);
    Result+=0.5*f(b);
    return Result*h;
}

double f(double x){return x*x*x-x*x+1;}

int main()
{
    double a=1.0;
    double b=2.0;
    DefInt MyInt(a,b,f);
    int N=10;
    cout << "Trapeziodal approximation = "
        << MyInt.ByTrapezoid(N) << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

**Answer 2** (30%, each of the 3 sub-questions below is worth 10%).

If the trapezoidal example is used then the student is expected to explain the issue with function pointers and then illustrate a solution with virtual functions and

function templates.

- Answer 3. (a)** (Sketch). Expected to provide formula for approximating the derivative of the pricing function and explain how the Monte Carlo paths used for pricing can be reused in some cases.
- (b)** (Sketch). Suppose we want to compute  $\mathbb{E}(X)$  and we already know that some other random variable  $Y$  is close to  $X$ , and that we already know  $y = \mathbb{E}(Y)$ . The variable  $Y$  is called the control variate and the estimate,

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \mathbb{E}(X - Y) + y,$$

allows us to reduce the error with out increasing the number of sample paths. A good example of this is in the pricing of an arithmetic Asian option, with a geometric Asian option acting as the control variate.