

1. f is a function defined on $[0, 1]$. Some of its values are shown in the table below:

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|--------|---|-------|------|-------|-----|-------|------|-------|-----|
| x | 0 | 0.125 | 0.25 | 0.375 | 0.5 | 0.625 | 0.75 | 0.875 | 1 |
| $f(x)$ | 2 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 3 | 4 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 2 | 1.5 |

Approximate $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$ by the following rules:

- (i). Midpoint Rule for $n = 4$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 f(x) dx &\approx \frac{1}{4}(f(0.125) + f(0.375) + f(0.625) + f(0.875)) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(2.5 + 3 + 4.5 + 2) \\ &= 3\end{aligned}$$

- (ii). Trapezoid Rule for $n = 4$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 f(x) dx &\approx \frac{1}{2 \times 4}(f(0) + 2f(0.25) + f(0.5) + 2f(0.75) + f(1)) \\ &= \frac{1}{8}(2 + 2 \times 3.5 + 2 \times 4 + 2 \times 3.5 + 1.5) \\ &= 3.1875\end{aligned}$$

- (iii). Simpson's Rule for $n = 8$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 f(x) dx &\approx \frac{1}{3 \times 8}(f(0) + 4f(0.125) + 2f(0.25) + 4f(0.375) \\ &\quad + 2f(0.5) + 4f(0.625) + 2f(0.75) + 4f(0.875) + f(1)) \\ &= \frac{1}{24}(2 + 4 \times 2.5 + 2 \times 3.5 + 4 \times 3 \\ &\quad + 2 \times 4 + 4 \times 4.5 + 2 \times 3.5 + 4 \times 2 + 1.5) \\ &= 3.0625\end{aligned}$$

2. How large should n be to guarantee that the Midpoint Rule Approximation to $\int_0^1 e^{x^2} dx$ is accurate to within $0.00001 = 10^{-5}$?

Solution: The error formula for the Midpoint Rule is $|E_T| \leq \frac{K(b-a)^3}{24n^2}$, where $|f''(x)| \leq K$ on $[a, b]$.

$f(x) = e^{x^2}$, $f'(x) = 2xe^{x^2}$, $f''(x) = 2(1 + 2x^2)e^{x^2}$. Since $f''(x)$ is an increasing function, on $[0, 1]$ we have $|f''(x)| = f''(x) \leq f''(1) = 6e$, so we can take $K = 6e$.

$$\frac{6e \times (1 - 0)^3}{24n^2} \leq 10^{-5}$$

We get $n \geq 50\sqrt{10e} \approx 260.7$, so we need to take $n = 261$.

3. Determine if each of the following improper integrals is convergent or divergent, and evaluate if it is convergent:

(i). $\int_3^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(x-2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx$

Solution:

$$\int_3^t \frac{1}{(x-2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx = \int_3^t \frac{1}{(x-2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} d(x-2) = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{x-2}} \Big|_3^t = 2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{t-2}}$$

$$\int_3^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(x-2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \int_3^t \frac{1}{(x-2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} 2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{t-2}} = 2$$

(ii). $\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1+x^3}} dx$

Solution:

$$\int_0^t \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1+x^3}} dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^t \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^3}} d(1+x^3) = \frac{2}{3}(\sqrt{1+t^3} - 1)$$

So

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1+x^3}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^t \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1+x^3}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2}{3}(\sqrt{1+t^3} - 1) = +\infty$$

The improper integral diverges.

(iii). $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xe^{-x^2} dx$

Solution:

$$\int_0^t x e^{-x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t e^{-x^2} d(-x^2) = -\frac{1}{2} e^{-x^2} \Big|_0^t = \frac{1 - e^{-t^2}}{2}$$

$$\int_0^{+\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^t x e^{-x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1 - e^{-t^2}}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\int_t^0 x e^{-x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{2} \int_t^0 e^{-x^2} d(-x^2) = -\frac{1}{2} e^{-x^2} \Big|_t^0 = \frac{e^{-t^2} - 1}{2}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 x e^{-x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int_t^0 x e^{-x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^{-t^2} - 1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

So

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 x e^{-x^2} dx + \int_0^{+\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

(iv). $\int_0^1 \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}} dx$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_t^1 \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}} dx &= 2 \int_t^1 \ln x d\sqrt{x} \\ &= 2(\sqrt{x} \ln x \Big|_t^1 - \int_t^1 \sqrt{x} d \ln x) \\ &= 2(-\sqrt{t} \ln t - 2\sqrt{x} \Big|_t^1) \\ &= 2(-\sqrt{t} \ln t - 2 + 2\sqrt{t}) \end{aligned}$$

By the L'Hospital's Rule,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{t} \ln t = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln t}{t^{-\frac{1}{2}}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{t^{-1}}{(-\frac{1}{2})t^{-\frac{3}{2}}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} -2\sqrt{t} = 0$$

So

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_t^1 \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} 2(-\sqrt{t} \ln t - 2 + 2\sqrt{t}) = -4$$

(v). $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$

Solution:

$$\int_0^t \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \int_0^{\sin^{-1} t} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2 \theta}} d \sin \theta = \int_0^{\sin^{-1} t} 1 d\theta = \sin^{-1} t$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \int_0^t \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \sin^{-1} t = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

(vi). $\int_0^9 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x-1}} dx$

Solution:

$$\int_0^9 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x-1}} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x-1}} dx + \int_1^9 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x-1}} dx$$

$$\int_0^t \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x-1}} dx = \int_0^t \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x-1}} d(x-1) = \frac{3}{2}(x-1)^{\frac{2}{3}} \Big|_0^t = \frac{3}{2}((t-1)^{\frac{2}{3}} - 1)$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x-1}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \int_0^t \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x-1}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{3}{2}((t-1)^{\frac{2}{3}} - 1) = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\int_t^9 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x-1}} dx = \int_t^9 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x-1}} d(x-1) = \frac{3}{2}(x-1)^{\frac{2}{3}} \Big|_t^9 = \frac{3}{2}(4 - (t-1)^{\frac{2}{3}})$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x-1}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \int_0^t \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x-1}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{3}{2}(4 - (t-1)^{\frac{2}{3}}) = 6$$

$$\int_0^9 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x-1}} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x-1}} dx + \int_1^9 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x-1}} dx = -\frac{3}{2} + 6 = \frac{9}{2}$$

(vii). $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{e^x}{e^x-1} dx$

Solution:

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{e^x}{e^x-1} dx = \int_{-1}^0 \frac{e^x}{e^x-1} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{e^x}{e^x-1} dx$$

$$\int_{-1}^t \frac{e^x}{e^x - 1} dx = \int_{-1}^t \frac{1}{e^x - 1} d(e^x - 1) = \ln |e^x - 1| \Big|_{-1}^t = \ln |e^t - 1| - \ln |e^{-1} - 1|$$

So

$$\int_{-1}^0 \frac{e^x}{e^x - 1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \int_{-1}^t \frac{e^x}{e^x - 1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \ln |e^t - 1| - \ln |e^{-1} - 1| = -\infty$$

diverges, which implies $\int_{-1}^0 \frac{e^x}{e^x - 1} dx$ diverges.

(viii). $\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(1+x)} dx$

Solution:

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(1+x)} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(1+x)} dx + \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(1+x)} dx$$

$$\int_t^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(1+x)} dx = \int_{\sqrt{t}}^1 \frac{1}{u(1+u^2)} du^2 = 2 \int_{\sqrt{t}}^1 \frac{1}{1+u^2} du = 2(\tan^{-1} u) \Big|_{\sqrt{t}}^1 = 2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \tan^{-1} \sqrt{t}\right)$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(1+x)} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} 2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \tan^{-1} \sqrt{t}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\int_1^t \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(1+x)} dx = \int_1^{\sqrt{t}} \frac{1}{u(1+u^2)} du^2 = 2 \int_1^{\sqrt{t}} \frac{1}{1+u^2} du = 2(\tan^{-1} u) \Big|_1^{\sqrt{t}} = 2\left(\tan^{-1} \sqrt{t} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(1+x)} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} 2\left(\tan^{-1} \sqrt{t} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

So

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(1+x)} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(1+x)} dx + \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(1+x)} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} = \pi$$

4. Show that

$$\int_0^{+\infty} x^2 e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t x^2 e^{-x^2} dx &= -\frac{1}{2} \int x(-2x)e^{-x^2} dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \int x de^{-x^2} \\ &= -\frac{x}{2} e^{-x^2} \Big|_0^t + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t e^{-x^2} dx \\ &= -\frac{t}{2e^{t^2}} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t e^{-x^2} dx \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit $t \rightarrow +\infty$, we get

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^t x^2 e^{-x^2} dx = -\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{t}{2e^{t^2}} + \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t e^{-x^2} dx$$

By the L'Hospital's Rule, $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{t}{2e^{t^2}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{4te^{t^2}} = 0$, so we conclude

$$\int_0^{+\infty} x^2 e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$$