

This assignment is due by **Monday July 18, 2022** by 6pm.

1. (10 points)

- (a) Find the values of the coefficients  $\alpha, \beta$  and order of convergence  $p$  such that  $f'(x)$  is best approximated by the formula

$$f'(x) = \frac{\alpha f(x+h) + \beta f(x-2h)}{h} + \mathcal{O}(h^p)$$

- (b) Using the formula derived from part (a), find an approximation of the derivative  $f'(a)$  for the function  $f(x) = \ln(x)$  at  $a = 1$  for the following values of  $h$  (correct to 6 decimal places).
- (i)  $h = 0.1$
  - (ii)  $h = 0.05$
  - (iii)  $h = 0.025$
- (c) Compute the exact value of the derivative  $f'(1)$  and then find the absolute errors of the approximations for each of the three values of  $h$  in part (b) (correct to 6 decimal places).
- (d) Let  $E_h$  be the absolute error for the approximation of the derivative  $f'(1)$  from part (c) for a value of  $h$ . By computing  $E_{0.1}/E_{0.05}$  and  $E_{0.05}/E_{0.025}$ , comment on the order of convergence.

2. (10 points)

- (a) Find the values of the weights  $a_0, a_1$  and  $a_2$  such that the quadrature formula

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx a_0 f(0) + a_1 f(0.25) + a_2 f(1)$$

has the highest possible degree of precision.

- (b) Use the quadrature formula from part (a) to approximate the value of the integral

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx.$$

Compute the exact value of this integral and find the absolute error of the approximation from part (a).

- (c) Show that Gaussian quadrature with 3 nodes and weights

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx \approx \frac{5}{9} f\left(-\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}\right) + \frac{8}{9} f(0) + \frac{5}{9} f\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}\right)$$

has degree of precision equal to 5.

3. (10 points)

- (a) The left end-point rule is defined as follows: for nodes  $x_0$  and  $x_1$ , approximate the integral by the area of a rectangle whose height is evaluated at the left end-point of the interval. Using Taylor series centered at  $x = x_0$ , and expanding  $f(x)$  up to the linear term only, show that the left end-point rule with remainder is given by

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) dx = hf(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2} f'(c)$$

for some  $c \in (x_0, x_1)$ .

- (b) Generalize the method developed in part (a) to show that the composite left-end point method with  $n$  sub-divisions is given by

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = h \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(a + kh) + (b - a) \frac{h}{2} f'(c)$$

where  $c \in (a, b)$ .

- (c) Find the minimum number of sub-divisions  $n$  such that the integral

$$\int_0^1 x^2 dx$$

can be approximated by the left end-point rule up to an error of at most 0.001. Hence find the minimum value of  $h$  that corresponds to this  $n$ .

4. (10 points)

Consider the integral

$$I = \int_0^\pi \exp(\sin(x)) dx \approx 6.208758035711110.$$

- (a) Use the Trapezoidal rule with  $n = 4$  sub-divisions to approximate  $I$ .  
 (b) Use Simpson's method with  $n = 2 \cdot 2 = 4$  sub-divisions to approximate  $I$ .  
 (c) Use Gaussian quadrature with  $n = 3$  nodes to approximate  $I$ .  
 (d) The graph of  $f(x) = \exp(\sin(x))$  and its derivatives  $f'(x)$ ,  $f^{(2)}(x)$ ,  $f^{(3)}(x)$  and  $f^{(4)}(x)$  on  $[0, \pi]$  is depicted below.

Using information from this graph answer the following questions.

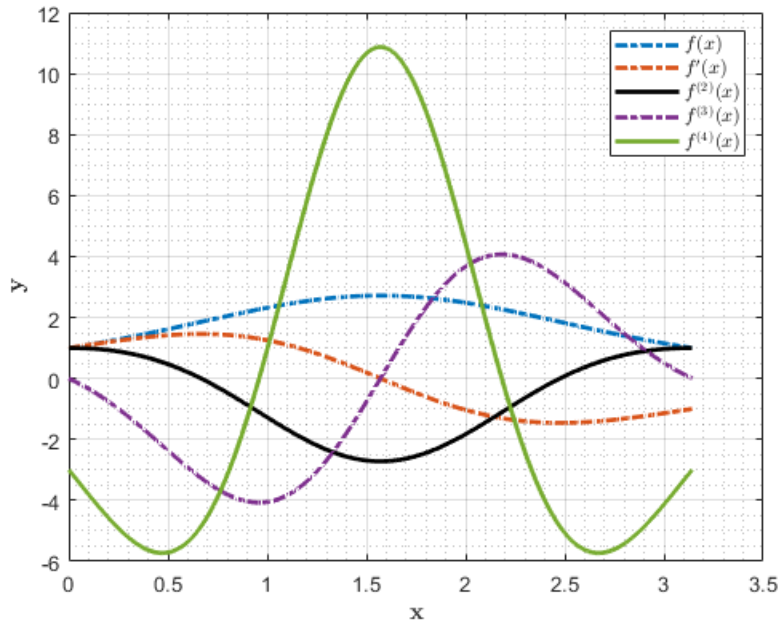
- (i) Find the maximum value of  $h$  such that Simpson's rule applied to the integral  $I$  results in an error not greater than  $10^{-3}$ .  
 (ii) Find the number of sub-divisions  $n$  such that the Trapezoidal rule applied to  $I$  results in an error not greater than  $10^{-3}$ .

5. (10 points)

Consider the initial value problem

$$y'(t) = y(t) - e^{-t}, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad t \in [0, 0.03]$$

The exact solution is  $y(t) = \frac{1}{2} (e^t + e^{-t})$ .



- (a) Use Euler's method with step size  $h = 0.01$  to approximate  $y(0.03)$ . Compute the absolute error of the approximation at  $t = 0.03$ .
- (b) The modified Euler's method (Heun's method) is defined as

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} [f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, y_n + hf(t_n, y_n))], \quad y_0 = y(0).$$

Use the modified Euler's method to approximate the value of  $y(0.03)$  using a step size of  $h = 0.01$ . Compute the absolute error.

- (c) Is the modified Euler's method an explicit or implicit method? Explain.

6. (10 points)

The Crank-Nicholson's scheme for approximating the initial value problem

$$y'(t) = f(t, y(t)), \quad y(0) = y_0$$

is defined as follows

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} [f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})]$$

where  $y_{n+1}$  is the unknown.

- (a) By integrating the ODE on the interval  $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$ , and using the Trapezoidal rule to approximate the integral, derive the Crank-Nicholson scheme.
- (b) Use the Crank-Nicholson scheme with  $h = 0.01$  to approximate  $y(0.03)$  for the initial value problem in 5(a). Compute the absolute error.
- (c) Is the Crank-Nicholson scheme an explicit or implicit method? Explain.
- (d) Use the fourth-order Runge-Kutta (RK-4) method to approximate  $y(0.03)$  for the initial value problem in 5(a). Compute the absolute error.