

- 1) (6 pts) Write a program that will use the trapezoidal method to approximate the value of

$$\int_{-1}^3 x e^{-x^2} dx.$$

and determine the relative error in the approximation. Your program should read in the value of  $n$ . You will need to compute the exact value of the integral, but let your program do most of the work. Obtain a formula for the value of the integral in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ , then have your program evaluate this formula. Don't manually compute the exact value, then assign

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exact = x.xxxxxxxxxd0
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How large does  $n$  have to be in order for the relative error to be less than  $10^{-6}$ ? For this last question, use a trial and error approach. You don't have to find the exact value of  $n$  that satisfies the criteria, but you should get close (for example, if the exact value of  $n$  that meets the accuracy criteria is  $n = 250$ , then  $n = 300$  would be ok, but  $n = 1000$  is not).

- 2) (6 pts) Repeat Problem 1, but this time, use the integral

$$\int_{-1}^3 x \sin\left(\frac{29x}{2}\right) dx.$$

Explain any differences in the value of  $n$  you find here compared to the value of  $n$  from Problem 1.

- 3) (2 pts) Can you use the trapezoidal rule to evaluate

$$\int_0^2 \frac{1}{x-1} dx?$$

Explain why or why not.