Problem Set: Numerical Integration using Trapezoidal, Simpson's, and Quadrature Formulas

Exercise No. 1:

- 1. Calculate the approximate value of the integral $I = \int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \operatorname{erf}(1) \approx 0.7468$ using: a. The Trapezoidal method with 1, 4, and 8 intervals.
 - b. Simpson's method with 2, 6, and 8 intervals.
- 2. Calculate the error committed by each method and discuss.

Exercise No. 2:

Consider the numerical calculation of the integral $I = \int_0^3 \frac{x dx}{x^2 + 1} = \frac{\ln (10)}{2} \approx 1.1513.$

- 1. Find the step size h such that the error does not exceed 10^{-4} for both the Trapezoidal and Simpson's methods.
- 2. Calculate the integral using these two methods with the found step size.
- 3. Calculate the exact value of the integral and make the comparison.

Exercise No. 3:

We want to calculate $\int_1^3 (xe^x - 1)dx = 2(e^3 - 1) \approx 38.1710$ using a quadrature formula of the form: $\int_1^3 f(x)dx = A_0f(1) + A_1f(2) + A_2f(3)$.

- 1. Write the system of equations that gives the coefficients A_i.
- 2. Solve the system and calculate the integral.
- 3. Evaluate the error in this calculation.
- 4. Calculate the exact value of the integral and make the comparison.

Exercise No. 4 (Homework):

a) Use Simpson's method to calculate the integral $I = \int_{1}^{2} \frac{dx}{x} = \ln(2) \approx 0.6932$ with 2, 4, 6, and 8 intervals.

- 1. Calculate the error committed in this calculation.
- 2. Find the integral using the form $\int_{1}^{2} \frac{dx}{x} dx = A_0 f(1) + A_1 f\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) + A_1 f\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) + A_2 f(2)$.
- 3. Calculate the exact value of the integral and make the comparison.

b) Consider the numerical calculation of the integral $I = \int_{-3}^{3} \frac{dx}{x^2+1} dx = 2tan^{-1}(3) = 2.4981$ using Simpson's method.

- 1. Find the step size h such that the error does not exceed 0.0001.
- 2. Calculate the integral using h=1.
- 3. Calculate the exact value of the integral and make the comparison.