

**Math 270C: Numerical Mathematics**  
**Spring quarter, 2007**  
**Homework Assignment 5**  
**Due Thursday, May 17**

1. Consider the trapezoidal formula

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{1}{2}(b-a)[f(a) + f(b)].$$

- (a) Show that the degree of precision of the formula is  $m = 1$ .  
 (b) Calculate the Peano kernel of the formula and show that it does not change sign in  $[a, b]$ .  
 (c) Let  $f \in C^2[a, b]$ . Show that there exists  $\xi \in (a, b)$  such that

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{2}(b-a)[f(a) + f(b)] = -\frac{1}{12}(b-a)^3 f''(\xi).$$

(d) Let  $N \geq 1$  be an integer,  $h = (b-a)/N$ , and  $x_j = a + jh$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, N$ . Prove

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx - \left\{ \frac{h}{2}[f(a) + f(b)] + h \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} f(x_j) \right\} = -\frac{(b-a)f''(\eta)}{12}h^2 \quad \forall f \in C^2[a, b],$$

where  $\eta \in (a, b)$  depends on  $f$ .

- (e) Find an integer  $N \geq 1$ , as small as possible, so that  $\left| \int_0^1 e^x dx - T_N \right| \leq 10^{-12}$ , where  $T_N$  is the numerical integration value (without round-off error) of the function  $e^x$  over  $[0, 1]$  using the composite trapezoidal rule with  $N$  subintervals of equal length.  
 2. Let  $\{Q_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  be a system of orthogonal polynomials in  $L_\rho^2[a, b]$ , where  $\rho$  is a weight function on  $[a, b]$ . Fix  $n \geq 1$ . Let  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  be the  $n$  distinct roots of  $Q_n$  in  $(a, b)$ . Let

$$\int_a^b \rho(x)f(x) dx \approx \sum_{j=1}^n A_j f(x_j)$$

be the corresponding weighted Gaussian quadrature, i.e., the constants  $A_j$  are given by  $A_j = \int_a^b \rho(x)l_j(x) dx$  ( $j = 1, \dots, n$ ), where  $l_j \in \mathcal{P}_{n-1}$  ( $j = 1, \dots, n$ ) are the Lagrange basis polynomials. Prove the following:

(a) For all  $k = 1, \dots, 2n-1$ ,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n A_j Q_k(x_j) = 0;$$

(b) For all  $j = 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$A_j = \int_a^b \rho(x)[l_j(x)]^2 dx > 0;$$

(c) For any  $f \in C[a, b]$ ,

$$\left| \int_a^b \rho(x)f(x) dx - \sum_{j=1}^n A_j f(x_j) \right| \leq 2 \left( \int_a^b \rho(x) dx \right) \min_{q \in \mathcal{P}_{2n-1}} \|f - q\|_{C[a,b]}.$$

3. Find the value of all  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  and  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  of the Gaussian quadrature

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx \approx A_1 f(x_1) + A_2 f(x_2) + A_3 f(x_3).$$