

## MAT 331-Fall 20: Homework 3

The first exercises are purely programming exercises.

**Exercise 1.** (a) (2 points) Using a for loop, write a function `for_decreasing_by_three(n)` that takes an integer  $n \geq 0$  and prints some numbers three by three, separated by a comma, in the decreasing order from  $n$  to 2, 1 or 0.

For example, the function `for_decreasing_by_three(10)` will print:  
10, 7, 4, 1, Finish.

(b) (2 points) Using a while loop, write a function `while_decreasing_by_three(n)` which takes an integer  $n \geq 0$  and does the same as the function `for_decreasing_by_three(n)`.

(c) (2 points) Using a recursive function, write a function `rec_decreasing_by_three(n)` that does the same as the above two functions.

**Exercise 2.** (a) (2 points) Using a for loop, write a function `for_factorial(n)` that takes an integer  $n$ , prints "Error" if  $n < 0$  and returns  $-1$  or returns the factorial  $n!$  if  $n \geq 0$ . (Note that by convention  $0! = 1$ ).

**Exercise 3.** (A multiplication table) (2 points) Write a function `multiplication_table(n)` which takes an integer  $n \geq 1$  which prints the multiplication table for all integers between 1 and  $n$ .

For example, the output of `multiplication_table(3)` will be:

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1, 2, 3
2, 4, 6
3, 6, 9.
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The last exercise will be in two parts. A programming part and a math part.

**Exercise 4.** (Trapezoid integral with precision) We want to estimate the integral

$$\int_a^b e^{-t^2} dt, \quad (1)$$

for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  using the trapezoidal method. We denote by  $f(t)$  the function  $e^{-t^2}$ . The trapezoid integral at step  $n$ , denoted by  $T_n(f)$ , is obtained from  $f$  by subdividing the interval  $[a, b]$  into  $n$  subintervals  $[x_i = a + i(b - a)/n, x_{i+1} = a + (i + 1)(b - a)/n]$  and taking the sum of the areas of the trapezoid whose corners are given by the points  $(x_i, 0), (x_{i+1}, 0), (x_{i+1}, f(x_{i+1})), (x_i, f(x_i))$ .

(1) (2 points) Write an expression of  $T_n(f)$ .

(2) We want to estimate the difference

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - T_n(f) \right| \quad (2)$$

(2.a) (2 points) Using the mean value theorem, show that for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $t \in [a, b]$  such that:

$$f'(t) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}. \quad (3)$$

(2.b) (2 points) The Taylor-Lagrange formula states at  $a$  that for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $\theta \in [a, t]$  such that:

$$f(t) = f(a) + (t - a)f'(a) + \frac{(t - a)^2}{2}f''(\theta). \quad (4)$$

Using the Taylor Lagrange formula at  $a$  and  $b$  and question (2.a) show that:

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) - \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} dt \right| \leq \frac{5(b - a)^3}{12} \max_{[a,b]} |f''(x)|. \quad (5)$$

(2.c) (2 points) By decomposing the interval into  $n$  subintervals and applying the previous inequality on each of these subintervals, prove that:

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - T_n(f) \right| \leq \frac{5(b - a)^3}{12n^2} \max_{[a,b]} |f''(x)| \quad (6)$$

(3) (2 points) Find the maximum value of  $|f''(x)|$ .

(4) (2 points) Write a function **trapezoid(a,b,n)** that takes two real numbers  $a, b$  and an integer  $n$  and returns  $T_n(f)$  the trapezoidal integral between  $a$  and  $b$  of step  $n$ .

(5) (2 points) Write a function **n\_epsilon(a,b, epsilon)** that take two real numbers  $a, b$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  and returns an integer  $N_\epsilon$  satisfying the condition

$$\left| T_{N_\epsilon}(f) - \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \leq \epsilon$$

(6) (1 point) Write a function **trapezoid\_integral(a,b,epsilon)** that takes two real numbers  $a, b$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  and returns the value of a trapezoidal integral  $T_n(f)$  satisfying:

$$\left| T_n(f) - \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \leq \epsilon.$$