

1. Simpson's Rule with  $n=6$  to approximate

$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos(x^2) dx.$$

Solution:

$$\cdot \Delta x = \frac{\pi - 0}{6} = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\cdot x_i = a + i\Delta x = 0 + i\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right), \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 6$$

$$\cdot f(x) = \cos(x^2)$$

$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos(x^2) dx \approx \frac{\Delta x}{3} \left[ f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \dots + 4f(x_5) + f(x_6) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\pi}{18} \left[ \cos(0) + 4\cos\left(\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2\right) + 2\cos\left(\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^2\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 4\cos\left(\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2\right) + 2\cos\left(\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)^2\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 4\cos\left(\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right)^2\right) + \cos(\pi^2) \right] \end{aligned}$$

2. Suppose you know that  $|f^{(4)}(x)| \leq 90$  on  $[0, 2]$ .

How large should  $n$  be so that the error,  $E_s$ , in the Simpson's Rule approximation is such that  $|E_s| < 10^{-3}$ ?

Solution:

We know that  $|E_s| \leq \frac{K(b-a)^5}{180n^4}$ , where

$|f^{(4)}(x)| \leq K$  for all  $x$  in  $[a, b]$ .

Therefore,  $|E_s| \leq \frac{90(2-0)^5}{180n^4}$  since  $|f^{(4)}(x)| \leq 90$

on  $[0, 2]$ .

So, if we want  $|E_s| \leq 10^{-3}$ , then we need  $n$  such that:

$$|E_s| \leq \frac{90(2)^5}{180n^4} \leq 10^{-3} = \frac{1}{1000}$$

$$\frac{1(32)}{2n^4} \leq \frac{1}{1000}$$

$$\frac{2n^4}{32} \geq 1000$$

$$n \geq \sqrt[4]{16000}.$$